



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEEP RUN

May 2009

Deep Runner



“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.” Hebrews 12:1-2

Some thoughts.....

Last weekend was my granddaughter's first birthday. Her 3-year-old-sister and some cousins of about the same age were there. At one point, they were all fascinated at the various colors and behaviors of bubbles they were blowing. Life was new and exciting. Sharing was a problem, but energy was not. There was enough energy to light the house for a day with a little left over.

The kids' parents commented about all the energy and I just observed, because I'm aware I just don't have the energy I had 10 years ago. No matter what I wish, I'm just not 40. I think it's commonly called the aging process.

It's a process that affects every living thing. Gradually, we lose the energy and vitality we had when we were younger. Staying up all night, working all day, filled with enough energy to be wired is something that gradually goes away. Life becomes more routine, maybe even boring. Naps, which are still part of my granddaughter's life, disappear, only to return years later as that insidious aging process moves on, with its ultimate end.

The way to combat this I've been told for years is to hang out with younger people. Let some of their energy rub off. Keep reinventing yourself. Be open to new things, new ideas, new ways of living. Keep trying new things.

That same lack of energy occurs in churches, which are also living organisms. When churches are young and vital, lots of people do lots of things. There is lots of excitement about all the new things happening. There is energy flowing all over the place. No one wants to miss anything because everything is so interesting. Everyone is fascinated by the vitality of this new group.

But gradually the aging process sets in with churches too. Things become routine. They're not as exciting as they were. The energy level goes down. Missing something becomes OK because it's not that exciting any longer. It's not fascinating like it was. Ultimately, this aging process ends just like it does with

human beings, except churches have the option of resurrection when they take that step.

People can reinvent themselves only so many times. Churches can reinvent themselves forever. Churches can constantly tap into the Spirit and allow the Spirit to renew us, revitalize us, reinvent us, blow a new breath of life into us.

Pentecost is the time the Holy Spirit comes to the church and gives the church life and vitality. It is the Spirit of God that provides our renewal. When the Spirit flows, all sorts of unexpected things can happen. When the Spirit flows, there are new things happening that make us not want to miss anything.

We celebrate Pentecost once a year, May 31 this year. But we can celebrate Pentecost by allowing the Spirit to touch us and move us anytime. We can allow the Spirit to touch us by trying something new, allowing ourselves to experience fascination, allowing the church to experience excitement, letting our routines go to discover what new things God has in store for us.

We might not be able to run as fast and jump as high, but we can allow the Spirit to fill us with just as much fire as we had years ago. We can allow the Spirit to fill us with the excitement and vitality of youth, so the church always stays young and vital.

Shalom,

Byron

Congregational Survey

On Sunday, May 3rd and May 10th, a brief survey will be conducted after worship. This will be your opportunity to provide input about the future of Deep Run. Make sure to attend worship services on at least one of these two Sundays.

Byron Leasure, Interim Pastor Sharyl Marshall, Associate Pastor

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May 31st is Pentecost

Pentecost is the Sunday when the church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the church, 50 days after Easter. It is often called the Birthday of the Church, because it's the day when the church is empowered by the Spirit to do ministry. For more background read Acts Chapter 2.

Traditionally the color for Pentecost is red, symbolizing the fire of the spirit. Therefore, there will be lots of red in the sanctuary. But everyone is also encouraged to wear something red so the sanctuary is really filled with the red fire of the spirit.

Christian Education News

Art Auction

The Art Auction is coming in May. Watch the bulletin and Sunday School Scoop for more details.

Celebration Sunday

Our Sunday School year will come to a conclusion on Sunday, June 14, 2009 with a celebration of our students. The students will lead the 9:00 AM worship service.

Mission Update

We're well on our way to purchasing goats, sheep and chickens for an orphanage in Honduras. Keep up the good work!

