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## *From the Pastor's Keyboard*



Dear friends in this wonderful family of faith,

Can you believe that we're almost into the year 2025 – and we're almost a quarter of the way through the 21st century?

The new year is an appropriate time to remind ourselves of something that is fundamental to our faith, to the Judeo-Christian faith – our covenantal relationship with God. It is the will of God that we human beings should get into a right-standing relationship with God, and God's covenants are designed to do that. Genesis 9:13 states: "I (God) have set my bow (rainbow) in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Some people cry out, "Why doesn't God save me?" God actually has accomplished and provided for our salvation. But we don't always realize it because we have not entered into a covenantal relationship with God. Others ask, "Why doesn't God do everything I ask?" Actually, God has done it. The point is – Will you and I step into that covenantal relationship? All the blessings of God are finished and complete, but they are not yours or mine until we enter into a relationship with God on the basis of God's covenant.

Oswald Chambers, who I often cite or quote, claims that waiting for God to act is "fleshly unbelief". It means that we have no faith in God. Are you and I waiting for God to do something for us or in us so that we may trust in that? But, as Chambers explains, God won't do that because that is not the basis of the God-and-human relationship. We humans need to go beyond our physical bodies and feelings in our covenant with God, just as God goes beyond Godself in reaching out with God's covenant to us.

It's a matter of true faith in God, which some people say is a rare thing. You and I often have faith in our feelings. We tend to not believe God until God puts something tangible in our hands so that we know we have it. Then we tend to say, "Now I believe." But there is no faith in that, Chambers continues. God says, "Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." (Isaiah 45:22)

When you and I have transacted business with God on the basis of God's covenant, letting everything else go, there is no sense of personal achievement – no human ingredient in it at all. Instead, there is a complete overwhelming sense of being brought into union with God, and yours and my lives are then transformed and radiate peace and joy.

With lives radiating peace and joy, let us not forget the questions that we continue to ask ourselves during this interim period: Who are we as St. John's Blymire's United Church of Christ? Who are our neighbors? Who is God calling us to become as we journey into God's future? What is our unique niche here in Dallastown?

See you around this month of January, Pastor Rick



*Some New Year's and January Humor: (from the Good Housekeeping website)*

What's a spider's New Year's resolution? *To spend less time on the web.*

What do you tell someone you didn't see on New Year's Eve? *I haven't seen you for a year!*

What does every new year have in store for us? *Another 365 days!*

Why do you need a jeweler on New Year's Eve? *To ring in the new year.*

Why is partying in Times Square overrated? *Because they drop the ball every year.*

What should people never eat on New Year's Eve? *Fire crackers.*

What do farmers give their wives at midnight on New Year's Eve? *Hogs and kisses.*

Last year, I was able to keep all of my New Year's resolutions..... *tucked away in a journal on my bookshelf.*

What does a caterpillar do on January 1? *Turns over a new leaf.*

Knock knock. Who's there? Radio. Radio who? *Radio not, it's a new year.*

Not to brag, but I already have a date for New Year's Eve. *It's December 31st.*

Where do you go to do math homework on New Year's? *Times Square.*

What New Year's resolution should a basketball player never make? *To travel more.*

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**Pairing of 50+- Year Members with Newer Members**

As we announced last month, our Pastoral Relations Team (PRT) has asked our 50+-Year Members of St. John's Blymire's Church if they would consider mentoring our newest members (those who joined on church in 2024). Mentoring involves checking up on folks from time to time to see how they're doing, encouraging church participation and continued spiritual growth, and being an example of a faithful and covenantal church member. Carol Barnhart is currently working on pairing our 50+-year members with our new members.

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**"Seeking Common Ground"**

As we also announced last month, "Seeking Common Ground" is a grassroots, nationwide movement that has taken hold in our country the last few months, particularly in light of our recent tumultuous election campaigns and the consequences of our recent election. "Seeking Common Ground" involves organizations (such as churches) to sponsor groups that are purposely comprised of "red", "blue", and independents. By design, these groups consist of folks with varying political and theological positions who meet together, with ground rules, to talk about real issues and values that are important to each person and to not gloss over differences. The purpose of these groups is to get folks to truly listen to those with opposing views from theirs, to fully appreciate our differences, to understand others better, and to truly respect each other.

Pastor Rick and others are in the process of gathering folks who are interested in helping them set up such a group. Several of you from St. John's Blymire's UCC have already expressed an interest. He has also reached out to a couple of UCC churches (and possibly people of other faiths) in our area to ask if they are interested in partnering with us in this endeavor. Can the church, in fact, model for the world what it means to have faith-based honesty, respect, and inclusivity?

