

The United Endeavor

from United Evangelical Church

Aug/Sept 11



What God Can Do...



What God Can Do with Your Whole Life

The boy hesitated as Andrew pushed him toward Jesus. "Sir, I have only a small lunch, five loaves and two fish, but if this could help feed some of the people, you can have it." I'm sure Jesus smiled and said, "Thank you. I think this is exactly what I need."

The boy watched in awe as, with that small lunch, Jesus fed more than 5,000, with lots of leftovers.

"Wow," the boy responded. "If he can do that with my lunch, I wonder what he could do with my whole life!"

Each of us could wonder the same thing: What if I give him my whole life?!?

What if I give him my time? Would my day look different? Would I get the priority things done? Would he multiply my time to enable me to accomplish more of his work?

What if I give him my talents? He gave them to me to begin with - would he develop them more fully, more beautifully. Would he fill me up and pour me out to touch every life I encounter? Would he surprise me with the good works he created me to do?

And what if I give him my treasure? Do I really need so much of it? It's just loaned to me anyway. He tells me not to invest in things that don't last, but to invest in heavenly endeavors, where the return on investment multiplies many times - for eternity.

So what if I don't stop at time, talents and treasure? What if I give him my hopes and my dreams? It happened to me. I had dreams: to be a writer and editor, to marry a great guy, to make my life count. I gave them to him - and the vastness of the betterness has been staggering. I would have settled for so much less - God had so much more.

But wait. What happens if I give him those negative things in my life--my shame, my guilt, my fears? Certainly he won't multiply those; maybe he will halve them. No, not halves. He erases them, forgives them, buries them, sets me free from them.

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So Lord, I give you everything I am and have - puny as it all is - to do what you desire with all you made me to be. The song says, "I can only imagine!" And that is true - I can only imagine. But his Word promises that he will do far more with what we give him - even our whole lives - than we can ask or even imagine!

By Judy Douglass

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Committee News & More



Spiritual Committee

The Spiritual Committee will be meeting to pray and make cards for our homebound members.

If you are interested in joining in, please contact Alfie Schrodtt at 410-686-0384 or via e-mail at micha1357@aol.com.

The Endeavor is Available by E-Mail



United Evangelical Church is offering "The United Endeavor" newsletter by email. Sending the Endeavor by email will save postage and possibly eliminate the need to use "Bulk" mailing. 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



Our Choir Returns from Summer Vacation

Choir practice resumes Thursday, September 1, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The choir will resume in worship on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Opportunities to Grow in Christ



Looking to grow in Christ? Then come join in two 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 August and September 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. If you are interested in deepening your walk with Christ, then come and be a part of these gatherings.

Part II: Feeding on the Word: The Mind of Christ

Group 1 - led by Rev. Cathy

Tuesdays — 1:00 p.m.

Group 2- led by Rick Nyborg

Thursdays—6:30 p.m.

Bible Study in the Sanctuary—August 28, 2011

Feasting on the Word Bible Study

August 28 —9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Matthew 16:21-28

²¹From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

²⁷"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

1. Why do you think Peter got upset when Jesus talked about his suffering? What does Jesus' response to Peter teach us?

2. What does it mean when Jesus says "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."?

3. What does it mean when Jesus says "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."?

Bible Study in the Sanctuary—September 25, 2011

Feasting on the Word Bible Study

September 25 —9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Matthew 21:23-32

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

1. Why were the leaders of the temple concerned about Jesus' authority?
2. What did Jesus' question succeed in doing? What do you think, did the baptism of John come from heaven or was it of human origin?
3. Who represents the first son and who represents the second son in the parable? Which son are you most like?

