

WELCOME



Poolesville Memorial United Methodist Church

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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost — Aug. 23, 2026

Worship Service — 10:30 am



“Who Are You?”



A special welcome to our guests today! Your visit is a blessing and we are glad you are here! As we gather, take time to relax and prepare your heart to listen for God through today's time of prayer, song, and scripture study.

* = Please stand in your heart or posture.

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal. TFWS = The Faith We Sing.

Italicized, BOLD Text = recite out loud

GREETER—Cindy McCraith and Steve McCraith

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC—*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* by Becki Slagle Mayo
Linda Custer

WORSHIP SERVICE

ACOLYTE—Isabel

WELCOME—Introductions and Prayer Rev. Timothy Dowell

PRELUDE MUSIC—*10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* by Myrin/Redman/Larson
Linda Custer

*CALL TO WORSHIP led by Nicole Lewis

LEADER: Jesus asks us, "Who do you say that I am?"

PEOPLE: ***You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God!***

LEADER: We are many, yet we are one body in Christ.

PEOPLE: ***We belong to one another, and we will serve one another.***

LEADER: God has given each of us gifts according to his grace.

PEOPLE: ***We will use those gifts faithfully, humbly, and joyfully.***

LEADER: Come, let us worship the One who calls us, transforms us, and makes us one in Christ

PEOPLE: ***We give ourselves to God in worship and service. Amen.***

OPENING PRAYER led by Nicole Lewis

Gracious and merciful God: You have given us new life, and you invite us to offer our lives back to you as a holy and living sacrifice.

By your Holy Spirit; renew our minds and transform our hearts.

Make us humble in our calling, faithful in our service, generous in our giving, joyful in our encouragement, and compassionate toward those in need.

OPENING PRAYER- CONTINUED

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we worship and pray.
Amen.*

*OPENING HYMN— <i>Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 550
FIRST READING— <i>Romans 12:1-8</i> The Word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Erin Smeller
ANTHEM— <i>Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus</i> FLUTE/PIANO	by Brent Olstad Beth Parker/Linda Custer
SECOND READING— <i>Matthew 16:13-20</i> The Word of the Lord. <i>Thanks be to God.</i>	Rev. Timothy Dowell
MESSAGE— <i>Who Are You?</i>	Rev. Timothy Dowell
*HYMN OF RESPONSE— <i>I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me</i>	TFWS 2153
JOYS AND CONCERNS	Rev. Timothy Dowell
OFFERING— <i>offering plate located in Spurrier Hall</i>	Rev. Timothy Dowell
*DOXOLOGY— <i>Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
*THE LORD'S PRAYER	UMH 895
*CLOSING HYMN— <i>Forth in Thy Name, O Lord</i>	UMH 438
*BENEDICTION	Rev. Timothy Dowell
POSTLUDE MUSIC— <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	by Wesley/Hayes Linda Custer



**Rev. Mother's
Retirement
Party – TODAY,**

Aug 23rd after church.

Please come celebrate
Sandy's milestone with
everyone!



Frederick Rescue Mission –

Thank you to all that made this
possible! Please prayerfully
consider joining this ministry. If
you have any questions, please

reach out to Linda Custer.at
linda.custer@montgomerycollege.edu.

