



# Faith in Action

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“Grounded in Christ, open to make a difference – together”

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## PREPARING FOR **PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8**

*Pentecost is the Church’s birthday!*

With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, the disciples were able to go forth to preach, heal and die in the name of the Lord.

The Book of Acts carries this dramatic and moving account of the Apostles and disciples in the earliest days of the Church!



**Thoughts on Pentecost:** the contrast of **law vs. grace** representing the **old** and **new** covenants is one that is common in scripture. In John 1:17 for example, we read:

*“For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.”*

There are many interesting parallels between the Day of Pentecost at Sinai when Moses delivered the law and the Day of Pentecost in Acts when the Holy Spirit fell upon the disciples. The writer of Hebrews sums up differences between the two instances of Pentecost by metaphorically likening them to two mountains— Sinai (law) & Zion (grace):

*You have not come to a physical mountain, to a place of flaming fire, darkness, gloom, and whirlwind, as the Israelites did at Mount Sinai. For they heard an awesome trumpet blast and a voice so terrible that they begged God to stop speaking. They staggered back under God’s command: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” Moses himself was so frightened at the sight that he said, “I am terrified and trembling.”*

*No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering. You have come to the assembly of God’s firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel.* (Hebrews 12:18-24 NLT)



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The Holy Spirit Descends on Pentecost

# May Birthdays

5/2 — John Kemp

5/2 — Nicole Mohr

5/3 — Norma Nitti

5/4 — Sheri Lukas

5/5 — Donna Willocks

5/6 — Katie Alfveby

5/6 — Christina Yekaldo

5/8 — Judy Pfenning

5/11 — Louise Gross

5/11 — Gloria Gurtin

5/14 — Sonja Beguhl

5/15 — Jody Sielski

5/18 — Frederick Mens

5/20 — Amber Palmer

5/21 — Jenny Kranz

5/24 — Lisa Ann Boelter

5/26 — Chad Emery

5/28 — Timothy Pippert

5/29 — Ruth Martin

5/20 — Matthew Palmer



- *If your birthday is missing or listed incorrectly, contact the church office for additions/corrections. Happy Birthday, everyone!* •

## Thank you to and for during April...

- **Greeters:** Karen Cohoes, Taffy Storck, Maryanne Maurer, the Pippert family
- **Liturgists:** Mike Schwendinger, Barbara Schroeder, and Gil Kinnunen
- **Serving refreshments:** Judy Turk, and Linda Cox
- **Communion Steward:** Sharon Yekaldo (Maundy Thursday)
- **Thank you** to Linda Cox, Karen Cohoes, Barb Schroeder, and Carol Schuldt for helping assemble the April newsletter.
- **Thank you** to United Methodist Women and Sharon Yekaldo for our Wednesday evening suppers.
- **Thank you** to the actors in the Wednesday evening dramas: Gil Kinnunen, Judy Pfenning, Clayton Van Siclen, Victoria Hovey, Sharon Yekaldo, Dawn Kinnunen, Bill Bonkowske, Carol Schuldt, Taffy Storck, Karen Cohoes, Ava Spatafore, and Bob, Dana, John & Charles Scopatz.
- **Thank you** to Gil Kinnunen, Carol Schuldt, Bonnie Dick, Laurel Venhuizen, Ruth Campion, and Judy Turk for hosting the UM Foundation Seminar.
- **Thank you** to Mike Schwendinger, Marsha Spatafore, Bill Bonkowske, Bob Scopatz, Dana Scopatz, Carol Schuldt, Gil Kinnunen and Judy Pfenning for reading the Passion story.
- **Thank you** to Barbara Schroeder & Jeanne Schwendinger for helping with the Easter decorations.
- **Thank you** to Matt Spatafore, Pete DeNardo, Mike Schwendinger, Marsha Spatafore, Olivia Stehr, Lileigh Doughty, Jalen Hoam, and Alexi DeNardo for preparing the Easter breakfast.
- **Wow!** Marti and I would like to thank everybody who helped with food and money donations for the March Food Shelf. We had a really great year! We topped two goals: the first goal of 800 lbs. in two weeks and the second goal of 1,200 lbs. in four weeks. Our final total was 1,869 lbs. in food and money donations. Maybe next year we can get some good ideas and make 2,500 lbs. our goal. The children got their pizza for one of the goals and cake for the final goal. God bless and thank you to everyone for helping to feed the needy. — *Karen & Marti*





