

Prayer Requests

Tom's parents, Jean & Dick Forbes
 Alison's mother, Isabel Fain
 Ginny Flick
 Lawrence Cook
 Floretta Kelly
 Peggy Peer
 Gloria Harrell-Cook
 George Tasker
 Virginia Metcalf
 Our country and our troops
 People who are caregivers to family members
 Orphans of Belize
 Glynna & Shawn Harbaugh
 Family of Valerie Grogan

Francie Becker
 Theresa Wolford
 Nina McCarty
 Paula Swayne
 LauraNell Hill
 Lauren Cook
 PPC ministry
 Toni McCarty
 John Michael Hartman
 Jack & Tess Tasker
 Missionaries in Belize
 Jim Wilson
 Artie Hartman

TAKE TIME TO PRAY

thank you

for your service to your church in May

Ushers & Greeter

May 3 Francie Becker & Maxine Groves
 May 10 Cindy and Ed Scheermesser
 May 17 Kathy and Mike Boyce
 May 24 Andi Grady and Buck Knott
 May 31 Debbie and Mike Hartman

Money Counters

May 3 Mike and Debbie Hartman
 May 10 Kathy and Mike Boyce
 May 17 Sandra Chilcote and Erma Landis
 May 24 Erma Landis and Andi Grady
 May 31 Denise and Darlene Spitzer

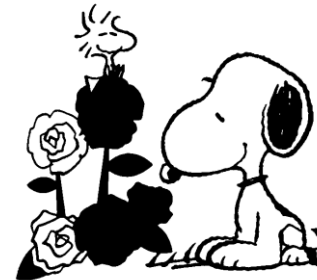
Liturgist

May 3 Lori Evans
 May 10 Sandra Chilcote
 May 17 Francie Becker
 May 24 Laura Groves
 May 31 Kermit Becker

Communion servers

May 24 Barbara Murphy
 Lori Evans
 Laurie Groves
 Denise Spitzer

TAKE TIME TO STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES



Spring Fling Hymn Sing and Ham Dinner

Be filled with the spirit and good food, and
 enjoy the fellowship of the community!



Sunday, May 3, 2015
 Piedmont Presbyterian Church
 63 Ashfield St., Piedmont, WV
 5:00 PM Dinner
 Hymn Sing to Follow

Featuring Don Stephens,
 Music Leader

Questions? Call 304 788 6755
 No cost



May 4 Tina Lynch
 May 7 Jonathan Bostic
 May 14 Patrick Boyce
 May 15 Evie Groves
 May 16 Nikki Boyce
 May 19 Devin Lynch
 May 22 Brandon Lynch
 May 24 Mary Agnes Carnell

Youth Sunday School

Teachers are Glynna Harbaugh, Cindy
 Scheermesser and Jeanne Thrasher and
 Frances Becker leading music

Adult Sunday School

The Adult Class uses the *We Believe* series.
 Sandra Chilcote is our Adult Teacher

Unit 2: Community of the Beloved Disciple

Coworkers With the Truth (3 John)

Unit 3: One in the Bond of Love

Gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-11)
 The Spirit Creates One Body (1 Corinthians 12:14-31)
 Gift of Languages (Acts 2:1-7, 12; 1 Corinthians 14:13-19)
 The Greatest Gift Is Love (1 Corinthians 13)

The worship committee is looking for congregational members to
 sign up for the duty of liturgist from June 21st through the end of
 the year. Please see Francie Becker if you can do this for our
 worship services.

Calendar of up-coming May events:

Sunday, May 3 Food Pantry Collection Sunday
 Spring Fling Hymn Sing 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 10 Mother's Day—presentation during worship

Monday, May 11 Presbyterian Women's meeting

Sunday, May 17 PW Birthday Offering Celebration—dinner
 following worship

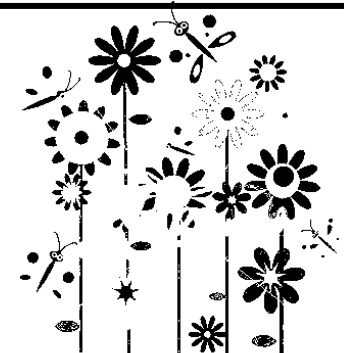
Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday—communion will be served
 Remember to WEAR RED

Monday, May 25 Memorial Day

Women of the Bible answers:

1) a. Hagar (Genesis 16: 3—4) 2) a. Rebekah (Genesis 27:
 1—29) 3) b. Moses (Exodus 2: 1—10) 4) b. Turned to a
 pillar of salt (Genesis 19: 26) 5) a. Hannah (1 Samuel 1: 1—
 28) 6) c. Sarah (Genesis 21: 3) 7) a. She was thrown out a
 palace window...(11 Kings 9:33) 8) b. Boaz (Ruth 4:13)
 9) a. Deborah (Judges 4:4) 10) d. Benjamin (Genesis 35:
 16—18) 11) b. Elizabeth (Luke 1: 57—60) 12) c. Dorcas
 (Acts 9: 36) 13) c. Sapphira (Acts 5: 1—10)

WEAR
SOMETHING
RED FOR





Thank you to Kermit Becker for ringing our church bells one Thursday in April at 3:15 p.m. for a period of 4 minutes. This was a request from the National Park Service. The bell ringing marked the end of the Civil War in 1865. The surrender was signed at or near this date. Thanks to Kermit Piedmont Presbyterian Church added our voice to those of church bells across the nation and made a joyful noise of thanksgiving to the Lord.

Thank you to Shawn Groves for researching and acquiring a new tripod for our video recording of Sunday worship services. This makes the video much smoother. Live streaming of Sunday's sermons continues to do well. Check it out—www.piedmontpresby.org. We thank Shawn for his technical expertise with this project. This is a great outreach ministry for our church.

Our annual One Great Hour of Sharing collection concluded the last Sunday of April. A total of \$1,170.00 was collected. Thank you for all who donated. Your generosity is an amazing blessing.

Francie Becker and the Worship committee are asking for volunteers to sign up for liturgist beginning June 21st through the end of the year. You may choose a date that is fitting with your schedule. Francie is in hopes of completing the entire year, so volunteers may call her or give her your choice on Sunday mornings.

"New Chapter" a local singing group will be performing on Sunday, May 17th at 3:30 at the South end playground by the Keyser swimming pool. See Lori Evans for further details.



Women in the Bible

There are many Bible stories about women who played important roles in the early church. Beginning with Eve and including heroines like Sarah and Esther, the list is long. Choose the best answer to each of the following:

- 1) Ishmael's mother and the handmaiden of Sarah, Abraham's wife, was_____
a. Hagar b. Merriam c. Moishmael d. Hannah
- 2) What mother helped one of her twin sons trick his father in order to obtain a blessing!
a. Rebekah b. Rachel c. Ruth d. Hagar
- 3) Whose mother was paid to be his nurse?
a. Jesus b. Moses c. John the Baptist d. Samuel
- 4) Lot's wife disregarded his instructions to flee the town of Sodom and not look back. She _____
a. Decided to stay without her family
b. Turned to a pillar of salt
c. Was crushed by falling buildings
d. Met up with some friends.
- 5) This mother took her son to the temple to serve God out of gratitude for hearing her prayer for a child.
a. Hannah b. Ruth c. Mary d. Sarah
- 6) Who was Isaac's mother?
a. Ethel b. Beulah c. Sarah d. Keturah
- 7) How did Jezebel die?
a. She was thrown out of a palace window and trampled to death by horses.
b. She died of old age.
c. She got leprosy and died very slow and painfully.
d. She starved to death.
- 8) When Ruth's husband died, whom did she marry?
a. Mahlon b. Boaz c. Elimelech d. Pharez
- 9) What woman was a judge of Israel?
a. Deborah b. Esther c. Miriam d. Ruth
- 10) Rachel died giving birth to whom?
a. Joseph b. Simeon c. Asher d. Benjamin

- 11) Who was the mother of John the Baptist?
a. Sarah b. Elizabeth c. Mary Magdalene d. Rebecca
- 12) Tabitha was more commonly known by what name?
a. Elizabeh b. Mary c. Dorcas d. Sarah
- 13) Who lied to the Holy Spirit and an apostle, and then died with her husband?
a. Mary b. Dorcas c. Sapphira d. Jezebel



7 Wonders of the World

A group of Geography students studied the Seven Wonders of the World. At the end of that section, the students were asked to list what they considered to be the Seven Wonders of the World. Though there was some disagreement, the following got the most votes:

- 1. Egypt's Great Pyramids,
- 2. Taj Mahal,
- 3. Grand Canyon,
- 4. Panama Canal,
- 5. Empire State Building,
- 6. St. Peter's Basilica,
- 7. China's Great Wall.