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS

Sun–Aug 23 13th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:30 am – 1 pm	Sunday School (One Room)– Rm 4 , (Adult)– Rm 6/Zoom Nursery– Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Rev. Mother’s Retirement Luncheon– FH/Kitchen
Mon–Aug 24	1 – 3 pm 5 - 7 pm 7 – 9 pm	Caregivers Support Group Meeting– Noah’s Ark Rm Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Room 1 Bell Quartet Rehearsal– Sanctuary
Tue–Aug 25	10:30am–11:30am 7 – 8:30 pm	Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors– FH Christian Education Meeting– Rm 6
Wed–Aug 26	9 - 10 am 7 - 8 pm	Body Sculpting— Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Chair One Fitness- Poolesville Seniors- Fellowship Hall
Thu–Aug 27	9 am – 4 pm 12pm – 4 pm 7 - 8 pm 7 - 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/Therapy-WUMCO– PL/NA Rm PENDING–MoCo Food Council -Peer Learning Circle– FH Review/Preview with Pastor Tim– via ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall
Fri–Aug 28	7 – 8:30 pm	Line Dancing-Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall
Sat–Aug 29	UNKNOWN 1 - 4 pm	Assist Hoewing’s w/their Move– Onsite The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun–Aug 30 14th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am 11:45am–12:45pm	Sunday School (One Room)– Rm 4 , (Adult)– Rm 6/Zoom Nursery– Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube Worship Committee Meeting– Room 6
Mon–Aug 31	5 pm – 7 pm	Girl Scout Troop #32066 Meeting– Rm 1
Tue–Sep 1	10:30am–11:30am 7 – 8 pm	Tai Chi-Poolesville Seniors– FH Trustee Meeting– Room 6
Wed–Sep 2	9 - 10 am 7 – 9 pm	Body Sculpting— Poolesville Seniors– Fellowship Hall Bell Quartet Rehearsal– Sanctuary
Thu–Sep 3	9 am – 4 pm 6:30 – 9 pm 7 – 8 pm 7 – 8 pm	Mobile Health Clinic/Therapy-WUMCO– PL/NA Rm Poolesville Day Committee Meeting– RM 6 Review/Preview w/Pastor Tim– ZOOM Zumba– Fellowship Hall
Fri–Sep 4	10 am – 6 pm	PENDING – Chirandu Farm to Table Event Food Prep– K
Sat–Sep 5	9 am – 1 pm 1 - 4 pm	PENDING – Chirandu Farm to Table Event Food Prep– K The Friendly Thrift Shop– Onsite
Sun–Sep 6 15th Sunday after Pentecost	9:15 - 10:15 am 10:15 - 11:45 am 10:30 - 11:30 am	Sunday School (ages 3yr to Adult)- Rooms 2, 3, 4, 6 Nursery– Room 5 Worship Service - Sanctuary/YouTube



Poolesville Day is September 19 - The BEST way to see the festivities and people is to work at the church's booths!

We will continue our tradition of providing a reasonably priced food option by selling hot dogs and our "Walking Tacos" in one booth and hospitality, information/highlights, and opportunities at Memorial in the other booth. **If you have information and/or pictures of events, please contact the office.**

Without volunteers, none of this can happen. Please consider signing up to donate time and/or help with donating hamburger/monetary funds. Sign up sheets will be out starting next Sunday. But, if you want to be first to sign up for a shift, contact Dianna at 301-349-2261.

Don't miss this opportunity to demonstrate God's love by sharing our warmth and friendliness with our neighbors.

Starting Sept. 6th ("Back to Blessings Kick-Off" will be the following week)



PMUMC Sunday School, 9:15-10:15am - All are invited!

*Ages 3-K, Rm 3

*1st-5th, Rm 4

*6th-12th, Rm 2

*Adults meet in Rm 6



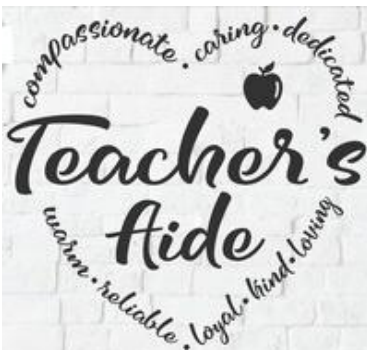
Thank You to all that donated toward the Grief Group's Helping Others collection for Poolesville Elementary School's teachers



"Back to Blessings Kick Off" - September 13, 2026

9am – meet in Fellowship Hall for **Sunday School's Opening Program** then off to classrooms until 10:15am

10:30am – bring your **backpack/bags** that you use to carry all of your stuff to church so it can be **blessed** during worship service



NEEDED: Floater Sunday School Teacher's Aide Volunteer for one or more Sundays a month

We are looking for several people to share this volunteer position.

You would be going between our classes to help the teachers and support our students on Sunday mornings.

Any questions, reach out to Dianna McGrew at 301-252-1555.



Women's Prayer Breakfast "Trusting God's Process" All Women are Welcome!

Guest, Peg Arnold with "Women of Wonder" - Saturday, Sept. 12 at 9am

Held at The Salvation Army, 20021 Aircraft Dr, Germantown, MD 20876

Catered by *The Omelette Guys*. Tickets are \$30. Contact Mary Young to reserve your spot at 301-620-2420. Sponsored by Seneca Community Church

Poolesville Seniors!

REGULAR EVENTS: Ping Pong, Walking, Seniors at Barre, Pickleball, Tai-Chi, Bridge, Zumba Gold, Knitting & Crocheting Instruction & Support, Trivia Game Night, Mahjong, Country Line Dancing, Chair One Fitness, Trail Hikes, Book Club, Body Sculpting, and much more!

Below is a sampling of events. Visit www.PoolesvilleSeniors.org to view all!

