

TOWER NOTES - MAY 2026

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Good early May Prospect Street UMC! As I usually get around to this time of the month we are currently in and a new month is upon us, I try to look for present inspiration that informs us of where we are at and where we are trying to get to. Two to three things came to me over the past 24 hours that I believe are the Holy Spirit's way of telling me to pay attention. The first came on a Wednesday, mid April, when Hollie and I went down to Otterbein University to see Gabe walk across the stage of Cowen Hall to receive recognition in his field of nursing. There is a lot I could talk about. Many pros and cons to the service of recognition but what hit me in the end when many folks were ready to hit the fresh air on the outside was the final benediction by one of the students at Otterbein. I believe he must have written it but regardless, a phrase kept getting repeated in this benediction. Don't live life with a "business as usual" mentality. This kind of mentality keeps all of us in line and in our place. We resort to being who this world thinks we should be. A business-as-usual mentality keeps us divided and separated. The speaker called upon us to "dare to be more". I am guilty, at times, of not daring myself to go outside the lines. I am guilty of believing perhaps that this is all that there is in life. But that's not the way of the resurrection nor is it the way of the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit never calls upon us to play it safe. Playing it safe is not how churches grow, it's how they die.

Then this morning during an interview, I heard a woman say something along the lines of how God enters into our algorithms. I am paraphrasing here but in case you don't know what an algorithm is, it is technology's way of discovering what it is we like and then feeding us more of that. The danger in this is obvious, while it might strike something within us like it triggers our pheromones that makes us feel good, it places us within an echo chamber where we are never challenged and thus never grow. Here's what I believe. If God enters into our algorithm, it is not because God is looking to make a home there. If anything, God is trying to pull us from our bondage. If all we get is what me, myself and I want, then we become slaves to the master that provides us our selfish desires. The master is a one-sided ideology that simply wants nothing more than your pocketbook. God is not about algorithms; God is about using the Holy Spirit to intersect us with our enemies who are also our neighbors.

This May, as we celebrate the Holy Spirit, Moms, graduates and memorialized those who have sacrificed themselves on our behalf, may we honor them all by daring to live our lives outside of the algorithm, and tell the world "No more business as usual" My only master is Christ Jesus whose only desire is to set me free to be that wonderful child of God I was called to be.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Josh Freshour".

Rev. Josh Freshour



- 1 Klay Seckel, Lynn Clabaugh
- 3 Debbie Welch
- 5 Lleyton Holsinger
- 6 Natasha Carmichael
- 7 Keith Haas
- 9 Rich Wilson
- 12 Liam Criswell, Colleen McCartney, Kendall Carter
- 14 Declan Casey
- 16 Vincent Casey II
- 17 Barry Franklin, Charlene Niner
- 19 Kory Seckel, Barbara Hersman, Rowynn Holsinger
- 20 Ed Zeisler, Staci Bond
- 24 Barbara Pine
- 29 William Miller, Shannon Wiestling

A Birthday Prayer for You

*On your special day,
I pray that God will
continue to warm your
heart and lift your spirits
while granting you peace
and serenity on this very
special day of yours.
Happy birthday to you
and may God bless you!*

Attendance

| Date | Sunday School | 8:30 a.m. | 10:30 a.m. |
|----------|--------------------------|-----------|------------|
| March 29 | 21 | 29 | 101 |
| April 3 | Good Friday Service - 66 | | |
| April 5 | 27 | 64 | 124 |
| April 12 | 30 | 29 | 67 |
| April 19 | 30 | 25 | 73 |

Please pray for our Shut-In Members: Nettie Criswell, Betty Hampton, Kenneth Linstedt, Bob Lucas, Neil Miller, Janice Nicolosi, Barb Parks, Trent Standley, and Ed Zeisler.

