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From the Pastor's Keyboard



Although we don't like to talk about it, impending death and death of a family member, loved one, friend, or ourselves sooner or later affects all of us. Death is said to be the great equalizer – whatever our station in life, it happens to all of us.

My intention is not to stir up unresolved feelings in any of us, or to make us sad or grieving, or to sound morbid. But how should we as Christians look at death, something which eventually comes to all of us – our family members, friends, loved ones, and ourselves?

Writer/producer Cynthia Ruchti recently shared some intriguing and important insights about the Christian perspective on death. She starts with Psalm 116:15 (NLV): "*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants.*" Ruchti writes:

"How does the grace of Jesus show up in death and dying? The tragic loss of a friend's brother—young, vibrant, a living testimony to the love of Jesus—has me pondering that question. I trust Jesus, so I know He cares. Jesus was not unaware of the moment when the young man's foot slipped off the cliff.

"What has both comforted and sobered me is the reminder that we are all in the queue to see the King. From the moment of our birth, we're part of the line that winds its way around the world and back. As time passes, we age, inching forward toward the moment when we stand in the King's presence.

"Imagine waiting in line at a theme park for ninety years. In this case, though, our anticipation is worth the wait. And a lot of good things are happening while we're in the queue. We make friends, discuss ideas, marvel at the sunrises and sunsets. We build families, even. And create. And work. And play.

"For some, the line seems too short. Far too short. The crowd hushes as the King rises from His throne and points to someone in line. "That young man," I imagine Him saying. "Let him come up here to the front of the line."

"As we hold our own positions in the queue, we wonder if that's fair. Then we remind ourselves that the King personally called him. And we go back to waiting our turn."

"FAITH STEP: Are you, or someone you care about, grieving the loss of a well-loved person? Cling tightly to the promise that Jesus cares more deeply than we can know."

To all that Cynthia Ruchti is saying here, I say "Amen"!

Along another vein, please keep our Profile Committee (Cindy Axe, Ed Bishop, Peggie Free, and Marti Leader) in your prayers as they continue to ask: Who are we as a church now? What is God calling us to be in the next 5 years? They are doing this important step in



preparation for us calling a new half-time settled pastor (to follow my interim pastorate) in the near future.

The Profile Committee, and all of us, continue to ask the all-important questions: *What is God calling us here at St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ of Dallastown, Pennsylvania, uniquely, to be and to do? What is our God-given niche in our community? What is it that only we can do (and no one else can do) for God's glory and purposes?*

And please keep all that we're doing here at St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ in prayer. Some of the activities that were on hiatus during the summer months will resume in September, such as Sunday School, weekday Bible Study, Messy Church, Circle of Grace, Men's Group, Choir, and Bell Ringers. Other activities we have done all summer and will continue: Sunday worship, chicken barbecues, volunteer tasks and jobs that need to be done around the church, outdoor concerts, Book Club, old-fashioned hymn sings, and other FUN activities.

I encourage you to continue to strengthen your own Christian faith, and to let others see your faith in action, by being involved in any or several of the above activities, as you are able.

I will conclude, as I concluded for the last newsletter: We confirm the absolute necessity for the Body of Christ, the church, so we can nurture our own faith, support and encourage each other in their lives of faith, share what we have with other believers, and disciple others (help them to see how they can activate God's touch on their lives). For what can be more important – for now and eternity – than nurturing our own, and helping others nurture, a close relationship with Jesus Christ?

See you around this month of September. God bless, Pastor Rick

MONTH OF SUNDAYS WORSHIP SERVICES-SEPTEMBER 2023

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ LABOR DAY WEEKEND SUNDAY

Text Scripture: Matthew 16:21-28 Centering Scripture: Romans 12:9-13

Message: "Good News, Bad News of the Gospel: What do you want to hear first?"

Themes: The "bad news" of the cross can become the best news ever conveyed.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ UCC FAITH FORMATION SUNDAY

Text Scripture: Romans 13:8-14 Centering Scripture: Matthew 18:18-20

Message: "What's our 'debt of love?'"

Themes: Our discipleship is determined by the quality of our love for our neighbors and for God.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ JUST PEACE SUNDAY

Text Scripture: Matthew 18:21-35 Centering Scripture: Romans 14:7-9

Message: "How is forgiveness good for us?"

