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## *From the Pastor's Desk*



**Greetings to you and peace from God our Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ.**

OH MY GOODNESS!!! Last month the Pastor's Desk column focused on COVID 19 and how we need to look beyond self and help those around us who may be in a difficult spot. I kept the last paragraph from April's column and share it here:

"Our hope is that the divine in each one of us will overpower the human side throughout this pandemic and we will put others first and do all that we can to help others make it through! We need to put self in our back pockets and share in taking care of others who may be more impacted than we are. Let us SERVE as God needs us to serve..... especially now!"

Little did I imagine just what this past month would entail! We are asked to stay at home which means the only time we should be out on the road is to get groceries, pick up prescriptions, etc. Many are not able to go to work every day because their business, be it production or merchandise selling, is closed down. Only "essential" companies and businesses are allowed to operate day to day. A number of people are now able to work at home, and this may be something that they will do long term....even after the threat of COVID 19 is under control.

We are not allowed to gather for worship because of the stay at home order and that we are asked to limit groups to 10 or less. I definitely miss seeing all of my faith family gathered for worship! I miss the hugs! (I bet most of you would have guessed that would be one of the first things I mention!) I miss the atmosphere of the fabulous music that is always a part of our worship experience... from Brenda's special music to the choir anthem to the hymns.... I LOVE IT and miss it!!!

I will share with you here that I do intend to offer an OUTDOOR gathering for worship beginning Sunday May 3, at 10:00 AM. I ask you to remain in your cars and park facing the pavilion. I have ordered an FM transmitter which will allow you to hear the worship service on your car radio. BUT, if that does not arrive before May 3, I will use my sound system to project the service. If that is the case, you will have to put down your car windows which brings up a bit of caution for some people, but, nonetheless.... we will have worship for all who choose to come to the church. If you prefer to not come for in-car worship, that is perfectly fine!!!! There will be worship outlines that will be distributed and we will have someone collect the offering envelopes BUT... those who collect the envelopes and distribute the order of worship WILL BE WEARING GLOVES AND MASKS!!! We will do all that we can to abide by the guidelines of safety!!!



One thing we will share also is that for the time being, once we are able to gather in the Sanctuary for worship, we will refrain from having a Greeter hand you the bulletins...they will be on a table for you to pick up. We will verbally greet everyone, but we will try to not touch items that you will need to pick up. We also may change the collection of offering so that individuals touching the plates, etc. will be kept at a minimum. We will be looking at different variables that we may need to address in order to maintain a SAFE environment in our church. We will be installing Hand Sanitizer dispensers at both entrances to the church and we will be placing a stand dispenser in the Gathering Room for your use. We at S.J.B. will do all that we can to ensure the health and well being of our Faith Family and Friends!!!

As our PA Health Secretary says at the daily briefings: STAY HOME! STAY SAFE! STAY HEALTHY!

God Bless us ALL! God protect us all!!! With love - Pastor Lou Ann



P.S..... I don't think they will mind my mentioning this, but keep Carolyn and Sandy Innerst in your prayers! They are COVID 19 positive. At the time of this writing, Carolyn is in York Hospital and Sandy is in quarantine at home. GOD BLESS THEM!!!

### **SPECIAL SERVICES in MAY**

#### **May 3 - Easter 4**

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Sermon: "No Gatekeepers Here"

#### **May 10- Easter 5**

Gospel: John 14:1-14

Sermon: "The Way—Truth—Life"

#### **May 17- Easter 6**

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Sermon: "God Never Leaves Us!"

