

The United Endeavor

News from United Evangelical Church

Apr/May 2010



Pastor's Message



At the Leadership Retreat in February, our church leaders were asked to share their dreams for this church. Lots of wonderful ideas and hopes were put forth such as having young people involved in worship and music; greater use of the church facilities for mission; being financially sound. At the council meeting following the retreat, it was agreed that council will focus its attention on two or three of these "dreams."

After everyone shared their dreams, the question was then asked, "Why is this your dream?" Again lots of answers were put forth, most of them though, skirted around the reason that we exist as a church, which is the mission of Jesus Christ. If our dream is to have 500 people in worship, then the motivation behind that dream must be rooted in bringing people into relationship with Jesus Christ. If our dream is to be financially sound then the motivation behind that dream must be rooted in doing greater works in the name of Christ. Being identified as those engaged in the mission of Christ is the purpose (and the only hope) for the Church.

At the congregational meeting, which was held in March this year due to the snow, I touched on this when I talked about how younger generations which make up the Emerging Church have absolutely no loyalty to the institution of the church. They have no interest in supporting an organization that is focused on its own existence, but they are very interested in Jesus and what he stands for.

John Buchanan, the editor of The Christian Century, wrote about this in his March 9, 2010 article. In commenting on a book by Harvey Cox entitled The Future of Faith he writes:

The Future of Faith confirms a development I have witnessed as a pastor over the course of Cox's writing career. Today people come to church or join a church not because the church is Presbyterian, Methodist, or Lutheran, and not because of the theological nuances that those names represent, but because they want to be identified with a particular community of people who are trying, individually and together, to follow Jesus.

An example: the church I serve has a tutoring program that pairs a volunteer tutor with an inner-city youngster for an hour and a half once a week. Half of the volunteer tutors are nonmembers and many of them are refugees from the church of their childhood. Many have no church background at all. In the course of coming to church on a weeknight to meet their students, something happens. They begin to see a connection between the students, their relationship, Jesus and the church. These people often show up in a new member class. They are new, or renewed, Christians because they have seen what it means to follow Jesus.

As we reach for our dreams, may we be identified as those who know what it means to follow Jesus.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Cathy

Additional Announcements



HOLY WEEK

March 31

8:00 p.m.

Tableau

April 1

7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday

Holy Communion & Tennebrae

April 2

9:00 a.m.

Good Friday Worship Service

April 4

6:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship Service

Holy Communion

9:15 a.m.

Children's Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

Holy Communion

News from the Altar Committee

We are very pleased that Althea Schrodtt has volunteered to be on the Altar Committee helping us prepare the Altar for worship. Each of the committee members is assigned one month at a time. If you are interested in serving, please contact me or the office. I find this service to be very meaningful and a part of my worship experience.

Ursula Jacob



A Fresh Look at Pentecost

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, on a day called Pente-cost, the Christian church was born. Because Pentecost was a holiday celebrating the harvest (a bit like our Thanksgiving), the apostles and a large crowd had gathered to celebrate in Jerusalem.

Many people had assembled near Peter and the other followers of Christ when "[F]rom heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind ... " (Acts 2:2 ff, NRSV). Then tongues of fire descended on everyone in the crowd.

After the wind and fire descended, all sorts of languages, known and unknown, came out of the crowd. Each person spoke "about God's deeds of power" (verse 11). No wonder Luke wrote, "All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?'" (verse 12).

The whole affair was mind-boggling and life-changing. The Holy Spirit had come upon many people; they knew God was powerfully at work in their midst.

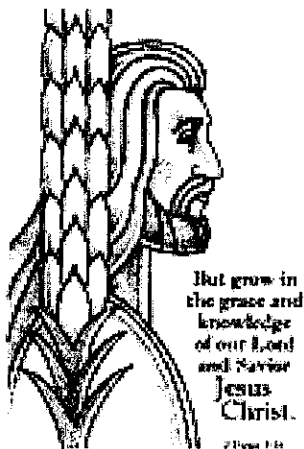
On Pentecost many years ago, some 3,000 people came to believe in Christ. That's why today Christians remember this powerful event as the birthday of the church. Pentecost occurs on May 23 this year.

