



Knox News

May 2022

To all the Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts,
Sisters and other women in our lives that care
for us and love us unconditionally....

To all the selfless women who inspire,
motivate and remind us to be a better person
every single day....

Happy Mother's Day!

*She is clothed in strength and dignity and can
laugh without fear of the future. Proverbs 31:25*

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'INDICATIVE OF WHO WE ARE'



Evidently, Spring is upon us. Formality aside, and personally, I'll believe it when I see it for myself. What I mean is that I prefer to gauge such things through visual clues, like seeing greener lawn around our church, and warmer and calmer temperatures throughout the days. For me, such visible and/or experiential measure is a sure sign that Spring has indeed arrived in our midst.

Alas, at the time of writing this article, I have experienced 'snow,' fair bit of it, brisk winds and bone chilling temperatures!

What I am trying to say is that *I'll believe it when I am able to see and feel the warmth of Spring.*

Perhaps this is the bit of *Thomas* that is harboring deep within me.

And where it comes to others of our community knowing who we are as Christians and members and adherents of the Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, I am thinking that *Thomas* would have a good company.

How could others see and/or experience who we are as such, Christians, and members of Knox, Woodstock?

This is without a doubt an important question for us to ponder upon. That said, I find assurance in being reminded of principles that each of us endeavor to strive for in our daily lives:

- We live as people grounded in the assurance that comes from God's redemptive love in the life and teachings of Jesus Christ;
- We joyously follow Jesus' example and teachings;
- Our lives are open to the leading of the Holy Spirit;
- We respond, to the best of our abilities, to the call of God to join the company of witnesses spreading the good news of Jesus.

In short, we try to become conduits through which the glory of God may shine forth. If and when we do that, others may readily notice that we are Christians, followers of Jesus who gather to celebrate this at Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, Ontario.

Respectfully shared,

Rev. Dr. Dong-Ha Kim



The Session held an in-person meeting on Tuesday, Apr 5th, 2022 @ 7pm. There were eleven elders in attendance. The meeting opened with a reflection from John 13 and prayer.

Correspondence: We received a thank you card from a member of the congregation. Knox College informed us of its intention to sell its college buildings to the University of Toronto and lease them back. Evangel Hall Mission sent their 2021 report with a cover letter.

Ministry Reports:

Christian Education Committee

Some COVID restrictions are being changed for Sunday School. June 26th will potentially be an intergenerational service. Starting Apr 10, kids can participate in person or via YouTube and email.

Marg McCurdy will help in the library.

Palm Sunday – children and teachers will parade in at the start of the service.



Leading With Care

A fire drill is planned for May 29th.

Covid-19

Mikayla is the new convenor. At Knox we will continue to wear masks, but social distancing signs have been removed and the distancing between the available pews in the sanctuary has been reduced to slightly under 6 feet. The committee continues to track the changing government guidelines.

Mission

In February, KAOS started again on Friday evenings.

Kids' Camp staffing is almost complete, including Jocelyn Klein who is returning as Director. Camp will be limited to 20 campers per week and some registrations have already been received. Some funding has been arranged from the national office. The mission offering will go to "Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene" from the Gifts of Change. The teaching theme will be "When You Believe", a study of miracles.

A new ministry of Youth Unlimited (YFC) Woodstock is starting. It is called The Table and it provides lunches at First Baptist Church to local teens. Knox will support this ministry with approximately \$100 per month while they operate. Mission Focus Sunday will be April 24th.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Kim continues visiting retirement homes, nursing homes and the hospital. He relies on information from the congregation to learn who needs to be visited.

The Prayer link, prayer shawl, and guided meditation ministries continue.

Board of Stewards

The Ontario government awarded Knox a \$7500 grant, which we will use to improve the lighting around the outside perimeter of the building. The work will be completed in the coming weeks.

Two more stained glass panels are planned with an expected cost of \$6000. \$5000 is budgeted and we anticipate donations for the remaining \$1000.

There is a foul odour in the basement kitchen. The kitchen is unusable as a result but our plumbing company is working to eliminate the odour.

Statistical report for 2021 was completed and sent into the Presbyterian Church office.

Restoration Committee

Restoration work on the north, east, and south walls will begin in early April and continue through August.

