



Trinity United Methodist Church

Sunday, January 28, 2024

10:45 am



Prelude

MaryRose Clark

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Deb De Vos

* **Call to Worship**

Leader: The world cries to us in its distress. How shall we answer?

People: We cannot pass by as though nothing is wrong.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We cannot become so focused on ourselves that others mean nothing to us.

Leader: How shall we answer?

People: We shall be the neighbor in service, reconciliation, and compassion wherever we can. In Jesus' Holy Name. AMEN.

* **Opening Hymn**

"O God of Every Nation"

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* **Passing of the Peace**

Children's Time

Ginny Thorp

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Mark Holland

Hymn of Preparation

"Jesu, Jesu"

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Message

"You Belong Here: Us and Them"

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Offering Of Our Gifts

Offertory Anthem

"Hear Us, O Father"

Chancel Choir

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication

God of compassion and mercy, we remember Jesus' parable of the Samaritan, who came upon a man beaten and bleeding and felt compassion and gave him care. From this parable, we use the name "Samaritan" for an act of compassion or a good deed, missing the point that what you would have us see was not a deed or act but a whole way of living. In the same way, you long for not the act of our offerings, but a life lived giving ourselves selflessly for others. We know you can transform acts of giving into lives of giving, and we pray that boldly in the name of Jesus, who gave all. Amen.

* **Closing Hymn**

"For the Healing of the Nations"

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* **Benediction**

Postlude



*Please stand if you are able

Our acolyte this morning is Lillian Waskis

The flowers on the altar are given by Gail Howell in memory of Barry Latella and Shirley Seibold. To donate flowers, contact Donna Torkos at 908-684-8284 or donnatorkos1@gmail.com.

Join us next weekend as we continue our “You Belong Here” sermon series with “You Belong Here – We All Belong at the Table” using the scripture – I Corinthians 10:14-17.

February 3rd - 5:00pm – Saturday Night Worship

February 4th – 9:15am – Contemporary Worship

9:15 am - KidVenture & Church School

10:45am – Traditional Worship

Prayer Concerns

Betty Sharrett, Raymond Anderson Jr., Steve Flatt, Kyle Brenner, Wyatt, Darlene Meeh, Arthur Koenig, Jim Risley, Erica Hays, Nikki, Josh and Riggs, Maddie Gross, Marie Savokinas, Claude & Nancy Buchman, Linda & Carmen Feula, Paul & Jan Wells, David Wells, Rich Lindblad, Gail Hatfield, Matthew Lott, Sue Bernard, Nancy Scarano, Joan Caldwell, Ted Ziegert, Tom & Ginny Thorp, Terry & Donald Perrine, Gary Valentine, Anthony Pami, Meghan MacDonald, Matthew McKinnon, Abigail Brown, Linda Blazier, Bradley, Meghan W., Clark Tesh, Danny

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:25-37 (NRSVue)

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Pastoral Team

Rev. Erica Munoz – Lead Pastor

Rev. Dr. Deb De Vos – Associate Pastor

Rev. Donald Gebhard – Pastor of Outreach & Worship

Ginny Thorp – Congregational Care Lay Minister

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O God of Every Nation

1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3. Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us, and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

WORDS: William W. Reid, Jr., 1958

MUSIC: Welsh hymn melody; harm. by David Evans, 1927

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Jesu, Jesu

Refrain (Unison)

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh-bors are rich and poor, neigh-bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 white, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

WORDS: Tom Colvin, 1969 (Jn. 13:1-17)
 MUSIC: Ghana folk song; adapt. by Tom Colvin, 1969; harm. by Charles H. Webb, 1988

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 Irr. with Refrain

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1. For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2. Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3. All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4. You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing of the things that
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing, dog - mas that ob -
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness bring the life of

earth af - fords; to a life of love in ac - tion help us
 go in peace. Show us how through care and good - ness fear will
 scure your plan. In our com - mon quest for jus - tice may we
 Christ to mind, that by our re - sponse and ser - vice earth its

rise and pledge our word, (pledge our word) help us rise and pledge our word.
 die and hope in - crease, (hope in - crease) fear will die and hope in - crease.
 hal - low life's brief span, (life's brief span) may we hal - low life's brief span.
 des - ti - ny may find, (may find) earth its des - ti - ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan, 1965 (Rev. 21:1-22:5)
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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Announcements

Worship Attendance

| January 13/14 | In Person | Facebook Peak Views |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 5:00 | 55 | 12 |
| 9:15 | 83 | 37 |
| 10:45 | 96 | 24 |

Please note that online numbers represent devices.

