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Lay Minister: Terri Wells



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Worship 11:00 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM **Email:** fumchurchkittanning@comcast.net

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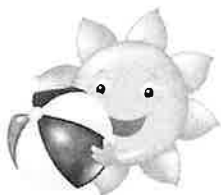
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Worship 9:45 AM

Email: mumc@windstream.net 724-763-1254

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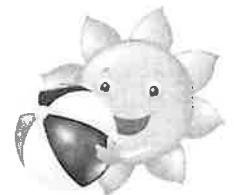
724-543-5012 Worship 9:00 AM



JUNE/JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please get articles to Audrey no later than

SUNDAY, May 15, 2022. Thank you





Pastor Deb's Message

This is why we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, and I won't be afraid. What can people do to me?" Hebrews 13: 6

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My grandmother lived with our family for many years. She split her time between my aunt and my mother. When she was at our home, she had a bed in the room that I shared with her. We talked a lot before drifting off to sleep. There were many nights when she would tell me of the dream she had a couple of times a week. She would dream of leaving the house without her shoes on.

Those who interpret dreams would say that my grandmother suffered from a lack of confidence, and they would be right. She never graduated from high school. Her only jobs were cleaning others' homes after she lost her husband at an early age. She grew up poor and her adult life was meager as well. In her more mature years, she was dependent on her adult daughters to house her and care for her.

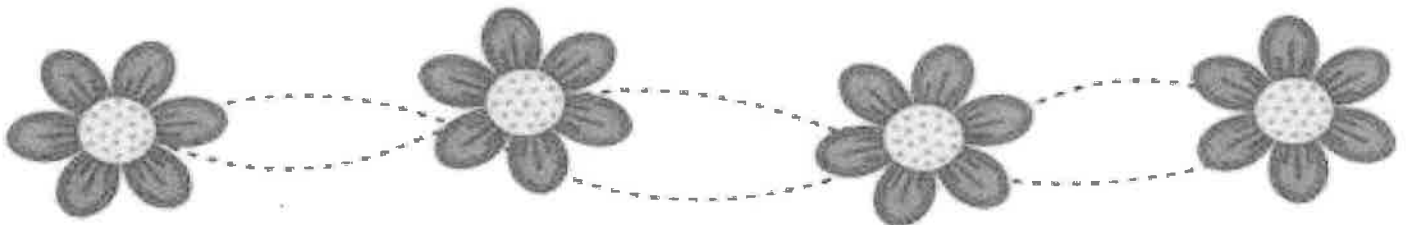
The people of the Hebrew church are suffering persecution and it is wearing down their commitment to faith in Jesus. Life would be so much easier if they gave into the world around them. So much of what Jesus taught is hard to put into practice in a world that is hostile to them. The author of Hebrews is concerned that this faith community will fall apart. He writes to encourage their faith and to warn them about falling away from Jesus. They have nothing to fear when Jesus is their helper and Savior. They can have confidence in their future when they rely on Jesus.

Our world seems to be a scary place these days and finding courage to face our challenges seems to be eluding us. But we have nothing to fear, for the Lord is our helper! We can move forward because our Lord is powerful and merciful and loving. We have confidence in Jesus to guide our steps and order our path and to walk with us wherever we go.

My grandmother was able to rent her own apartment the last few years of her life. She grew in confidence, making new friends and having the time of her life. She no longer mentioned her dream. She no longer left the house without her shoes.

Church, let's put on our shoes together and move out of God's house and into the world. We can do so, not because of our own strength, but because the Lord is our helper. We have nothing and no one to fear and we have a message to share. We have a message of the grace and love of Jesus to give.

Blessings, Pastor Deb



MAY LECTIONARY READINGS

May 2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

*Acts 9:1-6, Psalm 30,
Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19*



May 15, 2022,

5th Sunday of Easter

*Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148,
Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35*

May 8, 2022

Mother's Day

*Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23,
Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30*

May 22, 2022

6th Sunday of Easter

*Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67,
Revelation 21:10, 22-22;5, John 14:23-29*

May 29, 2022

Ascension Sunday

*Acts 16:16-34, Psalm 97,
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26*



FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

SOUND SYSTEM

1 John Yankasky
8 Tim King
15 Gabe Smith
22 Tim Scaife
29 Dave Yanoschick



COUNTERS

1 Ternent
8 Yankasky
15 Bureau
22 McKelvey
29 Scaife



USHERS

1 Albright/Dan Wolfe
8 Albright/Dan Wolfe & Communion
15 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
22 Asbury/Mary Jo Lipski
29 Epworth/Melissa Bureau



BELL RINGERS

1 Chelsea Beers
8 Caden King
15 Jocelyn King
22 Ashley Yankasky
29 Madelyn Smith



WELCOME CENTER

1 Sarah Heckert
8 Melissa Bureau
15 Karen Scaife
22 Beverly Patton
29 Mary Jo Lipski



ACOLYTES

1 Logan Green & Madelyn Smith
8 Ashley Yankasky & Carlee Beers
15 Evva Yanoschick & Chelsea Beers
22 Joey Kachur & Hallie Hoffman
29 Ryan Bish



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer is coming and as usual we will be taking a break from weekly Sunday School starting Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day weekends. The last day of regular classes (9:30-10:30) will be Sunday May 22nd. We're sure to see you at VBS in the middle of June and at worship services over the summer.





FIRST CHURCH MAY MISSION FOCUS

Our Focus for May Missions will be the clients at ARC manor. We will be collecting **Craft Materials** (wooden crafts to paint along with paints and brushes, bracelet making kits, yarn, beads). **Puzzle Books** (crossword, Sudoku). **Adult Coloring Books** with colored pencils and/or markers. **Journals** (Notebooks), **Scrapbooks**, and

Tie Dye Kits. These materials will aid the clients in their recovery process. Thank you for your continuing support.
Janet and Meaghan

FISH DINNER—THANK YOU!

We had another very successful year of Lenten Fish Dinners. We served a total of between 850 and 875 dinners which was down a few from the past few years where dinners were served. I would like to thank everyone who helped to make the dinners a great success. That includes all those who came to eat whether one, two, or as often as all six weeks. A special thank you goes to those who donated and baked pies. These donated pies are a huge part of making our fish dinners successful. Finally, a thank you to all who helped prepare, serve, and clean up each dinner. It is sometimes hard to realize that it takes so many to set up, prepare food, cut pie, take orders, direct and seat people, serve food and drink, manage the take outs, clear the tables, wash dishes, launder the aprons and towels, and do all the other things that need taken care of before, during and after each dinner. It is fantastic how people volunteer, show up, and just do what needs done. THANK YOU ALL.
Activities Committee

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School the week of June 20-24th. 9:00-noon each day for ages 3 years old thru 6th grade.

Join us on an adventure to the Knights for North Castle as we explore the Quest for the King's Armor. We'll enjoy Bible lessons, crafts, music, games, snacks and more with both old and new friends. Long range forecasts say we may expect to see some ** SNOW ** show up at the church during that week.



We're expecting a great return to "normal" VBS and will need a lot of hands to help out. If you are willing to volunteer in any way, please contact the church office or Sue Hankey. Remember, all VBS volunteers need to have their clearances completed and Safe Sanctuary training so we need to plan early.

HELP NEEDED IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

Crew Leaders – Responsible for taking daily attendance for a small group of children, walking with them to each activity and in general keeping them together and safe. It does not require any prep work outside of the VBS day and is not hard work, but it does require a fair amount of walking and up/down steps.

Drinks - Juice boxes or SMALL (8 oz) water bottles. Can be left in the library room.



**GROUP WILL MEET
SATURDAY, MAY 21ST
AT 9:00 AM**

MAY SIFT LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, May 19th, 2022

PROGRAM: Annual Talent Show

MENU: Hot Dogs with Buns, Baked Beans, Sauerkraut. Everyone attending is asked to bring a side dish or/and desserts to share.

Reservations by Monday, May 16th by calling the church 724-548-4312 or emailing at fumchurchkittanning@comcast.net.





FIRST CHURCH LINK PAGES

2022 VBS ALUMINUM CANS

FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We continue our aluminum can collection for Habitat for Humanity

Cans Received March 15th-April 15th—5,652

Total cans received through April 15th—40,268

Thanks C.W.(Manorville UMC) for 1,061 cans

Many thanks to everyone who is saving aluminum cans and bringing them to the church-at the ramp at the back of the church. If you haven't been saving aluminum cans, please start-soft drinks, juice, power drinks, tea, beer, cat food-Aluminum only-NOT "TIN CANS", food, soup, etc.