#### **May 25 - Easter 7 - Memorial Day Observance**

Gospel: John 17:1-11

Sermon: "Yours, Mine, Ours"

#### **May 31- Pentecost Sunday**

Gospel: John 20:19-28

Sermon: "Mission of Forgiveness"

**As the coronavirus pandemic continues to spread, we have had to cancel or postpone many of our normal activities. As of the printing of this newsletter, Wanda will be in the church office on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and Pastor Lou Ann will be in Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8:00-11:00 AM.**

**If you or any of your friends or neighbors are in need financially or if you or they need someone to run errands or help in other ways, please call the church office and we will try our best to help.**

**Please also remember that even if we don't have worship services or other events, the church still has bills to be paid. You may drop your offerings off during the above times or mail them to us. Thank you very much and stay healthy.**

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**



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

3. Brenda Kerchner  
Stella Holtzapple
5. Sonja Ness  
Linda Flinchbaugh
7. Kathi Sterling
9. Alexandra Humbert
10. Nelson Leader
11. Jane Picking
12. Zachery Tyler Ness
14. April Weber
15. Chuck Miller
17. Brad Leader
18. Douglas Leader
19. Freda Berry
20. Lonnie Barnhart
24. Joyce Platts
25. Martha Leader
27. Richard Nelson
28. Braxton McKenzie
29. Bernie Noll
30. Claire Barley

## **CELEBRATING MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

May 4 - Scott and Sarah Smith - 12 years  
May 9 - Tim and Donna Sleeth - 11 years  
May 10 - Bob and Wanda Strickler - 45 years  
May 10 - Michael and Heather Matthews - 23 years  
May 12 - Greg and Connie Hays - 19 years  
May 13 - Matthew and Randi John - 14 years  
May 22 - Brad and Michele Leader - 21 years

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Undesignated General Fund

Red Brick Chapel

Cemetery

Month-2020	Income	Expense	Income	Expense	Income	Expense
January	\$9,741.85	\$12,109.48	\$0.35	\$269.82	\$812.70	\$1,291.80
February	\$14,597.12	\$13,351.53	\$1.68	\$274.10	\$1,142.27	\$0.00
March	\$8,721.12	\$11,240.07	\$3.39	\$435.00	101.14	\$211.30
April						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
<b>Total</b>	\$33,060.09	\$36,701.08	\$5.42	\$978.92	\$2,056.11	\$1,503.10

Balance of Undesignated General Fund @ April 1, 2020

\$1758.61

Balance of Red Brick Chapel Fund @ April 1, 2020

(Includes \$53,501.38 Endowment)

\$73,311.62

Balance of Cemetery Fund @ April 1, 2020

(Includes \$828,822.00 CD's, Trusts, UCC Foundation)

\$835,393.80

## Financial Assistance Given through Hand of Hope Fund - 2020

	#	Total	Monthly	Available
	Families	\$\$\$	Donations	Balance
Beginning				\$ 437.45
January			\$ 69.87	\$ 507.32
February	1	\$ 25.00	\$ 86.47	\$ 568.79
March	2	\$ 75.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 563.79
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>	<b>\$ 226.34</b>	

## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS**

**Freda Berry**  
The Haven at Springwood  
2321 Freedom Way  
York, PA 17402

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



**Linda Trone**  
Room 700  
Colonial Manor Nursing Home  
970 Colonial Avenue  
York, PA 17403

Keeping in our prayers  
**Dolores Barley**  
**Burl Gingerich**  
**Nancy Taylor**  
**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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### ***Family Fun Bonus Books***

The SOS (Sisters of Service) is currently selling discount books with Buy-One-Get-One Free coupons for various restaurants and other activities in the area. The cost is \$12.00 for over \$400 in savings. See the next page of this newsletter for a list of participating businesses. If you would like to buy one of the books, please stop by the church office. Thank you.

### ***Polo Shirt Fundraiser***

We have extended the time to order shirts embroidered with our church logo to June 30. If you are interested, please fill out the form in this newsletter and send it along with your payment to the church office.

### ***Andy Angel Concert***

Before the coronavirus hit, we had scheduled our first outdoor concert of the season to be held on Sunday, June 7, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the pavilion. This will be Big Band style music. We are still hoping to be able to hold the concert. Please check our website or call the church office when it gets closer to that date to see if it is still on.



