

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMUNICATOR



FROM THE PASTOR:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . .

In a periodical to which I subscribe there is a regularly occurring summary page. It includes two columns of stories. The left column is titled, “Only in America”. This column is filled with the news items that often occupy our attention as a nation. Items such as a new celebrity haircut and the lawsuit that has been filed as a result will inhabit the left side of the page. On the right side is a column titled, “Boring, but Important”. This column is often filled with information on a new bill making its way through Congress or a scientific discovery that could eventually have practical application.

The past few months have been very newsworthy in our denomination, but have not gotten any media attention. We have not appeared on either side of the page. (In my opinion, this is reflective of the fact that we often focus on the wrong things). This newsletter article would likely fall on the right side of the page mentioned above. I hope that you will bear with me as I provide not only the headline but also some historical context. I believe the context will provide necessary meaning to the recent news coming out of our denomination.

First the headline – *The supreme court of our denomination, the GAPJC*

The GAPJC has upheld biblical standards and made “one small step” for truth.

(General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission) returned three rulings on February 12th that have upheld our traditional ordination standards.

For forty years a battle has been being waged within our denomination on the issue of ordaining actively practicing gays and lesbians. Those in favor of such ordination have brought the church many overtures to change the Book of Order (our denominational Constitution). On the basis of biblical authority, The Book of Order has a now famous section known alternately as the G-6.0106b or the “fidelity and chastity” amendment which prohibits the ordination or installation of any person who is not either *married and monogamous* or *single and celibate*. Beginning in 1978, the G.A. has addressed this issue at nearly every meeting.

In June 2006, our denomination, the PCUSA, received national media attention because we were arguing about sex – again. The *Los Angeles Times* and the *Christian Century* both reported that our denomination had made ordination standards a matter of local decision. The same stale story from the Associated Press was published in the Mount Vernon News as recently as September 2007.

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**Forward in Faithfulness:
 Celebrating 200 years of witness for the Lord Jesus Christ**

Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witness, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Have you squeezed the cheeks of any youth recently? I challenge each of you to pinch the cheeks of someone in the youth group! Just look at Alex Shilito, his cheeks are so pinch-able! Lex McDonald is just begging for someone to pinch her cheeks. Why just last week Ty Gregg and Kim Reitsma were telling me how much they miss getting their cheeks squeezed... Okay, so I'm lying. Someone in the youth group is probably going to smack me around for this. But really, find some way to let a youth kid in the church know how much you love them! That's my challenge to you.

This weather is so exciting isn't it? It's a time of renewal, a time of new life. We have much to look forward to in youth group! In May we will begin preparing ourselves for the mission trip. This year, our training for our Mission will focus on the story as a whole. What is the big picture? How do we fit into that picture? To get a better idea of the bigger picture, we'll be looking at the story of "The Lord of The Rings".

Looking for a way to help the youth in their missions? While we aren't organizing yard work, if you have requests, the youth could do some spring cleaning. Also, we'll be having an Ice Cream social to raise money on May 18th, come support us while you enjoy some ice cream! We will also be opening up for dinner on Tuesday, June 17th for the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

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| May 4 | Friendship 1st | 6-8 PM |
| May 11 | Parent Meeting | Sunday School |
| May 11 | Friendship 1st | 6-8 PM |



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| May 18 | Ice Cream Social | After 2nd service |
| May 18 | Mission Prep#1 | 6-8 PM |
| | Payment #2 due \$100 | |
| May 25 | Mission Prep #2 | 6-8 PM |



Contact Kyle Peters at 937-371-0645 with any questions

We'll be selling dinner to the cyclists, and you are welcome for dinner as well! The Menu is yet to be decided. Parents, the next payment is \$100, due on May 18th. Bring any questions you have to our parent meeting on May 11th.

In Christ,

Kyle Peters

Director of Youth and Family Ministries



Children's Ministries

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these the kingdom of heaven belongs." Matthew 19:14

Children's Ministries at First Presbyterian Church exists so children learn that "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so..."

