

# Crossroads

The Newsletter of First Presbyterian Church of Green Bay

March 2011

Where God's Dream is Alive

## Organ Fundraising Campaign Slated for Spring

The Organ Campaign Committee is working toward a spring fundraising drive to raise the necessary money to rebuild the church's organ.

The committee of Bruce Deadman, Lisa Deleeuw, Ross Early, Kirke Ryder, Tom Schoffelman and Dennis Siewert was recently approved by Session and has started planning the campaign details to raise the anticipated \$160,000 needed to rebuild the organ. Earlier this year the congregation voted in favor of rebuilding the organ and holding a special funding campaign.

Please watch for campaign details while prayerfully considering your gift to enhance this vital ministry of our church.



## Dinner with a Cause

Tuesday, **March 1** there are two special events that you can be a part of. Dinner with a cause will be held at the UWGB Ecumenical Center on campus. The event will allow students the opportunity to give spare change to raise funds for clean well water in third world countries. We will be serving dinner to approximately 70 students. The Mission and Social Concerns Committee will be providing pulled pork sandwiches, cole slaw, and chips. There is a sign up sheet for those from church who can bring deserts and/or volunteer with set up (anytime after 4:15 p.m.) and clean up. The dinner will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.



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Please welcome Crystal Symticzek as the newest member of our staff, filling the position of Nursery Attendant. Crystal comes to us with a passion for children and child care. She grew up on a dairy farm in Arcadia Wisconsin, with her parents and three brothers. Crystal is also employed at Tiny Town Daycare in Suamico and Bellevue. We are truly blessed to have such a talented and caring young lady carrying for our young children.



## A Note from Pastor Randy



I am excited about the upcoming Lenten Season. This year we will be studying and discussing a classic spiritual text. It is the book *Life Together* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. We have ordered 40 copies of the book. If you did not sign up for one, you can always pick one up at Barnes & Noble or order it online.

On the first two Sundays of March, Dr. Michael Lukens will be here to introduce us to the life of Bonhoeffer. On March 6, he will show the Doblmeier documentary film, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Pacifist, Nazi Resister* (2003). On March 13, he will return to discuss the film and give us his perspective as a Bonhoeffer scholar. Both events will begin at **5:15 p.m.** and take place in the Fellowship Room. We will start with a potluck on **March 6** and with chips sub-sandwiches on **March 13**. The presentations will begin at **6:00 p.m.**

## Why Go to Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday... "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 203,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:



Nursery care will be provided for those with young children. We will conclude at **7:30 p.m.**

Bonhoeffer's work is not always easy to understand. He was a German theologian whose writings are now nearly three quarters of a century old. However, *Life Together* has become a classic exploration of Christian community and will richly reward those who reflect on its insights and wisdom. Do not be frustrated if you come across a sentence or paragraph that seems to make little sense! (It might assume a German context that is unfamiliar to you.) Most of the text is a clear and compelling account of what constitutes genuine Christian community.

I have written discussion questions for each of the chapters. These questions will soon be appearing on my blog. <http://firstprespastor-randy.wordpress.com>

I would encourage you to join a group that meets weekly to share, listen and learn. May God bless our efforts to be a vital community of faith.

Peace to you,  
Pastor Randy

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!" When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

## Mission Statement

### To fulfill God's plan

To know, love, and serve God  
To welcome, spiritually enrich,  
and love one another.

## Vision Statement

We extend a warm and friendly spiritual environment that encourages and empowers people to **worship and serve God**. We live and *change with contemporary issues* while *maintaining traditional values, ethics, and Presbyterian practices*. We are guided and sustained by God as we follow a flexible strategic plan that addresses growth, simplifies and prioritizes our objectives, and facilitates a vibrant ministry.

Through our ministry we:

- ◆ **Serve, lead, and live** a lifestyle of Christian discipleship.
- ◆ **Engage** in local, national, and global mission & social concerns.
- ◆ **Offer** Christian education and fellowship opportunities where *all* feel a sense of belonging.
- ◆ Provide a sanctuary to rest, be restored, and be nourished during these busy and turbulent times.