On Saturday, May 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, the Men's Group will be holding their first chicken BBQ of the season. You will get a 1/2 chicken, baked potato, and roll and butter all for \$8.00. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the slip below and turn it in to the church office or call 244-0655. Other BBQ's will be held on the 2nd Saturday of each month thru October.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

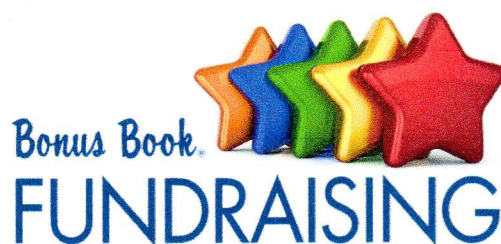
Number of Dinners \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8.00 = \_\_\_\_\_



# Bonus Book® FAMILY FUN™

## York Area

1. Isaac's Restaurants
2. IHOP
3. Metro Diner
4. Primo Hoagies
5. Burger King
6. Burger King
7. 3 Hogs BBQ
8. Fuddruckers
9. Hardee's
10. Papa John's Pizza
11. Subway
12. Primo Pizza Express
13. Azteca Mexican Grill
14. Arooga's Grille House & Sports Bar
15. Moe's Southwest Grill
16. Domino's
17. Domino's
18. The Festive Board Deli
19. Firehouse Subs
20. Bubba D's Pizza & Wings
21. Dickey's Barbecue Pit
22. Dickey's Barbecue Pit
23. Wood Fire Italian Grill
24. The Busy Bee
25. Bair's Fried Chicken
26. Roma's Pizza & Restaurant
27. Good 'N Plenty Restaurant
28. Big Apple Bagels
29. Fenderz Grill & Pub
30. Friendly's
31. Dairy Queen
32. Rita's
33. Tropical Smoothie Cafe
34. Suburban Bowlerama
35. Laser Alleys
36. Fun Time Cinemas
37. Adrenaline Entertainment Center
38. York Indoor Golf & Training Center
39. Honey Run Golf Club
40. Bridgewater Golf Club



# St. John's Blymire's U.C.C. Shirt Fund Raiser

We have not had a shirt Fund raiser project for a number of years. We had an offer of support for this project that will ensure a good profit for our church funds. The emblem is embroidered on the shirts, not screen printed.

**Orders are due back to us by June 30.**

We will offer White (as in the picture) and Light Blue colors in all sizes listed.

The sizes we offer are: Men's: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL.

Tall Men's: ST, MT, LT, XLT, 2XLT, 3XLT, 4XLT.

Ladies: AS, AM, AL, AXL, A2XL, A3XL, A4XL.

Youth sizes: YS, YM, YL, YXL.

PRICES: \$25.00 per shirt for S, M, L, or XL. sizes (Two for \$45.00) (Three for \$65.00) (Four for \$80.00) and can be in a combination of colors and sizes. There is a surcharge per shirt for the larger sizes! For a 2XL SHIRT, you would add \$2.00 per shirt; 3XL you would add \$4.00 per shirt; and for 4XL you would add \$5.00 per shirt.

**Note: If you order three shirts.... One Men's 3XL, one ladies AXL and one Youth L, the price would be \$65.00 + \$4.00 for the surcharge on the Men's shirt. If you order Two Tall Men's 2XLT and one Ladies' L, the cost would be \$65.00 + \$8.00 for the surcharge on 2 of the Tall Men's size.**

We hope you will contact anyone who may be interested in having a nice shirt signifying our church and the U.C.C. emblem. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Lou Ann.



NAME & phone	COLOR:	SIZE:	Is there a SURCHARGE?
John Doe 717-222-2323	blue	A2XL	\$2.00

Total number of shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Surcharges total: \_\_\_\_\_

Total of purchase: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address: \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU for your support of our fund raiser**

# **EMMANUEL'S CLOSET**

*May 2020*



## **Easter Project**

For Easter we gave out extra meal bags and gift cards to 33 families. We also gave bags of candy to all the children, whether they were food or clothing only clients.

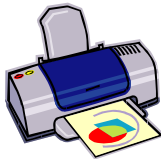
## **Changes Due to Coronavirus**

In order to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus we have temporarily closed our Clothing and Household room. Therefore, at this time we are not accepting any of this type of donation.

