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Restoring
the
Balance

In Springs in the Valley (Zondervan), pioneer missionary Lettie Cowman tells of a traveler making a trek through an African jungle. Native tribesmen who helped carry loads walked rapidly on day one, covering a great distance. Yet the next morning they refused to move. When the frustrated

traveler asked the tribesmen why they were just sitting, they said they'd gone too fast on the first day and "were now waiting for their souls to catch up to their bodies."

Cowman writes, "This whirling rushing life which so many of us live does for us what that march did for those tribesmen. The difference: They knew they needed to restore life's balance; too often we do not."

God promises rest for our soul *and* body, so don't overlook the importance of physical restoration. Only by taking time to recharge can you be an effective laborer in God's kingdom.



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| 2 Jerry Cashdollar | 12 Jason Jackson |
| 6 Nicole Bergunzi | 18 Abigail Butcher |
| 7 Rob Ramseyer | 19 Tim Hornsby |
| Bill Stout | 28 Larry Bline |
| 8 Debra Hornsby | Kevin Bevard |
| 11 Ron Ritchey | 29 Jim Wray |



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| 2 Larry and Linda Bline |
| 15 Carl and Vicky Gruber |
| 17 Mike and Sarah Young |
| 20 Tracy and Beth Haines |
| 27 Don and Ula Walker |



Harold Lupher
 Diana Cherry
 Rod & Debra Hornsby
 Viola Wilson
 Ray & JoAnn McCann
 Heather Sherman
 Jean Hupp
 Mary Holobaugh
 Samantha Karam
 Jim Farmer
 Richard Walton
 Rev. Frank Hare
 Carter & the Morrison Family

Ruth Schooler
 Jack Raines
 Myron Coblentz
 Ann Van Atta
 Connie Landis
 Margaret Fawcett
 Mindy Evans
 Susan Hatch
 Marjorie Fawcett
 Susan Bishop
 Walter Martin
 Vicky Gruber



Ronald Lee Cherry
 1946—2017



to the Families of Ron Cherry, Rick Karams, Bruce Butcher, Harry Deaton, Sue Buckenberger and Art Stiers.



Thursday, May 4 8:00 a.m.
 at
 Utica Fire House

We invite everyone to attend the National Day of Prayer Breakfast hosted by Grace Pointe Church at 8 a.m. and joining in our prayer program led by Pastor Terry Holobaugh from Utica Presbyterian Church at 9 a.m..



Relay for Life Events

Sat. May 6 10:00 Car/Truck Show
 at O'Reilly Auto Parts,
 295 Deo Drive, Newark

Sat. May 13 9:00 p.m. 5K Glow Run/Walk at L.C. YMCA, 470 W. Church St., Newark. Registration begins at 7:30 p.m.

Fri. June 9 9:00--? & Sat. June 10 Our church will have a Media/ Yard Sale (NO clothing) and on Sat., we will also have a Bake Sale (items needed Sat. morning). Donations for Media/Yard Sale can be brought into the church anytime now. Please put them in the designated area in the kids room downstairs.



Sunday, May 14
 8:15 a.m.

Mother's Day Breakfast

Everyone is invited to our Mother's Day Breakfast. The breakfast will be prepared and served by the men of the church.



SESSION MEETING
Sunday, May 14 12:30



Thursday, May 18
11:30 a.m.
at
Watts Restaurant in Utica



May 30

Memorial Day emerged from the shadows of the Civil War. It was first observed in the South. Before the close of the war, a group of women decorated the graves of those who had died in that war. A few years later, in 1868, May 30th was set aside as a day for placing flowers on the graves of soldiers throughout the United States.

Soon Memorial Day was observed each year across the country. In the years since World War II it has become a day when many Christians remember those who have gone before us in the faith.

—Lincoln Park Christian Church
Tacoma, WA

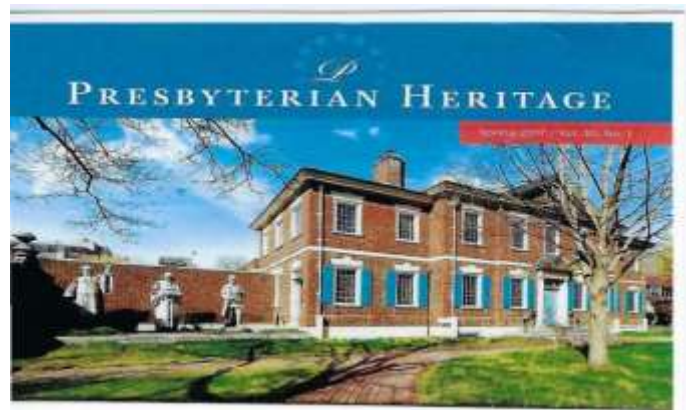


The PW in the Synod of the Covenant are asking for donation of items for the Health Fair Van Program. This van travels around our Synod area helping people that are in need.

We will collect items for donation now thru June 11. We will have a box in the narthex for the following items:

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| Shampoo | Dental floss | Socks |
| Hand towel | Chap stick | Hair ties |
| Toothbrush | Toothpaste | Conditioner |
| Deodorant | Soap | Wash cloth |
| Razor | Comb/brush | |

They will be taken to the Synod Gathering on June 23 & 24 in Battle Creek, MI.



Did you know that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will celebrate 50 years of the Presbyterian Historical Society at 425 Lombard Street in Philadelphia, PA this year. It was opened in 1967 and was built like it nestled into its surroundings around the time Independence Hall was built. Church records can be stored here and some of our church's records are there. If you're ever in Philadelphia, this would be a good place to visit. You can also learn more about it at www.history.pcusa.org. We will celebrate Heritage Sunday on May 21. Do you have any Presbyterian heritage in your family?





Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

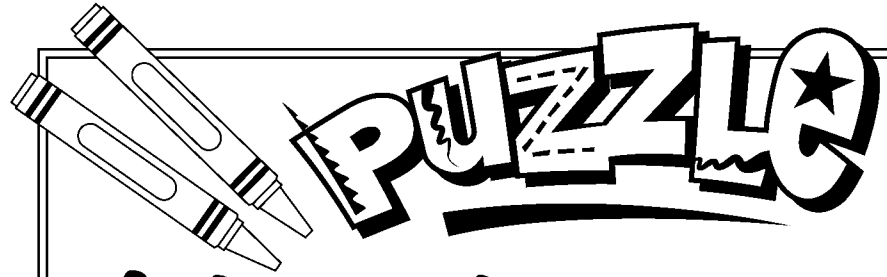
What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

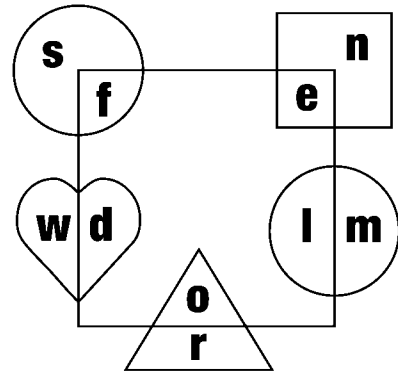


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV