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November 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Order your candy now! Don't wait — you don't want to miss out on one delicious mouthful!  The Nativity Festival is the first Saturday of December. Let Kathleen Ordiway know if you can loan a crèche or bake.  LADIES: Remember the afternoon tea, Saturday, November 16 th .  GENTLEMEN: Don't miss out on the gourmet coffee every Friday morning!					1 10:00 Men's Coffee Time 1:00 Church Women United Meeting	2
3 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship with Communion <i>Reading of the Necrology</i> 5:00 L.I.F.E. <i>Daylight Savings Ends</i>	4	5	6 Rev. Wes in Office 12:15 Inasmuch lunch	7	8 10:00 Men's Coffee Time	9
10 25TH SUN. AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Second Sunday lunch with Program <i>Some Year in Jerusalem - Act III</i>	11 Office Closed  <i>Veterans' Day</i>	12 9:00-12:30 Candy Makers	13 Rev. Wes in Office 9:00-12:30 Candy Makers 7:00 Diaconate/ Trustees Meeting	14	15 10:00 Men's Coffee Time	16 11:00 — 1:00 Ladies' Afternoon Tea: "Sharing Our Stories"
17 26TH SUN. AFTER PENTECOST 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship <i>Third Sunday Food Collection</i>	18	19 9:00-12:30 Candy Makers	20 Rev. Wes in Office 9:00-12:30 Candy Makers	21	22 10:00 Men's Coffee Time	23
24 CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY — THANKSGIVING SUNDAY — LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR — HANGING OF THE GREENS 10:00 Pre-service Fellowship 11:00 Divine Worship 12:15 Hanging of the Greens	25	26	27 Rev. Wes In Office 	28 Office Closed 	29 Office Closed 10:00 Weiss-Furgal Wedding	30



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4	Carolyn Culbreth
7	Dawn (Schutz) Lynn
8	Bertha Bissell
10	David Martin
18	Jennifer McGrath
26	Peggy Scott
27	Sara Clark
29	Charles Compton
29	Kathy Pasquantino



PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY for Dorothy Jackson, Lucas Standish, Janet Keebler, Dominic Ligamarri, Celia Krasinski, Neal Jacobs, Keith Walters, Gisela Scott, Gladys Lewis, Robert Hogan, Margaret Payne, Dawn (Schutz) Lynn, Bertha and Harold Bissell, our Church family, our missionaries, our Country and all those who serve our Country.



LOOKING AT THIS MONTH

November 1 - Friday

1:00 PM Church Women United Meeting

November 3 - Sunday

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship with Communion

Reading of the Necrology

Rev. Dr. Brian A. Brown, preaching

5:00 PM L.I.F.E.

November 6 - Wednesday

12:15 PM Inasmuch luncheon

November 10 - Sunday

25th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship

Rev. Wesley R. Bourdette, preaching

Second Sunday lunch with Program

Some Year in Jerusalem-Act III

November 13 - Wednesday

7:00 PM Diaconate/Trustees Meeting

November 17 - Sunday

26th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship

Mrs. Kathleen A. Ordiway, preaching

November 24th - Sunday

CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY — LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR — HANGING OF THE GREENS

10:00 AM Pre-service Fellowship

11:00 AM Divine Worship

Rev. Wesley R. Bourdette, preaching

ATTENTION CANDYMAKERS!

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 12 & 13

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9:00 AM – 12:30 PM (Approx.)

Church Office Hours: 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon, Monday — Friday

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L. I. F. E.

Lively Interesting Fellowship for Everyone

“A Traditional Thanksgiving”

5:00 PM

Sunday, November 3, 2013

Pot Luck

Bring a Dish to Pass

Sign up in the Friendship Room

Do We Have your birthday?

If your birthday doesn't appear on our list, please call the office to let us know your special date so we can include it.

BOOKSHELF CORNER

First Baptist has a nice library. It is fairly extensive and has books and materials covering a large variety of subjects. Everything is available for loan to members of our congregation. All you have to do is fill out a library loan card and drop it in the basket. (Remember to take the card out of the basket and toss it away when you bring the item back.) The library is open to suggestions in case there is something you'd like to see on our shelves.



This month's focus is *When God Makes Lemonade*. This is a collection of true stories that will amaze and encourage you. Don Jacobson put together these stories from the lives of ordinary people who have discovered unexpected sweetness in the midst of sour circumstances. Some of the stories are laugh-out-loud funny; others will have you reaching for a tissue. All are inspiring!

***Some Year in Jerusalem****Three Testaments: Shalom, Peace, Salaam*

Nightingale, Firebird and the Hoopoe Present the thoughts of Fatima, Salman and Muhammad

As the Nightingale, Firebird, and the Hoopoe, mentioned in the Quran, these bird figures present what they think they may have heard from Muhammad, Fatima, and Salman in the drama *Some Year in Jerusalem*, during the readings at First Baptist Church, Niagara Falls, New York. Actors Jeanette Heasley, Donna Flood, and Kathleen Ordiway are pictured here in the Prologue, a conversation with the audience. The birds are explaining how they intend to provide dramatic scenes from the book *Three Testaments: Torah, Gospel, and Quran* from an Islamic perspective, while remaining sensitive to and respectful of Muslim theatrical norms.



🌀 **Mark Saturday, December 7, on
your calendar.** 🌀

**It's the Nativity
Festival!**

A Word About Kristy Engel...

It's all about relationships!

I have had the privilege of a visit with Kristy while she was on her New England swing visiting supporting churches and universities this month. It is exciting to hear how she is following God's call on her life and how her ministry in LaRomana was a training ground for what is coming.

A word that comes to mind is one that I learned the importance of from Kristy. For those of us who have known Kristy and worked with her side by side, I hope you smile when I say the word. That word is *relationship*. It is the reason that we keep going back to LaRomana.

We have built relationships with people we consider our friends and family. Kristy's gifts facilitated that relationship building. She also enabled many of us to build relationships with each other as we planned our trips. That same set of gifts, hewn and sharpened by her years in the DR and Haiti, are exactly what God is using on a much larger scale in her new position as Health Resource coordinator for International Ministries.

God continues to use Kristy in amazing ways - but it is still about relationship. She is putting people together across the world to help in situations that only God could have orchestrated.

In our Sunday School class this morning, the question was asked regarding Kristy's financial support. It has decreased significantly since her departure from full-time ministry in LaRomana and so the question was "Why?" There was considerable confusion so I wondered whether others had the same questions. I asked Kristy if I might share some answers.

First of all, Kristy is not "staff". Though this is a new position for IM, she must still raise her own support. However, she no longer will have the built-in audience that she had in LaRomana. She will be going, at the invitation of other ministries, to evaluate health care needs and helping them to develop the answers to the

needs in that community. She must travel more in this position, so she is going to need more support, not less. Already she is slated to go to Bolivia, Burma, Thailand, Cambodia - all this before February. In the past six months, she has been to Bolivia, Mexico, Nicaragua, and Haiti. Requesting missions represent some of the poorest areas of the world and therefore are not able to financially support Kristy's work. This has been a leap of faith, first by Kristy and second by International Ministries! But again, who is in control???? God would not have called Kristy if He didn't think it would work!!!!

When we support Kristy, it is not because we like what she helped US accomplish while we are in the Dominican Republic, it is because we are honoring God's call in her life and her obedience in following that call. We write that check because the Holy Spirit has moved in OUR life to honor the relationship He has fostered. I urge all of us as we speak with our Missions' Boards and consider budgets that are being cut, to remember that Kristy still needs all of our support. This position is brand new but the possibilities that God has in mind are infinitely more than we can imagine. (Ephesians 3:20) To God be the glory as we continue to partner with our sister in Christ. Pray for Kristy as she heads back to Bolivia this month. Read her newsletters and know that she is serving our Lord in a mighty way.

Shirley Shuster

AND A Word From Kristy Engel...

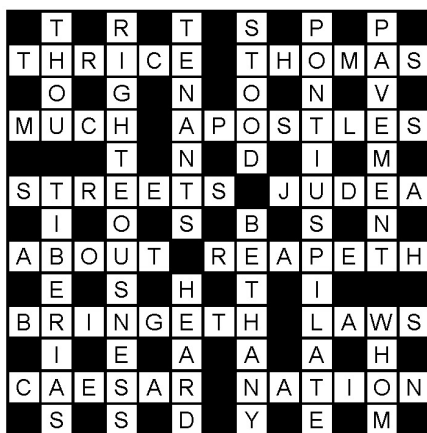
Medical Team to Bolivia

On October 31, 2013, Kristy will lead a team of 7 volunteers to Cochabamba, Bolivia to help local medical leaders in their ministry to the Kechua and Iyamar Indians that have moved to city neighborhoods. They will partner with Bolivian doctors, nurses, dentists and physical therapists to help in mobile medical clinics in poor neighborhoods. There will also be two physical therapists traveling with the team that will connect with a ministry to handicapped children. Their goal will be to train and teach parents and ministry leaders about ways to make the lives of ministry

Here's the Key to Last Month's

Puzzle: (How did you do?)