-United Methodist Special Sundays- United Methodists celebrate on specific days to unite and make clear the commitment of the church as the people of God, and to give everyone the opportunity to contribute to special programs approved and supported by the Church. We will celebrate **Human Relations Day next weekend, Feb 3/4, by taking a special offering** which will go directly to The United Methodist Church. We are called to make an impact in communities where our brothers and sisters in Christ lack the resources or tools to reach their God-given potentials. Our gifts are part of building beloved community through faith-based volunteer programs, community developers and programs that work with at-risk teens. For more than half a century, United Methodists have observed this churchwide special Sunday in recognition of the message Jesus demonstrated during his life: *Each of God's children are equally important.*

-Staff Appreciation - Please join the Lay Personnel Ministry Team in our Staff Appreciation Event ~ Warm Fuzzies - Love on Our Staff, happening February 11th, 18th and 25th! There will be mailboxes in the foyer with the name of each staff member and their position on it. Paper will be provided for the congregation to write them a small note of thanks and appreciation for all that they do for us here at Trinity UMC and put it in their mailbox! We will collect all the notes on February 25th and distribute them to each staff member. What a great way to let our staff know how appreciated they are!

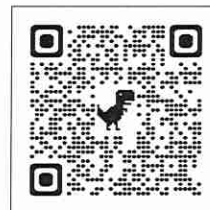
-Secret Angel – It is that time of year again! Secret Angel is back, and we are super excited. This is an opportunity for all ages of the Trinity community to come together. We are looking for participants, ages 3-year-olds – 4th grade, as well as those interested in being the “Secret Angels”. Signup in person in Starr Hall on January 21st or 28th or by using the QR code.



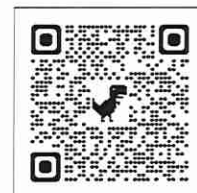
-Confirmation Classes Begin – For anyone in 8th grade or above on **Sunday, February 11th** at 9:15am. Information and the Confirmation calendar along with the registration form can be found in the foyer or through the church office.

-Trinity's Friendship Circle - "Love Makes The World Go Round." Join us on **Monday, February 5th** at 1:00 pm Heath Village as love comes to life through music, song, stories, poems and chocolate treats! Mr. D {Gerry} will be at the piano as we play "Name That Tune" and guess the title of the song. Stories, poems and jokes will be shared and best of all we will share the joy of our chocolate fountain and all the goodies! Do not miss this sweet gathering! Bring your friends your family and your sweetheart! Hope to see you then! Pastor Erica will be available beginning at 12:30pm if you wish to come early.


-Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper – will be held in Starr Hall on Tuesday, **February 13th** from 5:30-7:00pm. A free will donation will be taken at the door to support Trinity's Youth Ministry. Use the QR code to RSVP to ensure we have enough for all.



-Calling all Youth! – The Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is a fund raiser for YOUR programs, help is needed and greatly appreciated! Please use the QR code to sign up for the activity/time you can help with.



-Ash Wednesday Worship - will be held Wednesday, February 14th at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. The service will also be livestreamed. Ashes will be available, but imposition of ashes is completely optional.

-Senior Social - Come and enjoy fellowship and activities with other seniors! Coffee and a snack will be provided. You are invited to bring a friend. Karen Fowler will be leading an informative discussion on how to organize your taxes and where to go for help. Come and enjoy lots of time for conversation and some Valentine's treats  in Trinity House on Thursday, February 15th from 1:15 - 2:45 pm.

