

Christ Is Our Cornerstone

# First Pres

September 2011

## Theological Education

September is the month for celebrating theological education in the Presbyterian Church USA. Seminaries and churches together work to strengthen the church by rising up and training leaders for generations to come. This congregation has a great history in raising up leaders and supporting folks as they discern how it is they will serve God. One of our most recent stories concerns Elder Karen Vanderploeg, whom served FPC for 10 years as the Director of Christian Education. During her time here, the congregation nurtured Karen as she nurtured us. Her sense of call expanded beyond what she would have imagined 10 years before. FPC sent Karen out to further develop that sense of call and hone her skills in the arts of ministry such as preaching and pastoral care. In June, Karen graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary with her Master of Divinity degree. At graduation she received the John W. and Miriam G. Meister Award in Pastoral Ministry. This honor is given to the member of the graduating classes who manifests to the greatest degree those characteristics which are most essential to

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effective pastoral leadership. As you may guess, Karen quickly found a call to serve as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Waterville, Ohio, just outside of Toledo. Karen was examined for ordination by the Presbytery of Maumee Valley on August 10th and received as a minister member.

We celebrate with her that the way is clear for her to serve in this ministry. Karen will be ordained as Minister of Word & Sacrament (Teaching Elder) at First Presbyterian Church of Waterville on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. If you would like to car pool to the ordination service or would like her address to send her a note of affirmation, please contact the church office. Your prayers and support over these last three years have meant a great deal to Karen and her family. We hope that you will continue to hold Karen and First Presbyterian Church, Waterville in your prayers for years to come.

In addition, consider praying for our ten seminaries and two seminaries in covenant agreement with the General Assembly-the faculty, staff and students. If you would like to pray for inquirers and candidates in the Presbytery of Lake Erie by name, please let Ellie know and she will get those names to you.

#### OUR PCUSA Seminaries

Austin Presbyterian  
Theological Seminary

Columbia Theological  
Seminary

Johnson C. Smith Theological  
Seminary

Louisville Presbyterian  
Theological Seminary

McCormick Theological  
Seminary

Pittsburgh Theological  
Seminary

Princeton Theological  
Seminary

San Francisco Theological  
Seminary

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Union Presbyterian Seminary

University of Dubuque  
Theological Seminary

By covenant agreement with the  
General Assembly:

Auburn Theological Seminary

Evangelical Seminary of Puerto  
Rico



## Deacons' Visitation List

### **Cambridge Warren**

Anna Mae Howe

### **Golden Living Center—**

### **Kinzua**

Carol Budd

Richard Jones

### **The Rouse Home or Suites**

Jo Brown

MaryAnn Buerkle

Loverine Chittester

Marjorie Cornwall

Elizabeth Hartwick

Pat Hibner

Eleanor Jones

Lewis "Bud" Jones

Martha Jones

Patty Lundahl

Violette McAmbley

Vera McClymonds

### **Warren Manor -**

Kathryn Brown

Lois Conrad

Eleanor Morris

Geneva Nagy

Winnie Wills

### **At Home -**

Sally Kasper

Leroy Korb

Kim Warner

# Joys and Concerns

## *Congratulations to ~*

- Larry and Penny Krespan who celebrated sixty-four years of marriage on Monday, July 25, 2011.
- Plummer and Dorothy Collins who celebrated sixty-two year of marriage on July 30, 2011.
- Dee and Jack Lee who celebrated their forty-ninth wedding anniversary on August 11, 2011
- Bonnie and Lewis “Bud” Jones who celebrated sixty-two years of marriage on August 27, 2011.
- Great Grandfather, Norm Perschke, and to parents, Dusty & Pam Wilson on the birth of Natalie Wilson, who was born July 13, 2011 in Canton, Ohio.
- Dr. Jason & Dr. Nicole Ignatius of Erie, PA and Paul and My Ignatius upon the birth of their son and grandson, Collin Randall, who was born July 21, 2011.