Give It Some Thought...

Your Faith Can Grow

The suspension bridge over Niagara Falls was begun by a thread attached to a kite. When the wind blew, the kite floated across the water to the other side. Workers then attached a string to the thread and pulled it across. To the string, they attached a rope and pulled it back. By this slow-but-sure method, the bridge was built.

Our faith may be just a little thread or no larger than a mustard seed, but we must act on it (see James 2:14-18). Through action, our faith will be strengthened (Colossians 1:23) as it moves us to do even greater works of faith for our Lord (2 Thessalonians 1:3). And in this slow-but-sure way, our faith can grow exceedingly (Ephesians 4:15-16).



Up But Not Away

Many Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which refers to a post-resurrection event that took place 40 days after Easter. This year it occurs on May 13.

According to Luke, Jesus led his friends to a Jerusalem suburb called Bethany. While on a small mountain, he blessed his friends and then rose into heaven while they watched.

The ascension was such a momentous occasion that after Jesus disappeared, his followers had a worship service at the spot. Then they "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" (Luke 24:52, NRSV).

Because Christ had promised to be with his followers always (Matthew 28:20), from then on they knew he would be with them as Spirit. Jesus' body was up and away, but spiritually he was still and always would be their companion.



Coming Attractions - April



Family Fun Bingo Night at UEC Friday, April 16

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Bingo begins promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Food and munchies will be on sale
so it's a no cooking night!!

Lotsa prizes, lotsa fun, lotsa food—what else is there!!

Proceeds to benefit the UEC Youth Group, our Church,
and Relay for Life-American Cancer Society



Think Spring!

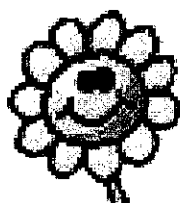
Now is the time to mark your calendars for

Sunday, April 25, 2010, 1:00p.m.
For Crop Walk

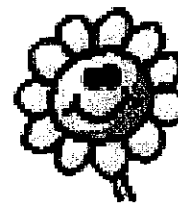
CROP WALK, sponsored by Church World Service, is a unique response to the needs of poor and hungry people both in our communities and around the world. Walkers ask friends, families, and co-workers to sponsor them financially. The two (2) mile walk will start and finish at Govans Presbyterian Church, 5828 York Road, Baltimore, Maryland. Rain or Shine.

Further details will be available after Easter. If any questions, please contact Cathy Fifield, 410-879-5121 or mrsacdc@comcast.net. This is an excellent opportunity for youth, service committees, and the whole congregation of the Church to come together to help the hungry and poor.

Coming Attractions - May



UEC Youth Group Annual Spring Flower Sale



Sunday, May 2nd
9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

It's spring and time to spruce up your home and garden with flowers!!

Prices are as follows:

8" hanging basket \$12

Flat of flowers \$18 or 3-packs at \$1.50

3" pots \$3.50



Take a Moment...

Easter Isn't Over—Ever!

During your preparations for Easter, you may have heard someone say, "All this work and it'll all be over so soon." Sorry, but they're wrong.

Easter as a celebration of the return of spring, the Easter of the Easter Bunny and colored eggs and candy, fancy hats and new spring clothes may be over by Easter Monday, not to come around again until next year.

But the true Easter, the celebration of Christ's resurrection, is never over. Easter is the reminder and the celebration of a continuing fact: Christ, who was raised from death, is alive today, tomorrow and forever. Daily he offers us and the whole world power to begin new life now.

Easter isn't over ... ever!



Coming Attractions - May



Choir Dinner & Light Entertainment



Sunday, May 16 @ 12 noon

Now's your chance all you budding musicians, vocalists, comedians, etc. Here's your opportunity to show your creative side!!