8:30 a.m. Greeters & Sound Board Schedule

Greeters – 8:30 Worship

May 3 – Debbie Welch & Pam Larkin
 May 10 – Pete & Judy Stambazze
 May 17 – Lynn & Velma Clabaugh
 May 24 – Hollie Freshour
 May 31 – Gary & Sandy Redd

| | Sound 8:30 | Camera 8:30 | Slides 8:30 |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1 st Sunday | Nate Freshour | Linda Mills | Judy Stambazze |
| 2 nd Sunday | Ben Criswell | Lynn Mullins | Sam Freshour |
| 3 rd Sunday | Ben Criswell | Gary Redd | Sara McKenney |
| 4 th Sunday | Ben Criswell | Pam Larkin | Sam Freshour |
| 5 th Sunday | | | Sara McKenney |

10:30 a.m. Liturgist, Greeters & Acolytes, Bell Ringers, & Sound Board Schedule

Liturgist – 10:30 Worship

May 3 – Barbara Jones
 May 10 – Michelle Fassler
 May 17 – Faye Roszman
 May 24 – Charlene Spillman
 May 31 – Colleen McCartney

Greeters & Acolytes – 10:30 Worship

May 3 – Keith Haas
 May 10 – John & Diane Row
 May 17 – Patty Franklin & Darlynn Blessing
 May 24 – John Haas
 May 31 – The Deeter Family

Bell Ringers

May 3 – Keith Haas
 May 10 – The Deeter Family
 May 17 – Alexxis Burris & Joyce Burris
 May 24 – Sam, Mara, Emma, and Jen
 May 31 – Bonnie & Kathy Castle

| | Sound 10:30 | Camera 10:30 | Slides 10:30 |
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| 1 st Sunday | Ben Criswell | Ashlee Deeter | David Haines |
| 2 nd Sunday | Aurora Roszman | John Haas | Joe Miller |
| 3 rd Sunday | Ben Criswell | Sara McKenney | David Haines |
| 4 th Sunday | Ben Criswell | Shelly Kincaid | Colin Boyd |
| 5 th Sunday | | | Sara McKenney |

Hospitality Center

1st Sunday – Guiding Light Circle
 2nd Sunday – Faith Builders Sunday School Class
 3rd Sunday – Serendipity Sunday School Class
 4th Sunday – Martha Horne Circle
 5th Sunday – New Beginnings Sunday School Class

Welcome To Our New Member

Heidi Hawkins, 249 Marion Street, Green Camp, OH 43322

Team Meetings

The Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, May 4th, at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The Prayer Team will meet on Sunday, May 10th, during the Sunday School hour in the Library.

The Staff-Pastor-Parish Relations Team will meet on Monday, May 11th, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The Education/VBS Team will meet on Tuesday, May 12th, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The Wesley Scholarship Team will meet on Wednesday, May 13th, at 6 p.m. in the Library.

The Finance Team will meet on Thursday, May 14th, at 7 p.m. in the Upper Room.

The Leadership Team will meet on Thursday, May 21st, at 6 p.m. in the Upper Room.

If you or someone you know is **graduating from high school or college**, please call the church office.

Life Line Screening will be here at Prospect Street United Methodist Church on Friday, May 1st, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these health screenings today. Please refer to the flyer to get more info about how you can sign up. There is no time like the present to take action! **Three ways to register:** Call toll-free: 1-800-324-9458 promo code HABC001; Online: [LLSA.SOCIAL/HABC](https://llsa.social/habc); or text: the word circle to 216-279-1607

The **Sacrament of Holy Communion** will be served at both services on Sunday, May 3rd.

The **National Day of Prayer** is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people to pray for the nation. In 2026, the theme is inspired by a passionate prayer of Thanksgiving, prayed by King David in 1 Chronicles 16 after bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. This chapter records Israel celebrating the return of the Ark after being separated for 70 years earlier. While God was always watching over Israel and just a prayer away from them and King David, the Ark of the Covenant represented the presence of God having been constructed at the command of God and carried by the Levites with Moses as they wandered and waited to enter the Promised Land and eventually stolen from the tabernacle in Shiloh at their defeat in the battle in Ebenezer. On **May 7th**, once again, we will hold a National Day of Prayer 24-hour Prayer Vigil! To accomplish this, your help is needed! The idea is a chain of praying people, each lifting our nation in prayer for a specific half-hour shift. The overall goal is one full day of prayer with someone from our “church family” praying for our Nation and our leaders during each of the 48 segments, for a total chain of 24 uninterrupted hours of prayer. The sign-up sheet (with a post it note reminder for you to place on your calendar) will be in the foyer beginning April 19th. Won't you prayerfully consider taking a timeslot to help us reach this goal?