SUNDAY MORNING PROGRAMS

Sunday school lessons in April were the stories of Ruth and Naomi, Hannah and Samuel. Our prayerful thanks to April teachers, story tellers, song leaders and helpers including: Marsha Bibart, Mirna Cubie, Monica Eutsey, Amanda Gebhardt, Gregg Gebhardt, Marilyn Gibler, Lisa Hathaway, Sarah Kahrl, Deb Paxton, Michelle Shillito, Bonnie Stone and George Stone.

Thank you to April nursery and child care helpers Holly Bredefeld, Miles Kahrl, Doug Reitsma, Kim Reitsma, Amanda Gebhardt, and Missy Kaufman. These volunteers assisted Child Care Attendant Julie Malek and filled in for her when she was on vacation.

Our Chapel teachers in April were Mirna Cubie and Missy Kaufman. They deserve and earned our heartfelt thanks for helping Kyle with this ministry.

In May, Sunday school lessons will include stories of Ruth, Naomi, Hannah, and Samuel. The focus will be on the power of prayer and how God keeps his promises.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendar! During the week of July 7-12 kids can slime their way through the basics of the Gospel in our "Power Lab" Vacation Bible School! The event will take place here at the church from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM on Monday through Friday. Would you like to help out? There is enough slime for everyone!!! Keep a steady lookout for ways you can get involved. The highly motivated volunteer should contact Kyle Peters through the church office.

200TH ANNIVERSARY PROJECT

The children of First Presbyterian Church will help celebrate our 200th Anniversary by funding a mission project through Heifer International. Heifer International provides animals to poverty stricken families around the world to help them meet their food needs and to establish micro business to support the family.

Each child is asked to earn 200 pennies and place them in special "Ark" or "Bread Loaf" banks during Sunday school. Parents should encourage and support an appropriate way for their child to earn, rather than just give them money for this mission offering. We will collect the funds at Sunday school from now until our anniversary celebration at the end of August. Each child will have a bank with their name on it.

2,000 pennies will buy a flock of chickens, ducks or geese. The children will vote on which kind of animal they want to provide for a family in need. If enough money is earned and donated, additional flocks will be provided.

Thank you to Gretchen Stultz for providing the "Bread Loaf" banks.

The Children's Ministries Team is responsible for infants through 5th grade children. For information or to volunteer, please contact George Stone, Elder for Children's Ministries, 397-8619 or email georgewstone1@embarqmail.com

We were the subject of headlines and it was truly newsworthy. Our national governing body, the General Assembly (hereafter G.A.) had passed a new authoritative interpretation on a section of our constitution. The famous fidelity and chastity amendment was not the focus – this was an attempt at a “new way of being church”. The new authoritative interpretation revived an historic Presbyterian principle – the ability of a candidate to declare “a scruple”.

Many, both inside and outside the church, feared that we had done lasting damage to the church’s peace, unity and purity by passing a recommendation brought to the G.A. by the (ironically enough) *Theological Task force on Peace, Unity and Purity (TTFPUP)*. The Scruple principal had been widely used when the church’s confessional documents were simply the Westminster Confession and Catechisms. Scruples were used to clarify a candidate for ordination’s position on murky issues such as double predestination (I am happy to talk about this to the one or two of you who might be interested). The TTFPUP had presented the denomination with the idea that candidates for ordination should be able to declare a scruple in relation to items found in our Book of Order.

The June 2006 meeting of the General Assembly voted to allow this new idea to take effect. The major media outlets rushed to press with stories stating that the PCUSA had just eliminated national ordination standards. However, the truth was not yet clear. I led a special educational time for our congregation in August of 2006 and explained that we did not yet know what this G.A. decision would mean. Our Presbyterian process would inevitably need a couple of years before the GAPJC would hear a case in relation to this new idea.

Some churches and individuals in the denomination chose in 2006 to throw up their hands and walk away from the PCUSA. Many did not. Many, like our congregation, decided to wait and find out what this “new way of being church” would look like. The recent GAPJC decisions have made that clear. A candidate for ordination can not scruple a requirement from the Book of Order. Thus, our ordination standards have not changed.