We are a **community of faith** where *diversity* is celebrated, individual *spirituality* is strengthened, *cooperation* is the common good, and *understanding* and *love* of one another is paramount.

## Newsletter Deadline!

The deadline is **March 21!** Please submit your articles to Jodie Harmsen or place them in the newsletter mailbox in the workroom.

Contributors for this issue are Dennis Siewert, David Wilson, Pastor Randy, Leah Mott, Megan Jurrens, Tom Schoffelman, John Early, and Linda Cigler. Thank you!

## Church Life

### Congratulations!

Eli James Solper was baptized on February 27. He is the son of James and Andrea Solper and his grandfather is Ken Solper.



### Prayer Circle:

#### New Concerns:

**Dennis Siewert, Gina Phillips, Marilyn Merrell, Ann Hannon and Bobbie De Laurelle.**

#### Special Concerns:

**Bill Burns**, Bellevue Retirement Community; **Ralph Rasmussen**, Angel's Touch Assisted Living in DePere; **Alice Ackerboom**, Bornemann Nursing Home; **Dorothy Shell**, Marla Vista; **Blossom Witt**, Woodside Manor III; **Louise Anderson**, Woodside Oaks; **Marie Renier**, Marla Vista; **Catherine Parkinson**, at home; **Peggy Wolfe**, Renaissance; **Eileen Warner**, Rebecca Haven Nursing Home; **Marguerite Schader Hall**, Bellevue Retirement Community and **Virginia Turner**, (Brian Hulse' mother) Columbus, Ohio.

#### Ongoing Concerns:

**Olivia Roosa** (granddaughter of Sue and Allan Russell) **Gerald Van Pay** (brother of Gary Van Pay), **Margo Escott** (Tom Escott's sister), **Barb Lasnoski**, at home, **Rose Marie Rhoads** (Linda Van Pay's sister), **Don Kisela's** parents, **Caroline Olsen** (grandmother of Teri Olsen), **Cheri Housel** (Ginny Amen's niece), **Scott Zernicke**, **Meredith Ingram**, **Barbara Batal**, **Heather Lasnoski**, **Richard Parkinson**, **Dayle Rosen**, **Scotty Herman** (Green Beret), (grandson of Elsie Herman), serving in Afghanistan.



## Church Leadership Elders

### Class of 2011

Nancy Siewert, Lisa Olson, Kirke Ryder and Phil Mikulsky

### Class of 2012

John Early, Jay Rietz, Dawn Spang, and Tammy Escott

### Class of 2013

Brian Hulse, Kay Davis, Brian Kage, and Hollister Jansen

### Clerk of Session:

Tammy Escott

## Deacons

### Class of 2011

Carol Mickelson, Lynne Shoher, And Connie Early

### Class of 2012

Ann Argall, Russ Christensen, Holly Gehri, and Sue Mikulsky

### Class of 2013

Susan Rietz, Deb Shoher, Abby Jackson, and Amy Wittman

## Staff

### Pastor:

The Reverend Dr. Randy Argall

### Director of Christian Education:

Megan Jurrens

### Administrative. Assistant:

Leah Mott

### Financial Secretary:

Linda Cigler

### Music Ministries:

Allan Russell (Choir Director)  
Don VerKuilen (Organist)  
Jenny Solper (Pianist)  
Mary Steeno (Children's Choir)

### Custodian:

Mary Belanger

## Finance

### 2011 - Ministry Budget Year to Date: January 31, 2011 –Status

Budgeted Giving To Date	\$ 17,483.83
Received Amount	\$ 18,281.70
Special Gifts	\$ 0.00
Budgeted Expenses To Date	\$ 23,863.25
Actual Expenses To Date	\$ 22,484.43
Other Income Budgeted	\$ 19,025.00
Received to Date	\$ 3,742.62
Endowment Budgeted	\$ 14,000.00
Amount Used To Date	\$ 27,300.00
Bequest income Budgeted	\$ 6,000.00
Amount Used to Date:	\$ 6,000.00

#### 2011 Ministry Budget Expenses

\$286,359.00

#### 2011 Ministry Budget Income

\$270,517.00

#### 2011 Ministry Budget Special Note:

Approved Budget has a deficit of \$15,842.00

#### Special Giving Opportunities

2011 Capital Budget for Special Projects \$10,332.00.

- Carpet Cleaning \$ 132.00
- Sidewalk Repairs \$ 500.00
- Landscaping \$ 3,500.00
- Ski Trip \$ 700.00
- Personnel & Administration \$ 8,500.00



### Meeting Highlights

The Finance Committee continues to work monitor the current Ministry Budget. All investments were reviewed and some changes were made. The Committee had a lengthy discussion about celebrating the gifts that members through their volunteering give to First Church.

