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## Our VISION

To be a church,  
a community and a world  
continually restored  
by the grace of Christ.



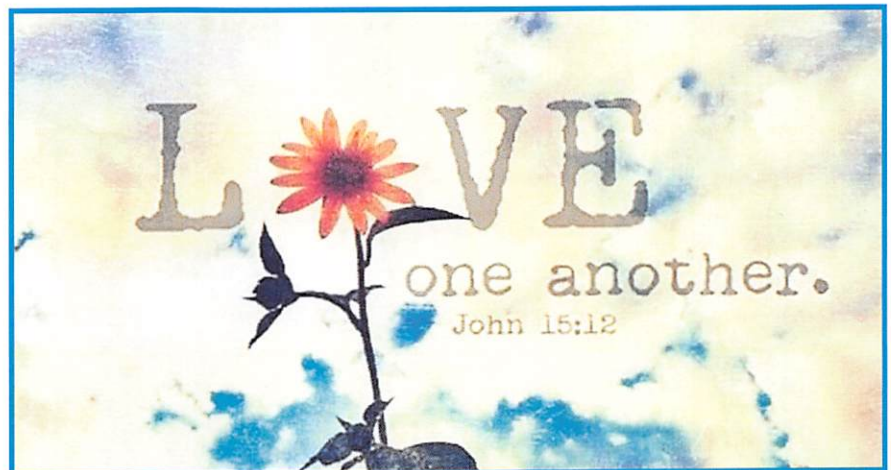
## Our IDENTITY

We are strugglers, sufferers,  
and sinners who share  
in God's restoration  
of all things -  
our life with God, our  
relationships, our community  
and our world -  
through the Gospel.



## Our MISSION

To proclaim the Gospel  
and serve in love  
with the hope that God  
will bring continual  
restoration to our lives,  
relationships, community  
and world for His glory.



## Little Children, Love One Another

by Pastor Jon Bonomo

In his commentary on the Book of Galatians, one of the fathers of the early church, St. Jerome, tells this interesting story about the Apostle John.

Apparently, it was common knowledge in the early church that when John was extremely old – probably in his 90's – his disciples would *carry* him to the meetings of the church in Ephesus. And whenever he was asked to speak, he usually said nothing but this: *"Little children, love one another."*

And then, Jerome tells us,

The brothers in attendance were so annoyed because they always heard John telling them the same thing over and over, that they finally said, "Teacher, why do you always say this and nothing else?" To which John replied: "Because it is the Lord's commandment. And if this is all you do, it is enough."

*"Little children, love one another... if this is all you do, it is enough..."*

So, How are you doing with it?

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## Little Children, Love One Another

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When it comes down to it, there is really no more important question we can ask ourselves than this. Because Love is the essence of the Christian Life. Indeed, the Apostle Paul would say that the *only thing that counts for anything is faith working through love*. [Galatians 5:6 NET].

Of all the many beautiful statements about love in Scripture, and in particular the “love chapter” in 1 Corinthians 13, one of my favorites is what Paul says in verse 7 of that chapter – “*Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*” [Side Note: The NIV renders “all things” as “always,” which is also true, but I think the translation “all things” – as in the KJV and ESV – is more in line with the original meaning.]

Normally, when reading these words, I suspect we tend to think in terms of bearing, believing, hoping, and enduring *in our own lives*. And certainly, this is part of the picture. However, since love “*seeketh not her own*” (v 5, KJV), we must think too about how this verse applies to our relationships with our brothers and sisters in the church. In other words, what does it look like for me to “*Bear all things, believe all things, hope all things, endure all things,*” FOR YOU?



A few passages come to mind:

“Bears all things”... **Galatians 6.2 [ESV]** – “*Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.*”

We are all walking around in this world bearing many burdens. At times they can get *unbearable*. We need one another for help and support along the way – love is that hand of help that reaches out and says to another, “Here, let me carry that for you a while.” Of course, only Jesus does this fully and perfectly – “*Come to me all you who are weary and burdened...*” But we represent his love in some small way as we offer help to each other. And in order to bear them you need to know what they are. Do you know the burdens your brothers and sisters are carrying?

