



June 2010



Greeting in Christ Jesus our Lord,
The season of Pentecost is now upon us. We have moved through the reflection of Lent, celebrated the Resurrection of Jesus and now we are in the midst of the days of the Spirit. The Pentecost season has always been a difficult one to pin down. Of course, we should expect that when we are talking about the Holy Spirit. I think it is one of the strengths of the Christian faith that we are united in affirmations of faith around Jesus, that He was the incarnation of God, that He died on the Cross for us all, that He rose from the dead, and that we find salvation through Him. However, when it comes to how we live out these affirmations in our lives the Spirit takes over and works in each of us in a unique way.

The Holy Spirit unites us in Jesus but at the same time moves differently in each of our lives. Some of us find our greatest connection to God through acts of service to others. For others that connection is

found in studying and prayer. The Spirit leads others to easily speak of faith in our living Savior. Or yet others find connection to God by going on a mission trip. And on and on with each person. God creates us each differently and so the Holy Spirit works in each of us in unique ways.

As we then combine our strengths in one church together we are the Body of Christ to the world around us. At times that may seem a bit confusing. Yet we all need each other and when any one of us is absent the Body of Christ, here at PUMC, is less for it.

As the song says, "We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord." My encouragement to each of us is to let the Spirit move in our lives and to let it join us together in one body in service to God.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Bob



**Remember
in
Prayer**

Please pray this week for our members: Barbara Bates, Gladys Bierce, Ray Bierce, Catherine Carroll, Tyler Carroll, Cathy Cimorelli, Blanche Cole, Janet Croushore, Margarette Dillinger, Eric Eichenhofer, Jean Glass, Gretchen Gould, Emily Griess, Pam Harris, Dorothy Jackson, Dana Jones, Danny Jones, Nancy Matzek, Pat Taylor and Phyllis and Bob Wagner.

Please keep friends of our church in your prayers: Kelvin Arden, Jason Fedish, Irene Feller, Tim Hart, Bob Jarvie, Scott Kammerzell, Helen Morey, Hans Mueller, John Neno Sr., Diane Platt-Keil, Janet Pugliese, Morag Richards and Icilene Smith. To renew names on the prayer lists, call the Church Office (452-2933) by the third Sunday of each month.



Gertrude Manna, a member of the church, passed away on March 22. Our regrets to her family and friends.

Yvonne Morrow's Aunt, **Alma Pulgiese**, died on April 22.

Donald Cassavant, a member and former choir member, passed away on May 15. Our sympathy to his wife Jannete, and all who knew him.

**WORSHIP TIME CHANGE FOR
TRADITIONAL SERVICE**

If you attend the 2nd service, the time will be changed during the months of July and August. The service will begin at 10:15 NOT 10:45! ALSO there will be One coffee service between the services rather than two coffee services after each worship service.

The Worship committee has decided to try this for a couple of reasons. In the

summer, it gets hot in the church, many people would like to get out of church earlier, there is a lot of free time because there are no Sunday school classes, it would give the people attending the two services a chance to mingle, and it would give the Hostess committee a chance to get out earlier in the summer.

This is a temporary change for this summer only.



United Methodist Women

*** Is there a program that interests you?? Do you want to meet our PUMC members who are speaking?? You are not obligated to remain for the business meeting. Each meeting begins with the program, followed by refreshments – then a business meeting. (7pm for Friendship Circle, 1 pm for Wesley Circle) Everyone is welcome!*

Friendship Circle Wednesday June 16 6:00pm PUMC FH

Join us for summertime fun!! Our annual “Pot Luck Indoor Picnic”. Please bring a dish to share! Dessert & beverages will be provided. If you have any questions about the picnic, please contact program chair, Carla Vinson (849 – 1706) or circle President Anne Christmas (914) 474-3438.

Wesley Circle Wednesday June 23 12:30pm Southside Cafe

We're going out to lunch!! Come and celebrate the arrival of summer with us. All women are invited. We will meet at the Southside Café on Route 9 in the Hudson Plaza (Price Chopper side - near the north end). It is an open menu!! For a reservation, please call Gladys Bierce (463-6143).

“BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION” coupons - for Red Bird Mission in rural Kentucky. This United Methodist “*National Church-wide mission*” is sponsored at PUMC by the *United Methodist Women*. Please clip the General Mills “box tops for education” coupons and Campbell “soup labels” and place them in the box in Fellowship Hall. It is a wonderful way to support “Methodist Mission” work!!

