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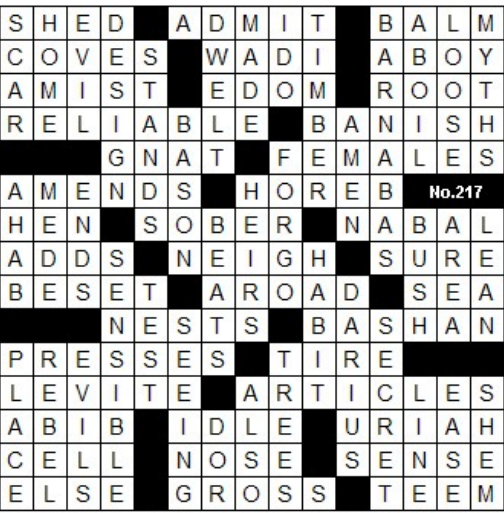
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Barnum Spring Fever Days Pancake Breakfast

Saturday June 8th
7:00am - 10:30am

Barnum Community Church
In the heart of downtown Barnum

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Pastor: Kendall Carlson Office Hours (Mon-Fri)
www.barnumumc.org 9:00 am—1:00 pm

Sunday Worship

- WMOZ 106.9 FM 8:00 am
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Pastor Kennection

“Finally.....”

These days have been bittersweet in my life as I find myself surrounded with deadlines and boxes, memories and loss of words. Saying goodbye and closures are not my strength. The difficult decision in writing this last newsletter article of whether to look back and write of memories or to give a charge for the future challenged me. So I will do what I have always sought to do, go to the Word. I searched and studied the “good-byes” of Scripture. The Apostle Paul expressed a number of “good-byes” in his ministry.

In 2 Corinthians 13, the last four verses, the Apostle Paul wrote these words, “Finally, saints, farewell....” In these 4 verses, 11-14, Paul issued a final challenge and a final prayer for them. To begin he challenged them “to be perfect.” The Greek word would actually translate, not sinless, but rather “complete” or “mature”. Throughout the Scriptures we are reminded that spiritual maturity is God’s goal for every believer. God has made available ample resources for our spiritual growth – including the Bible, prayer, worship and service. We must never be satisfied that we “have arrived” spiritually. Our heart’s desire should always be expressed by the words of that hymn “I’m pressing on the upward way, New heights I’m gaining every day.”

The next part of Paul’s final challenge is “be of good comfort.” He was challenging his friends to enter into the comfort that God offered them in the midst of their trials and also to let God use them as His instruments to help others. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 speaks to that ministry we share with each other of comfort.

The third challenge is found in verse 11, “be of one mind, live in peace.” The Phillips paraphrase states it, “live in harmony.” That doesn’t mean that we always see everything alike. But it does mean that we should always remember that the church is a spiritual family and that family members love one another and stick together. We in that love, always treat each other with respect and kindness, expressing freely humility and grace, and concern for the health of the church body as we face up to our short-comings and when necessary apologize and forgive.

And the final part of the challenge is one often meet with a “tee-hee”, “greet one another with a holy kiss.” We understand in this that greeting with a kiss on the cheek was an expression of respect and affection and was common practice in many places the first century and still is in the Near East. Paul was encouraging his friends at Corinth to be mindful of, and attentive to, one another, whenever they came into the house of God – as well as whenever they might meet elsewhere. In like manner, I encourage you to do the constant work of seeing that every member of the household of faith is warmly received, and made aware of their value in the eyes of God and their’s. May the Lord help us to not be careless in that.

But not only did Paul issue a final challenge, he gave them a final salute. He wrote, “all the saints salute you.” And I salute you my sisters and brothers. The list is long of the many words and actions that I have observed in the past 11 years that I salute you for. At the top of the list is your compassion, patience, generosity, and willingness to exercise faith.

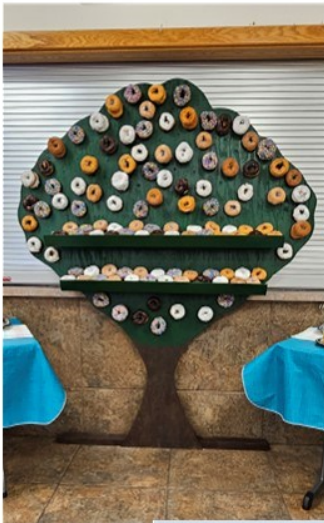
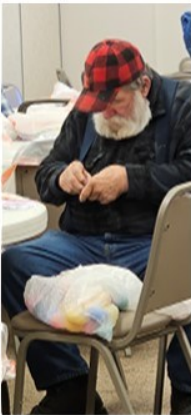
He closes his final words with a prayer in verse 14. It was a threefold prayer. He prayed for God’s grace to live triumphantly, for the experience of God’s love to live through life and that these friends of his would experience the “communion of the Holy Ghost”, which comes by allowing the indwelling Holy Spirit to control them and produce the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. The Holy Spirit desires to fortify and empower us as we yield to Him daily.

And so my dear friends, thank you for the privilege and joy of being your spiritual shepherd for such a time as this,

Serving the King with you,

Pastor Kendall

Easter

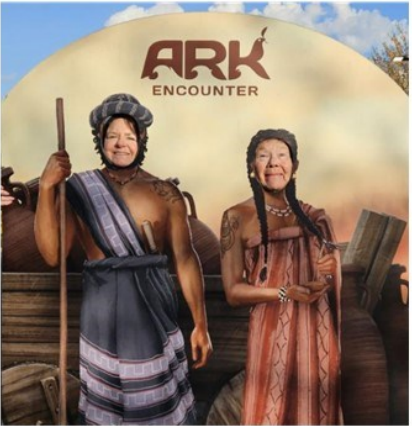




Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pastor Kendall's retirement party 1-4
2 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Class	3 5-8:00 Youth Group Movie (7th-12th)	4 11:00 Prayer Group	5 BARNUM SPRING FEVER DAYS	6 BARNUM SPRING FEVER DAYS	7 BARNUM SPRING FEVER DAYS	8 BARNUM SPRING FEVER DAYS
9 FLAG DAY 9:30 Worship Service Communion-Table Sunday 11:00 Adult Class	10 5-8:00 Youth Group Movie (7th-12th) 6:30 Council Mtg	11 11:00 Prayer Group	12	13	14	15
16 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Class	17 5-8:00 Youth Group Movie (7th-12th)	18 SUMMER BEGINS 11:00 Prayer Group	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Class	24 5-8:00 Youth Group Movie (7th-12th)	25 11:00 Prayer Group	26	27	2	29
30 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Class Teen Challenge						