Please contact Pastor Rick if you have questions or an interest.

## **MONTH OF SUNDAYS WORSHIP SERVICES FOR JANUARY 2025**

### **JANUARY 5, 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS / CELEBRATING EPIPHANY**

Message Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Centering Scripture: John 1:12-13

Message: Bed rotting or the ABS's for the new year?

Theme: What do health professionals and the Apostle Paul say about bed rotting: Could the ABS's be an alternative approach to spiritual health for the new year?

Reflection/Question Time After Worship    Sunday School: Peggie Free/Bob Goff

### **JANUARY 12, 2025 – FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / BAPTISM OF THE LORD JESUS**

Message Scripture: Isaiah 43:1-7

Centering Scripture: Luke 3:21-22

Message: What's it like traveling with "God of the Seas"?

Theme: We do not experience luxury cruising when we travel with God, but we get unlimited access to God's salvation and divine help.

Reflection/Question Time After Worship    Sunday School: Peggie Free/Bob Gaff

### **JANUARY 19, 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Message Scripture: John 2:1-11

Centering Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Message: Will Jesus' wonders never cease?

Theme: Dazzled by the miracle of Jesus turning water into wine? This is a sign of God's redeeming love, already at work in the person of Jesus Christ.

Reflection/Question Time After Worship    Sunday School: Peggie Free/Bob Goff

### **JANUARY 26, 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY / UCC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICE SUNDAY**

Message Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

Centering: Scripture: Nehemiah 8:9b-10

Message: Cindy Innerst-Axe preaching

Reflection/Question Time After Worship    Sunday School: Peggie Free/Bob Goff

### **CARING AND SHARING FUND**

There is a plate on the table in the Gathering Room for you to contribute to the Dallastown Area School District's Caring and Sharing Fund which helps students and their families who are in special need. You may contribute to this Fund anytime by putting in the offering plate cash in marked envelopes or checks made out to the church and earmarked for DASD Caring and Sharing Fund.

In addition, you are encouraged to bring good, used clothing to Community Aid, tell them it's for DASD, and DASD will then get a certain amount of money per pound of clothing, to go toward the Caring and Sharing Fund. If you are unable to take good used clothing to Community Aid, you can bring them to the church and put them in the bins in the Gathering Room. The bins will be emptied and clothes taken to Community Aid on a regular basis.



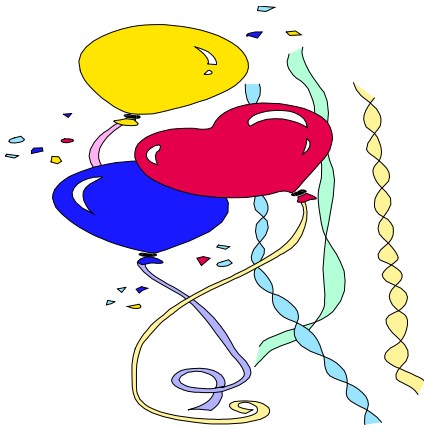
### **EMMANUEL'S CLOSET**

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to give grocery gift cards to 30 families to use to purchase meat and other perishable items for their holiday meals. We also gave Christmas gift cards to 36 children whose families were clients at Emmanuel's Closet.

We continue to collect non-perishable food items, toiletries and paper products to give out each month. You may put donations in the marked bin in the Gathering Room.

Thank you again for caring and for helping to make the holidays a bit brighter for these families.

**JANUARY**  
**BIRTHDAYS**



*May God  
Bless You on  
Your  
Birthday!*

1. Jared Miller  
Todd Miller  
Derek Troop
2. Chet Wise
3. Keith Markey  
Delores Noll
4. Tracey Dilling  
John Sterling
7. Nicholas Innerst  
Morgan Keller
8. Nancy Myers
9. Paige Barley
11. Damion Albright  
Steven Knickel
12. Tina Leader
13. Hannah Leader
14. Benjamin Barley  
John Herbst
16. Brooks Barley
18. Silvia Knickel
20. Rick Sipe
21. Ed Adams  
Gwen Wise
26. Cindie McKinsey  
Renne Myers
31. Terry Stein