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student, a quiet girl, hadn't turned in her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The quiet girl replied, "Yes, a little. I couldn't quite make up my mind because there were so many."

The teacher said, "Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help." The girl hesitated, then read, "I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

- 1. to touch
- 2. to taste
- 3. to see
- 4. to hear
- 5. to run
- 6. to laugh
- 7. and to love.

She hesitated a little, and then,

It is far too easy for us to look at the exploits of man and refer to them as "wonders" while we overlook all that God has done, regarding them as merely "ordinary."



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The Lord be with you!

In my seminary travels through the Hebrew Old Testament I have been shown some interesting words such as this one. It is *chesed*. The *ch* has a hard *k* sound that is guttural so it's pronounced from the back of the throat with lots of phlegm. Generally, this word means *goodness* and *kindness* and is often associated with the promises of the Lord. It is the essential quality of covenant relationship. For example, Psalm 119:41 says "Thy loving kindness also come to me, O Lord, Thy salvation according to Thy word" (NAS). Other renderings of the word are *loyalty*, *faithfulness*, *favor*, *grace* and *love*. *Chesed* has a sense that the Lord has an obligation to the community of Israel who are God's people, an obligation freely undertaken, to be sure, and not one of necessity.

Other times, however, *chesed* is used in regard to people as the criterion on which human character is judged. People are to act with the loving kindness of the Lord with the same obligation to the community. In one example, Joshua sent spies into Jericho in Joshua 2. They stayed with the prostitute, Rahab who protected them. She asks for a sign of good faith and they say to her, "Our life for yours if you do not tell this business of ours...we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." Another is in the story of Ruth, the Moabite. In chapter 1 Naomi blesses her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah, after the death of her husband and sons, "May the Lord show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me" (NIV). Later, in chapter 3, Ruth is similarly blessed by Boaz, "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier: You have not run after the younger men, whether rich or poor." Apparently Boaz was flattered by the attention of this younger woman even though she was a foreigner. Ruth is called a valorous woman of strength, trust, and *chesed*, much like the woman of Proverbs 31.

The *chesed* shown by Rahab and Ruth transformed lives, indeed transformed history, and bound them freely to the community and to the Lord. All *chesed* is from the Lord and this association is drawn tighter when we realize that Rahab and Ruth are identified in the lineage of Jesus of Nazareth in Matthew 1.

What does the Lord require of you? Do justice. Love *chesed*. And, walk humbly with your God (Mic. 6:8).

Blessings,

Tom



2015 Birthday Offering

What is the Birthday Offering? The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

History of the Birthday Offering? In 1922, to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary (PCUS), it was decided that an offering should be made for a definite cause. That same year, Hallie Paxson Winsborough, superintendent of women's work, visited Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Kochi, Japan. Realizing the school's needs, she challenged members of the Women's Auxiliary to give one penny for each year of their life as a birthday gift to the school. Over the years, that tradition has become known as the Birthday Offering. Presbyterian Women have given more than \$29 million in support of mission projects throughout the world.

2015 Offering Recipients: After reviewing numerous proposals, the Creative Ministries Offering Committee chose Community of St. Therese of Lisieux and Bethesda Christian Community Center to receive grants from the 2015 Birthday Offering. Gifts to the 2015 Birthday Offering will allow these ministries to support women in Memphis, Tennessee, and Barranquilla, Colombia, who are overcoming oppressive, violent situations. The actual grant amounts for these worthwhile programs will depend on gifts received in 2015. The goal for the offering is \$500,000.

Bethesda Christian Community Center
Oxford Presbyterian Church (Ohio) and Seventh Presbyterian Church (Colombia)
Barranquilla, Colombia

Sister churches Oxford Presbyterian Church (Ohio) and Seventh Presbyterian (Colombia) want to improve the lives of displaced and abused women and children who live in the impoverished neighborhood of El Por Fin in Barranquilla. Your gift to the 2015 Birthday Offering will help Seventh Presbyterian Church build a new community center to replace the inadequate structure that the church currently uses for its programs. The mission of Bethesda Christian Community Center is to promote social change in the lives of the women and children fleeing brutality related to the drug trade. Many take up residence in this area where they live in abject poverty. Your


gift will also support expanded programs in tutoring, sports, culture and Bible study, and help build a kitchen and storeroom so that the community center can provide meals to more women and children.