The Scrip Program was reviewed. Discounts have been reduced and member purchases have declined. This has caused administration and time spent on the program not to be viable.

The Finance Committee approved a request from the Worship Committee for pole displays for banners; funding from undesignated Memorial Funds.

### Ministry Cash Flow December, 2010

Beginning Balance	\$3,128.01
Receipts from Offering	\$22,024.32
Receipts from Perpetual 5%	\$0.00
Receipts from Bequest	\$6,000.00
Expenses	(\$22,484.43)
Payroll tax and transfer timing differences	\$961.48
Ending Balance	\$9,629.38

**The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change, and the realist adjusts the sails.**

**- William Arthur Ward**

### Give Away Everything Now or Plan for Tomorrow and Beyond

If a church receives a sizable bequest, one of the options is to place these monies in a permanent fund with the provision that it distributes “grants” from income only, which would total approximately 5% of the corpus each year. This somewhat patient form of expenditure really means that after 16 years the amount distributed would equal the amount if the whole corpus had been distributed initially, but in fact significant distributions would continue to be made.

To be specific on this observation, using a 5% spend rate for distributions and an 8.4% Total Return on investment, after 16 years the grants from \$1,000,000 would total \$1,016,150 and the corpus would have grown to \$1,731,271. At that point the **annual** distributions, which started out at \$50,000 will have become \$80,575.



### Little Blue

Hi. I thought I would give you an update of the status of the Per Capita giving for 2010 as reported at the recent Annual Congregational Meeting. The total giving was \$3,247.00 and the payments to Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly totaled \$9,734.00.

The total 2011 giving to-date as of mid February, from my little blue envelopes, has come to \$2,683.00. Way to go! Keep up the good work and thank you to all that have given to date.

## Christian Education/Special Interest Groups

### Men's Bible Study

During March and April we will join other Bible study groups in the Congregational Lenten Study of 'Life Together' by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Our group will begin on Saturday, March 12 and continue each Saturday through April 23. We will meet in the Fellowship Room from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 am.

All members and friends of the church are welcome to come and study with us.

### Teacher Review Rescheduled

Teacher Training that was set for **March 20** has been moved to **April 3** during Sunday School. All Sunday School classes will meet in banner hall at 9 a.m.

### Ash Wednesday Services

On **Ash Wednesday, March 9**, there will be brief "Imposition of the Ash" services at **12:15 p.m.** and **6:30 p.m.**



### Tuesdays with Mauthe and Friends

On **March 1**, Pastor Randy will be speaking in the "Tuesdays with Mauthe and Friends" series. The evening begins at **7:00 p.m.** with heavy hors d'oeuvres with lecture and conversation to follow. The topic of the presentation is "Reformed Spirituality." To prepare for the event, or if you are not able to attend, check out Pastor Randy's blog.

<http://firstprespastorrandy.wordpress.com>



### The Symbolism of Ashes

On the first day of Lent, pastors in many churches dip a finger in ashes (often made by burning palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday) and make a cross on parishioners' foreheads.

God's people have used ashes as a sign of mourning, humiliation and penitence. In the Old Testament, ashes were used as a purification offering. The New Testament speaks of repenting in "sackcloth and ashes" (Luke 10:13, NRSV).

On **Ash Wednesday**, Christians are pained because our sins — private and public — led to Jesus' death. With repentant hearts, we begin the season of Lent, knowing it leads to resurrection on Easter Sunday.