Thank you, The Can Man, Jim Ternent

ALL ARTISTS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

Spring is about to be sprung and thoughts shift to outside activities and summer will be here soon. The Fort Armstrong Festival will be coming as well. Along with that is the famous Covenant Center Art Show. Watch for further update and pick up your brushes and cameras. **READY – SET – CREATE**

Melissa Bureau



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Allie Green
- 5 Beverly Patton
- 7 Cody Weibel
- 10 Ellen Williamson
- 13 Jocelyn King
- 16 Janet McKelvey
- 18 Paul Fotheringham



- 19 Esther Kiss
- 21 Colton Podvorec
- 22 Gail Blaney
- 22 Martha Anne Bowser
- 24 Wayne Beers
- 25 Milly Tarr
- 27 Justin Schrecengost

MAY ANNIVERSARY

- 8 Norm & Donna King- 71 years
- 22 Paul & Vicki Fotheringham
- 24 Wayne & Brenda Beers
- 26 Edward & Kayla McGregor-10 years
- 28 Bob & Brenda Buzzinotti



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THANK YOU'S

Dear Friends at First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for participating in our "Change For Life" Program! We really appreciate your willingness to support life! God Bless You! Life Choices

Dear Sue, Audrey, Abby, Merissa,

Just a note of thanks for all the time and energy you spend with the youth. That was a wonderful performance on Palm Sunday. Everyone enjoyed it. Thanks again.

Sincerely, God Bless, Gail Blaney



FORD MEMORIAL LINK

MAY BIRTHDAYS

6 Kim Fello
 6 Rev. Ed Clarke
 9 Jim Hoffman-96
 9 Merle McKelvey



15 Margie Bryan
 18 Carol Bowser
 22 Clayton Croyle
 22 Ashley Neal
 29 Keith Rumbarger



UNION AVENUE LINK PAGE

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S MEETING

The April 4, 2022 meeting of the UAUMW was held at the Kittanning Cottages Community room with 11 in attendance. The meeting opened with the reading of the "Purpose of the United Methodist Women," led by President Karen Wolfe. Hostess: Peggy Say; Devotions: Donna Titus- A Psalm of David 103; Minute Missions: Ellen Nelson- "A Place for New Beginnings"; Prayer Calendar: Peggy Say. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and approved.

Thank You's Received:

Community Action Agency for supporting families for Christmas and additional money. Thank you from the family we supported.

Thank you from Lynn Sibley for supporting Ramps of Hope.

On April 5, 2022 Marion Center is having a program to support Ukraine.

On April 13, 2022 Lynn Sibley and Sandy McKee will be taking donated items to the Mission Barn. Items collected at Union Ave. will be taken to the Mission Barn at a later date.

We received requests for donations from The Salvation Army and World Gospel Missions.

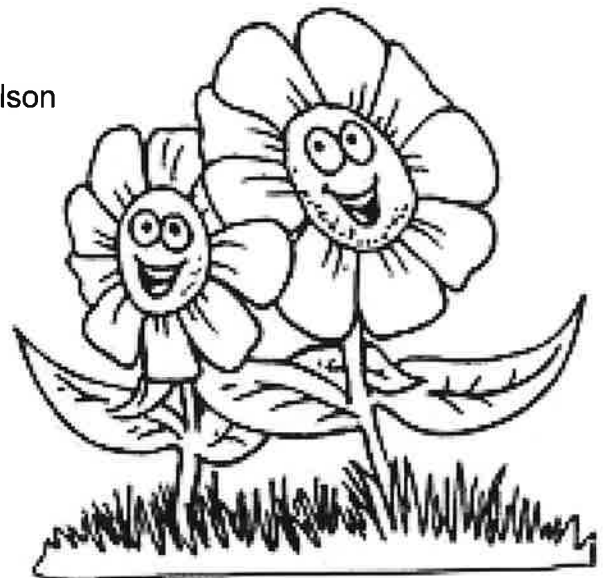
Pastor Deb talked with Terri Wells about needs of Social Workers in the Foster Care Program; most needed are diaper bags with supplies for baby boys and baby girls-3mos. size. Karen will check on cost of items.

