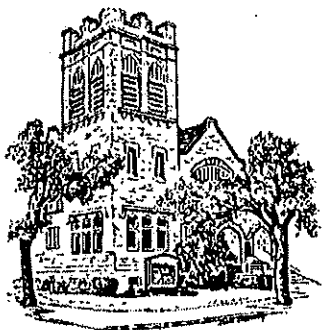


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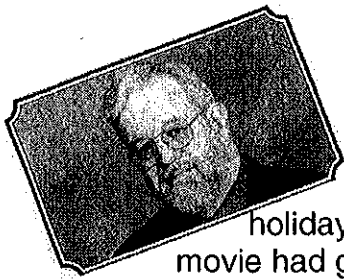
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TRUTH MATTERS

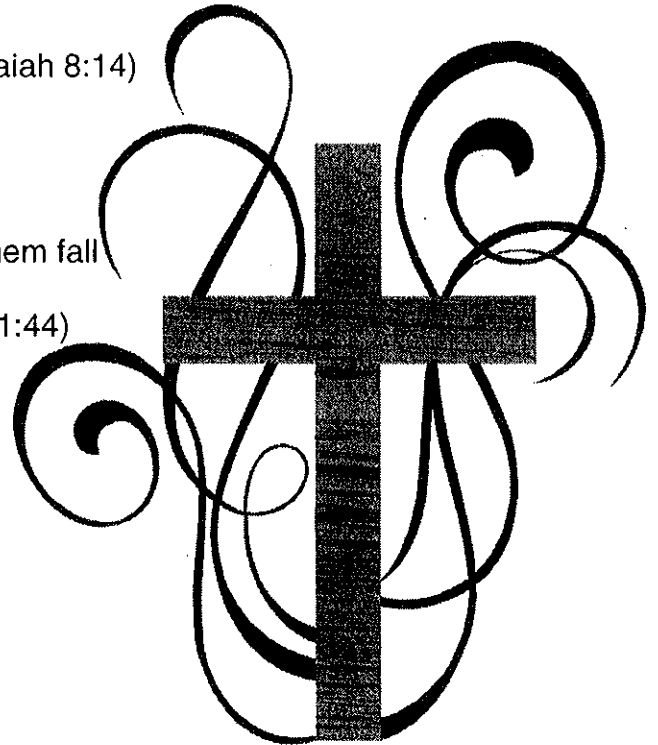
Do you remember when people were so offended by the graphic nature of the movie "The Passion of Christ"? The people of our day do not want their holidays complicated by the truth. And do not think it would have been any better if the movie had given the same focus to the resurrection—our culture does not like that story either. Even some in the church are not too happy with it if we speak in terms of the resurrections as something that actually happened in history. Talk of bunnies and eggs and candy and the beautiful renewal of spring – but the resurrection means Jesus is unique and that bothers people in our day. The New Testament uses the word "scandal" for the gospel and we had better not be afraid to present it as such. Michael Card put it this way...

The seers and the prophets had foretold it long ago
That the long "Awaited One" would make men stumble (Isaiah 8:14)
But they were looking for a king to conquer and to kill
Who'd have ever thought He'd be so meek and humble
Chorus

He will be the Truth that will offend them one and all
A stone that makes men stumble and a rock that makes them fall
And many will be broken so that He can make them whole
And many will be crushed and lose their own soul (Matt. 21:44)

Along the path of life there lies this stubborn Scandalon
And all who come this way must be offended
To some He is a barrier, to others He's the way
For all should know the scandal of believing
Chorus

It seems today the Scandalon offends no one at all
The Image we present can be stepped over
Could it be that we are like the others long ago
Will we ever learn that all who come must stumble
Chorus [CCLI 1722958]



Until recent generations the claim has always been that Jesus really did rise from the dead. Yes this does make him unique among all people including other religious leaders and yes this does verify his teaching and the authority he claimed. No, this is not just true for believers and no it is not just a myth that gives meaning to some people's lives. In a world of propaganda, bias, and false presuppositions we had better stop watering down the gospel and had better learn what we believe and why we believe it. To do less, to make the work of Jesus less than a scandal, is to dishonor him. We may take the fun out of the Easter Bunny but we will share the joy of God.