Worship

A Maundy Thursday communion service is planned. A Good Friday service will be held without our usual partner churches.

Minister's Report -

Baptisms – The Bible Society has made six gift Bibles available to Knox for infants. We will present these to families wishing to celebrate the sacrament of baptism.

We will begin the traditional collection of offering on Easter Sunday April 17th

Mission outlook – We need to look at how to increase our efforts to serve the community while continuing as before.

New Business:

- For future Annual Meetings (AGMs) we will make an initial motion that *'Members and Adherents be permitted to vote.'*
- Dr. Kim will take a study leave, studying pastoral care for the congregation.
- Community Relaunch Project –we might plan for a Congregational Photo-Directory later in the year or spring 2023.
- A section of the Knox parking lot will be used on a trial basis by "The Refuge" organization to feed homeless. A food van will be parked here from 1 pm to 2:30 pm Monday to Friday from May up to June 24.

The next Session meeting will be on Wednesday May 4 at 7 pm at the church.





I hope that you had a blessed Easter celebration. It was very good to have much musical participation for the Holy Week Services and I wish to express my gratitude to Barry Schneider, violin, Noel Banavage, saxophone and his daughter Emily Hewitt, piano. Lorelee Benner, Nora Martin, the praise singers, and the choir members are also thanked for their wonderful contributions.

The hymn *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"*, #274 in the Book of Praise is well known and it points to the Ascension of Christ. The original form of this hymn was written by Matthew Bridges and consisted of six eight-line stanzas. He thought of this hymn as a sermon in song, based on Revelation 19:12 "...and on His head were many crowns." He called this hymn, "The Song of the Seraphs." Matthew, who once wrote a book condemning Roman Catholics, ended up converting to Catholicism in 1848. He followed John Henry Newman out of the Church of England.

In 1874, Godfrey Thring, a staunch Anglican clergyman feared that some of Bridges' verses smacked too much of Catholic doctrine. He wrote six new verses for the same song. The hymn, therefore became a six-verse hymn that was written twice!

In general, the text is a magnificent celebration of Christ's victory over sin and death and of his rule in the world. The "crown" which Revelation refers to both the crown of royalty/kingship and the wreath of victory given to an athlete, symbolizes both the victory and the rule.

Wishing you blessings as the season of Spring continues. Take care and stay safe.



Campbell-Afternoon Auxiliary WMS



April 11th, 2022 - Elaine Stevens and Susan McLennan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Elaine and Susan read a lighthearted story called "*A Conversation between God and St. Francis*" about what we humans have done to God's creation.

The Easter worship service was prepared by the Rev. Rebekah Mitchell of Toronto and circulated by the national WMS. Participation was shared among the members. Marg McCurdy and June Masters took part in the readings, music was provided by Jay Schlotzhauer.

Business

Minutes: The minutes of the December meeting were approved. Motion Susan/Marg M.

Roll Call – 9 members and 1 guest.

Treasurer – Elaine Stevens presented her report. Bank balance March 31st was \$1,620.45. Report accepted on motion of Elaine/June. It was moved by Joan Willsie, seconded by June Masters, that we use \$500 from our GIC: \$350 to PWS&D for Ukraine relief and \$150 to the Bible Society for bibles for Ukraine.



Friendship & Service – Many members noted that they appreciated the cards and phone calls from Elisabeth Wicks.

Correspondence – A *Thank You* card was read from Nancy Wright. Isobel Cosyn thanked the members for the many cards she received following the passing of her husband Moe.

Business Arising / New Business

- The citywide **World Day of Prayer** service next year (2023) will be hosted by Knox. The service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. It was suggested that we invite the women from Knox, Embro to join us.
- Paris Presbyterial will be held at Knox Woodstock on Saturday June 4th with the theme *Bursting Forth in Joy!* A poster will be included in the newsletter.
- Marg McCurdy showed some of the pocket prayer shawls that she has made for the Ukraine, beautiful squares of blue with sunflower centres! Thank you, Marg.

With the business concluded lunch was enjoyed by all, with individual 'box' lunches and homemade (by Elaine & Don) black currant and raspberry juice punch! A lovely time of visiting followed.

The next meeting will be **Monday May 9th at 2:00 pm** in the Cheyne Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan McLennan





BURSTING FORTH IN JOY



You are invited to our Paris Presbyterial WMS Annual Meeting.