** Schedule subject to change.

Ark Trip 2024



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Daily Nourishment



OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

May 1: [1King 10-11](#); [Luke 21:20-38](#)
 May 2: [1King 12-13](#); [Luke 22:1-30](#)
 May 3: [1King 14-15](#); [Luke 22:31-46](#)
 May 4: [1King 16-18](#); [Luke 22:47-71](#)
 May 5: [1King 19-20](#); [Luke 23:1-25](#)
 May 6: [1King 21-22](#); [Luke 23:26-56](#)
 May 7: [2King 1-3](#); [Luke 24:1-35](#)
 May 8: [2King 4-6](#); [Luke 24:36-53](#)
 May 9: [2King 7-9](#); [John 1:1-28](#)
 May 10: [2King 10-12](#); [John 1:29-51](#)
 May 11: [2King 13-14](#); [John 2](#)
 May 12: [2King 15-16](#); [John 3:1-18](#)
 May 13: [2King 17-18](#); [John 3:19-36](#)
 May 14: [2King 19-21](#); [John 4:1-30](#)
 May 15: [2King 22-23](#); [John 4:31-54](#)
 May 16: [2King 24-25](#); [John 5:1-24](#)
 May 17: [1Chron 1-3](#); [John 5:25-47](#)
 May 18: [1Chron 4-6](#); [John 6:1-21](#)
 May 19: [1Chron 7-9](#); [John 6:22-44](#)
 May 20: [1Chron 10-12](#); [John 6:45-71](#)
 May 21: [1Chron 13-15](#); [John 7:1-27](#)
 May 22: [1Chron 16-18](#); [John 7:28-53](#)
 May 23: [1Chron 19-21](#); [John 8:1-27](#)
 May 24: [1Chron 22-24](#); [John 8:28-59](#)
 May 25: [1Chron 25-27](#); [John 9:1-23](#)
 May 26: [1Chron 28-29](#); [John 9:24-41](#)
 May 27: [2Chron 1-3](#); [John 10:1-23](#)
 May 28: [2Chron 4-6](#); [John 10:24-42](#)
 May 29: [2Chron 7-9](#); [John 11:1-29](#)
 May 30: [2Chron 10-12](#); [John 11:30-57](#)
 May 31: [2Chron 13-14](#); [John 12:1-26](#)

CHRONOLOGICAL

May 1: [2Sam 5:1-10](#); [1Chron 11-12](#)
 May 2: [Ps 133](#)
 May 3: [Ps 106-107](#)
 May 4: [2Sam 5:11-6:23](#); [1Chron 13-16](#)
 May 5: [Ps 1-2/15/22-24/47/68](#)
 May 6: [Ps 89/96/100-101/105/132](#)
 May 7: [2Sam 7](#); [1Chron 17](#)
 May 8: [Ps 25/29/33/36/39](#)
 May 9: [2Sam 8-9](#); [1Chron 18](#)
 May 10: [Ps 50/53/60/75](#)
 May 11: [2Sam 10](#); [1Chron 19](#); [Ps 20](#)
 May 12: [Ps 65-67/69-70](#)
 May 13: [2Sam 11-12](#); [1Chron 20](#)
 May 14: [Ps 32/51/86/122](#)
 May 15: [2Sam 13-15](#)
 May 16: [Ps 3-4/12-13/28/55](#)
 May 17: [2Sam 16-18](#)
 May 18: [Ps 26/40/58/61-62/64](#)
 May 19: [2Sam 19-21](#)
 May 20: [Ps 5/38/41-42](#)
 May 21: [2Sam 22-23](#); [Ps 57](#)
 May 22: [Ps 95/97-99](#)
 May 23: [2Sam 24](#); [1Chron 21-22](#); [Ps 30](#)
 May 24: [Ps 108-110](#)
 May 25: [1Chron 23-25](#)
 May 26: [Ps 131/138-139/143-145](#)
 May 27: [1Chron 26-29](#); [Ps 127](#)
 May 28: [Ps 111-118](#)
 May 29: [1King 1-2](#); [Ps 37/71/94](#)
 May 30: [Ps 119:1-88](#)
 May 31: [1King 3-4](#); [2Chron 1](#); [Ps 72](#)



Spring has sprung! Spring Break and Easter are now in the rear-view mirror. Baseball, softball, track and golf are in full swing. This month the Barnum Youth Group will be using clips from the movie Inside Out to launch into conversations about our mental health. Mental health is being talked about more and more, but God can be left out of that conversation. This month we are going to focus on how God’s truth about our mental health can transform our minds and our lives. Paul says it beautifully in Romans...

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2



God loves us and cares enough to know the number of hairs on our head. He also cares about what is happening inside our head. Please pray that students put their trust in their creator this spring season.

Just for Kids

Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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102-107-92-102	22-42-44-32-9-42	82-42
102-47-92	42-55-52-66-62-77-72	

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Start

HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

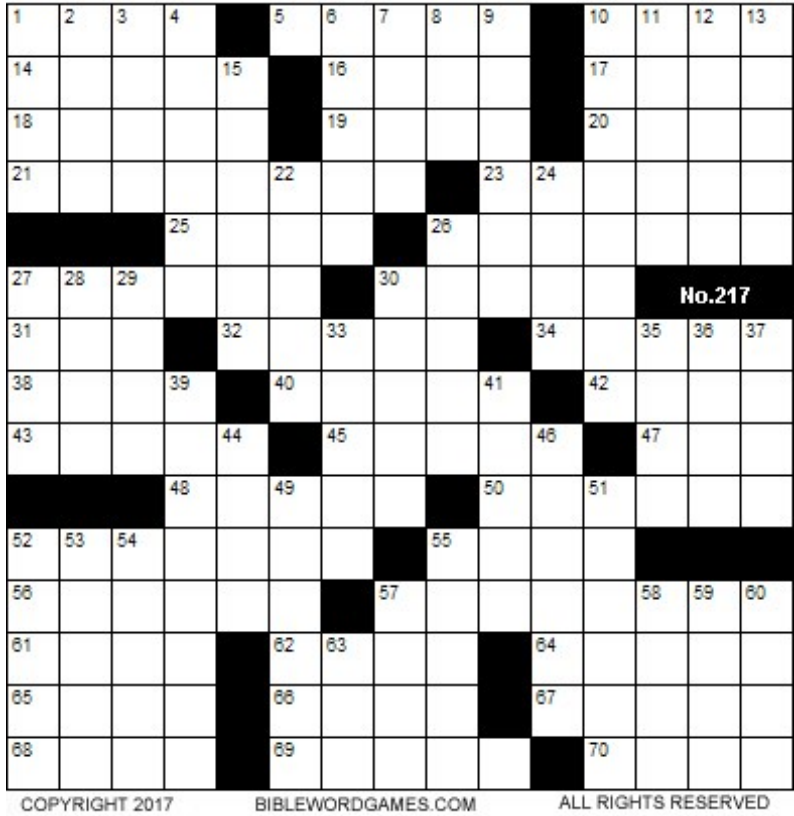
What you need:

- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon



What you do:

1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word *Hosanna* — one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.