It's Summer – time to relax and maybe work on those crafts and projects that would be great for our Fall Annual Bazaar on Saturday, October 23. It seems so far away, but it sneaks up on us so quickly!!

Wishing you an enjoyable summer!!

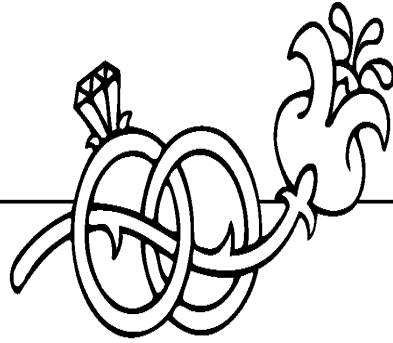
Vacation Bible School

July 12 - 16, 2010

Ages 4 through 5th grade

(Older youth participate as counselors)

Contact Marcy Conners for more information or to volunteer. We are looking forward to another great week at VBS. **Volunteers are needed.** We are in need of about 10 adults and 15 - 20 youth.



The Poughkeepsie UMC family and friends are cordially invited to a reception honoring the wedding of:

Alicia Thompson-Gee and Paul Seling
(July 2nd in Wooster, Ohio)

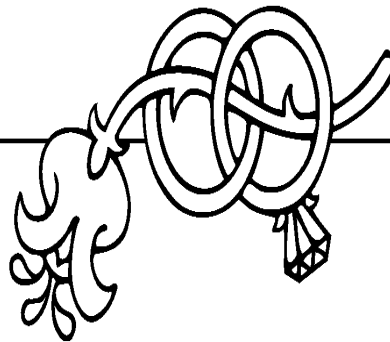
Saturday, July 31, 2010

3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Poughkeepsie United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall

While your "presence" is gladly "present" on this joyous occasion, some have inquired about registry info: Alicia Thompson-Gee and Paul Seling are registered at Macy's, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Target.





FROM THE ORGAN BENCH

Greetings! It is now June, but I am still thinking of all the wonderful concerts and musical events that occurred in May. First and Foremost-the concert to raise money for Earthquake relief was a total success with over two thousand dollars raised with all monies going directly to UMCOR. Kudos to all who participated-The Helen Baldwin Singers from the Unitarian Fellowship, The Six of Us women's gospel group, Noel Gould at the piano, The Golden Age Singers, and Courtney Budd Caramico. Seventy singers from Dutchess County Churches, the Catskil Treble Choraliers, and The Golden Age Singers performed Gretchen Gould's REQUIEM FOR HAITI. Many hours of rehearsal went into this premier with added string bass, trumpets, French horn, percussion, and Gretchen Gould on piano. Such an inspiring evening of music and ALL of it organized and produced by our Composer-in-Residence, Gretchen Gould. THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!

We now enter a quieter time during June-well, perhaps not! There is ongoing Pentacost, Communion, Confirmation, and preparation for summer services. During July and August your Chancel Choir will not rehearse, but will be in the Chancel to help lead our worship. Special presentations will be offered-if you wish to offer your special gift during these two months, PLEASE talk with me and we can pick a date for you!!! Choir rehearsals will resume in September. It would be wonderful to add new voices to our choir. I am often asked if you need to read music-THE ANSWER IS NO!!! Just come with a love of singing. Our rehearsals last an hour-we sing, we laugh, we pray, and always support each other! Come into the choir room after service and speak with any member-you will be heartily welcomed!

In Christ's service, Polly James

Biloxi Bound Once More

For the 5th consecutive year, PUMC is sending a team to Biloxi to rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Our 8-member team consists of newcomers Andrew Irliewskij, Cynthia Richards, and Jonathon Richards along with Biloxi veterans Anne Polivka, Emily Hempel, Martha Hempel, Josiah Patton, and Patty Little. We will be serving in Biloxi the week of June 6th. While we are not in need of financial support, your prayers for our team and the wonderful Gulf Coast community that we will be serving are very much appreciated. (Note: NYAC's 5-year commitment to rebuilding along the Gulf Coast ends this year so this will be our final trip to Biloxi. Stay tuned for future mission opportunities.)