Please be thinking of ways to raise funds to support our mission giving. We will discuss at our next meeting which is September 12, 2022.

Meeting closed with the reading of the UMW Prayer.

Motion made and seconded and passed to close meeting.

Secretary, Ellen Nelson



MAY BIRTHDAYS

3 Karen Wolfe
 24 Ellen Nelson
 27 Dick Say





MANORVILLE LINK PAGE

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Justin Hawk
- 8 Sean Wrona
- 8 Katy Wrona
- 12 Keith Petrie
- 15 Patrick Arblaster



- 20 Paul Wrona
- 22 Jack Bennett
- 24 Ellen Nelson
- 25 Lorraine Zielinski
- 31 Glenn Lytle
- 31 Carrissa Reitler



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Rick & Cheryl Anderson
- 23 Randy & Irene Reesman
- 25 John & Cheryl Welch

MANORVILLE FINANCIAL COUNTERS

- 1 JB & Jack
- 8 Mike & Lu
- 15 Nancy Busch & Nancy Gaul
- 22 Steve & Lu
- 29 Steve & Lu

MEMORIAL DAY SUNDAY

May 29th is Memorial Day Sunday weekend-we will have two large RED geraniums as altar flowers which will be planted outside afterwards.

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH Steve will be our speaker

CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE

Church Rummage Sale on June 4th, 2022 during the Manorville Community Yard Sales 8am - 2pm

Items can be brought in anytime after Licensing School graduation on April 23rd. Tables in the basement will be lined up at that time. Spring cleaning has begun so remember your church when you're deciding what to keep or what to donate.

Help is needed to price items before the sale and on the day of the sale. Let Luella know if you are available.

Proceeds from the sale will be divided between "Cadence" (the Christian support group for the military in Colorado that Ken Say is leading) and the Building Fund.

Our kitchen will be open and Nurture will be looking for donations of food and help that day, also. Let Lisa Czapor know if you can help. We will try to have a mini bake sale if we have bakers to help us out.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 5th is Pentecost Sunday so we will be collecting donations for red carnation altar flowers for that Sunday. Carnations will be \$2.00 each and the order forms will be in the May bulletins for your convenience in ordering. You are welcome to take your carnations home with you after the worship service on June 5th.

As church attendance numbers fade across the nation and online services become very convenient, it's important to remember why church attendance for you and your family matters so much. You can't serve from your sofa. You can't have community of faith on your sofa. You can't experience the power of a room full of believers worshiping together on your sofa.

Christians aren't consumers. We are contributors. We don't watch. We engage. We give. We sacrifice. We encourage. We pray by laying hands on the hurting. We do life together.

THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU!! AND YOU NEED THE CHURCH!!

Michael Carl



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Week of June 20-24
9:00-noon

Registration is Recommended by JUNE 12. Complete the form below and return to FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH in person, or email to fumchurchkittanning@comcast.net OR go to the church website and register online www.firstchurchkittanning.com\vbs

Child Information (one per form please)

NAME _____	Age *
ADDRESS _____	*3 years by Jan 1, 2022
PHONE _____ Home Church _____	Birthdate
Email _____	Grade Completed
PARENT(S) _____	_____
In case of Emergency, contact _____	If Pre-School age, will this child begin Kindergarten this year?
Phone _____	___ Yes ___ No

Any allergies? _____

To streamline dismissal at noon, provide greater security and reduce traffic at the doorways, can you please list the names of all other children that this one will be leaving with (i.e. brothers, sisters, cousins, neighbors that are also attending VBS and leaving our church together)

Do you prefer to enter the sanctuary to pick up your child or do you prefer to stay in your car and your child to be escorted to your car at noon?

___ **Parent (or other adult) to enter sanctuary and pick up child**

___ **Parent (or other adult) to remain in car and child to be escorted out to car**

(more information will be provided on changes to dismissal).

"Like" us on Facebook to see pictures of the fun during the week!