Themes: Take the weight off your shoulders and be set free by forgiving.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/ UCC AMERICAN INDIAN MINISTRY AND UNITED SAMOAN MINISTRIES STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Text Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16 Centering Scripture: Psalm 105:1-5

Guest Musician and Speaker: Keith Andrew Grim, "Sermon in Song"

Scriptures for Worship: Colossians 3:14-17 and Ephesians 5:18b

Special Offering for Compassion International

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



***May God
Bless You
On Your
Birthday!***

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|-----|--------------------|-----|---------------------|
| 1. | Brent Barley | 23. | Tim Sleeth |
| | Kimberly Dilling | 24. | Beth March |
| 2. | Connie Hays | 25. | Andrew Mickey |
| 3. | Susan Knaub | 26. | Michele Leader |
| | Linda Eichelberger | 27. | Shyanne Luckenbaugh |
| 4. | Anjuli Shane | 28. | Joan Henry |
| 5. | Debra Forbes | | Linda King |
| 6. | Beverly Troop | 30. | Lou Ann Jones |
| 10. | Eric John | | Aiden Bowen |
| | Orion Valentino- | | |
| | Charlton | | |
| | Timothy | | |
| | Luckenbaugh Jr. | | |
| 12. | Joyce Horning | | |
| 14. | Sally Bosley | | |
| | Braydon Picking | | |
| 22. | Meagan Bowen | | |
| | Bodie Barley | | |

CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Sept. 21 - Jaron and Caitlin Picking- 4 years
Sept. 22 - Nicholas and Tina Innerst - 16 years
Sept. 24 - Troy and Jane Picking - 29 years
Sept. 26 - Mike and Cindy Axe - 25 years

FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2023	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$10,823.00	\$9,149.59	\$0.30	\$612.18	\$738.24	\$200.00
February	\$7,242.25	\$9,309.43	\$0.22	\$338.98	\$0.12	\$375.34
March	\$8,179.00	\$13,350.64	\$0.29	\$702.79	\$900.10	\$328.10
April	\$9,009.22	\$7,960.45	\$625.31	\$351.05	\$101.05	\$1,293.75
May	\$10,849.03	\$9,661.89	\$0.34	\$199.00	\$1,501.74	\$2,848.62
June	\$8,587.00	\$12,552.97	\$0.29	\$471.88	\$1.50	\$2,643.54
July	\$11,008.44	\$7,653.83	\$100.22	\$231.66	\$11.00	\$2,607.15
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
Total	\$65,697.94	\$69,638.80	\$723.97	\$2,907.54	\$3,253.75	\$10,296.50

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ August 1, 2023

\$11,020.15

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ August 1, 2023
(Includes \$60,026.39 Endowment)

\$61,311.64

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ August 1, 2023
(Includes \$841,738.80 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation)

\$845,727.87

Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2023

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 806.82
January	3	\$576.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 381.82
February	1	\$150.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 311.82
March	1	\$25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 316.82
April	2	\$50.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 294.82
May	3	\$100.00	\$ 27.25	\$ 222.07
June	3	\$125.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 119.07
July	1	\$50.00	\$ 61.25	\$ 130.32
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total	14	\$1,076.00	\$ 399.50	

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS and those in need of PRAYER

Terry & Fran Doll

Room 346

Residence @ Fitz Farm

2200 Springwood Rd.

York, PA 17403

Terry's cell (717) 968-2454

Fran's cell (717) 968-8754



Linda Trone

Room 604

Colonial Manor Nursing Home

970 Colonial Avenue

York, PA 17403

Keeping in our prayers

Dolores Barley

Cindie McKinsey

Friends battling cancer

Covid 19 patients

Carolyn Innerst

Room 123

Senior Commons@Powder

Mill

1775 Powder Mill Road

York, PA 17403

Peggy Luckenbaugh

Room 704B

Colonial Manor Nursing Home

970 Colonial Avenue

York, PA 17403



**Remember
and pray for
Our Members
in the
Military**

A1C Ness, Brandon

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Tucson, AZ 85756



STICKY BUN SALE

The FUN Team is selling Sticky Buns to raise money for our concert series and other events. The delicious buns are made by Mr. Sticky's and are the same ones that attract long lines at the York Fair each year.

The cost is \$4.00 each or 6 for \$20.00.

If you would like to place an order, you may call the church office (717-244-0655) or use the order sheet on the table in the Gathering Room. Orders are due by Sunday, September 17. Pickup will be Tuesday, September 26, from 4:00-6:00 PM at the church.