Ladies' Lunch will meet Sunday, May 10th, after the Traditional Service. They will be going to Red Lobster.

The **YA Squad** will meet on Sunday, May 10th and Sunday, May 24th, at 1 p.m.

Youth Fellowship will meet on Sunday, May 10th and Sunday, May 24th, from 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Newsletter Deadline will be Thursday, May 14th, for our June 2026 Tower Notes!

Neighborhood Supper will be Friday, May 15th, from 5 – 6 p.m. as a Carry-Out Meal. Neighborhood Supper has seen an increase in the number of people served. The past several months we have served between 160 and 190 people. That means we need 30+ batches of cookies each month. Although we have had a few ladies commit to making cookies, we still have times when we are short. We are looking for cookie bakers again. Would you be willing to bake a couple of batches each month? If so, please see Molly Lu Balis or call her at 740-251-8989.

Men's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at 8 a.m. There will be good food, devotions and fellowship! Please join this amazing group of men! We have decided to help out our own kitchen supplies in May. Apparently, stock is being used and not being replaced, which is understandable. The supplies most needed are: Coffee, especially decaf; napkins; vegetable oil; salt & pepper; powdered creamer; Dawn dish soap.

UWIF Meal - For many years, our graduates have been honored with a meal after church. In the past few years, it has evolved to include those who have served our church and these graduates in their spiritual walks. In keeping with tradition, the following groups of servants may dine at no cost, on Sunday, May 17th, after the second church service: Graduates, choir members, accompanists, ushers, Sunday school teachers, and sound techs. Picnic fare will be the menu – chicken and sloppy joe sandwiches, boxed mac & Cheese, baked beans, chips, beverages, and dessert. Meals will be \$8.00 per adult, \$4.00 per child 10 and under, and \$20.00 for a family. Please consider joining us for this day of celebration and acknowledgment.

The **Marion Music Club** will be performing in our sanctuary on Sunday, May 17th, at 3 p.m.

Laundry Love Ministry will be Monday, May 18th, at 4:30 p.m. at the Southtown Cleaning Village, 355 S. Main Street in Marion. They are in need of Laundry Detergent. Please bring your donations to the church.

Free Community Breakfast will be held again on Saturday, May 23rd, from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come one, come all to help, support or just have breakfast and fellowship.

We will collect for the **Salvation Army Food Pantry** on Sunday, May 24th. Suggested donations: **Baby Food**. They are also in need of paper products and feminine products. Put your donations in the shopping cart in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Noisy Collection will be on Sunday, May 24th, for St. Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry.

A special "**Peace with Justice Offering**" will be collected on Sunday, May 31st.

The **Monday Morning Bible Study** will meet every Monday morning at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Flower Calendar for 2026** is hanging up in the hallway. The price for fresh flowers is \$46.95. Silk flowers are still \$5.00. Select your date to remember a loved one or to honor a family member or friend. Make checks payable to Prospect Street United Methodist Church.

Service DVD's for Shut-Ins! We have DVD's available of our 10:30 a.m. worship service for anyone who would like to borrow or have a copy. We are delivering DVD's on Monday mornings!

Upcoming Event

CARDINAL CHORALE TO PERFORM

Once again, Prospect Street UMC has the honor of hosting **THE CARDINAL CHORALE**, under the direction of Mr. Charles R. Snyder. The concert will be **Monday, June 8th at 7:00 p.m.**

THIS IS A CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY OPPORTUNITY!! As in the past, we **GREATLY APPRECIATE AND NEED** assistance from our congregation in order for the concert to happen.