ACROSS

- 1 Light is ____ upon the righteous and joy on the upright (Ps 97:11)
- 5 However, I ____ that I worship the God of our fathers (Acts 24:14)
- 10 Their camels were loaded with spices, ____ and myrrh (Gen 37:25)
- 14 Asher remained on the coast and stayed in his ____ (Judg 5:17)
- 16 from the ____ of Egypt to the Euphrates River (2 Kings 24:7)
- 17 "All these I have kept since I was ____," he said (1,3) (Luke 18:21)
- 18 You are ____ that appears for a little while (1,4) (James 4:14)
- 19 another name given to Esau (Jacobs brother) (Gen 25:30)
- 20 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken ____ (Jer 12:2) KJV
- 21 like a choice vine of sound and ____ stock (Jer 2:21)
- 23 So then, ____ anxiety from your heart (Eccl 11:10)
- 25 You strain out a ____ but swallow a camel (Matt 23:24)
- 26 Whenever the stronger ____ were in heat, Jacob would (Gen 30:41)
- 27 Fools mock at making ____ for sin (Prov 14:9)
- 30 and came to ____, the mountain of God (Ex 3:1)
- 31 as a ____ gathers her chicks under her wings (Matt 23:37)
- 32 when Nabal was ____, his wife told him all these things (1 Sam 25:37)
- 34 His name was ____ and his wife's name was Abigail (1 Sam 25:3)
- 38 If anyone ____ anything to them, God will add to him (Rev 22:18)
- 40 frolic like a heifer threshing grain and ____ like stallions (Jer 50:11)
- 42 The ordinances of the LORD are ____ and altogether righteous (Ps 19:9)
- 43 Fear and trembling have ____ me; horror has overwhelmed me (Ps 55:5)
- 45 who made ____ in the depths of the sea (1,4) (Isa 51:10)
- 47 Jesus, walking by the ____ of Galilee (Matt 4:18)
- 48 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have ____ (Matt 8:20)
- 50 Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of ____ (Num 32:33)
- 52 no one treads out wine at the ____ (Isa 16:10)
- 55 brothers, never ____ of doing what is right (2 Thes 3:13)
- 56 a ____ would not help the man who had been robbed (Luke 10:32)
- 57 Cyrus returned the stolen gold and silver ____ for the temple (Ezra 5:14)

- 61 first month of Hebrew calendar (Ex.23:15)
- 62 keep away from every brother who is ____ and does not (2 Thess 3:6)
- 64 first husband of Bathsheba (2 Sam.11:3)
- 65 angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the ____ (Acts 12:7)
- 66 the wringing of the ____ bringeth forth blood (Prov 30:33)KJV
- 67 endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good ____ (Job 39:17)
- 68 Salvation is found in no one ____, for there is no other name (Acts 4:12)
- 69 this people's heart is waxed ____, and their ears are dull (Matt 13:15) KJV
- 70 God said, Let the water ____ with living creatures (Gen 1:20)

DOWN

- 1 it is only a ____ from the boil (Lev 13:23)
- 2 Then he said unto him, Come ____ with me, and eat bread (1 King 13:15)
- 3 Do not those who plot ____ go astray ? (Prov 14:22)
- 4 They rebuilt the temple of God according to its original ____ (2 Chron 24:13)
- 6 I have not ____ in a house from the day I brought Israel (1 Chron 17:5)
- 7 When the LORD God ____ the earth and the heavens (Gen 2:4)
- 8 teacher, what must ____ to inherit eternal life? (1,2) (Luke 18:18)
- 9 They purchased ____ and dressed stone for the repair (2 Kings 12:12)
- 10 Then ____ went to Tarsus to look for Saul (Acts 11:25),
- 11 bring it to ____ and cook the bones in it (1,4) (Ezek 24:5)
- 12 Cutting ____ the anchors, they left them in the sea (Acts 27:40)
- 13 to devote themselves to ____ and endless genealogies (1 Tim 1:4)
- 15 but whoever does not believe ____ condemned already (John 3:18)
- 22 dip it in the blood that is in the ____, and strike the lintel (Ex 12:22) KJV
- 24 These are the words of the ____, the faithful and true witness (Rev 3:14)
- 26 Every seventh year we will ____ working the land (Neh 10:31)
- 27 husband of Jezebel (I King 19:1)
- 28 Darius the ____ took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two (Dan 5:31)
- 29 Then it will be known to the ____ of the earth that God rules (Ps 59:13)
- 30 You are Abraham's seed, and ____ according to the promise (Gal 3:29)
- 33 If a man ____his male or female slave with a rod and (Ex 21:20)
- 35 Moses saw that though the ____ was on fire it did not burn up (Ex 3:2)
- 36 a Levite who lived in a remote ____ in the hill country (Judg 19:1)
- 37 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and ____ not on your own (Prov 3:5)
- 39 I speak to ____ people; judge for yourselves (1 Cor 10:15)
- 41 they get into the ____ of being idle (1 Tim 5:13)
- 44 I will ____ them and see whether they will follow (Exodus 16:4)
- 46 The King who put Daniel in the den of loins (Dan 6:16)
- 49 Though ____, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear (Matt 13:13)
- 51 You did it in ____, but I will do this thing in broad daylight (2 Sam 12:12)
- 52 Take off your sandals; the ____ where you are standing is holy (Acts 7:33)
- 53 obey him and do not ____ against his commands (1 Sam 12:14)
- 54 All these ____ come from inside and make a man unclean (Mark 7:22-23)
- 55 and ____ bearing fruit with seed in it (Gen 1:12)
- 57 in the earth in those days; and ____ after that (Gen 6:4)
- 58 go to the lake and throw out your ____ . Take the first fish (Matt 17:27)
- 59 now therefore ____ thou somewhat the grievous servitude (2 Chr 10:4) KJV
- 60 All nations came from ____, Ham and Japheth: Noah's sons (Gen.5:32)
- 63 Manasseh did not drive out the people of Beth Shan or Taanach or ____ (Judg 1:27)



Come Celebrate Our Graduates

That’s Right! It’s time for High School Graduations. As a parent of a graduating senior this is a special time of life. Barnum Community Church will be celebrating seniors on Sunday, May 26th with a special church service. If you know of any graduating high school seniors please invite them and let me, Bill, know that they are attending so we can have gifts for everyone and that they are included in the day.

The Barnum Youth Group is also looking ahead to Summer. It’s going to be a fun and active break from school. Students are looking forward to our annual Let’s Get Messy and Epic Water Fight. Plus we are going to be having a special Boot Camp to get our spiritual priorities straight. These are just some of the activities already planned. Please pray for all the events coming up.