Soli Deo Gloria (To God Alone be the Glory)

Maranatha (Come Quickly Lord)

Allyn

Holy Week Events

Plan to join us for a special series of services starting with Palm Sunday on April 17th as we take in new members and our Confirmation class. Then, on April 21st at 7:00 PM for Holy Thursday as we remember the Last Supper and share Communion around the table and, Good Friday April 22nd at 7:00 PM for a time of remembering what Jesus did for us in his sacrifice. Then come celebrate the resurrection April 24th at our 11:00 AM service. **He died for us so we can live for him.**

WORSHIP FOR APRIL



April 3, 2011
11:00 AM, Communion
Sermon: Greater Than Abraham
Hebrews 7:1-10



April 10, 2011
11:00 AM, Lent
Genesis 14:18-20, Revelation 5:1-5
Sermon: Able to Save Forever
Hebrews 7:11-28



April 17, 2011
11:00 AM, Palm Sunday
Jeremiah 31:31-34, Luke 19:29-40
Sermon: A More Excellent Ministry
Hebrews 8



April 21, 2011
7:00 PM, Holy Thursday
Exodus 31:31-37, II Corinthians 5:1-5
Sermon: A Perfect Tabernacle
Hebrews 9:1-15



April 22, 2011
7:00 PM, Good Friday
Exodus 24:1-8, Hebrews 9:16-28
Sermon: Necessary and Final
Hebrews 10:1-18



April 24, 2011
11:00 AM, Easter Sunday
Malachi 3:1-6, Luke 24:1-12
Sermon: "Yes"
I Corinthians 1:17-20

HELP FOR JAPAN

As things are still in turmoil, and we watch for more specific ways to help, you can share right now to help the recovery in Japan. Mark any donation you would like to make clearly designated for **Japan Recovery** and it will be passed on through the United Methodist Committee On Relief 100% with direct aid to Japan.

PATTON SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

- The forms for the 2011 Patton Scholarships are now available in the church office.
- All parts of the application must be in by May 15. Be sure to check the new guidelines.

JUST A REMINDER

Have you remembered First Church in your will? What a powerful way to recognize God's goodness in a lasting way.

COMMUNITY LENTEN EVENTS

As we approach the end of the Lenten season the Kittanning Ministerial Association will continue to host two series of Lenten events. There will be the traditional Lenten luncheons on Wednesdays at the Grace Presbyterian Church. Then there will be Lenten services each Wednesday evening at 7:00 at different locations with different speakers each week as follows.

April 6th at the First Baptist Church
April 13th at the Cornerstone Assembly of God



APRIL

ACOLYTE

3 Donovan Hoffman
 10 Frailey Scaife
 17 Sierra Aires
 24 Ellen Williamson



READERS

3 Communion
 10 Rachel Ricketts
 17 Dan Wolfe
 24 Pat Wolfe



NURSERY

3 Janet McKelvey
 10 Chris Porter
 17 Suzanne Hogamier
 24 Janine Muir



COUNTERS

3Ternent
 10 Stubbs
 17 Flanders
 24 Scaife



SOUND SYSTEM

3 Janessa Muir
 10 Tom Thomas
 17 John Yankasky
 24 Glenn Krozely



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3 Oxford/Susie Reefer
 10 Oxford/Susie Reefer
 17 Wesley/Roy Williamson
 24 Wesley/Roy Williamson



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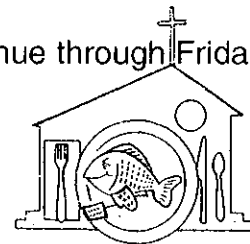
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LENTEN FISH DINNERS

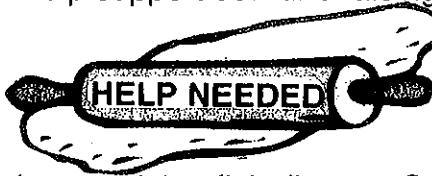
Our next Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on Friday, April 1st and will continue through Friday, April 15, 2011 at the Covenant Center from 4:30-6:30 PM.

