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The R E A C H O U T

Christ is risen indeed! Hallelujah!! Well, March and April have been fun! Right????? I have had the honor to bury a few of my friends recently along with burying others whom I met through their families' eye. I will miss Jack Crouse, Dean Yoder and Don Manning. These guys were leaders in the Church and State. I have not done a funeral for Leon Casity. He will be missed because he has done so much behind the scenes. He was here daily my first 10 years. Each of these men, in their own way, strengthened me to do ministry. I hurt. I hurt, but I also have hope of the resurrection. There is not comfort in saying it is all okay, everything is fine because they are in a better place. That is all fine and good, but what about me? They are all made new. I still hurt. I long to talk to them and hear their voices. To see them face to face, shake their hands, and hear their wisdom. I have that same feeling about all of you, the members of Good Hope. I trust in God, but I miss the people of God worshiping together. We feed each other with the love Christ has given us. I look forward to that day when we all can eat of the meal, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, with no fears of retaliation from the world or Satan. I am consoled by the knowledge that my redeemer lives! ! I am comforted by the scriptures from the Old Testament which point to a God who has a plan. A plan of a savior to save God's people. I am strengthened by the New Testament scriptures as I read and learn about the savior. Even though he was hung on the cross until death and was buried, he was raised on the third day. He now sits at the right hand of God to give judgement over sin and death, releasing all who believe.

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May 25

Now I wait for Pentecost, where the promised Holy Spirit will blow through the people and give them the ability to speak of the Love of God through the actions of Christ. Now, we too are called into action to proclaim the captives free. Life everlasting! We proclaim to the world how we talk to our loved ones who have passed, not because we can see them, but because we have faith that they are alive and we are being heard. The Spirit blows life into that which was once dead. Now the truth is that because Jesus lives, we too may have new life in Christ. So, let us not worry about 'how' we are to connect with our neighbors. Let us just start connecting to our neighbors through the satisfying of their needs. Let us take the message we received from our loved ones who led the church behind the scenes of reaching out in serving those in need. Not one of the past members whom I had funerals for lacked in zeal to serve the Lord.

That leads me to this. I expected some nastiness to come out in people during this season of covid 19. It has been anything but that here in the members of the body of Christ. We have been receiving cards, letters, texts and calls of encouragement. We truly do not have to wait for the day of Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is here! My heart is burning during the telling of the stories of those who are ministering to those in need. It has been a pure joy to watch the Spirit blow through this place, granting Good Hope to all those in need of the power of Jesus Christ. The messiah has risen, risen indeed. Hallelujah!

We will start back up with communion in May. Some have asked if they can bring their own bread and wine or grape juice. I am going to say no. I understand that you have been doing that with other churches through the computer or the TV. You then have received communion. We are going to use the sealed grape juice and wafer. We will still be honoring the social distancing put forth by the Governor's office. You can sit in family pods keeping distance from other families. We will have four services. Saturday five PM, Sunday eight AM, ten thirty and noon. If you have any question please call the office. Keep up the good work, and hope to see you all soon.

Pastor Ralph

We thank you for the anniversary well wishes and cards. Thank you also for your letters, phone calls and text messages. It's been a blessing to hear from you and to read about what you've been up to.

Hope to see you all soon,
Wendy

Eda Spivey returned home from the hospital and left this message with the office for the congregation:

Many thanks for your thoughts and prayers and cards. They got me through three weeks of isolation. Bless you all for your love and caring,

Eda Jane

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
May 3rd	Fourth Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 2: 42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2: 19-25 John 10: 1-10	Today is sometimes called “Good Shepherd Sunday.” Jesus is called the “gate” of the sheep in today’s gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world’s violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God’s tender care to all creation.
May 10th	Fifth Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 7: 55-60 Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2: 2-10 John 14: 1-14	As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today’s gospel includes Jesus’ promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father’s house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus’ mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.
May 17th	Sixth Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 17: 22-13 Psalm 66: 8-20 1 Peter 3: 13-22 John 14: 15-21	Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord’s table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.
May 24th	Seventh Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 1: 6-14 Psalm 68: 1-10, 32-35 1 Peter 4: 12-14; 5:6-11 John 17: 1-11	In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.
May 31st	Day of Pentecost	red	Numbers 11: 24-30 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b Acts 2: 1-21 John 20: 19-23	Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.