Sep 2 – **Birthday Club Card Crafting!**– 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Sep 8 – **Trail Hike: Little Bennet Regional Park**– 9 am-11:30 am

Sep 11 – **Movie Night: Remarkably Bright Creatures**– 7 pm-9:30 pm

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED at WUMCO

- Canned Goods (Soups, Baked Beans, etc)
- Individual snacks (granola bars, crackers, etc)
- Microwave meals cups (EZ mac, etc.)
- small jars of peanut butter and of jelly
- Personal hygiene products
- Household cleaning products
- Individual breakfast items (oatmeal packets, breakfast bars, etc.)
- Diapers (size 4, 5, 6, pullups)



**Office/
Pantry
Hours:**

M-F, 9a-12p

301-972-8481

info@wumcohelf.org

Volunteer Drivers Needed to take people to doctors appointments and to deliver meals. To volunteer email Heather Witt, transportation@wumcohelf.org.

DHHS MOBILE MEDICAL UNIT is at WUMCO (our parking lot) the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of the month and is **OPEN TO THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY!**

A Navigator through the Community Action Agency visits WUMCO on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month to help connect all residents to services in Montgomery County.



Meals on Wheels—If you are a Senior (60+) who could benefit from this service, contact WUMCO.

SCHEDULE	August 30 14 th Sunday after Pentecost	September 6 15 th Sunday after Pentecost	September 13 16 th Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgist	Scott McGrew Bob Bachman	David Melton Pam Flick	Beth Parker Eleanor Bateman
Acolyte	Knox (Everly Training)	Isabel	Everly
Greeters	Betty King	<i>Available</i>	<i>Available</i>

A look ahead...

- The **Bell Quartet** will be playing August 30th and September 6th
- **Bell Choir** Rehearsals may start as early as August 31st. Final decision coming soon.
- **Sunday School, 9:15-10:15am**, will begin its new year on Sunday, September 6th but the official kick-off will be September 13th starting at 9am – Classes for **Age 3 through K, 1st through 5th, 6th through 12th** and an **Adult Class** – come be a part!
- **Church Council** will meet next Tuesday, September 8th
- **Chancel Choir** Rehearsals returns Wednesday, September 9th with first Sunday back participating in worship being September 13th.
- Don't miss **Volunteer Opportunities** to help at **The Friendly Thrift Shop**, the **Frederick Rescue Mission**, and at **WUMCO**!
- **Back to Blessings Kick Off** - Sunday School Fall Kickoff and Blessing of the Backpacks will be September 13th. Opening Program starts at 9am then on to Sunday School classes. Backpacks will be blessed during worship service – don't forget to bring your backpack/bag to be blessed!
- **Men's Group** is returning on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month – starting back on September 15th
- **Review / Preview** is here every Thursday evening – it's a great way to dive deeper into Sunday's sermons in a small group setting.
- **Poolesville Day** is September 19th – we will once again be providing an affordable food option for those in attendance with our Walking Tacos plus we will host a “hang out” space for anyone that needs a spot to sit and relax.
- **Fellowship Time** returns on the 3rd Sunday of the month, September 20th
- **Reva Hoewing's Celebration of Life**, Memorial Service, will be September 26th
- **Children's Moment** returns on the 4th Sunday, September 27th
- There is currently a **Grief Group** and a **Caregivers Support Group** that are ongoing contained groups. **If you know of a need, please share.**

Poolesville Memorial's



PERSONNEL & CONTRIBUTORS TO WORSHIP

PASTOR - Rev. Timothy A. Dowell

ORGANIST - Linda Custer

MUSIC DIRECTOR - Janet Hartz

WORSHIP CMTE CHAIR - Priscilla Lyon

CHANCEL CHOIR - Janet Hartz (Director), Linda Custer (Accompanist), Eleanor Bateman, Tim Dowell, Chris Giarratano, Wendy Huff, Amanda Lyon, Priscilla Lyon, David Melton, Tim Melton, Walter Moskwa, Marty Pauley, Roger Powers, Betty Jean Selby, Becky Smalley, Erin Smeller, Madelon Stone

BELL CHOIR - Becky Smalley (Director), Linda Custer, Jennifer Fielder, Jim Hardter, Janet Hartz, Cindy Heivilin, Kirsten Lewis, Nicole Lewis, Priscilla Lyon, Beth Parker, Kevin Schramm, Corrine Selby, Isabel Smalley

ACOLYTES - Kirsten Lewis(Coord.), Grace H., Knox H., Nicole L. (Head Acolyte), Sam L., Isabel S.