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2024	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$10,102.00	\$9,943.43	\$600.89	\$319.65	\$784.93	\$0.00
February	\$7,747.00	\$10,447.49	\$1,200.83	\$318.91	\$1,652.89	\$500.00
March	\$8,402.00	\$10,244.71	\$0.91	\$556.38	\$26.59	\$792.24
April	\$13,187.00	\$11,317.37	\$0.81	\$258.87	\$2.74	\$3,187.50
May	\$9,242.00	\$9,355.00	\$0.71	\$178.64	\$438.87	\$3,159.28
June	\$9,161.00	\$10,126.11	\$0.84	\$390.96	\$907.30	\$3,840.02
July	\$10,860.18	\$18,635.10	\$0.78	\$126.04	\$15.71	\$2,742.49
August	\$7,379.00	\$9,311.18	\$0.74	\$126.99	\$309.62	\$2,395.26
September	\$8,702.00	\$12,148.91	\$75.78	\$344.31	\$203.74	\$2,684.38
October	\$10,686.00	\$9,158.72	\$5000.63	\$128.33	\$2502.81	\$3,376.42
November	\$17,210.45	\$9,384.98	\$100.72	\$322.85	\$307.70	\$1,633.27
December						
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$112,678.63</b>	<b>\$120,072.98</b>	<b>\$6,983.64</b>	<b>\$3,071.94</b>	<b>\$7,152.90</b>	<b>\$24,310.86</b>

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ December 1, 2024

(\$76.78)

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ December 1, 2024  
(Includes \$61,554.06 Endowment)

\$70,339.54

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ December 1, 2024  
(Includes \$875,504.97 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation)

\$891,582.31

## Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2024

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 956.17
January	1	\$25.00	\$ 48.00	\$ 979.17
February	1	\$50.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 1121.17
March			\$ 93.00	\$ 1214.17
April	3	\$420.00	\$ 404.00	\$ 1198.17
May			\$ 265.15	\$ 1463.32
June	2	\$100.00	\$ 110.04	\$ 1473.36
July	4	\$300.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 1257.36
August	3	\$225.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 1122.36
September	5	\$940.00	\$ 472.72	\$ 655.08
October	2	\$150.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 637.08
November	3	\$150.00	\$ 80.30	\$ 567.38
December				
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>\$2,360.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,971.21</b>	

## 2024 Church Improvements

Many thanks go out to all our members who contributed either by completing the task or making a financial contribution to aid in the upgrade of our facilities. Below are the tasks we completed in 2024. Thanks to all!!



### Indoors

1. Replaced aged windows on East side of Christian Ed. wing with maintenance free double hung windows.
2. Replaced gas stove in kitchen with two electric ranges. The change was made due to air intake and exhaust requirements for gas type stoves. The electric ranges eliminated the need for a very large and costly system.
3. Installed new flooring in entrance and Christian Ed. hallways.
4. Replaced three of our Heat/Cooling systems in church building. The new equipment is higher efficient than the older equipment, lowering the cost of operation.
5. Installed dual hand railing at entrance to front of sanctuary.

### Outdoors

1. Continuing to enhance our outdoor landscaping with colored stone in place of mulch.
2. Planted tree outside of Christian Ed. area.
3. Installed new snow guards on roof and landscape stones around A/C units.
4. Installed a second water faucet for cleaning A/C, windows, and equipment, on the southside of the building.

### Red Brick Church

1. Restored deteriorated foundation and repointed brick wall on northeast corner of kitchen. This work was donated by a friend of Red Brick Church.

### Cemetery

1. Removed decaying trees and grind stumps.
2. Built a drainage pit for cemetery runoff.
3. Installed a water diverter in the lower driveway area.

Your Trustees, Joan, Charlie, and Joel



Our offering envelopes for 2025 may now to be picked up from the Welcome Table in the Gathering Room. If you did not use envelopes in 2024, but would like some for 2025. please contact the church office.

Using offering envelopes helps to ensure the privacy of your donations and also makes it easier for us to keep track of what you have given for tax purposes. Thank you.



## TOWN MEETING

On Sunday, January 19, there will be a Town Meeting immediately after the worship service to discuss and approve the budget and the members of the Coordinating Ministry Team for 2025. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

# 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 710B

York View Nursing Home

970 Colonial Avenue

York, PA 17403



**Linda Trone**

Room 604

York View 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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## **Gift Cards**

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 or as gifts. 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 (available on the table in the Gathering Room) and attach a check or cash. Checks should be made payable to St. John's Blymire's UCC. You may drop the orders in the offering plate or place them on Wanda's desk in the office. Payment must be included with your order. Orders will be sent in each Monday morning. You may pick up your gift cards from Sandy Innerst at church the following Sunday.