Youth Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Need to Bring</u>
Thursday	Aug. 18	5:30 pm	UEC Kitchen	planning meeting	
Thursday	Sep. 1	5:30 pm	UEC Kitchen	planning meeting	
Sunday	Sep. 11	7:30 am	Church	Youth Worship Service	
Thursday	Sep. 15	5:30 pm	UEC Kitchen	planning meeting	

Please note: Dates and times are subject to change



Youth Group Ministry Work Trip Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community

Our UEC Youth Group and Sponsors journeyed to Hiram, Ohio during the week of July 18 - 23. Their mission, to form friendships and to take part in the ministry of Hiram Farm was an enriching experience for all concerned. Representing UEC, the group participants and sponsors are listed below:

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| Fran Foster | Rev. Cathy Oatman | Jessica Siegmann |
| Brandon Hovermill | Diane Pachilis | Amber Sumuel |
| Claire Hovermill | Carl Price | Shantaya Thomas |
| Steven Jankiewicz | Roger Russell | |

Be sure to thank all of those involved for their commitment to this church and their ministries to further the word of God and provide service for the common good.

On Sunday, September 11, our Youth Group will lead worship and provide details of their experiences at Hiram Farms with the congregation. Be sure to attend.

Thanks to the generosity of our church members, a \$500 gift was presented to Hiram Farm for their mission.

Goin' Green



Recycling Can Help So Many!

The following websites offer many ways to recycle and help others too. All donated items should be in good condition. Your donated items will help neighbors far and near.

BOOKS: Schedule a pick up for volumes of all kinds with www.donationtown.org.

Contact your local library

Contact your local hospital

Contact your nearest Goodwill or Salvation Army stores for drop off spots.

Fiction and Non-Fiction to Books for Africa - www.booksforafrica.org. They will match them with schools, orphanages and literacy programs across the continent.

SPORTS EQUIPMENT: www.sportsgift.org - Delivers gently used gear to disadvantaged children all over the world.

WINTER JACKETS: Keep until fall then search for a local coat drive at onewarmcoat.org. Sweaters, sweatshirts, hats and gloves may also be accepted, you need to check.

FURNITURE: Bring it to your local Habitat for Humanity Re-Store. Check www.habitat.org/rerstores for locations (we have one in the "neighborhood" at 505 Kane Street).

Furniture bank www.nationalfurniturebank.org distributes essentials like sofas, bed, table lamps to families in need.

Church Happenings



Our Church Air-Conditioning Fund Drive



Raised so far: \$ 21,329

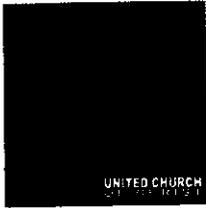
Our Goal: \$ 60,378

Thanks to your very generous donations, our air conditioning fund drive has raised \$ 21,329!! 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 worship.

THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

UCC Mission Moments



mission M O M E N T S

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The modern media transports images of disasters such as Hurricane Katrina into our living rooms. For some, like pastor Tim Devine, the coverage is detached and contributes to our collective sense of disconnectedness. Devine visited New Orleans, now five years post Katrina, to help with the continuing rebuild efforts and was distressed "to hear someone's story face-to-face or even to see the damaged houses and infrastructure years later," he said. "Our fast-paced media images hold the potential to keep us from feeling real pain or even empathy." But the pastor of St. Paul's UCC in Seattle also experienced the dedication that came from "members of Little Farm UCC who supply a potluck dinner Monday evenings, members of another work team, homeowners across the street, the sisters whose home was dedicated, and other work camp volunteers from Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane and Helena who became a community of aching knees, open hearts, sincerity and laughter."

Sadly, there is still much work to be done in New Orleans and in more recent disaster-struck areas like Nashville. Another Pacific Northwest Conference pastor, Bobbi Virta of Ferndale UCC, was on her fourth trip to the Gulf Coast at the same time Devine was there. Virta sees hope and progress in New Orleans and experienced the gratitude of the people they minister to. "To experience their hospitality and gratitude humbles and impassions me to live a life of hospitality and gratitude," she said. Although Virta's work has been concentrated in New Orleans, she and other volunteers from the Conference now specialize in long-term recovery and may expand their ministry to other areas.