June Calendar

Tues, June 1
9:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm Trustees

Wed, June 2
7:30 am Prayers

Thurs, June 3
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, June 4
11:00 am Bible Study
7:00 pm TGIF

Sat, June 5
6:00 am Flea Market
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, June 6
4:00 pm M-Fuge Meeting
5:00 pm Prayer for Missions
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship

Mon, June 7

Tues, June 8
9:00 am Bible Study
7:00 WOW Book Club @Jean
Foster's

Wed, June 9
7:30 am Prayers

Thurs, June 10
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, June 11
11:00 am Bible Study

Sat, June 12
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, June 13
10:00 am Bridge Builders
12:30 pm Youth Picnic
1:00 pm Sandy's Share Gr

Mon, June 14
4:00 pm 2nd Hand Rose

Tues, June 15
9:00 am Bible Study

Wed, June 16
7:30 am Prayers
7:00 pm Friendship Circle

Thurs, June 17
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin
7:00 pm Book Club
7:00 pm Choir
7:00 pm Finance Cmmt

Fri, June 18
11:00 am Bible Study

Sat, June 19
8:30 am Men's Breakfast

Sun, June 20

Mon, June 21

Tues, June 22
9:00 am Bible Study

Wed, June 23
7:30 am Prayers

Thurs, June 24
3:00 pm Collate Bulletin
7:00 pm Choir

Fri, June 25
8:00 am Collate Journey
11:00 am Bible Study

Sat, June 26
8:00 am Highway Cleanup
10:00 am Homeless Shelter

Sun, June 27
10:00 am Bridge Builders
1:00 pm Sandy's Share Gr

Mon, June 28

Tues, June 29
9:00 am Bible Stude

Wed, June 30
7:30 am Prayers





Youth news

The month of May has been a time of busy preparation and buzzing activity. We put a lot of hard work in to our preparations for the youth service...we even spent the night during the Lock-in! Thank you for your enthusiastic support of our youth as we enjoyed giving them the opportunity to share about the power of prayer. This was particularly meaningful because we took the time to practice communicating with our Maker as we soaked our youth service practices with prayer.

We also had a wonderful and enlightening evening with Dr Mark Mast and Pastor Bob to wrap up our reality series "Gospel Journey". Our youth got two very different perspectives on many of the issues and got to witness the unifying power of the love and centrality of Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all those who have been praying for our youth and who have invested in the lives of our young people through the

Stock Sale. Without your help, it would not be possible for us to be sending such large teams to M-Fuge and Mexico. We also would not be able to take the initiative with new missions projects like our local Bridge Builders week.

Reminders:

June is Rent-a-teen Month!

Please contact Katie Sanchez if you would like to "rent" a teen to help you with ANY household tasks. For example, staining wood, weeding your garden, cutting your lawn, walking your dogs or babysitting. Call 845 452 2933 (ext. 12)! All funds raised go directly to support our youth summer missions.

Attention to all parents and family members of graduating seniors. Please contact our church secretary, Louise, with their name and details so that we can celebrate with them and congratulate them. We would like to give them a gift to show our support and send them out with a blessing.

June 4	FRI 7-10pm	TGIF! Rummage sale sorting
June 5	SAT 8am – 4pm	Community Flea Market
June 6	SUN	Confirmation Sunday
	6-8pm	Youth Fellowship
June 13	SUN 12:30-3:30pm	Youth Picnic Celebrating the end of the school year with friends and family
June 19	SAT	Wake/Safety Break Fundraiser- For M-Fuge team
June 26	SAT	Homeless Shelter support

Staff Appreciation from SPR

Our church is very fortunate to have a flourishing youth group. On any given Sunday morning, you will see the youth gathered in the hallway outside of fellowship hall. They are busy catching up on what has happened in each other's lives over the past week. They have come to church to share God's love with each other. The youth are growing in their faith and having fun at the same time. This same enthusiasm carries over to Sunday evenings as 30-40 youth gather to sing, worship, share, laugh, pray and explore their faith.

Behind the scenes are a team of youth leaders who are led by Jeff and Katie Sanchez. Jeff and Katie are completing their second year as Directors of our Youth Ministry. During this time they have fostered relationships with our youth, encouraged small groups and have begun to develop student leaders. They have continued

many of the traditions of the PUMC youth group (including retreats, youth service and mission trips) and have really encouraged our senior high youth to step up and become leaders. Jeff and Katie have held training sessions and have taken a few of the youth to day long workshops to encourage this growth. An example of this growth is the youth band. Last year Katie led the worship time at youth group and this year the youth in the band have assumed this leadership role.