Wednesday, May 22nd High School Senior Breakfast at church 9am;

Sunday, May 26th Graduate Celebration Sunday 9:30am

BARNUM HIGH SCHOOL
BARNUM YOUTH GROUP



Graduate Celebration Sunday
Sunday, May 26th 9:30am
Reception to follow service
Barnum Community Church

Weekly Schedule: Mondays 5-8 and Wednesdays 6-7:30

If you have Questions about the Barnum Youth Group
call Bill: (906) 369-4932 or billinbarnum@gmail.com



Ladies Spring Brunch, May 11, 2024



Gaye Hanson, guest speaker.



150 women enjoyed the morning of food, fun laughter, fellowship, and encouragement.



Mary Hagen, harpist



The shoe ladies, Karen & Janet



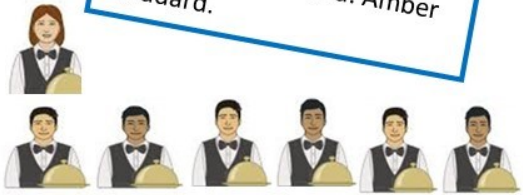
Leon, Robin & Lou prepared a delicious and beautiful brunch. Not pictured: Amber Stoddard.



Dave (Sheehan) prepared the pans for the rolls.



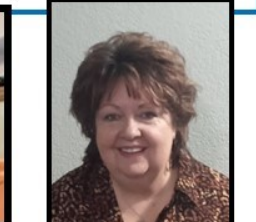
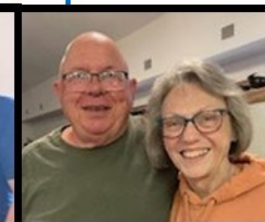
The "fruit skewer" team. Robin, Lori & Judie (Sheehan)



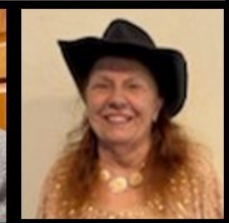
Our serving team: Paul, Dave, Wiley, DJ, Josh, Tom, and Marlene. Thanks!!!



Set up/take down crew: Wiley, Carmen & Paul, Jimmy, Jim & Bette, Bonnie & Tom and Kathy.



Cheryl will be retiring but grateful for new leadership for the Women's ministry team: Roxanne Matten will be caring for the Bible studies, Brenda Zinter will be coordinating the brunches, Connie Herbert will be working with the monthly Saturday morning Bible studies and programs



May 2024 Health and Wellness Moment

"Coping with Stress"

In our April article we talked about stress...what it is and how it affects our bodies in so many ways. We know that until we reach heaven, stress is here to stay! So, what do we do? How can we protect our bodies from the negative impact of elevated stress hormones and the chronic stress that so many of us experience? We may not be able to change our current stressful situation, but we can take steps to manage the impact this stress has on us. Let's look at ways we can learn to cope with stress in more healthy ways!

Try these stress management tips:

- ~eat a healthy diet, get regular exercise, and get plenty of sleep
- ~do relaxation exercises such as yoga, deep breathing, massage or meditation
- ~keep a journal, write down your thoughts or what you're grateful for
- ~take time for hobbies, such as reading or listening to music or watch your favorite TV show or movie
- ~nurture healthy relationships and strong friendships, talk to family and friends
- ~have a sense of humor, find ways to include humor and laughter in your daily life, watch funny movies, share a joke with a friend
- ~volunteer in your community
- ~organize and focus on what you need to get done at home and work, remove tasks that are not necessary
- ~seek professional counseling, talk to your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns about the stress in your life and how you cope with it
- ~stay away from unhealthy ways of coping with stress, such as using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs and overeating (if you're worried that your use of these products has increased due to stress, talk to your healthcare provider)

There are many rewards to managing your stress in a healthier way. It will give you better peace of mind, fewer stressors and less anxiety. You will have a better quality of life and your BP will become more normal. You will feel a better sense of self-control, greater focus, and you will have more fulfilling relationships. Dealing with stress in a more healthy way can possibly also lead to you living a longer, healthier life!

Reference: mayoclinic.org "Stress Management"

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

God's blessings to you all, and prayers for a safe, joyful Spring!

Prayers for peace, joy, and good health, and just a reminder...you are uniquely YOU by HIS design!

~Jenny S., RN, BCUMC Parish Nurse

BARNUM COMMUNITY CHURCH

3762 Front Street — Barnum, MN

Summer Concerts — 9:30 a.m.



Join Us To Celebrate Pastor Kendall Carlson's Retirement

52 Years Of Service



Open House June 1st from 1pm to 4pm

Music from 1:30 - 2:30 by THUG -

Two Harbors Ukulele Group

Celebratory Light Bites & Beverages

Open House at Barnum Community Church

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Wednesday Bible Buddies For four-year-olds through sixth grade

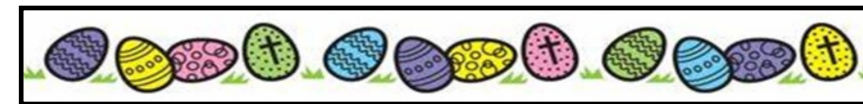
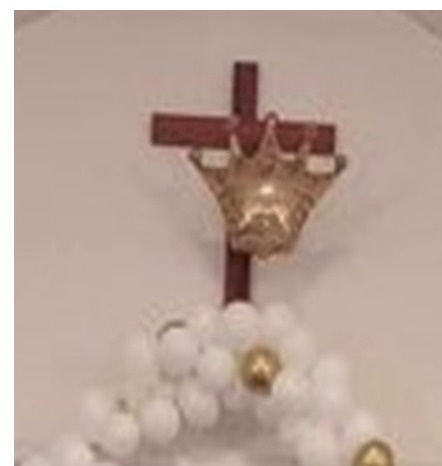


The Bible Buddies participated in the Palm Sunday celebration by parading through the church waving their palm branches and then singing their Hosanna songs of praise. Later, Pastor Kendal joined them to direct the group and congregation in singing one of his favorite Hosanna songs.



On Easter Sunday, the Bible Buddies, as well as other children visiting that morning, enjoyed a special Children's Moments presentation, where crowns were distributed to the children while Pastor Kendall discussed the various crosses displayed at Easter and explained the meaning of Jesus as King.

"The KING is Risen and The KING Reigns"



Easter Egg Creations

The Easter egg symbolizes new life and has to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb – His Resurrection. Easter eggs were included in our celebrations during Holy Week.



The traditional Easter Egg Hunt was held on a sunny and snow-free Saturday, where children searched and scrambled for Easter eggs at the school grounds. Thank you to all who stuffed, sorted, and scattered the 15,000 (the number kept growing) brightly colored eggs. Thank you, also, to the volunteers who helped serve refreshments, supervise the children, and clean up at the school grounds.