To other potential participants, Virta says, "You will be changed. I can't say how, but I can guarantee you will be changed."

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Mark Your Calendars!



August 17

Wednesday
1:00 p.m.

UEC Ladies Luncheon
Sue Island Grill & Crab House
900 Baltimore Yacht Club Rd.
Essex, MD

(Must provide your own transportation and pay for your own meal)



August 21

Sunday
following
10:30 a.m.
Worship

Oktoberfest Planning Meeting
Friendship Hall



September 11

Sunday
9:00 a.m.

Pancake Breakfast @ UEC
Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage,
Bacon, Toast, Biscuits & Gravy,
Fruit, Coffee, Tea
Friendship Hall

WE'VE GOT IT ALL FOR ONLY \$6.00 PER PERSON!!



September 18 Sunday
following 10:30 worship

UEC Church Picnic
Cox's Point
\$ 7.00 per person
(under age 18—free)

(Bring your own drinks and a dessert to share)



September 23

Friday
5:00 p.m.

Family Fun Bingo Night
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
Bingo starts at 5:45 p.m.

(No need to cook—lots of food will be available!)

Looking Ahead - Mark Your Calendars!



October 2

Sunday
12 noon-
2:00 p.m.

UEC Spaghetti Dinner
Delicious Spaghetti
Salad
Dessert & Drink

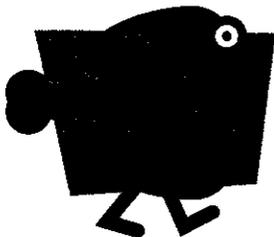
ALL FOR ONLY \$8.00 PER PERSON (Plus no need to cook dinner!!)



October 23

Sunday
12 noon-
5:00 p.m.

Oktoberfest



Nov. 5

Saturday

UEC Ladies Organization
Turkey, Ham & Oyster Lunch
Faith United UCC Church
Frederick, MD
Baugher's Produce and
Ice Cream

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



Dec. 14

Wednesday
12 noon

UEC Ladies Organization
Christmas Get Together
Williamsburg Inn
\$ 25.00 per person

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

Ladies Organization Trips & Events

Upcoming Events



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

Aug. 17 1:00 p.m. Sue Island Grill & Crab House
100 Baltimore Yacht Club Road
(off Holly Neck Road)
Essex, MD
must provide own transportation
must pay for your own dinner

Menu Choices

\$ 2 Crabs	\$6.95 lb. steamed shrimp
MD crab soup	3.95 cup
Chicken Tenders (5)	6.95
Crabcake Platter (1)	14.95 (w/2 sides)
Stuffed Flounder	15.95 (w/2 sides)
Cheesecake	4.25

Coke, Diet Coke, Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee

Nov. 5 Turkey, Ham & Oyster Luncheon
Faith United UCC Church
Frederick, MD
Baugher's Produce & Ice Cream

Dec. 14 12 noon Christmas Get Together
Williamsburg Inn
\$ 25.00 per person

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

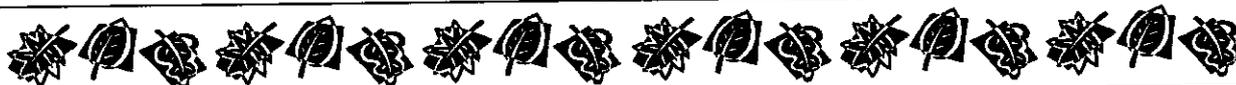
Sep 7 Roast Beef Luncheon
\$ 4.00 per person

Oct. 5 Brown Bag Luncheon

Nov. 5 Turkey Luncheon
\$ 6.00 per person

Dec. 7 No meeting

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



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:

Arlene Pate 410-327-3211

New Feature—The Cook's Nook—Have a Look!



Calling all Cooks!