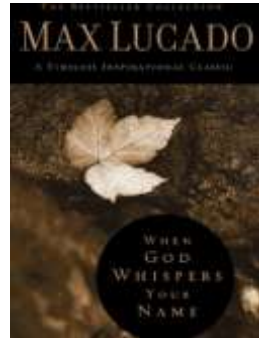
## *We extend our sympathy to ~*

- Shirley and Bob Wagner upon the death of Shirley's mother, Pearl Grove, 91, who died July 3, 2011 at the Guy and Mary Felt Manor.
- Chris and Bette McAmbley, Jennifer Rossey and Jason McAmbley and their families upon the recent death of Chris’s mother and Jennifer and Jason’s grandmother, Gladys McAmbley.
- Marcy and Greg Huey and family upon the death of Marcy’s brother, Rick Meacham, of Flagstaff, Arizona, who died July 24, 2011.
- Teri Wertz, our Nursery provider, and her family upon the death of her father, Mr. Daniel Johnson, who died at the Rouse Warren County Home Monday, July 18, 2011.



# Attention All Ladies

Our Tuesday morning Book Discussion will resume on September 20 at 10:00 A.M. in Memorial Parlors. We will continue with the book “When God Whispers Your Name” by Max Lucado, Chapter 21. We are a group of ladies who gather together every Tuesday in faith and fellowship. If you are interested in joining this group, please call the church office.



# Coffee Project News

## New African Coffee Supports Hospital In Democratic Republic of Congo

Equal Exchange is proud to announce a new African coffee blend which will benefit the Panzi Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In a nation wracked by violence and war, the Panzi Hospital provides life saving treatment to more than 2,000 victims of sexual violence each year, as well as continual care and counseling.

This new blend, which will be available this fall, will feature coffee from our East African farmer partners, and its packaging will highlight the roles that women play as mothers, sisters, daughters, and farmers. For every bag of coffee sold, Equal Exchange will donate \$1 to the Panzi Foundation.

## New Environmental Ministries

Are you active in an environmental stewardship ministry in your church or presbytery? If so, or if you would like to become involved, please join the Environmental Ministries Action Network (EMAN). PC(USA) Environmental Ministries will be in regular communication with EMAN participants to provide them with tools and resources. Participants in EMAN will be eligible to apply for funds to use on environmental stewardship projects in their church or presbytery. Visit [pcusa.org/eman](http://pcusa.org/eman) to learn more and sign up.

# A Personal Invitation

TO: Everyone: adults and children of all ages

FOR: RALLY DAY

WHEN: SUNDAY, September 11th

WHERE: Memorial Parlors

TIME: 9:00 A.M.



We are planning an intergenerational gathering for this year's Sunday school kick-off and we need you to make it a big success!

Won't you please join us for a time of music, light refreshments, fun, and fellowship?

Meet the teachers, hear about the curriculum and become better acquainted or re-acquainted with one another.

If you have never attended a class before we urge you to come. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend. You don't have to be a biblical scholar to attend Sunday school.

If you are searching for answers, have doubts or want to strengthen your Christian faith we encourage you to attend this special event. Together let us embrace the word of God so we will have a better understanding of what it is God wants us to do on our own, as one, for our church and beyond our doors.

RSVP: YES?!

See you there!

# It's Rummage Sale Time

*Sale Dates: Friday, October 7 & Saturday, October 8*

Fall means a variety of things to different people. For some it means enjoying the colorful hills that surround Warren as leaves change from green to beautiful shades of red, orange and yellow. For others it means the beginning of a new school year, another football season, or the end of summer vacation. Here at First Presbyterian Church, it means it is once again time to clean out your closets, basements and attics and donate all your "retired treasures" to our fall Rummage Sale which will take place on October 7 and October 8.

We hope this will give you plenty of time to haul out, sort through and drop off your slightly used items to the church before set-up on Thursday, October 6. The earlier we receive your donations

the easier it is for our wonderful crew to organize the merchandise and set up for the sale.

