

THE FRIENDLY VOICE

MAY 2020

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



LANGHORNE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Greetings from the Parsonage!

I hope you are all well and finding things to do and ways to grow in faith and spirit. That can be difficult in times like these. For me, I really do NOT want to listen to the daily news; but I know that I must keep up with it as best I can.

We have been "live-streaming" our Sunday and special worship services. That is to say, we are broadcasting the services over the internet. For those of you who cannot access the internet, I would like to hear from you so that we have a better list of who you are. Those of you with internet may know of folks in that situation - - please get their names to us so that we can serve them better.

For those of you with internet, thank you for your patience with the services. Mike Kephart and Sons are to be thanked for putting that all together for us as they learn new software much sooner than we had planned. A baptism by fire as some might say. But as Christians, we KNOW that such things do not happen without the Holy Spirit. The broadcasts are getting better and this last one in April went very well. We ask God's blessings upon all the service broadcasts going forward.

With all that has been going on, I wanted to do something fun for you all, so I asked Donna, our church secretary, to make this edition of the Friendly Voice just that - - FUN! As most of you know, we put out a call for your submissions for all kinds of entertaining pieces from jokes and puzzles to local history, interest stories, personal lock-down anecdotes, and creative writing. We received a number of submissions, so we hope that you enjoy this edition!

We also felt it was important to let you all know where we stand financially. It has been a concern since before I arrived back in 2017 and in the past two years the decade's decline in membership and in membership participation has continued. I have asked the Finance Committee to include a narrative statement of where we are right now in this May newsletter. Suffice it to say that we really do need you to send in your offerings to keep the church going. In this time, that may be difficult for some if they have been laid-off or lost their jobs totally. Do what you can. Those of you with means, please give a little more.

I'd like to send love to all those out there going above and beyond in this time. Many of you are making masks for residential health facilities and those hospitals who can take them; some are helping our more vulnerable folks with shopping; some continue to volunteer at pet shelters; the couple of garden angels who have been coming and tending to our grounds; people who are making phone calls and sending notes of love to people in our congregation to make sure they are doing alright; people sending messages of encouragement in our early struggles with online services; and of course, the online worship team of the Kepharts and Kerry Fenton who have been faithfully coming and helping to get the Word out to you each week.



Love to all of you who are working for all of us and in so doing, risking your health and for some, your lives, to keep all of us safe, healthy, and fed. Let us ALL help them and each other by staying home and following the Center for Disease Control's (CDC's) guidelines about wearing masks, social/physical distancing, washing hands, and home sanitation. Be mindful and follow the guidelines the grocery, drug, and other essential stores/businesses have laid out to keep you, others, and their staff safe and healthy. And, please, if you use disposable masks and gloves, dispose of them properly in the trash cans and not on the ground or parking lots.

If you are sick, stay at home and follow you health care provider's directions. Let me know if you need to go to the hospital for any reason. I will not be able to visit at the present time, but I can call you and certainly keep you in prayer.

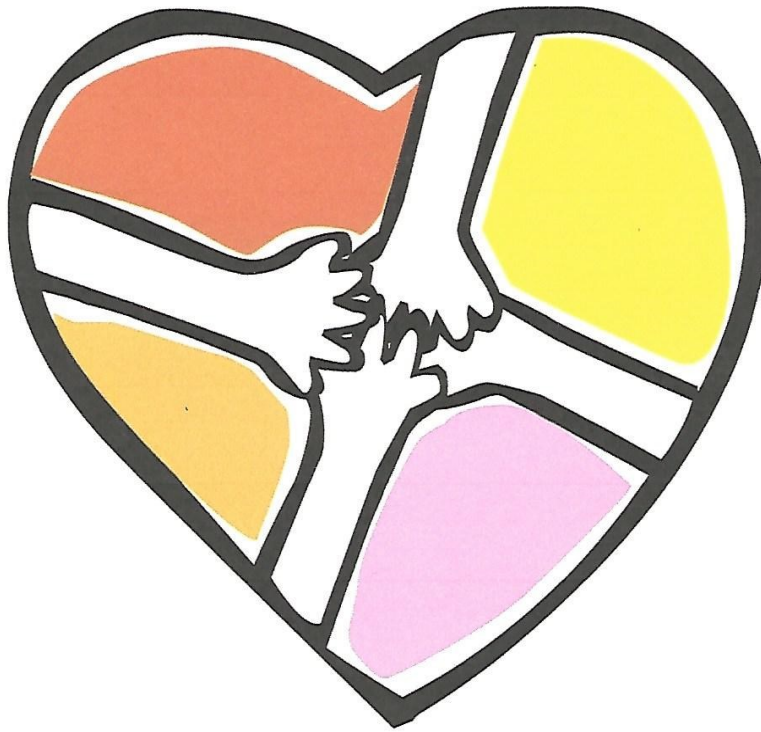
Much love to our smallest of heroes!! Jennifer Gill reminded us on Face Book recently that most of our children are really doing well in all of this and are proving to be sources of great joy and examples of faith in action. Let us be energized by their love and faith! The Holy Spirit works through such children of God. The Spirit works through so many of those I have mentioned above! The Spirit works through YOU.

Feel the power and the love God has for you through the Spirit who flows through and lives in us all. Share it, and know it is shared with you. We are never alone. If you feel lonely or scared, or if you think someone might need a call, pick up the telephone and call someone. Call me, if you like.

We will get through all this, TOGETHER!

Peace always in Christ,
Laurie, your Pastor.
Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen. -- 1 Peter 4:8-11 NRSV



Spring Sunday Scripture Schedule, Plus...



Here are the scriptures that are scheduled for each Sunday in May. They are subject to change should there be a substitute preacher, or if the Holy Spirit moves me to change one or two... I generally pick two of the four to focus on each Sunday, and often use the Psalter reading as a call to worship.

Please remember that all Sunday services offered during the COVID-19 lock-down will be ONLINE at 9:30a, and available to watch anytime after that. Once the lock-down is lifted, we will meet again for services in church, but they will also be available online going forward. You can find the link to our YouTube channel on our website: www.lumc-online.org

Feel free to read the scriptures below in anticipation of the worship services!