An Easter Egg Decoration Contest was again held this year, challenging contestants to create a 3-D design from a white, six-inch styrofoam egg. There were 22 entrees in all with a wide variety of designs, which included scripture verses, scenes from the crucifixion, burial tomb, and resurrection, a variety of crosses, animal figures, and other art forms. One interesting entry (designed by a couple eagerly anticipating the upcoming Ark trip) was a scale model of Noah's Ark replete with animals parading two by two. Forty-one ballots were submitted in a vote of the congregation to determine the division winners. The first-place winners: Ages 5 & 6 – Claire Earlywine; Ages 7 to 9 – Daniel Zinter; Ages 10 & 11 – Leah Uszenski; Youth Group – Hallie Schoonover; Adults – Tiffany Parr. Thank you to all who participated and shared their artistic talents and good humor!



The congregation was surprised and delighted as they walked into church Easter Sunday and were greeted by a beautiful and meaningful display of sidewalk chalk-art created by Josh Putney with assistance from the youth group. Easter egg designs as well as scripture verses, religious symbols, floral bouquets, and animal figures across the concrete canvas dazzled onlookers. Thank you for your inspiring artistic endeavors.



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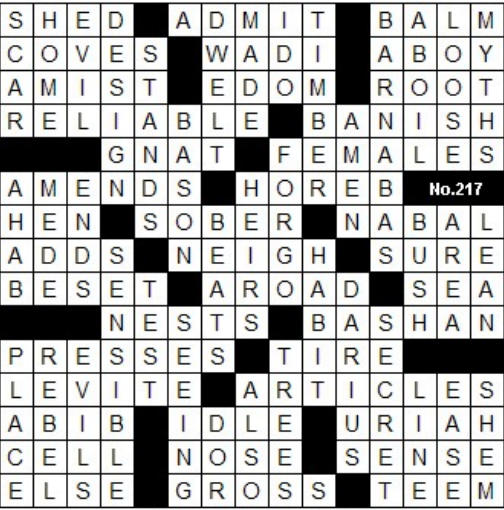
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Pastor Kennection

“Finally.....”

These days have been bittersweet in my life as I find myself surrounded with deadlines and boxes, memories and loss of words. Saying goodbye and closures are not my strength. The difficult decision in writing this last newsletter article of whether to look back and write of memories or to give a charge for the future challenged me. So I will do what I have always sought to do, go to the Word. I searched and studied the “good-byes” of Scripture. The Apostle Paul expressed a number of “good-byes” in his ministry.

In 2 Corinthians 13, the last four verses, the Apostle Paul wrote these words, “Finally, saints, farewell....” In these 4 verses, 11-14, Paul issued a final challenge and a final prayer for them. To begin he challenged them “to be perfect.” The Greek word would actually translate, not sinless, but rather “complete” or “mature”. Throughout the Scriptures we are reminded that spiritual maturity is God’s goal for every believer. God has made available ample resources for our spiritual growth – including the Bible, prayer, worship and service. We must never be satisfied that we “have arrived” spiritually. Our heart’s desire should always be expressed by the words of that hymn “I’m pressing on the upward way, New heights I’m gaining every day.”

The next part of Paul’s final challenge is “be of good comfort.” He was challenging his friends to enter into the comfort that God offered them in the midst of their trials and also to let God use them as His instruments to help others. 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 speaks to that ministry we share with each other of comfort.

The third challenge is found in verse 11, “be of one mind, live in peace.” The Phillips paraphrase states it, “live in harmony.” That doesn’t mean that we always see everything alike. But it does mean that we should always remember that the church is a spiritual family and that family members love one another and stick together. We in that love, always treat each other with respect and kindness, expressing freely humility and grace, and concern for the health of the church body as we face up to our short-comings and when necessary apologize and forgive.

And the final part of the challenge is one often meet with a “tee-hee”, “greet one another with a holy kiss.” We understand in this that greeting with a kiss on the cheek was an expression of respect and affection and was common practice in many places the first century and still is in the Near East. Paul was encouraging his friends at Corinth to be mindful of, and attentive to, one another, whenever they came into the house of God – as well as whenever they might meet elsewhere. In like manner, I encourage you to do the constant work of seeing that every member of the household of faith is warmly received, and made aware of their value in the eyes of God and their’s. May the Lord help us to not be careless in that.

But not only did Paul issue a final challenge, he gave them a final salute. He wrote, “all the saints salute you.” And I salute you my sisters and brothers. The list is long of the many words and actions that I have observed in the past 11 years that I salute you for. At the top of the list is your compassion, patience, generosity, and willingness to exercise faith.

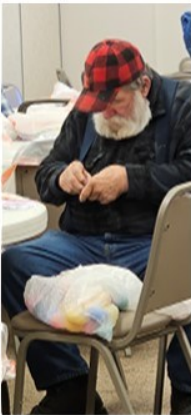
He closes his final words with a prayer in verse 14. It was a threefold prayer. He prayed for God’s grace to live triumphantly, for the experience of God’s love to live through life and that these friends of his would experience the “communion of the Holy Ghost”, which comes by allowing the indwelling Holy Spirit to control them and produce the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. The Holy Spirit desires to fortify and empower us as we yield to Him daily.

And so my dear friends, thank you for the privilege and joy of being your spiritual shepherd for such a time as this,

Serving the King with you,

Pastor Kendall

Easter

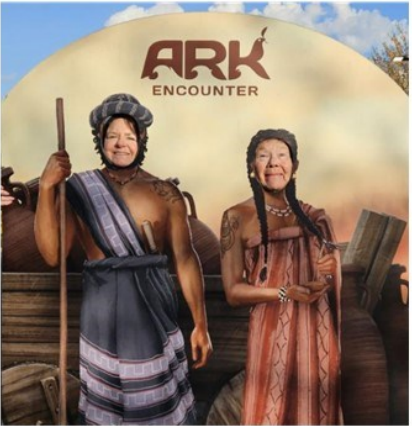




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2 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Class	3 5-8:00 Youth Group Movie (7th-12th)	4 11:00 Prayer Group	5 BARNUM SPRING FEVER DAYS	6 BARNUM SPRING FEVER DAYS	7 BARNUM SPRING FEVER DAYS	8 BARNUM SPRING FEVER DAYS
9 FLAG DAY 9:30 Worship Service Communion-Table Sunday 11:00 Adult Class	10 5-8:00 Youth Group Movie (7th-12th) 6:30 Council Mtg	11 11:00 Prayer Group	12	13	14	15
16 FATHER'S DAY 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Class	17 5-8:00 Youth Group Movie (7th-12th)	18 SUMMER BEGINS 11:00 Prayer Group	19	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Class	24 5-8:00 Youth Group Movie (7th-12th)	25 11:00 Prayer Group	26	27	2	29
30 9:30 Worship Service 11:00 Adult Class Teen Challenge						