ALTAR GUILD/SACRAMENT STEWARD- Janet Spiker, Jenny Rivenbark (Alt)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Betty King

HEAD USHER - Dr. Robert Spiker

VISUAL ARTS - Dianna McGrew, Jenny Rivenbark, Janet Spiker,

AUDIO/VIDEO - Tim Melton (Coordinator), Nicole Lewis, Kevin Schramm

CHURCH COORDINATOR - Shirley Prasada-Rao

CUSTODIAN - Ximenia "Patricia" Murdock

EVENT MONITOR - Linda Self

NURSERY - Cynthia Cook, Stephanie Parker, Julie Seger

OFFICE INFO

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Fri, 12-3pm, and by appointment

PASTORAL APPOINTMENTS

Please contact the office at 301-349-2010, office@pmumc.org, or visit www.pmumc.org

PHONE MESSAGES

Voice-mails are sent electronically to emails

EMERGENCIES

For immediate pastoral care, please email PastorTim@PMUMC.org

AVERAGE WEEKLY GIVING

(last 8 weeks)

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GIVING

WAYS TO GIVE:

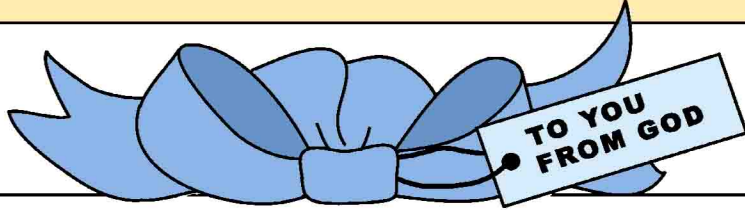
- **ENTERING/EXITING WORSHIP** - Place in Offering Plate in Spurrier Hall
- **MAIL** to Memorial's PO Box 358
- **DROP** in Memorial's secured mailbox next to main entrance on side of building
- **SEND ELECTRONICALLY** via PMUMC.org

PURPOSE



How can you share your gift?

Draw a picture of how you would share your gift.



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Ages 3+

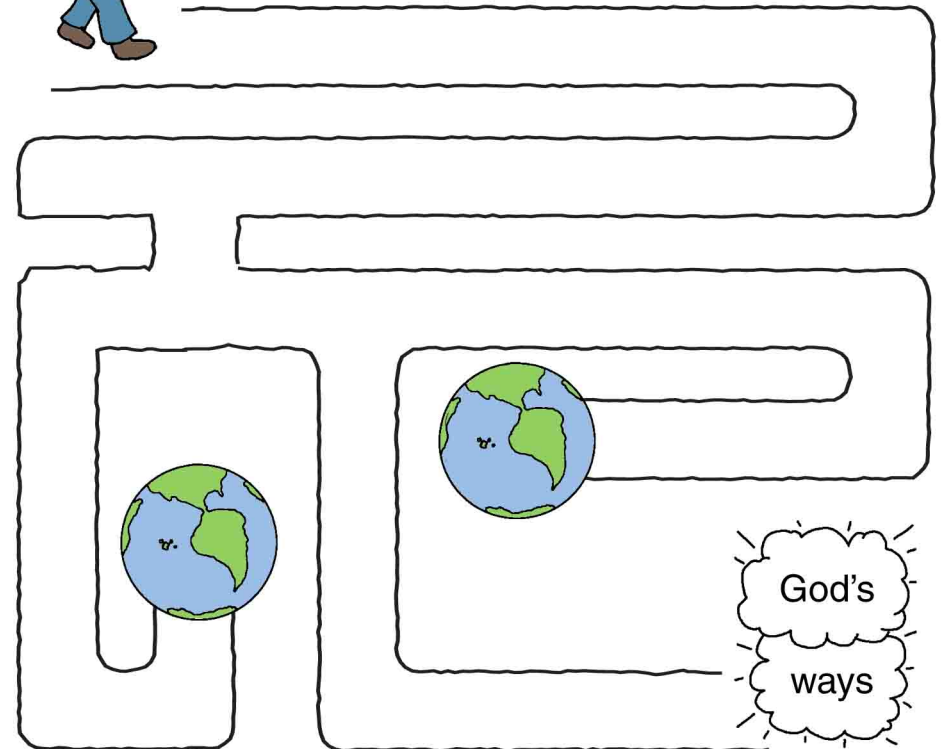
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Different Gifts

Do not follow the world's ways.
Follow God's ways.