The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux
Breaking Free: Empowering Victims of Sexual Human Trafficking, Prostitution and Addiction
Memphis, Tennessee

The Community of St. Therese of Lisieux is a nonprofit, two-year residential community in Memphis, Tennessee, specifically created to address the needs of women seeking to learn a new way of life after surviving prostitution, human trafficking and addiction. Its ecumenical, community-based project, Breaking Free, provides support and education for these women, helping them live lives of productive service to themselves and others. CSTL provides food, clothing and shelter to the women it serves, coordinates various types of medical care for them and works with them to transition to independence. Your gift to the Birthday Offering will allow CSTL to purchase and renovate the property it is currently leasing and buy equipment for training and vocational skills development. Your gift will improve the lives of the increased number of women the program will serve, their families and the community.

Presbyterian Women will celebrate their Birthday Offering on Sunday, May 17th during worship and with a luncheon immediately following worship in the fellowship. Please plan to stay for this special celebration with good food, great fellowship and birthday cake!

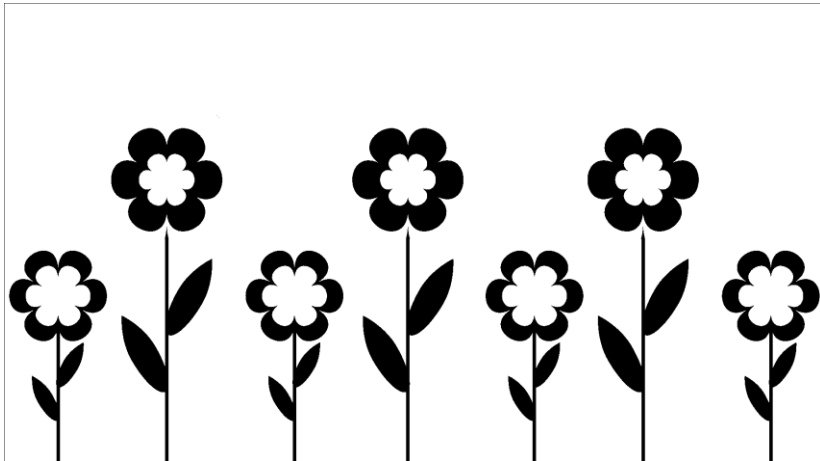


	<p>Memorial Day</p> <p>We set aside Memorial Day Each and every year To honor those who gave their lives Defending what we hold dear. In all the dark and deadly wars, Their graves prove and remind us, Our brave Americans gave their all To put danger far behind us. They made the ultimate sacrifice Fighting for the American way; We admire them and respect them On every Memorial Day.</p>
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I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the Son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection
That we will rise again
For I believe in the name of Jesus

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe, in the name of Jesus

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord ♥



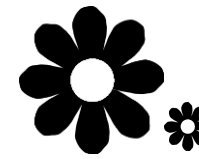
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May 2015



May Worship Services & Lectionary Readings—2015 Year B

Sunday, May 3

**5th Sunday of Easter
Food Pantry Collection Sunday**

Acts 8: 26—40
1 John 4: 7—21

Psalms 22: 25—31
John 15: 1—8

Sunday, May 10

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10: 44—48
1 John 5: 1—6

Psalm 98
John 15: 9—17

Thursday, May 14

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1: 1—11
Ephesians 1: 15—23

Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
Luke 24: 44-53

Sunday, May 17

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1: 15—17, 21—26
1 John 5: 9—13

Psalm 1
John 17: 6—19

Sunday, May 24

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2: 1—21 or Ezekiel 37: 1—14
Romans 8: 22—27 or Acts 2: 1—21

Psalm 104: 24—34, 35b
John 15: 26—27; 16: 4b—15

Sunday, May 31

Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6: 1—8
Romans 8: 12—17

Psalm 29
John 3: 1—17

Sunday, June 7

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Samuel 8: 4—20; 11: 14—15
2 Corinthians 4: 13—5:1

Psalm 138
Mark 3: 20—35

*Happy
Mother's
Day*



Jesus Loves Me This I Know

A church in Atlanta was honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at that time and one would wonder why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak....
"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials.. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... the only thing that would comfort was this verse.....