When? Saturday, June 4th, 2022

Time? 9:45 am to 1:30 pm

Where? Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock.

(Enter by the lower door off Hunter Street. The lift will be available, if needed.)

(We will be in the Cheyne meeting Room and the Dining Hall on the lower level.)

You are invited to **dress-up** as we celebrate spring and a new beginning without Covid (we hope). We have been in casual clothes long enough! There will be prizes for Finery (e.g., the best floral flock, the most elegant outfit, the prettiest pantsuit, the most springlike hat, the most interesting accessory, etc.).



Bring a Boxed Lunch for the Silent Auction.

If you do not wish to decorate a box for the lunch, a pretty gift bag would work.



Please label, on the outside, the contents of your boxed lunch. Suggestions for the lunch are a *sandwich, carrots & celery sticks, dessert or fruit, bag of potato chips, a cookie, whatever you think someone else would enjoy. You could include a pretty serviette.*

Beverages will be provided.



The money raised from the Silent Auction will go to PWS&D for the Ukraine Relief.

Before lunch, you will get to meet many of our WMS friends in Paris Presbyterial and from Synodical, and hear about what is happening in the Women's Missionary Society. An offering will be taken during the Worship Service.

Please RVSP by May 16th, 2022

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SAVE THE DATE!

Hooray!!!!

We are hoping that the **Yuletide Bazaar** is going to take place this year, so save the date **November 5, 2022**.

We are looking for new and creative ideas.

If you have any ideas we would love to hear about them.

When you are doing your canning this year please do not forget to do a few extra jars for the bazaar. Everyone enjoys them.

Stay tuned for more information.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us.

Thanks, The Kitchen Crew

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Chocolate Strawberry Cups

(Recipe from Giada De Laurentiis)



Ingredients:

5 oz bittersweet chocolate, chopped
1/3 cup heavy cream
1 tbsp sugar
¼ tsp pure vanilla extract
4 strawberries, diced

1. Bring a small pan with 1 inch of water to a boil over medium-low heat. Place the chocolate in a small bowl and place over the simmering water. When the chocolate is almost halfway melted, remove the bowl from the heat to a towel. Continue to stir with a rubber spatula until completely melted.
2. Spoon 1 teaspoon of chocolate into each of 12 cavities in a silicone mini muffin mold. Swirl the mold over a rimmed baking sheet to coat the sides of each mold. Chill in the refrigerator to set completely, about 45 minutes.
3. Meanwhile, whisk together the cream, sugar and vanilla. Carefully unmold the chocolate cups and trim any excess with kitchen scissors. Fill each cup with a spoonful of strawberries and a dollop of cream. Serve immediately.

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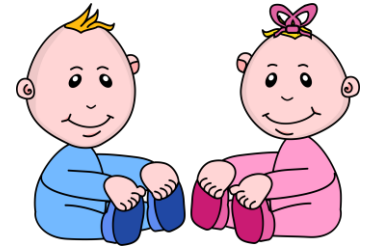


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FAMILY SERVICES

Beginnings Family Services is a non-profit organization that assists young men and women in Oxford County facing unplanned pregnancies or parenting struggles by providing parenting or adoption support, while focusing on a child's need to have the best possible start in life.

The Beginnings Woodstock Care Centre provides:

- Pregnancy testing and counselling
- Parenting and family support programs
- Care cupboard
- Local governance, management, communication, administration



Programs offered are:

Teen Prenatal Classes – a prenatal group for teens; run in partnership with Oxford County Public Health.

Moms Group – weekly drop-in program for moms and children; every Tuesday afternoon (held here at Knox Church)

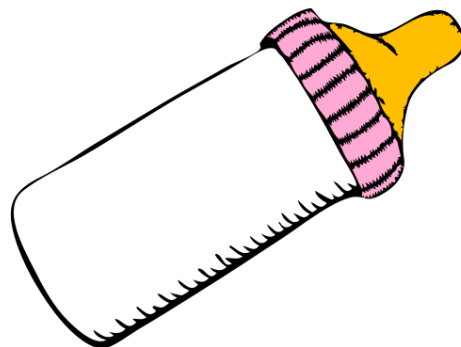
Fatherhood 101 – a free 4-week program designed for teen or young adult fathers or fathers-to-be.