If you haven't been in the Book Room lately, check it out. New titles are coming in on a regular basis and you never know what interesting things you may find. In addition to hundreds of books, there are also DVD's, magazines, games, and puzzles.



We ask you to please continue to recycle cans, bottles, plastic, etc. in the can in the Gathering Room. On the shelf above the coat rack, there is a container for soda can tabs and a box for printer cartridges. The tabs are given to the Ronald McDonald House and the printer cartridges are recycled at Staples in order to get credit to buy office supplies. Thank you for your help in keeping our planet "green" while also benefiting our church.



Crafters are needed for the CHRISTMAS MARKETPLACE on November 25 from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Call Marti Leader for information at 717-868-6502. Each crafter's table will be \$25.00.

Would you like to help your church without spending any extra money? You can do this by buying gift cards to use for everyday purchases.



For every card sold we earn a profit from 1½% all the way to 16%, depending on the merchant. To get your cards, just fill out an order form and attach a check made payable to St. John's Blymire's UCC. You may drop the orders in the offering plate, place them on Wanda's desk in the office or mail them to the church. Payment must be included with your order. Orders will be sent to the Great Lakes Scrip Center each Monday morning. You may pick up your gift cards from Sandy Innerst at church the following Sunday. For more information about the program, you may call Wanda at the church office.



MEN'S GROUP

You are invited to join the Men's Group on Tuesday, September 12,



at 7:00 p.m. for an interesting program on what the Hunt Valley Church High School Ministry Team accomplished this summer.

Their mission was called "Farley Guys on Mission Tijuana 2023" where they successfully completed five houses in six days. This will be a very interesting program and yes, there is a "mystery guest". J.J. Farley will be our guest to describe their work and accomplishments.



Our next chicken BBQ will be held on Saturday, September 9, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, applesauce, roll and butter all for \$10.00. To place an order, please call the church office at 244-0655. We sold out early nearly every month so far, so to be guaranteed a dinner, it is best to pre-order.

We are also planning to set up a bake sale table and would welcome donations of homemade cookies, cupcakes, candy, etc. Please put individual portions in baggies or plastic wrap. They may be dropped off at the church the day before or the morning of the BBQ. Thank you.



The public is invited to join us in the pavilion behind our church for an outdoor concert series featuring a variety of different types of music. The concerts will be held on Sunday afternoons from 2:00-4:00 PM. In case of inclement weather, they will be moved indoors to the church.

There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken. Snacks will be available for purchase. Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets or sit at one of our picnic tables. Our last concert of the season will be:

SEPTEMBER 3- FIRST CAPITAL BRASS
(Brass ensemble)

MESSY CHURCH



What is Messy Church? It's church, but not as you know it! Messy Church is a form of family church for children and adults. It involves creativity, celebration and hospitality! It's church for people of any age and at all stages of their faith journey. If traditional church is no longer a part of your life, come try out Messy Church!

Our next Messy Church gathering will be held on Friday, September 15, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Other upcoming Messy Church gatherings are scheduled for October 20 and November 17, also from 6:00-8:00 PM. Meals will be provided each month.



CARD and GAME CLUB



We have started a group to play card and board games here at the church. Everyone is welcome, and if you don't know how to play certain games, there will be someone who can teach you. You can bring lunch or order in.

We will meet the second Wednesday of each month starting at 11:00 AM and playing until people are ready to stop. September's meeting will be on the 13th.

If you have any questions, please call Janie Montgomery at (717) 891-3607 or Diana Myers at (717) 855-4752.



CHAIR YOGA

Are you looking for some gentle, easy exercise? Come check out our Chair Yoga classes! These classes are especially good for beginners. No equipment is necessary. Yoga is one of the most highly recommended forms of exercise for seniors! You can come occasionally, once a week, or twice a week. Just come and give it a try! It's easy! Men, this is not for women only!

Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-11 AM here at the church. There is a \$10 fee for each class. Hope to see you there!

The Fun Team will be holding a Silent Auction during the month of October. We will be accepting donations of gently used or new items which can be dropped at the church beginning September 1. (No yard sale items, please)



“Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.”