We appreciate the variety of items we receive from all of you. Without merchandise our sale would not be the huge success that it has been throughout the years. The proceeds from this sale will be used to help fund Youth Scholarships and summer camperships.

In addition to merchandise, we are looking for people who would be willing to volunteer their time on either Friday or Saturday of the sale. If you are interested please call the church office. We will soon begin putting our work schedule together and would love to add your name to our list.

# Rummage Sale



# VBS Enjoys Sports Camp

## VBS ENJOYS ANOTHER YEAR OF SPORTS CAMP

For the third year in a row, we had another successful week of Sports Camp for VBS thanks to all our wonderful volunteers. This dedicated group of leaders created a safe and fun environment for all the young campers who attended our program throughout the week. We had a total of 24 youth and 19 volunteers participating in this year's activities.

Every day Rev. Ellie led the group in songs that were fun to learn and sing. The Rally Coach told a Bible story then the Huddle Coach emphasized key points of the story. The Sport Coach used skills and drills to reinforce the theme and at the end of the day everyone had a great snack to enjoy thanks to our Snack Bar Coach.

Sports camp ended with a trip to the Russell Roller Ring on Friday. Everyone including beginning skaters, veteran skaters and those who hadn't skated in a few years, had a wonderful time.

**THANK YOU AGAIN VOLUNTEERS  
FOR MAKING THIS ANOTHER  
MEMORABLE YEAR!**



### **Sports Coaches:**

- Mike Barrett
- Paul Blasco
- Jeffrey Bonavita
- Jim Eggleston
- Joanna Lasher
- John Lasher

### **Huddle Leaders:**

- Jen Cameron
- Vickie Eggleston
- Elisa Franklin
- Lisa Walker

### **Rally Coaches:**

- Betty Bauer

- Joanna Lasher
- Pam Lyle

### **Snack Bar Coach:**

- Carole Mayer

### **Youth & Young Adult Sport Managers:**

- Eric Davis
- Devon Franklin
- BrendanLyle

### **Roller Skating Coaches**

- Carrie Duckett
- Jim Duckett
- Vickie Eggleston

# Sharing Place Schedule

## GROUP ONE

Susie Spangler, Captain 723-9363  
 Beverly Callahan 757-8475  
 Ann Ferguson 723-4494  
 Sylvia Follett 723-9734  
 Richard King 723-8256  
 Ida Ruland 723-6466  
 Jan Scott 723-3632

July 28, 2011 December 15, 2011

### **DESSERTS**

Louise Crozier 723-8690  
 Carrie Duckett 723-2453  
 Joyce Hill 723-2134  
 Tina Huey 726-2917  
 Ida Ruland 723-6466  
 Dorothy Wingert 723-6656

## GROUP THREE

Lynda Slocum, Captain 726-4990  
 Beverly Callahan 757-8475  
 Ron Carlson 723-5209  
 Sylvia Follett 723-9734  
 Kass Judson 563-2249  
 Richard King 723-8256  
 Deane Passmore 723-1443  
 Don Scott 723-3632

June 16, 2011 October 27, 2011

### **DESSERTS**

Mindy Colvin 726-2844  
 Martha Holtz 723-8734  
 Tina Huey 726-2917  
 Carole Mayer 726-0441  
 Lynn Sears 723-9479

## GROUP TWO

Patti Anderson, Captain 757-9268  
 Deane Anderson 757-9268  
 Beverly Callahan 757-8475  
 Ron Carlson 723-5209  
 Sylvia Follett 723-9734  
 Richard King 723-8256  
 Barbara Mader 726-1903  
 Bill Mader 726-1903  
 Audrey Patton 723-8796

April 28, 2011 *September 8, 2011*

### **DESSERTS**

Mindy Colvin 726-2844  
 Jennie Dobson 723-1190  
 Connie Johnson 723-7208  
 Tina Huey 726-2917  
 Audrey Patton 723-8796

### **SUBSTITUTE DESSERTS**

Martha Goodman 723-1262  
 Jan Scott 723-4677  
 Lynn Sears 723-9479

### **SUBSTITUTE SERVERS**

Kathy Lang 726-1780  
 Lynn Sears 723-9479  
 Susie Spangler 723-9363  
 Dottie Wingert 723-6656

Patty Lundahl 726-3767

Call Patty if you need help setting tables.