We are still accepting donations of food, cleaning products and toiletries. We are giving them out by having the clients come to the parking lot door rather than inside St. Paul's. Donations of food and other products may be dropped off at Blymire's church any weekday morning from 8:00-11:00 AM. Thank you for helping your neighbors in this time of need.

## **Cartridge Recycling**

Don't forget to bring in your empty printer cartridges and place them in the box above the coat rack in the hallway. Thank you for your support of this project which will not only raise money for those in need, but also help to keep our planet "green."



**Below is a list of items that we are especially in need of right now:**

**Spam**  
**Sloppy Joe Mix**  
**Beef Stew**  
**Peanut butter/Jelly**  
**Pancake mix/Syrup**  
**Tuna Helper**  
**Chicken Helper/Canned Chicken**  
**Spaghetti/Pasta Sauce**  
**Mashed/Scalloped Potatoes**  
**Canned Chili w/Meat**

## **E.C. Continuing Needs**

Juice  
Cereal/Oatmeal  
Peanut Butter/Jelly  
Pancake Mix  
Spaghetti Sauce  
Boxed Dry Pastas  
Helper Meals  
Dessert Items  
Condiment Items  
Canned Tuna/Meats  
Canned Fruit/Vegetables  
Soap  
Shampoo  
Toilet Paper  
Paper Towels  
Dish Washing Liquid  
Laundry Detergent  
All-Purpose Cleaners  
Children's books/toys  
Small household items

**Please, NO Expired Food Items**



***THANKS FOR CARING!***





**MAY 2020**

"Sometimes God will put a Goliath in your life for you to find a David within you."

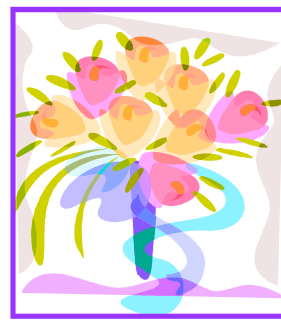
**Pocket.praise**

## BE KIND TO YOURSELF

Kindness at home. Kindness in public. Kindness in church and kindness with our enemies. Pretty well covers the gamut, don't you think? Almost. Someone else needs your kindness. Who could that be? Well, it's YOU! Since God is so kind to us, can't we be a little kinder to ourselves?

*Oh, but you don't know me. You don't know my faults and my thoughts. You don't know the gripes I grumble and the complaints I mumble.* No, I don't, but he does. He knows everything about you, yet he doesn't hold back his kindness toward you. Has he, knowing all your secrets, retracted one promise or reclaimed one gift? He forgives your faults, calls you his ambassador, his follower, even his child. In God's book you are a good thing. Be kind to yourself. God thinks you're worth his kindness. And he's a good judge of character.

**Max Lucado**



# HOPE

"Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time, and always start with the person nearest you."

**Mother Teresa**

The day you plant the seed is not the day you eat the fruit.

**Jennifer Garner**

I love my mom's hands. They are capable and hardworking. Veins line the top of them. They are weathered from years of working in her garden. But these are the hands that felt my feverish forehead when I was little. I reached for them in the middle of a crowd so that I could feel safe. They showed me how to clean, make chocolate chip cookies, and write my name.

When my boys were born, my mom's were the first hands to give my babies a bath. They taught me how to swaddle and hold and nurture. My mom's hands are my favorite. They are the embodiment of care and love.

Lately, my hands have begun to look more like my mom's. My hands find a great deal of joy being in the dirt, planting flowers, and holding the hands of my growing boys. My hands cook and clean and take care of my family. And they write stories and mark the years as they fly by. I want my hands to be the embodiment of care and love.

The most amazing hands of all time were Jesus' hands. His hands performed miracles and brought the dead to life. His hands broke bread and fish and fed thousands. His hands healed the sick and even helped the blind to see. His hands blessed the sun, warmed heads of children, and helped the lame to walk. Jesus' hands are the true embodiment of care and love. When we use our hands to care for those around us, our hands are like Jesus' hands. And those are the hands that will change the world.