It is possible that news outlets have not picked up this story because it is just too convoluted to follow. Or maybe it just seems to boring. Some might say, “Oh well, a church commission has met and made a decision about an internal argument.” However, they would be missing the point that **our process has worked**. Without bishops to tell us what is right and without each congregation demanding that it alone can arbitrate on truth, we have sought truth as a denomination. The GAPJC has upheld biblical standards and made “one small step” for truth and Presbyterian-kind. One small, potentially boring, but an important step.

In Christ,

Jonathan

PRESBYTERIAN WOMENS BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Each Spring the Women of the Presbyterian Church collect a birthday offering to meet major mission needs. In 2007, the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley collected \$5,346.16 for the birthday offering. This year two projects have been chosen to receive the funds collected in 2008. One is the Lakeview Presbyterian Church weekday School in New Orleans, Louisiana, for rebuilding and expansion after being destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. The other is the Presbyterian Church of the Congo and the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa for their various mission projects. If you would like to contribute, take an envelope from the pew racks and place in the offering plate or send to the church office and mark "Birthday Offering". Envelopes will be in the pew racks for May services. Any questions, please call Gretchen Stultz at 397-7748 or Brenda Schultze at 392-7833.



LIFE GROUPS

Happy to report that a new Life Group will be starting up this month. Some who attended the Alpha course have expressed a desire to move on into a Life Group where they know that life questions and group discussion will be familiar format. What a great endorsement for Life Groups!

Joe and Betty Hirsch will resume an afternoon group on Thursday, May 15th. We would like to have ten or twelve people in each group. If you are now ready to be in a Life Group, please fill out a Life Group Brochure (in pew racks) and place in offering plate or leave in church office...OR...call Betty Hirsch at 397-7944. We truly believe "It's Just Better Together!". Come join us on this journey of faith.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Thanks to you, the 200th Anniversary, Interchurch donations drive is a great success. We would like to find additional opportunities to involve the congregation in this important part of Christian ministry. What better way than to help another member of your church family with a little Spring cleaning? If you have, or are able to help someone with, a one-time, odd job (window washing, cleaning gutters, picking up fallen tree limbs/branches, changing a light bulb, moving furniture), please contact Holly Bredefeld (church office) at 393-1326. We will coordinate jobs with available workers. *Helping others, it just feels good!*

THANK YOU

Dear Friends-

It has been my joy to be associated with all of you over the past five years. I thank you from the bottom of my heart. The Palm Sunday Reception was blessed with love by the hands who prepared each and every item savored by all. A special thank you to Penny Sajkowsky, who in the midst of caring for her healing husband, created an amazing time of fellowship. And to all those who in many ways contributed to the truly enjoyable time. My great thanks to Lynn & Wilma McDougle and Mead Weil for the creation of my collage of remembrance photographs. This treasure will grace the walls of my new office and will serve as a lasting remembrance of a truly special stop on my life's journey. A special thanks to the congregation for the generous gift enclosed in the envelop.

Once again, I thank you all for your friendship and support throughout the past years. May God continue to bless the congregation of First Presbyterian Church.

Peace-

Lucas Weiss



A Piece of History of the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon

As part of the 200th Anniversary Celebration for the First Presbyterian Church I have been writing a history of the congregation. The book will be printed this spring. You can pre-order a copy for \$15 with the order form found in the back of the Sanctuary or by calling the church office at 393-1326.

Bill Shriver

Between the resignation of Dwight Hervey in 1874 and the calling of Dr. Francis Wilbur in 1888 the church experienced instability. Four pastors came and left in less than fourteen years. Owen Newton became pastor in 1874 but died suddenly in 1878. Alfred Bates arrived in 1878 and was instrumental in purchasing a "sweet-toned" pump organ, but he left in 1881. The two years Charles L. Work served as pastor (July 1881 to April 1883) were filled with conflict. It is unclear whether Reverend Work was the source of that conflict or was just unable to manage it. In her 1929 history of the church, Anna Bogardus Beam wrote, "During this time we learned the bitterness and utter unprofitableness of a house divided against itself." Presumably, Work left because of the conflict.