-The United Methodist Men are having their 17th Annual Hoagie Sale. You may order your hoagie through Sunday, February 4th using the Just Say Yes form. Hoagies will be available for pick up, on Saturday, February 10th at SNW, or Sunday, February 11th from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon. For only \$10.00 you have a choice of one of two hoagies, with or without onions. All profits go to the Mathias Torgersen Scholarship Fund. Last year, UMM provided a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating high school student. Please make checks payable to "Trinity UMC" with "UMM Hoagies" in the memo section.

-UMM Breakfast – There will be NO UMM Breakfast in February.

-Appalachia Service Project - We'll be traveling to central Appalachia the week of July 13-21, 2024. If you are currently a high school freshman or older you qualify! No experience necessary, just a willingness to serve by helping repair substandard housing and share God's love for all. ASP applications will be available on the Trinity website, the foyer or the church office shortly.

- The Appalachian Service Project Mission Team – will be hosting a Talent Show on Friday, February 23rd in Trinity House. Everyone is encouraged to share their talents. There will be food for sale during the show, and a free will offering taken. If you are interested in being part of the entertainment, please use Just Say Yes #3 or contact Tony Albanese.

-KidVenture Wednesday Night Family Worship- All are invited on the fourth Wednesday of the month to gather in Starr Hall from 5:30-7:30pm. We gather for worship, pizza, kid crafts and adult study. This service is geared toward PreK- 6th grade.

- VBS 2024 – Save the date – SCUBA, diving into friendship with God, will be held July 22 – 26 from 9:00am – 12:15pm. Watch for more details.

This Week at Trinity January 29 – February 4

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|------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| Monday | 5:30 pm | Basic Spanish | TH Room 400 |
| | 6:00 pm | Music Room | Littlest Angels |
| Tuesday | 7:00 pm | Music Room | Agape Ringers |
| | 7:00 pm | Zoom | Tuesday Evening Bible Study |
| Wednesday | 9:00 am | TH Room 401 | Wednesday Bible Study |
| | 6:30 pm | Upper Room | Youth Ministry |
| | 7:00 pm | Music Room | Chancel Choir |
| Thursday | 11:00 am | Zoom | Centering Prayer |
| | 7:00 pm | Room 104 | Church & Society |
| | 7:00 pm | Sanctuary | Celebration Praise Band |
| Saturday | 8:00 am | Upper Room | Men's Bible Study |
| Sunday | 10:30 am | Room 104 | Sunday Morning Bible Study |
| | 7:00 pm | Starr Hall | Pickleball |

Just Say Yes - Opportunities To Serve

1. **Secret Angel** - It is that time of year again! Secret Angel is back, and we are super excited. This is an opportunity for all ages of the Trinity community to come together. We are looking for participants, ages 3-year-olds – 4th grade, as well as those interested in being the “Secret Angels”.

_____ Yes, I would like my child to have a Secret Angel.

_____ Yes, I would like to be a Secret Angel.

2. **ASP Talent Show** – The ASP team will be hosting a Talent Show on Friday, February 23rd in Trinity House. Everyone is encouraged to share their talents. There will be food for sale during the show, and a free will offering will be taken.

_____ Yes, I/we would like to participate in the Talent Show on February 23rd.

My/our talent is - _____

3. **Confirmation** – Classes begin for anyone in 8th grade or above on February 11th at 9:15am. Information and the Confirmation calendar along with the registration form can be found in the foyer or through the church office.

_____ Yes, I would like the registration form for Confirmation.

4. **UMM Hoagie Sale** – Orders will be taken through Sunday, February 4th. Hoagies will be available for pickup Saturday, February 10th at SNW or Sunday, February 11th between 9:00 am and 12:00 noon. Each hoagie is \$10 with all profits going to the Mathias Torgersen Scholarship Fund. Last year, UMM provided a \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating high school student. Please make checks payable to “Trinity UMC” with “UMM Hoagies” on the memo line.