“Believes all things”... **Philippians 2:3 [NIV]** – “*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves*”

Part of “believing all things” for/about one another is that we assume and think *the best* about each other. In other words, we *value* one another and do not jump to negative conclusions or try to force them into a box. We value each other’s lives, thoughts, emotions, opinions, gifts, joys, sorrows, –

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# The Cost of Discipleship – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

by Alan McCarrick

Another twentieth century Christian that I would like to introduce to you was hung outside a Nazi Concentration Camp in 1945. Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born on 4 February 1906 into a family eventually numbering 8 children. His father, Karl, was a psychiatrist and neurologist; and his mother, Paula, was a teacher. All their children were encouraged academically.

At the age of 21, he received his Doctor of Theology degree. Bonhoeffer went to the United States in '30 for a teaching fellowship at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. While in New York, he met Frank Fisher, a black fellow-seminarian who introduced him to his church in Harlem, where Bonhoeffer taught Sunday school. Dietrich became aware of the issues of social injustices experienced by ethnic minorities in the US as well as the extreme division between black and white churches in the US.

He returned to Germany in '31 and was ordained in the Lutheran Church. As the National Socialist Party (Nazi) rose to power, his view grew that Christianity required action against injustice in whatever form and not just academic study. Hitler was appointed Chancellor in '33. Two days later, Bonhoeffer delivered a radio address in which he attacked Hitler and warned Germany against slipping into an idolatrous cult of the *Führer*. Bonhoeffer raised the first voice from within the German protestant church resisting Hitler's persecution of Jews as well as other groups declaring:

"The church has an unconditional obligation to the victims of any ordering of society, even if they do not belong to the Christian community. 'Do good to all men.'...The church has the possibility and the duty not just to bandage the victims under the wheel, but to put a spoke in the wheel itself."

The majority of Protestants in Germany remained in the Reich Church, also known as "German Christian". It is estimated that less than 20% of the Lutheran pastors joined the Confessing Church that held itself apart from the National Socialist German Workers (Nazi) party. Even within the Confessing Church, few wished to openly oppose what was going on. The Barmen Declaration, drafted by Karl Barth (considered by many evangelicals as very liberal!) was adopted in May '34 by the Confessing Church, insisting that Christ, not the Führer, was the only head of the Church.

***Costly grace is the treasure hidden in the field; for the sake of it a man will go and sell all that he has. It is the pearl of great price to buy which the merchant will sell all his goods. It is the kingly rule of Christ, for whose sake a man will pluck out the eye which causes him to stumble; it is the call of Jesus Christ at which the disciple leaves his nets and follows him.***

***Bonhoeffer, "Cost of Discipleship"***

Bonhoeffer of abandoning his post while "the house of your church is on fire." In '35, Bonhoeffer returned and was appointed to organize and head a new and secret seminary for the Confessing Church, which continued in disguised form until '40. During that period, he wrote the book *Life Together*, which Jacob had our Men's Breakfast group read.

In '37, Himmler decreed that the education and examination of Confessing Church ministry candidates was illegal, and the Gestapo closed the seminary arresting many pastors and former students. Bonhoeffer spent the next two years secretly traveling to conduct "seminary on the run."



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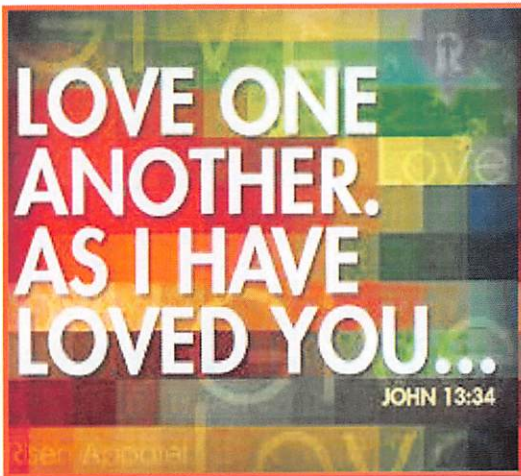
# Do Unto Others...

by Sherrie Strain

Most of us, without even thinking, would say that we live by the Golden Rule - we treat others as we would like to be treated. We would like to give ourselves high marks on our interaction with everyone - especially people different than ourselves. However, when put to the test is that assumption correct? Are we unconscious of the "log in our own eye"? We should all give deeper consideration to our dealings with others. As members of a diverse church, community and world, it is important for all of us to interact with one another with respect and understanding. Here are some ways that we can better interact with people with differing spiritual values or backgrounds:



- ❖ **Listen actively.** When engaging with someone from a different culture or background or of differing spiritual values, it is important to listen to their perspective and experiences. Active listening involves paying attention to what the person is saying, asking clarifying questions, and acknowledging their feelings and opinions.
- ❖ **Learn about different cultures.** Take the initiative to learn about different cultural traditions and customs. This can help you better understand and appreciate the diversity within your community. Attend cultural events, read books, watch documentaries, or even ask your neighbors about their culture.
- ❖ **Avoid stereotypes.** It is easy to fall into the trap of stereotypes and assumptions about people from different spiritual or cultural backgrounds. However, it is important to recognize that each person is unique and should not be defined solely by that background.
- ❖ **Show empathy.** Empathy involves putting yourself in someone else's shoes and trying to understand their perspective. This can help build bridges between different communities and foster a sense of understanding and compassion.



- ❖ **Use inclusive, current language.** Be mindful of the language you use when interacting with people from different backgrounds. Learn the current lingo! Avoid using derogatory terms or language that may be offensive to certain groups. How do we apply this point in the case of gender terms? The language may make you feel particularly uncomfortable - but how will your use of language make others feel especially as you are witnessing to them about Christ's love?
- ❖ **Don't assume this is too hard for you to do!** Yes, by God's grace you can speak to or get to know folks that are of a different religion or have no religion, a different ethnicity, or sexual/gender orientation than yourself. God created each of us in His own image. He loves each of His called children in the same way and died for each of His called children in the same way. He commands us to love everyone in the same way that He loves us.

As a church community, we are called to love and serve all people, regardless of their standing before Christ, their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation or background. In today's diverse world, it's important for us to actively seek out ways to better interact with those around us and present a positive witness for Christ. Here are a few Scriptures from the English Standard Version (ESV) and practical tips to help us do just that:

- ❖ **Listen and Learn!** "Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger." (James 1:19) One of the best ways to interact with people from diverse backgrounds is to listen and learn from them. Take time to ask questions and really listen to their experiences and perspectives. This will not only help you better understand and appreciate their culture, but it will also show them that you value and respect them as individuals.

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# Sydney and Karlene Flores

by Beth McCarrick

Perhaps you have had this couple sitting near you one Sunday in church. It's quite possible because Karlene and Sydney want to meet everyone. This lovely couple who desires to become members come to us from Philadelphia. Invited by their friends Bob and Sherrie Strain, they have become a constant on Sunday mornings.

They both come from large families. Sydney is the eldest of 9 siblings and Karlene is from a family of 8. They celebrated their 33rd anniversary and have 6 children, 3 boys and 3 girls one of whom died in a car accident. They have 9 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Karlene met Sydney when he came to Philadelphia for his education.



Sydney, a minister of the gospel, has served all over the Philadelphia area. Originally from Belize, he has organized mission trips back to his home country where he remains in contact with quite a few. Of special interest to him is ministering to the Garifuna people who are from Belize, Honduras and Guatemala. Sydney started his work experience when he joined the Belize Defense Force in 1978. In 1984, he immigrated to the United States. During this time, he came to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

Karlene has been in home healthcare for over 40 years and loves the opportunities that this has provided. She has a strong faith that overflows into all her activities. She has been saved for over 40 years and finds joy in ministering to women. She's an encourager and team player. Her desire is for women to love on each other and to be obedient until Christ comes again.



Sydney has worked extensively with the youth of Philadelphia in such organizations as Friends Neighborhood Guild, Urban Youth Institute, and the People for People Charter School. Both have directed Marriage Enrichment Seminars and provide marriage and premarital counseling.

Sydney and Karlene want to be aware of areas that God is opening them up to with a willingness to serve. John 3:16 states that God so loved the world - the whole world needs to be shown this and experience it for themselves.