Please **MARK** the date on your calendars. We look forward to **FILLING THE SANCTUARY** for this beautiful musical performance and outstanding young musicians.

INVITE FRIENDS. It is a FREE concert!

HOUSING is always a large responsibility. We must have housing for approximately 45 people. Host homes will have 2-4 singers. These people are some of the most kind and thoughtful people you will ever meet. Host families often feel like they have been more on the receiving end, rather than the giving end, after this experience. The singers aren't picky; they are willing to sleep on beds, air mattresses or couches! Hosts provide a light snack after the concert (water/fruit) bedding, shower/towels, and a light breakfast for the morning. You will need to pick them up after the concert and bring them back in the morning.

DONATIONS - If you are unable to attend the concert or host singers, you can support the Chorale through a financial gift. Money is needed to help pay for their coach bus and driver. Donations of any size are truly appreciated.

Please contact the church office to let us know if you can assist with this concert in any way.

Sunday School News

The **Faith Builders Sunday School Class** meets in the Upper Room. Hollie Freshour is the facilitator.

The **New Beginnings Class** will continue its study of Paul's letters to the young church at Thessalonica during May and will wrap up this study in June. Then we'll return to the Old Testament Books of 1st and 2nd Samuel as we get into the kings of Israel, particularly Saul and David. These are fun studies and are good opportunities to both refresh our memories of what the Bible teaches and to learn things we may never before have studied. If you're feeling a call to study the Word more often, why don't you try out one of the Adult Sunday School classes. One of them could be just right for you—maybe ours. We meet in the basement, right off the elevator. Come down and join us soon. Dave McCartney

Serendipity Sunday School Class - The old saying goes, "April showers bring May Flowers". The trouble is, it can bring lots of mud and gloomy skies. But we need to look ahead to the beautiful flowers it will bring. It puts my mind to Zechariah 10:1 - "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone". We, the Serendipity Sunday School Class, are committed to explore God's word, the Bible. Every Sunday we try to nurture one another in our spiritual walk. Please consider joining an adult Sunday School class. God Bless All. Terry Huff

Education Team

The Education Team is focusing on our upcoming Vacation Bible School to be held July 19th thru 23rd. The VBS program will be on Thursday evening, July 23rd. We have filled many of the jobs but are still in need of volunteers. We need five people to usher groups of children from activity to activity. These are for children entering the following grade levels- K/1, 2/3, and 4/5. The Preschool level will stay in the nursery and the Youth class will meet

in the Upper Room. All child participants will meet as a large group in the Sanctuary for the Opening and Closing. Additional volunteers are needed to help with Crafts and to assist Teachers.

As in the recent past, we will offer a light supper for the children and helpers between 5:30 and 6 p.m. Judy Stambazzi and Mary Flach and their volunteers are planning tasty meals for everyone. Trish Franklin has volunteered to teach the crafts, but she needs some helpers. Michelle Fassler will teach music. Lance Fassler and Terry Huff will supervise recreation. Amanda Crease will teach our science lessons. Colleen McCartney is our storyteller. Shannen Smale is the lead teacher for the Youth class. Assisting her will be Mara, Emma, Jen, and Sam (these 4 young women are affectionately referred to as the "Dream Team"). The Dream Team will also be in charge of the puppet skits for our opening and closing each evening. Wanda Rupright is in charge of the Preschool group and is also in need of some helpers who enjoy working with young children (mostly 3 and 4 year-olds). Tammy Criswell will be the director to keep the evenings flowing smoothly. Tammy has several years' experience in this job and is basically unflappable.