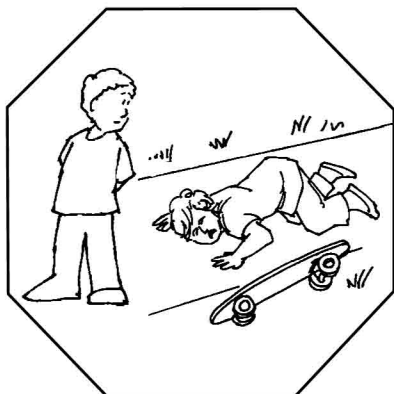
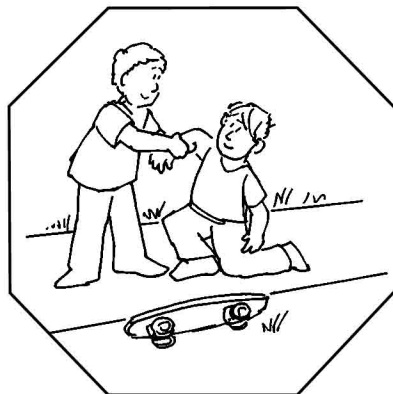
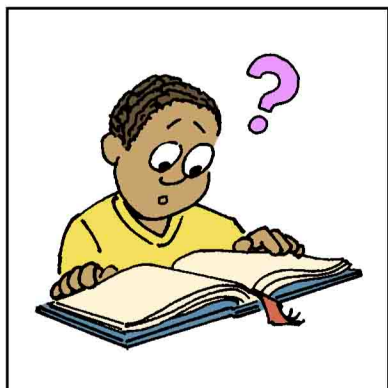


Help the child reach God's ways.



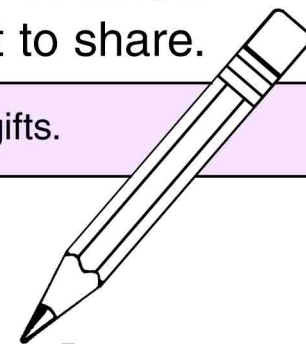
We are asked to completely change
our way of thinking!

Match opposites.



There are many members in Christ.
God has given each a gift to share.

Finish writing these gifts.



♥ teaching



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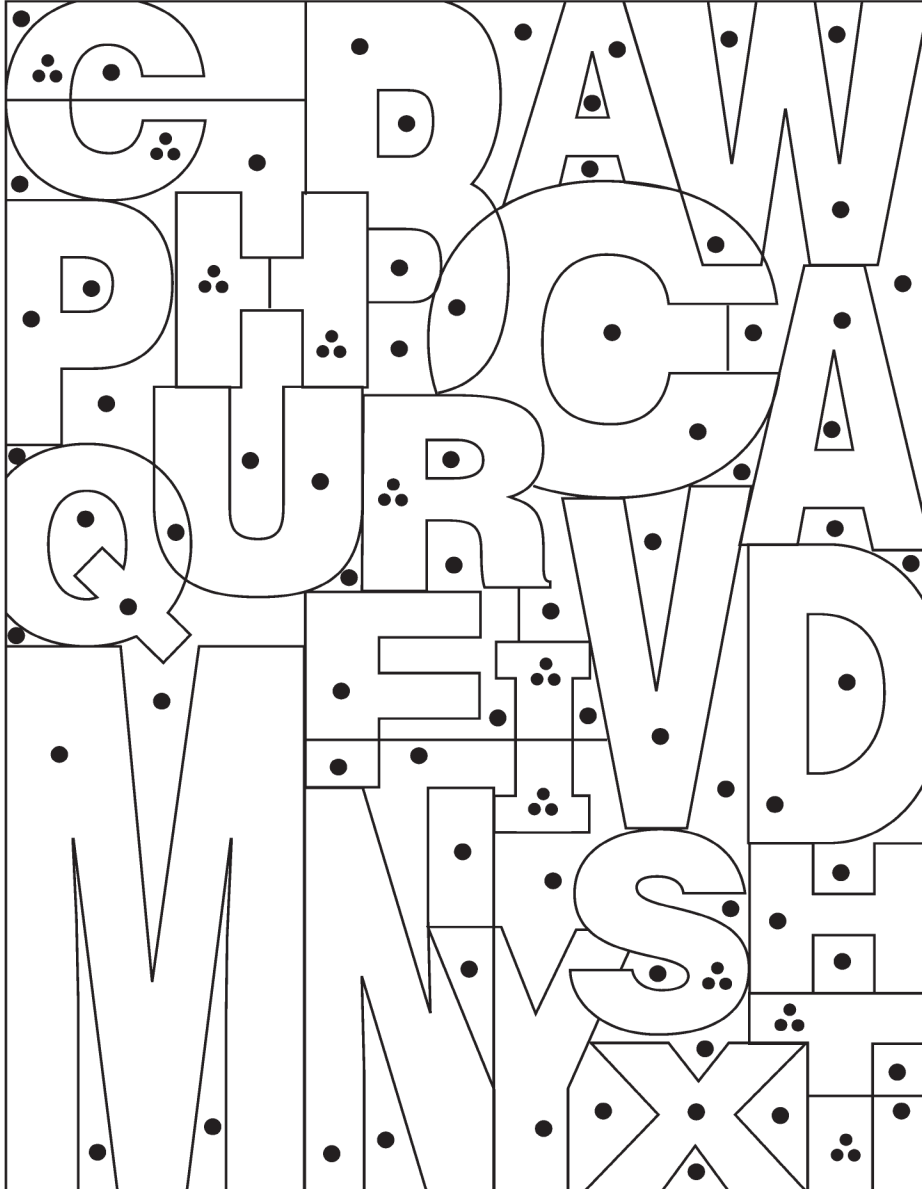
giving



