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## *From the Pastor's Keyboard*



Has there been a “God sighting” in your life lately, perhaps today? I have asked that question in our worship services lately, and I have encouraged you to share (as you feel comfortable) ways that God has shown up in your life lately, ways that you have sensed God is at work in your life. We share verbally our prayer concerns during our prayer time in worship, and that is wonderful. Let’s also share our joys and thanks and God-given insights because God not only is present and heals us amidst our difficulties, but God also blesses and inspires and shelters us in so many varied ways every day. One way to glorify God and to encourage each other in our faith walks is to share all that God does for us in our lives – strengthening, helping, healing, showering blessings, prodding, inspiring, saving, giving us hope and direction, and (we don’t want to forget this!) entering our lives in surprising and sometimes humorous ways and wanting us to share humor and joy and helpfulness to others. So let’s share in worship prayer any and all ways that God shows up in our lives, not so much to call attention to ourselves, but to glorify God and to encourage each other as we all grow in our faith.

I am thankful for all the ways that God shows up in the life of our church. September saw some summer activities continuing, saw some ongoing activities, and saw some resuming activities – ranging from Sunday worship, Sunday School, Messy Church, Circle of Grace, Men’s Group, Choir, chicken barbecues, volunteer tasks and jobs that need to be done around the church, outdoor concerts, Book Club, old-fashioned hymn sings, continued participation with Homewood at Plum Creek Auxiliary, guided meditation and drum circle, and other FUN activities. We look forward to soon starting up again weekday Bible study and bells. In October, we will have our Silent Auction, Fla-Mingle (ladies’ luncheon and program), and Messy Church / Trunk or Treat / Fall Festival.

I have had the honor and privilege of being your interim pastor now for a little over a year. Thank you for your support and encouragement during that time. I have had the privilege of visiting in some of your homes and visiting some of you in hospitals, rehab centers, and nursing homes. Thank you for letting me into your lives that way. I have also had the honor of officiating at funerals and memorials for several of our beloved church members. God has shown up in so many ways during those visits and services (not my doing, but God’s).

Many of you have been discerning God’s will for the future of our church. Your Profile Committee, Pastoral Relations Team, Trustees, and Coordinating Ministries Team have especially been hard at work with that discernment. We have been in conversation about what it



means to live in a post-pandemic world (although COVID variants are obviously still present) where people are increasingly finding reasons to not attend church, in a world where more and more people are getting their main source of information from social media, in a rapidly changing church world (where there is a shortage of available pastors), and in a world where our culture is increasingly encouraging folks to be “spiritual” but not “religious” and to be less Christian per se and more “universally faith-based”. This does not mean that we throw our hands up in surrender. But it does mean that we pray earnestly for continual discernment of how we need to be true to who we are uniquely as St. John’s Blymire’s United Church of Christ of Dallastown, PA, and also to be true to the changing needs of folks in our area (such as needing to go beyond our four walls to where people are at). God is showing up in so many ways as we continue to discern the future direction of our church, given the realities we are now facing.

I am very thankful that so many of you realize, and live out, that we start and end with the same person – Jesus Christ. Our main goal as Christians is not simply our own ideas of what the Christian life or church life ought to be, but (as Ephesians 4:13 states) “until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.” Our main goal as individual Christians or as a church is to do the will of God, as best we can discern it. God then shows up, in sometimes unexpected and amazing ways.

We discern, as best as we can, the will of God as we continue to ask the all-important interim questions and expect God to show up in our quest: 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?

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

***MONTH OF SUNDAYS WORSHIP SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2023: FOCUS THIS MONTH: OUR BIBLICAL FRIEND MOSES AND “STEWARDSHIP 2024: OUR FAITH PROMISES FOR THE NEXT YEAR”***

**OCTOBER 1, 2023 – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY / UCC NEIGHBORS IN NEED**

Text Scripture: Exodus 16:1-21

Message: “Moses on the Manna Diet”

Themes: As we gather around the communion table worldwide, is God’s manna (provision) really enough for us?

**OCTOBER 8, 2023 – NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / UCC ACCESS SUNDAY AND DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK**

Text Scripture: Exodus 20:1-20

Message: “God’s GPS or Chat GOD”

Themes: The 10 Commandments are to restore our relationship with God, to shape the nation into God’s original purpose.