Desmond Tutu



September 2023

At the end of the day, I hope you can say you chose happiness. That you chose to find joy within the smaller, softer moments that tugged at your heartstrings. That you did not wait for Friday, for next month, or for summer, to go out and experience the beauty of this world. At the end of the day, I hope you can say you're proud of how hard you fought to become the best version of yourself. That you unapologetically and courageously chose growth, chose healing—even on the days you did not know how, even on the days it hurt. At the end of the day, I hope you can say you chose your life. That you did not settle or conform or shrink yourself to fit into someone else's cage. At the end of the day, I hope you can say you did your best. That you relentlessly pursued your dreams and chased all that ignited something bright within your soul.

Alysha Waghorn



Once a reporter stood in front of a fire as it consumed a house and then he turned to see the homeowners and their little son watching it burn. The reporter, fishing for a human interest angle, said to the boy, "Son, it looks like you don't have a home anymore." The little boy promptly answered, "Oh, yes, we have a home. We just don't have a house to put it in."

Barbara Johnson

Every act of kindness is a piece of love we leave behind ...

Paul Williams



GOOD LORD, IT'S MORNING!

I can remember the days when I bounded out of bed in the morning, motor revving, ready to face the world. Well, okay, I know, I never truly bounded in the morning but I certainly had more "get up and go" in those days.

Today, sludge moves faster than I do. And moan... oh, my, you should hear the groans that escape my lips as I force my frame into an upright position. My body's soundtrack combines the creaks of an ancient door with the travailing of a birthing basset hound. I'm like an unoiled machine, an unprimed pump, and an unchained melody.

By the time I drag my body to the bathroom to face my reflection, it is a tad off-putting. Though my tousled bed-head does add humor, doesn't yours? It makes one wonder, what one must have been dreaming about to cause such turbulence.

Here's the good news. We can only get better looking now that we're up. A good brushing, curling, back-combing, spraying and our hair begins to make sense... like it's supposed to be attached to our heads. Once we've adorned our frames with fashions, and shod our feet with footwear, we should be ready to go for a new day.

Actually, I need this rigorous morning regimen to thoroughly wake me up. It shakes out the kinks in my body, dislodges the corrosion from my brain cells, and reactivates my lethargic will to begin the day... kinda!

UP AND AT 'EM PRAYER

"Imagine, Lord, that we would be reluctant to enter into a new day that you have carefully designed. Forgive our lagging bodies for not skipping in anticipation of your profound plans for us. Even when our bones lack their original suppleness, may our spirits be flexible so we can joyously stretch to meet with you. Our bodies may be slowing: yet, Lord, may our interior be growing."

We are grateful our good looks are not dependent on our disintegrating appearance. Lasting beauty emanates from you, Lord. You are our inner loveliness.

For your beauty spills out a covering of grace allowing even the weariest eldest, and crinkliest of your children [like me] to look her best.

May your Holy Spirit be our daily prompter, and may we be your pleasing responders. May our morning mumblings and grumblings turn to pearls of praise and prayers. Amen."

Patsy Clairmont



LESSONS FROM THE GEESE

No doubt you have seen the wonderful sight of geese flying in a V formation. Each bird flies slightly above the bird in front of them, reducing wind resistance. The geese take turns being the leader, falling back when they get tired. This means they can fly for a long time before they need to rest.

The V formation makes it easier to keep track of every bird in the group. Flying in formation helps each member to communicate and coordinate with the group more effectively. Just as the birds fly together to create less resistance, we can inspire and motivate others who share a common direction, and we will all get there more quickly and with less effort.

Geese use a distributed leadership model.

When the leading goose gets tired, it swaps places with another member of the team so that it can support from behind and recharge itself. Shared leadership is the best way to work together toward a goal. Each person brings their own valuable skills and ideas, each leading when they are the best person to do so.

Geese honk to encourage those in front to keep up their speed. We should make sure we speak out to encourage others to be their best. This supportive environment allows everyone to flourish and feel valued. But please ensure that your “honking” is never negative or accusatory!

Finally, when a goose gets sick or falls behind, two other geese break away from the flock and stay with it, either until it dies or is strong enough to re-join the group. When others are struggling, we need to stand by them and support them until they recover and are ready to go again.



The International Day of Peace is observed around the world each year on September 21st. Established in 1981 by the U.N., Peace Day is a globally shared date for all humanity to commit to Peace above all differences.

If you are all wrapped up in yourself, you are way overdressed.

Jane Ann Clark

CAN'T SLEEP?