Another important contribution is made by our decorators-- the folks who bring our settings to life. We have lost a few of our regular helpers and are in need of several folks to turn our church into a north woods venue. We decorate the sanctuary, the basement, the entry way, and other classroom areas as decorations are available. As you can see, it takes many people to run a successful VBS. If you are interested in helping, please let Colleen or Tammy know. Also, we are in need of individually wrapped snacks to send home with the children each evening. Items like Little Debbie cakes, Rice Krispy treats, and bags of chips are perfect for this purpose. Thanks in advance for all your help! You are always very generous when contributing to our children's ministries. Colleen McCartney

Prayer Team

Happy May!! A month filled with a day for celebrating mothers, graduates of high school and college, and a special day to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. And a new word of the month. This month, this word resonated with me. The word is one that I have used frequently. Self denial. Self denial is denying to self. Getting rid of bad habits. Forgetting what we want and becoming selfless. Sometimes we need to deny ourselves food, change our attitude, or getting rid of bad habits. In another life, I was a member of TOPS. We had a song about denying ourself food or the food would show on our hips. That song has gone through my head a thousand times. Besides denying ourselves food, we can be changing our attitudes. While we do not know what everyone goes through, we can be there for people. Praying for others, asking if they need help, just by loving them. By denying ourselves, we are becoming selfless. Remember to pray for us as we are praying for you.

United Women In Faith News

The **Martha Horne Circle** will meet on Thursday, May 7th, at 6:30 p.m. at the church. We will be collecting items to donate to the Neighborhood Supper. Any woman looking to join a circle is welcome to join us.

The **Hilda Weiss** will meet on Monday, May 11th, at 1 p.m.

The **Guiding Light Circle** will meet again on Tuesday, May 12th, at 1 p.m.

The **United Women In Faith Executive Board** will meet Monday, May 18th, at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Finances

E-Tithing is an automatic withdrawal from your checking account and is remitted automatically to the church. We can set it up so it will deduct from your checking account on the 1st and/or the 15th of each month. Contact the church office for more information!

Kroger Community Rewards – Please enroll in the Kroger Community Program. Go to www.krogercommunityrewards.com and all the details on creating an online account are there. Under Community Rewards make sure you search and select “Prospect St. United Meth. Chur” our Organization number is VF478. Thank you! If you have any questions, please call Erika.

If you have any question or concerns, please see our Finance Chair, Randy DeWitt.

Thank You Notes

Treasured PSUM Church Members, after much thought and prayer, I am writing to let you know that I will be retiring from my position as church secretary/financial secretary at the end of May. This chapter of my life has been one of the greatest blessings God has given me, and it is with both joy and a touch of sadness that I step into the next season He has prepared. Over the years, I have been privileged to meet many people and I have developed lasting friendships. I have worked with 7 ministers over the past 25 years. Every task I carried out, whether preparing the weekly bulletin or answering the phone, was a small offering to the Lord, and I am grateful for the trust you placed in me. I will miss the daily rhythm of working in the church office, but I look forward to finding new ways to serve. Retirement is not the end of my ministry — only a change in how I live it out. Thank you for your encouragement, your prayers, and your friendship. You will always hold a special place in my heart. With heartfelt thanks and blessings, **Erika Meligan**

Dear Prospect Street United Methodist Church, thank you for your donation of \$183.30 in the month of March. Because of your generosity, we can continue toward our goals to place our homeless pets into forever loving homes. **Payton Tiell, Shelter Manager Marion Area Humane Society**

Thank you so much for your donation of \$2,000 to Aspire Ministries! What a blessing that is to our ministry. Your donation will allow us to continue to serve our community by providing a Connection Center, clarifying and verifying needs, and referring callers to the best church and/or area resources to meet their needs. We work with our Partner Churches in Marion to help residents with diapers, wipes, and lotion for their infants, gas cards for medical appointments, and cleaning supplies. We love serving Marion with you! Thanks and be blessed!

Jenni Hypes and the team at Aspire Ministries

Health Benefits of Bell Peppers - Pick bell peppers to help fight cancer, memory decline and joint pain.



Bell peppers do it all — slice them into salads, roast them on the grill or stuff them with beans and rice. Crunchy, colorful and packed with nutrients, these versatile veggies may be some of the most underrated foods in your fridge.