# Steps on the Journey

Our house is getting some re-arranging these days. We are getting furniture returned. We are cleaning out space that has become more storage area than bedrooms. We are boxing up things for storage. Why you might ask? Are we on a spring cleaning binge? Have we too much time on our hands? The answer to those last two questions is no. It seems our 3 grandsons are coming to stay with us for 10 days and we need to have space for them. It has been over 10 years since we have had people who could not drive them-selves in our household for more than 2 days.

This advent has meant looking carefully at our schedules. Dennis and I trying to make sure as much as possible one of us is free in the evening. It will mean major grocery shopping. And it will mean adjustments to our bedtime and sleeping schedules. It turns out our grandsons like to rise at 6:30-7:00 each morning. Something their grandmother does not do well. It will mean we have to do some changing and adjusting. And it means we will have a great deal of fun and enjoyment and excitement for the next few days.

I was reflecting on our changes as I thought about the changes that happened to the disciples after God raised Jesus from the dead. They thought they knew how life was going to be now that Jesus was dead. They were beginning to work out the plan and then God enters and changes everything. Things cannot be put off. New winds are beginning to blow and new possibilities are in store for the followers of Jesus.

Hopefully that is the way we all feel after Easter. We thought we knew what was happening and then God comes and changes everything and invites us along to new experiences, new possibilities and new hope. It will be challenging, but it will also be exciting, a lot of fun and filled with enjoyment.

This month watch and see where God is entering and how God is changing our world and then open up to the possibilities that God is setting before you.

Continue to take steps on the journey.

*Peace in Christ,  
Gail*

## Graduations

If you have someone graduating this year whether it is from high school, college, technical school, graduate school or somewhere else please let the church office know so they can be recognized in the June/July church newsletter.

## Book Group

This summer a group of people are interested in reading and talking about the book "A Call to Action – Women, Religion, Violence Power" by Jimmy Carter. No dates or times have been set. If you would be interesting in being part of this group please let Pastor Gail know.

## Movie – Noah

Have you seen the movie "Noah"? Are you looking for someone to talk about the movie with? Sunday, June 8 over lunch there will be an opportunity to talk about the movie. See the movie if you haven't and join us for lunch to talk.

**Congregational Care Concerns:**

- ◆ **Henry Hovey** is now at home recovering from his back surgery.
- ◆ **Becky Seaquist** has surgery.
- ◆ **Bev Nielsen** is in hospice care.

**Ongoing Concerns:** *(these will be listed for 3 months and then removed. If you wish for them to remain on the list longer, please contact the church office.)*

- ◆ **Benjamin Brummund**, son of Ron Brummund, Jr., continues to struggle with health problems.
- ◆ **Vi Rabe**, Marianne Young's mother, in hospice.

**We extend our Sympathy:**

- ◆ We extend our sympathy to **Mark & Terri Bougie** on the death of Mark's nephew, Gary.

**Concerns beyond our doors:**

- ◆ Those separated from family
- ◆ Those living with degenerative conditions
- ◆ Those who are hungry
- ◆ Those who have lost jobs or their homes
- ◆ Those who struggle due to natural disasters
- ◆ Those who grieve
- ◆ Those who are uncertain about the future

**The Money Pot** welcomes your change at any time to help support the offering of the month.

**May donations** will support the Annual Conference Love Offering. The money will go this year to Feed My starving Children, Project AgGrad and scholarships for Volunteers in Mission.



**The Prayer Chain is active.** If you have a prayer concern, contact Esther Craine at 651-457-6959. Please also contact the pastor so she knows what is going out over the prayer chain. If you wish to be involved in this ministry please speak with Pastor Gail.