I have trouble falling asleep sometimes, probably because in the quiet darkness, I often start thinking about troubling things. Recently, I started doing something different that's helping. No spiritual rocket science here. I just practice gratitude, in bed, in the dark.

Here's my routine: I usually read a little before turning out the light and getting comfy under the covers. Then I begin a quick review of the goodness that surrounds me at the moment and in the day that is ending.

Like last night, my first thankful thought was for my husband, who was peacefully asleep next to me.

Then for the feel and smell of the clean sheets
I put on the bed that day.

Next, I remembered a moment in church that morning when I looked around and saw so many people I know and feel known by. I know their stories; they know mine, which brings such comfort. I also saw people I didn't yet know whose stories will stretch me and bring new life into our community. Finally, I thought of the fresh ripe strawberries in our refrigerator. They are in season and I like how they look and how they tasted today.

These are ordinary things and ordinary moments that might easily be taken for granted but they become sacred and comforting when I recognize God's presence in all that is good. I thank Him, which is a good way to end the day. Then I fall asleep filled with gratitude rather than worry.

Carol Kuykendall



POSSIBILITIES

Life's filled
With possibilities
That challenge us each day
To take a chance,
Try something new,
See things a different way.
And it's not until we try
That we find out
What we can do,
So don't wait until tomorrow
To discover
Something new.

Gentle Wisdom

*"Remember that
not getting what you
want is sometimes a
wonderful stroke
of luck."*

-DALAI LAMA

**IT'S BACK TO
SCHOOL AGAIN!**





Revelations for September from “Bly Mire” Mouse

To our dear church family:

Well, we thought you folks would slow things down so much during the summer that we in the mice family might get bored and have to hunt much more for crumbs to eat.

But that didn't happen! You didn't disappoint us! Although there were fewer activities around here during July and August, the things that did go on had us rocking! The special music and testimonials during church have always been uplifting to hear! And Wanda's daily

presence, the twice-a-week chair yoga class, the counters' weekly presence, the Profile Committee's weekly presence, the presence of Joel and Sterling and others who have been volunteering around the church, and, of course, your presence each Sunday (including the wonderful guest preachers) have certainly kept us company!

And what about the monthly chicken barbecues and the outdoor concerts that we love to hear and see people coming and going to! Oh, how can we forget to thank you for the tasty morsels that you often leave on the floor for us (before Ed and Judy clean them up – by the way, they do a wonderful job keeping our building in tiptop shape) after the bake sale at the chicken barbecues and after the old-fashioned hymn sings ice cream socials? Those crumbs that you leave are so tasty!

But more importantly, we want to share something with you this month that we overheard one of you talking about recently, and which we thought was really good. It was about the topic “mosquitoes and sin”.

Have you ever been bitten by a mosquito? We mice have, and it's not fun. We understand that when you humans are bitten, that sometimes large welts rise up on your skin. And you don't like mosquitoes enjoying a meal of your flesh and blood, especially with the presence of West Nile disease now in our area that is spread by mosquitoes. We understand that sometimes you humans put insect repellent on, which the mosquitoes don't like, to keep the mosquitoes away.

But there is something worse than mosquito bites. And that is sin. Sin is disobeying God. Sin takes us away from God. But there is a way that you humans and us mice can be protected from sin, much like the insect repellent keeps you protected from the mosquitoes. A verse from the Book of Psalms reads: ***“Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”*** (Psalm 119:11).

The Bible is God's sin repellent. The more we read it, study it, hear it taught, and live it; the more we keep sin out of our life. Just as insect repellent keeps mosquitoes away from you, so the Bible keeps sin away.

But we understand that the insect repellent that you put on yesterday or last week won't keep mosquitoes away today. It has to be applied again and again. The Bible also has to be put in our heart day by day, week by week. It can't be left on a shelf and not used.

So, we encourage you, as we in the mice family do, read the Bible. Hear it. Study it. Learn from it. Live as it says. In that way you will protect your life from sin, and you will make God very happy. Can you say that verse from Psalm 119:11 again with us: ***“Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee.”*** May you humans, as we mice, always hide the words of the Bible in our hearts so that we will be protected from sin.