*What Jesus never said:*

*"Feed the hungry only if they have papers."*

*"Clothe the naked only if they're from your country."*

*"Welcome the stranger if there's zero risk."*

*"Help the poor only if it's convenient."*

*"Love your neighbor only if they look like you."*

*- James Martin*

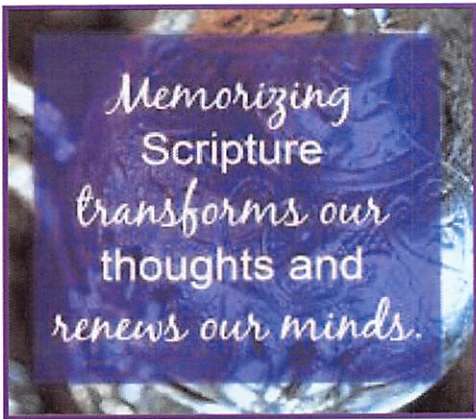
The  
Wilmington  
Women's  
Connection  
invites you  
to a "Bloom

For the  
Ladies

Where You Are Planted" luncheon on  
Monday, June 12, 2023; Noon to  
2pm at the Iron Hill Restaurant, 620  
Justison Street, Wilmington, DE  
19801. Cost: \$22.00 inclusive.

Jennifer Wilson (with Jenn's Jaws Plants) will give a presentation about how to care for your plants and will have plants for sale after the luncheon. The speaker, Nancy O'Meara, from Oderton, MD, is a published author, mentor and women's ministry leader. She will share with us how to find purpose as we face the challenge of transitioning into new seasons.





## Memorize, Memorize!

It's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of our daily lives. We often find ourselves overwhelmed with responsibilities, deadlines, and commitments, leaving us little time to focus on our spiritual growth. However, one simple practice that can greatly benefit our spiritual lives is scripture memorization.

This isn't just for adults! Parents, teach your children; grandparents, teach your grandchildren!

Memorizing scripture is more than just memorizing words on a page. It's about hiding God's Word in our hearts, so that we may be transformed by it. As we commit Scripture to memory, we are able to meditate on it throughout the day, allowing it to sink deep into our souls and shape our thoughts and actions.

In addition to the spiritual benefits, there are also practical benefits to memorizing scripture. It can be a great tool for evangelism, as we are able to share God's Word with others without needing a Bible in hand. It can also be a source of comfort and strength during difficult times, as we are able to recall God's promises and truths.

So, how can we begin to incorporate scripture memorization into our daily lives? Here are a few tips to get started:

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## The Cost of Discipleship – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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In '39, he sailed once again to Union Seminary in New York. Outright war was imminent in Europe and many of his US colleagues pressed him to stay. However, he felt compelled to return to his own country, knowing what costs he might face.

Bonhoeffer was correctly accused of being associated with the plot to assassinate Hitler and was imprisoned along with other accused plotters. He was hanged on 9 April 1945 near the end of the Nazi regime.

During his year and a half in Nazi prisons, he was able to smuggle many letters out. They are collected in the book *Letters and Papers from Prison*. It was clear that during that time, Bonhoeffer pastored the other prisoners even though this was strictly forbidden. It's a powerful read. Another work that many consider his most powerful is *Cost of Discipleship* in which he emphasized that although there is nothing we can pay for God's grace, it is not without cost on God's behalf and not "free" in its demands on the life of believers. Bonhoeffer lived at a time when his world demanded the full cost from many.

He is also known for the term "Religionless Christianity." Although this generates much initial condemnation from Christians, if I understand it fairly, his point was precisely what James meant: "So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead...For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is also dead" (James 2:17 and 26 NRSV). This is also the consistent message from the prophets and Jesus' own ministry (See Prov 21:3, Isaiah 1:12, 16-17, Hosea 6:6, Micah 6:8, Amos 5:21-24, Matt 9:13, and 23:23)

We in 2023 seem to be living in a slightly similar time with divisive issues abounding and various groups attacking or being attacked. Christians in the US today, just as Bonhoeffer's German Lutherans in the Third Reich, are not united in what God wishes us to be doing. We are tempted to either make allegiances with the powerful, hide our heads in the sand, work to heal the oppressed, or consider violent resistance. God grant us the wisdom to see His way.

***"First, they came for the Socialists,  
and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Socialist.  
Then they came for the Trade Unionists,  
and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a trade unionist.  
Then they came for the Jews,  
and I didn't speak up, because I wasn't a Jew.  
Then they came for me,  
and by that time there was no one left to speak up for me."  
- Martin Niemöler (etched on the wall of the American  
Holocaust Memorial)***





## Do You Have a Willing Heart?

Are you looking for ways to get involved and give back to your church community - even if you are house-bound? There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer your time and talents. Here are a few ideas to consider:

Are you stuck in the house? The needs of our body and our community are great. **Become a prayer warrior!** In Philippians 4:6-7 we are commanded to pray about everything - knowing that God hears our prayers (1 John 5:14) if we ask according to His will. You can also join the Wednesday evening prayer time via zoom. **Send**

**cards or emails of encouragement or pick up your phone!** Bring a smile to someone's face and heart just by saying "Hello" or "I'm praying for you".