MENU: Baked or Fried Fish or Sloppy Joe Sandwich,
 Baked potato or Curly Fries
 Cole Slaw or Applesauce, Roll
 Beverage and PIE \$6.00 adults, \$3.00 children

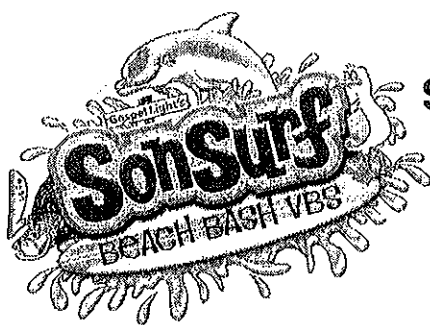


Come and eat, bring your family and friends. Help support our fund raising efforts to raise finances for our church programs and missions.

March 11th---275 dinners served
 March 18th---325 dinners served
 March 25th---323 dinners served



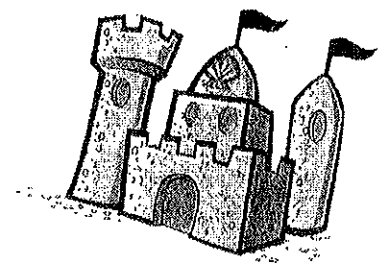
We need pie bakers and workers to help for the remaining fish dinners. Can you help? If so, please fill out the sign-up sheet in this newsletter and let us know you can help and which weeks. Keep the top half as your reminder and return the bottom half to the church. Thank You!



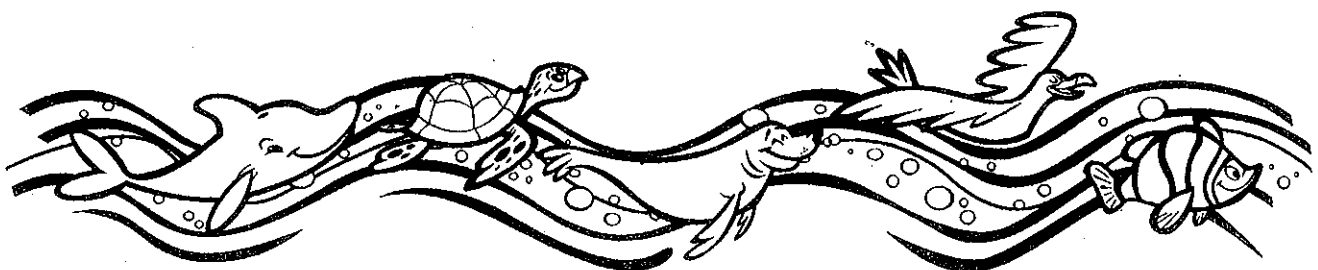
SONSURF BEACH BASH

VBS 2011
 JULY 11TH-15TH
 9:00-12:00

Ages 3 years-6th grade



Come join us at the beach and understand who Jesus is and why you need him. As always, we need helpers of all ages. (6th grade thru mature adults) to make our Beach Bash a successful outreach program. If you would like to volunteer, see Sue Hankey or let the church office know.



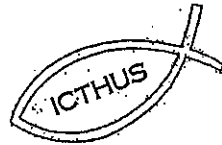
CANS FOR VBS 2011

In the past month (through March 15th) we received 2176 cans for our 2011 Vacation Bible School collection to help Habitat for Humanity. Our total since VBS 2010 is 23,375 cans. Thank you to those who brought in cans. Please continue to save or start saving aluminum cans – pop, fruit juice, tea, health drinks and beer cans. Drop your cans off at the church ramp anytime.

Thank you, The Can Man



REMEMBER YOUR FOOD BANK DONATIONS. THANK YOU!



Our Mission and Vision...

ICTHUS-the fish –an early Christian symbol. It reminds us of our mission at First Church. How are you helping each area to improve in our church? This is our mission - how are you participating in it? Are you helping us to...