_____ Italian Hoagie (onion)

_____ Turkey and Cheese (onion)

_____ Italian Hoagie (no onion)

_____ Turkey and Cheese (no onion)

Number Hoagies _____ x \$10 = _____ (total)

Pickup: Saturday (2/10) _____ Sunday (2/11) _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email _____



Join us for the Season of Lent at Trinity as we undertake a spiritual journey. Our worship series, "Gifts of the Dark Woods" focuses on those dark wood moments in our lives that are filled with uncertainty, failure, emptiness, lost-ness, temptation and so many other challenges.

And yet, there are gifts to be found if we embrace them. We are not going to talk about just how to get out of it, as if life is good only when we are not there. What if times of uncertainty, failure, or emptiness are opportunities for spiritual awakening? Uncertainty can help us let go of our fear of the unknown. Emptiness can leave room for new possibilities. Thunderstruck moments can offer insight. Getting lost invites us to heighten our awareness. Temptation can help us know our true path. And reaching out to other "misfits" on the journey enriches our experience of life and love.

And through it all, God is with us.

Lent is a time of our worship year that evokes journey. It draws us into an introspective stance where growth happens. Worship at Trinity in February and March is an opportunity to bring this experience of depth to your own spiritual journey.

There's a path... though it winds its way through darkness
We would choose... to avoid it if we could
We awake... to an unexpected calling
God says, "come... there are gifts in the Dark Wood"

Lent at Trinity

Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30-7:00 pm ~ Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper in Starr Hall

Wednesday, February 14th at 7:30-9:00 am ~ Drive Thru Ashes

February 14th at 7:00 pm ~ Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary

Gifts of the Dark Wood Small Groups begin Sunday, February 18th several to choose from

Saturday, March 2nd from 10:30 am-3:00 pm ~ Lenten Day Apart at Drakestown UMC

Saturday, March 16th at 9:00 am ~ Lenten Day of Service ~ Rise Against Hunger in Starr Hall

Thursday, March 28th at 7:00 pm ~ Maundy Thursday Service with Last Supper Reenactment

Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm ~ Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

Saturday, March 30th at 5:00 pm ~ Easter Saturday Service in Trinity House

Sunday, March 31st at 9:15 and 11:00 am ~ EASTER WORSHIP in the Sanctuary

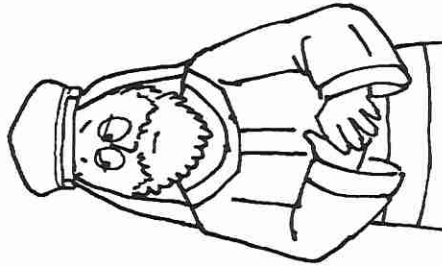
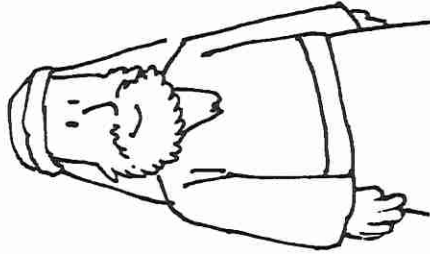
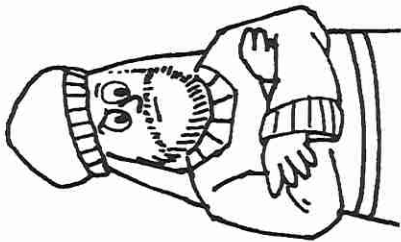


GIFTS OF THE DARK WOOD

| Date | Time & Start Date | Leader | Meeting Method | To sign up please provide your Contact Info. Name/Email/Phone |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Sunday | 10:30am Feb 18 | Pastor Deb /Pat Riegler | In-Person in Room 401 | |
| Monday | 6:30pm Feb 19 | Jenny and John Forestiere | Their home Hampton, NJ | |
| Tuesday | 7:00pm Feb 20 | Ginny Mitchell and Jerie Berkowitz | Zoom | |
| Wednesday | 9:00am Feb 21 | Pastor Erica | In-Person in TH Room 401 | |
| Wednesday | 7:00pm Feb 21 | Glenn Ashton and Richard Wade | In-Person TH Room 401 | |
| Saturday | 8:00am Feb 24 | Darrel Haytaian | In-Person Hybrid | |
| Lenten Day Apart - Saturday | March 2 10:30am-3:00pm | | Drakestown UMC | |
| Lenten Day of Service - Saturday | March 16 8:30am | | Starr Hall | |

Which man showed mercy?