May

Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler

May 3rd – 4th Sunday of Easter

Apostolic/New Testament Lesson	Acts 2:42-47
Psalter/Old Testament Reading	Psalms 23
Epistle/New Testament Lesson	1 Peter 2:19-25
Gospel/New Testament Lesson	John 10:1-10

May 10th – 5th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day/Festival of the Christian Home

Apostolic/New Testament Lesson	Acts 7:55-60
Psalter/Old Testament Reading	Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16
Epistle/New Testament Lesson	1 Peter 2:2-10
Gospel/New Testament Lesson	John 14:1-14

May 17th – 6th Sunday of Easter

Apostolic/New Testament Lesson	Acts 17:22-31
Psalter/Old Testament Reading	Psalms 66:8-20
Epistle/New Testament Lesson	1 Peter 3:13-22
Gospel/New Testament Lesson	John 14:15-21

May 24th – 7th Sunday of Easter; Ascension Sunday*; UM Heritage/Aldersgate Sunday

Apostolic/New Testament Lesson	Acts 1:6-14
Psalter/Old Testament Reading	Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35
Epistle/New Testament Lesson	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Gospel/New Testament Lesson	John 17:1-11

*Ascension Day is Thursday, May 21st this year. Scriptures to read on this day are Acts 1:1-11, Ps. 47, Eph. 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53.

May 31st – Day of Pentecost! Happy Birthday to God's Holy Church of Christ!!

Apostolic/New Testament Lesson	Acts 2:1-21
Psalter/Old Testament Reading	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b
Epistle/New Testament Lesson	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel/New Testament Lesson	John 7:37-39



Plus, mark your calendars...

New Weekly Early Morning Women's Bible Study: The Lectionary Scriptures - - Every Thursday morning ***starting Summer of 2020 (date TBD)*** (pending lock-down duration) from 8:00-10:00a we look at the scriptures that will be the focus for the following Sunday's worship, while enjoying the fellowship of a light continental breakfast here at church (with an occasional breakfast out!). Group members will be asked to help with the goodies on a weekly volunteer basis. Class sign-up sheet is hanging next to the pastor's office door.



This is a little fun thing to do!

Quarantine Exercise: Can you find the names of sixteen (16) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

There really are sixteen names of books hidden in this story!

COVID-19 Update from the Eastern PA Conference of the United Methodist Church

April 30, 2020

Greetings All.

Know that I have been praying for us all as we paddle through these unknown waters separately, but together. We will need to continue our stay-at-home, quarantine, lock-down status until we hear from Pennsylvania's Department of Health, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and Governor Wolf. This may take a while, and when we do change our status for the better, it will need to come in phases. At this time, there are three phases:

- RED, which we are in NOW;
- YELLOW;
- and GREEN.

The conference reports that "we do not yet have a timeline or date to move to the YELLOW PHASE."

On April 29, 2020, our Bishop and Cabinet released "guidelines of best practices as we move through the coming weeks and months ahead." If you would like to view this list, please click on the link below* to the conference website and the post which I am referencing to create this update. There is an additional link that will take you to the guidelines at the bottom of the website post. The conference reports that "these guidelines may be updated or changed as we learn new information from the PA Department of Health/CDC."

I have been asked to share this document with our church leadership and have done so with a core group from the Administrative Board. As a core, we will read the document for total understanding and then meet with the entire Administrative Board in the near future to discuss the documents, and how we will comply with the guidelines with the safety and comfort of all in mind. The Conference tells us that they are creating a Q&A document related to the guidelines for best practices for us. It will be released in the near future.

This local church and the EPA Conference speak in concert as the Conference states:

"Most important, the health and welfare of our members and communities remain our first priority. Please especially watch the CDC and Department of Health for information that relates specifically to vulnerable populations. We will continue to monitor the directives for these groups."

My love and prayers are with you all. Let me know if you need some extra love, prayers, or just an ear to listen. I am here as are many of your church family members. You are not alone even though, for some of you, it may feel like you are. Take care. Stay home, stay healthy, and stay faithful.

In Christ's peace and love,
Laurie, your pastor
Rev. Laurie Pfahler, Langhorne United Methodist Church

*Link to the full EPA Conference website post and guidelines link:

https://www.epaumc.org/news-information/2020/04/pandemic-re-opening-best-practices-for-churches/?fbclid=IwAR0js60pt6fW69Tn7_JJazUzbGTDXphpc4tMCdv4f4iqJPYwLoVgOh0N4o

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Hello Folks!

We received the following note from Langhorne Borough. The way it worded suggests this act of solidarity applies to ALL residents of Pennsylvania. The church will be participating by ringing its bells THIS Sunday night (May 3) at 7:00 pm with the rest of PA! Please Participate as you are able.

Here is the note:

Good Morning;

I hope you are well.

I have been asked by Mayor Joseph Taylor to reach out to churches in Langhorne Borough and ask if they would take part in “Bells Across Pennsylvania Day” on Sunday May 3, 2020 at 7:00 pm

- To recognize and honor first responders, healthcare workers, and employees of grocery stores, pharmacies and other life-sustaining businesses who have maintained essential services while at risk of infection from COVID-19
- To show solidarity with elected officials and residents of municipalities across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of whom are fighting COVID-19 on the frontlines together; and
- To demonstrate a collective resolve that Pennsylvanians will prevail over COVID-19 and work tirelessly to ensure that their businesses and civic life will thrive once again.

At 7:00 p.m., all Pennsylvanians and churches will be asked to ring bells for three minutes -- one minute for each of the above purposes.

Thank you and stay safe.

Thanks,

Christine Schoell

Borough manager

Langhorne Borough

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ATTENTION UMW MEMBERS and CHURCH MEMBERS

URGENT NEED

Our UMW sisters in Newtown have called our attention to a new and urgent need by Casa del Pueblo, the organization Rev. Luky Cotto runs and spoke to us about last October. There are four families with new babies in great need; and while the UMW is making a contribution from its funds, there is still a huge need since their employment was dependent on businesses now closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

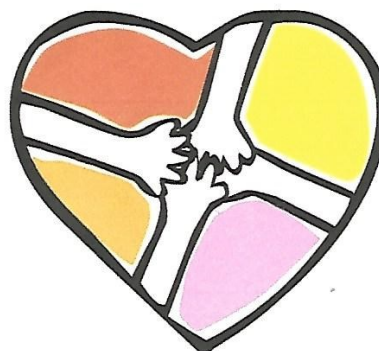
Please do a bit of fundraising with your friends, family, and other church members, and if you are able, please give what you can to help these people in dire need. Please make your checks out to:

"Casa del Pueblo"

and mail them to our church office - -

LUMC, 301 East Maple Avenue, Langhorne PA 19047.