In addition to the above activities, there are plenty of other opportunities that YOU can get involved with if you are not house-bound...

**Join worship team:** If you have a passion for playing an instrument or singing, consider joining the worship team. You'll get to use your talents to help lead worship services and connect with other members of the congregation.

### Teach or be a Helper for Sunday School and/or Childrens Church:

If you enjoy working with children, consider volunteering to teach or be a helper. You'll have the opportunity to share your faith and help children learn about God's love and faithfulness. Children's Church teachers and helpers are especially needed! We are in need of teachers for one class a month. Helpers...All you need is to be present to help the main teacher in the class.

**Be a nursery worker:** Love the little ones? Join a rotating team of volunteers to watch after these precious tots and allow their parents the joy of fully engaging in their worship during our Sunday services. Come play and interact with the youngest of the church and share Jesus' love through your words and presence!

**Serve as a greeter:** Greeters play an important role in welcoming people to church services and helping them find their way around. If you have a friendly personality and enjoy meeting new people, this could be a great opportunity for you.

**Be an encourager:** Do you like to listen to others and encourage them? Join the team that ministers to seniors living at Naamans Creek Country Manor during our monthly service. Just your presence and listening ear can provide encouragement.

**Help with church events and serving the body:** Restoration hosts events throughout the year, such as fellowship meals, picnics, and various church activities. Consider volunteering to help with these events, whether it's setting up tables and chairs, serving food and drinks or cooking a meal for someone in need.

**Write for Restoration Press:** Are you passionate about writing and looking for a way to use your talents to serve our church? We are seeking article writers!

No matter how you choose to volunteer, remember that your time and talents are valuable and appreciated. By giving back to Restoration and others, you'll not only make a positive impact on others, but you'll also deepen your own faith and sense of purpose.



**Volunteer spots are available now for nursery workers and helpers for Children's Church! See Rachel Lamb.**

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*"The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." Proverbs 11:25 (MSG)*







## Do Unto Others...

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❖ **Show Hospitality!** “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” (Hebrews 13:2) Hospitality is a powerful way to show love and welcome to those who are different from us. Invite someone from a different cultural background over for a meal or coffee, or attend a cultural event in your community. This will help build bridges and foster understanding between different groups.

❖ **Be Humble!** “Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 2:4-5) It’s easy to think that our way of doing things is the “right” way, but this can create barriers between us and those who are different from us. Instead, let’s approach others with humility and a willingness to learn from them. This will help us build relationships and break down walls of division.

❖ **Love One Another!** “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.” (John 13:34) At the heart of our interactions with others should be love. Let’s strive to love those who are different from us as Christ loved us - sacrificially, unconditionally, and without reservation. When we love others in this way, we reflect the heart of God and bring glory to His name.

As we seek to better interact with people in our church and community, let’s remember that we are all created in the image of God. May our interactions with everyone be marked by love, hospitality, humility, and a willingness to learn from one another.

We can create a more welcoming and inclusive body where everyone feels valued and respected - no matter that person’s religion or their lack of religion, ethnicity, or sexual/gender orientation, etc. With God’s help let’s build bridges between everyone as we endeavor to share our testimony of God’s work in our own lives and witness of His grace to the community and world around us.

## Encouragement!

It is important to remember and reach out to those who are shut-ins, those who have lost loved ones, those who we hold dear, those who are special to us in some way as well as our parents as we approach Mother’s Day and Father’s Day (and all the other days in the year!). It is important to remember the significance of these holidays and the impact they have on those around us. These days provide an opportunity for us to show Christ’s love and our appreciation for the roles they have played in our lives.

Here are some ways we can honor and encourage those around us:

1. Write a heartfelt note: Take the time to write a sincere and thoughtful note expressing your gratitude for all they have done for you or meant to you. This simple gesture can go a long way in making anyone feel loved and appreciated.