Circle News ~ Team News

HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS

Hannah Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

Please continue to save tin foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle. The price of aluminum is down at the recycling centers, so we need your help now more than ever as this is our only fundraiser.

DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS

Dorcas Circle meetings have been suspended for now.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Our next meeting will be June 9th at 7pm. We will begin planning the God's Work our Hands day for September.

DINNER TEAM

On April 5th the dinner team and volunteers held a soup-to-go sale. All soups were delicious! The proceeds were \$960 and were split between Good Hope and the kitchen. You are much appreciated dinner team!

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

The sermon is on the webpage now for you to listen to. Thank you Haller family for letting me know it wasn't there.

Our rummage sale has been postponed until we can safely have a crowd again. I will let you know as soon as a new date is set.

Starting May 2nd and 3rd, all worship services will be open. As people begin coming back to church, we want to make sure we can still space out.

We were hoping to receive a grant to purchase tablets and routers to continue our bible study, but unfortunately the grant fund is running out so we were not approved.

Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :

May 3

Elizabeth Biroshak
Hunter Biroshak
Tre Biroshak
Thomas Biroshak

May 10

Kaitlyn Black
Norma Burbick
June Casity
Janet Chittock

May 17

John Chuey
Tammy Chuey
Anthony Cicchi
Danielle Cicchi

May 24

Gianna Cicchi
Renae Cicchi
Susan Conaway
Annemarie Conklin

May 31

Berkley Corey
Whitney Corey
Fred Coss
Kathryn Coss

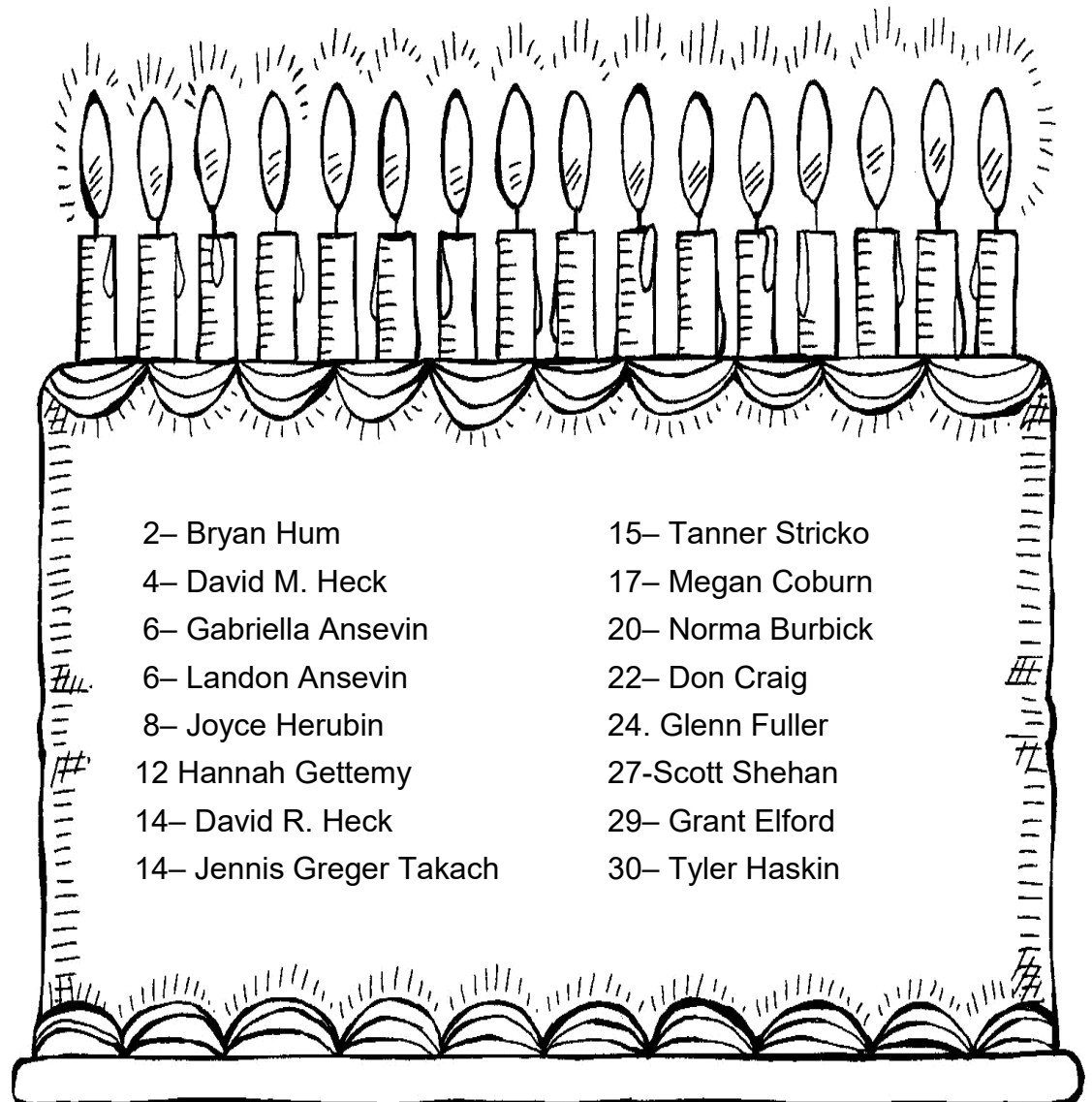
Coy Cope
Noel Melho
Eda Jane Spivey
Sarah Corey

Uncle Ken
Scott MacDonald
Thelma Barrick

serving in the military:
Morgan Rhinehart
Alyssa
Bryce Liberty
Jakeb Fry
Lyndsey Liberty



2- Katie & Michael Elford
5- Karen & Jeff Hum
13- Sarah & Patrick Scenna
14- Tammy & John Chuey
31- Melinda & Fred Coss



MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for April 21, 2020

Sarah opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Sarah, Sue, P. Ralph, Wendy, Jeff H., Greg, Andy, Peggy, Stephanie, and Kelly

Excused: Jeff W.

Treasurer's Report: Kelly reports that the church has a positive balance of about \$2,000 at the end of March due to receiving more offering from the congregation. She applied for the Payment Protection Plan; however, the funds ran out before we were approved. Money has been added to the fund and she will re-apply tomorrow. Our Thrivent accounts are down \$6,755 from December. This is a reflection of the current market and is expected to go back up when the economy improves.

P. Ralph motions to not add pledged amounts to giving statements at this time. Jeff H. seconds. Motion carries. Kelly applied for an Elderly Assistance grant for an individual person through the ELCA for a member to receive help with the cost of prescriptions. She was approved and the funds will be here this week. She is also applying for a congregational grant through the ELCA so that Good Hope can purchase tablets and routers for elderly members who want to participate in bible study and Sunday School.

Pastor's Report –April– 2020

Area of Focus Last Month

- I had 25 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- 4 Funerals- Beverly Freeland, Dean Yoder, Don Manning, Joe Rowley
- 2 Deaths- Dan Spivey, Leon Cassidy
- 2 Hospital Visits- Leon Cassidy, Don Manning
- We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
- Over the past month, I have presided at 27 worship services and prepared 13 sermons.

- ♦ Mar 4,11,18,25 Apr 1 Lenten worship
- ♦ Mar 6-7 First Communion Retreat, Camp Frederick
- ♦ March 11 Beverly Freeland Funeral
- ♦ March 11 Percy Born
- ♦ March 13 Dean Yoder Funeral
- ♦ March 24 Stay at Home order took effect
- ♦ March 24 Don Manning Funeral
- ♦ March 27 Joe Rowley Funeral
- ♦ Mar 4,11,18,25 Apr 1 Lenten worship
- ♦ Apr 5 Palm Sunday
- ♦ Apr 5,6,7 Taped Palm Branches on Most of Congregations Doors
- ♦ Apr 7 Blessing of Oils 10:30am CANCELLED
- ♦ Apr 9 Maundy Thursday Worship 7pm CANCELLED
- ♦ Apr 10 Good Friday 7pm CANCELLED
- ♦ Apr 11 Easter Vigil 5pm CANCELLED
- ♦ Apr 12 Easter Day Resurrection of Our Lord
- ♦ Apr 12-18 Pastor Ralph and Wendy on Vacation CANCELLED

Secretary's Report:

Attended: 3 Lent worship services and the Pasta Bake

Updated outdoor sign- Completed office duties- Assisted with 2 confirmation classes

Created and distributed flyers and press releases

Took meeting minutes for council

Counted offering last 2 weeks

Prepared 9 bulletins and 2 power point services and 2 Sunday school bulletins

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

(council cont.)