Baby Brunch – free monthly breakfast program for parents with infants/toddlers; every 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Baby Smarts Program – Educational program designed for Grades 10-12 and for other youth organizations/youth groups.

Care Closet – free emergency baby supplies and maternity clothes.

From Mother's Day, Sunday May 8th to Father's Day, Sunday June 19, Beginnings is hosting their annual baby bottle campaign. **Knox will support Beginnings by collecting loose change.** Lighten your pocket or purse by donating to this worthy cause.



PPC Partners in Ukraine: The Reformed Church in Transcarpathia



The Reformed Church in Transcarpathia is the oldest Protestant Church in Ukraine. It was founded in 1921, when the Sub-Carpathian region became a part of the Czech-Slovak Republic. During the Soviet era, the church lost its legal status and many church-owned properties were seized and privatized. The structure of the church did not exist, atheist propaganda was promoted and many pastors were deported. Eventually, the fall of the Soviet Union brought relief, and with the help of church sponsors, schools and churches were reopened.

The Reformed Church in Sub-Carpathia currently has around 70,000 members, mostly ethnic Hungarians, in nearly 100 parishes. It is organized into three presbyteries. It is a constituting member of the Hungarian-speaking Reformed communities in the Carpathian Basin. It is also a member of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, the World Council of Churches, the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe and the Conference of European Churches.

The official name of the church in Ukrainian would be “Transcarpathian,” as this region lies beyond the Carpathian Mountains, seen from Kijev. In Hungarian, the commonly used term reads “Sub-Carpathian.” The two terms are used interchangeably.

Through the work of Presbyterian World Service & Development, the church is partnered with Hungarian Interchurch Aid, in coordination with the ACT Alliance.

Ways the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia is helping, (as of March 28th update):

- Finding accommodation and health care for mothers & children coming from central Ukraine.
- Home Care project of the Reformed church takes care of elderly people unable to leave due to illness and isolation.
- Caring for children with special needs and their families with food packs and sanitary parcels.
- Bakery of the diaconal centre bakes more than 400 breads each day and cooks hot meals every day for those in need.
- Provides Refugee shelters with a kitchen for preparing hot meals, provides washing machines, refrigerators, boilers, etc.
- Funds to support places where refugees are accommodated.





REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR

KNOX KIDS' CAMP

JULY 4TH - AUGUST 19TH 2022
MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM-3:30PM

\$175 PER 5 DAY WEEK
OPEN TO ALL AGES 4-12

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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KNOXKIDSCAMP0@GMAIL.COM
519-537-2962