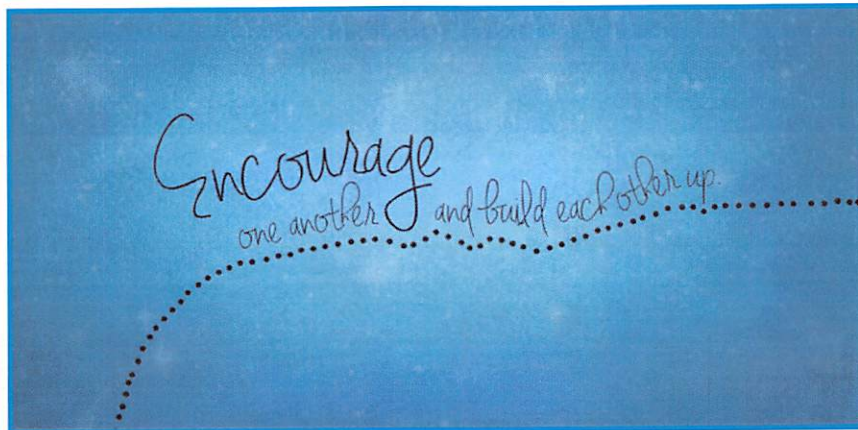
2. Spend quality time together: Set aside some time to spend with that shut-in, friend or family member or those who are alone. Do something together that they might enjoy. Whether it’s going for a walk, cooking a meal together, or watching a movie, the time spent together will be cherished.

3. Give a thoughtful gift: A small, thoughtful gift can show someone how much you care. Consider something that is meaningful to them, such as a favorite book, a piece of jewelry, or a framed family photo.

4. Attend church together: Invite that person/s to Restoration or offer to help them get to church! Participate in the service together. It’s a great way to show your appreciation for the role of faith in your family and to spend time together.

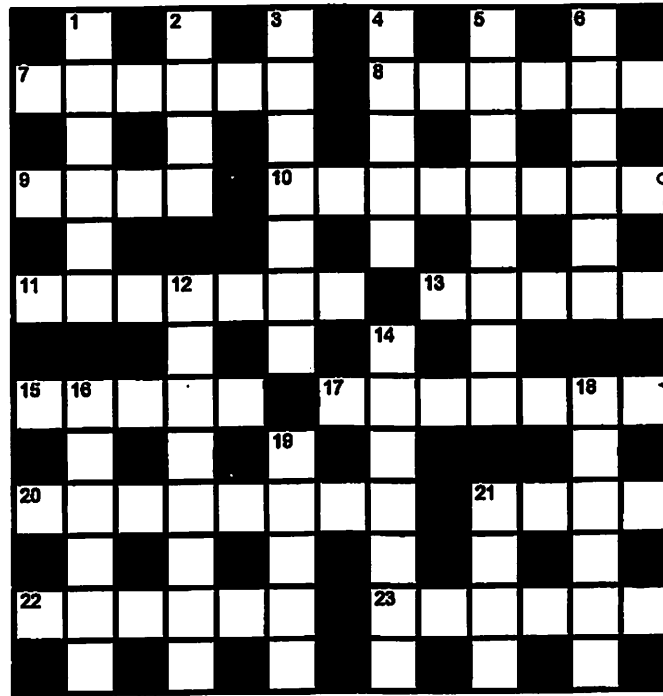
5. Volunteer together: Consider volunteering together as a family. Whether it’s at a local charity or church event, giving back to the community is a meaningful way to spend time together.

Let’s take the time to show our appreciation for the important roles these folks have played in our lives. Lord willing, these ideas inspire you to encourage these folks in a meaningful way.





# Genesis



## Across

- 7 "And the children of Shobal were these; Alvan, and Manahath, and Ebal, \_\_\_\_\_, and Onam." Gen 36:23 (6)
- 8 Who was the king of Admah in Gen 14:2? (6)
- 9 "Every moving thing that liveth shall be meat for you; \_\_\_\_\_ as the green herb have I given you all things." Gen 9:3 (4)
- 10 "And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his \_\_\_\_\_." Gen 37:5 (8)
- 11 What was bound in the field in Gen 37:7? (7)
- 13 "And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he \_\_\_\_\_ with him the space of a month." Gen 29:14 (5)
- 15 "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may \_\_\_\_\_ unto heaven;" Gen 11:4 (5)
- 17 "And this is the \_\_\_\_\_ which thou shalt make it of:" Gen 6:15 (7)
- 20 "And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the \_\_\_\_\_." Gen 39:2 (8)