### Summer Camp

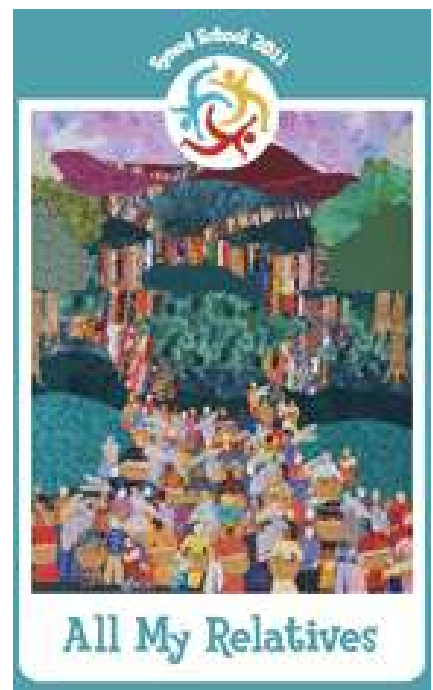
Summer is coming! It may be the beginning of February, but camping opportunities are just around the corner. Information about the Moon Beach/Pilgrim Center camps are now available! Find the online catalogue, scholarship applications and camp applications on their website at <http://www.ucci.org/forms-downloads/>


If your registration is postmarked on or before **March 15th** deduct \$10.00 from the balance due per person for full week events. If your registration is postmarked on or before **April 15th** deduct \$5.00 from the balance due per person for full week events. The early registration discount for partial week events is half of the amount scheduled. Family Camps do not qualify for early registra-








### Synod School

Dates for the 2011 Synod School have been posted for July 24-29 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake Iowa. Find out more information at