Circle the man who helped. Trace the letters.



MERCY

Ages 3+

Luke 10:25-37

The Good Samaritan

Jesus told a story about a man who was attacked by robbers.

Find and count how many.

1 or 2 ? 3 or 4 ?



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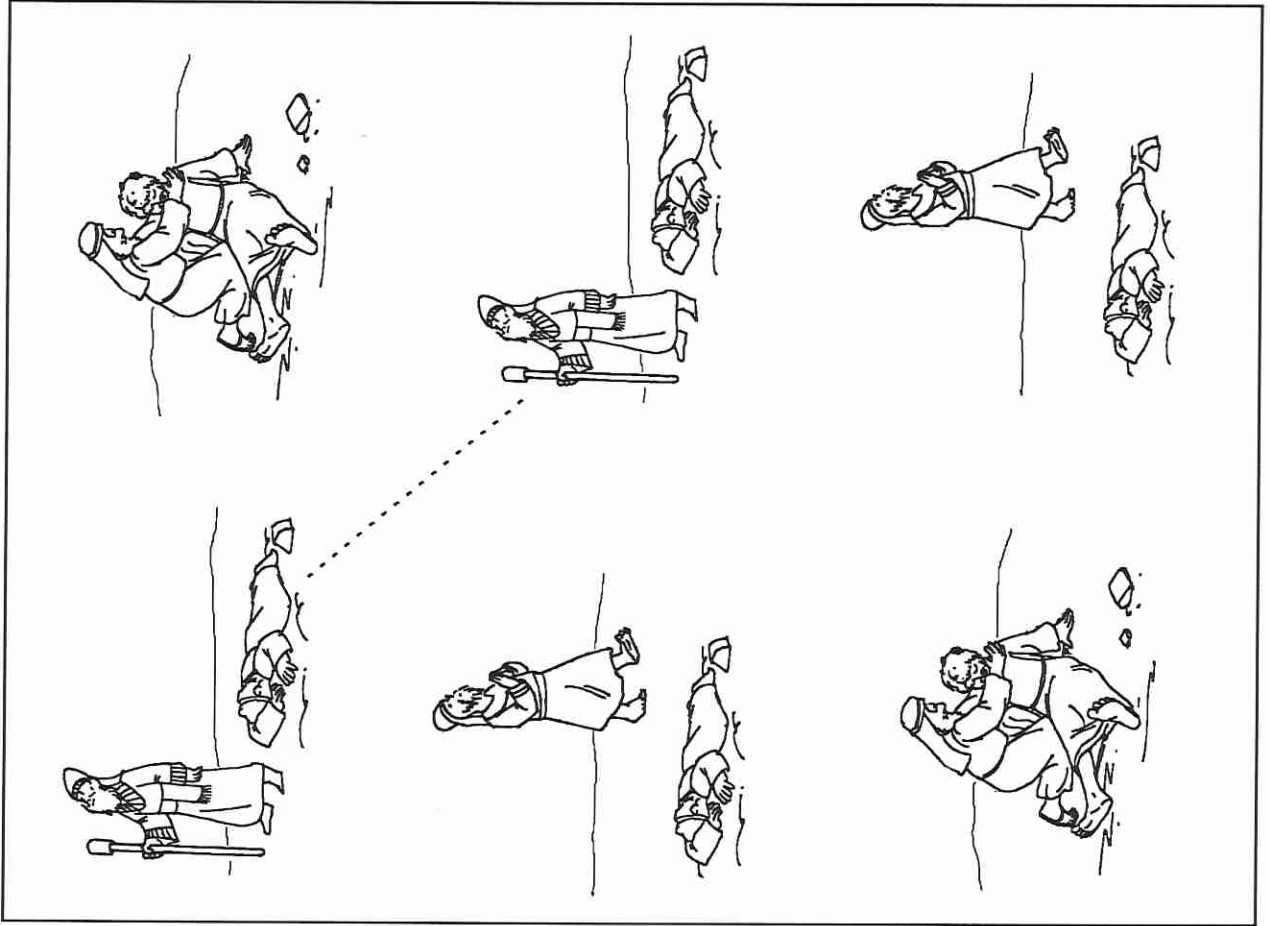
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The man needed help.
 Though 3 men saw him, only 1 helped.