- 21 "For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, \_\_\_\_\_ your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." Gen 3:5 (4)
- 22 "And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the \_\_\_\_\_ all night." Gen 19:2 (6)
- 23 "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man \_\_\_\_\_ be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Gen 2:18 (6)

## Down

- 1 One of the sons of Issachar. Gen 46:13 (6)
- 2 "Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the \_\_\_\_\_ firmament of heaven." Gen 1:20 (4)
- 3 "And for that the dream was \_\_\_\_\_ unto Pharaoh twice;" Gen 41:32 (7)

- 4 "By these were the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gentiles divided in their lands; every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations." Gen 10:5 (5)
- 5 Bela's city in Edom in Gen 36:32. (8)
- 6 What was the heap called in Gen 31:48? (6)
- 12 "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be \_\_\_\_\_?" Gen 4:7 (8)
- 14 "And, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for \_\_\_\_\_." Gen 41:19 (7)
- 16 "And Lamech lived an hundred \_\_\_\_\_ and two years, and begat a son:" Gen 5:28 (6)
- 18 "Where is the harlot, that was \_\_\_\_\_ by the way side?" Gen 38:21 (6)
- 19 "And Enoch lived \_\_\_\_\_ and five years, and begat Methuselah:" Gen 5:21 (5)
- 21 "And the LORD God \_\_\_\_\_ the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it." Gen 2:15 (4)



# Church Calendar!

(LS: live-streamed)

**Every Sunday:** Sunday School, 9:15am  
Worship Service, 10:15am, LS

## MAY

- 3 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 3 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 10 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 10 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 11 ... Session Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 13 ... Men's Breakfast, 9:00-10:45am, church
- 14 ... Mother's Day
- 17 ... Coffee Break, 10:00am, church
- 17 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 21 ... Communion, during Morning Worship
- 21 ... Naaman's Creek Country Manor, 2:00pm
- 24 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 29 ... Memorial Day
- 31 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom

## JUNE

- 7 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 10 ... Men's Breakfast, 9:00-10:45am, church
- 14 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom
- 18 ... Father's Day
- 18 ... Communion, during Morning Worship
- 18 ... Naaman's Creek Country Manor, 2:00pm
- 21 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, church
- 25 ... Pancake Breakfast, 9:00am
- 28 ... Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm, zoom

**Save the dates ... keep an eye out for more details!**

Pancake  
Breakfast



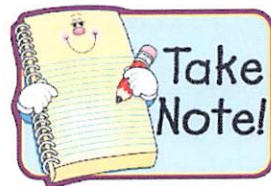
**Sunday, June 25, 9:00am**

**Friday, July 7, Blue Rocks Game AND Fireworks** - Wilmington, DE, 6:35pm; \$10/person; children under 3 are free; please see Pastor Jon if you need a ride or if you need help with the admission cost.



**August 27**  
**Church picnic/pool party**

# What's Next?



**If you are planning ANY activities that involve the church calendar or the use of the church**

**facilities,** please let Sherrie Strain know so that the date/s can be cleared and the information can be added to a comprehensive calendar. Thanks!

## Community Calendar!

**Please see Beth McCarrick for more information about these activities...**

**Bethel Township Preservation Society:  
May 21st - Open House!**

The 1683 Southery Log House (1645 Bethel Road, Garnet Valley) will be open to the public from 1-4pm with on-going colonial demonstrations and tours. This is a FREE event and a great Sunday afternoon activity.

**Delaware County Pregnancy Center:  
July 15th - Christmas in July!**

You can help the Pregnancy Center restock its boutique (a donation center for all the many things that babies need)! You can also check out the DCPC website for more information - <https://dpcpcchester.org>

**Brandywine Summit Camp Meeting:  
(the public is welcome to these events)**

**May 20, 2-4pm** - Opening Tea

**May 27, 5:30pm** - Covered Dish - This event is every Saturday through August 12 and is followed by a free concert or event. Nominal cost.

**June 22, 10am** - Refresh Day! Julie Henning, the adopted daughter of Pearl S. Buck, will be the speaker. A luncheon will follow at a cost of \$10 per person.