- I--Invite and challenge people to come to faith. [EVANGELISM]
- C--Celebrate God's presence through powerful worship. [WORSHIP]
- TH--be Thoroughly equipped for your walk of faith. [CHRISTIAN EDUCATION]
- U--Use the gifts God has given you to serve. [DISCIPLESHIP]
- S--Set aside a portion of your personal resources to be returned to God. [STEWARDSHIP]

WINDOW UPDATE

Hurrah, We are now \$1500.00 over the price we paid for the restoration of the Good Shepherd Window as of the last finance meeting on March 14th we now have FORTY FIVE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SEVEN dollars (45,537.00). Although we are not where we need to be, we are proceeding with plans to seek bids for the Good Samaritan Window sometime after Easter. NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.
Window Committee

2011

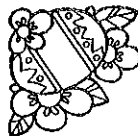
ALTAR FLOWERS

We have a few dates open for the altar flowers for this year. If you would like one of these dates please let Audrey know. Thank you.

May 22

June 26

October 23 & 30



FRIDAY NIGHT CIRCLE

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 14, 2011 7:00 PM

Covenant Center

PROGRAM: Sager-Brown UMCOR
Distribution Center Lynn Sibley, Sandy McKee

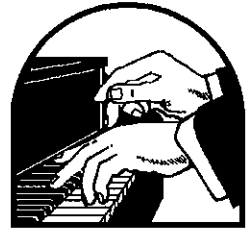
DEVOTIONS: Jean Wolfe

HOSTESSES: Beverly Paulin, Mert Hellein



PIANO COMMITTEE NEEDED

The Trustees are looking for a few volunteers with music interest to serve on a separate committee relating to the purchase of a new piano in memory of Nick. Contact Joe Bowser or any other Trustee.



RUMMAGE SALE

The annual rummage sale will be on Saturday, June 25th from 8:00-1:00 PM. Please start cleaning out cupboards, closets and basements. Donations will be accepted starting in May. Details to follow.
No clothing donations will be accepted!

CAR WASH COUPONS

The camping team has Car wash coupons for \$6.00 a piece. They are available in the church office or a camping team member.



SAVE THE DATE

On Saturday, May 21st the Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Ladies Tea with Cindy Speck (ventriloquist) as entertainment. Stay tuned for more information.

COME HELP BUILD A BEACH



Since our VBS workday was such a huge help last year, we are doing it again this year. Mark your calendars for **MAY 14TH 9:00-12:00**. Come have fun and good fellowship and help get scenery items and craft items ready for VBS, maybe a few odds and ends also. If you can paint (pretty much in the lines), color, trace, outline, cut, etc... then we have a job for you. All you have to do is show up in the Covenant Center, with old clothes on. All the supplies will be provided.

To all those who wrote and participated in the writing and preparing the Lenten Devotional for 2011:

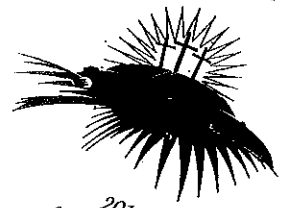
Reading the devotional is a highlight of my Lenten time. Not only do they glorify our Lord but they help us grow closer to one another in Christian love.

At a time when the world is in chaos we need one another more than ever. We need to be lifting our prayers continually to God through His son Jesus Christ. The devotions help to do that.

Let us remember to thank the individuals face-to-face. I can't do that right now because I'm over a thousand miles away. But all of you have my deepest thanks.

Let us look towards the future and the many more devotionals that will be written from First United Methodist Church of Kittanning.

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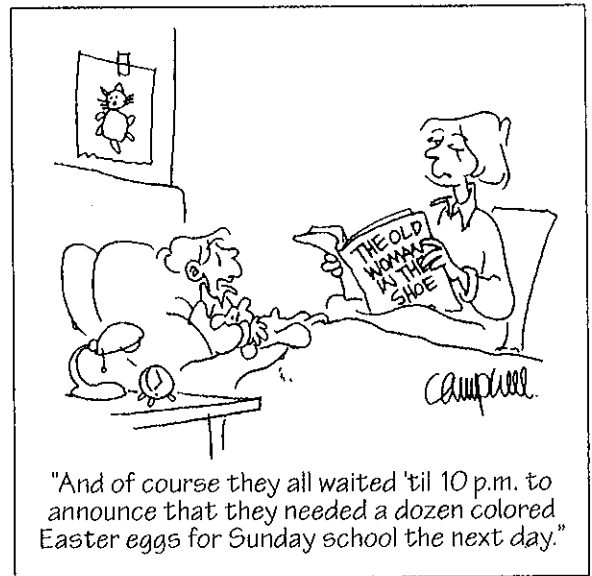
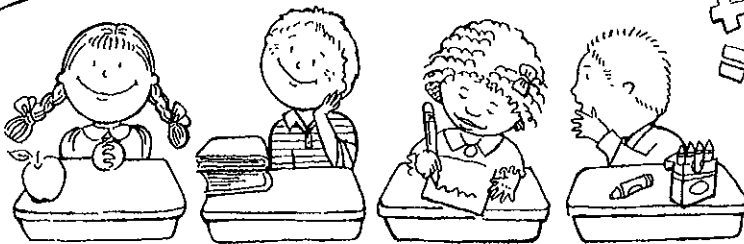
2011
Lenten Devotional