"Jesus loves me this I know.
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong,
we are weak but He is strong.....
Yes, Jesus loves me.... The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it the best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me":

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS) YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME..
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.
(CHORUS)

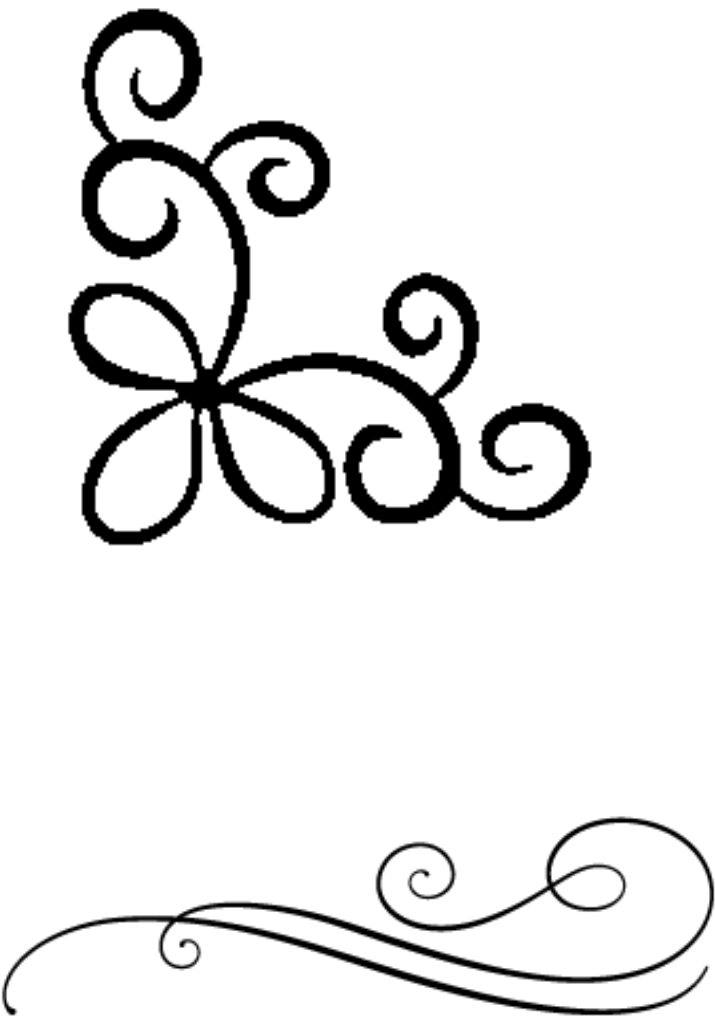
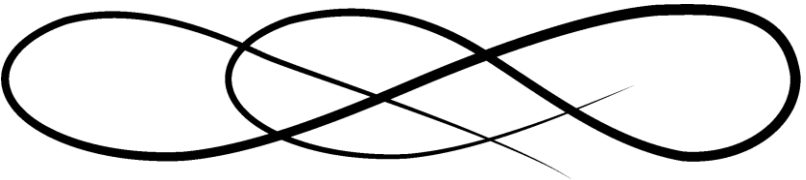
When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song..