- Want to show off your culinary skills?
- Want to be known for your fabulous feasts?
- Want to see your recipe in lights (just kidding)?
- Want to just get dinner on the table?

Here's your chance to share your most prized recipes!!

Snail mail, e-mail (barbmatthew@verizon.net), put your recipes in my folder in the church office. Send them to me and see your name and recipe in lights (still just kidding)! But you will see your name and recipe in print in the Endeavor for all to see.



Alfie's Sweet Baby Ray's Barbecue



I use a pork butt and size depends on how much you want to cook. I used an electric pressure cooker and I cooked it about 2 hrs and the weight was about 3 pounds. Cook until desired tenderness. Once the meat is cooked, pull apart. Then I put it back in a pot add Sweet Baby Ray's BBQ sauce and the amount of sauce depends on how wet you want it. If you cook it in the oven it will take hours longer and I would cook it at 250 degrees and about 2 hrs. per pound.

Alfie Schrodt

UEC August 2011 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<p>7</p> <p><i>Communion Sunday</i></p> <p>Food Bank Donations</p> <p>8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	8	9	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	11	12	13
<p>14</p> <p>8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p>	15	<p>16</p> <p>Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Sue Island Grill & Crab House 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Youth Group Meeting 5:30 p.m.</p>	19	20
<p>21</p> <p>8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p>Oktoberfest Planning Meeting (following 10:30 worship)</p>	22	<p>23</p> <p>Christian Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	25	26	27
<p>28</p> <p>8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service</p> <p><i>Feasting on the Word</i> Bible Study in the UEC Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.</p>	29	<p>30</p> <p>Auxiliary Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>			

UCC September 2011 Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	2	3
4 Communion Sunday Food Bank Donations 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 9:15 a.m. Bible Study	5	6	7 Bible Study 10:00 a.m. UEC Ladies Luncheon 12 noon	8 Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	9	10
11 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Youth Service Pancake Breakfast between services	12	13 Companions in Christ 1:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.	14 Bible Study 10:00 a.m.	15 Companions in Christ 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	16	17
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25 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Worship Service Feasting on the Word Bible Study in the UEC Sanctuary 9:30 a.m	26	27 Companions in Christ Bible Study UEC 1:00 p.m. Canton Community Association Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28 Bible Study 10:00 a.m	29 Companions in Christ 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m.	30	



God's Blessings

The man whispered "God, speak to me"
And a meadowlark sang.
But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled "God speak to me!"
And the thunder rolled across the sky.
But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said "God let me see you"
And a star shone brightly.
But the man did not notice.

And the man shouted "God show me a miracle"
And a life was born.
But the man did not know.
So, the man cried out in despair.
"Touch me God and let me know that you are here!"
Whereupon God reached down and touched the man.
But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

Moral:

Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect.

-Author Unknown

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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.

*Just a
Reminder...*

Odds 'n Ends

Altar Flowers



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

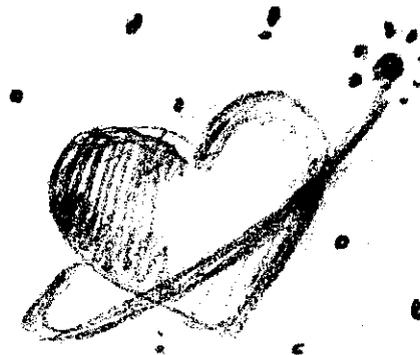
If you have any questions, please call

Ursula Jacob, 410-679-6163.



Our UEC Bowling League has Openings!

If interested contact
Holly Raddatz
@ 410-285-0894



“Forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

MATTHEW 18:35, NRSV

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,

The Ultimate Comfort

“For each of us the time is surely coming when we shall have nothing but God. Health and wealth and friends and hiding places will all be swept away. ... To the man of pseudo faith that is a terrifying thought, but to real faith it is one of the most comforting thoughts the heart can entertain.”

—A.W. Tozer



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 September 27th.