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Ark Trip 2024



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Daily Nourishment



OLD & NEW TESTAMENT

May 1: [1King 10-11](#); [Luke 21:20-38](#)
 May 2: [1King 12-13](#); [Luke 22:1-30](#)
 May 3: [1King 14-15](#); [Luke 22:31-46](#)
 May 4: [1King 16-18](#); [Luke 22:47-71](#)
 May 5: [1King 19-20](#); [Luke 23:1-25](#)
 May 6: [1King 21-22](#); [Luke 23:26-56](#)
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 May 8: [2King 4-6](#); [Luke 24:36-53](#)
 May 9: [2King 7-9](#); [John 1:1-28](#)
 May 10: [2King 10-12](#); [John 1:29-51](#)
 May 11: [2King 13-14](#); [John 2](#)
 May 12: [2King 15-16](#); [John 3:1-18](#)
 May 13: [2King 17-18](#); [John 3:19-36](#)
 May 14: [2King 19-21](#); [John 4:1-30](#)
 May 15: [2King 22-23](#); [John 4:31-54](#)
 May 16: [2King 24-25](#); [John 5:1-24](#)
 May 17: [1Chron 1-3](#); [John 5:25-47](#)
 May 18: [1Chron 4-6](#); [John 6:1-21](#)
 May 19: [1Chron 7-9](#); [John 6:22-44](#)
 May 20: [1Chron 10-12](#); [John 6:45-71](#)
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 May 22: [1Chron 16-18](#); [John 7:28-53](#)
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 May 25: [1Chron 25-27](#); [John 9:1-23](#)
 May 26: [1Chron 28-29](#); [John 9:24-41](#)
 May 27: [2Chron 1-3](#); [John 10:1-23](#)
 May 28: [2Chron 4-6](#); [John 10:24-42](#)
 May 29: [2Chron 7-9](#); [John 11:1-29](#)
 May 30: [2Chron 10-12](#); [John 11:30-57](#)
 May 31: [2Chron 13-14](#); [John 12:1-26](#)

CHRONOLOGICAL

May 1: [2Sam 5:1-10](#); [1Chron 11-12](#)
 May 2: [Ps 133](#)
 May 3: [Ps 106-107](#)
 May 4: [2Sam 5:11-6:23](#); [1Chron 13-16](#)
 May 5: [Ps 1-2/15/22-24/47/68](#)
 May 6: [Ps 89/96/100-101/105/132](#)
 May 7: [2Sam 7](#); [1Chron 17](#)
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 May 30: [Ps 119:1-88](#)
 May 31: [1King 3-4](#); [2Chron 1](#); [Ps 72](#)



Spring has sprung! Spring Break and Easter are now in the rear-view mirror. Baseball, softball, track and golf are in full swing. This month the Barnum Youth Group will be using clips from the movie Inside Out to launch into conversations about our mental health. Mental health is being talked about more and more, but God can be left out of that conversation. This month we are going to focus on how God’s truth about our mental health can transform our minds and our lives. Paul says it beautifully in Romans...

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.” Romans 12:2



God loves us and cares enough to know the number of hairs on our head. He also cares about what is happening inside our head. Please pray that students put their trust in their creator this spring season.

Just for Kids

Praise him!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem, a large crowd cheered for him. Complete this puzzle to discover what they used (also see John 12:13).

Directions: In the number grid below, draw lines by starting with the first number in each list and stopping at the last.

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Start

HOSANNA BANNER

Offer Jesus our King praises by making this banner for Palm Sunday.

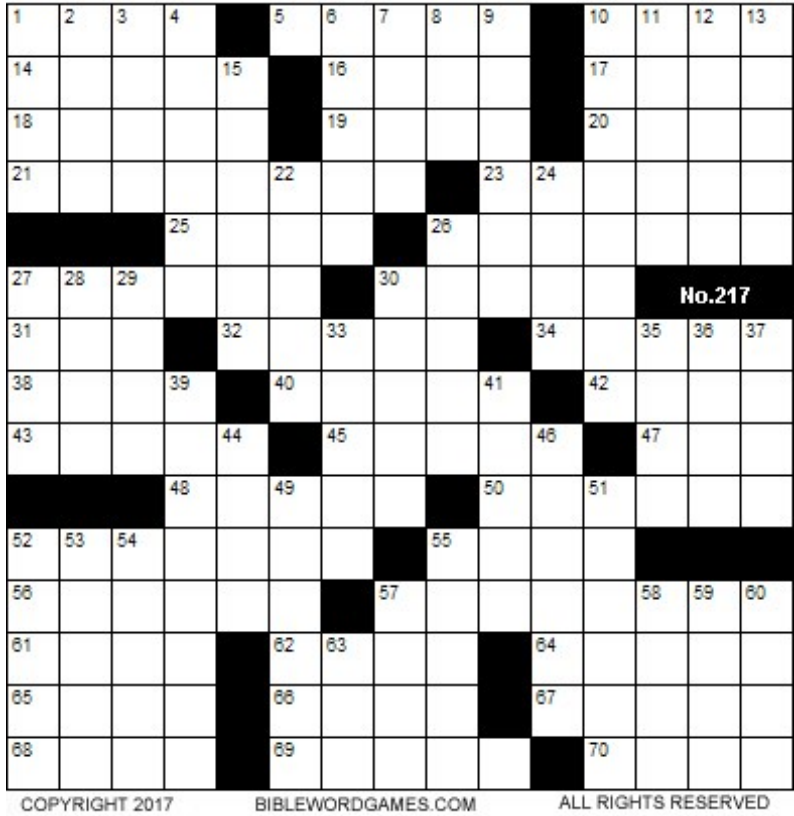
What you need:

- 6 sheets of green construction paper (8" x 11")
- Pencil
- Scissors
- 7 sheets of pastel-colored paper
- Rubber cement or glue
- 7 sheets of white cardstock (8" x 8")
- Hole punch
- Thin ribbon



What you do:

1. Fold the stack of green paper in half. Draw a palm branch on one of the folded sides and cut out all 12 branches.
2. On the pastel-colored paper, draw and cut out block letters to spell the word *Hosanna* — one letter per sheet. Then glue each letter onto a sheet of white paper.
3. Punch one hole in the top of each palm branch and two holes in each letter square (top left and top right corners).
4. Thread the ribbon through a palm branch, letter, palm branch, letter, etc. Tie a knot after each hole to keep the pieces from sliding.