Ticket price: \$10 per person (under age 5 free) - No Refunds

Only 80 tickets will be sold in advance

No tickets will be sold at the door

Menu:

Salad

Rigatoni with Meat Balls

Bread

Dessert

Coffee & Iced Tea

(You must have a ticket to get a dinner)

see Ursula Jacob (8:00 a.m. service)

or Cass Young (10:30 a.m. service) to buy your tickets on April 18, 25, and May 2, 9

(NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AFTER MAY 9)

Proceeds to benefit the Organ Sound Module Project

Call Darlene Waters for additional details @ 410-574-6021 or 410-299-2335

Coming Attractions - May

50th Confirmands Reunion—Class of 1960

Sunday, May 23

50th Reunion
Celebration
for the
UEC Confirmation
Class of 1960

A luncheon celebration honoring the 1960 UEC Confirmation Class will be held on May 23rd, following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. If you know any of the confirmands listed, please advise them of the upcoming celebration in their honor.

All church members are invited to the celebration. Be sure and sign up in the Narthex so that an accurate count of attendees can be obtained.

Come to the celebration luncheon!

(more names cont'd on next page)

Last Name/ Married	First	Middle
BARNES	WILLIAM	FREDERICK
BOCEK	THOMAS	P.
BOHLAND	MARYANN	EVELYN
BORKMAN	WAYNE	RICHARD
BOSSE	DIANE	MARY
BRUNNER	WILLIAM	GEORGE
BUDDEMEYER	CONRAD	
CANTWELL/Pettersohn	GERALDINE	
CLAES	LOUIS	FRANK
CRUSSE/Garrison	MARILYN	JEAN
CYBULSKI	CATHERINE	LYDIA
DAVIS/Nickol	BARBARA	MARIE
DIMICK/Jones	LORRAINE	ROSE
ECKES	LEONARD	
FADER	WAYNE	ARTHUR
FALKENSTEIN	IDA	
FISCHER	JAMES	EDWARD
GEORGE	DAVID	FREDERICK
GEORGE	DEBORAH	ANN
GEORGE	JOYCE	A.
GOLDBURN	EDWIN	JOHN
GONTER	LAWRENCE	
GONTER	THEODORE	FRANK
GRIFFIN	DARLENE	JOYCE
HABERKAM	CARL	
HARRIS	VIVIAN	
HENNEL/Lindenau	JO	ANN
HENSLER	LINDA	MATILDA

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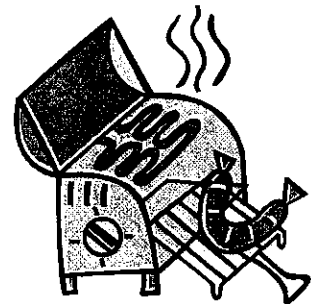
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HOCK	PAUL	
HOLTON	LENA	MARY
HUBER	CHARLES	JOHN
KING	JANE	LOUISE
KRAEMER	MARTHA	JEAN
KRAEMER	PEGGY	LEE
LANG	CONRAD	CARL
MARKS	LILLIAN	MAY
MC ELROY	WARREN	THOMAS
MC ELVANEY	JOHN	ALAN
MERRITT	MELVIN	JAMES
MEYERS	GLENN	ARTHUR
MITCHELL	EARL	
MORRIS/Nikitin	CAROLINE	MAY
MUEHLBERGER	ROBERT	JOHN
O'DONNELL	RONALD	THOMAS
PARKER	LINDA	ANN
RADDATZ/Gawronski	JOYCE	LOUISE
SAJDAK/Parker	ANNA	IRENE
SCHLOGEL	HENRY	JOHN
SCHWARTZ	GAIL	LOEBER

Last Name/ Married	First	Middle
SMITH	CLINTON	
SMITH	GEORGE	CHARLES
SOLLE	JOSEPH	ALBERT
STAIGERWALD	CLARENCE	OLIN
STONEY	HENRY	WILLIAM
SURDELL/Schindler	LINDA	JANE
TIRSCHMAN/Blackowicz	CYNTHIA	ALICE
TIRSCHMAN	FRANCIS	RICHARD
TRUSSELL	HENRY	
WALTER	SHARON	JANIS
WESTERMAN	ROBERT	DENNIS
WESTERMAN	WAYNE	LOUIS
WISNER/Robertson	SHARON	DEE
ZIETHEN/Denton	BEVERLY	MARGARET

Coming Attractions - Buy Your Tickets Now!



