

Serving with the Sickler's

Serving in the Winter

Cold weather with rain and snow didn't keep the youth group from Perinton Presbyterian from serving this February!



You can serve in the winter? Yes you can!

This winter we had a team of 29 come and spend the week with us! The youth group from Perinton Presbyterian Church spent the week of 2-13 through 2-20 serving through the cold, snow and mild weather! The team was able to work on many projects—splitting and stacking firewood for Pastor Dave and Bonnie, helping New Vision Renewable Energy with dry walling, helped dismantle a collapsed high tunnel, built a 12X16' shed, repair damaged flooring in a camper and were the loaders of firewood into the dump truck and deliverers to families with children whose sole heating for their home is done by wood. This team truly had a servants heart. Thank you Pastor Steve for a wonderful week of blessing!





The 2015 VBS of Sicklerville United Methodist Church had the children collect pennies for a good cause. They collected a little over \$2,000 in pennies!! SUMC then sent us the check to provide firewood for children and their families in our community. Not only were we able to provide four families with a total of 12 children warmth for the winter, we were able to employ Terry to cut the firewood for these families! Perinton Youth Group was then our muscle to load the dump truck for delivery. Thank you Sicklerville United Methodist Church for thinking of us for your VBS Penny Collection! Thank you Perinton Youth Group for choosing to serve our community during your winter break from school!

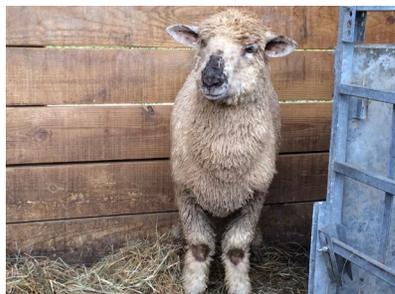


One of the great things of being in ministry is to get to be a blessing to others. Terry has been a tremendous blessing to us, willing to work on the farm and help keep the community center fire burning. We are partnering with a local non profit, Heart and Hand, this summer and Terry is going to be a home owner for the first time! Heart and Hand will be building Terry his home. We were able to build Terry a shed (with Perinton's help) and we will be responsible for getting water, electric and a septic system to the home. It is a joy to see the excitement that Terry has in the anticipation of living in his own home. In the mean time, Terry is repairing a camper to live in temporarily. Should you feel lead to help with this project, we will gladly accept donations. Please send a check with Terry in the memo. We will keep you updated on this wonderful project!



Personally.....

Wow it is March already! We have been steadily working all winter long. No hibernating here! We have been planting and harvesting winter greens all winter. We had a winter greens CSA (consumer supported agriculture) where we agreed to provide lettuce, kale, spinach, greens from November through February to 10 families. It was a blessing to see the families pick up their produce with great excitement every week. From the success of the winter greens CSA, we are now offering a 20 week summer CSA. We have been attending the Morgantown Winter Farmers Market twice a month. The summer market will pick up weekly in May. We are able to make produce and egg deliveries weekly to several restaurants and a market in Tucker County. We are excited to start a farmers market in Philippi this summer. We currently have 30 laying hens, one sow and boar with eight piglets! 20 ewes getting ready to lamb any day now and a litter of golden doodle puppies. Spring is just full of life!





SICKLER FARM



As you can see, we survived the blizzard this winter. 30" of snow fell. Jeff spent 36 hours plowing and not being able to come home, as our road was one of the last to be cleared. So, Lisa had to man up and keep every critter watered and fed. Thankfully, Jeffrey waded through drifts of snow waist high and walked the 1/2 mile to help his mom out! Terry stayed at the community center to make sure the building stayed warm and we did not have any frozen pipes. Horton kept an eye on Lisa while feeding the pigs.

Jeff was busy plowing up the fields last week. Produce production will be increasing. We now have 5 high tunnels and two greenhouses. We have flowers planted for Mother's Day. Last year we were able to take our produce to Gourmet Central in Romney, WV. They then made salsa, spicy beer mustard and sweetfire hot sauce! These value added products have been a big success for us. Little Guy, our bottle fed lamb from last spring, seems to get himself into tight places. We found him inside the hay feeder! We purchased a new ram lamb—his name is Freckles. We are expecting his babies to arrive any day now.

The community center is looking beautiful. Should you have any need for a place to have a retreat, mission trip, family reunion, etc. please give us a call. That is what our building is for!

We want to thank you all for your financial and prayer support. We could not be helping Appalachian Community CARE without you.

Please know that our door is always open to you. Come on down and see us!

Willing to serve with love,

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In case you did not know, that is our youngest son Michael, who is the main guy on our farm!

Prayer and Praise

* Praise for being a blessing to Terry

* Prayer for needed resources for Terry's project

* Praise for faithful ministry supporters

* Praise for mission teams willing to serve

* Praise for our growing farm

* Praise for Pastor Dave's knee replacement surgery

*Praise for being a light to our community

*Praise for a loving Savior

*Pray for drug issues in our community