

The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Apr/May 2011



Pastor's Message



Easter can fall anytime between March 22nd and April 25th. This year it is April 24th; it can only be one day later. What determines the date of Easter is the Pascal Moon. The Pascal moon is the new moon whose 14th day falls after the Vernal (or Spring) Equinox. Easter is the Sunday which follows the 14th day of the Pascal moon.

It is a rather confusing formula but the word Pascal means Passover, reminding us of the connection between Easter and Passover. The significance of the 14th day is that 14 days after a new moon is the full moon. Jews and Christians remember that on the night of deliverance there was a full moon, specifically the first full moon after the Equinox.

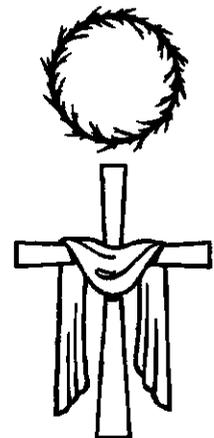
It was by the full moon that the blood of the lamb upon their door lintels and jambs identified the people as the children of Israel; the sign which allowed the plague of death to "pass over" them. By this "pass over" God delivered the people of Israel from death and the bondage of slavery.

It was by the full moon that Jesus and his disciples gathered for the Passover meal to retell the story of the "pass over" when he told them another story of deliverance that God was accomplishing that night by his blood. "This is the cup of the new covenant, poured out in my blood for the forgiveness of sins." By the blood of Jesus, our Pascal lamb, God has delivered us from death and the bondage of sin.

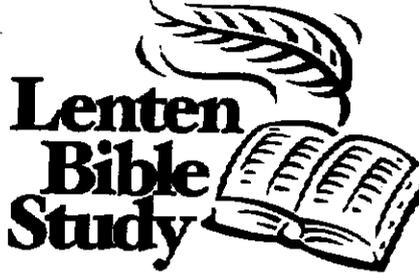
Remembering Easter by the phase of the moon is a reminder that these events are grounded in history as well as in story. This Easter, as we celebrate the power of God's love, let us tell others the story of deliverance that came under a full moon.

...God has delivered us from death and the bondage of sin.

In Christ,
Rev. Cathy



Lenten Announcements



Lenten Series - The Parables of Jesus

Have you ever read a parable in the Bible and had no idea what it was talking about? Jesus used parables to describe the kingdom of heaven. Could it be that the kingdom of heaven is not easy to understand? Come and find out at the Wednesday evening Lenten services as we explore 5 difficult parables.

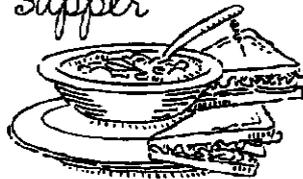
April 6 th	7:30 p.m.	The parable of the great banquet	Luke 14:15-24
April 13 th	7:30 pm.	The parable of the tenants in the vineyard	Matthew 21:33-41



Lenten Mission Project

Our Lenten mission project again this year is One Great Hour of Sharing. In 2010 we saw an earthquake in Haiti, floods in Pakistan, another tsunami in Indonesia, floods in Nashville and more life devastating events. Through your support of OGHS you were there to help these people in their hour of need. For more information on how you were able to help go to www.ucc.org/oghs and read the 2010 Annual Mission Report or follow the links to the ministries supported by the OGHS offering. Sharing brings joy to us, to others, to God.

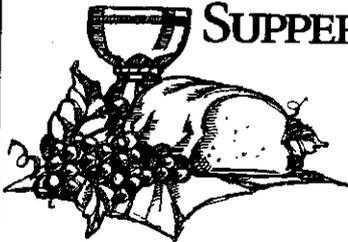
Soup and Sandwich Supper



Lenten Soup & Sandwich Suppers

No time to cook before Lenten worship? No problem. Each Wednesday during Lent soup and sandwiches will be sold before worship. Proceeds benefit One Great Hour of Sharing and all UEC related activities.

THE LORD'S SUPPER



Last Supper Tableau—Our 60th Year! April 20 at 8:00 p.m.

For 60 years United has presented the Last Supper Tableau, a dramatization of the Last Supper. Come and be enriched by this Holy Week experience.