## **B - I - N - G - O**

A big thank you to everyone who signed Christmas cards and donated BINGO prizes for the residents of Homewood at Plum Creek. They were delivered in the beginning of December and were much appreciated.

We are continuing to collect bingo prizes. Some suggestions are chocolate and other candy, single serving snack items, small holiday trinkets for all seasons, word search puzzles, small stuffed animals and Dove bar soap. Please place BINGO prize donations in the box in Fellowship hall—they will be given to Homewood Homes.

## **Meat Pie Fundraiser**

The Fun Team is now taking orders for Zook's homemade meat pies. These exceptionally delicious pies are made in Paradise, Lancaster County. They are available in two sizes: 6"(12 oz) for \$7.00 and 9"(32 oz) for \$14.00. You may choose from chicken, beef, or sausage flavors.

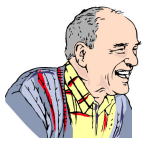


There is a signup sheet on the Welcome Table in the Gathering Room. Deadline for orders is Sunday, January 5, and pickup is Wednesday, January 22, from 4:00-6:00 PM.



It's Secret Pal time again. Everyone is invited to participate, whether you have done it before or not. What is Secret Pal, you ask? Every month from January-December (12 times a year), you buy a gift for your Secret Pal. You must spend at least \$15.00, but you may spend more. The idea is that you don't let the person know who has their name until the end of the year.

There are forms you can fill out listing your favorite restaurants, food, anniversaries, etc. This helps the person who has your name to know what to get for you. Papers are on the table in the Gathering Room for you to fill out if you would like to participate. We will be picking Secret Pals on Sunday, January 12, 2025. It really is fun every month when you get a gift. It's also a way to get to know a member of the church better. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Myers at (717) 855-4752.



## **MEN'S GROUP**



On Tuesday, January 14, at 7:00 PM Ken Frazier, an employee of the Federal government, will join us for a question and answer type of discussion surrounding the status of our country. Everyone is welcome.



### **(replacing Crafty Chicks)**

We will hold our first meeting on Sunday, January 12, from 2:00-4:30 PM.

Option 1- Marti Leader will teach a class making a hexagonal candle mat. The cost is \$15. Participants will need to bring a scissors and three 1/4 yard pieces of coordinating cotton fabric. If needed, this class will continue the following Sunday at the same time.

Option 2- If you are not interested in making the candle mat, come join us for fellowship and bring whatever you are working on of any type of craft.



On Saturday, January 11, beginning at 5:00 PM the FUN Team invites you to a potluck dinner, followed by the movie "Joyful Noise" starring Queen Latifah and Dolly Parton. There is a signup sheet on the table in the Gathering Room.

## **KNITTERS and CROCHETERS**

Memorial White Rose Hospice is asking for donations of handmade scarves and blankets. If you would like to help with this ongoing project, there is a box in the Gathering Room for you to put your donations. They are especially in need of items for men.



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, twice or three times a week. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00-11:00 AM here at the church. There is a \$10 fee for each class.

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, January 17, 6:00-8:00 PM. A meal will be provided.



## **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 meet the second Wednesday of each month starting at 11:00 AM and playing until people are ready to stop. January's meeting will be on the 8th.



## **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. We invite you to join us on Saturday, January 18, at 10:00 AM, for Guided Meditation, followed by Drum Circle, with a variety of instruments available. We meet at the home of Cindy Innerst-Axe, 2285 Swamp Road, Dallastown. Questions, call Cindy (717) 855-6330.

## **WOMEN OF WONDER**



Who? What? Where? When? We are a group of women who simply enjoy each other's company, conversation and compassion...while sharing a message of God's love to each other, our church family, and our community. We read scripture and share devotions. We offer advice, support, and sometimes a shoulder. We laugh together and find joy.

If this sounds like something you or a friend would like to do, we meet on the 4th Saturday of every month at 11:00 AM at the church. (We also go out to lunch afterward). Hope to see you in the Gathering Room at our next meeting on January 25.

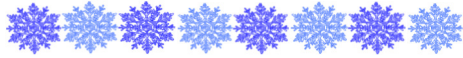


Today is the tomorrow we  
worried about yesterday...  
and all is well!

Wanda Shealy



JANUARY 2025



As the years pass, I am coming more and more to understand that it is the common, everyday blessings of our common everyday lives for which we should be particularly grateful. They are the things that fill our lives with comfort and our hearts with gladness -- just the pure air to breathe and the strength to breath it; just warmth and shelter and home folks; just plain food that gives us strength; the bright sunshine on a cold day; and a cool breeze when the day is warm.