**Appreciation to FUMC**

"Dear Gail, I again want to thank you and members of your church for your gracious hospitality when hosting the recent Stewardship Seminar. A large number of people have commented to me about how much they appreciated [your] excellent facility and how welcoming and attractive the building is. I know you all are very proud of it and with good reason. It is a great place to meet. The enclosed check is to cover expenses you incurred in providing the delicious array of fruit, "goodies: and coffee for the group. We all surely enjoyed having such a marvelous choice! Blessings!" — *Val Walker, Minnesota United Methodist Foundation*

**"Rest in Peace" — A Memorial Day Tribute**  
*Sunday, May 25 4:00 p.m.*  
*St. Stephen's Lutheran Church*  
*1575 Charlton St., W. St. Paul 55118*

You are invited to attend Gerrit's next scheduled organ concert "Rest in Peace" a Memorial Day tribute, honoring the service and sacrifice of those who gave their lives for freedom. **Gerrit Willem Lamain** who lived through the Second World War in Holland, pays tribute to the American and Canadian forces who liberated his native country.

The concert will be augmented with a video presentation, and will feature a reception following the program. A free-will offering to benefit Neighbors Food Shelf will be taken.

If you would like to be on St. Stephen's email concert list, please send an email, indicating your request, to: [jan@ststephenswsp.org](mailto:jan@ststephenswsp.org).

**Hospital Calls:** If you learn someone is hospitalized, please contact the church office or Pastor Gail. With new privacy laws, hospitals no longer call when a member is admitted. We would rather have several calls telling us of someone's hospitalization than not to know. Thank you.

*For your times of devotion this month:*

Remember to pick up the **NEWEST issues** of devotional publications The Upper Room (daily readings in regular or large print), or Alive Now. These booklets are found on the table by the parking lot door.

## “Get to Know Your Neighbor!”

Neighbors, Inc. cordially invites you to an

### OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, May 18**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

222 Grand Ave. W., South St. Paul MN 55075

*Come learn about Neighbors, Inc. and ways you can get involved in the community!*

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- Question and Answer Session
- Come enjoy free snacks and drinks!

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## The Time of Your Life Ends Rehearsals at Faith UMC and Opens on Stage in Downtown St. Paul

For the past few weeks, our fellowship hall stage has been the rehearsal site for *The Time of Your Life*, William Saroyan's play about the colorful characters (eccentrics, drifters, immigrants, lovers, and young hopefuls) who enter and exit Nicki's Saloon and Entertainment Palace in San Francisco on an October day in 1939.

Written in 1939, Saroyan's play was the first to win the Pulitzer Prize for drama and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award in the same year. This year marks its 75th anniversary.

The play is directed by Mikel Clifford and the 24 characters are played by 13 actors from the Minnesota Shakespeare Company and Actors Theater of Minn. *The Time of Your Life* will be performed at the Camp Bar Cabaret, 490 N. Robert Street, St. Paul, on May 8, 10, 16, 17—7:30 p.m.; May 9—8 p.m.; and May 11, 18—5 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available at [www.timeofyourlife.brownpapertickets.com](http://www.timeofyourlife.brownpapertickets.com). Check [www.goldstar.com](http://www.goldstar.com) for half-price tickets.

## Camping

With the green grass finally here, it's hard to believe summer is actually coming! Now is the time to begin thinking about summer camp. Brochures for the many camps sponsored by the Minnesota United Methodist Church are available on the table in the Narthex.



# MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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## The Project AgGrad Mission

Project AgGrad seeks to address root causes of world hunger in developing countries by providing highly motivated and trained leaders in production agriculture.



The Project AgGrad students are supported for an advanced degree at the University of Minnesota and then they return home to work on food production for the rest of their career. They in turn educate others, conduct research, supervise other graduate students in their countries, mentor farmer groups, work with volunteer and professional groups, and give leadership in thousands of ways.

As they touch and train others, the circle of influence goes on and on. One person does make a difference in the world.

Research has led to crop yield increases of 88% in Asia, 69% in the Middle East, 66% Latin America, but only 28% in Africa. Africa was missed by the Green Revolution.

Only 8% of hungry people are hungry due to a short-term effect such as a flood, hurricane, drought, etc. Food aid will help in these cases. But 92% have chronic hunger due to food shortages and general poverty. Food aid is only temporary at best.

In Proverbs, it says that *Without a Vision, People Perish*. Project AgGrad is our vision of how to help.

