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A Day Away in a Quiet Place

Maya Angelou said, “Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us.” Similarly, when Jesus’ disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest” (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek “a day away” not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away – not just alone, but *with him* – to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with friends. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28, NIV).



6 Bonnie Ramseyer
17 Patti Stout
22 Aidyn Burgess

26 Kayla Brown

7 Keeley Shamell
18 Mollie Drake
23 Cara Morrison
Sophia Ramseyer
Hudson Shamell
28 Sherry Torrens

15 Brayden Roenker
19 Raymond Booth
24 Laura Salome

31 Colin Morrison



In last months Oracle we stated that Tim Hornsby graduated from Phoenix Central School which he did online, but his diploma was from Utica High School.

2 Raymond & Holly Booth
5 Bill & Patti Stout
15 Skip & Linda Bevard



Special Prayers
For Those in Need



Diana Cherry
Lester Bergunzi
Lynn Fawcett
Jim & Jody Wray
Randy Archer
Mike Anderson
Phyllis Lee
Steve Duston
Judy Rada

Mary Holobaugh
Greg Freed
Jeff Fry
Walter Martin
Peggy Jackson
Jennifer Anderson
Marsha Hoskinson
The Family of Carl Richards
Family of Walter Sandel

Gary Young
Kevin Bevard
Cecil Bondy
Ruth Cashdollar
Skyler Moore
Vicky Gruber
Jacquie Jones
Norma Londot
Family of Bill Brown

Thomas



This month we are going to look at Thomas sometimes called Doubting Thomas. We don't know exactly when or where Thomas was found and joined the merry band of disciples but we do know according to the Book of Mark that he was named as one of the Apostles. After Jesus had went across the sea a crowd of 5000 people gathered to hear of Jesus but there was only a small amount of food available, five fish and three loafs of bread. After Jesus blessed the meal, Thomas and several others handed out the meager meal only to realize there were leftovers. Thomas was present on several occasions when Jesus performed miracles including the changing of water into wine.

Thomas is mentioned in all four Gospels but there is nothing specific mentioned or accredited to Thomas other than he was noted to doubt that Jesus had risen from the dead. He was not present when Jesus first appeared to the disciples and when he was told he then doubted what he had been told. It wasn't until a week later when Jesus reappeared that Thomas was present. It was then that Thomas said he would not believe unless he could touch the wounds in his hands and side. He was also present at the Sea of Galilee when Jesus appeared on the shore fixing breakfast and giving them a large catch of fish. With that in mind, we assume Thomas may have been a fisherman or had been raised around water. The last mention of Thomas in the New Testament is in Acts:1:13.

During the birth of the new church the disciples went in different directions on mission trips and Thomas ended up heading into Parthia, Persia and India, also Edessa of Syria.

Not much was heard of Thomas writing until 1945 when some peasants while digging for nitrate to use for fertilizer they found the Nag Hammadi codices, a number of papyrus documents written in the first or second century and used by the Coptic speaking Christians including the Book of Thomas containing 114 sayings attributed to Jesus. There were other papers found at the same time documenting Thomas' missions and miracles in India. It is thought that he was martyred and buried in India near Madras.

Pastor Terry



We had a lot of fun at the church picnic on July 21. The rain had left the area and cooler air set in.

The kids (and adults) had fun with squirt guns and water sponges and the corn hole game.

We want to thank the Bevard Family for hosting the picnic at Gary & Barb Young's property.





Relay foe Life 2019

Even though we did not have a team this year at the Relay for Life of Licking County, Sharon Cashdollar, Denise Hatch, Barbara Young and her sister Marilyn Norris attended the event. Jerry Cashdollar also joined us for the survivor's dinner.

The Relay for Life is held each year to raise money for research and to help those suffering from all types of cancer.



*Sunday, August 4
During the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service*



Wednesday, August 7, 14, 21 & 28
1:00 p.m.

We are busy making quilts for foster children at the House of New Hope in St. Louisville. We are always looking for more helpers, so come and join us.

Sunday, August 11



'TARRY-TIME' AFTER WORSHIP

Immediately following the worship service



12:30 p.m.



Ladies Luncheon
Wednesday, August 14 11:30
at

The Rivers Edge Restaurant in Utica

Presbyterian Women's News



In June, the Presbyterian Women hosted the Salvation Army's Summer Lunch Program for a week at Miller Park. There was a good turn-out for these lunches.

On July 12 & 13 Barb Young attended the PW Synod Gathering at Covenant Presbyterian Church in Columbus. They covered several topic such as information on the Bible study for this year titled "Craved in Stone" about the Ten Commandments {looks very interesting}, Presbyterian Missions including the 2017 Global Exchange in Indonesia, Human

Trafficking, Earth Stewardship, Substance Abuse, and Leadership. Barb enjoy the time with other PW members.

On August 3 we will be hosting the Scioto Valley PW CT meeting. We will be serving morning coffee, pastries and fruit to them and also serving lunch to them.

The Scioto Valley PW Summer Gathering will be held on August 24 at Washington Court House P. C. We will have an optional study on the book "Sabbath in the Suburbs" during lunch. There will also be an overview of the current Horizon Bible study. If you would like to go, please see Barb Young before August 14. The cost is \$10.00.

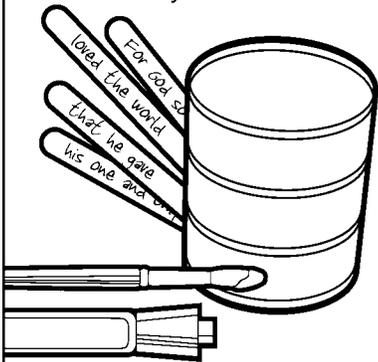
Looking Ahead: We are still planning to have our Bake Sale at the Utica Home Coming on October 5th. So start planning on what you would like to make.

Our next meeting will be September 9 at 7:00 p.m. Denise Hatch: Leader; Bonnie Ramseyer: Devotions; Barb Young: Program; Sharon Cashdollar: Hostess. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend our meetings.



WAKE-UP WORDS

Play this memory game to start each day in God's Word.

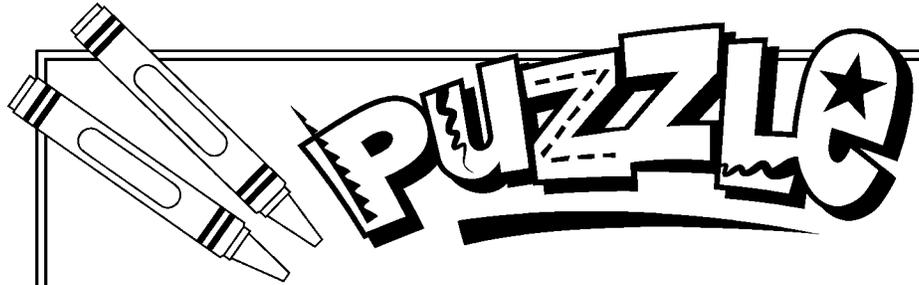


What you need:

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

What you do:

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

Brush these daily

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Do this to your shoes

--- ---

This rises in the east

Cold breakfast food

--- -- --

Hot breakfast food

--- ---

Talk to God

--- --

Morning meal

--- -- --- ---

Extend your limbs

--- -- --

Fruit drink

--- ---

Waffle machine

Eat these scrambled or fried

--- --



Because of the LORD's great love ...

never fail. They are
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions