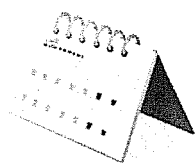
Sunday School Attendance

3/22 -43
3/29 -50
4/5 -37
4/19 -21

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 17, 2009
Spring Work Day

Sunday, June 14, 2009
Celebration Sunday



Children's Ministries Future Schedule

As the days get warmer and the flowers bloom, we know that summer is right around the corner. The Children's Ministries Committee has worked with the Worship Committee to plan our Sunday Schedule for the summer and next fall. Celebration Sunday will be June 14th with the children of the church leading the 9 AM service. Beginning June 21, all children will go to church with their families. There will be a Children's Time at the 9 AM service following which the children 4 years old through grade 3 will leave for a joint Sunday school class. Children under the age of four may go to the nursery for childcare for the entire service. Beginning in September, all children kindergarten through grade 12 will begin their Sunday School in the sanctuary with their families. This will allow our entire church family to worship together at the beginning of the 9:00 AM service. It will be noted in the bulletin when the children will go to their classrooms with their teachers for their lesson instructions. Grades 5 through 12 will remain for the entire first service of each month and participate in communion. More specifics will be given in the upcoming *Deep Runners*.

5th Graders Statements on Communion

After a long morning of conversation and Bible study, these are the statements our 5th graders wrote about what they understand is remembered in



Communion and how it makes them feel. Consider for yourself what is important to you in the Sacrament of Communion and how you feel when it is celebrated. What might you say?

Communion is...

God has sacrificed himself on the cross. God made us his children, by baptizing us. God forgives our sins if we pray to him. We take communion because it helps us remember that the wine represents God's blood, and the bread represents his body. We take communion because it helps us relate to Passover. We take communion because Jesus told us to. It makes me feel grateful towards God because he gave his blood and his body to us. Communion makes me feel grateful towards God because he forgives our sins. Communion makes me grateful towards God because he brings the rest of the Christians to church.

- Michael Garnick

I think we do communion because it helps you remember that God and Jesus are always with us. It makes you remember that he will always forgive your sins. Communion makes me feel good because I feel like I am old enough to understand everything and that I can pray and always remember God and Jesus are with me.

- Hannah Grebos

Communion is the remembering of the bread of God's life and the wine of God's blood. We do communion, as I said, to remember the bread of God's body and the wine of God's blood. I think communion means that we have to remember God and his life and love for us. It makes me feel loved by God and it makes me feel good to be around other people that worship God.

- Roger Hansbarger

What is communion? Communion is when Jesus took the bread and said "this is my body." Then Jesus took a cup of wine and said, "This is my blood." Why do we do communion? When we do communion, we remember how Jesus sacrificed his life for us. What do we remember? We remember that Jesus is always with us and that we are a part of his family. How does communion make me feel? Communion makes me feel good because I remember that God sacrificed his life for us. Communion is cool!

- Logan Hurley

Communion is when Jesus broke the bread and said, "Take eat." This is his body. Then he got the wine and said, "This is the blood which I shed." We remember what Jesus did for us. Also that we are on his team! We do communion because we don't want to forget what Jesus did for us. We will never FORGET! We remember that Jesus died on the cross for us and he sacrificed his life so we could live. Communion makes me feel GOOD because I know someone died so I COULD LIVE MY LIFE!

- Jessica Lee

I think communion is...

What God has done for us? God has shed his blood for us or God has taken away our sins for us. Why do we do it? We do it because communion is something set by God that is set aside for us. How does it make you feel? It makes me feel like I'm special to God, and he has done something that is for us.

- Morgan Musser

Communion is the remembering of Jesus. We do it because it is a sacrament. Also we do communion because Jesus told us to. When you do communion you get some bread. That represents Jesus' body. Then there is the wine/juice. That represents Jesus' blood. To me it makes me feel faithful. That is communion.

- Jenna Richardson

Communion is when you pass around bread and wine or grape juice. The bread represents Jesus' body and the juice is his blood. We do communion so we can remember that he gave up his life for us and that he gave us a promise and he will keep it. I like communion because it makes me feel good that he will not break his promise and that he will always forgive me. And when I think "communion," I know that Jesus and God are on the same team or family I am on or in.

- Katrina Rossiter

Communion is when Jesus took some bread in his hands. He gave it to his disciples and said it was his body. He took some wine and said it was his blood. We do it to remember Jesus is always with us. He shed his blood for us, and we are all on the same team. It makes me feel that Jesus is always with me. He is part of my family. He will never let me down.

- Eliza Schmill

Communion is the reassuring of Jesus. We do communion because we want to remember Jesus. Communion means that Jesus broke the bread as his body that he was breaking for us, and he poured the wine for his blood that he shed for us. It makes me feel happy because we are remembering Jesus Christ. It also makes me happy because he died for us, and we need to remember him because of him dying for us and he shed his blood for us and broke his body for us. He did this to take our sins away. We are on God's team. We will do the same thing that he did. Like he took communion. We followed him and we take communion. We are part of his family and his team. This is what communion is, why we do it, what it means and lastly how it personally makes me feel.

- Arielle Stehr

One Week Is All We Ask!

We need your help!!! We want to be able to provide again this summer a Children's Church/Sunday School space for our children. But we also want to give our Sunday School teachers the summer off. Our hope is to have a place for our children at church during the

summer. So we are looking for various families and folks to sign up and take a week so that we can offer an option for our children this summer. Everyone will start out in the 9 AM service in the Irish Meeting House. Then after the Time for Children, the adults or family scheduled that week will take the kids over to the church. In the 5th and 6th grade room upstairs, there will be a bag with a story, craft and game for each week. These bags will be available to be picked up and checked out at any point in the summer, or you can show up a little early that Sunday and run with it from there. There is a sign-up sheet outside the hall. It truly takes a village, and we are hoping many hands will make light work and yet bless our children with a place for them to worship this summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Sharyl.



Youth Ministry

MAY 3rd from 4 to 5 PM (at the latest), right after the tea and lemonade party, there will be a planning meeting for **ANYONE** interested in being a part of the conversation about building the youth ministry (Kindergarten through 12th grade) of our church. Especially, parents are invited to come and be a part of molding this vision. Together, we are working towards creating a place and space where our young people can have fellowship and grow in their faith. It's exciting to think about how this conversation will take root and blossom. We are looking forward to having you be a part of this. We will have child care for children of all ages and folks to watch the kids play on the playground and a few games to let them run off steam while we talk in the school house. Any questions, feel free to touch base with Pastor Sharyl.

What Is It We Believe?

Confirmation Conclusion!

Part of the Confirmation Class process is providing students a place, space, and time for them to consider what it is they believe. Throughout the Confirmation Class, we explore a variety of ideas, history, and questions. In this process, they consider and explore what it means to be a member of the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run. As members of various teams, sports, drama, or dance, they know there are expectations, requirements, and commitments to be made. They are now at a time in their life and faith where they can decide for themselves if they want to be a member and if they want to seek to be an active part of their church family. On May 14th, the students will meet

with the session to share their statements of faith and to be examined for membership. Although voted on and received into membership that evening by the session, we as a congregation will welcome them into membership on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. This will be a chance for you to share with them in the celebration as they publically profess their faith in Jesus Christ. It is an exciting day in the life of these five young people, and it is an exciting day in the life of our church. We hope you will be here to enjoy the celebration and, of course, the cake in fellowship time.

Nursery Help NEEDED

It takes a village to care for the children of our church. We are hoping to clear up and have a better working nursery roster. Please take a look at the sign-up sheet outside the nursery downstairs and see when you might be able to help. Even if you have done it in the past, we still would like you to sign up. Thanks for helping our wee ones be cared for and giving parents a time to focus on their faith. If you are a parent of a wee one, please sign up and take a turn too. Thanks.

All the youth groups for May are off to the ball game! See you at the Iron Pigs on May 17th!
(Pastor Sharyl has a few extra tickets if your youth needs one.)

Adult Education

Teach Me Your Paths Psalm 25:4

Wycliffe's 5 rules for studying the Bible:

- 1) get a reliable text
- 2) understand the logic of Scripture
- 3) compare parts of Scripture with one another
- 4) maintain an attitude of humble seeking
- 5) receive the instruction of the Spirit

John Wycliffe was the #1 philosopher and theologian at Oxford, the #1 university in 14th century England. The 14th century is so distant from our 21st century world. It was the time of Dante, the Black Death, Chaucer, Robert the Bruce (for you Scotland lovers), and the building of Notre Dame Cathedral. It wasn't until the second half of the 14th century that English replaced French as the language of the English court. England was mostly villages and most of these people were illiterate.

John Wycliffe is famous for writing the first translation of the entire Bible into English 1380-1382. He used the Latin Vulgate Bible to do it. Bibles were hand-copied and very expensive in the 14th century.

This situation would change in 1450 when the Guttenberg Press made books relatively inexpensive. But Wycliffe's world was one where it was considered heresy to have a Bible in any language but Latin. Decades after his death, Wycliffe was condemned of 267 heresies.

Wycliffe said: "Christ and his apostles taught the people in the language known to them. The laity ought to understand the faith and, as doctrines of our faith are in the Scriptures, believers should have the Scriptures in a language which they fully understand."

Thank you, Mr. Wycliffe! Well said.

-Carol Ramsey, Adult Education Elder

Women's Ministry

There was a good turn-out for our March Spring Retreat. Carol Ramsey presented a wonderful program for us. We shared in singing Praise Songs; the conversation over a tasty luncheon was fun and interesting, too. Many thanks to all who came, helped prepare food, acted as prayer warriors for the event and provided future retreat topic suggestions for upcoming retreats. Once again, we received very good evaluations of the event and some very helpful information.

Much is still underway. **May 3rd 2-4 PM** will be an ALL CHURCH event to "*Celebrate God's Love.*" We are hoping that many will attend the TEA and LEMONADE PARTY that will be held in Hoopes Hall. "Confetti the Clown" will be there to provide us with entertainment while we enjoy each other's company and the refreshments of the afternoon. Remember, EVERYONE is invited!

Looking ahead, there are some other important dates that you will need to **mark on your calendars** now:

Saturday, July 18th from 11:30 to 1:30 - Picnic in the Grove - this will be sponsored by BOTH the Women's and Men's Ministries. There will be more about this in the next newsletter.

However, know that there will be games and the chance to make your own ice cream sundaes!!!

Saturday, October 24th has been chosen as the date for our **FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT**. The topic will be announced at a later date.

- Tam Larson, Women's Ministry Deacon

HAVE YOU NOTICED?

Making their debut at the Women's Spring Retreat are containers called "JOY JARS." They are located in the restrooms and in Hoopes Hall. These are colorful plastic containers filled with folded papers. There is a message on the label inviting you to pull one (or two) of

the pieces of paper from the Joy Jar – they are either scripture passages or other famous quotes that have been placed there to brighten your day and bring you joy. So, feel free to enjoy them – if a jar runs low on content – members of your Women's Ministry Team are ready to refill them.

Men's Ministry

The Men's Breakfast Group met April 11th in Hoopes Hall. The turn-out was light due to Easter weekend. Eric Larson presented the lesson, another in the series in our early church history. We will have another for the May 9th meeting.

We also are making plans to help Jack Roberts tend to the cemetery as well as helping the Women's group with one of their upcoming events.

SALT

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2009, Noon

At our April meeting, Rev. Lori Kosinski discussed our "spiritual well-being, the affirmation of life in relationship with God, self, community and environment that nurtures and celebrates wholeness." She gave many suggestions on developing a positive attitude and keeping depression away. Lori read several verses from *Fire in the Soul, A Prayer Book for the Later Years* by Richard Lyon Morgan. She also noted that our Advanced Directives should be revisited every five years. Changes were made in wording in 2007. Thus, if you have not made changes since then, now is a good time to make updates. For more information, contact Janet Pagenkemper or the church office.

In May, Jim Pritchard will tell us about his experiences while serving in the Army as a Chaplain's Assistant. Mai Cole, Joan Dahl, Pastor Sharyl, and Janet Pagenkemper will bring soup. Marje Beck will contribute bread and Eleanor Merbler, Marguerite Swisher, and Evelyn Tregaskis will supply desserts. We'll also collect cleaning supplies for a gift basket which will be given to a new homeowner when their home is dedicated by Habitat for Humanity.

On Friday, May 8th, members of SALT will provide lunch to the women builders of Habitat while they work on their new project at 815 Chestnut Street in Perkasio. Mai Cole, Tam Larson, Jean Pritchard, and Valerie Smith will take soup. Mai and Pastor Sharyl will contribute bread and Doris Cairns, Marguerite Swisher, and Evelyn Tregaskis will supply desserts.

Deep Run Cruisers

In last month's *Deep Runner*, I invited you to travel on the M.S. Ryndam, the ship where Mark Edwards is now the featured singer. We have two possibilities: an Alaskan cruise on August 28th, or a western Caribbean cruise on November 15th. Each trip is for one week. We need 10 passengers for each to make a complete cruise group--the Deep Run Cruisers!

If you are interested, reservations must be made soon. Please contact Valerie Smith.

Small Group Opportunity

Would you like to be part of a small group that will meet weekly at Don and Ruth Long's home? We will use "The Present Word" from PCUSA, a topical study on the new creation in Christ, exploring selections from Ezekiel, Luke, and Ephesians. We envision a group that will study the Bible and pray together. Cost: \$4.00. Time: an evening at 7:00 PM. Contact: Carol Ramsey, Adult Education Elder.