Thomas Lowe was pastor from September, 1884 until December 1887. Lowe was forty years old when he came to Mount Vernon. He had been a lawyer and a common pleas judge in Dayton before his ordination. Anna Beam called him an enthusiastic evangelical, a student of the Bible, and a believer in the second coming. He had a "magnetic personality" and was able to heal many of the differences in the congregation.

In spite of the instability in the pulpit, there were some positive accomplishments by the congregation during this period. In 1875 an auxiliary of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society was organized. The original membership consisted of fifteen to twenty ladies. Each of them donated five cents a month to missions.

By 1900 the Women's Missionary Society supported a number of foreign and domestic mission projects. Before 1877 members contributed to the church operating fund "as the spirit moved them." Since contributions could vary significantly from month to month, planning was difficult. In 1877 the church adopted an "envelope system" for giving. With the envelope system members were encouraged to make a pledge and to give a regular amount every week. This system stabilized finances for church operations. A parallel envelope system for benevolences was adopted in 1888. In the first year of that plan the church collected \$502.12 for missions. This was a fifty per cent increase in benevolence giving, and it was directly attributable to the envelope plan.

The congregation reorganized the governance structure of the church in 1885. Before 1885 elders, deacons or trustees had no set term. They remained in office until they resigned or passed away. There was no annual meeting of the congregation. The congregation met only when there was a crisis. On January 27, 1885 that changed.

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The congregation adopted the rotary system for church officers (Appendix 7). Starting in May 1885 there would be six elders and six trustees. The trustees doubled as deacons. Both elders and trustees served for staggered three-year terms. There were no term limits, but the need to elect (or re-elect) elders and trustee/deacons each year required an annual congregational meeting.

At the same meeting (January 27, 1885) the congregation voted to purchase the lot north of the church on the south-east corner of Gay Street and Sugar Street for the construction of a manse. In fact the church was reacquiring a lot that it had owned until 1845, when that lot was sold to help pay off the debt incurred in constructing the second sanctuary. The manse was built in 1890 and stood on that corner until it was demolished to make way for the Christian Education Building in 1962. Before the civil war some Presbyterian churches had manses, but that was not the rule. Between 1882 and 1906 the number of churches with manses doubled in the denomination. As more churches provided housing, turnover of clergy within the denomination was reduced.

BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

Before we get started on this Spring's projects, for the record, an update of happenings over the Winter months is in order.

First and foremost, the large broken Sanctuary window was replaced by Franklin Art Glass. Joe Hirsch made three "grouting/mortar" patches to keep out Winter moisture and Trent Kaufman repaired a folding table in the Education Wing. Mead Weil installed a new "drop safe" in the office, coordinated the installation of two new gas stoves in the kitchen, and installed a costly broken window replacement in our front door. George Stone then cleaned sticky tape residue off the front doors, which was a result of people taping signs to the outside door. Hopefully this will now cease.

Our young people under the guidance of Kyle Peters and Mike Eaton, have painted the newly designated "Youth Room" in the Education Wing. Two of our Boy Scouts, who are working toward the distinguished Eagle Scout Award, have committed to painting two Sunday School Rooms each, in the Education Wing with adult monitoring.

Jerry Mann, Perry Trinkner, and our Pastor Jonathan have been trying to convince our city officials to properly repair and repave the Alley behind our Church building. You could assist this effort by calling/writing your city councilman to explain the very poor condition and the potential liability the city could face for a broken axle or worse yet, for broken bones caused by the uncorrected, unsafe condition. Safe street and alley roadways are a primary responsibility of city government.

Based on the remaining "Renovation pledge monies" that we still expect to receive this year, we will soon begin the renovation of the flooring from the back Alley door to the Lobby. This will cause an inconvenience for those who use that entrance/exit and we ask for your tolerance and patience with us. We want to finish that effort well before we have our 200th Anniversary celebration.

Finally, our Spring planting/mulching day is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, at 1005 AM. Hopefully we old guys will have help from the Youth groups and the men who attend the last Saturday morning prayer breakfast earlier that morning. All interested woman and men are invited to help. Many hands make for short work time !!! As usual, we expect to be done before Noon.