Old Business:

- a. Sarah is working on employee evaluations.
- b. Jeff H. will call Team Office to check the price of a service agreement for the new copier.
- c. Peggy states the new counting format is going well. Currently, Peggy, Tammy, P. Ralph, and Wendy are alternating to count the offering each week.
- d. P. Ralph is re-opening the Saturday 5:00 and the Sunday 12:00 worship services on May 2nd and 3rd. He is hearing from a lot of members that they miss communion.
- P. Ralph motions to be able to purchase 250 packaged communion sets for \$64.00. Andy seconds. Motion carries. These can be dropped into our hands in the pews.
- e. Our rummage sale has been postponed. Several council members are planning to help this year. A sign-up sheet will be put out as soon as a new date is set.

New Business:

- a. P. Ralph motions to accept Heath Lude as a member of Good Hope as of April 21, 2020. Stephanie seconds. Motion carries.
- b. The food distribution for local restaurant workers that was scheduled for April 25th has been postponed. Don Manning was organizing this right before he passed away. Stephanie and P. Ralph are trying to coordinate with all involved to have this still happen.
- Jeff H motions to put \$500 from the Holy services account toward either the food distribution or Second Harvest Food Bank. Peggy seconds. Motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer led by Greg.



April Offering Report

	<u>April 5</u>	<u>April 12</u>	<u>April 19</u>	<u>April 26</u>
Operating income-	\$5,866.00	\$3,852.63	\$6,182.00	\$6,709.95
Capital improvements-	\$125.00	\$25.00	\$60.00	-0-



Treasurer's Report Ending March 31, 2020

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$17,773.06	\$49,307.78	\$142,617.22
Expense	\$15,774.23	\$51,420.37	\$140,504.63
Net Total	\$1,998.83	(\$2,112.59)	\$2,112.59

Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00 Current Balance = \$33,965.49

Thank you for your donations!

To my Church Family:

Thank you all for your thoughts + prayers at this very difficult time. Whether it was a card, a phone call, a text, or a silent prayer, please know that I deeply appreciate it. And even though we cannot be together for support, I feel the presence of God & the love of my family & friends as Good Hope. Dan & I made the right choice when we decided to show up there one Sunday morning!

Love, Stephanie RAZO



TO EVERYONE AT GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH,

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR RECENT DONATION OF PET FOOD, PET TREATS, BLANKETS, TOWELS, TOYS, COLLARS & LEASHES. YOUR GENEROSITY WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CARE FOR THE ABUSED & NEGLECTED ANIMALS THAT WE RESCUE & ARE NOW IN OUR CARE. WE CANNOT CONTINUE OUR MISSION WITHOUT COMMUNITY SUPPORT. WE ARE TRULY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS! Sincerely,

ANIMAL CHARITY STAFF

The Little Things

It's the little things in life that count,
The things of every day;
Just the simple things that we can do,
The kind words we can say.

The little things like a friendly smile
For those who may be sad,
The clasp of a hand or kindly deed
To help make someone glad.

A knock on the door of lonely homes,
Or flowers bright and gay
For someone to whom you might bring cheer
With just a small bouquet.

Just the little greetings here and there
On which so much depends,
The little pleasures that all can share,
The joy of making friends.

