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*"I am the Gate of the sheepfold. Anyone who enters through Me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."*  
(John 10:7, 9, 10)

In the "dark days" before GPS, we all experienced this: you are driving toward your destination and suddenly realize that you must have taken a wrong turn. What do you do? You stop the car and you ask for directions. Unless you happen to be married to the author, Judith Viorst, who writes, "Even if I were collapsing from thirst and hunger, even if I were reduced to darkest gloom, even if I observed between sobs that we should have arrived three hours ago, and the inn was going to give away our rooms, I still would be incapable of persuading my husband, when lost, to stop -- just stop the car and ask for directions.

Even if I were to throw a full-scale temper tantrum, even if I were to call him an uncouth name, even if I were to not-so-gently remind him that, should we wind up getting divorced, he would have nobody else but himself to blame, and even if I, in a tone I concede is called screaming, enumerated his countless imperfections, I still would be incapable of persuading my husband, when lost, to stop the car, and ask for directions."

I am the Good Shepherd," Jesus assures us. "Follow Me!" But we are not sheep. We are human beings in whom God has given us the power of choice: to accept or reject Jesus' invitation; to believe or disbelieve that we are more than a grain of sand with little or no control over our own fate. Our power of choice is real.

"The story is told of a man on a journey to a distant city. Being unfamiliar with the route, he became confused and took the wrong road. When he realized his predicament, he stopped his car and asked a passing stranger, "Can you help me, I am lost?" "Where are you headed?" the stranger asked. "I'm going to Duluth," the traveler answered. To which, the stranger replied, "Then you are not lost. You know where you're going. You just need directions."

We, who gather 'round the Table of the Lord, must not imagine ever that we are lost. That's the whole point of our gathering together to worship. In Jesus, God is present among us. Through Jesus, God assures us that we are never abandoned. From Jesus, we well know where we're going. But, in the name of Jesus, let us all admit we need stop and ask directions.

*Resource: Sermon Warehouse, Harmony House Publishing, LLC Judith Viorst*

Grace and peace,  
Don



## **HEAD DEACONS for June are:**

Carolyn Gibeaut and Kyle Kent

## **THE USHERING TEAM for June is:**

Donna and Paul Gibson  
Mindy and Chic Foust

## **ELDER GREETER for June is**

Rosemary Anderson

## **TRUSTEES MEETING:**

June 12<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m.

## **DEACONS MEETING:**

June 19<sup>th</sup> – 11:15 a.m.

## **SESSION MEETING:**

June 12<sup>th</sup> (Brief) – 11:15 a.m.



**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S NEWS**

**May Meetings and Events**

14 - 7:30 Serendipity Circle at Caribou Coffee



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

- 2 - Doug & Janell Tuller
- 9 - Leonard & Donna Rihl  
Bruce & Johanna Keiser
- 12 - Billy & Jonna Wilcox
- 13 - Frank & Jerry Smith
- 16 - Paul & Donna Gibson
- 17 - Dick & Kathy Wilson  
Chris & Janet Johnston  
Rob & Heather Merkle
- 19 - John & Pat Jordan
- 21 - Bill & Cindy Bowen
- 22 - Jason & Misty Hilkerbaumer
- 23 - Jim & Carolyn Mitchell  
Larry & Diana McCoy
- 27 - Randy & Janie Collins
- 28 - Jeff & Jane Denhardt  
Jim & Karon Kaufman
- 30 - Ralph & Lisa Smucker



**PAPER RECYCLING NEWS**

The proceeds from this program help support our Mission Projects. During the month of April, we collected 3.59 tons of paper for which we received a check in the amount of \$17.94. Don't forget to thank your friends and neighbors for helping with this important mission project and, at the same time, helping to keep Plain City green!

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 - Chic Foust  
Judy Walker
- 2 - Rob Merkle
- 4 - Brandon Brown
- 9 - Charlotte Lambka
- 10 - Bill Bowen
- 15 - Graham Johnston
- 16 - Don Hilkerbaumer
- 17 - Corey Smith  
Nick Stapp
- 20 - Junior Moody  
Bob Schlitz
- 21 - Betsy Stahl
- 22 - Karlie Giordan  
Mackenzie Heimlich  
Gladys McCabe  
Donna Rihl
- 24 - Wendy Walker
- 25 - Paul Gibson
- 26 - John Rihl  
Brad Wilson



**Mission Trip**

**2011 MISSION TRIP**

Plans are finalized for our 2011 mission trip. On Saturday, June 18, 2011, the group will fly to Marion, Iowa, near Cedar Rapids, to provide assistance in rebuilding homes damaged in a major flood about two years ago. That area did not receive the kind of publicity or assistance that many disaster stricken areas have received, and many folks are still struggling to recover from the effect of the flood. They will return on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.



# June 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 7:00 PC Lions Club Stenner Hall 7:00 Scout Com. Mtg. Fellowship Hall	10	11
12 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 11:15 Trustees Mtg.	13  Flag Day	14 7:30 Serendipity Cr. At Caribou Coffee	15	16 7:00 Dist. Scout Mtg. Stenner Hall	17	18 Group leaves on Mission Trip
19 11:15 Deacons Mtg.  Father's Day	20	21	22	23 7:00 Scout Mtg. Fellowship Hall	24	25 Group returns from Mission Trip
26 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	27	28	29	30  Work Camp		