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Garden Word Search Puzzle



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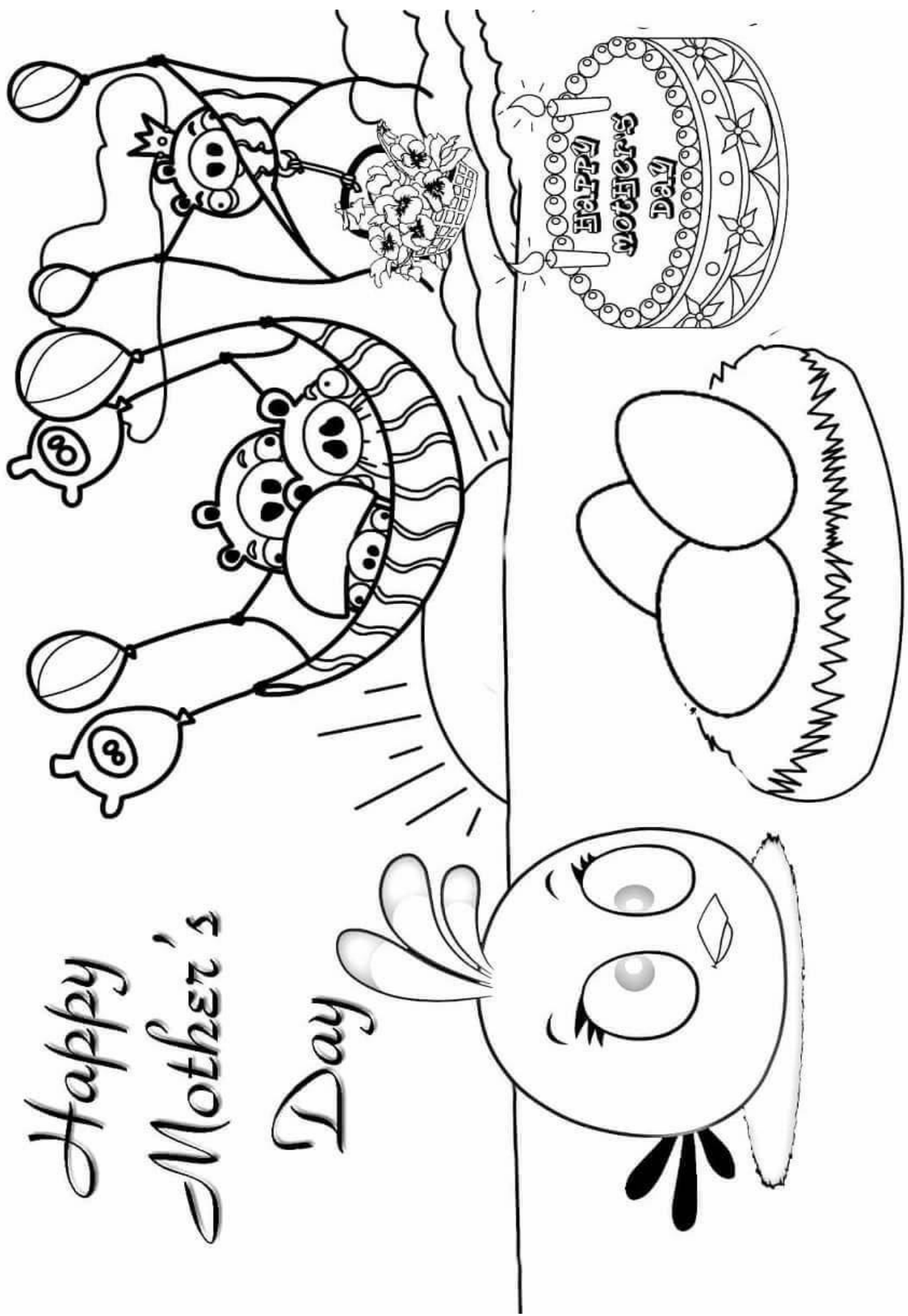