Thank you!! Stay well, stay home.



CANCELLATIONS

The UMW has decided to cancel both the Flea Market (May 9th) and the Salad Supper (May 12th). When we will be able to safely open for large group events is still not known.

The Flea Market MIGHT be rescheduled for later this summer, but NO promises. The UMW will let us know.



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Take care, all. Stay well, stay home. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.



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Calkins Memorial Scholarship Award Application - 2020

Background - This memorial scholarship was established in 1978 after the tragic loss of Ellen Adele Calkins. While a senior enrolled at the University of Delaware, she was killed in an automobile accident at the young age of 21. This scholarship fund was later increased after the deaths of Jacqueline Calkins in 1987 and Frederic Calkins in 2015 to honor their memory, as well.

Qualifications -

- Candidate must be a sophomore, junior or senior in good academic standing at an accredited, recognized two-year or four-year institution.
- Candidate must be a member of Langhorne United Methodist Church by confirmation, transfer, or profession of faith.
- Candidate must complete this entire application legibly, then sign and date it. If the applicant is under 18 years of age, the application must be co-signed by the applicant's legal parent/guardian.

If answers to the questions exceed the space provided, the applicant may attach an additional piece of paper; but, we encourage the applicant to be concise when answering the questions. PLEASE PRINT ALL ANSWERS CLEARLY.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT THE APPLICATION IS MAY 15th, 2020

Please submit the application to:

Langhorne United Methodist Church, 301 E. Maple Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047

Attn: Calkins Scholarship Committee/Rev. Laurie J. Pfahler.

The scholarship will be announced in June and the check from the church will be made payable to the student's college.

Applicant's Name - _____

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

Home Mailing Address - _____

Phone Numbers – Home: () _____

Cellular: () _____

College/University Attending – _____

Name and address of the office to receive the check, IF you are awarded the scholarship:

Current Year in School: Sophomore Junior Senior

Major Area of Study at This Time: _____

General Educational Goals -

Current and Past Involvement with LUMC –

Current:

Past:

Are you a member of LUMC? Yes No

If "Yes," when did you become a member? ____ / ____ / ____

Do you take time to worship God in a church and/or school chapel *while at school*? Yes No

If "Yes," how often? 2-3 times/week 1 time/week 2-3 times/month

monthly 1-3 times/semester

While at school, how are you living out your Baptismal covenant to "faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by (your) prayers, (your) presence, (your) gifts, (your) service, and (your) witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ?"¹

Signature – I have filled out this application truthfully and to the best of my ability.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Applicant's Legal Parent/Guardian if Applicant is Under Age 18

Date

¹ United Methodist Hymnal; The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville TN, ©1989; Baptismal Covenants I & II, pp. 33-44. "...our witness..." was added to these portions of the vows by the UMC General Conference in 2008.

NOTE FROM OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE (Raul Torres)

Greetings to Church Family and Friends, Lifting prayers that you are well and with God's help hanging safe at home. Unfortunately the finances of our church are not well. We are running a \$12,000.00 loss and an overall loss of \$25,000.00 to our budget as of March 2020. We continue to ask that you present your tithes and offerings online or by mail as best you can so we can do our best to meet our obligations. Trusting that God will provide and will grant a victorious end to this COVID-19 crisis. God bless you all.



On the morning of Thursday, April 23rd 2020, our brother, William "Bill" Weisser went home to be with the Lord. Please lift Gerry Weisser, Kathy Friend and Billy Weisser, and all the Weisser, Friend, Rowlands, and Stockburger families in your prayers at this time for Christ's strength, comfort, and peace.

Carol Annucci has been busy making prayer shawls for the United Methodist Women's prayer shawl ministry. Carol also has been making cloth washable masks and donating them to Attleboro for use by employees there, and also donated some to CATS Bridge to Rescue where she volunteers.

Thank you Carol for spending your time thinking of others, I am sure everyone appreciates your hard work.

MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP

A SATISFYING MEAL

Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work."

JOHN 4:34 ESV

Have you ever been so focused on a project that tasks like drinking water, sleeping, or even eating get pushed to the very bottom of your to-do list? If you're passionate and excited about what you're doing, time has a way of slip-sliding past.

The disciples had been with Jesus long enough by now to know that when it came to loving others, He was always in that deep-focus mode. So they'd gotten into the habit of gently reminding Him, "Rabbi, eat" (John 4:31 ESV).

Although Jesus absolutely needed to nourish His human body, He also understood the fulfillment that comes from doing God's will—the kind of satisfaction that leaves your soul full after a filling, spiritual feast. Maybe you've experienced that fulfillment too—in leading someone to Christ, doing someone a kindness, or using your God-given talents to further His kingdom.

God has uniquely positioned you at His banquet table with a deeply satisfying feast laid before you. If you don't recognize what or where your soul food is, ask Him to show you. Then be on the lookout for the opportunity to dive in, heart first.

Father, I long for that deep satisfaction that I only find in working for You. My napkin is laid in my lap. I'm ready for the first course. Amen.



MIKE KEPHART AND FAMILY

During this time of Worship by YouTube and family visits by Zoom.com we would like to express gratitude and much appreciation to the Kephart family for their dedicated contribution in providing the technical expertise which makes it possible to see and hear Pastor Laurie. Kudos to Mike, Jennifer, John, Matthew and Allison. You work diligently to make Sunday Worship a special time for those of us who are home bound. Thank you and God bless each one of you!

As for Zoom.com we were so disappointed that our trip to MD was cancelled. There were plans to see our oldest granddaughter in Frozen 2, Jr and to celebrate the youngest granddaughter's birthday the last week of March. But then the magic of Zoom.com allowed us to see her birthday cake cutting and singing "Happy Birthday" too. An added bonus was to see them on their Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. What marvelous ways does God provide for us that in spite of troubles, turmoil, setbacks and disappointments we can still rejoice and sing: "Christ the Lord is risen today. Alleluia". We saw a rainbow in the sky one day after the rain and there is so much joy and thankfulness in our hearts. Hallelu Yah! Praise be to God,

Ruth & Raul





Things have been relatively quiet around the church, other than the complaints from our neighbors about our trees. The large Silver Maple in the front of the church is in bad shape. It has been dropping branches onto our neighbor's yard and he is concerned for his young children. And, a woman who lives behind the church is also dealing with dead and falling branches.