**United Evangelical Church
Bull & Oyster Roast
Saturday, June 5, 2010
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: \$ 35.00 per person



For tickets contact:

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

All proceeds to benefit United Evangelical Church

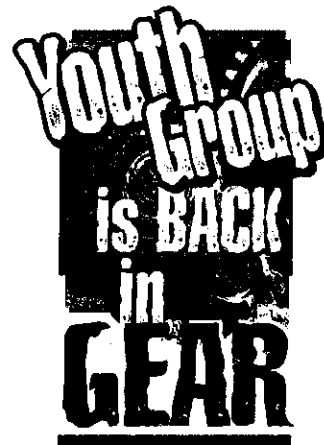


Youth Group Schedule

Youth Group Activity Schedule

When	Where	What	Time
April 11	UEC	Assemble hygiene/baby kits	12:00 - 3:00 pm
April 25	UEC	Crop Walk at Govans Presb.	12:00 - 3:00 pm
May 2	UEC	Flower Sale	9:00 -12:30 p.m.
May ?	UEC	City Clean up Day	TBA
June 5-6	CCBC - Dundalk	Relay for Life	6:00 p.m. on Saturday thru Sunday morning
June 27	Sanders House 333 Enfield Rd Joppa, MD	End of Year Party Bring a dish to share, bathing suit and towel	12:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Any questions, please call Cathy Fifield, 410-879-5121,
or e-mail mrsacdc@comcast.net



Coming Attractions in September Our Annual Church Picnic!

**Church
Picnic**



Mark Your Calendars!!

UEC Church Picnic
Sunday, September 26

Chesterwood Park

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

Ladies Organization Trips & Events



Upcoming events will be announced
in the next issue of Endeavor

Arlene Pate 410-327-3211 or Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904

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

New members are always welcome!
Dues are \$ 10.00 per year

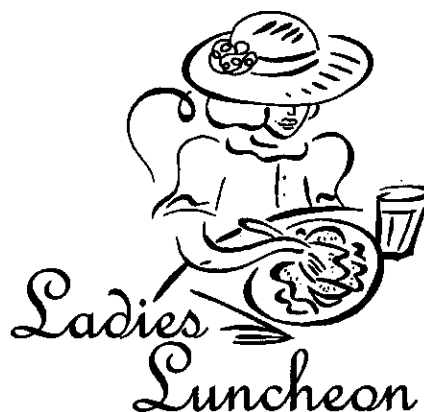
Upcoming Ladies Organization Meetings
first Wednesday of the month.
All Meetings Begin at 12 noon
(unless otherwise noted)

Apr. 7 Brown Bag Luncheon

May 5 Luncheon

Jun. 2 Luncheon

Additional details to be announced



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:

Arlene Pate 410-327-3211 or Millie Wirsing 410-675-3904

UEC April 2010 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	2	3
4 Easter Food Bank Donations 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Svc. 9:15 Childrens Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Service	5	6	7 Ladies Organization Luncheon Meeting 12 noon	8 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	9	10
Rev. Cathy on vacation April 5 - 12						
11 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study	12	13 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	15 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	16 Family Fun Bingo Night @ UEC 5:30 p.m.	17 Chesapeake Association Spring Meeting Immanuel UCC in Catonsville 11:00 am-3:00 pm
18 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study Youth Group Meeting to assemble kits for Church World Service 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.	19	20 Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.	21 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	22 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	23	24
25 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study Crop Walk for the Poor and Hungry Starts at Govans Presbyterian 1:00 p.m.	26	27	28 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	29 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	30	

UEC May 2010 Calendar of Events

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2 Communion Sunday Food Bank Donations 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study Youth Group Flower Sale	3	4	5 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Ladies Organization Luncheon Meeting 12 noon	6 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	7	8
9 Mother's Day 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study	10	11 Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	13 Ascension of the Lord Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	14	15
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Thoughts on Memorial Day

"There never was a good war or a bad peace."
—Benjamin Franklin

"Ours is a world of nuclear giants and ethical infants. We know more about war than we know about peace, more about killing than we know about living. We have grasped the mystery of the atom and rejected the Sermon on the Mount."