**NOTE:** Team Captains and "Early" people should be at the kitchen at **3:00 p.m.** All others should be there at **4:00 p.m.**

If you can not be there at your assigned time, please arrange for your own substitute. It is not your Team Captain's responsibility!

All members of each team are responsible to help the *two* kitchen aides with clean up after everyone has eaten.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

# September 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Non-Perishable Food Collection</p> <p>10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Building Closed</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Worship Committee 7:00pm AA</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>6:15pm Scotland Rehearsal 6:45pm Evangelism 7:30pm Sanctuary Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Rally Day</p> <p>10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:20am Deacons' Board Mtg 4:00pm Vespers at the Rouse 6:30pm Sr. High Youth</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30pm Troop 8 6:30pm Care &amp; Spiritual Growth committee</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 3:15pm P.A.C.E. 7:00pm AA</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Newsletter Meeting</p> <p>6:15pm Scotland Rehearsal 6:30pm Properties 7:30pm Sanctuary Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Mariners' 50th Anniversary Celebration</p> <p>10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:20am Christian Ed Mtg. 1:00pm Sunday Golf 6:30pm Sr. High Youth</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30pm Troop 8 6:30pm Little Bach/Jr, Philomel</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10:00am Book Discussion Group 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 3:15pm P.A.C.E. 7:00pm AA</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>6:15pm Scotland Rehearsal 7:30pm Sanctuary Rehearsal</p>
<p><b>25</b></p> <p>10:00am Morning Worship 11:00am Fellowship Hour 11:00am Giving Thanks Dinner 6:30pm Sr. High Youth</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>6:00pm Lioness Board Meeting 6:30pm Troop 8</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10:00am Book Discussion Group 10:00am Newsletter Assembly 12:00pm AA 1:30pm Staff Meeting 3:15pm P.A.C.E. 7:00pm AA</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>6:15pm Scotland Rehearsal 7:30pm Sanctuary Rehearsal</p>

Monday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	<b>September 1</b> 4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm District Scout Com. 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA	6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	2 8:00am Farmer's Market 8:00am Men's Breakfast
7	Bell Choir m Committee y Choir 4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm District Scout Committee 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA	8 6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	9 10 8:00am Farmer's Market
14	Material Due Bell Choir s Committee y Choir 4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm Session Meeting 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA	15 6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	16 17 8:00am Farmer's Market 5:45pm Dinner with Friends
21	Bell Choir y Choir 4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA	22 6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	23 24 8:00am Farmer's Market
28	Bell Choir y Choir 4:30pm Sharing Place Meal 6:30pm Biggest Loser 7:00pm NA	29 6:00pm AA 8:00pm AA	30

# Sharing Place Helpers

September 1, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Bev Callahan Nancy Oliphant Debbie Vicini
September 8, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Susie Spangler Marty Goodman Debbie Vicini
September 15, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Melinda King Debbie Vicini Sarah Wilson
September 22, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Dottie Wingert Marguerite Lyle Debbie Vicini
September 29, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Sandy Ransom Mary Merenick Debbie Vicini

**October 6, 2011 RUMMAGE SALE NO MEAL**

October 13, 2011	2:00 P.M.	Elsie Giegerich Donna & Virgil Carlson Debbie Vicini
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Beverly Callahan.....	757-8475	Nancy Oliphant.....	757-8455
Donna & Virgil Carlson.....	723-4098	Sandy Ransom .....	723-5107
Marty Goodman .....	723-1262	Melinda King .....	723-8256
Susie Spangler .....	723-9363	Debbie Vicini.....	723-1658
Marguerite Lyle.....	723-1682	Sarah Wilson.....	723-5984
Mary Merenick .....	726-0147	Dottie Wingert .....	723-6656
Bette McAmbley .....	726-1698		

**DUTIES FOR KITCHEN AIDES**

1. Help the cook with food preparation when needed.
2. Make coffee.
3. Allow the host committee to take over other responsibilities when they arrive at 3:15.
4. Help the cook prepare plates for serving.
5. Make certain all food is marked and properly wrapped for storage in the freezer.
6. See that all dishes and equipment are put away in their proper places.