Holy Week



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

April 20 8:00 p.m.	Tableau 60th year
April 21 7:30 pm	Maundy Thursday Communion & Tenebrae
April 22 9:00 am	Good Friday Worship Service
April 23	Easter Sunday
6:00 am	Worship & Communion
9:15 am	Living Cross (no Communion)
10:30 am	Worship & Communion



Blessing of the Palms

Canton Square

April 17—9:15 am

The Ecumenical Service for the Blessing of the Palms will be Sunday, April 17th at 9:15 a.m. on O'Donnell Square. Everyone is invited to come and join with the other Canton faith communities.



Additional Announcements

New Opportunities to Grow in Christ

There are now two new paths to grow in the Word of God. The first path leads to a "Feasting on the Word" Bible Study. It will happen the last Sunday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary. The format will be the same as the Bible study that was conducted during our Stewardship study, and will include a question and answer time based on selected scriptures. The scriptures and questions for April and May are included in this issue of the Endeavor.

The second path goes to a small group experience in spiritual formation called "Companions in Christ". Two sessions will be meeting, one in the evening for those who work and one during the day for those who don't like to go out at night. Each session will meet every other week for 10 weeks. The first theme to be explored is called "Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ".

Companions In Christ

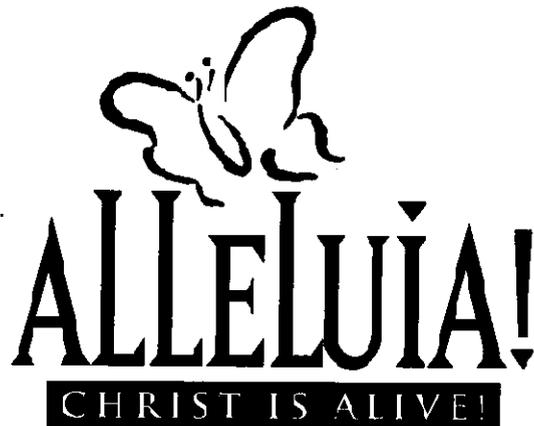
Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ

Group 1 - led by Rev. Cathy

Tuesdays April 5, April 26, May 10, May 24, -
1:00 pm

Group 2 - led by Ric Nyborg

Thursdays April 7, April 28, May 12, May 26 -
6:30 pm



The United Endeavor is Available by E-Mail

"The United Endeavor" newsletter is available by email. If you would like to receive the Endeavor by email, please send your email address to uecucc@verizon.net with Endeavor in the subject line. If we do not receive an email from you, we will continue to mail the Endeavor to your postal address (also known as snail mail).

Carol Duray

Office Manager



Bible Study in the Sanctuary—May 1, 2011

Feasting on the Word Bible Study

May 1st —9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

John 20: 19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

1. What does Jesus mean when he says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you"?
2. Why has John written his Gospel?
3. Name three themes of this passage and relate them to your own faith life.

Bible Study in the Sanctuary—May 29, 2011

Feasting on the Word Bible Study

May 29th —9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

John 14: 15-21

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

1. What do we learn about the Spirit in verses 16-17?

2. To what day is verse 10 referring? And how are we to know what verse 20 tell us we will know?

Youth Schedule

Saturday	04/16/2011	10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	UEC	Earth Day Cleanup	Lunch afterwards at McDonalds
Sunday	05/08/2011	9:00 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	UEC	Flower Sale Fund Raiser	Fund Raiser
Thursday	05/12/2011	5:30 p.m.	UEC Kitchen	Meeting	Plan for Relay
Saturday - Sunday	06/04-05/2011	6:00 p.m. on Saturday thru Sunday 6:30 a.m.	CCBC	Relay for Life	Sponsor sheet for the Amer. Cancer Assoc. Bring \$\$for food
Thursday	06/16/2011	5:30 p.m.	UEC Kitchen	Meeting	Plan end of year party. Bring a can good if able
Sunday	06/26/2011	12:30- 5:30p.m.	To be determined	End of Year Party	Bring a dish to share, towel, swim suit

Church Happenings Air Conditioning Fund Drive



Our Church Air-Conditioning Fund Drive

Raised so far: \$ 16,298

Our Goal: \$ 60,378

Thanks to your very generous donations, our air conditioning fund drive has raised **\$ 16,298!!** Great job and thanks to all who have contributed to the fund. Without your support we would not have come this far.

The cost of the new a/c system totals **\$60,378**, so we still have a way to go. We can do it. Please consider donating to the fund so that our church can provide cool comfort during the upcoming summer months.



THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!