In a day and age when we see and hear so much negativity directed at our youth, it is encouraging to see such hope and promise in PUMC's youth. Our church is truly growing vibrant young disciples who are becoming role models for their peers. Their faith continues to grow deeper as they mature and become young adults. Thank you Jeff and Katie for your dedication to this ministry and the ways in which you share God's Love and Message with our youth.

Midnight Run

Thanks for all your help. Our 'runners' sorted, packed, cooked and ran on April 24. Thanks to our drivers willing to give up a good nights sleep we were able to serve more than 75 people with food, clothes and blankets.

There is a continued need for items to be collected. Jeans Size 32,34,36,38,40 , sweatshirts- hooded and regular, blankets and travel size toiletries. new socks and underwear are always welcome as well.



Beth Cleric is the mother of two teenage children. She is looking forward to an active church life.

Dave Federico is the husband of Karen and the father of Amanda and Valeria. He is an HVAC engineer for a NYC company.

Karen Federico is married to Dave and has two children, Amanda and Valerie. She is currently employed as a music teacher.

Amanda Federico is a Junior at Ketcham High School. Her favorite thing to do is to sing.

Lindsey Hall is married to Paula and has a daughter, Alexis. He works for IBM and loves history and travel.

Paula Hall is a native Texan. She has been married for 30+ years to Lindsey. She has a daughter, Alexis

Alexis Hall loves dance and theater. She was born in China and arrived in Texas when she was 9 months old.

John Philbrick has been married to his wife Linda for 46 years. They are the parents of two adult children. He is a retired IBM'er.

Linda Philbrick is the wife of John, and the mother of two sons. She worked extensively with young children.

Whitney Philbrick is married to Amy, and is the father of Jane. He is a former UCMC officer.

Bruce Wellington is the husband of Anne Bierce, and has one daughter, Kimberly. His hobbies include fishing and reading.

Gerett Yocum is married to Tracy and together they have 3 boys. He works for IBM and grew up in Harrisburg, PA

Tracy Yocum is the wife of Gerett, and the mother of Ryan (6), Tyler (5), and Dylan (1). She is a stay at home mom.



Notes on Praise

VIP is on summer schedule; we rehearse before service on Sundays. This might be a good time for you to come and sing with us. We are always thankful for new people who add their voices of praise as we lead worship, but especially in the summer, when so many are traveling.

Please contact Anne at (845) 462-5582, or by email at bobeepbeep@hotmail.com for information.

Have a grand summer!

Anne Ciraulo
Worship/Music Leader
Handbell Director

Urgent: Mission Team Transportation Needs!!

Your PUMC mission teams to Biloxi, Philadelphia, and Mexico are in very real need of transportation assistance. If you can help in any of the following ways, we would be very grateful!

Biloxi (contact Patty Little 462-7421 or plittle@us.ibm.com)

-Sunday morning, June 6th:
Transportation for two people plus luggage to White Plains Airport. Contact Patty Little for flight time.

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Saturday afternoon, June 12th: Transportation home from LaGuardia for 5 people plus luggage, arriving on a 4pm Delta flight.

Philadelphia (contact Jeff Hart)
-Vehicle loans (car or van) from Monday morning, June 28th thru Saturday afternoon, July 3rd. We need enough vehicles to transport 17 people plus luggage to/from Eastern University near Philadelphia.

Mexico (contact Jeff Sanchez)
-Friday morning, July 30th:
Transportation for 17 people plus luggage from PUMC to a NYC airport
-Saturday, August 7th: Transportation for 17 people plus luggage from a NYC airport to PUMC



Healing Prayer Corner June 2010

If you were present in worship on Sunday, April 25, 2010 then you witnessed a wonderful "Healing Prayer Emphasis Sunday". You can listen to Pastor Bob's sermon on Healing Prayer at the PUMC website. Many needs were prayed for! God was definitely present and God continues to move in our midst!

Healing Prayer will continue through the summer months and is available:

- Communion Sundays during both services and immediately afterwards in Prayer Room next to Choir Room (see signs)
- Between services in Room 34 every Sunday except Communion Sundays
- By request to Pastor Bob.