# Help Feed the Hungry

Get Your Hands Dirty in Mission

First Presbyterian Church's booth at The Farmer's Market is going strong thanks to support of members and friends of the church. Each week three to five people set up, staff, and break down the booth. The spread ranges from delectable pies, breads, fudge, cookies, and sweet rolls to potatoes, onions, corn, and all sorts of garden produce.



The Farmer's Market is open every Saturday morning from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. and runs through the end of October. All proceeds raised by First Presbyterian Church benefit the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Since its inception in 2000, \$56,351.18 has been sent to the Presbyterian Hunger Program. A sign-up sheet for workers is posted in Communications Hall.

Please join us in this fun and worthwhile mission endeavor which yields such life-changing results. Your support is appreciated.

*I will get my hands dirty in mission by ~*

\_\_\_\_\_ donating produce from my garden

\_\_\_\_\_ donating flowers from my garden

\_\_\_\_\_ donating baked goods

\_\_\_\_\_ staffing the stand one Saturday morning

\_\_\_\_\_ helping set up at 6:30 a.m. Saturday mornings

\_\_\_\_\_ helping tear down at 12:00 noon on Saturdays

# P.A.C.E.

## *moves to Tuesdays*

First Presbyterian Church of Warren offers a free after-school program for children in *first through fifth grades*. PACE is a wonderful opportunity for your child to be involved in a variety of activities in a Christian setting. There is no better way to learn about forgiveness, kindness, love, faithfulness, happiness, joyfulness, friendship, acceptance, courage, and grace than through fun activities based on Bible stories and scripture!

The stories come alive through our planned activities. We have quiet time and scripture in the chapel, we sing songs, do crafts, play games, and we even cook on occasion, making our two hours together fun and memorable.

Children begin arriving from school around 3:15 p.m. We begin each session in our game room where we unwind, share a snack, and talk about our day. After we go through the program, we share a meal

together at 5:30 p.m.. and dismiss the children at 5:55 p.m. (Please note—each child must be picked up by a responsible adult.) So, if you have a child or know of any children who would like to participate in this special program, we encourage you to bring them to our first session. The program will begin Tuesday, September 13..

Please call the church and let us know if you are interested in the PACE program and would like to be put on our mailing list.

Transportation is also available, from WAEC and the South Street Early Learning Center to the church, upon arrangement. For more information, please call the church office at 723-9200.



## Choir Notes



The Scotland Bell Choir and Sanctuary choirs will begin the 2011-2012 season with rehearsals on Sept. 7. The Bell Choir will rehearse from 6:15 until 7:15 in the bell room and the choir will rehearse from 7:30 until 9:00 in the choir room. We are always looking

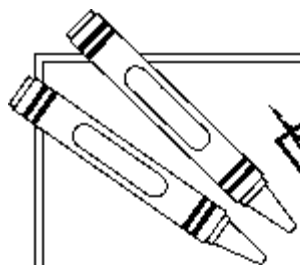
for energetic, fun-loving, and committed ringers and singers. Please consider joining us!