—General Omar Bradley



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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

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



Church Committee/CCA Information



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.



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,

Parish Relations Committee

An active Parish Relations/Pastoral Relations Committee continues to exist at United. Are you asking yourself - What is a Parish/Pastoral Relations Committee? The Parish/Pastoral Relations Committee seeks to support and maintain an open and healthy relationship between the pastor and members of the congregation. The group serves as an advisory group to the pastor and as a support group for the pastor's leadership. The group is concerned with all church staff members' well-being. Constructive and caring communication in an atmosphere of confidentiality and trust is essential to the work of this committee.

The committee meets quarterly and reports any questions or concerns to the Council. Committee members consist of:

Rev. Cathy Carol Rowell

Marge Hurd Bob Osburne

Lynn Sanders

Please feel free to approach any committee member with questions, comments or areas of concern. Thank you & God Bless.



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. Next Meeting is May 25th. Put the meetings on your calendar and come show our neighbors how important our community is to us as a church.

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

Comics Corner



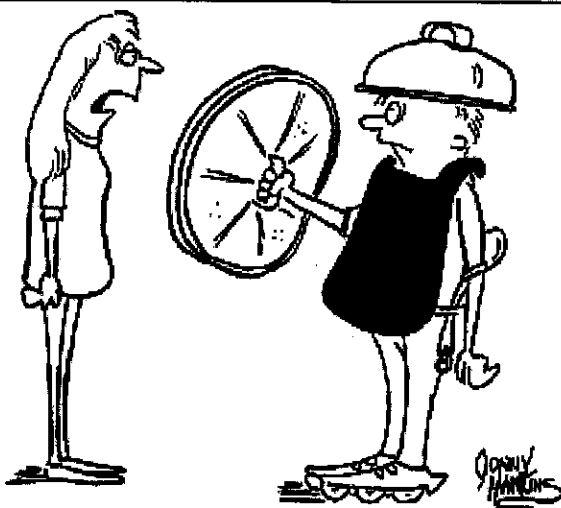
"Well Moses, I'm not totally sure, but to me it looks like a staff infection."

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From a worship bulletin in Hilton Head, South Carolina:

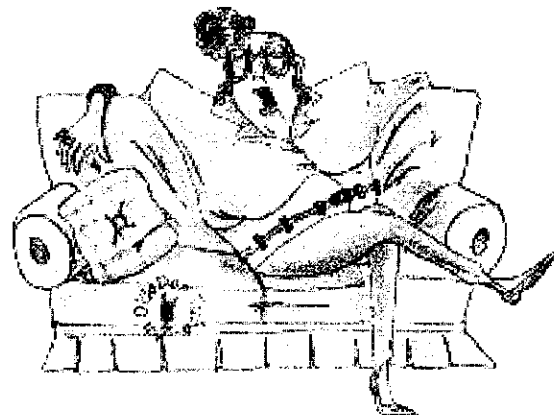
welcome our guest speaker
Dedication of 2009 Pledges for
God's Millions
Stewardship Hymn

Actually, millions are helped by *missions* every year.