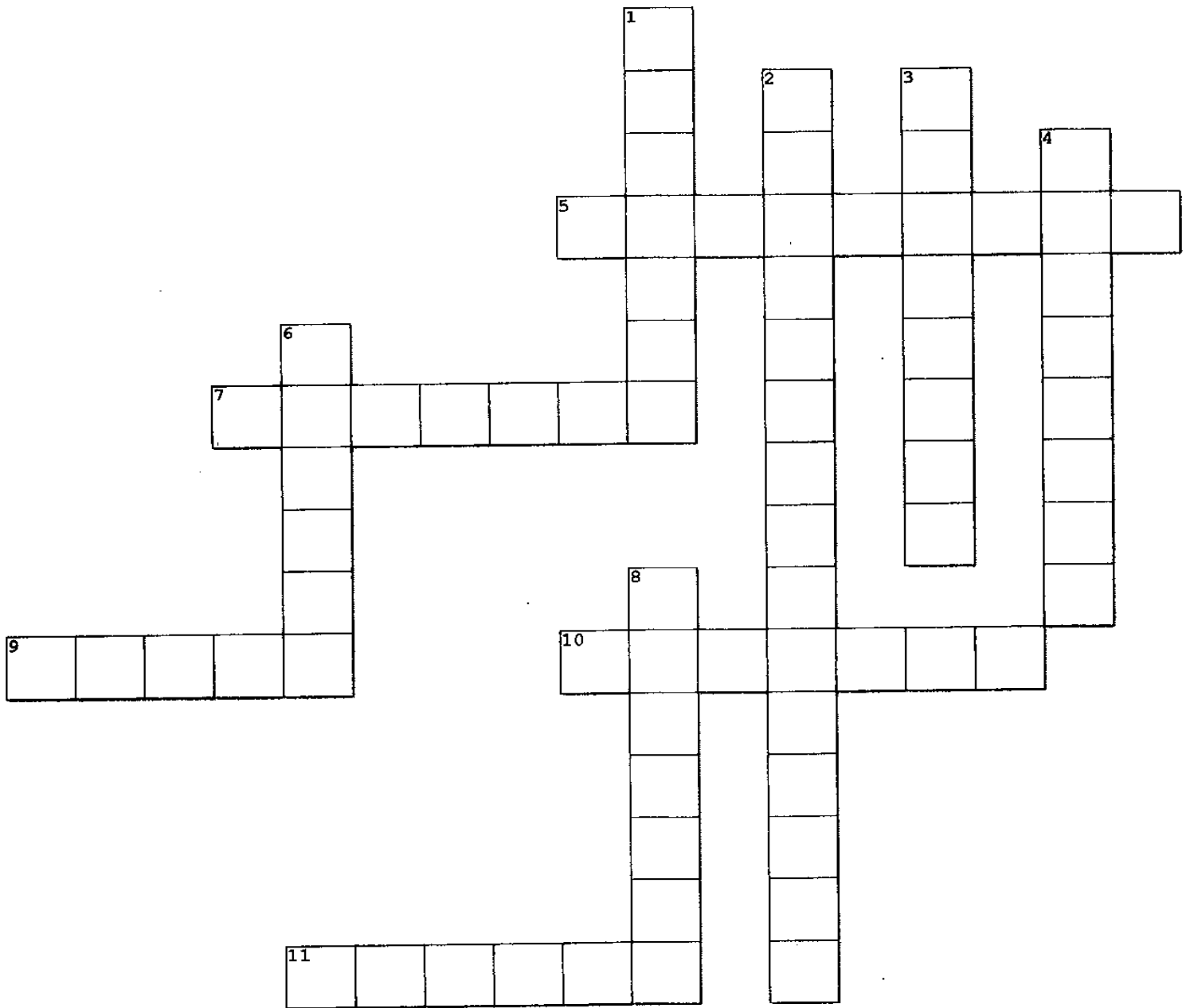
Virginia Katherine Oliver



Thank you Loetta, Alice and Donna Jean for the poem and the puzzle!

Thank you Nancy for the fun quiz!

Mark 11:15-18



Created using the Crossword Maker on TheTeachersCor

Jerusalem Priests Jesus Changers Temples Teachers Courts robbers selling buying

House of Prayer

Across

- 5. where Jesus was born
- 7. money takers
- 9. Our Savior
- 10. church
- 11. purchase animals

Down

- 1. Minister in Temple
- 2. The church
- 3. Give Birds Repentance
- 4. Preacher of the Law
- 6. Parts of the Temple-Outside
- 8. sell items

Subject: Quiz...

- > The following short quiz consists of 4 questions and
- > will tell you whether you are qualified to be a professional.
- > Scroll down for each answer. The questions are NOT that difficult. But
- > don't scroll down UNTIL you have answered the question!

> 1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator?

- > The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put
- > in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you
- > tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

> 2. How do you put an elephant into a refrigerator?

- > Did you say, Open the refrigerator, put in the
- > elephant, and close the refrigerator?

> Wrong Answer.

- > Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the
- > giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your
- > ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

> 3. The Lion King is hosting an animal conference.

- > All the animals attend... except one. Which animal does not attend?

> Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in

- > the refrigerator.
- > You just put him in there. This tests your memory.
- > Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly,
- > you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

> 4. There is a river you must cross but it is used

- > by crocodiles, and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

> Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim

- > across. Have you not been listening? All the crocodiles are attending
- > the Animal Meeting.
- > This tests whether you learn quickly from your
- > mistakes.

> According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, a round

- > 90% of the professionals they tested got all questions wrong,
- > but many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting
- > says this conclusively disproves the theory that most professionals have
- > the brains of a four-year-old.

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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