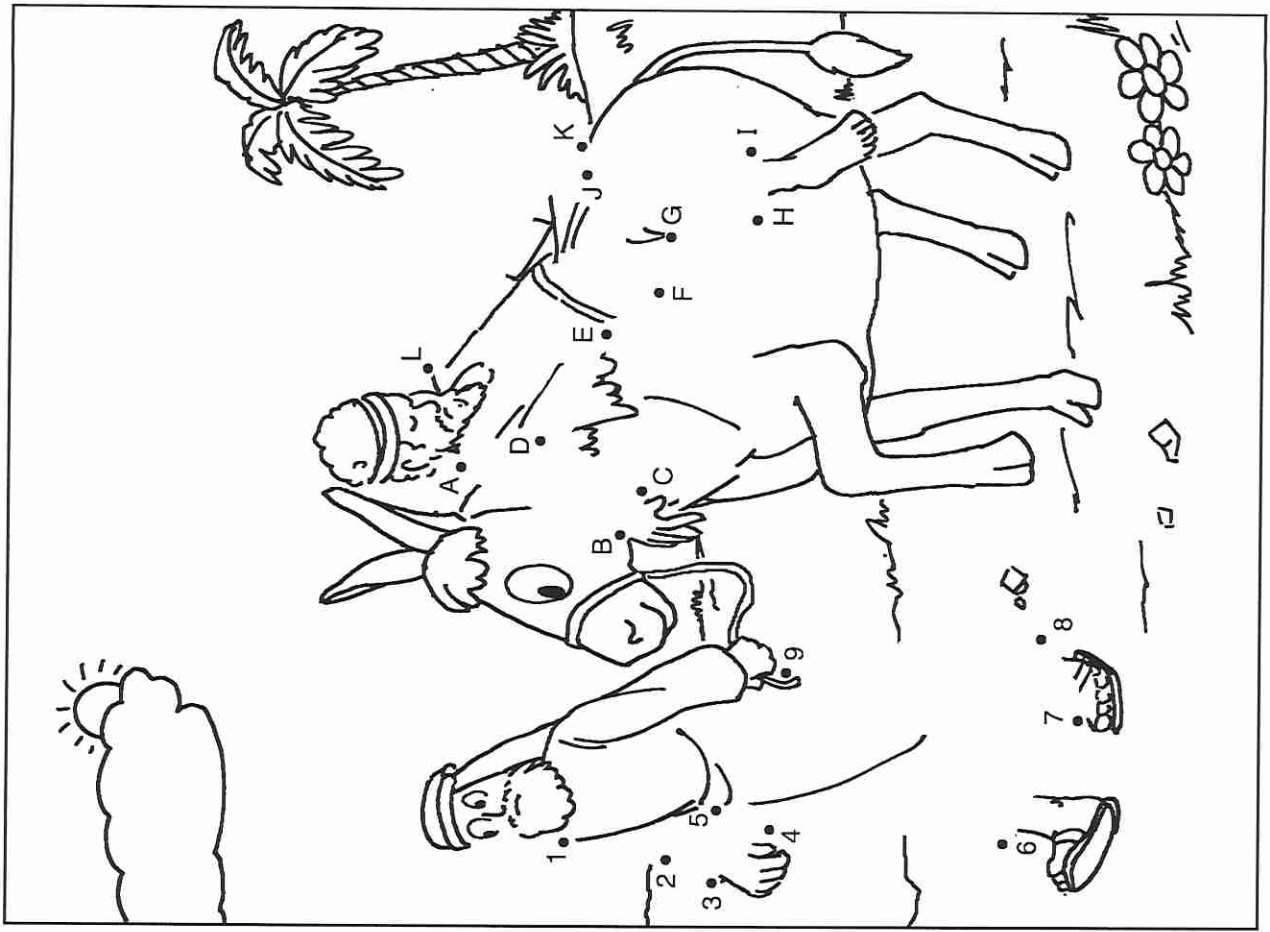
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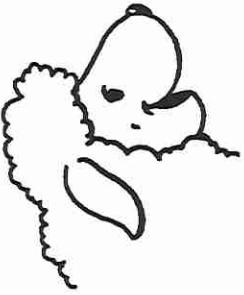