I asked Big Oak Tree Service to take a look. He says that the Silver Maple is dead in the upper parts and really needs to be cut back. He did remove a lot of the branches that have been falling onto the neighbor's yard, at the expense of the neighbor because the tree is on the property line. Doing the work that is needed however is on us – starting and the top and bringing it down about half way to save the tree. This will be \$3,500. He is now checking the trees behind the church to give me a price – they are the dead Ash trees and they need to be removed.

Both of these issues need to be addressed – and we don't have the money readily available. I read a comment on Facebook that a woman posed that says "My car mileage has increased greatly, I am now getting three weeks per gallon." So, perhaps you could use some of your gas budget to the tree fund; after all, your gas mileage has probably tripled in the past few weeks

The refrigerator has been ordered and will be installed when some of the restrictions have been removed.

So what have you been doing with your time? Do you find yourselves wandering around looking for something to do? Don't worry, the fur babies are still supplying plenty of dog hair to be swept. However, I find that with the infinite amount of time located in this very finite house, I have been doing a lot of self-examination. For example, I have found closets that benefited from a healthy clean out – but they got me thinking, As I stood in front of the first closet I found myself asking "Why do you have SO Many clothes." I have worn nothing other than stretch pants and sweat shirts for the past three weeks. I made a pledge to get rid of half the stuff. Really, how many navy blue shirts can you wear? So, I stuck to my plan, half is going to a donation center and I am going to keep my closets organized. I have gone through every thing I own, divided into piles of keep and donate and am proud that I have not second-guessed any of my decisions. It took me three days! Bottom line, I have filled quite a few bags to take to a donation center, Bad news, the donation centers are all closed so my bags will be adding to the the junk on the deck. But, it's ok, the project took me several days so I was able to occupy myself for quite a few hours!



Lyn Wallace

Missing Our Church

By Holly and Craig Rogerson

What a strange time we are going through.

We miss our church friends who are our family; as well as our other friends and family.

Craig and I are both working from home and generally only go out to the grocery store and to drop off something for Naomi at Attleboro. We talk with Naomi everyday.

We have been binge watching Netflix and Prime and movies. We find that takes us to another world, so we aren't constantly thinking about the virus.

We have had many blessings during this time. We Facetime with our grandchildren pretty much every day, and we talk daily with our daughter Sarah. Our grandchildren are a joy and we are blessed with 3. A few funny stories: Jacob the 3 year old decided to be a tiger and so drew stripes on his entire body with magic marker, then my daughter posted a video of Jacob walking up the sidewalk carrying his brother's skate board. Caption said. I think Jacob has had enough of us, as he is leaving and going to see his friends Caroline and Kelsey, and then going hunting! Such a funny kid!

Holly has been reading and studying from Max Lucado's "Anxious About Nothing". It's a book, study guide and CD. If anyone has ever experienced anxiety this book will help immensely. It is a very timely discussion based on Philippians 4:4-8.

Philippians 4: 4-8

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus, Finally brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things."



Thought you'd enjoy a picture of us going out to the grocery store!

Wishing all our friends the very best in this challenging time of patience and waiting.

Congratulations to Our 2020 Graduating Class!

We send you much love and lift prayers for all the blessings you can handle in this life ahead of you!!

Peace, joy, success, and much growth in faith and God's grace!
Your family at Langhorne United Methodist Church


2020 High School Seniors

1. Alex Daeche - Neshaminy High School; either Northeastern or Lehigh University, Engineering major
2. Shelby Deibler - Moorestown Friends School; Wellesley College, International Relations/French major
3. Taylor Glass - Neshaminy High School; Cabrini College, Early Childhood Education major
4. Megan Pritchard - Neshaminy High School; Virginia Tech, Engineering major
5. Lauren Rowlands - Council Rock South High School; Boston University, Journalism major

2020 College Graduates

1. Travis Green – United States Navy, graduated from Hospital Corpsman School
2. Lt. Mitchell Krzywonos – University of Pittsburgh, BA History; United States Army; will attend Tank Platoon Leader School at Ft. Benning
3. Jillian Rowlands - Towson University, BS Deaf Studies
4. Sara Rowlands - Boston University, BS Health Studies from Sargent College of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences
5. Patrick Turner- Oklahoma University, BS Aerospace Engineering





Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs.

Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all. But Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details. Give me wings to get to the point.

Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They're increasing, and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the time goes by.


I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but please help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory but for a growing humility and a lessening coxsureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken. Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint, some of them are hard to live with. But a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil.

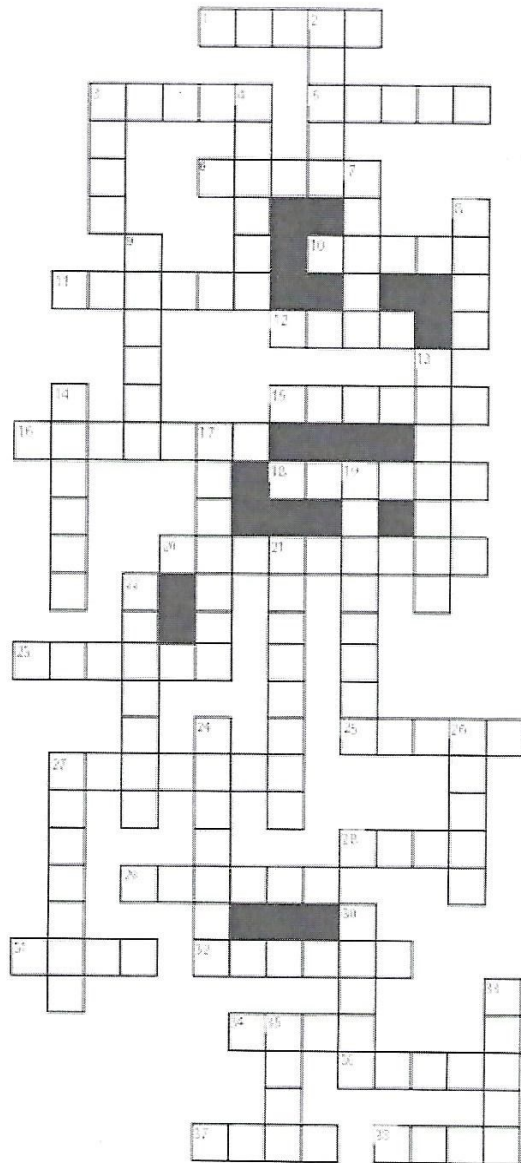
Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