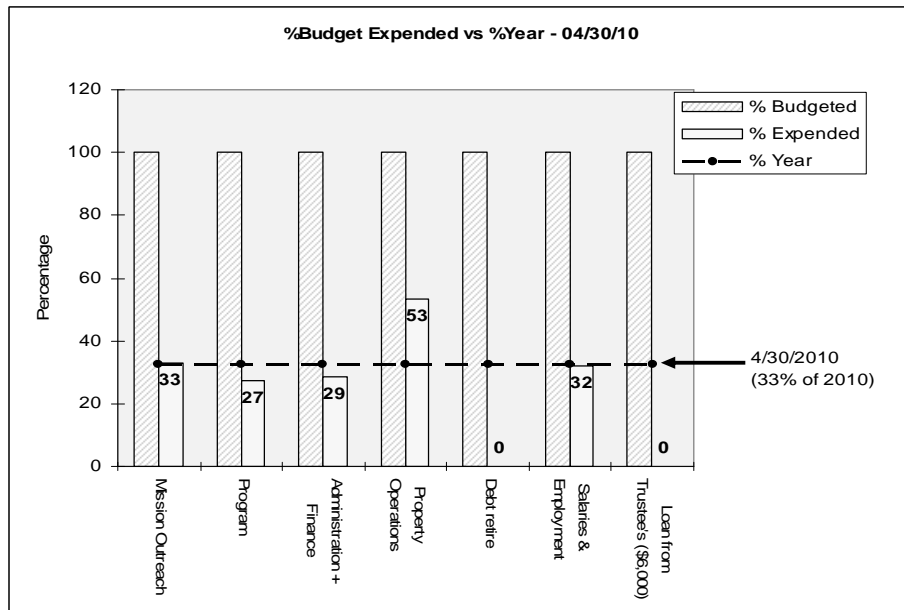
We will offer a School of Healing Prayer Level I in the fall, most likely during Sunday School hour. This is a great opportunity to grow spiritually. No commitment to a healing prayer team is expected. We would encourage all to consider this good curriculum. See a healing prayer team member, Frances Thompson-Gee, or Pastor Bob for more info. Please let us know of your interest.

PUMC Finance Committee Report

The PUMC budget completed the winter months of 2010 with a cash balance of \$11,817 and an emergency fund (SoS) balance of \$32,914. This was a more positive result for this period of the year than the past two years.

Please reference the expense bar chart below entitled “% Budget Expended...”. At the end of April, 33% of 2010 had transpired and the PUMC expense plan for 2010 was 34% expended. As was done in previous years, the finance committee anticipated the winter-related high expense months and, where possible without financial penalty, deferred payment of

some of our known 2010 obligations for payment later in the year when additional contributions and receipts have accumulated. The deferred payments are a \$6,000 repayment to the PUMC maintenance accounts, entitled “Trustee Loan” in the chart below, and a \$5,000 obligation to the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, entitled “Debt Retire” in the chart below. For the first four months of 2010, with the exception of the expenses for property operations due to high winter-related expenses, all expense categories were at or below projection. The committee will continue to monitor the Property Operations expenses. We anticipate those expenses to significantly diminish during the warmer months of the year.



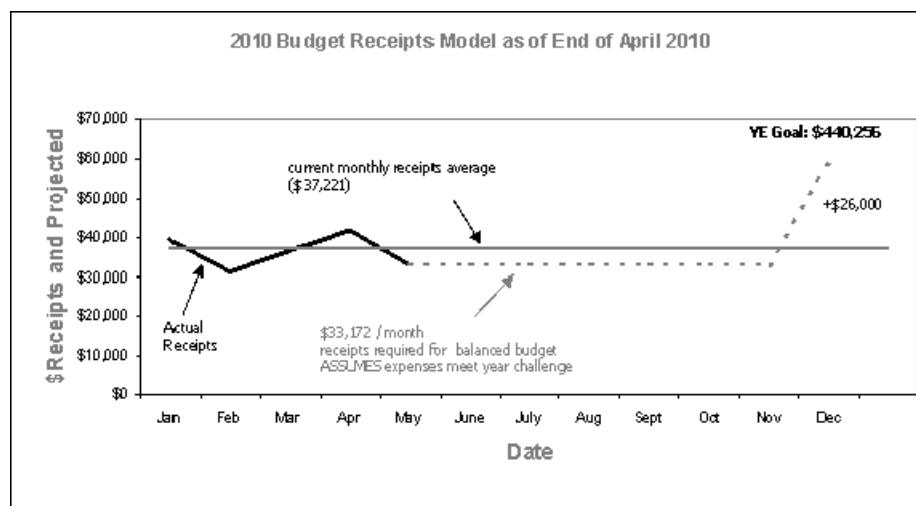
The chart below is the “2010 Budget Receipts Model”. The chart plots...