Mother's Day Flowers

The Youth Group will once again be selling flowers on Mother's Day. We won't be taking orders this year, but please still plan on getting your flowers on May 10th outside of Hoopes Hall. Proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip to Louisville, Kentucky.



Mark Your Calendars

for Friday, May 29th

Please join the mission committee and friends for a night of family fun. We will be presenting a social justice game at 7:00 PM. Families, couples or individuals will be given a task that can only be completed by visiting our staffed locations which are the Employment agency, Social Security Administration, Real Estate Office, College Admissions, emergency department and grocery store. The game should take about 45 minutes to play and we will all meet together afterwards to share experiences and what we learned.

The purpose is for the players to gain a better understanding of some of the challenges the families who will be coming to us through the Interfaith Hospitality Network may face daily. **DON'T WORRY ABOUT DINNER AHEAD OF TIME. COME AT 6:30 FOR PIZZA AND DRINKS.**

Mark Your Calendars

for September 13th

The All Church Autumn Kick-off BBQ and Picnic is back!!! Last Year 175 Deep Runners had a great time at this event in the grove. Put the date on your calendar and start looking forward to this fellowship gathering, a bouncy castle, music, games, great food, and croquette and horseshoes for the brave. We hope you will mark your calendars and join our whole church family to be a part of this fun afternoon. Let's celebrate a new year of fellowship and being church together!! Watch for details.

Habitat for Humanity

Progress continues at the Perkasio project. On Friday, May 8th SALT will be providing and serving lunch and desserts to the workers.

At the May 14th luncheon meeting, SALT will be bringing in cleaning supplies to fill the "Welcome to your new home laundry basket." Presentation of the basket will be done at the June meeting.



Blood Drive

Save the Date Monday, June 8th. There will be a blood drive held at our church. Look for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board downstairs. Further details to be announced in church bulletins.

- Eleanor Merbler

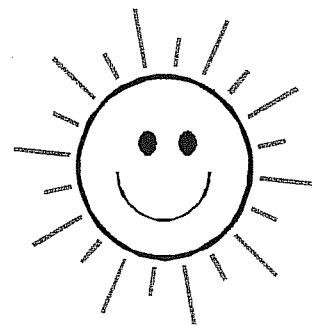
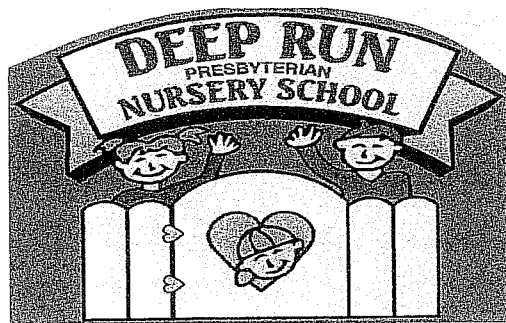
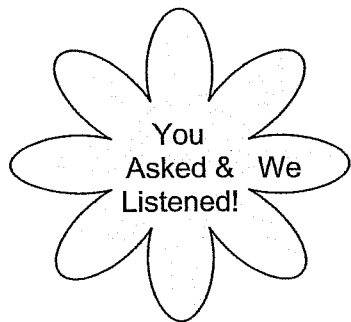
Deacon for Habitat for Humanity/Blood Drive



Please know that the church needs YOUR help to build our committees (Membership, Outdoor Property, Worship and others). Use your skills and put your interests to good use! Please contact the church office for more information.

In response to God's grace, love and peace,
and inspired by the Holy Spirit,
The Presbyterian Church of Deep Run
has as its mission:
**To know Christ as our Lord and Savior
and to share Christ within this
congregation and throughout the world.**

Summertime Fun at Deep Run



SUMMER CAMPS FOR 4 -6 YEAR OLDS

COME JOIN US FOR 1, 2, OR 3 WEEKS OF SUMMER FUN!!

Our camps will have lots of fun filled activities that are theme related. Each theme will include Art, Music, Dance, Outdoor Play, Games, Story Time, etc.

" The Camps will be run by the Nursery School Teachers."