-Dorothy Shellenberger

**Paraphrased from an anonymous prayer
written by a nun in the seventeenth century.**



Sermon on The Mount



ACROSS

- 1 "____, and it shall be opened unto you."
 3 "A good tree cannot ____ forth evil fruit"
 5 "I will liken him unto a wise man, which ____ his house upon a rock."
 6 Lay not up treasures here
 10 "Beware of ____ prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing"
 11 "Neither cast ye your ____ before swine"
 12 "Because strait is the ____, and narrow is the way"
 15 "Ye shall know them by their ____."
 16 "And every one that ____ these sayings of mine, and doeth"
 18 "Consider the ____ of the field, how they grow."
 20 "For he taught them as one having ____, and not as the scribes."
 23 Jesus told them to "enter into thy ____" to pray and shut the door!
 25 "Give us this day, our ____ bread"
 27 "As we ____ our debtors"
 28 "Or if he ask a ____, will he give him a serpent?"
 29 "Judge not that ye be not ____"
 31 "And the winds blew, and ____ upon that house"
 32 "Ye cannot serve God and ____"
 34 "Sufficient unto the day is the ____ thereof."
 36 "Whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a ____?"
 37 "Seek, and ye shall ____"
 38 "Is not the life more than ____, and the body than raiment?"

DOWN

- 2 "Which of you by taking thought can add one ____ unto his stature?"
 3 "first cast out the ____ of thine own eye"
 4 "Do men gather ____ of thorns"
 7 "For where your treasure is, there will your ____ be also."
 8 "And ____ us not into temptation"
 9 "He seeth in secret"
 13 "Hypocrites love to pray out there in them"
 14 "thy Father which seeth in ____ himself shall reward thee openly."
 17 "Therefore I say unto you, Take no ____ for your life"
 19 "Not everyone that saith unto me, ____, ____, shall enter into"
 21 "Our Father, which art in heaven, ____ be thy name."
 22 "No man can serve two ____"
 24 "enter into the ____ of heaven"
 26 "The ____ of the body is the eye."
 27 "and it fell not: for it was ____ upon a rock."
 30 "Behold the ____ of the air: for they sow not"
 33 "and it fell: and ____ was the fall of it."
 35 "But when ye pray, use not ____ repetitions"



How'd It Go Today?

What kind of day did you have today? Mark where you fit on each of the lines below which best describes the kind of day you had today.

Barefoot in the Park _____ *Nightmare on Elm Street*

Sunny _____ *Stormy*

I felt like royalty _____ *I felt like a gym shoe*

Super model _____ *Bad hair day*

Dr. Jekyll _____ *Mr. Hyde*

Wonder Dog _____ *Fire hydrant*

Energizer Bunny _____ *Dead battery*

Tazmanian Devil _____ *Rip Van Winkle*

King Midas _____ *Court Jester*

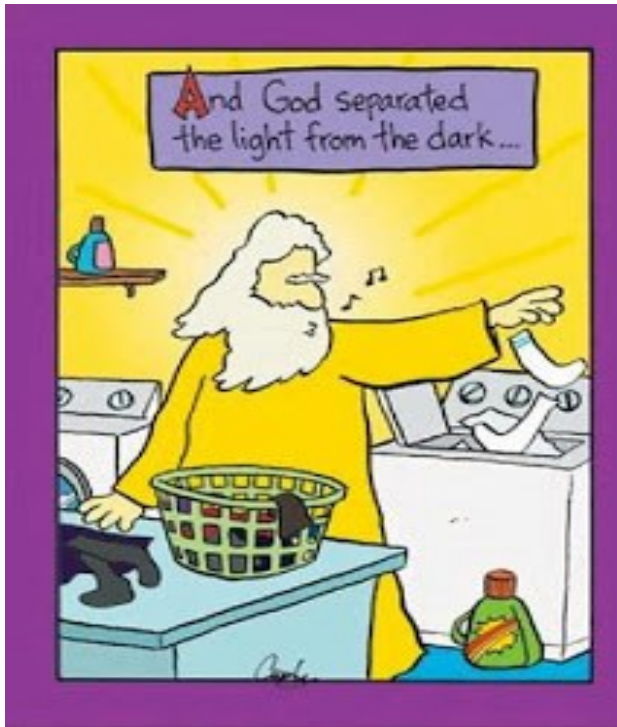
Mother Teresa _____ *Madonna*

Statue _____ *Pigeon*

Men develop a "nesting" instinct in their maturity. They lust after a chair with cushions that shape to their contour, a nice light that illuminates the newspaper draped over their chest, and a television tuner that brings in sound to cover their deep breathing.

- Erma Bombeck

CHURCH JOKES



**HONK IF YOU LOVE
JESUS TEXT
WHILE DRIVING IF YOU
WANT TO MEET HIM**

1. What time of day was Adam created?

Just a little before Eve.

2. Who was the fastest runner in the race?

Adam. He was first in the human race.

3. Why are atoms Catholic?

Because they have mass.

4. Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?

Because Noah was always standing on the deck

5. What's so funny about forbidden fruits?

They create many jams.

6. Why couldn't Jonah trust the ocean?

He just knew there was something fishy about it.

7. What kind of car does Jesus typically drive?

A Christler.

8. What do we have that Adam never had?

Ancestors.

9. How does Moses make his coffee?

Hebrews it, obviously.

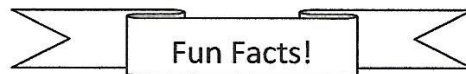
10. Why did God create man before woman?

Because He didn't want any advice on how to do it.

7. She was the FIRST to see the risen Christ and to share the GOOD NEWS; John 20
8. She was Moses' first wife, daughter of Jethro of Midian; Ex. 2
9. A female prophetess who waited her whole long life to proclaim the birth of Christ; Luke 2
10. Servant to Sarah and mother to Ishmael, first-born to Abraham; Gen. 16
11. Much loved by all for her love, God raised her from the dead through Peter; Acts 9:36-42
12. Feisty Queen before Esther became Queen; Esther 1
13. Peter did NOT let her and her husband get away with cheating the new community; Acts 5

Across: Un-named Women in the Bible (ALL of the answers are two- to four-word answers; no spaces between the words.)