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

Comics Corner



"Remember, you're under oath."

Life After Death

"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes, sir," the new employee replied.

"Well, then, that makes everything just fine," the boss went on.

"After you left early yesterday to go to your grandmother's funeral, she stopped in to see you!"

Left Behind

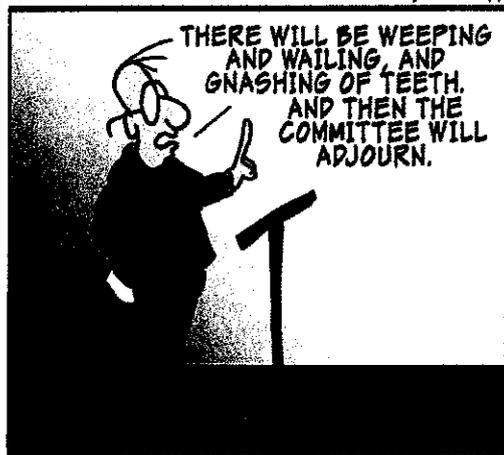
A father was reading Bible stories to his young son. "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city," he said, "but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt."

The boy asked, "What happened to the flea?"



"I REALIZE WE'VE RUN INTO THE LUNCH HOUR, AND I'M SORRY. NOW, WHO'S THE WISE GUY WHO ORDERED PIZZA?"

Church of the Covered Dish by Thom Tapp

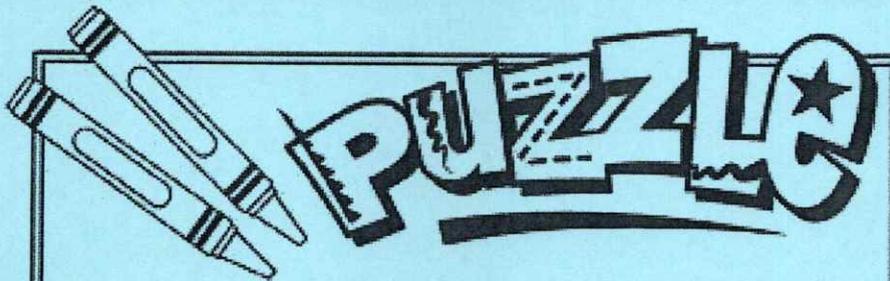


First Time Ushers

A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates.

When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "Don't pay for me Daddy, I'm under five."

Kids Only!!



action-packed faith
The greatest "super men" who ever lived put their faith into action.

Directions: Match each Bible character to the correct description.

- Noah 1. This disciple wrote a gospel, recounting many events in Jesus' life.
- Stephen 2. This man responded to God's commands, including the order to move. God made many promises to this man and his descendants.
- Abraham 3. This man was eager to rebuild Jerusalem. He helped the people protect their city, reminding them that God was on their side.
- Luke 4. This man, who became king of Judah at a young age, obeyed God's laws and helped people repent.
- Nehemiah 5. God saved this honest, hard-working man from destruction by having him build a place of safety for his family and every kind of creature.
- Josiah 6. This man stood by God's Word, showing strength of character even when faced with persecution and death.

On the lines below, write your name and describe how you're a "hero" for God. What are some ways you put your faith into action?

Name: _____

Answers: Noah 5, Stephen 6, Abraham 2, Luke 4, Nehemiah 3, Josiah 1.



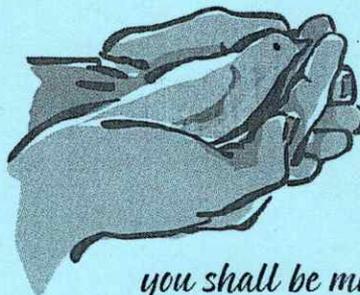
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Dated Material

*"If you obey my voice and
keep my covenant,*



*you shall be my
treasured possession
out of all the peoples."*

Exodus 19:5, NRSV