ACROSS

- 1 Light is ____ upon the righteous and joy on the upright (Ps 97:11)
- 5 However, I ____ that I worship the God of our fathers (Acts 24:14)
- 10 Their camels were loaded with spices, ____ and myrrh (Gen 37:25)
- 14 Asher remained on the coast and stayed in his ____ (Judg 5:17)
- 16 from the ____ of Egypt to the Euphrates River (2 Kings 24:7)
- 17 "All these I have kept since I was ____," he said (1,3) (Luke 18:21)
- 18 You are ____ that appears for a little while (1,4) (James 4:14)
- 19 another name given to Esau (Jacobs brother) (Gen 25:30)
- 20 Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken ____ (Jer 12:2) KJV
- 21 like a choice vine of sound and ____ stock (Jer 2:21)
- 23 So then, ____ anxiety from your heart (Eccl 11:10)
- 25 You strain out a ____ but swallow a camel (Matt 23:24)
- 26 Whenever the stronger ____ were in heat, Jacob would (Gen 30:41)
- 27 Fools mock at making ____ for sin (Prov 14:9)
- 30 and came to ____, the mountain of God (Ex 3:1)
- 31 as a ____ gathers her chicks under her wings (Matt 23:37)
- 32 when Nabal was ____, his wife told him all these things (1 Sam 25:37)
- 34 His name was ____ and his wife's name was Abigail (1 Sam 25:3)
- 38 If anyone ____ anything to them, God will add to him (Rev 22:18)
- 40 frolic like a heifer threshing grain and ____ like stallions (Jer 50:11)
- 42 The ordinances of the LORD are ____ and altogether righteous (Ps 19:9)
- 43 Fear and trembling have ____ me; horror has overwhelmed me (Ps 55:5)
- 45 who made ____ in the depths of the sea (1,4) (Isa 51:10)
- 47 Jesus, walking by the ____ of Galilee (Matt 4:18)
- 48 Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have ____ (Matt 8:20)
- 50 Amorites and the kingdom of Og king of ____ (Num 32:33)
- 52 no one treads out wine at the ____ (Isa 16:10)
- 55 brothers, never ____ of doing what is right (2 Thes 3:13)
- 56 a ____ would not help the man who had been robbed (Luke 10:32)
- 57 Cyrus returned the stolen gold and silver ____ for the temple (Ezra 5:14)

- 61 first month of Hebrew calendar (Ex.23:15)
- 62 keep away from every brother who is ____ and does not (2 Thess 3:6)
- 64 first husband of Bathsheba (2 Sam.11:3)
- 65 angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the ____ (Acts 12:7)
- 66 the wringing of the ____ bringeth forth blood (Prov 30:33)KJV
- 67 endow her with wisdom or give her a share of good ____ (Job 39:17)
- 68 Salvation is found in no one ____, for there is no other name (Acts 4:12)
- 69 this people's heart is waxed ____, and their ears are dull (Matt 13:15) KJV
- 70 God said, Let the water ____ with living creatures (Gen 1:20)

DOWN

- 1 it is only a ____ from the boil (Lev 13:23)
- 2 Then he said unto him, Come ____ with me, and eat bread (1 King 13:15)
- 3 Do not those who plot ____ go astray ? (Prov 14:22)
- 4 They rebuilt the temple of God according to its original ____ (2 Chron 24:13)
- 6 I have not ____ in a house from the day I brought Israel (1 Chron 17:5)
- 7 When the LORD God ____ the earth and the heavens (Gen 2:4)
- 8 teacher, what must ____ to inherit eternal life? (1,2) (Luke 18:18)
- 9 They purchased ____ and dressed stone for the repair (2 Kings 12:12)
- 10 Then ____ went to Tarsus to look for Saul (Acts 11:25),
- 11 bring it to ____ and cook the bones in it (1,4) (Ezek 24:5)
- 12 Cutting ____ the anchors, they left them in the sea (Acts 27:40)
- 13 to devote themselves to ____ and endless genealogies (1 Tim 1:4)
- 15 but whoever does not believe ____ condemned already (John 3:18)
- 22 dip it in the blood that is in the ____, and strike the lintel (Ex 12:22) KJV
- 24 These are the words of the ____, the faithful and true witness (Rev 3:14)
- 26 Every seventh year we will ____ working the land (Neh 10:31)
- 27 husband of Jezebel (I King 19:1)
- 28 Darius the ____ took over the kingdom, at the age of sixty-two (Dan 5:31)
- 29 Then it will be known to the ____ of the earth that God rules (Ps 59:13)
- 30 You are Abraham's seed, and ____ according to the promise (Gal 3:29)
- 33 If a man ____his male or female slave with a rod and (Ex 21:20)
- 35 Moses saw that though the ____ was on fire it did not burn up (Ex 3:2)
- 36 a Levite who lived in a remote ____ in the hill country (Judg 19:1)
- 37 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and ____ not on your own (Prov 3:5)
- 39 I speak to ____ people; judge for yourselves (1 Cor 10:15)
- 41 they get into the ____ of being idle (1 Tim 5:13)
- 44 I will ____ them and see whether they will follow (Exodus 16:4)
- 46 The King who put Daniel in the den of lions (Dan 6:16)
- 49 Though ____, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear (Matt 13:13)
- 51 You did it in ____, but I will do this thing in broad daylight (2 Sam 12:12)
- 52 Take off your sandals; the ____ where you are standing is holy (Acts 7:33)
- 53 obey him and do not ____ against his commands (1 Sam 12:14)
- 54 All these ____ come from inside and make a man unclean (Mark 7:22-23)
- 55 and ____ bearing fruit with seed in it (Gen 1:12)
- 57 in the earth in those days; and ____ after that (Gen 6:4)
- 58 go to the lake and throw out your ____ . Take the first fish (Matt 17:27)
- 59 now therefore ____ thou somewhat the grievous servitude (2 Chr 10:4) KJV
- 60 All nations came from ____, Ham and Japheth: Noah's sons (Gen.5:32)
- 63 Manasseh did not drive out the people of Beth Shan or Taanach or ____ (Judg 1:27)



Come Celebrate Our Graduates

That’s Right! It’s time for High School Graduations. As a parent of a graduating senior this is a special time of life. Barnum Community Church will be celebrating seniors on Sunday, May 26th with a special church service. If you know of any graduating high school seniors please invite them and let me, Bill, know that they are attending so we can have gifts for everyone and that they are included in the day.

The Barnum Youth Group is also looking ahead to Summer. It’s going to be a fun and active break from school. Students are looking forward to our annual Let’s Get Messy and Epic Water Fight. Plus we are going to be having a special Boot Camp to get our spiritual priorities straight. These are just some of the activities already planned. Please pray for all the events coming up.

Wednesday, May 22nd High School Senior Breakfast at church 9am;

Sunday, May 26th Graduate Celebration Sunday 9:30am



BARNUM HIGH SCHOOL
BARNUM YOUTH GROUP



Graduate Celebration Sunday
Sunday, May 26th 9:30am
Reception to follow service
Barnum Community Church

Weekly Schedule: Mondays 5-8 and Wednesdays 6-7:30

If you have Questions about the Barnum Youth Group
call Bill: (906) 369-4932 or billinbarnum@gmail.com

Ladies Spring Brunch, May 11, 2024



Gaye Hanson, guest speaker.



150 women enjoyed the morning of food, fun laughter, fellowship, and encouragement.



Mary Hagen, harpist



The shoe ladies, Karen & Janet



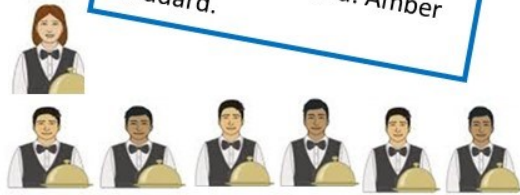
Dave (Sheehan) prepared the pans for the rolls.