**OCTOBER 15, 2023 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / UCC CHILDREN’S SABBATH / UCC LAITY SUNDAY**

Text Scriptures: Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14

Bulletin Scripture: Isaiah 25:8

Message: “Treasure of Peace”

Guest Preacher: Rev. Martha Boyer

**OCTOBER 22, 2023 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Text Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

Message: “What do we substitute for God?”

Themes: Sin results from choosing a shallow substitute for God, yet God restores our relationship if we turn back to God

**OCTOBER 29, 2023 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / UCC HIGHER EDUCATION SUNDAY / REFORMATION SUNDAY**

Text Scripture: Exodus 33:12-23

Message: “Are all our circumstances

God’s blessings?” Theme: Our greatest blessing is knowing God and living in God’s presence. To know God is to know God’s glory and goodness.

**OCTOBER**  
**BIRTHDAYS**



*May God Bless  
You on Your  
Birthday!*

1. Kayla Roelke  
Michael Matthews  
Annie Cowher
2. Adin Luckenbaugh
3. Timothy Luckenbaugh
4. Ethan John
8. Tarrence Ness  
Barb Adams  
Bronley Free
9. Kari March
10. Lucy Smith
12. Mary Innerst
17. Paul Leiphart
21. Shayne Boyd
22. Mike H. Knaub  
Calvin Leader
23. Diana Myers  
Marjorie Stringer
24. Lori Roelke  
Zane Pope  
Brian Bosley
26. Amber Roelke
27. Brenda Miller
31. Macklin Woerner  
Jaron Picking

**CELEBRATING OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- Oct. 8 - Todd and Lisa Miller - 30 years  
Oct. 19 - Frank & Sally Bosley - 60 years  
Oct. 23 - Jeffrey and Lynz Leader - 19 years  
Oct. 26 - John and Kathi Sterling - 10 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	\$8,409.25	\$8,988.85	\$0.21	\$207.87	\$200.70	\$2,703.63
September						
October						
November						
December						
<b>Total</b>	\$74,109.19	\$78,627.65	\$727.18	\$3,115.41	\$3,454.45	\$13,000.13

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ September 1, 2023	\$10,440.55
Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ September 1, 2023 (Includes \$60,026.39 Endowment)	\$61,103.98
Balance of Cemetery Fund @ September 1, 2023 (Includes \$841,738.80 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation)	\$843,224.94

## Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2023

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
<b>Beginning</b>				\$ 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			\$ 18.00	\$ 148.32
September				
October				
November				
December				
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	\$1,076.00	\$ 417.50	

# 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

**Peggy Luckenbaugh**  
Room 704B  
Colonial Manor Nursing Home  
970 Colonial Avenue  
York, PA 17403



**Linda Trone**  
Room 604  
Colonial Manor Nursing Home  
970 Colonial Avenue  
York, PA 17403

Keeping in our prayers

**Cindie McKinsey**  
**Friends battling cancer**  
**Covid 19 patients**

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

**A1C Ness, Brandon**  
6907 S. Camino de la Humanidad  
Tucson, AZ 85756

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You are asked to use the St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ Facebook account now to keep up with church activities, like, share, and post.

To watch our livestreaming during our worship or after, please spread the word that people can click onto <https://www.youtube.com/@StJohnsBlymires/streams>, scroll over to "live" and click it, and look for the appropriate date. Or you can go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), and then you search for St. John's Blymire's UCC, Dallastown, PA. We will only be livestreaming on YouTube.

Pastor Rick's Bible study will resume at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 3, and continue each Tuesday thereafter. Anyone who is interested is invited to join us.



On Sunday, November 5, we will celebrate All Saints' Day, a day on which we remember our members and friends who have been called home to God's eternal kingdom during this past year.

On Sunday, November 12, we will celebrate Heritage Sunday, a day on which we recognize those of our congregation who have been members for 50 or more years.

During the month of November we will also be focusing on Stewardship and Thanksgiving and how we can thank God for his generosity through the giving of our tithes and talents to our church. Materials for this will be sent out in a few weeks.

Please join us for the special services these weeks and every week.