All Three weeks will be Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

(We will provide snack each day. Please pack a bagged lunch for your child)

<u>Week One:</u>	Summer Fun Activities	June 15th - June 18th
<u>Week Two:</u>	Movement, Music, Dance & Puppets	July 20th - July 23rd
<u>Week Three:</u>	Science & Water Exploration	Aug. 10th - Aug. 13th

**The Cost will be: \$80.00 for One Week, \$160.00 for Two Weeks,
\$220.00 for all Three Weeks**

HURRY!!

Space will be limited. Register By May 15th!!

Call Christy Phillips 215-249-9497

Ushers' Corner

- Linda Curran, Usher Deacon

First Service and Second Service Ushers: If you do not already have a name tag, please use one from the ushers' table in the narthex. Even though most of us know each other, it is a great help to those who may not. Also, a reminder to the usher who stands by the elevator - when returning to the sanctuary for the beginning of the service, please remember to close the door.

Second Service Ushers: Please remember to take the yellow usher attendance folder, all reusable Sunday bulletin inserts, and all fellowship sign-in sheets to the Administrative Assistant's mailbox located in the old library after the service. The remaining part of the bulletins can be put in the recycle bin next to the ushers' table. Don't forget to gather up the remaining bulletins on the small table by the elevator.

Thank you to all who unselfishly volunteer their time and care to ushering. We are all truly grateful to each and every one of you.

If there are any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Linda Curran (Usher Deacon) at 215-996-9986.

*If you are unable to usher at the time you are scheduled, please look over the ushering schedule to see if you could possibly switch dates with someone assigned to a date more convenient for you. If this is not possible, you may feel free to contact the **Usher Deacon of the Month**. Thank you.*

May 2009 Usher Deacon of the Month – Mary Mason

9:00AM 10:30AM

May 3

Nick Stilwell*	John McCormick*
Jamie Bradley	Joanna McCormick
Bill Goble	Brian Welsh
Sandy Goble	Miriam Sursa

May 10

Jim Butler*	Frank Blow*
Sharon Butler	Rosemary Blow
Joanna Bartholomew	Richard Zimmerman
Charlotte Bergmann	Margie Mosher

May 17

Carl Crouthamel*	Jay Smith*
Linda Crouthamel	Valerie Smith
Ann Machesic	Nancy Brosius
Emma Machesic	Bill Brosius

May 24

George Sellers-Bruch*	Ross Painter*
Pat Schuck	Mary Painter
Charlene Lamson	Marv Moyer
Scott Wilbur	Judy Moyer

May 31

Phil Edwards*	Carol Schmitt*
Pat Edwards	Karen Schmitt
Matt Edwards	Mark Cornell
Michelle Edwards	Kate Cornell

June 2009

9:00AM

Usher Deacon of the Month – Jim Lee

10:30AM

June 7

Bill Lutterer*	Rick Allen*
Bernie Lutterer	Genevra Allen
Courtney Johnson	Meg Sellers- Bruch
Matthew Paoletti	June Follin

June 14

Bob Mason*	Dave Wert*
Walter Murphy	Alaina Wert
Joe Schmider	Sandy Fickes
Kim Schmider	Billy Richards

June 21

Irish Meeting House	Main Sanctuary
Jeff Schmitt*	Jeff Berger*
Jennifer Schmitt	Mai Cole
Don Strouse	Brian Welsh
Margaret Tuttle	Linda Curran

June 28

Mike Post*	Chris Nichols*
Virginia Post	Janet Pagenkemper
Joanne Yeastedt	Brian Buchanan
Sherri Schmell	Doris Buchanan

* Lead Usher

Nursery Volunteers

- Mary Mason, Nursery Deacon

9:00AM

10:30AM

May 3

Chuck Lang	David Wert
Lori Lang	Alaina Wert

May 10

Darlene Quiring	Pam Rossiter
Kelly Quiring	Deb Walters

May 17

Greg Hess	Genevra Allen
Kristie Hess	Rick Allen

May 24

Laura Mill	Mary Painter
Jane Reilley	Ross Painter

May 31

Karen, Kim or Courtney Johnson	Carol Ramsey Valerie Smith
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June 7

Denise Warnick	Nancy Christiansen
Alan Warnick	Evelyn Tregaskis

June 14

Chuck Lang	Pat Edwards
Lori Lang	Doris Reith

June 21

Darlene Quiring	Margie Mosher
Kelly Quiring	Volunteer Needed

June 28

Greg Hess	Maggie Argue
Kristie Hess	Mai Cole