John



Here's a SaFeTy tip that the UCC CHURCH is adviSiNg its CHURCHes to put in their NeWSletters:

A local UCC member recently was cheated out of some money in what's known as the "Jury Duty Scam." Here's how it works: the scammer calls, claiming to be a police officer or a court employee, and claims the victim has failed to report for jury duty. He says a warrant has been issued for the victim's arrest. To avoid arrest, the caller says the victim must supply a Social Security number or other confidential information, or send the scammer money.

The courts would never do this, so if you're unlucky enough to receive a call, hang up

immediately and report the call to the (real) police.

Such scams are like dandelions; no amount of weeding will make them go away forever. As reported in the *Buffalo News*, here are a few other scams to watch out for:

“Medicare” calling: The caller asks the victim to “verify” personal information, including name, age, address and bank account number, in order to receive a free medical ID card for seniors. The caller, claiming to be from Washington, DC, says the new government-issued card would cover any medical expenses not covered by Medicare. The experts’ advice: hang up on unsolicited callers who ask for your bank account information. Do not accept offers of “free” medical services, medic-alert bracelets or other items in exchange for your Medicare number.

Tech support: The caller claims to be from a “Microsoft tech support” or a “Windows help desk” team, saying he needs to resolve a computer problem, update your customer account or install a security fix. What he really wants is to nab your credit card information, install malware to steal your user name/passwords, or gain remote access to your computer.

“Unlock” your computer: you’re sitting at your computer and a screen pops up, purportedly from the FBI, National Security Agency, or Department of Homeland Security. It says your computer has been locked due to illegal activity, such as downloads of copyrighted videos and music or pornography. In such instances consumers are directed to pay a \$300 fee to “unlock” their computers, using a prepaid money card, such as GreenDot.

Be prudent, be careful, and don't give out any sensitive information over the phone or online.



From the Moderator...

We're in the midst of autumn and have said farewell to sunbirds, Tom and Carolyn Culbreth until spring. We look forward to seeing them again and to all our visitors throughout the upcoming holidays. One of the new additions to our festivities is the Nativity Festival and I hope you've thought about signing up to help. Check out Kath's flier in this issue to find out all the details.

The Deacons have taken Communion to those who've made arrangements with Pastor Wes, Ron Bowser and Kay Buckley. We continue to focus our prayers for those who have made their request and hold baby Lucas Standish and his family in our daily devotions.

The Worship and Music Committee has met and worked on its plans for the season of Advent, November holidays and the upcoming Christmas season. The third Act reading of the play, "Some Year in Jerusalem" by Brian Brown will take place in the Friendship Room on the Second Sunday in November.

The Crop Walk was again successful thanks to the generosity of many donors and we thank everyone for contributions large and small that went to help the fight against hunger in our community and in the world. We raised \$280 for the 2013 walk and thank walkers Harvey Lewis and Donna Flood for representing our congregation walking around Goat Island on a beautiful fall day. Our busy month of October also contained our Fall Rummage and Soup Sale which netted over \$730. Again, thank you for your donations of time and goods to make our sale a success. We'll have a Christmas Clearance at the Nativity Festival Saturday, so if you didn't get everything cleared out of your closets, there's time to bring it in. After the Christmas Clearance, the items will be donated to Community Mission.

Our Mission for November will be for a family from Community Mission. We will gather food donations for a Thanksgiving basket to be given to the mission which will distribute our offerings to a family in need.

Candy making will start in November with four dates planned to concoct our boxes of deliciousness. Contact Hazel, Carole or the office with your order.



Our Thanksgiving Basket...

Once again this year we'll be feeding a family for Thanksgiving. Think of all the delicious foods that make up your Thanksgiving table and bring something in that will help a less fortunate family.

We are looking for non-perishable items. Some suggestions: stuffing mix; cranberry sauce; corn; the makings for green bean casserole; crushed pineapples; Cole slaw dressing; boxed or bagged potatoes; pudding mix; graham cracker pie mold - I think you get the idea now!

Consider all the blessing you have received this year and pass it forward!

Community Missions is looking to have all the food delivered to the Mission the week before Thanksgiving, so try to get everything into the church by our normal Third Sunday collection - November 17th.

Thanksgiving Offering

\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving. Psalm 95:2



Fill in the blanks about Thanksgiving:

My favorite Thanksgiving dessert is:

My favorite Thanksgiving appetizer is:

My favorite Thanksgiving entrée is:



My favorite Thanksgiving beverage is:

But am I *truly aware* . . .
Of what *really counts* ?