- Monthly average, through April, of the 2010 actual receipts received (primarily our contributions)
- PUMC’s year-end receipts goal necessary to achieve a balanced budget at the end of the year.
- A calculation of the average monthly receipts necessary from May to year-end to achieve our goal.
- A projection of the Christmas season additional giving. The projection is based on historical data.

In summary, the chart depicts that, with the projected additional contributions at Christmas, the monthly receipts received, as of the end of April, indicate that PUMC is on target to meet the year-end goal necessary to achieve a balanced budget. Historical contributions patterns predict that contributions during the summer months are likely to reduce the receipts monthly average. The finance committee will continue to

monitor both receipts and expenses and take steps as necessary to help insure a positive budget completion for the full year 2010. We all can help to keep our church on a sound financial footing during the summer by keeping our giving up to date. If you are going to be away during the summer please take steps to keep your contributions up to date preferably by doing so before you go away. A growing number of the church congregants have adopted automated electronic contributions. This is a simple and cost-free method for your periodic contributions that will help reduce the month-to-month church receipt swings that you see in the first four months of 2010 in the chart below. Applications for electronic giving continue to be available in the PUMC office and also from Joe Olah.

The Finance Committee looks forward to continued positive results in 2010 as PUMC, enabled by the congregation’s generosity, grows its outreach for God’s work.



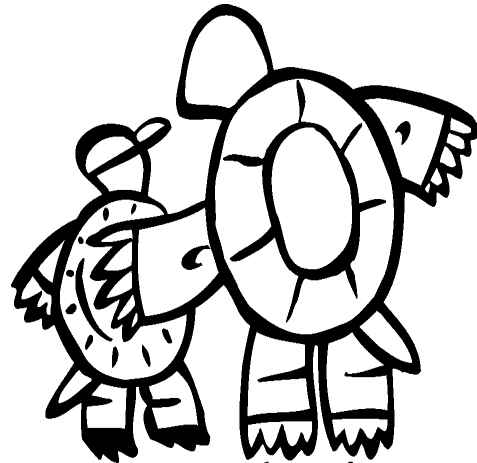
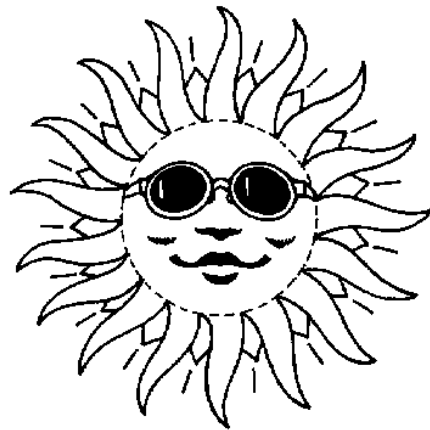
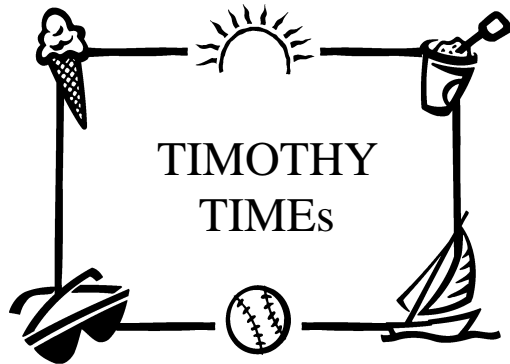
Hi everybody, it's Timothy,

Prayer is a strange thing! I mean sometimes, like at bedtime and mealtime, we pray the same prayer we always do—the Lord's Prayer and our family grace. Then at other times we pray all sorts of different ways. Sometimes, like in church, we all read the same prayer together and then at other times we pray by ourselves and then at other times we pray a prayer we all have memorized. I find it very confusing. And whenever I find church stuff confusing I talk with Pastor Bob. Pastor Bob says that there are a lot of different ways to pray. Often when we are with a group of people it helps us all to read the same prayer together to help us focus together. Other times it is important just to talk to God alone about the things that matter to us.

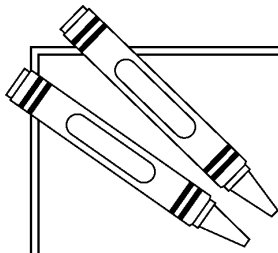
He also said that memorizing and repeating the same prayer with other people is also a good thing. Like when we say the Lord's Prayer together either at church or at home. It helps us all focus on the same thing. At the same time it is important to talk to God about the things that are important to us. Like a friend who is sick or a pet that died. We feel better knowing that we have told God about it.