The "fruit skewer" team. Robin, Lori & Judie (Sheehan)



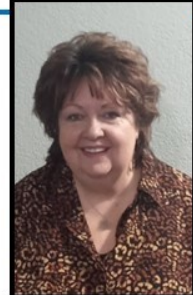
Leon, Robin & Lou prepared a delicious and beautiful brunch. Not pictured: Amber Stoddard.



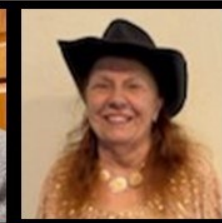
Our serving team: Paul, Dave, Wiley, DJ, Josh, Tom, and Marlene. Thanks!!!



Set up/take down crew: Wiley, Carmen & Paul, Jimmy, Jim & Bette, Bonnie & Tom and Kathy.



Cheryl will be retiring but grateful for new leadership for the Women's ministry team: Roxanne Matten will be caring for the Bible studies, Brenda Zinter will be coordinating the brunches, Connie Herbert will be working with the monthly Saturday morning Bible studies and programs



Health Wellness



May 2024 Health and Wellness Moment

"Coping with Stress"

In our April article we talked about stress...what it is and how it affects our bodies in so many ways. We know that until we reach heaven, stress is here to stay! So, what do we do? How can we protect our bodies from the negative impact of elevated stress hormones and the chronic stress that so many of us experience? We may not be able to change our current stressful situation, but we can take steps to manage the impact this stress has on us. Let's look at ways we can learn to cope with stress in more healthy ways!

Try these stress management tips:

- ~eat a healthy diet, get regular exercise, and get plenty of sleep
- ~do relaxation exercises such as yoga, deep breathing, massage or meditation
- ~keep a journal, write down your thoughts or what you're grateful for
- ~take time for hobbies, such as reading or listening to music or watch your favorite TV show or movie
- ~nurture healthy relationships and strong friendships, talk to family and friends
- ~have a sense of humor, find ways to include humor and laughter in your daily life, watch funny movies, share a joke with a friend
- ~volunteer in your community
- ~organize and focus on what you need to get done at home and work, remove tasks that are not necessary
- ~seek professional counseling, talk to your healthcare provider with any questions or concerns about the stress in your life and how you cope with it
- ~stay away from unhealthy ways of coping with stress, such as using alcohol, tobacco, or drugs and overeating (if you're worried that your use of these products has increased due to stress, talk to your healthcare provider)

There are many rewards to managing your stress in a healthier way. It will give you better peace of mind, fewer stressors and less anxiety. You will have a better quality of life and your BP will become more normal. You will feel a better sense of self-control, greater focus, and you will have more fulfilling relationships. Dealing with stress in a more healthy way can possibly also lead to you living a longer, healthier life!

Reference: mayoclinic.org "Stress Management"

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

God's blessings to you all, and prayers for a safe, joyful Spring!

Prayers for peace, joy, and good health, and just a reminder...you are uniquely YOU by HIS design!

~Jenny S., RN, BCUMC Parish Nurse

BARNUM COMMUNITY CHURCH

3762 Front Street — Barnum, MN

Summer Concerts — 9:30 a.m.



Join Us To Celebrate Pastor Kendall Carlson's Retirement

52 Years Of Service



Open House June 1st from 1pm to 4pm

Music from 1:30 - 2:30 by THUG -

Two Harbors Ukulele Group

Celebratory Light Bites & Beverages

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Wednesday Bible Buddies For four-year-olds through sixth grade

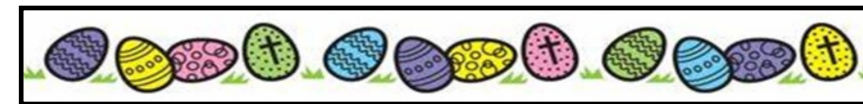
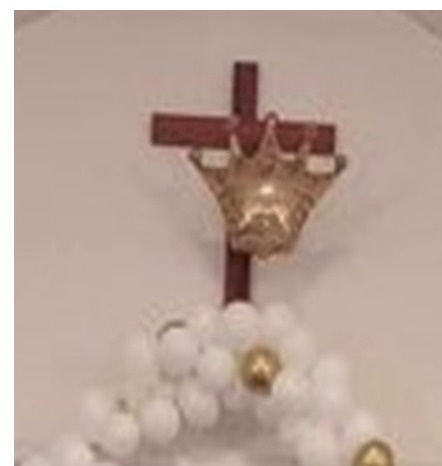


The Bible Buddies participated in the Palm Sunday celebration by parading through the church waving their palm branches and then singing their Hosanna songs of praise. Later, Pastor Kendal joined them to direct the group and congregation in singing one of his favorite Hosanna songs.



On Easter Sunday, the Bible Buddies, as well as other children visiting that morning, enjoyed a special Children's Moments presentation, where crowns were distributed to the children while Pastor Kendall discussed the various crosses displayed at Easter and explained the meaning of Jesus as King.

"The KING is Risen and The KING Reigns"



Easter Egg Creations

The Easter egg symbolizes new life and has to represent Jesus' emergence from the tomb – His Resurrection. Easter eggs were included in our celebrations during Holy Week.



The traditional Easter Egg Hunt was held on a sunny and snow-free Saturday, where children searched and scrambled for Easter eggs at the school grounds. Thank you to all who stuffed, sorted, and scattered the 15,000 (the number kept growing) brightly colored eggs. Thank you, also, to the volunteers who helped serve refreshments, supervise the children, and clean up at the school grounds.

An Easter Egg Decoration Contest was again held this year, challenging contestants to create a 3-D design from a white, six-inch styrofoam egg. There were 22 entrees in all with a wide variety of designs, which included scripture verses, scenes from the crucifixion, burial tomb, and resurrection, a variety of crosses, animal figures, and other art forms. One interesting entry (designed by a couple eagerly anticipating the upcoming Ark trip) was a scale model of Noah's Ark replete with animals parading two by two. Forty-one ballots were submitted in a vote of the congregation to determine the division winners. The first-place winners: Ages 5 & 6 – Claire Earlywine; Ages 7 to 9 – Daniel Zinter; Ages 10 & 11 – Leah Uszenski; Youth Group – Hallie Schoonover; Adults – Tiffany Parr. Thank you to all who participated and shared their artistic talents and good humor!



The congregation was surprised and delighted as they walked into church Easter Sunday and were greeted by a beautiful and meaningful display of sidewalk chalk-art created by Josh Putney with assistance from the youth group. Easter egg designs as well as scripture verses, religious symbols, floral bouquets, and animal figures across the concrete canvas dazzled onlookers. Thank you for your inspiring artistic endeavors.