The Samaritan helped the man.

Connect the dots.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F G H I J K L





Which did the man say was a neighbor to the injured man?

Write the letter that is in the first word but not the second. Write the word formed (reading top to bottom) in the blank below.

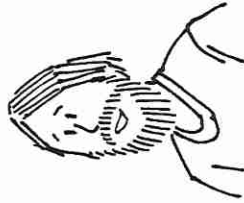
meat – ate _____

peal – lap _____

order – rode _____

cape – pea _____

yawn – naw _____



The man answered, "The one who

had _____ on him."

Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Ages 7+

Luke 10:25-37

The Good Samaritan

A man asked Jesus,

"What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus asked him, "What is written in the Law?"

Use the clock code to write in the missing words.

The _____ answered:

"I _____ the _____ 12:00

your God with all your

_____ 2:00 and with all

your _____ 4:00 and with all

your _____ 9:00 and with all

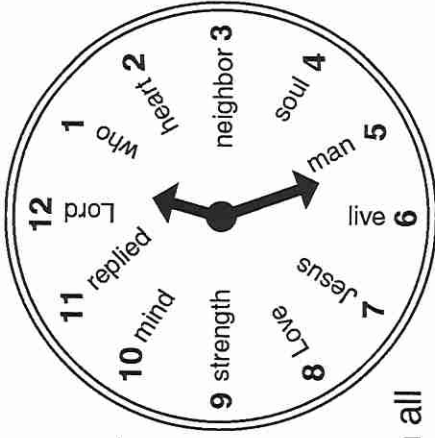
your _____ 10:00; and, _____ 8:00

_____ 3:00 as yourself." "You have

answered correctly," _____ 11:00 _____ 7:00. "Do

this and you will _____ 6:00 _____ 5:00 then asked

_____ 7:00, "And _____ 1:00 is my _____ 3:00 _____?"



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Then Jesus told this story ...

To read the story, unscramble the words and write them on the lines.



A man was _____ from Jerusalem to Jericho,

when he fell _____ the _____ of

_____ . They _____ him and left him

_____ by the _____, _____ yalbd

hurt. A _____ was _____ down the

same road, and _____ he saw the

_____ man, he _____ by on the

_____ side. So, too, a Levite saw him and

passed by _____ him.

What happened next?

Add or subtract letters to find out.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| A | C-2 | Q+2 | D-3 | K+2 | B-1 | S-1 | G+2 | V-2 | C-2 | L+2 |
| R+1 | D-3 | V+1 | J-2 | H+1 | N-1 | B-1 | P-2 | C+1 | | |
| S+1 | M+2 | Q-2 | J+1 | O+1 | L-3 | S+1 | W+2 | Q-2 | M+1 | |
| K-3 | G+2 | L+1 | F+2 | G-2 | W-3 | N+1 | Q-2 | J+1 | | |
| G+1 | L-3 | O-2 | S+1 | Q-2 | C-2 | K+3 | | | | |
| J-1 | Q-3 | L+2 | D-3 | M+1 | F-2 | | | | | |
| V-2 | N+1 | P-1 | J+1 | E-2 | B-1 | P+2 | G-2 | | | |
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 "Which of these three
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