The real things haven't changed. It is still best to be honest and truthful; to make the most of what we have; to be happy with simple pleasures; and have courage when things go wrong. I am beginning to learn that it is the sweet, simple things of life that are the real ones, after all.

Laura Ingalls Wilder

What is a New Year's  
resolution?

Something that goes  
in one year and  
out the other.



### I WAS DYING

First I was dying to finish high school and start college.  
And then I was dying to finish college and start working.  
And then I was dying to marry and have children.  
And then I was dying for my children to be old  
enough for school so I could return to work.  
And then I was dying to retire.  
And now, I am dying... and suddenly  
I realize I forgot to live.

Unknown



### THE LITTLE BOY AND THE OLD MAN

Said the little boy, "Sometimes I drop my spoon."  
Said the old man, "I do that too."  
The little boy whispered, "I wet my pants."  
"I do that too," laughed the little old man.  
Said the little boy, "I often cry."  
The old man nodded, "So do I."  
"But worst of all," said the boy, "it seems  
Grown-ups don't pay attention to me."  
And he felt the warmth of a wrinkled old hand.  
"I know what you mean," said the little old man.

Shel Silverstein

### A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER



Thank you Lord for giving me  
The brand new year ahead  
Help me live the way I should  
As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom  
That I might help a friend  
Give me strength and courage  
So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty  
Help me fill it with good things  
Each new day filled with joy  
And the happiness it brings.

Please give the leaders of our world  
A courage born of peace  
That they might lead us gently  
And all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon this earth  
A heart that's filled with love  
A gentle happy way to live  
With Your blessings from above.

The New Year lies before you  
like a spotless track of snow...  
be careful how you tread on it,  
for every mark will show.

Charlotte Anselmo



"Sometimes I need to rest, to  
hibernate into calm, to heal, to dream,  
to curl into my soul and remember, so  
that I can love the world new again."

Jody Doty

Youth is when you're allowed to  
stay up on New Year's Eve.  
Middle age is when you're forced to.

"Stop obsessing over the 'lasts'. Be ready to greet the firsts and the yet unseen nexts that are coming right around the bend. Look alive... they'll be here any minute now."

Maggie Smith

## UNIMAGINABLE

Try this. Imagine a perfect world. Whatever that means to you, imagine it. Does that mean peace? Then envision absolute tranquility. Does a perfect world imply joy? Then create your highest happiness. Will a perfect world have love? Ponder a place where love has no bounds.

Whatever *heaven* means to you, imagine it. Get it firmly fixed in your mind. Delight in it. Dream about it. Long for it. And then smile as the Father reminds you from the apostle Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 2:9: "No one has ever imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." No one. No one has come close. Think of all the songs about heaven, all the artists' portrayals. All the lessons preached, and poems written, and chapters drafted. When it comes to describing heaven, we are all happy failures.

Max Lucado

In the end, love doesn't just keep thinking about it, or keep planning for it. Simply put: love does!

Bob Goff



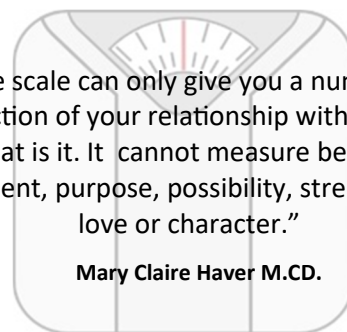
## THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS

When the song of the angels is stilled,  
When the star in the sky is gone,  
When the kings and princes are home,  
When the shepherds are back with their flock,  
The work of Christmas begins:  
To find the lost,  
To heal the broken,  
To feed the hungry,  
To release the prisoner,  
To rebuild the nations,  
To bring peace among people,  
To make music in the heart.

Howard Thurman

"The scale can only give you a numerical reflection of your relationship with gravity. That is it. It cannot measure beauty, talent, purpose, possibility, strength, love or character."

Mary Claire Haver M.C.D.



## A, B, C, D, E, F, G

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, we will not fear ... though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea. - Psalm 46:1-2 (NRSV)*

In a pastoral letter years ago, an Episcopal bishop told this story: A man was caught in an earthquake. Terrified, he tried to pray but couldn't find any words. He'd heard and spoken countless prayers in his lifetime, but in his panic, couldn't recall even one. So he recited the only thing that popped into his head. He fervently prayed the alphabet.