But Pastor Bob says the most important thing is not whether we pray with other people or alone. It is not if we pray a prayer that we have memorized or one we just made up ourselves. The important thing is that we pray. Prayer is talking to God and God always wants to talk to us. So, I am not as confused and I think I will pray even more now. I hope you do too.

And remember,
God loves you and so do I,
Love,
Timothy



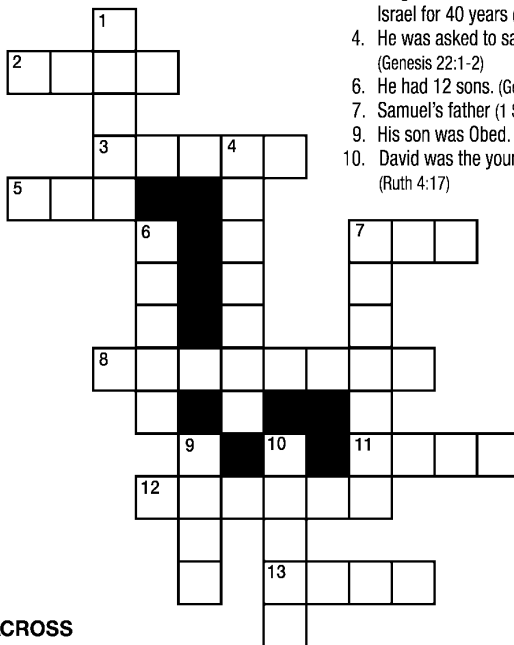
Happy Father's Day



Just for KIDS

FATHERS IN THE BIBLE

God plans for our fathers to play important parts in our lives. Fill in the puzzle squares with names of important fathers from the Bible. Use the clues and verse references below to help.



- DOWN**
1. King Solomon's father, who ruled over Israel for 40 years (2 Samuel 5:4)
 4. He was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. (Genesis 22:1-2)
 6. He had 12 sons. (Genesis 35:22)
 7. Samuel's father (1 Samuel 1:19-20)
 9. His son was Obed. (Ruth 4:21)
 10. David was the youngest of his 8 sons. (Ruth 4:17)

- ACROSS**
2. His 3 sons helped him build an ark. (Genesis 6:10)
 3. His youngest son, Jacob, tricked him into giving away the birthright of his older son Esau. (Genesis 27:30)
 5. The Father of our Lord (Ephesians 1:3)
 7. His sons were not like Samuel. They were wicked. (1 Samuel 2:12).
 8. David's best friend and father of Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9:6)
 11. Father of Cain, Abel and Seth (Genesis 4:25)
 12. He was married to Mary, mother of Jesus. (Matthew 1:20-21)
 13. Father of Jonathan, he was chosen by the people as the first king of Israel. (2 Samuel 9:6)

A Special Treat for a

Special Dad

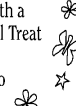
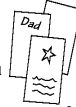
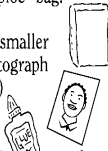
Fathers work hard to take care of their families. To thank your special dad for all he does, make him a treat bag that he can enjoy while at work, in the car or at home.

What you need:

- gift bag, paper lunch bag, plastic container or large Ziploc® bag.
- markers or crayons
- paper (8 1/2" x 11") or smaller
- ribbon, stickers, photograph of your dad (optional)
- glue
- scissors
- large bowl for mixing
- spoon
- 1/4 or 1/2 measuring cup
- your dad's favorite snacks to make a mix. For example: small pretzels, nuts, M&M's®, dried cereals (Cheerios®, Chex®, etc.), chocolate or carob chips, dried fruit (cranberries, raisins, apricots, etc.), shredded coconut, etc.

What to do:

1. Cut your paper to fit on your bag or container.
2. Decorate your paper with a message like: "A Special Treat for My Special Dad!"
3. Glue your message onto the bag or container.
4. Add stickers, photographs or more drawings to the container or bag.
5. Pour 1/4 or 1/2 cup of each snack food into a large mixing bowl.
6. Stir your snack mixture with a spoon, and then pour it into the bag or container.
7. Fold the top of the bag, or close the container. (Use a ribbon or stapler if needed.) Ask for help from an adult to make sure the snack will not fall out.
8. Thank your dad, and then give him this special treat and a big hug!



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