Thanks to everyone for your continued help and support.

Bob Meldrum

Order Form for History of First Presbyterian Church of Mount Vernon Book

Number of copies _____ @ \$15.00 each = \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Please send this form with your check for the full amount to :

Church History Order

First Presbyterian Church

106 North Gay Street

Mount Vernon, Oh 43050

THE DEACONS CORNER

As part of the new structure for Deacon Ministry, we will now be bringing you regular updates on the ministry of Deacons here at FPC . . .

Ah! Spring! What a wonderful sight, the crocuses, daffodils and forsythia! God's world is really awakening after these gray, winter days. Have you heard "once a deacon, always a deacon"? Of course, you have. When ordained, deacons accept a commitment of service, compassion and helping those in need. It is very evident in our church family! The caring that continues to show our love for our Lord, Jesus Christ, gives our community of faith, strength and continuity. Deacon's continue to use their talents and gifts and we are truly blessed. With our transition, we pray fully ask that if a need is observed and not met, please contact us so that we may assist in any way we can..

In Jesus' name, we pray for his Guidance.

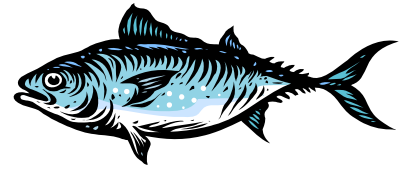
Peace and Blessings,

Ellen Eastman, Deacon Coordinator



200 ITEMS FOR 200 YEARS!

Mission Committee is very excited to report that this church body has responded enthusiastically to the local mission project for the 200th anniversary celebration! In both February and March, the goal of 200 cans was far exceeded.....in February, over 270 cans of soup were donated and in March over 260 cans of fruit were donated! The Holy Spirit is at work in our congregation! May we continue to bless those in need in our community through the remainder of the year with the following items:



May	cans of tuna
June	jelly and peanut butter
July	spaghetti sauce and spaghetti noodles

RUMMAGE SALE UPDATE

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, to all who helped with our church rummage sale. We had a great turn out of adults and students to help carry and sort “stuff” on Wednesday evening. Friday evening's crew of men, women and students packed and cleaned up the church in record time. We made a whopping \$2100. before expenses for missions! Besides giving our church members a place to send all their “stuff,” we donated some things to Inter-church, the local Habitat for Humanity store, the Faith United for Families Lutheran storage unit for abused women, and Care Net. Thank you also to the men who picked -up the “big items” as we had a mattress, box springs, chairs, desk, coffee table and end tables plus some big exercise equipment. What a wonderful way to work together and to get to know each other in this year of our 200th anniversary, **just as we** can imagine our church ancestors working together 200 years ago for this church!

HONOR A MOTHER

Mother's Day Cards and Mosquito Netting/ Malaria Control
Presbyterian Women of the Scioto Valley Presbytery and International
Health Ministries have attractive Mother's Day cards available . Donations

to this ministry provide mosquito nets and malaria prevention education to families in Africa. Honor your mother, sister or friends by donating funds for these cards and help protect mothers and children in Africa. See table in Fellowship Hall on Sunday. Each year in sub-Saharan Africa, malaria causes more than one million deaths, most of them children under five and pregnant women. Malaria is the number one killer of children under age five in Africa, claiming 3,000 young lives **every day**. Women are four times as likely to contract malaria during pregnancy and twice as likely to die from it. Using insecticide-treated mosquito nets, coupled with malaria prevention education, has been shown to significantly reduce these tragic statistics. Ten dollars (\$10.00) will provided malaria prevention educational materials and at least one mosquito net. (Net costs vary among countries and are purchased in Africa to reduce overseas shipping expense.) Presbyterian Women writes “The Net Workers Mother's Day Project is an easy way to help families in Africa whose health is threatened by malaria, as we honor our own Mothers and other cherished women in our lives.” Please make checks out to “Presbyterian Women’s Association”.