**Susanna Foth Aughtmon**



Tribute to a grandmother:

## THE BALLAD OF MAREN KAST

She was there when I was born. She helped me make mayonnaise from scratch. She taught me to use chopsticks. She forced me to like squid. We drank bourbon and made plaster masks and discussed the world and all of its trials and possibility. She is fly-fishing, kaftans, and paper-mache. She's the smell of toasted English muffin with garlic simmered in butter, the sound of soft jazz... so many things remind me of her. Over the years she coached me on being a good friend, a good Christian, a good daughter and wife; and despite the many times I have fallen short of my expectations, she never made me feel as though I fell short of hers. Grandma was an artist, a poet, a mother, a musician, a chef, a wife, a believer. She radiated goodness and warmth. Being with her felt like being home.

**Tamara Christians**

**MOM'S ADVICE** Throughout the centuries, mothers have been giving their children good advice .. here's just a small sampling:

COLUMBUS'S MOTHER: "I don't care what you've discovered, you still could have written!"

MICHELANGELO'S MOTHER: "Can't you paint on walls like other children? Do you have any idea how hard it is to get that stuff off the ceiling?"

NAPOLEON'S MOTHER: "All right, if you aren't hiding your report card inside your jacket, take your hand out of there and show me."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER: "Again with the stovepipe hat? Can't you just wear a baseball cap like the other kids?"

ALBERT EINSTEIN'S MOTHER: "But it's your senior picture. Can't you do something about your hair?"

THOMAS EDISON'S MOTHER: "Of course I'm proud that you invented the electric light bulb. Now turn it off and get to bed!"

PAUL REVERE'S MOTHER: "I don't care where you think you have to go, young man, midnight is past your curfew."

GOLDILOCKS' MOTHER: "I've got a bill here for a busted chair from the Bear family. You know anything about this, Goldie?"

LITTLE MISS MUFFET'S MOTHER: "Well, all I've got to say is if you don't get off your tuffet and start cleaning your room, there'll be a lot more spiders around here!"

JONAH'S MOTHER: "That's a nice story, but now tell me where you've really been for the last three days."

MONA LISA'S MOTHER: "After all that money your father and I spent on braces, that's the biggest smile you can give us?"

### MAKE THEM BREAKFAST!

After the death of Jesus, his disheartened disciples had gone back to what they knew best, fishing. One day, while they were out on the water, a voice came from the shore and told them to drop their nets on the other side of the boat. This had happened before. It was life bookended with the same statement. You know how the story proceeds, these men ended up with so many fish, they almost broke their nets. Immediately, Peter knew it was Jesus. He jumped in the water and swam to the shore.

When he got to shore, Peter saw a fire with fish cooking and some bread set aside for them. Jesus didn't say the biggest "I told you so" of all time. He didn't chastise His friends for deserting Him in His greatest moment of need. He didn't take advantage of a "teachable moment" to tell them what to do the next time they were tempted to say they didn't even know Him and desert a friend. What He did was simply this; He made them breakfast. He let His presence on the shore with them do all the talking.

If we commit to becoming the kinds of people God created us to be, our lives will tell better stories than our words ever will. They will be the testimony people need to see and feel before they hear a word we're saying. Who is it you think you need to teach a good lesson to? Don't make a lot of noise in their lives; make them a stack of pancakes!

**Bob Goff**

There is a story about a Rabbi during a natural disaster. He was asked how he could explain such a tragic act of God. The Rabbi answered that the disaster was an act of nature. The act of God occurred when people stepped up to help each other.

## MEMORIAL DAY and THE NATIONAL MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Memorial Day weekend is when America pretends that summer has started. And if you're like 80% of us, that's where the meaning of the three-day holiday begins and ends. Which is why, in 2000, Congress passed The National Moment of Remembrance Act, as an added way of honoring America's fallen heroes. The Act asks Americans, wherever they are at 3 pm local time on Memorial Day, to pause for a duration of one minute to remember those who have died in military service to our country. The time of 3pm was chosen because it's likely when Americans are off work and most enjoying the freedoms made possible by those who died in service of their country.