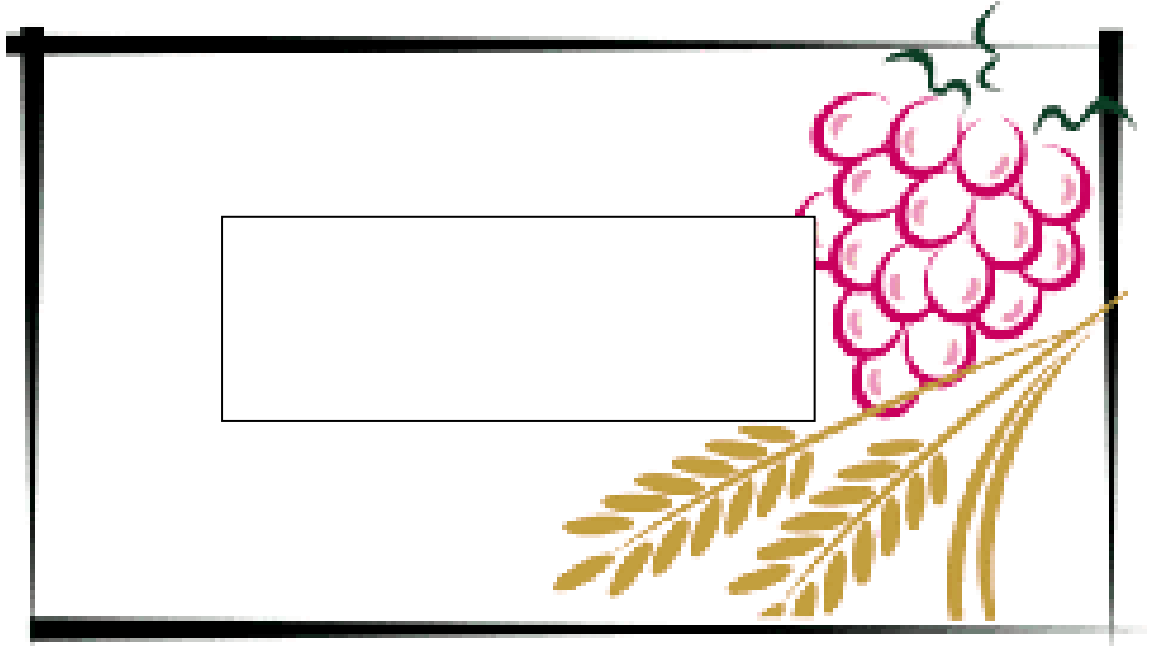
Groups / Special Interests	March Birthdays!	
<p><b>An Idea from Paul</b></p> <p>In ending his first letter to the Corinthians the Apostle Paul gave them this instruction:</p> <p>“Now concerning the collection for the saints: you should follow the directions I gave to the churches of Galatia. On the first day of the week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come.”</p> <p>I Corinthians 16:1-2 NRSV</p> <p>In following Paul’s instruction to put aside from our extra earnings or gifts we have received we will always have funds set aside to give to special needs requests. What a wonderful idea.</p>	<p>Catherine Parkinson</p> <p>David Solper</p> <p>Marilyn Van Langendon</p> <p>Mary Ginnebaugh</p> <p>Melinda Kisela</p> <p>Brittany Hicks</p> <p>Harland Merrell</p> <p>Kaitlyn Ryder</p> <p>Brett Price</p> <p>Jean Maes</p> <p>Tom Halloran</p> <p>Amy Hearley</p> <p>Don Kisela</p> <p>Kay Cartier</p> <p>Ruth Windmuller</p> <p>Chad Burbey</p> <p>Barb Lasnoski</p> <p>Loni Mc Cormick</p> <p>David Young Jr.</p> <p>Bill Burns</p> <p>Jim Mitchell</p> <p>Andrew Bostedt</p>	<p>Nadine Johnson</p> <p>Lori Jansen</p> <p>Barry Siewert</p> <p>Meghan Siewert</p> <p>Nick Phillips</p> <p>Jennifer Wavrunek</p> <p>Kyle Burbey</p> <p>Jane Dittmer</p> <p>Roberta Brand</p> <p>Michael Lasnoski</p> <p>Jessica Laughrin</p> <p>Jenny Rowell</p> <p>Gary De Laruelle</p> <p>John Clemens</p> <p>Joshua Mickelson</p> <p>Lisa Olson</p> <p>Robin Staudenmaier</p> <p>Christian Cox</p> <p>Kassandra Ford</p> <p>Julie Johnson</p> <p>Chuck Spang</p> <p>Andy Early</p>
<p><b>Pres Folk</b></p> <p>We had a grand time at our February meeting. We enjoyed the slide presentation given by Mrs. Pat Fasanella and Dennis and Judy Lempereur. They toured the Netherlands and Belgium last spring and their pictures were both interesting and beautiful</p> <p>Our March meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Room at 1:00 pm. Our speaker will be Mohamed R. Zakarya. Mohamed is a pre-med student at UWGB. He will be sharing his life story, an overview of the teachings of Islam (perhaps the five pillars), and willing to answer any of our questions.</p>		
<p><b>The Truly Successful Life</b></p> <p>According to the Bible, true success comes when we do what God requires of us, namely “to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly” with him (Micah 6:8, NRSV). God wants us to use the talents and gifts he’s given us to pursue his kingdom on earth.</p> <p>Success comes when we share our achievements, blessings and wisdom with others, especially people who are hurting or in need. Success comes when our family is tied together with love, prayer and worship — and when we share one another’s struggles, successes and goals.</p>	<p><b>Who is My Neighbor?</b></p> <p>Peter Lovenheim was dismayed by the isolation he felt in suburban Rochester, New York. After a murder occurred down the street, he realized none of the neighbors seemed to know — or care — about one another. The mailman told Lovenheim most people would rather give misdelivered mail back to him than walk it over to the person next door. An elderly woman said she’d once fallen on the street and had to crawl home because no one came to help.</p> <p>That prompted Lovenheim to engage in a bold experiment: He asked to spend a</p>	<p>night at each of his neighbor’s homes. Lovenheim documented the results in the book <i>In the Neighborhood: The Search for Community on an American Street, One Sleepover at a Time</i>.</p> <p>As Lovenheim and his neighbors got to know one another, they learned that a single mom was being treated for breast cancer. They took her to appointments, brought her groceries, met her daughter at the bus stop after school and even installed a light over a dark staircase. By searching for community, Lovenheim and his new friends helped create it.</p>