In Christ,
The Discipleship Team, Jackie Bish

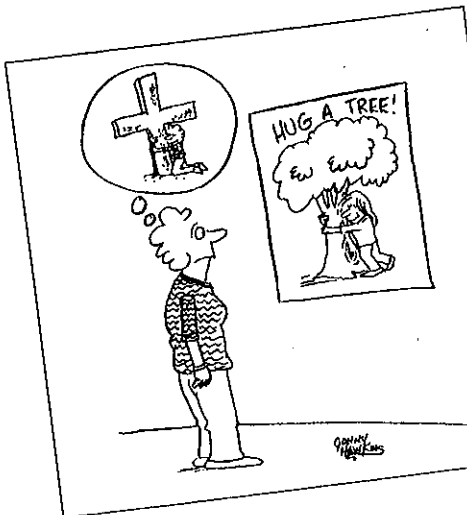
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RAINBOW ROAD

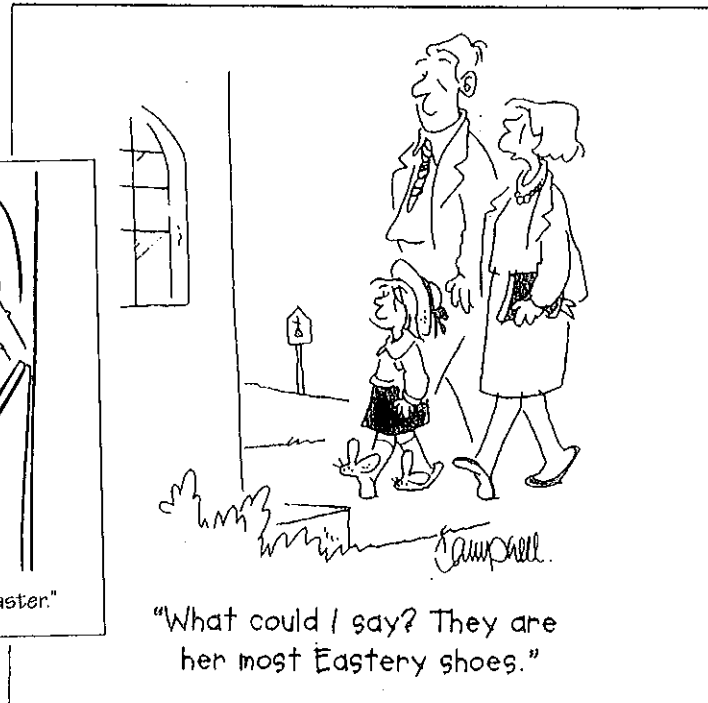
Rainbow Road is accepting applications for the 2011-2012 school year. Children must be 3 years by September 1st. Applications are available in the church office or on our website.



"And of course they all waited 'til 10 p.m. to announce that they needed a dozen colored Easter eggs for Sunday school the next day."



"I dyed your scrambled eggs for Easter."



"What could I say? They are her most Easterly shoes."

Thank You!

Dear Pastor Ricketts and Church Family,

I wanted to thank you for adding \$100.00 to my fuel account at Bradigan's. Although I'm still trying to generate enough money for their minimum of 150 gallon delivery, your contribution awaits its usage when that day comes. Thank you for your generosity and for caring for a stranger.