leading

Jesus told them not to tell anyone who He was.

Who was Jesus? Shade in the . . .



Jesus Is the Son of God

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do the people say I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist or Elijah or Jeremiah."

Match the pictures.



Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered Jesus correctly.

Use the code to fill in the missing letters.

◆ = A
 ● = E
 ▲ = O
 ■ = U

What did Peter say?



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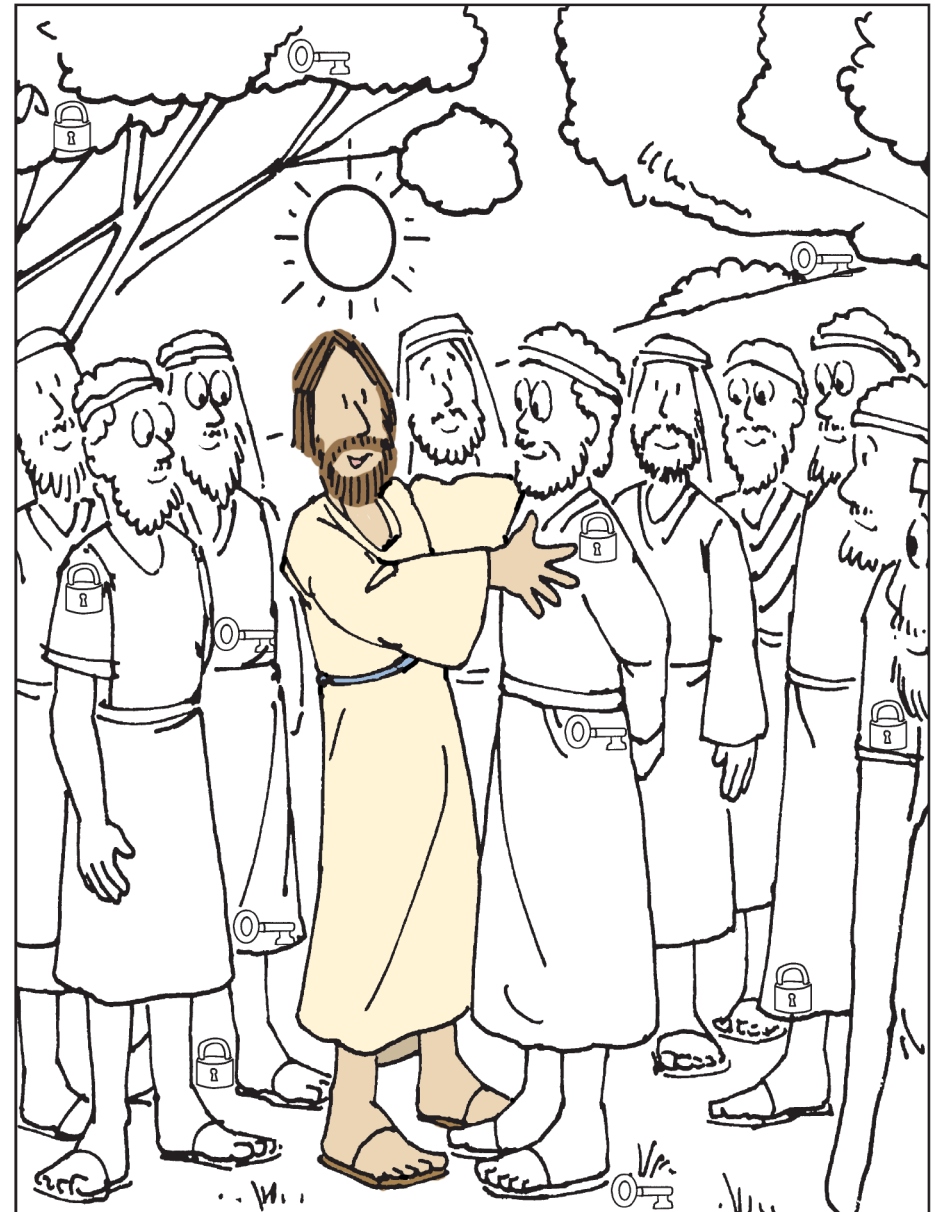
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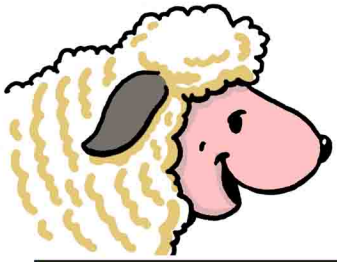
S ▲ N ▲ F ▲ G ▲ D."