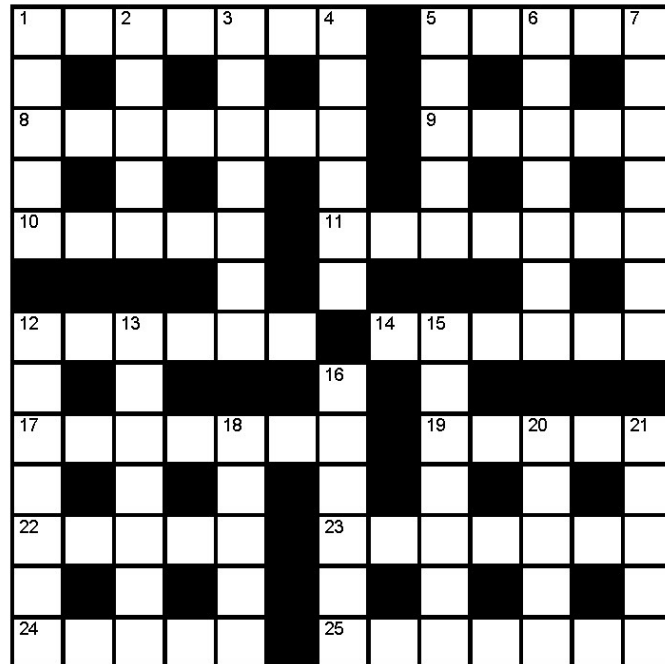
OUR THANKSGIVING OFFERING — November 2013

Bible Crossword Puzzles (King James Version)

Acts

Across

- 1 The false witnesses of Stephen said, "This man _____ not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law." Acts 6:13 (7)
- 5 Paul met with Luke and his companions at this place and then went to Mitylene. Acts 20:14 (5)
- 8 "And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to _____, What meaneth this?" Acts 2:12 (7)
- 9 Crispus was the chief _____ of the synagogue. Acts 18:8 (5)
- 10 "What is it therefore? the multitude must _____ come together: for they will hear that thou art come." Acts 21:22 (5)
- 11 Cornelius was of this band. Acts 10:1 (7)
- 12 Paul and Silas were _____ into the inner prison and their feet were put in stocks. Acts 16:24 (6)
- 14 "And with these sayings _____ restrained they the people, that they had not done sacrifice unto them." Acts 14:18 (6)
- 17 "... And as many as were ordained to _____ life believed." Acts 13:48 (7)
- 19 Acts records that many were _____ to the Lord through the missionary efforts of the apostles. Acts 5:14 (5)
- 22 "And all that believed were together, and had all _____s common." Acts 2:44 (5)



- 23 One of the actions that the lame man did when he was healed in Acts 3:8. (7)
- 24 The father of Sychem. Acts 7:16 (5)
- 25 A cursed creature in Genesis 3. (7)

Down

- 1 This fell from Peter's hands when the angel of the Lord came to his rescue in prison. Acts 12:7 (5)
- 2 "And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ maketh thee whole: arise, and make thy bed. And he _____ immediately." Acts 9:34 (5)
- 3 When Paul came to this city in Acts 19, he gave instruction on baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus. (7)
- 4 "And _____ do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void to offence toward God, and toward men." Acts 24:16 (6)

5 "... As we were driven up and down in _____, about midnight the shipmen deemed that they drew near to some country." Acts 27:27 (5)

6 Herod put Peter in prison and "delivered him to four quaternions of _____s to keep him." Acts 12:4 (7)

7 "For thou bringest certain _____ things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean." Acts 17:20 (7)

12 In Acts 19:29 there is a riot in Ephesus and the people of the city rushed into this building. (7)

13 "And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to _____." Acts 28:13 (7)

15 There are 28 of these in the book of Acts. (7)

16 In Acts 15:5-6 there rose up a sect of Pharisees who said that circumcision was needed. Along with the apostles, these people met to consider this matter. (6)

18 Another name for Simeon in Acts 13:1 (5)

20 Paul met Timothy when he came to _____ and Lystra. Acts 16:1 (5)

21 Some men of the circumcision contended with Peter saying, "Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and _____ eat with them." Acts 11:3 (5)

Nativity Festival

Saturday, December 7
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



Enjoy:

Nativity Displays

Bake Sale

Christmas Music

Gift Items for Sale

(Tables available for rent to show your crafts and creations,
as well as items like Mary Kay Cosmetics, 31 Bags or Tupperware)

Christmas Clearance Rummage Sale

*This is going to be a wonderful, relaxing day
early enough in the Christmas season to be enjoyed by all!*

Have you –

- Chosen which Nativity sets you are going to display?
 - Written up your display?
- Invited family & friends to share their crèches and to come to the Festival?
 - Decided to sing a carol or two during the day?
- Thought you'd like to read Christmas stories to our younger guests?
 - Decided what baked goods you're going to be baking?
 - Offered your help?

Contact Kathleen Ordiway today!
283-3225 or 213-7374 or kathordway@yahoo.com
to let her know how you will be participating!