The United Methodist MN Annual Conference initiated Project AgGrad in response to a 1983 Council of Bishops' letter asking for responsible, targeted programs to meet the increasing demands of world hunger. So far, the program has provided fellowships for six African students to study agriculture at the University of Minnesota. Now they have assumed leadership roles in their homelands, where they teach, mentor, and conduct research.

For more information on Project AgGrad, please visit the website at <http://projectaggrad.org/>



## PRAYER WORKSHOP

### *Writing as Prayers: Psalms*

As a Chaplain at a hospital, I see with people from all walks of life through the extreme and the mundane, the joyous and the sorrowful. When asked to teach a spiritual practice to our patients, I searched for a biblically based practice that could speak to a wide variety of people. It was one of my older patients who unknowingly helped me. Telling me how he loved the Psalms, he said, "I tried to take my brother's wife.

I've also been betrayed. All the while I was messing up and scared, I still loved God. All the things I've shouted out to God, King David shouted out too. It's different, but it's the same — as if I were reading my own prayers."

From this encounter came the inspiration to write psalms as a way to pray. I have begun writing psalms as prayers in my own journal. In individual pastoral counseling, I often encourage patients to write a psalm about whatever matter we have discussed. After we conclude, I read the psalm aloud as a spoken prayer, a way to bless our shared spiritual endeavor and lift our work to God.

The topics of the Psalms reflect our timeless spiritual need for meaning and purpose. We need to know God is near in — good times and bad, in praise and in lamentation, when we're getting things right or making a mess. The Psalms encourage us to come before God exactly as we are right now.

#### *Praying for Light in the Darkness*

When I took up the practice myself, I began to see that writing psalms from my life gave me a new perspective. I sometimes get caught up in negative thinking, ruminating over hurts or mistakes. But this is almost impossible to do when writing a psalm. Even when the psalmist is writing about a deeply negative matter, such as betrayal in Psalm 55 or deep personal repentance of sin as in Psalm 51, the psalmist does not simply state the grim facts but also envisions a future in which God has restored and renewed life with grace and abundant love. Being able to write one's darkest doubts or scariest fears and then imagining God providing a way out of them is one of the gifts that writing psalms can offer.

#### *Praying Forth Trust*

When Writing psalms of trust and confidence is a powerful way to deepen our faith. We can envision new ways to put our faith in God despite boredom, confusion, or tragedy. Notice in the 23rd Psalm that the psalmist devotes three lines to images of God's grace and protection before the single line stating, "I walk through the valley of the shadow of death..." This single image of difficulty is potent. Yet the images of trust and deliverance, hope and security are just as potent. In six different images, we see the outrageous ways the Lord

acts as the Divine Shepherd, sheltering us. The psalmist concludes with the faith that no matter where this life leads, God's goodness and mercy follow him; God is his home. Several meditations in this issue offer reflections on finding hope and faith even in difficult situations.

#### *Writing Psalms as a Form of Prayer*

Perhaps you have already seen ways in which you might use the psalms to spark your own "shouting out" to God. If not, I hope you find some of these writing prompts fruitful. Use the Psalms as inspiration to write your own psalms, your own prayers. Once you get the idea of what your heart longs to give to God in word, go with it. Remember, each psalm reminds us that we can come before God as we are because God is for us, bearing with us, and loving us.

#### *Questions for Reflection:*

1. Reflect on a time of difficulty and find an image of what it looked like (or would look like) for you to come through that time. Write a psalm in which you state three ways you lived through this difficulty for every one way you describe the difficulty.

For example: O Lord, the wind swept away all that we had saved and there was nothing,

Out of an empty kitchen you showed me there was food for us; you put back together our broken hearts.

Where our tears fell you planted joys to grow as numerous as the stars.

2. Read Psalm 100. Think about what it means for God's love to be what defines you: your life's meaning and purpose is to be God's beloved. Nothing else exceeds this. Write a psalm about entering God's presence and fully experiencing your own soul as the beloved of God. For the psalmist this looked like a jubilant court entrance. What does it look like to you? A day in the garden? A table set with food for all? The candlelit silence of a grand cathedral?
3. Read Psalm 65. Reflect on the smallness of human life amidst the grand scale of the earth, stars, and cosmos. Write a psalm affirming your life's meaning and purpose as a created child of God inhabiting this great, wide world.
4. Read Psalm 28 and then put it away. Reflect on a need you experience. Begin your psalm with three descriptions of the Lord delivering you from this need. Describe your need only once, as vividly as possible. Conclude your psalm with expressions of thanksgiving that your need has been met.