## **KNITTERS and CROCHETERS:**

Memorial White Rose Hospice is asking for donations of handmade scarves and blankets. They are especially in need of items for men. Veterans in particular love to receive anything in red, white and blue. If you would like to participate in this ongoing project, there is a box in the Gathering Room for you to put your donations.

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





## MEN'S GROUP

You are invited to join the Men's Group on Tuesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m. Stacey Smith will return to have a discussion on different stories of the Bible and lead a general discussion.



Our last chicken BBQ of the season will be held on Saturday, October 14, 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.



## FLA-MINGLE

The FUN Team is sponsoring a ladies luncheon and program called "Fla-mingle." It will be dedicated to women's health issues and a celebration of joy. The event will be held from noon - 3:00 PM on Saturday, October 28. Registration begins at 11:30. The cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes lunch, gift bags, door prizes, and much more. There is a sign up sheet in the Gathering Room or you may call the church office at (717) 244-0655. Deadline to register is Sunday, October 22. This is open to the public. Any questions, see Marti Leader or Diana Myers.



On Sunday, October 22, from 6:00-8:00 PM, you are invited to join us for an old-fashioned Hymn Sing, followed by refreshments such as apple pie, pumpkin spice cake, hot mulled cider. The public is invited and there is no charge.

The Fun Team will be holding a Silent Auction during the month of October. Please check out the items displayed in the Gathering Room and bid on those that interest you. The bidding will end on October 31. Good luck!!



## 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. October's meeting will be on the 11th.



You are invited to join us on Friday, October 20, at 6:00 PM for our Messy Church/Fall Fest in the pavilion. There will be a story time, food, games, flashlight pumpkin hunt and Trunk or Treat. Please sign up on the sheets in the Gathering Room to participate in the Trunk or Treat and to attend. We are in need of donations of individually wrapped candy and food for dinner. PLEASE INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

## GUIDED MEDITATION AND DRUM CIRCLE



Meditation and Music are very good ways to deepen your personal spiritual practice. Relax, let go of worldly thoughts, and sink into your soul. You are invited to join us at 10:00 AM Saturday mornings on the following dates: October 7, November 18, December 16. for Guided Meditation, followed by Drum Circle, with a variety of instruments available.

A Love Offering will be received. Love Offering is a way to show your gratitude to the facilitator of the gathering. Love Offering can take many forms. I have received stones, feathers, bread, cash, etc. It is a personal expression of gratitude between you and me. Any cash received will go back into the Fun Team for future activities. Come, experience! Cindy Innerst-Axe.



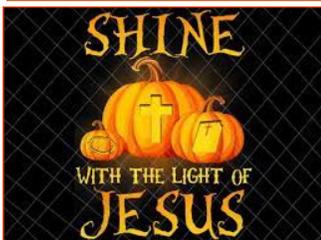
“What if we stopped celebrating being busy as a measurement of importance?  
 What if instead we celebrated how much time we had spent listening, pondering, meditating, and enjoying time with the most important people in our lives?”

**Greg McKeown**

**What do you get when you drop a pumpkin?**



**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**



“Our goal should be to live life in radical amazement. .... to get up in the morning and look at the world in a way that takes nothing for granted. Everything is phenomenal; everything is incredible; never treat life casually. To be spiritual is to be amazed.”

**Abraham Joshua Heschel**

## GETTING REAL

My seven -year-old daughter sat in my grandmother’s lap, moving her fingers along the folds of Grandma’s face. “Those are my wrinkles.” her great-grandmother said.  
 “They mean I’m getting old.”

Later, Ann asked me if wrinkles hurt and I pulled Margery Williams’ classic, *The Velveteen Rabbit*, from the shelf and read it to her. It’s the story of a new toy rabbit that came to live in a little boy’s nursery. More than anything, the rabbit yearned to know the secret of becoming “real.” One day he asked Skin Horse, who was so old his brown coat was rubbing off, how to become real. “Real isn't how you're made.” he told the rabbit. “It’s a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time then you become Real.”

The rabbit then asked, “Does it hurt?”

“Sometimes.” he answered. “Generally by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in the joints and very shabby.

But these things don’t matter at all because once you are Real, you can’t be ugly, except to people who don’t understand.”