Upcoming Events in April and May — Mark Your Calendars!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Pancake Breakfast April 10 - in between services

Come join us for a delicious pancake breakfast. For only \$ 6.00 enjoy a fabulous pancake breakfast with all the trimmings and extend a warm welcome to our newest church members. Proceeds to cover the cost of UEC Bullroast DJ.



Quarter Auction

Saturday, May 7 — 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.



Come join us for an evening of excitement. Vendors include Micha Bags, Pampered Chef, Party-Lites, a jewelry vendor and a candy vendor. Food and refreshments will be available.

Youth Group Flower Sale Sunday, May 8 (between worship services)



Ready to plant your garden or need a last minute Mothers' Day gift? Well here's your chance to beautify your garden space and support the UEC Youth Group at the same time! Flowers of all kinds will be available in flats, hanging baskets, and 4 1/2 inch flower pots. Look for further information in the bulletin.



"Everything's Coming up Roses" Dinner and Choir Show Sunday, May 22 following 10:30 worship \$ 10.00 per person (children under 12 free)

Come enjoy a delicious meal and an afternoon of entertainment with the UEC choir. This show is dedicated to Millie Wirsing who recommended the theme for the show.

Dinner Menu

Roast Beef
Mash Potatoes
Peas & Carrots
Croissant
Brownie & Ice Cream
Iced Tea, Hot Tea & Coffee

Children's Menu

Pigs in a Blanket
Macaroni and Cheese
Brownie & Ice Cream
Drink

Tickets will be sold from May 1 thru May 15. See Ursula Jacob or Cass Young.
All Choir Members are admitted free.

All profits from the afternoon will be donated to the air-conditioning fund.

Looking Ahead

United Evangelical Church

Bull & Oyster Roast

Saturday, June 18, 2011

7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

U. A. W. Hall

1010 Oldham St.

Baltimore, MD 21224

Menu

Draft Beer

Raw Oysters on the Half-Shell

Beef, Turkey, Ham on the Pit

Oyster Stew & Crab Soup

BBQ Chicken, Meatballs

Kielbasa & Sauerkraut & More!!

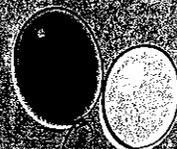
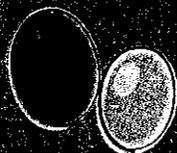
Music provided by local DJ Marski

Tickets: \$36.00 per person

For tickets contact:

Cassy Funk @ 443-676-9957 or UEC @ 410-276-0393

All proceeds to benefit United Evangelical Church



Mission Moments

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The Things That Last

In New York City you can always spot the visitors. It's not from the way they are dressed, because you can dress any way you like in New York. It isn't from their accents, because New Yorkers may have grown up in Kansas or Katmandu. Rather, the telltale sign of visitors is that they are always looking up, trying to take in the tops of the buildings.

That is how I picture the disciples as they entered Jerusalem with Jesus: "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!"

Jesus responded, "There will not be left one stone upon another," putting the temple, in all its magnificence, into a different perspective. Like all human achievements, it was little more than a sand castle that was destined to be swept away.

We are forever confusing the lasting and the momentary. When Jesus was brought before the chief priests, he was accused of saying, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands and in three days I will build another, not made with hands." The priests were incensed: Surely no one can destroy the temple. It will stand forever. And what is this nonsense about building a temple in three days? Any temple that could be built in three days would be felled by the first brisk wind.

But, sure enough, the temple that the priests and disciples admired no longer stands. And there was a temple built within three days of Jesus' death, and it is still standing. You are part of it—the church, a never-ending testimony to the ever-living Christ.

Martin B. Copenhaver

Wellesley Congregational Church

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Places to Go, People to See, Things to Do....

Ladies Organization Trips & Events

Upcoming Events



Arlene Pate
410-327-3211

April 2 Faith United Oyster, Turkey and Ham Luncheon
\$ 37.00 per person
Also stopping at McCutcheons Jellies, Baughers and Boscov's Department Store @ Cranberry Mall
9:45 a.m -6:00 p.m.
(Bus is currently full)

Plans are currently underway for a Dinner Theatre outing, lunch at Friendly Farms and possibly another trip.

Arlene Pate 410-327-3211
for ticket prices and availability

Come join the Ladies Organization,
we would love to see you!!

Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings
first Wednesday of the month.
All Meetings Begin at 12 noon
(unless otherwise noted)

Apr. 6 Brown Bag Luncheon
May 4 Covered Dish Luncheon
Jun 1 Outside Luncheon (details upcoming)



Our Ladies Organization currently includes 21 members. Dues are \$ 10.00 per year. Please submit your dues if you have not already done so.