And one more thing: We look forward to seeing you around (and gobbling up your crumbs) during September. And we look forward to this month when several of the activities that were put on hold during the summer will start up again, such as Sunday School, weekday Bible Study, Messy Church, Circle of Grace, Men's Group, Choir, and Bell Ringers

Love, Bly and Mire and our precious little ones



(much of the above came from 40 Object Sermons for Children, by Joe E. Trull, Baker Book House, 1975)

September Humor:

A young mother was trying to comfort her daughter when her pet kitten died, saying,

“Remember, dear, Fluffy is up in heaven now with God.”

“But mommy,” the girl sobbed, “What in the world would God want with a dead cat?”

Question: Who was the straightest man in the Bible?

Answer: Joseph. Pharaoh made a ruler out of him. (recalling Pastor Rick's two recent messages on Joseph)

One beautiful Sunday morning, a minister announced to his congregation: “My good people, I have here in my hands three sermons – a \$100 sermon that lasts five minutes, a \$50 sermon that lasts fifteen minutes, and a \$10 sermon that lasts a full hour. Now, we'll take a collection and see which one I'll deliver.”

All of the humor above is from The World's Greatest Collection of Heavenly Humor, compiled by Bob Phillips, Harvest House Publishers, 1982.



Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

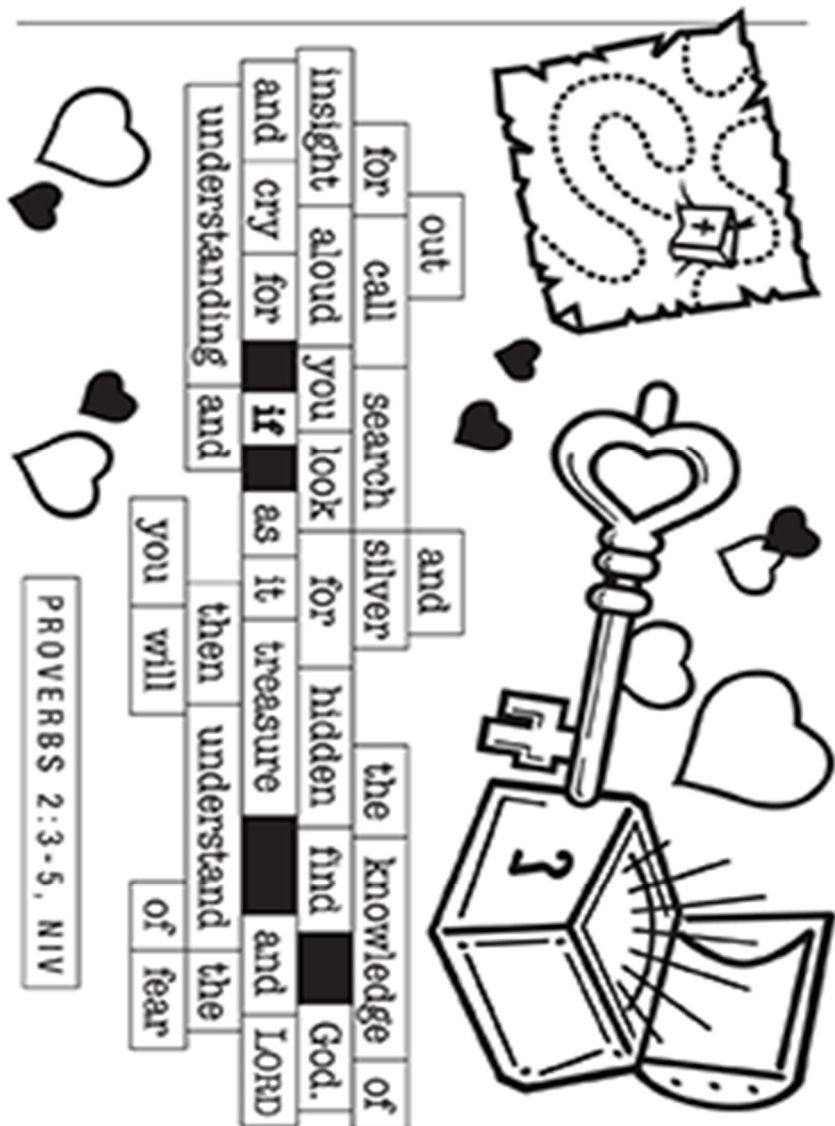
- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sandbox or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.

Puzzle!

Starting on the bold word, follow the maze to read a Bible passage. Move from one box to another if the sides or corners touch. Some boxes are used multiple times.



Answer: If you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5, NIV