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 Personnel and Administration 9:00 – 12:30 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Early Headstart 3:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Dinner for a Cause 5:30 – 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2 Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>3 Stephen Ministers 6:00 – 7:30 pm</p> <p>Nativity Catholic Church</p>	4	5
<p>6 Children's Choir Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 –9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am Communion</p> <p>Communion for the Homebound 1:15 – 4:00 pm</p> <p>Michael Lukens potluck and film 5:15 –7:30 pm</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7 Buildings and Grounds 6:30 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>8 Food Pantry 10 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Early Headstart 3:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Seymour Park Mtg. 5:30 –6:30 pm</p> <p>Christian Education 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>9 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> 12:15 &amp; 6:30 pm</p> <p>Mission and Social Concerns 5:30 –7:00 pm</p> <p>Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>NO Lectionary Study</p>	<p>10 Esther Circle 1:00 –3:00 pm</p> <p>Worship Committee 7:00 – 9:00 pm</p>	11	<p>12 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00 am – 10:00 am</p>
						
<p>13 Children's Choir Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 –9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Michael Lukens Discussion &amp; potluck 5:15 – 7:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Finance Committee 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>15 The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Early Headstart 3:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Church Chix 6:00 – 8:00 pm at Eve's Supper Club</p>	<p>16 Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>17 Pres Folk 1:00 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Stephen Ministers 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Nativity Catholic Church</p> 	18	<p>19 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00 am – 10:00 am</p>
<p>20 Children's Choir &amp; Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am</p> <p>Walker Baby Shower 1:30 –4:00 pm</p> <p>Bible Study "Finding Balance" 5:00 –7:00 pm</p> <p>Confirmation Class 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>21 Staff Meeting 11:30 am – 12:30 pm</p>	<p>22 Food Pantry 10 am – 12:00 pm</p> <p>The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Session 6:30 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p>23 History and Preservation 9:30 – 11:00 am</p> <p>Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>24 Deacons 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	25	<p>26 Men's Breakfast and Bible Study 8:00 am – 10:00 am</p>
<p>27 Children's Choir &amp; Adult Study 8:45 am</p> <p>Sunday School 9:00 – 9:45 am</p> <p>Worship 10:00 am Solper Baptism</p>	<p>28 Evangelism 5:30 –7:00 pm</p>	<p>29 The Commoner's 12:15 – 2:00 pm</p> <p>Tatters 12:30 – 3:00 pm</p> <p>Early Headstart 3:00 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>30 Stewardship 5:15 pm – 7:00 pm</p> <p>Youth Group 6:15 – 7:45 pm</p> <p>Chancel Choir 7:00-8:00 pm</p> <p>Lectionary Study 7:00 –8:00 pm</p>	<p>31</p> 		

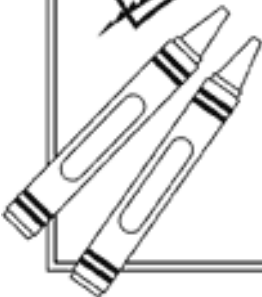
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# PUZZLE

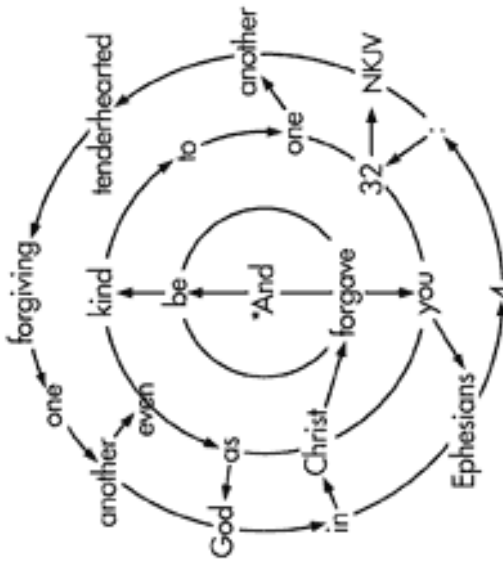


## WHY FORGIVE?



This Bible verse teaches an important lesson about how we should treat others — and why.

Directions: Start with the asterisk in the center circle and follow the arrows. Write the words in order on the blanks below.



And

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Answers: And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32, NKJV