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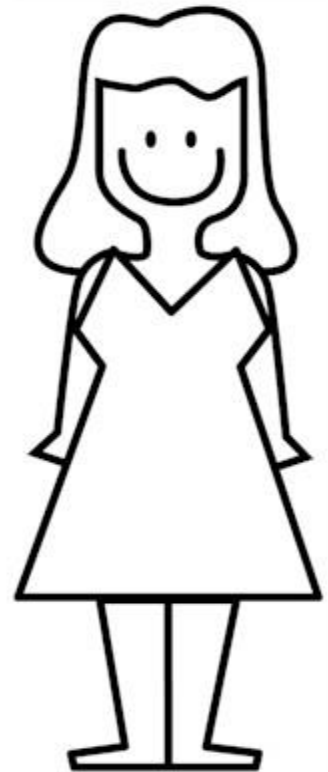
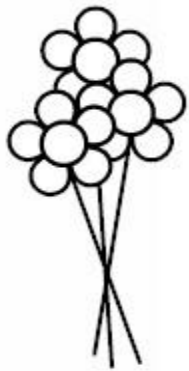
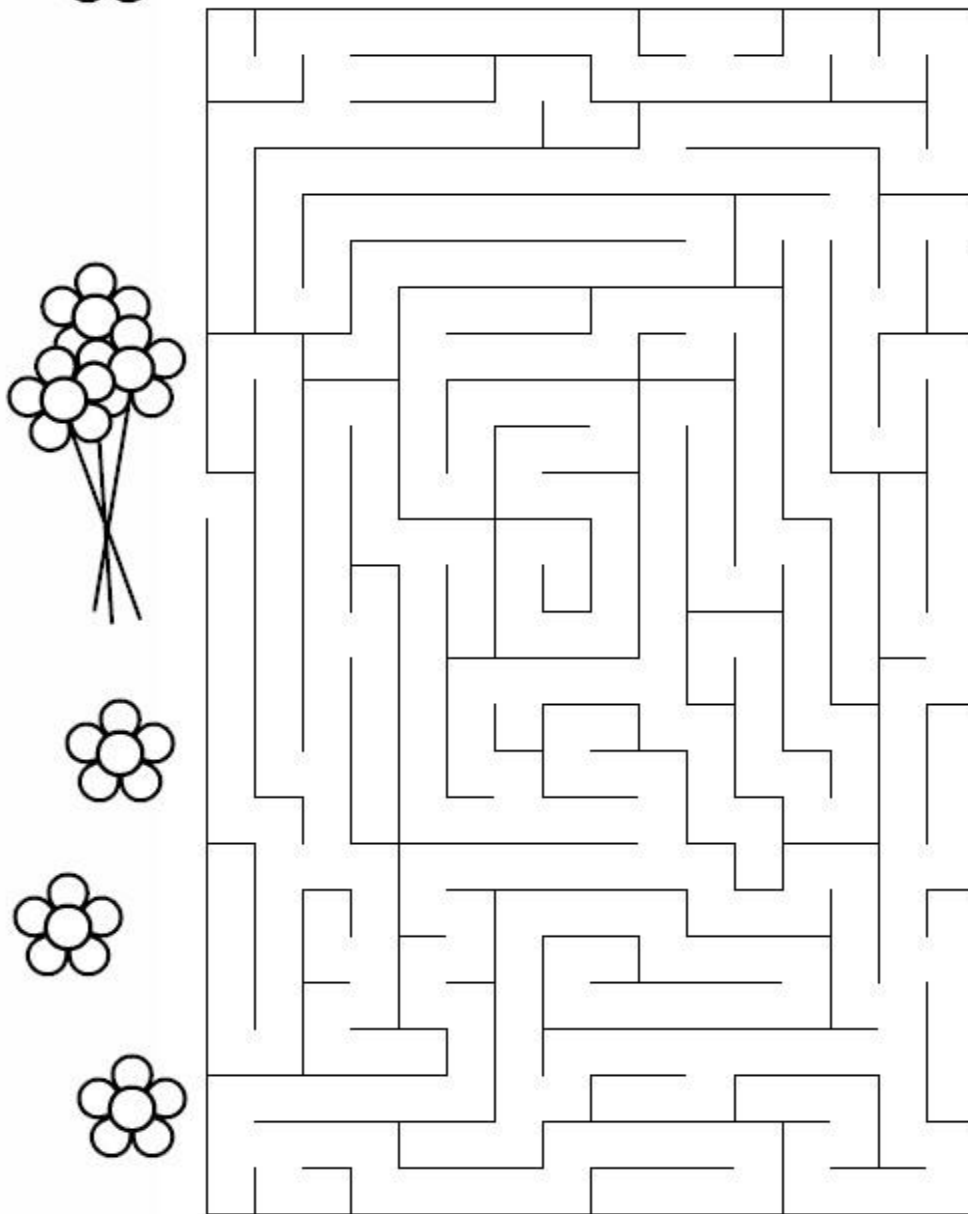