In Prayer, Mary Wilson & Son

Dear Pastor Allyn Ricketts and members of First United Methodist Church,

We would like to take the time to personally thank everyone that was involved with the Christmas Gift Program for Children of Inmates 2010 at the Armstrong County Jail.

The inmates appreciated the generosity of the gifts that were distributed to their children and especially sending the gifts from them as the parent. This helped with the Christmas spirit and love that was felt by the inmates and their families.

Thank you for all of your time, and support to continue this outreach of ministry to others, through prayer, donations, and Christian love. It is wonderful to have people give of themselves to those who find themselves in an unfortunate situation.

Sincerely, David C. Hogue, Warden
Sue Wiseman, Yokefellowship Prison Ministry
Three Rivers Area Council



Thank You,

We at the Armstrong Co. Chapter of the American Red Cross want to thank all the volunteers who participated in the blood drive at the First United Methodist church. Your kindness and efforts are truly appreciated not only by the Board of Staff of the Armstrong County Chapter but also by your community.



American Red Cross

Thanks for the wonderful lunch; it was so good—so appreciated. Thanks for being there for us and all the prayers. She is so missed.

The Family of Frances McKelvey



PIANO LESSONS

Learn how to play the piano. Give yourself or a son or daughter one of the most rewarding and challenging gifts of a lifetime. Children must be a minimum of 5 years of age and be able to read.

Adults of any age are welcome. The only requirements are a desire to learn and a piano at home to practice on. Have you ever regretted quitting lessons as a child for any of a mountain of reasons that you created to quit only to come to a regrettable decision? You can overcome that fear that made you quit. Learn to play for your very own enjoyment.





Please see me after church on a Sunday, call me at home 724-295-0050, or put a note in my inbox under "organist". I will need your name, address, telephone number, age (if under 21).

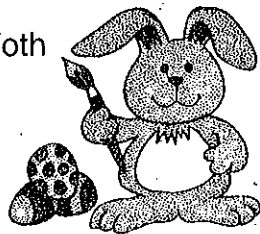
Come learn and have fun.

Kathy Mago





APRIL BIRTHDAYS


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- 1 Carlee Beers 2yrs 
(OOPS-listed last month as March 31st)
2 Matthew Rush
3 Andy Bussard
3 Jolena Reefer
4 Jessica Cornman
5 Bill Waters
9 Herb Coggon
10 Dennis Hoffman
12 Patty Bruno
12 Isaac Zielinski 
13 Bill Hake
14 Mary Anne Hankey
15 Isabella Aires
15 Dante Aires
15 Tony Green
15 Emily King
15 Alyssa Krozely
16 Gracie Kohl
19 Jane Shuttleworth
19 Meaghan Volek
22 Gregory "Mac" Toth
26 Kelly Aires
26 Linda Powell
27 Sally Felton
28 Robyn Green




APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

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- 5 Harry "Pat" & Jean Wolfe
17 Josh & Karen Ricketts
22 Melvin & Ruth Dalzell

APRIL SIFT




Thursday, April 21, 2011
12:00 PM Covenant Center
PROGRAM: Bill Elwood,
Gospel Singer
MENU: To be announced
Reservations are due by
Monday, April 18, 2011



Dan and Linda Cornman are proud to announce the engagements of their children and upcoming marriages:

Ryan Cornman became engaged to Sally Stover, daughter of Wendy Stover and the late Jim Stover of Tarentum, PA on 10-10-10. Ryan and Sally are both employed by Giant Eagle Corporate office at R.I.D.C. Park, Pittsburgh, PA. They will be married on October 8, 2011 at the Monroeville United Methodist Church, Monroeville, PA. Officiating will be Sally's uncle, Rev. Craig Peterson, Pastor of the Union Avenue, Manorville and Rogers Chapel Methodist Churches and Rev. Tom Barnicott of the Monroeville Church. Ryan's address is 4107 Wildcat Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

Jessica Cornman became engaged to Ethan Wright, son of Dan and Donna Wright of Kittanning (North Buffalo Twp.) on 9-11-10. Jessica works for Liberty USA in West Mifflin, PA and Ethan is employed by Key Bellevilles, Inc. in Leechburg, PA. Their wedding is planned for May 5, 2012 at the First United Methodist Church, Kittanning, PA. Officiating will be Dr. Allyn Ricketts, PhD and the Rev. Chris Heckert. They plan to reside in the area after their wedding. Jessica currently lives at 162 North South Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.