## Donations and Gifts

Since the last newsletter, the following donations have been made:

- to the Music Department in memory of Roberta Martin
- to the General Memorial Fund in memory of Lucille Corbett Moore
- to the General Memorial Fund in memory of Roberta Martin



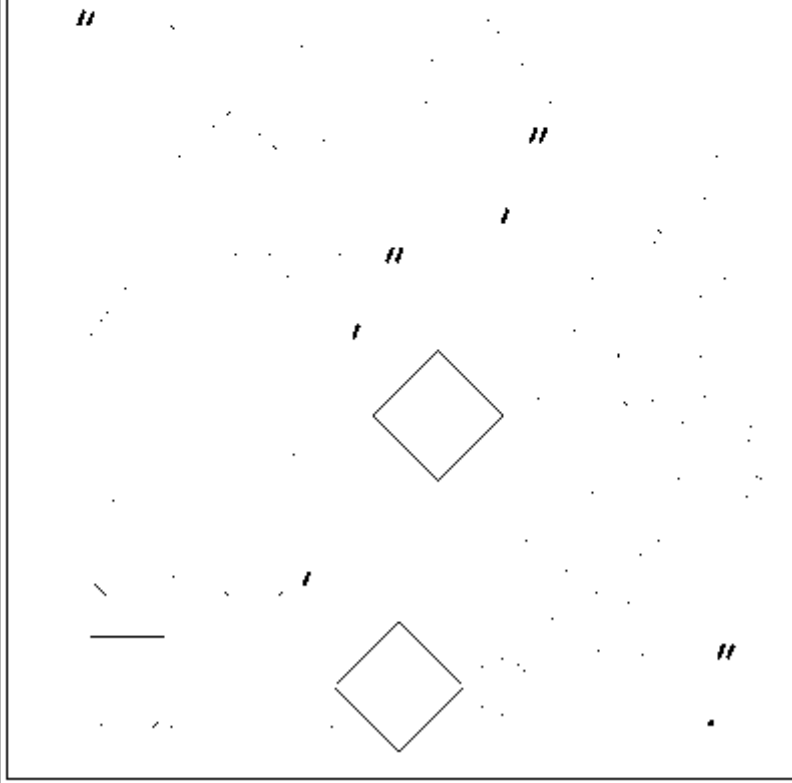


# PUZZLE

## GOD'S PLAN

*When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.*

**Directions:** Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answer: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

## Adult Birthdays

Ken Holtz	September 1
Violette McAmbley	September 2
Dale Morse	September 2
Norm Perschke	September 2
Carol Torrance	September 2
Howard Ferguson	September 3
Murray Marsh, Jr.	September 3
Scott Shafer	September 4
Lauren Hunter	September 7
Linda Krespan	September 7
Richie Lawson	September 8
Geneva Nagy	September 10
Susan Benner	September 12
Carol Passmore	September 13
Pat Hibner	September 15
James F. Holding	September 17
Devin Cogswell	September 24
Kass Judson	September 24

Cathy Robbins	September 24
Jim Duckett	September 27
Delores Lee	September 29
Patty Lundahl	September 29
Jan Scott	September 29

## Youth Birthdays

Zariah Gardiner	September 5
Jessie Henry	September 17
Ryan Duckett	September 25
Logan Hammond	September 25
Blake Johnson	September 25
Sarah Dietsch	September 28



## Mariners Celebrate

On September 18th, we will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Mariner's Sunday School class. The Mariner's started in 1961 as a Sunday school class with a great social flair for young adults. Imagine dozens of young adults coming together in both social and education settings to enjoy fellowship and wonder together about God. This class is a vision of what many churches dream of today. It's not about doing what we always did, but about engaging one another in thoughtful study, reflection and questioning to deepen faith and find amazing fellowship. A dozen or so folks still meet each Sunday and provide their own leadership in exploring how faith and theology meet the real world. If you were part of this group at any time or had parents or friends who were and have memories or pictures to share, please contact Connie Johnson or Joyce Davis. If you are looking for a Sunday School class and are 18-105... this might be one for you. Regardless of age, the class is welcoming, thought provoking and stimulating. Feel free to join them Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

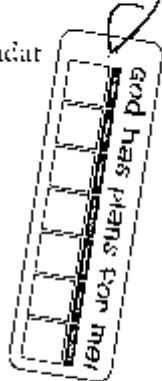


## A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

### What you need:

- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



### What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.



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