"A, b, c, d, e, f, g..." It was the most genuine prayer of his life, and there can be no doubt God heard him.

These days, lots of us can't focus. The ground beneath us is shaky. The menace seems real. So too the dread. The world feels incoherent. So are we. We cope with the anxiety as best we can, paying loving attention to each day's holy details, clinging to each other in solidarity, mustering tidbits of hope from our own and others' deep reserves of faith, trying to keep loving no matter what, determined not to lose track of the gospel.

This is a good way to live these earthquake-y days. It's also exhausting. So this is no time to be worried about finding suitable words and sounding all put together. It's not the moment, if there ever was one, to perform perfectly or prove anything to anyone, to strike just the right tone or give the right answer. It's a time to be real, and to let that be the good thing it is.

We're back to basics now, as the world lurches and shakes. If "I, m, n, o, p..." is the only prayer you can manage, surely God receives it. Pray it with all your heart.

*Prayer- O God, "A, b, c, d, e, f, g..."*

Mary Luti



# A HUGE CATCH

Make a catch of fish to show what happens when Jesus calls his first disciples.

### What you need:

- Cardboard egg carton
- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Darning needle
- Fishing twine
- Scissors
- Googly eyes or buttons
- Glue



### What you do:

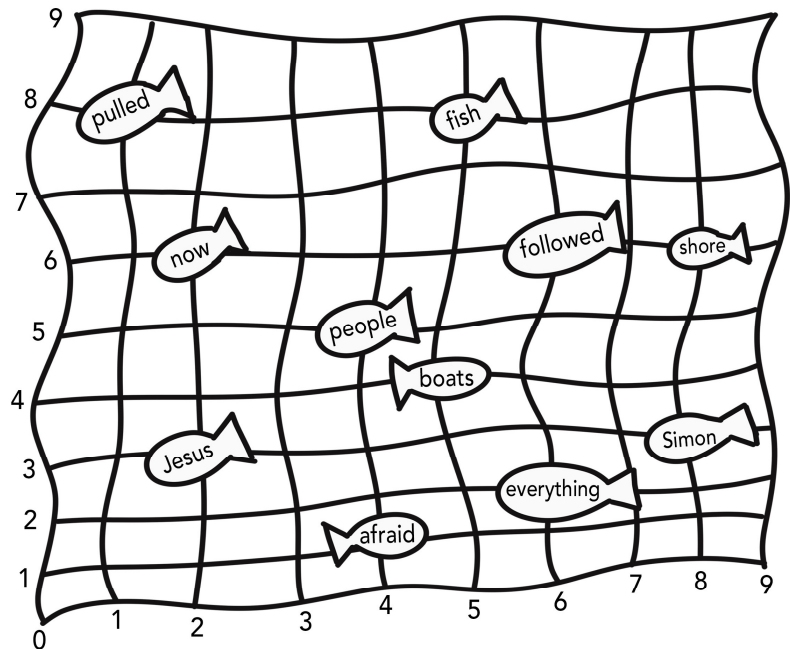
1. From the egg carton, cut out the 12 cups. From the lid, cut out two fish tails.
2. On a protected surface, turn the cups upside down. Paint the outside of each cup and both sides of the tails. Let dry.
3. Thread the needle with an arm's length of twine. Tie a knot at the end.
4. Thread the needle through the end of the tail. Tie another knot an inch from the tail.
5. Thread the needle through one upside-down cup. Pull the twine through until the cup rests on the knot.
6. Continue tying knots an inch above each cup and threading on another cup until you've strung six cups. Tie a knot above the last cup and leave a long string to hang the fish. (You can make two fish with each egg carton.)
7. Add googly eyes or buttons to the last cup to make a face.

# PUZZLE

## FISHING DIRECTIONS

When fishermen obeyed Jesus and let down their nets, they caught so many fish that their boats began to sink! Simon Peter fell at Jesus' knees. What happened next?

Directions: Use the coordinate clues to locate the correct words and complete Luke 5:10-11 (NIV) below. The first number in each clue pair goes across, and the second number goes up.



Then Jesus said to \_\_\_\_\_, "Don't be \_\_\_\_\_; from \_\_\_\_\_  
 on you will \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_." So they \_\_\_\_\_ their  
 \_\_\_\_\_ up on \_\_\_\_\_, left \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him.

Luke 5:10-11, NIV

Answers: Jesus, Simon, afraid, followed, everything, shore, boats, pulled, people, fish, now, afraid, Simon, left, followed