Jesus blessed Peter.

Find and count the hidden keys and locks.

🔒 5 or 6 ?
 🔑 6 or 7 ?



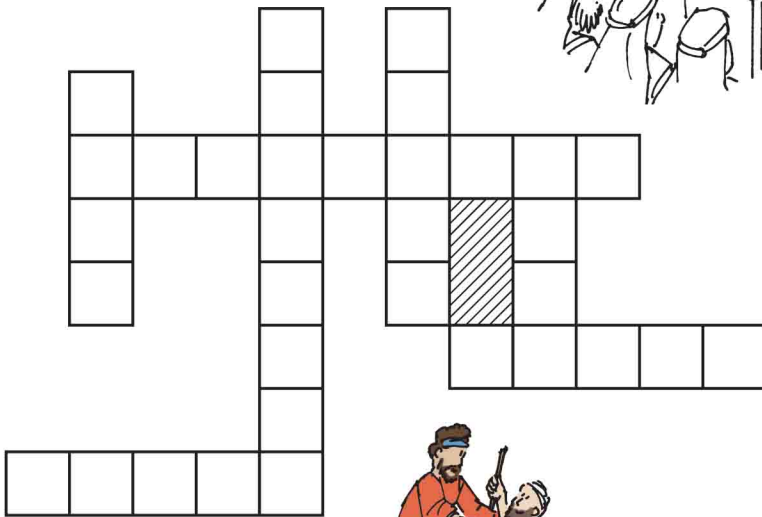


Paul mentions 7 gifts Christians may use to serve God and one another in the body of Christ.

Fit them into the crossword boxes.



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| ☐ encourage | ☐ prophesy |
| ☐ give | ☐ serve |
| ☐ lead | ☐ teach |
| ☐ (show) mercy | |



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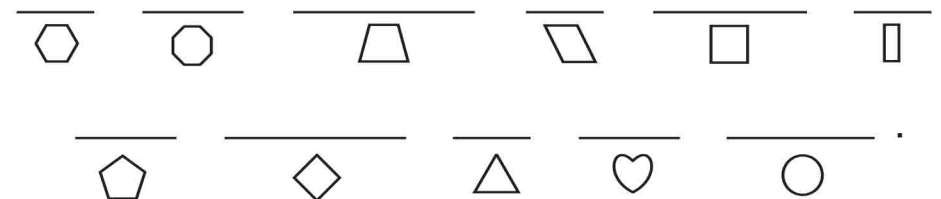
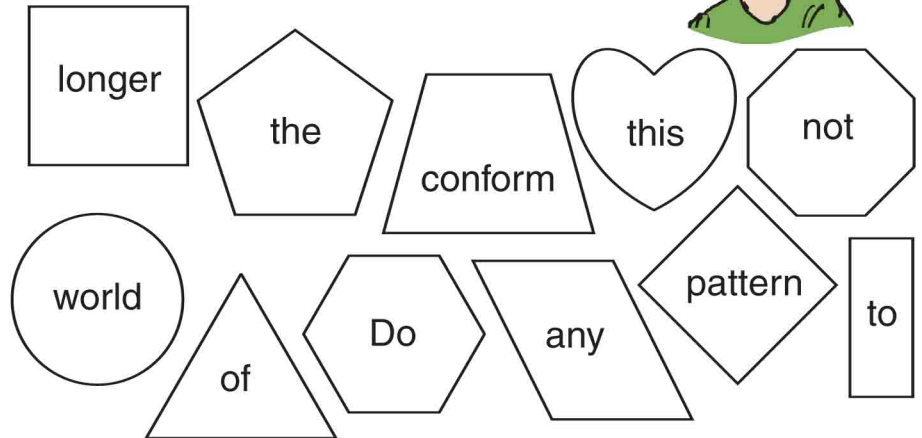
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Different Gifts

Paul suggests we change to a new pattern!