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BRING THE BOUQUET

TO MOM



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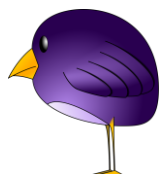


A man walks into a pet store and asks for a dozen bees.
The clerk carefully counts out 13 bees onto the counter.
"That's one too many!", the man says.
The clerk replies, "It's a freebie."

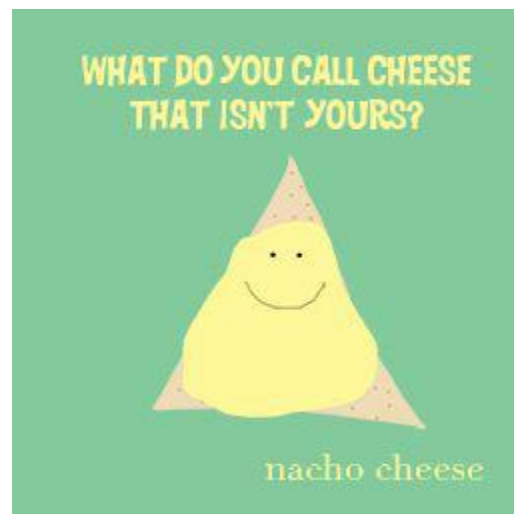


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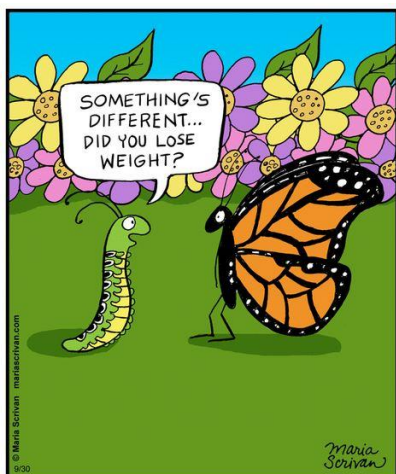
It put the petal to the metal!



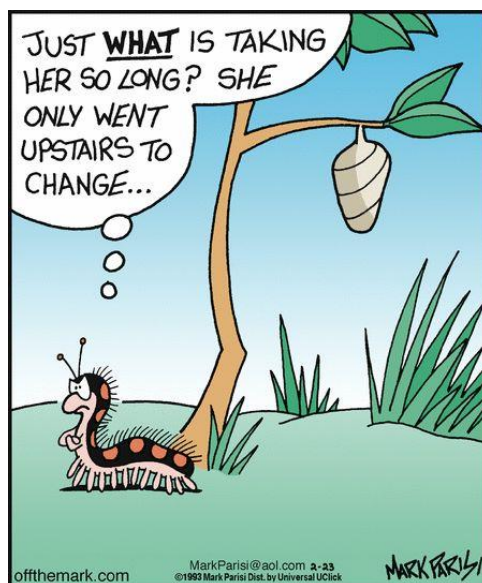
Bird Watcher 1: "What kind of bird is that?"
Bird Watcher 2: "It's a Gulp."
Bird Watcher 1: "A Gulp? I've never heard of that!"
Bird Watcher 2: "It's like a Swallow, only it's bigger."



Why did the chicken cross the playground?
To get to the other *slide*!



Why do seagulls fly over the sea?
If they flew over the bay,
they would be *bagels*!



"Aren't you happy, Mom?
Spring is finally here!"

Our Church Family



Melita Rollinson	May 2
Tom Yungblut	May 3
Ta Mla Wah	May 10
Minnie Dean	May 21
Lola Dewit	May 22
Grace Poole	May 23
Jeanne Linnell	May 23



Dan & Wilma Molinaro May 31



Please Let Us Know...

If you know of someone in our church family who is ill or in the hospital, please tell Rev. Kim or our administrator, Kim Kenny.

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, emails, phone calls, flowers, and well wishes as I continue to go through chemo treatments. I'm doing quite well and side effects are very minimal. I know it's because I'm covered in prayer! ...Kim Kenny

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking



When you thought I wasn't looking,
I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator,
and I wanted to paint another one.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat,
and I thought it was good to be kind to animals.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite
cake for me,
and I knew that little things are special things.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer,
and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight,
and I felt loved.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your
eyes,
and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared
and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked...
and wanted to say thanks for all the things
I saw when you thought I wasn't looking. — Author Unknown



May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 10:30am Rangers/Pathfinders 3pm Guides 6:30pm	2 Meditation 10:30am Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm	3 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm	4 Session 7:00pm	5 Bible Study 7pm Choir 7:15pm	6 Knox KAOS 7pm	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY - Worship 10:30am Rangers/Pathfinders 3pm Guides 6:30pm	9 Meditation 10:30am Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm	10 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm	11 Worship Committee 2pm Prayer Shawl 7pm	12 Missions 10am Choir 7:15pm	13 Knox KAOS 7pm Rock Hounds 7:30pm	14
15 Worship 10:30am Congregational Meeting Rangers/Pathfinders 3pm Guides 6:30pm	16 Meditation 10:30am Meditation (Zoom) 7:30pm Foodgrains 7pm	17 TOPS 9am Beginnings 1pm Pastoral Care 2:30pm	18 Covid Committee 1pm Bible Study 7pm	19 <i>June Knox News Submissions Due</i> Choir 7:15pm	20 Knox KAOS 7pm	21
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