— Jane Herring

Jane M. Herring, a former teacher, received an M.Div. from Vanderbilt University Divinity School in Nashville, Tennessee. Her companions on life's journey are her husband and daughter, two dogs, one cat, and family far and wide. Jane had a deep interest in spiritual formation before she even knew what the words meant. She is currently a hospital chaplain in a program for clinical pastoral care.

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# May 2014 Worship Schedule

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## **May 4 — 3rd Sunday of Easter** — *Sacrament of Holy Communion*

*Scripture Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35*

Sermon Title: "Knowing Where to Look for God"

Greeter: Taffy Storck

Communion Steward: Lynn Mens

Lay Reader: Sharon Yekaldo

Fellowship Time host: Linda Cox

## **May 11 — 4th Sunday of Easter**

*Scripture Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 23; 1 Peter 2:19-25; John 10:1-10*

Sermon Title: "Shepherd or Thief?"

Greeter: Maryanne Maurer

Lay Reader: Bruce Opp

Fellowship Time host: Linda Cox

## **May 18 — 5th Sunday of Easter**

*Scripture Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14*

Resurrection Worship: "Finding the Cornerstone"

Greeter: Maryanne Maurer

Lay Reader: Carol Schuldt

Fellowship Time host: Judy Turk

## **May 25 — 6th Sunday of Easter**

*Scripture Readings: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21*

Sermon Title: "Keeping Commandments"

Greeters: Bonnie & Fred Dick

Lay Reader: George Brown

Fellowship Time host: Bonnie Dick



### **Church Office Hours**

**Pastor Gail** will be in the church office Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays most weeks. **Susan** will be in the office Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from approx. 11:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

# May 2014 Calendar

Sat. 4/26 – Sun. 5/4	NOLA Mission Trip	Tue. 5/20	3:00 p.m.	Inviting Team
Thurs. 5/1	6:00 p.m. Finance Committee	Wed. 5/21	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m. Church Council		7:00 p.m.	Confirmation
Sun. 5/4	9:30 a.m. Worship	Thurs. 5/22	11:00 a.m.	Mobile Meals
	9:45 a.m. Youth & Children's	Sat. 5/24	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	Sunday School	Sun. 5/25	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
	10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Mon. 5/5	10:00 a.m. Craft Group	Wed. 5/28	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Wed. 5/7	6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees	Wed. 5/28 – Fri. 5/30		MN Annual Conference
	7:00 p.m. Confirmation	Sun. 6/1	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sat. 5/10	8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
Sun. 5/11	9:30 a.m. Worship		10:50 a.m.	Children's Area Task Group
	9:45 a.m. Youth & Children's			
	Sunday School	Mon. 6/2	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	Wed. 6/4	6:00 p.m.	Confirmation
	10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School		7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Mon. 5/12	10:00 a.m. Craft Group	Thurs. 6/5	6:30 p.m.	Balcony Team
Wed. 5/14	4:30 p.m. United Methodist Women	Sat. 6/7	8:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast
	5:30 p.m. Confirmation	Sun. 6/8	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Sun. 5/18	9:30 a.m. Worship		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
	9:45 a.m. Youth & Children's	Mon. 6/9	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	Sunday School	Wed. 6/11	4:30 p.m.	United Methodist Women
	10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time	Sun. 6/15	9:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:50 a.m. Adult Sunday School		10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Time
Mon. 5/19	10:00 a.m. Craft Group		10:50 a.m.	Adult Sunday School



## Lawn Mowing Time

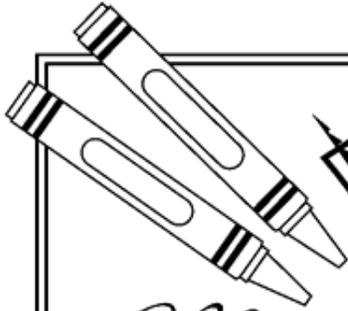


It's finally green outside again! With all the rain, it is time to again think about lawn mowing. If you can help mow the church yard, please contact Lynn Bonkowske, 651-455-6542.