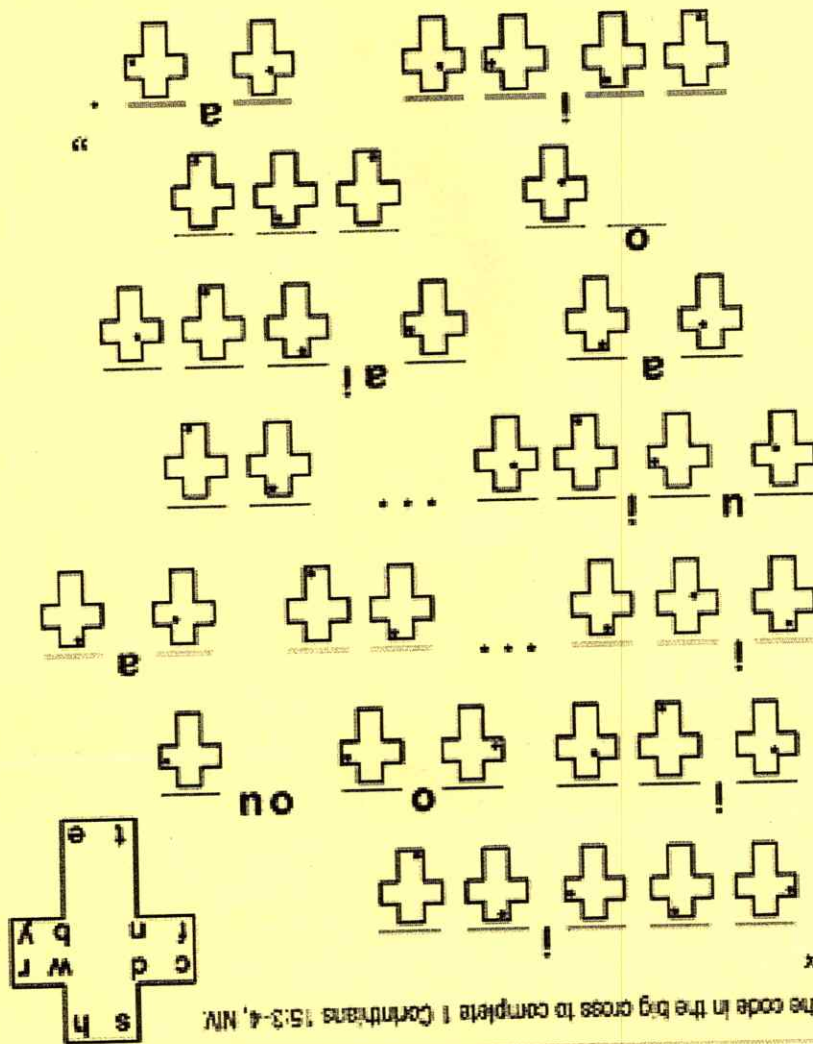


"I wouldn't consider calling Mom's
pot roast lid, the garbage
cover, a mud flap, a stew ladle
and roller blades the 'Armor of God.'"

A smile is a sign of joy.
A hug is a sign of love..
A laugh is a sign of happiness.
And a friend like me...??
Darn, that's just a sign of good taste!!



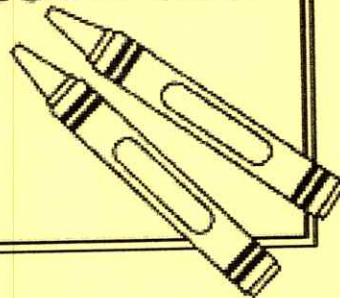
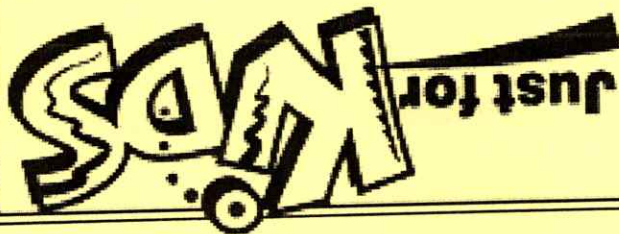
Answer: Christ died for our sins ... he was buried ... he was raised on the third day.



Use the code in the big cross to complete 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NIV.

At this time of the year, we see many crosses draped in purple, black or white cloth. They remind us of the loving sacrifice Jesus made for us — and that he rose again.

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*"But now, O Lord, Thou art
our Father,
We are the clay, and Thou
our potter;
And all of us are the work of
Thy hand."*

ISAIAH 64:8