A few of our ladies are unable to attend meetings. It has been suggested that any ladies who have retired or are free the first Wednesday of the month from 12 noon to about 3 p.m. might like to join our group. We normally have two bus trips per year to Faith Church for their luncheons, a Christmas luncheon and several other luncheons during our meeting times. Please consider joining us.



Important Notice—All trips MUST HAVE DEPOSIT TO HOLD SEATS

If you must cancel your seat you need to find someone to take your seat to receive your money back.
Persons to contact:

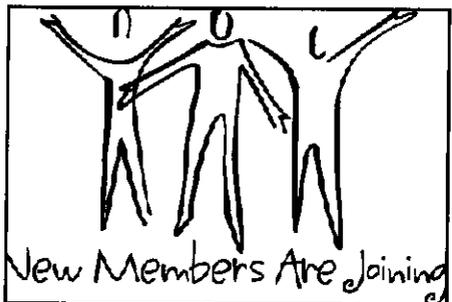
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UEC April 2011 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Faith Church Bus Trip leaves UEC at 9:45 a.m
3 Communion Sunday Food Bank Donations 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Christian Education	4	5 Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ Class 1:00 p.m.	6 Ladies Organization Luncheon 12 noon Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m.	7 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ Class 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	8	9
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<p>8</p> <p>Mother's Day</p> <p>8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Christian Education</p> <p>Youth Group Flower Sale</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ Class 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Embracing the Journey: The Way of Christ Class 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
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Welcome to our newest members!

On Sunday, April 10th, we will welcome into our church family:

Henry Leasure
Carl (Ric) Nyborg
Kelly Oxendine
Doris Voelker

Kelly and Henry will also be receiving the sacrament of baptism.

Be sure and extend a warm welcome and hearty greeting to these newest members in between services at the pancake breakfast.

United Evangelical Church

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A "Hunger Site at the U.N" on the Internet

All you have to do is click a button and somewhere in the world some hungry person gets a meal to eat at no cost to you. Corporate sponsors pay for the food. Just go to the site listed below and click.

No gimmicks, no tricks.

You are only allowed one click per day, so spread the word to others.

The site is: www.hungersite.com

General Mills Boxtops for Education



*Just a
Reminder...*

Don't forget to bring in your General Mills Box tops for Education and leave them in the display in the Narthex.

Odds 'n Ends

Altar Flowers



The chart for requesting altar flowers is in the Narthex. The offering is \$ 18 per vase.

If you have any questions, please call

Ursula Jacob, 410-679-6163.

Goin' Green



The next issue of the UEC Endeavor will include information and tips on saving our environment with "Goin' Green." All of us want to do what we can to preserve and protect God's gift to us—the earth. We can all recycle and use our resources wisely to ensure our children a healthier environment. Stay tuned for "Goin Green" in the next issue.



Our UEC Bowling League has Openings!

If interested contact
Holly Raddatz
@ 410-285-0894

A New Twist on Coffee Hour

With everyone's busy schedules it can be difficult to host Coffee Hour. So we are going to have a Coffee Hour Collection Carafe in the Narthex, When the collection totals enough for a Coffee Hour than we'll have one.

So look for the Coffee Hour Carafe in the Narthex,



"I am the resurrection and the life."

JOHN 11:25

Canton Community Association Meetings

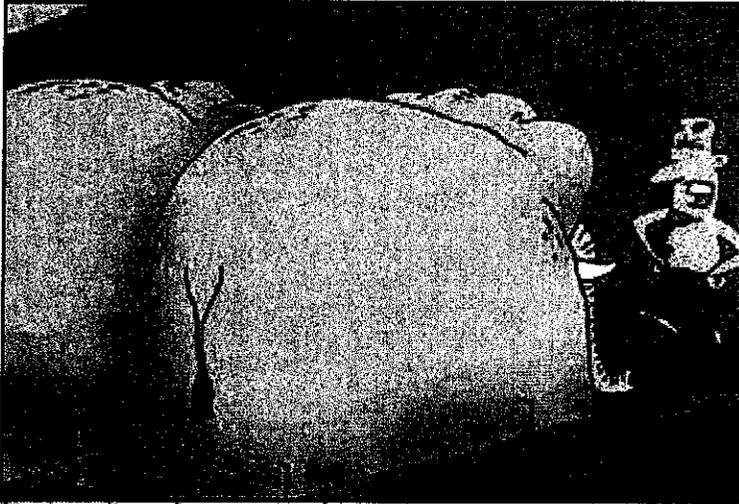


The Canton Community Association meets at our church on a bi-monthly basis. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary with free dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. in Friendship Hall. These meetings are a wonderful way to meet new neighbors and stay informed about the concerns of our community. It also shows that our church thinks being involved in its community is important. Put the meetings on your calendar and come show our neighbors how important our community is to us as a church. The next meeting is May 24th.