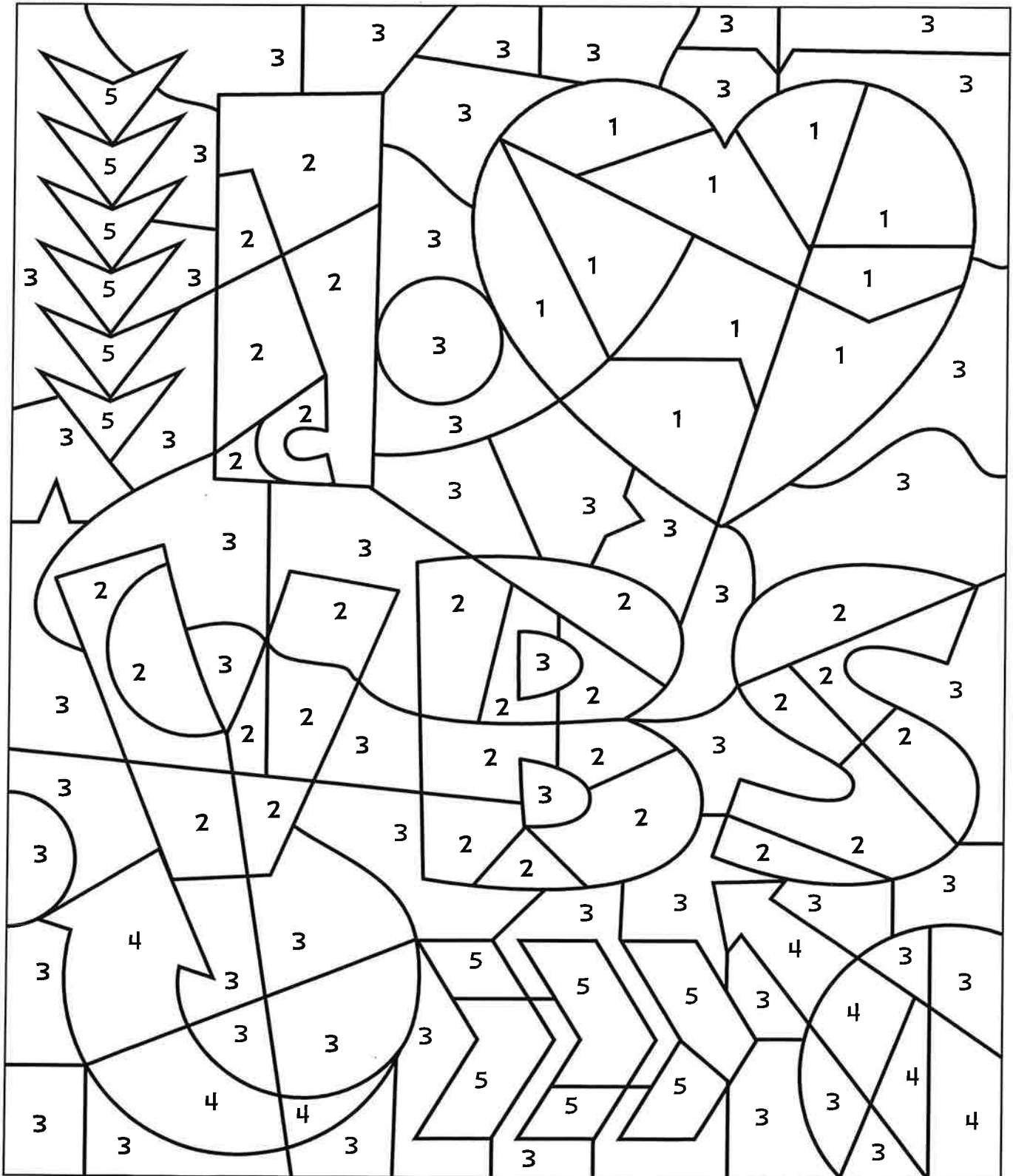
PLEASE COME, LEARN, HAVE FUN AND INVITE A FRIEND!

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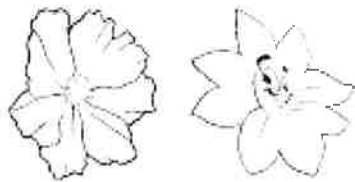


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1=RED • 2=BLUE • 3=YELLOW • 4=ORANGE • 5=GREEN



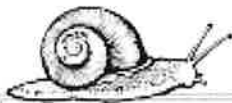
Join us for Knights of North Castle VBS!



Spring



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BUGS	CHICKS	HATCH	NEST	SPROUT
BUNNY	FLOWERS	INSECTS	RABBIT	TULIP
BUTTERFLY	FROG	LADYBUG	ROBIN	WORM