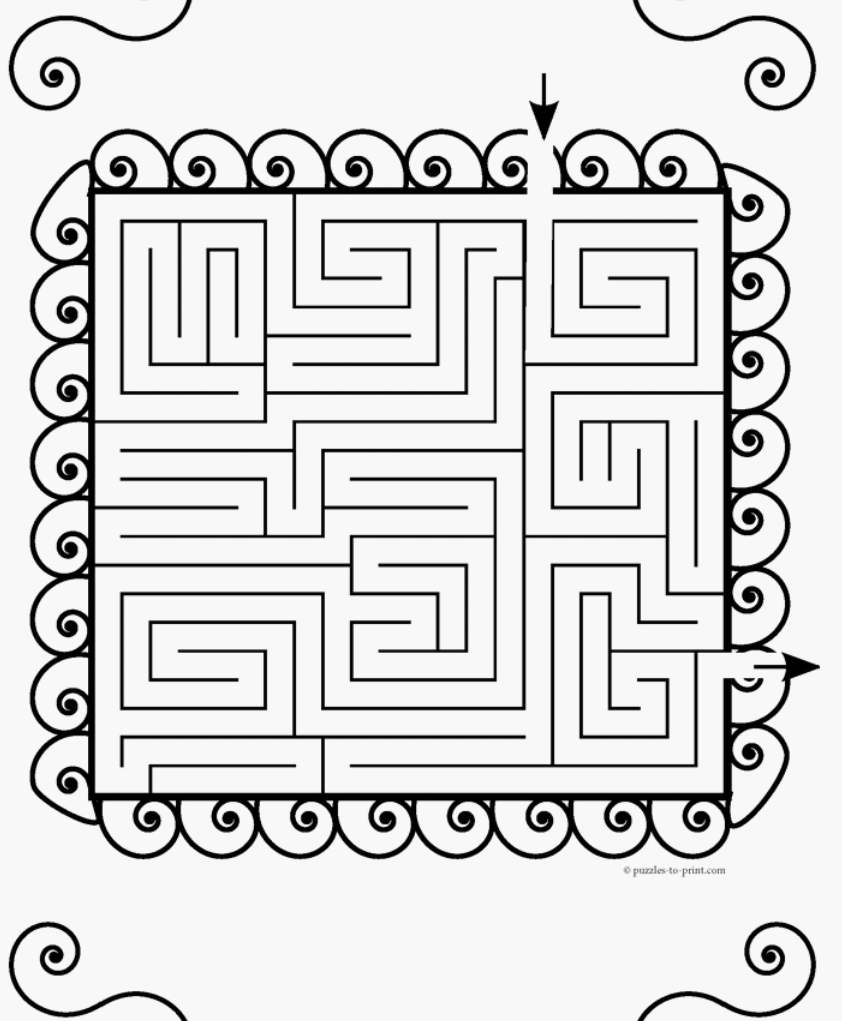
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."
(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won.
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.
(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.
(CHORUS)

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**Did you make
God smile today?**



**Mother's
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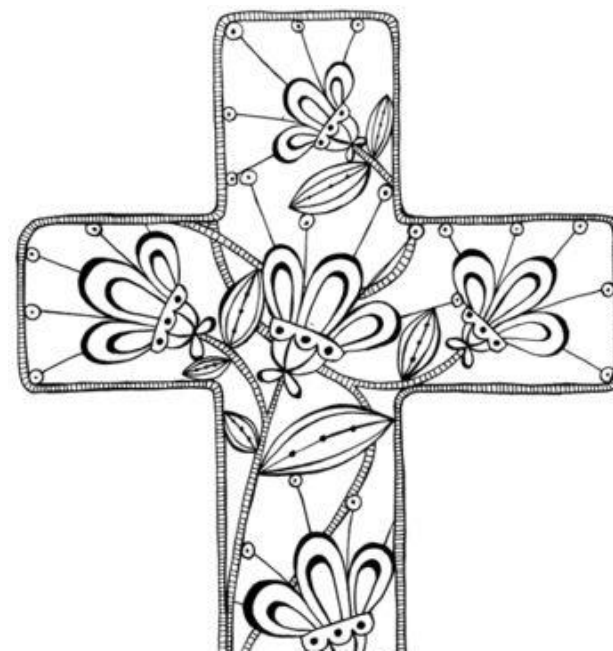
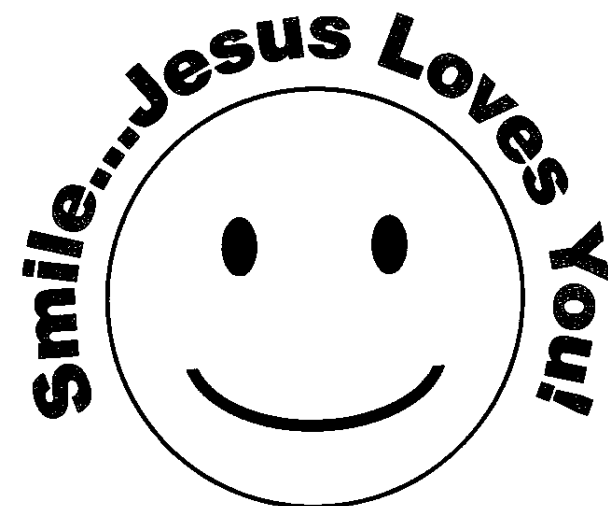


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My mom's favorite thing to do is

I love it when my mom

My mom's favorite food is

My mom is really great at

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