## Men's Breakfast Group

The Men's breakfast group will meet on the Saturdays of **5/10, 5/24, 6/7 and 6/21** at the Fireside Lounge, 1288 South Robert Street starting at 8:00am. All men are welcome to join us! For more info., please contact Bill Short at 651-552-0736 or email [bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us](mailto:bill.short@ci.white-bear-township.mn.us)

# KIDS IN SEARCH



# PUZZLE

## Mothers in the Bible

Children have always had a special place in their mother's heart.

Directions: First, cover up the second column and see if you can name some of the mothers' children from the Bible. Then write the circled letters on the correct lines below to complete Proverbs 23:25, NIV.

### MOTHERS

Eve<sup>31</sup> ..... bore  
 Sarah<sup>23</sup> ..... bore  
 Rebekah<sup>7</sup> ..... bore  
 Rachel<sup>15</sup> ..... bore  
 Leah<sup>12</sup> ..... bore  
  
 Zilpah<sup>44</sup> ..... bore  
 Bilhah<sup>34</sup> ..... bore  
 Jochebed<sup>19</sup> ..... bore  
 Naomi<sup>2</sup> ..... bore  
 Ruth<sup>14</sup> ..... bore  
 Hannah<sup>26</sup> ..... bore  
 Bathsheba ..... bore  
 Elizabeth<sup>10</sup> ..... bore  
 Mary<sup>3</sup> ..... bore  
 Eunice<sup>6</sup> ..... bore

### CHILDREN

Cain, Abel and Seth<sup>11</sup>  
 Isaac<sup>22</sup>  
 Jacob and Esau<sup>15</sup>  
 Benjamin and Joseph<sup>41</sup>  
 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah,  
 Issachar, Zebulun and Dinah<sup>24</sup>  
 Gad and Asher<sup>28</sup>  
 Dan and Naphtali<sup>38</sup>  
 Moses<sup>29</sup>  
 Mahlon and Kilion<sup>32</sup>  
 Obed<sup>8</sup>  
 Samuel<sup>5</sup>  
 Solomon<sup>42</sup>  
 John the Baptist<sup>37</sup>  
 Jesus<sup>9</sup>  
 Timothy<sup>4</sup>



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PROVERBS 23:25, NIV

## Blooming Button Flowers

For Mother's Day, add a special touch to any houseplant with this easy craft.



### What you need:

- A small houseplant with leaves
- Colorful buttons of various sizes
- Green 26-gauge floral wire
- Wire cutters

### What you do:

1. Stack three buttons from largest to smallest, with the smallest on top. Align the button holes.
2. Cut 8 inches of wire. Thread it up through one hole of the stacked buttons and back down through another hole.
3. Twist the wire just below the bottom side of the button stack to secure it.
4. Insert the “flower” in the plant’s soil and repeat the process.
5. Present this to Mom and wish her a happy Mother’s Day!

Answer: “May your ... mother rejoice; may she who gave you birth be joyful!” Proverbs 23:25, NIV



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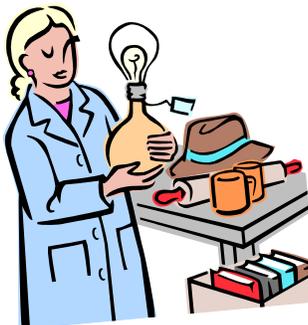
## Worship Schedule

*Please join us this Sunday  
for worship, study and fellowship:*

- Worship: 9:30 a.m.
- Youth & Children's Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
- Fellowship time: 10:30 a.m.
- Adult Sunday School: 10:50 a.m.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED





2014  
**GARAGE  
SALE**  
**August 15-16**



**DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED**

We will be having our great garage sale on August 15-16, and it will be here before we know it! Donations are now being accepted, and can be brought down to the last room on the education wing (right side). Donated items can be left from now until the sale. If you have questions, feel free to call Linda Cox at 651-778-8090.