Registered dietitian Lara Whitson, RD, LD, explains what makes bell peppers worth adding to your grocery list — and your plate.

Nutritional value of bell peppers

Bell peppers (also called capsicums) are nutrient-dense. They're low in calories, high in vitamins and minerals, and contain almost no fat.

One cup of chopped, raw red bell pepper provides:

- 39 calories
- 9 grams of carbohydrates
- 3 grams of fiber
- 1.5 grams of protein
- 6 milligrams of sodium
- 6 grams of sugar

Bell peppers also offer plenty of vitamins and minerals:

- 191 milligrams of vitamin C (212% of the daily value or DV)
- 234 micrograms of vitamin A (26% DV)
- 0.43 milligrams of vitamin B6 (25% DV)
- 69 micrograms of folate (vitamin B9) (17% DV)
- 2.4 milligrams of vitamin E (12% DV)

Nutrition varies slightly by color, but all bell peppers are low in calories and rich in vitamins and antioxidants.

Bell pepper health benefits

The vitamins, minerals and plant compounds in bell peppers add up to meaningful health benefits. Research shows bell peppers may:

1. Help prevent cancer

Bell peppers contain beta-cryptoxanthin, which your body converts into vitamin A. This compound may help lower the risk of certain cancers, including bladder, lung and colon cancer.

“Beta-cryptoxanthin helps protect your cells from damage that could lead to cancer,” says Whitson. “And people who eat a variety of fruits and vegetables tend to have a lower risk overall.”

2. Protect brain health

Some bell peppers — particularly red varieties — contain anthocyanins, pigments that give them their deep color. These natural compounds may help slow memory loss and cognitive decline as we age.

“There’s no magic food to prevent dementia, but anthocyanins are linked to better brain health,” clarifies Whitson.

3. Improve digestion and colon health

Most people don’t get enough fiber — and that can lead to digestive issues like constipation. Most adults should aim for 25 to 38 grams of fiber a day. A high-fiber diet has many benefits, including making stool softer and easier to pass.

“Bell peppers offer fiber without many calories, making them an easy way to boost your intake,” says Whitson. Fiber may help lower your risk of colon cancer, too.

The many ways to use bell peppers

Bell peppers are technically a fruit — a type of berry — but you’re more likely to find them in a stir-fry than a dessert. Their flavor depends on their color:

- Red peppers are the sweetest because they ripen the longest.
- Green peppers are picked early and have a more bitter taste.
- Yellow and orange peppers fall somewhere in between.

Despite the name, bell peppers aren’t spicy.

“They’re the only type of pepper without capsaicin, the compound that gives chili peppers their heat,” says Whitson.

Their crisp, mildly sweet flavor makes them incredibly versatile. Use them in:

- **Pastas:** Roast red peppers and add them to cream-based sauces or stir into macaroni and cheese.
- **Salads:** Add color and crunch with slivers of raw bell peppers or whip up a fresh salsa.
- **Sandwiches:** Layer roasted peppers into grilled cheese or deli sandwiches.
- **Snacks:** Dip raw slices in hummus or blend them into a roasted red pepper hummus.
- **Soups:** Dice and sauté peppers before adding them to veggie soups or stews.

What color bell pepper is the healthiest?

Each color of bell pepper has a slightly different nutrition profile:

- Red peppers are highest in beta-carotene.
- Orange peppers have the most lutein and zeaxanthin, which support eye health.
- Yellow peppers are especially rich in vitamin C.

“Aim for a rainbow on your plate,” says Whitson. Not a fan of red peppers? Try red cabbage, beets or other colorful fruits and vegetables. The more variety you eat, the more nutrients you’ll get.

Military Prayer List

I had a chance to talk recently with Brandon and Page Chaney. They report to two different military bases near Washington, D.C. Brandon has almost 20 years in the Army and will be retiring soon. He is now in charge of organizing Army groups to appear at various events. Page continues in the Justice Department and has 9 more years until she could retire. They have 2 little boys.