Write the words on the lines below according to the shapes given.

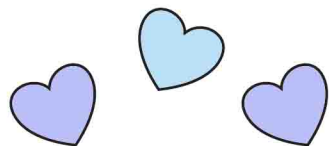
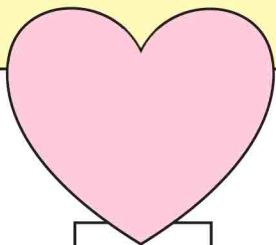


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We are asked to completely change our way of thinking and renew our minds!

Change the letters as instructed to find what we are to become!



H
E
A
R
T

Change the H to a U

Change the E to a T

Change the A to a B

Change the R to an E

Move the T as is

B

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R
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V
A
T
I
O
N

Move the R as is

Change the E to an A

Move the N as is

Change the O to an S

Change the V to an F

Change the A to an O

Change the T to an R

Change the I to an M

Change the O to an E

Change the N to a D

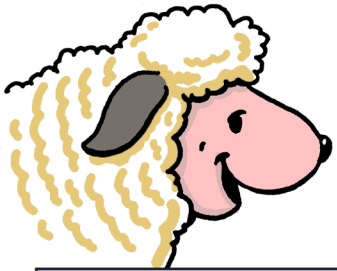
We have different gifts, each which came because of the grace God gave us.

Our gifts are our special abilities. What are your gifts? Write down a few and draw a picture of how you could share 1 or 2 of them.

My Gifts:



Draw a picture of you sharing your special abilities.



Jesus said He would give Peter "keys." What were these keys to?

Write the name for each picture.
Then place the letters in boxes on the lines below.











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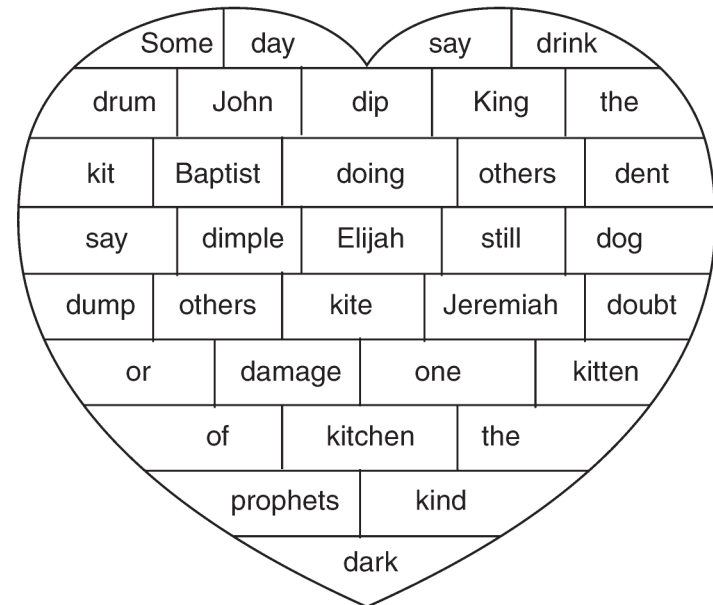
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Jesus Is the Son of God

Jesus asked the disciples,
"Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

Cross out every word that starts with "d" or "k."
Write the remaining words on the lines below.



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What else happened?



Fill in the missing vowels.

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“B__t wh__t __b__t y__?”

J__s__s __sk__d. “Wh__ d__

y__ __ s__y __ __m?”

S__m__n P__t__r __nsw__r__d,

“Y__ __ __r__ th__ Chr__st,

th__ S__n __f th__

l__v__ng G__d.”

How did Jesus respond to Peter?

Going from left to right, write all the 1-words in order.
Then return to the top and write all the 2-words in order.
Then return to the top and write all the 3-words in order.

1 Blessed	2 but	3 Peter	1 are	2 by
3 and	1 you	2 My	3 on	1 for
2 Father	3 this	1 this	2 in	3 rock
1 was	2 heaven	3 I	1 not	2 I
3 will	1 revealed	2 tell	3 build	1 to
2 you	3 My	1 you	2 that	3 church
1 by	2 you		1 people	2 are

“ _____, _____

_____, _____
_____. _____
_____, _____
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