14. Her faith in Christ helped to remove the demon from her daughter; Mark 7:24-30
15. Suffering after a bad dream, she told her husband to "have nothing to do with that innocent man," Jesus. She was wife to _____; Matt. 27:19
16. Urged her husband to end his suffering with suicide and give up on God; 18th Book in the OT ☺
17. Samaritan who dropped jugs and ran to declare the Messiah had come; John 4
18. Royalty who came a great distance seeking wisdom from Solomon - _____ Sheba; 1Kings 10:1-13
19. Egyptian woman who pursued a very young Hebrew man (he once had a colorful coat!): Gen. 39
20. She AND her husband were both prophets, and following the Lord's command, had a son together; Is. 8:1-4
21. She and her mother (Herod's brother's wife) took advantage of Herod's admiration of her and his promise to give her anything she wanted to have John the Baptist beheaded. She is referred to only as the _____; Matt. 14:1-12



Trivia About Women in the Bible¹:

- Abraham's wife Sarah holds the distinction of being the ONLY woman in Scripture where her age at death is recorded. She died at the age of 127 (Genesis 23:1).
- Rachel, Jacob's most beloved wife, is the first of several women recorded in the Bible as dying in childbirth (Genesis 35:16 - 19).
- Deborah was the only woman Judge over ancient Israel (Judges 4:4). She performed this important responsibility for forty years, from 1192 to 1152 B.C. She is also the only known Israelite woman who chose the military leader of the army (Judges 4:6).
- Athaliah was the only woman to reign and rule over any Israelites. She was the sole monarch of the Kingdom of Judah from 841 to 835 B.C. Her and Jezebel are the only two women known to have exercised the authority to command a mass murder be committed to suit their own evil goals (1Kings 18:4, 2Kings 11:1 - 2, 2Chronicles 22:10 - 11).

For more trivia, go to <https://www.biblestudy.org/trivia/women.html>

¹ BibleStudy.org; accessed 03/26/2020; <https://www.biblestudy.org/trivia/women.html>

A Mother's Prayer

Dear Lord,

So far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or very indulgent. I'm very grateful for that. But in a few minutes, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on, I'm going to need a lot more help.

Amen.





“A SALUTE TO OUR SOLDIERS”

I see you standing among them all
Standing so strong, proud and tall
The world looks at you, but does not see
Everything you sacrifice to keep us free

I'm here to say, to let you know
That you are loved, even if it doesn't show
You fight for our hopes, dreams and liberty
You fight for our freedom....A hero to be

We want you to know, your never alone
For we are waiting, for you to come home
But the hardest thing for a person to be
Is you.. A SOLDIER, fighting
To keep us free

**THANK YOU TO ALL OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE ARMED FORCES
OF THE UNITED STATES
WHO HAVE SACRIFICED SO MUCH....**



Lest We Forget

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The Story of the Poppy

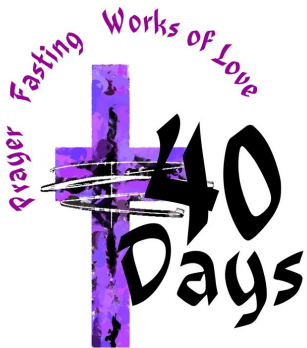
The poppy flower only grows in the absence of other flowers and only in ground that has been churned. In perhaps the best known poem of World War I, when Dr. John McCrae observed poppies growing between the crosses on the soldiers' graves, it inspired him to write the poem *In Flanders Fields*. The poppy has since become known as "The Flower of Remembrance" and is worn in memory of our veterans.

I'm sharing this poppy in remembrance of the veterans as well as the active service members and wishing you a beautiful Memorial Day weekend.

40 DAYS

Something to think about...

- 40 days the flood lasted...
- 40 years the Exodus lasted...
- 40 days of fasting in the desert where Jesus was tempted...
- 40 days of appearances of Jesus after his crucifixion and resurrection...
- 40 days isolation "quarantine" has been called in many areas.
- Number 40 specifically in the Bible attracts much attention, even today.
- 40 days is what is recommend for a woman to rest after giving birth.
- 40 is the weeks of gestation.
- A group of theologians think that number 40 represents "change", it is the preparation time of a person or people to give fundamental change.
- Will something happen after these 40 days?
- Rivers are cleaning, vegetation is growing, air is clean due to less pollution, the starry sky in the evening is visible even where it was covered by pollution, less theft, less murders.
- The earth is on rest for first time in many years.
- I would like to take advantage of these 40 days.
- In the Bible, every time number 40 appears there is a "change."
- So, if we are in quarantine (obligated), let's enjoy it with family; it could be of great blessing, and we will see the changes God will make in our lives.
- If we add that we are in 2020 that equals $20 + 20 = 40$, let it be what God wants in any event!
- The word quarantine is from Italian and means "a period of forty days".



Submitted by:

Marybeth States

My Rocky Start as a Food Blogger

This weekend, I did something I've never done before (at least that I can remember). I took a picture of my meal and posted it on social media.

It was a perfect omelet, crammed with bacon, onions, and cheese. But little did I realize I'd committed one cardinal food sin: I'd put ketchup on it. Almost immediately the hateful responses rolled in:

"What did that omelet do to you?!"

"Monster."

"Why do you hate food?"

It takes a big man to be so publicly out about something so obviously terrible. Respect.

Other responses, took a theological, but still mean-spirited, turn:

"You are a sinner in need of the gospel."

"Get behind me, Satan."

"Who sinned? You or your parents?"

But as I languished in my persecution, and other ketchup-on-egg lovers were slow to come to my defense (I know you're out there!), salvation finally came.

The Heinz Ketchup Twitter account (the official account!) chimed in. They posted only one word in response to my much-maligned post:

"Eggcellent."

Ah, sweet redemption. The approval of an iconic American brand was more than enough to make up for all the haters. I'll be drowning my eggs in ketchup forever.

Drew Dyck

Contributing Editor, CHURCH HUMOR, Christianity Today

Submitted by Bill Bryan



Grave Violation

Drew Dyck, Contributing Editor, CHURCH HUMOR, Christianity Today



WEDDING WHITE

A little girl finally got to attend a wedding for the first time. While in the church, the girl asked her mother: "Why is the bride dressed in white?" The mother replied to the girl: "because white is the color of happiness and it's the happiest day of her life today."

After a little bit, the girl looks up at her mother and says: "But, then why is the groom wearing black?"

MARRIAGE AND COFFEE

Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said: "It's right here—HEBREWS."