“You see Ann, Grandma is getting ‘real’. That’s all.” Ann bounded off, but I was left to consider for the first time that growing old could be a wondrous passage. The markings of it don’t matter, except to those who don’t understand. What matters is becoming “real”.

What matters is loving and being loved for a long, long time.

**Sue Monk Kidd**



## WE ARE CALLED TO LOVE ALL PEOPLE

Every person you see was created by God to bear his image and deserves to be treated with dignity and respect. Imagine the impact this promise would have on the society that embraced it. What civility it would engender. What kindness it would foster. Racism will not flourish when people believe their neighbors bear God’s image. Will society write off the indigent, the mentally ill, the inmate or the refugee? Not if we believe, truly believe, that every human being is God’s idea. And he has no bad ideas. High IQ or low standing—doesn’t matter. First string or cut from the squad—doesn’t matter. You are a diamond, a rose, and a jewel, purchased by the blood of Jesus Christ. And because God’s promises are unbreakable our hope is unshakable!

**Max Lucado**

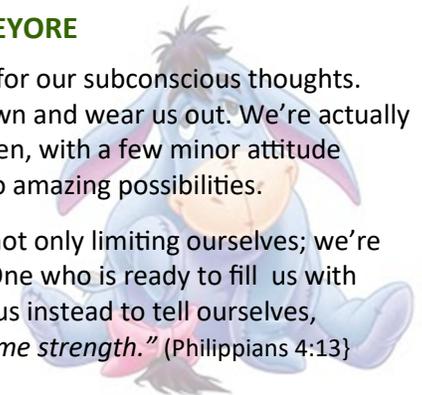
## STOP CHANNELING EYORE

Channeling Eeyore can become the soundtrack for our subconscious thoughts. Those mopey self-deprecating thoughts wear us down and wear us out. We’re actually sabotaging ourselves. We settle for defeat when, with a few minor attitude adjustments, we could open the door to amazing possibilities.

The worst part of negative self-talk is that we’re not only limiting ourselves; we’re limiting God. The Creator of the universe. The One who is ready to fill us with expectancy, hope and potential, and wants us instead to tell ourselves,

*“I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.”* (Philippians 4:13)

**Debora M. Coty**



## QUIT PLAYING IT SAFE WITH WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS TRUE

All of us want to belong. We look for connection in all kinds of places: at churches, on sports teams, in book clubs, and through our jobs. A lot of us get on social media or read blogs to find words that make us feel less alone and more connected to the world. We all want to know we've got a tribe, a place to belong.

The power of community is in its strength to bring us together. But have you ever felt like your group has constructed a high wall meant to keep the people you disagree with out? It can be tempting for people to define themselves by who they're against. The problem is, Jesus said He was for everybody. That meant you're the guy on the other side of the wall from Him if you've got a list of people God made, but you won't talk to because you disagree with them.

When you start to hear friends gossip about people who aren't around to defend themselves, make a stand. If you hear leaders lumping large groups into small and inaccurate definitions, stand up. When the people around you start to divide the world between "us and "them", listen for Jesus challenging all of us to break down the barriers. Don't let the longing for connection and community keep you silent.

Quit playing it safe with what you know to be true. When the people around us are courageous enough to speak the truth, they remind us who we want to become. When your words invite people in instead of blocking them out, you'll be living the words Jesus whispered in your ear.

**Bob Goff**



## HEAVENS TO MERGATROYD!

The other day a not so elderly (I say 75 year old) lady said something to her son about driving a Jalopy; and he looked at her and said, "What the heck is a Jalopy?" He had never heard of the word jalopy! She knew she was old ...But not that old.

Well, I hope you are Hunky Dory when you read this and chuckle. About a month ago, I illuminated some old expressions that have become obsolete because of the inexorable march of technology. These phrases included: Don't touch that dial; Carbon copy; You sound like a broken record; and hung out to dry. Back in the olden days we had a lot of moxie. We'd put on our best bib and tucker, and straighten up and fly right.

Heavens to Betsy, Gee whillikers, Jumping Jehoshaphat, Holy Moley! We were in like Flynn and living the life of Riley ; and even a regular guy couldn't accuse us of being a knucklehead, a nincompoop or a pill. Not for all the tea in China!

Back in the olden days, life used to be swell, but when's the last time anything was swell? Swell has gone the way of beehives, pageboys and the D.A.; of spats, knickers, fedoras, poodle skirts, saddle shoes, and pedal pushers.