Memorial Day was originally established as Decoration Day in 1868, as a way to honor the fallen soldiers of the Civil War. Never before had so many American soldiers died in battle, and as a result, national cemeteries began to be formed. On the first Decoration Day, 5,000 participants gathered at Arlington National Cemetery to decorate the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there. Southern states refused to acknowledge the day, choosing to honor their dead on separate days until after World War 1, when Memorial Day changed from honoring those who died during the Civil War to those fallen in any war.

But as the true meaning of Memorial Day has become obscured over time, shrouded in the haze of BBQ smoke, some were moved to institute a moment of silence. Allegedly, the idea for the moment came when children touring Washington were asked about the meaning of Memorial Day and responded, "That's the day the pool opens."

So the National Moment of Remembrance Act calls us to stop and remember. Because of the current pandemic, the observance will not be the same this year. Normally, at 3pm on Memorial Day Monday, in observance of the National Moment of Remembrance: Trains blow their whistles, major league baseball games pause for a moment of silence, cars drive with their headlights on, Americans everywhere wave flags, and "Taps" play throughout the nation.

Although celebrations may look very different in 2020, please remember to observe the National Moment of Remembrance with your family. It's important that we impart the true meaning of this holiday to our children so that they grow up understanding that Memorial Day is not about our own pleasure but about honoring those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

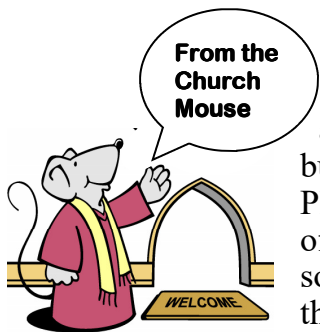
Ryan Scott

## LOCKDOWN

Yes there is fear.  
Yes there is isolation.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
Yes there is sickness.  
Yes there is even death.  
But, They say that in Wuhan after so many years of  
noise you can hear the birds again.  
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
The sky is no longer thick with fumes  
But blue and grey and clear.  
They say that in the streets of Assisi people are singing  
to each other across the empty squares, keeping their  
windows open so that those who are alone may hear  
the sounds of family around them.  
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland is offering  
free meals and delivery to the housebound.  
Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers  
with her number through the neighborhood so that  
the elders may have someone to call on.  
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples  
are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless,  
the sick, the weary.  
All over the world people are slowing down & reflecting.  
All over the world people are looking at their neighbors  
in a new way.

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality.  
To how big we really are.  
To how little control we really have.  
To what really matters. To Love.  
So we pray and we remember that  
Yes there is fear.  
But there does not have to be hate.  
Yes there is isolation.  
But there does not have to be loneliness.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
But there does not have to be meanness.  
Yes there is sickness.  
But there does not have to be disease of the soul.  
Yes there is even death.  
But there can always be a rebirth of love.  
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.  
Today, breathe.  
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic.  
The birds are singing again.  
The sky is clearing.  
Spring is coming.  
And we are always encompassed by Love.  
Open the windows of your soul  
And though you may not be able to touch across the  
empty square, Sing!

Richard Hendrick



## Revelations for MAY from “Bly Mire” Mouse

HELLO THERE!!!!!! How are you all doing??? I SO miss seeing you all at the church! As a matter of fact, there is so little activity in the church building now that Mire, the little ones and I have to hike up the hill to South Pleasant Avenue and watch what little traffic there is in order to have a change of entertainment. I have heard Pastor Lou Ann talk about how her cat Tigger is so entertaining because “Tig” gets up at their picture window and chatters at all the birds that come to the feeders. I have been tempted to hide in Pastor Lou Ann’s car and travel to her home to see this but.....you know how a mouse in the house would mix with a cat.