Kid's Say The Darndest Things



On 4/6/2020 Ben he is 6 and Jacob he is almost 4 (Holly & Craig Rogerson
Grand Children)

Ben - God please make all the sickness stop. And keep us safe and healthy.

And God please don't let a meteoroid hit the earth and if it does use all your magic
and lift us up.

Jacob - And God, I don't think Saturn will hit us.

Ben & Jacob AMEN!

Last night Jacob's prayer.

Jacob - God I want you to make sure coronavirus is gone in Grammy and Poppie's
house.

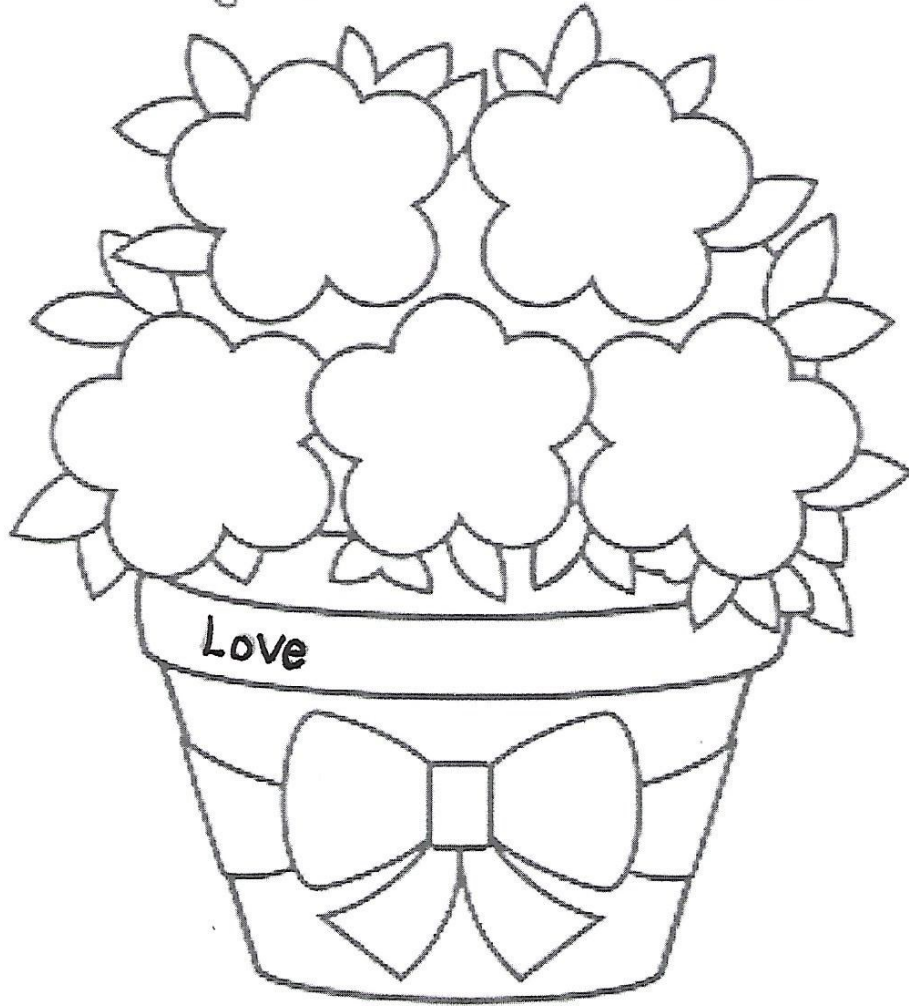
And make sure earth don't explode.

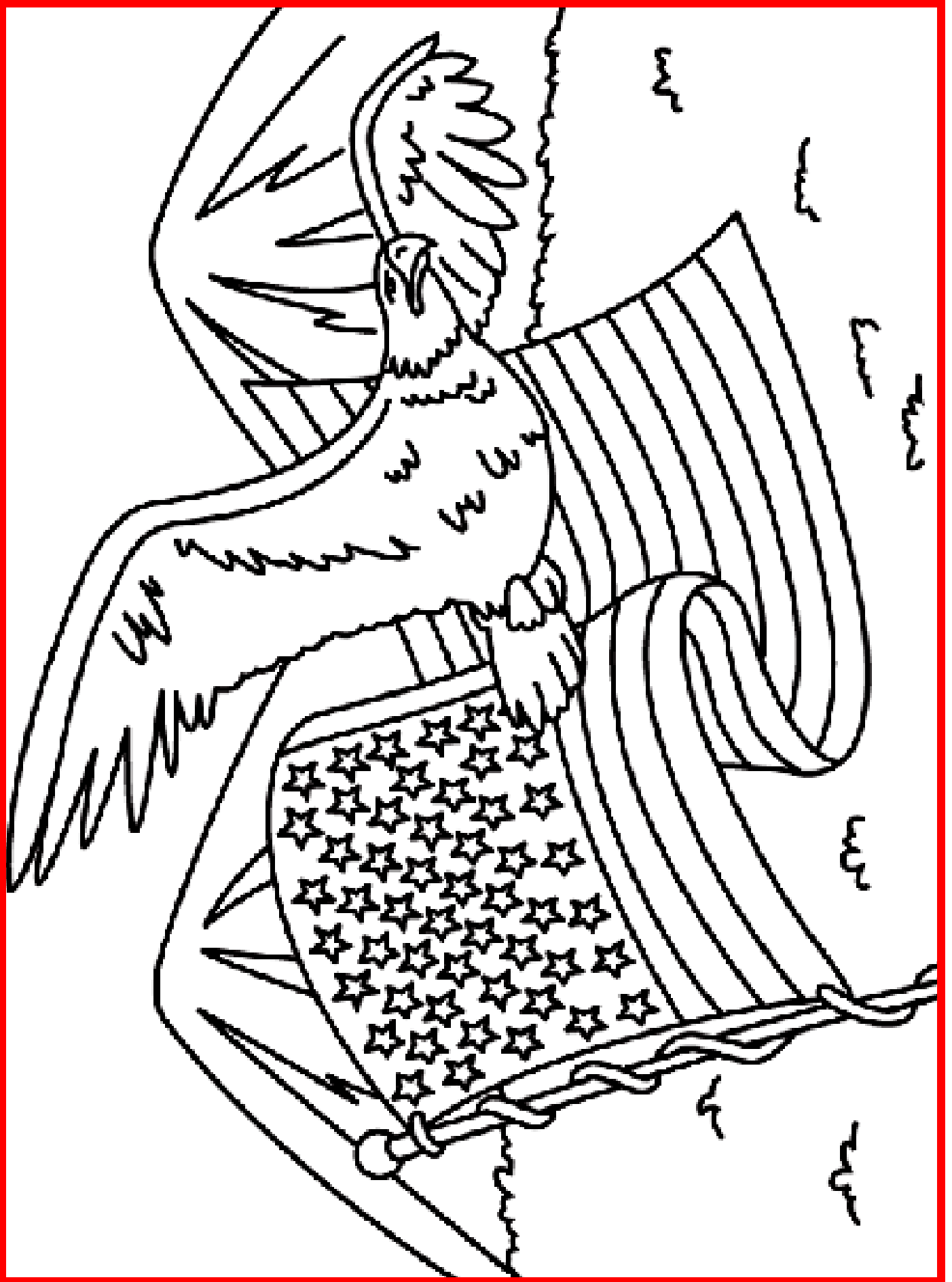
And God, I want to make sure you have a small intestine.