Oh, my aching back! Kilroy was here, but he isn't anymore.

We wake up from what surely has been just a short nap, and before we can say, "Well, I'll be a monkey's uncle!" Or, "This is a fine kettle of fish!" we discover that the words we grew up with, the words that seemed omnipresent, as oxygen, have vanished with scarcely a notice from our tongues and our pens and our keyboards. Poof, go the words of our youth. Where have all those great phrases gone?

Long gone: Pshaw, The milkman did it. Hey! It's your nickel.

Don't forget to pull the chain. Knee high to a grasshopper. Well, Fiddlesticks! Going like sixty. I'll see you in the funny papers.

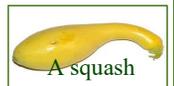
Don't take any wooden nickels. Wake up and smell the roses. It turns out there are more of these lost words and expressions than Carter has liver pills.

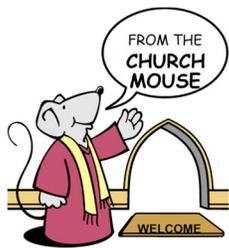
This can be disturbing stuff! (Carter's Little Liver Pills are gone too!) Leaves us to wonder where Superman will find a phone booth. See ya later, alligator! After a while crocodile. Oki-Doki artichokey!

**The Do You Remember Co.**

"God's grace means something like: Here is your life. You might never have been, but you are. The party wouldn't have been complete without you. Here is the world. Beautiful & terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid. I am with you. Nothing can ever separate us. For you I created the universe. I love you. There's only one catch. Like any other gift, grace can be yours only if you reach out and take it."

**F. Buechner**





## Revelations for October from “Bly Mire” Mouse

To our dear church family:

Hello from our mouse holes. Do you ever see us darting in and out of those holes? We see you all, but we sometimes wonder if you see us. We would love to introduce you to the family if and when you spot us!

It does our little hearts good to see that you all remain such a beehive of activity! We don't know what we'd do if we didn't have a chance to see you all at weekly worship and Sunday School, Wanda's daily presence, Judy's and Ed's faithful cleaning of the church, the twice-a-week chair yoga class, the counters' weekly presence, the Profile Committee's continual meetings, the presence of Joel and Sterling and others who have been volunteering around the church, and all the other luncheons and occasional activities.

We're going to miss the monthly chicken barbecues when they finish for the year in October. The smells from the barbecued chickens waft into our mouse holes, and they are almost intoxicating. We already miss the outdoor concerts during the summer, that we loved to hear and see people coming and going to, and we loved to hear the music!

But you make up the absence of those activities with all of the other events that you have food for and from which we can gobble up tasty morsels that you often leave on the floor for us. How we love the “food events” you have – from Sunday morning after worship and during Sunday School, Messy Church, ladies' luncheons and funeral meals (which seem to have a lot of people and more than the usual amount of leftover crumbs), and ice cream socials after your hymn sings (Did Pastor Rick ever get his soft-serve ice cream at those ice cream socials?).

We want to share this month something that we overheard one of you talking about, and which had a big impact – even on mice like us! It starts with a scripture and then has a sharing:

For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you received it, why do you boast as if it were not a gift? 1 Corinthians 4:7 (NRSV)

“Traveling as a speaker allows me to meet other accomplished speakers. I'm inspired by the passionate, insightful messages I hear. Yet, if I'm truthful, it's easy to compare myself to them.”

“My comparison struggle is most brutal in exhibit halls where authors and speakers sell their books. I recently looked from their professional banners and displays to my own little book table. Before the next conference, I decided to design a new booth. While the finished product turned out well, deep down I knew I'd done so with the wrong motives. By the time the convention started, I was exhausted from the extra setup. I shook my head, disappointed in myself—all because I wrongly felt like what I had to offer wasn't good enough.”

“The funny thing about the comparison trap is that I never compare myself with people who have less than I do. I looked at those who had people crowding around their book tables. Perfect hair, suits, heels, and nails as they gestured on stage, giving deep, spiritual insights of how God has been working in their lives.”