May 2008

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First Presbyterian Church

DEACONS CARE & COMPASSION

“...pray for each other so that you may be healed...” James 5:16

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

AT THE OHIO EASTERN STAR HOME

Maxine and Bob Peters

At Country Club Retirement Center

Ruth Cleland

Vivian Simon

Marilyn and Irvin Wilbur

At Country Court

At the Inn at Hillenvale

Amy Anderson

John Fowler

Martha McCrackin

Dorothy White

At Home

Rebecca Grove

Treva Haltermon

Mary Lou Lockard (*Daughter of Myra Philpott*)

Barbara Reitsma

Jean Smith (nerve pain)

Gus & Lou Ann Walker (*Lou Ann -cancer*)

In the Military

Andrew Cahill – *Iraq (Nephew of Barb Reitsma)*

Andrew Crowe - *Afghanistan USMC (Stone's grandson)*

Andrew Curran- *Iraq- USN (Jim Carhart's grandson)*

John Curran – *Iraq- USMC (Jim Carhart's grandson)*

Curtis Hahn – *Iraq (Moreland's Nephew)*

Kevin Maxwell –*(son of Barb Maxwell Taylor)*

Mark O'Connor-*Iraq (nephew of George and Bonnie Stone)*

Brian Short-*Iraq (Eagle Scout, Troop 339)*

Josh Smith-*Iraq (Eagle Scout Troop 339)*

MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Special Prayer Concerns

Gretchen Brayer (*Sister of Candy Fox, breast cancer*)

Darla Brown (*Niece of Sally Conway*)

Susan Clausen (*cancer*)

Ellen Crawford (*Friend of Dann Goodson*)

Dan Crowthers (*Hodgkin's Disease*)

Glenn Deboard (*cancer*)

Edward Dial (*Friend of Ann Bruere*)

Dennis Foster

Kelsey Harrison (*Marilee Harrison's niece*)

David Hughes Family

Debbie Krapf (*Paralyzed friend of Gary Hyman*)

Jacob Lynn (*Son of Betty Sargent*)

Nancy McDougall (*Cancer Survivor*)

Susan Murtha (*Daughter of Dot & Jerry Mann*)

Hunter Lynlee Myers (*Moreland's granddaughter-cancer*)

Michele Sanker (*cancer – Friend of Ann Bruere*)

Sue Sabaugh (*terminal brain cancer-friend of Bonnie Stone*)

Jim Sajkowsky

Red Shaw (*cancer*)

Lindsay Smith (*Crones disease*)

Special Request

Pray for our church body as we prepare for our church's 200th Anniversary Celebration and look forward to a future of Spirit filled faithfulness.

If you have an update to the Deacons Care & Compassion list please let the Church Office know—we would like to stay as up to date as possible. Thanks!



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WE'RE ON THE WEB
WWW.MTVPRES.ORG

The web site has the most up to date information about what is happening in the life of the church.

You can access: the Interactive Church Calendar, Sermon Audio Archives and much more. The web site is constantly updated, so be sure to check it out!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!



May 2
James Richardson
Bill Smith

May 3
Virginia Lapin

May 4
Tyler Gregg
Kristen Noll

May 5
Teri Blanchard
John Marsh

May 8
Megan Curran

May 13
Carol Payne

May 16
Barb Maxwell

May 19
Barbara Reitsma
Karen Shriver

May 21
Leah Paxton

May 22
Rob Denzer
Dick Spetka

May 23
Jerry Harper

May 26
Greg Smith

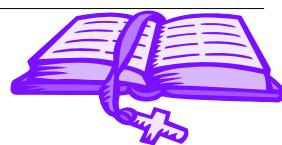
May 27
Ann Deister

May 28
Ann Bruere

May 29
Susan Black

May 31
Scott Bell
Joe Hirsch

Thank You! Chris & I can't possibly express our gratitude to all of you who have stood by us during our 2 years of my chronic migraine pain. Continued prayers please.
Tracey Cooksey



THURSDAY'S WOMENS
BIBLE STUDY-9:30 AM

NEW STUDY
"DISCOVERING GOD'S
WILL in YOUR LIFE"
MAY 1st-All are welcome

LOST & FOUND

We have a lost and found box in the office. If you are missing items, please call or check in with the office, as we may have them!