Jacob AMEN!

Color Page

My Mom is.....







MAY SENIOR BIRTHDAYS

Send our Seniors a Birthday Wish, and let them know you are thinking of them !!

May 8

George Dito, 6508 Hessian Turn, Bensalem, PA 19020

May 16

Maralyn Wayles, 1900 Byberry Rd, Apt. 309, Bensalem, PA, 19020

Les Tomlinson, 561 Clarissa Lane, Penndel, PA 19047

Ruth Campo, 61 Milton Street, Feasterville, PA 19053

MAY 17

Joan Cunningham, 209 Aspen Ave., Langhorne, PA 19047

May 22

Karen Arner, 117 Winding lane, Newtown, PA 18940

May 23

Andrea Bryan, 104 Hollow Road, Levittown, PA 19056

May 28

Joe McDonald, 1276 Thames Crescent, Yardley, PA 19067

May 29

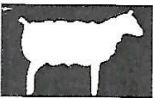
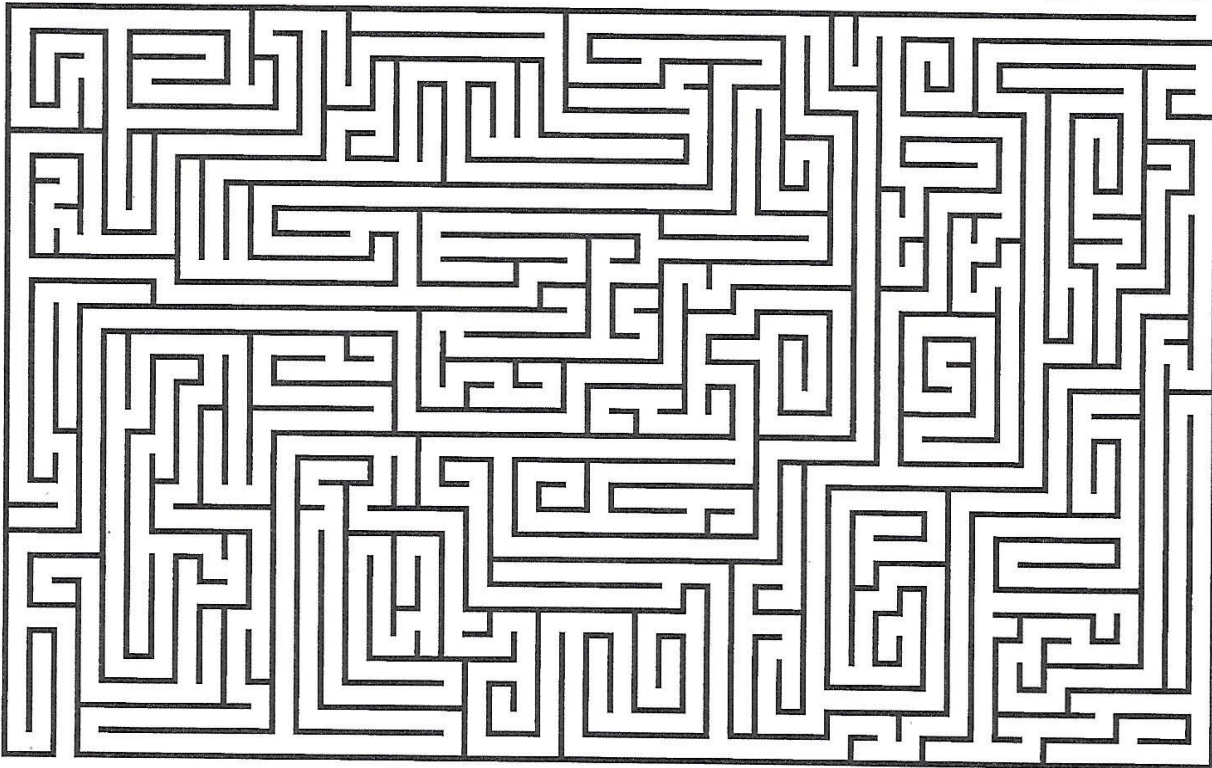
Ernest Pietsch, 400 Station Avenue, Langhorne, PA19047

May 30

Jane Schmidt, 26 Tupelo Lane, Langhorne, PA 19047



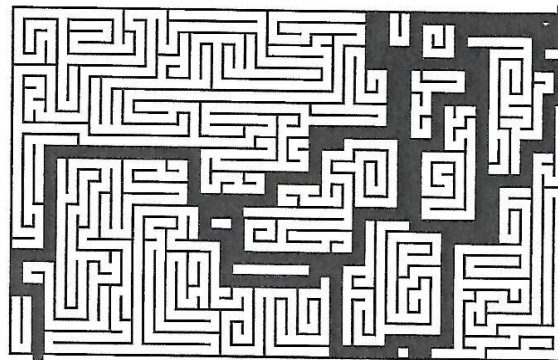
The Lost Sheep. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). He also said, "For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). Help this sheep find his way through the maze. *Solution below.*



RIDDLE

A father is 62 when his daughter is 36. How many years has it been since she was exactly one-third his age?

(answer below)



Riddle:
23. She was 13, he was 39.

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Sunday Worship Hours:

9:30 a.m. Traditional Worship

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School

6:30 p.m. Youth Group

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Dave Tyler, Lay Leader, deetee0810@gmail.com

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