“Jesus didn't call me to be them—He called me to be me, and He called me because I'm me. My job isn't striving to make myself, or my book table, look better. Instead, I'm to share the messages Jesus has given me. Everything I have comes from Him—no comparison needed. And that is enough.”—TRICIA GOYER

So we mice encourage you all (as we are encouraging ourselves!) to not play the comparison game, too. But instead, we encourage you to ask Jesus to show you specific ways that you are you, and that it is enough to be you!

One more thing: We look forward to seeing you around (and gobbling up your crumbs) during October. Love, Bly and Mire and our precious little ones



*(much of the above came from Mornings with Jesus 2023, Guideposts, Books and Inspirational Media, 2023, this selection by Tricia Goyer)*

### **October Humor** (about Moses, who Pastor Rick will be preaching about in October)

Teacher: You can be sure that if Moses were alive today, he'd be considered a remarkable man.

Lenny: He sure ought to be – he'd be more than 2,500 years old.

Question: Why was Moses the most wicked man who ever lived?

Answer: He broke the Ten Commandments all at once.

Father: What did you learn in Sunday School this morning?

Son: We learned about how Moses went behind enemy lines to rescue the Jews from the Egyptians. Moses ordered the engineers to build a pontoon bridge. After the people crossed, he sent bombers back to blow up the bridge and the Egyptian tanks that were following them. And then.....

Father: Did your teacher really tell it like that?

Son: No, but if I told you what she said, you would never believe it!

*All of the humor above is from The World's Greatest Collection of Heavenly Humor, compiled by Rob Phillins*

# MISSIONARY- MINDED PRAYER

An important part of missions is prayerfully supporting the church. Use this activity to guide your family's prayer time.



## What you need:

- Plastic bag (large zippered)
- Permanent marker
- Bandage
- Toy plane
- Heart-shaped drawing or toy
- Spoon
- Coin
- Hot-sauce packet



## What you do:

1. Label the bag with details about the missionaries you'll be praying for (names, location, specific needs).
2. Add small prayer-prompt objects to guide your prayer time (bandage = health, plane = travel, heart = relationships, spoon = cultural connection, coin = finances, hot sauce = boldness).
3. Include other objects that will prompt prayer for missionaries' specific needs.
4. Place the bag where it will remind your family to pray regularly.



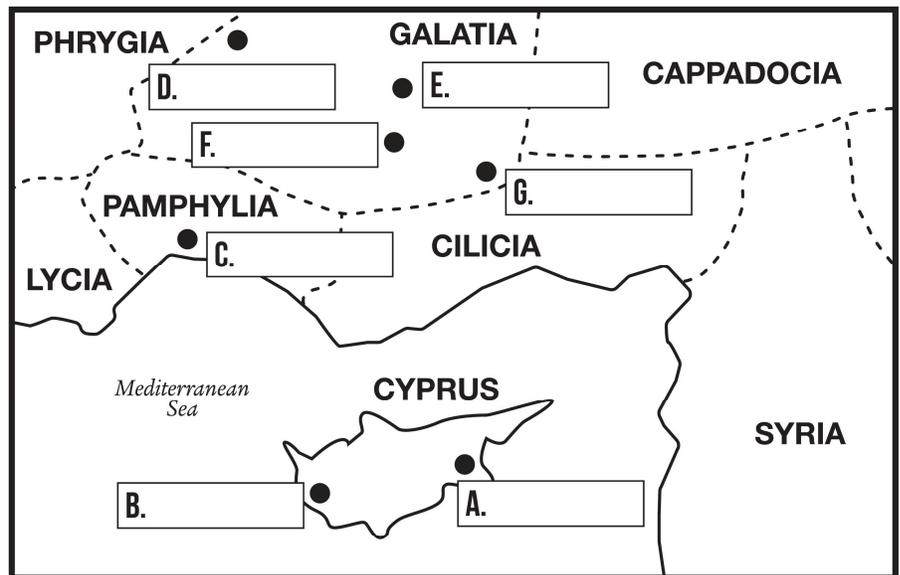
# CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

*Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.*



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| A.  (ACTS 13:5)    | E.  (ACTS 13:51)  |
| B.  (ACTS 13:6)    | F.  (ACTS 14:6)   |
| C.  (ACTS 13:13) | G.  (ACTS 14:6) |
| D.  (ACTS 13:14) |  |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe, Perga