To obtain additional info.— www.cantoncommunity.org/

Comics Corner

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Thanks to Benoit Paquette (See Genesis 6-8) 05-03-2004

WHAT DID WE TELL YOU TWO ABOUT STANDING ON THE SAME SIDE OF THE ARK?

Oops—From Actual Church Bulletins

- 1) Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet will come forward and do so.
- 2) The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind. They can be seen in the church basement Saturday.
- 3) The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

The Student's Prayer

Now I lay me down to rest, And hope to pass tomorrow's test. If I should die before I wake, That's one less test I have to take."

Scared of a Little Storm

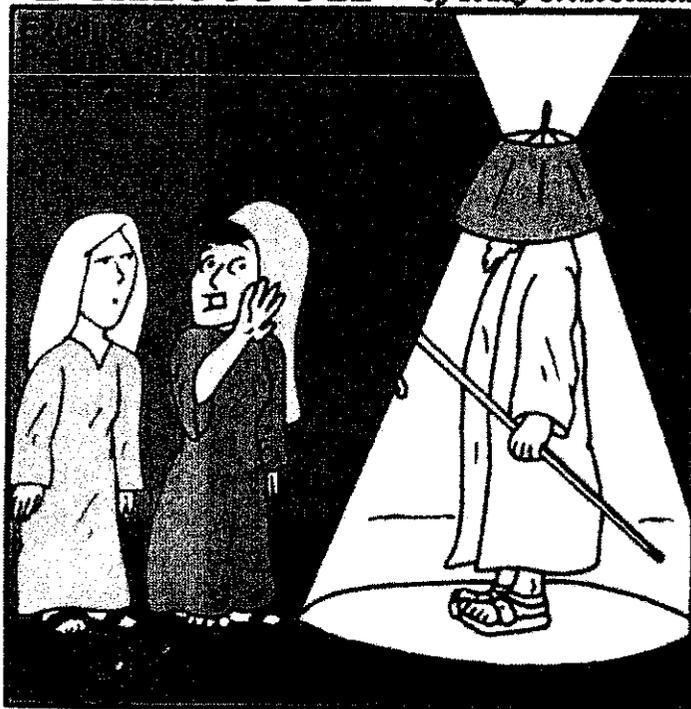
One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her small boy into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?"

The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't, dear," she said. "I have to sleep with Daddy."

A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy."

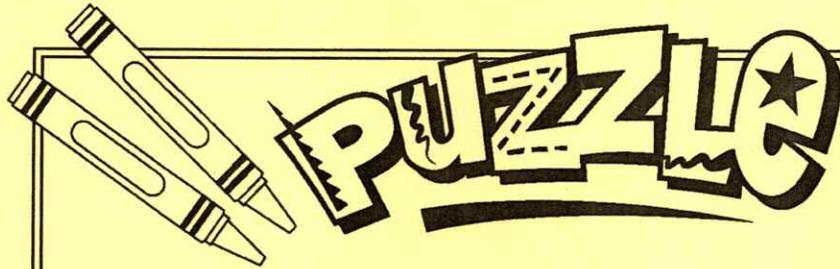
Bulletoon

by Trudy O. McConnell



"We finally found a useful way to handle Moses' 'shining face' situation..."

Kids Only!!



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

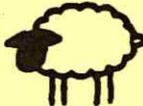
Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.



1. Jesus
2. weary
3. endured
4. opposition
5. cross
6. endured
7. scorning
8. shame



1. Jesus
2. lose
3. pioneer
4. sinners
5. perfecter
6. him
7. faith
8. hand



1. eyes
2. us
3. joy
4. heart
5. right
6. grow
7. God
8. throne

"... fixing our  on  the  and
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 sat down at the  of the  of  of 
 Consider  who  such 
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 and  ." HEBREWS 12:2-3, NIV

Answer: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV



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