AN EASTER TREAT

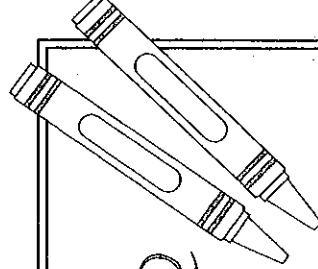
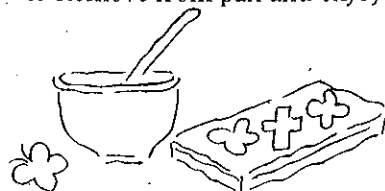
Make a special Easter treat for your family and friends.

You will need:

- Cookie cutters in the shapes of Easter symbols – butterfly, cross, flower – or other shapes.
- 4 small boxes or 2 large boxes of gelatin dessert, such as Jell-O®. Pick your favorite flavor.
- 2 1/2 cups boiling water. *(Ask an adult to help.)*
- Large mixing bowl.
- 13" x 9" pan.

How to make the treats:

- Pour boiling water into a large bowl.
- Add gelatin mix and stir for 3 minutes.
- Pour into a 13" x 9" pan.
- Put into the refrigerator until firm – about 3 hours.
- Cut the gelatin into Easter shapes with the cookie cutters.
- Remove from pan and enjoy!



Just for KIDS

Easter Surprises!



Connect the dots to find 2 symbols of Easter. Write the words in order on the lines below.

17 ● 18 ● 19 ● 20 ● 21 ● 22 ● 23 ● 24 ● 25 ● 26 ● 27 ● 28 ● 29 ● 30 ● 31 ● 32 ● 33 ● 34 ● 35 ● 36 ● 37 ● 38 ● 39 ● 40 ● 41 ● 42 ● 43 ● 44 ● 45 ● 46 ●

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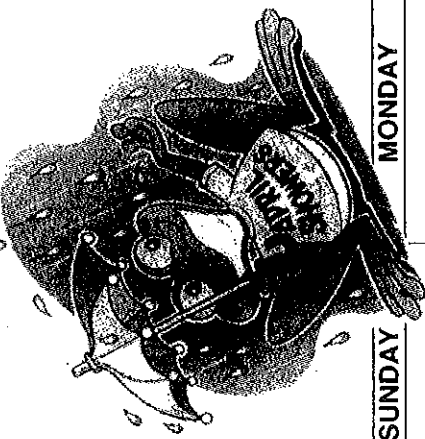
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40 41 42 43 44 45 46

Answer: God gave us Jesus Christ, His Son, the holy, loving righteous one. He died to save us all from sin, and on Easter day He rose again!



BRING MAY FLOWERS

APRIL



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 9:00 AM Lenten Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Communion 2:00 PM Camp 43 SUVCW-CC	4 8:30 AM CC Clean Team 6:30 PM Trustees	5 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 7:00 PM Staff Parish	6 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	7 8:30 AM OVR-CC	8 4:30 PM Lenten Fish Dinner	9 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
10 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship	11 3:00 PM Evangelism/ Outreach Finance 6:30 PM Church Council 7:30 PM Church Council	12 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship 6:00 PM AM Vets-CC	13 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	14 7:00 PM Friday Night Circle-CC	15 4:30 PM Lenten Fish Dinner	16 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
17 PALM SUNDAY 9:30 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship 12:00 PM Cookie Fellowship 2:00 PM Chapter 519-CC	18 8:00 AM WIC-CC APRIL NEWSLETTER	19 8:30 AM 3R's 6:00 PM Women Fellowship NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	20 6:00 PM Worship Team 7:00 PM Choir 10:00 AM Weight Watchers 5:00 PM Weight Watchers	21 12:00 PM SIFT-CC 7:00 Maundy Thursday Service	22 7:00 PM Good Friday Service	23 6:00 PM We Surrender-CC
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