The other couple serving in the Army is Drew and Abby Row. They are serving in the United States.

Other active members are: Erika's son-in-law Waitman Kapaldo at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Darlynn Blessing's granddaughter Loren Nicole Peterson stationed in Highland Park, Illinois.

We also remember Joyce Thomas's granddaughter Jordan Hirn and her husband Thomas Hirn as he is being deployed.

Velma Clabaugh's great nephew Luke Bushatz had been in the active army and is now a member of the Alaska National Guard.

We also remember Anita Baker's granddaughter Kaitlyn Crosby as she serves in the Navy in California and the Highfill's daughter Lydia Highfill as she serves in the Air Force in Texas.

We appreciate the service of Andrew Craig who was a pilot in the Navy and is now in the Naval Reserve in Nevada and the Casey's son-in-law Darren Mills a native of New Zealand who is active in the New Zealand Navy.

I hope you continue to pray for these people and let me know if there are any updates.

Norma Stump 267-387-1251



May *Prayer List*

1. Lynn Clabaugh and Klay Seckel
2. Bob Lucas
3. Deborah Welch
4. Crews working on Marion city streets
5. Lleyton Holsinger
6. Natasha Carmichael and Faye Roszman
7. Keith Haas
8. Self denial
9. Richard Wilson
10. Farmers
11. Colleen McCartney
12. Kendall Carter and Liam Criswell
13. The waiter or waitress who takes care of you today
14. Declan Casey
15. The doctors and nurses at the ER
16. Vincent Casey II
17. Charlene Niner
18. Your dentist
19. Barbara Hersman, Kory Seckel, and Rowynn Holsinger
20. Staci Bond and Ed Zeisler
21. Self denial
22. Our mail person
23. The pastors at Marion area churches
24. Barb Pine
25. Betty Hampton
26. Shannon Wiestling
27. Karen Hall
28. Self denial
29. William Miller
30. Traveling mercies for those traveling this weekend
31. Ken Linstedt

May 2026

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | | | | 1 Life Line Screening 10 a.m. Book Study 11 a.m. Bible Study | 2 10 a.m. Children's Choir |
| 3 Holy Communion 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship | 4 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Board of Trustees | 5 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting | 6 6 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Senior Choir | 7 6:30 p.m. Martha Horne Circle | 8 10 a.m. Book Study 11 a.m. Bible Study | 9 10 a.m. Children's Choir |
| 10 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Prayer Team 10:30am Traditional Worship Ladies' Lunch 1 p.m. / YA Squad 2:30 p.m. / Youth | 11 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 1 p.m. Hilda Weiss Circle 6 p.m. SPPR | 12 1 p.m. Guiding Light Circle 6 p.m. VBS/Education Team 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting | 13 6 p.m. Wesley Scholarship 6 p.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Senior Choir | 14 7 p.m. Finance Team Newsletter Deadline | 15 10 a.m. Book Study 11 a.m. Bible Study 5 – 6 p.m. Neighborhood Supper Carry-Out | 16 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast 10 a.m. Children's Choir |
| 17 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship 3 p.m. Marion Music Club | 18 9:30 a.m. Bible Study 2 p.m. UWIF Executive Board 4:30 p.m. Laundry Love | 19 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting | 20 6 p.m. Bible Study | 21 3:45 p.m. Mobile Meals Meeting 6 p.m. Leadership Team | 22 10 a.m. Book Study 11 a.m. Bible Study | 23 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Community Breakfast |
| 24 8:30 a.m. Praise Celebration 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30am Traditional Worship Noisy Collection Salvation Army 1 p.m. / YA Squad 2:30 p.m. / Youth | 25 Memorial Day | 26 5 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. TOPS Weigh-In & Meeting | 27 6 p.m. Bible Study | 28 | 29 10 a.m. Book Study 11 a.m. Bible Study | 30 |
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10:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

Pastor: Joshua Freshour

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