Mire and I have been searching the internet and found a lot of neat ideas of how to entertain the little ones. There are many great ideas out there. If you want something faith focused to download, look on the DAVID C. COOK website (There is a link to this on our church website). This is a Christian Curriculum company and they have developed some resources to help understand COVID 19 and how to cope with the change in our daily routines.

I have heard some of my friends say on facebook that they are tired of hearing the term “new normal” but I am afraid that we are definitely facing a change of attitude about some of the things we just normally do every day. I have heard that it may be suggested to quit shaking hands because of how germs are passed by that kind of contact. This has been such a common practice for us that I am hard pressed to imagine a different way of greeting others. But, if we need to change that practice for our own good, then we will do it. (I truly hope that they do not tell us to refrain from hugging! That would really stretch my imagination to a point of no return!) Honestly though, we may be facing a time where our human to human contact may be a thing of the past. We know that children in schools have been punished for just touching another child because it was an invasion of the other child’s space, and we as adults may be facing similar circumstances. Believe me, I hope we soon will no longer hear the term “social distancing” but, in reality, I think that may become a fixed term in how we interact with others.....at least for the next year or so. I will share with you that in regards to social distancing, Pastor Lou Ann was talking the other day and said that the day before she had to get out of the house and take a walk. She was not only practicing social distancing, she was practicing SURVIVAL distancing.....she was ready to “kill” Jeri because of a disagreement...LOL!!!

GOD BLESS ALL during this trying and difficult time! And as many are saying...STAY SAFE! STAY HEALTHY!!! And, I add.... STAY FAITHFUL!

May’s humor:

Jeri bought me a mood ring back in March. When I am in a good mood the ring is a beautiful shade of purple. When I am in a bad mood, it leaves a big red mark on his forehead! and

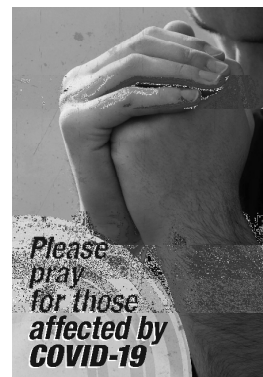
Two old west cowboys were talking and one asked: “Can you imagine what it would be like to be scalped?” The other replied: “Not off the top of my head!”

LOVE YOU ALL!!!

BLY and MIRE



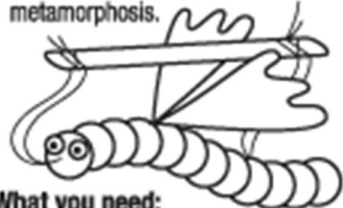
P.S. - HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY and HAPPY MOTHER “FIGURE” DAY!!!





# CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



## What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

## What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.



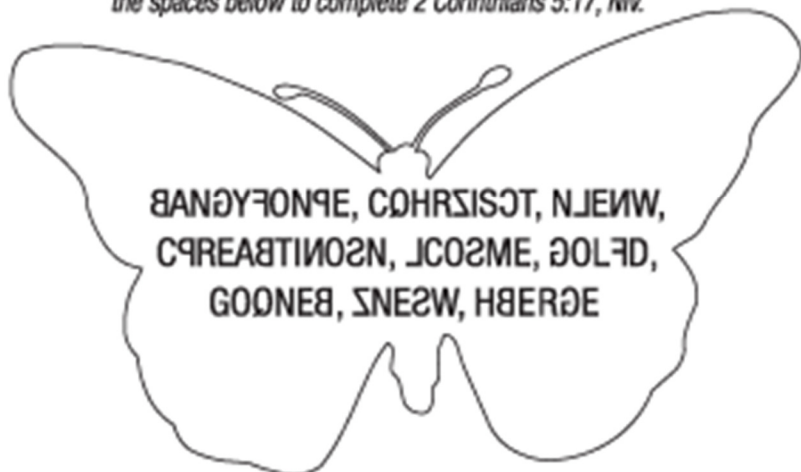
## TransformationPOWER



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,  
God transforms us from old to new.



*Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*



Therefore, if \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_:

The \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here