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No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace as I have seen in one autumnal face. — John Donne

I so look forward to October. With October comes an inordinate sense of anticipation – fall foliage, of course, garden harvest, and those wonderful cool clear blue fall skies. October is so re-freshing! and re-energizing!! I think October was given a bum-rap for a name that really does nothing for all this wonderful month brings-to-the-table (so-to-speak). Couldn't we have been more "Color-full" in naming it, more "Taste-full" or maybe just more "Autumnal"?

Poets have a delight with October imagery – though almost everyone goes beyond *Peak Color Days* to dying and de-leaving and blustery winds that hint of the coming-of-winter (let's NOT speak of it). Poets are always so dramatic. Couldn't we just stick with the beautiful hues of brilliant reds, gentlewarm yellows, flamingorange waves across the New England mountainsides and just let them soak in to our fall???? Oh darn, there's that word, *Fall*, again, like in *THE FALL of Freddie the Leaf*, that wonderful children's book of life by Leo Buscaglia. Robert Frost penned *Nothing Gold Can Stay* – 1923, or these words of Elizabeth Barrett Browning:

Hear not the wind — view not the woods; Look out o'er vale and hill —
In spring, the sky encircled them — The sky is round them still.
Come autumn's scathe — come winter's cold — Come change — and human fate!
Whatever prospect Heaven doth bound, Can ne'er be desolate.

Anticipation is that forward leaning emotion that expects something good, maybe exciting, or even pleasurable to come along. It puts us into planning and getting ready for the expected event. I think it's what we church folk are all about in our faith journey, a trusting in and looking forward attitude that moves us and energizes us to live hope-fully, joy-fully anticipating the full, vibrant expressions of God's love and grace made visible in our neighborhood, community, world!

October presents opportunities for us to reach and stretch our faith-full living experiences, expanding our understanding, building our confidence and conviction in the assurance of God's Spirit among us, all around us! Let us vividly express a beautiful hue of God's blessings and peace.

October 2011 Worship

- October 2nd** 10:00a.m. **Sunday Worship / World-wide Communion / Diaconate envelopes**
Scripture Exodus 20, Psalm 19, Matthew 21:33-46
Message *Imagine: God's Holy Way*
Hymns O God My God, Jesus I Live To, Amazing Grace
11:15a.m. **Sunday *The Wired Word!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion**
- October 9th** 10:00a.m. **Sunday Worship**
Scripture Psalm 106, Philippians 4:1-9, Matthew 22:1-14
Message *Re-member What Matters Most: keeping & putting the pieces together*
Hymns As We Gather, I Would Be True, What A Friend We Have
11:15a.m. **Sunday *The Wired Word!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion**
- October 16th** 10:00a.m. **Sunday Worship**
Scripture Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, Matthew 22:15-22
Message *Holy Companion: pitching a tent to talk as a friend to a friend*
Hymns Bring Many Names, Take My Gifts, Take My Life
11:15a.m. **Sunday *The Wired Word!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion**
Octogenarian Luncheon in Kilton Room immediately following Sunday Worship Service
- October 22nd** 8:00a.m. – 7p.m. **New Hampshire Conference UCC Annual Mtg. in Concord**
- October 23rd** 10:00a.m. **Sunday Worship**
Scripture Deuteronomy 34:1-12, Psalm 90, Matthew 22:34-46
Message *God's Story, Our Stories: echoing out for generations to come*
Hymns O God Our Help, More Love, Lord I Want To
11:15a.m. **Sunday *The Wired Word!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion**
- October 30th** 10:00a.m. **Reformation Sunday Worship / Food Bin / Neighbors In Need**
Scripture Joshua 3:7-17, Jeremiah 31:31-34, John 8:31-36
Message *Re-forming, Re-calling, Re-freshing: rituals connect ordinary & sacred*
Hymns Ask Me What Great, O Savior Let Me, Won't You Let Me
11:15a.m. **Sunday *The Wired Word!* Adult Bible Roundtable Discussion**
Grafton/Orange Association UCC Annual Fall Meeting 2:30p.m. at Thetford UCC

OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES



- 5 Nancy & Peter Simpson
- 9 Molly & Wayne Bonhag
- 19 Norma & Phil Gomez

OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS



- 10 Frank Maynard
- 10 Jaclyn Pageau
- 12 Lori Burnham
- 14 Phil Gomez
- 14 Grace Dickerson
- 14 Bob Morgan
- 22 Jordan Mellinger
- 23 Bruce Underwood
- 25 Norma Gomez
- 28 Seth Mellinger
- 28 Payton Hayes
- 30 Ben Benson
- 30 Walter Pyer
- 31 Erin Frappier
- 31 Sarah Montuori

LIZ SEZ

As fall approaches, colors begin to peep through the green and we like to curl up in a warm blanket and dream of bygone days.



HOMESTEAD BESIDE THE DIRT ROAD

Spring sprinkled white crowns of popcorn blooms on the greening orchard trees and signaled Gram's flowers to bloom to tantalize the bumblebees.

I gathered tasty asparagus from Gram's huge garden plot and dropped potatoes with grandpa in the freshly plowed garden spot.

Aaaah to whiff again the new mown hay and visit the clinging red rose snugly clinging to the rail fence with sun coaxing them to expose fragrant petals sweetened with dew drops for each multi-colored bouquet that Gram loved to give to visitors before departing along their way.

Now I am aged and retired I could never return if I tried to those treasured days at the homestead but sweet memories cannot be denied. I sit in my old wooden rocker and invite memories to explode. Once more I am a child with Grandma in that homestead beside the dirt road.

Do we have your Anniversary or your Birthday in our records?

If you would like to be remembered by your Church Family and Friends, please let the Office know the dates of birthdays/anniversaries and we will include them in our Steeple.

Take time to laze and mull through memories. Memory is a precious gift of God.

Sez Liz

Bazaar



Bazaar

Time flies, would you believe that as of October 1, 2011 there are only 64 days until the Christmas Bazaar. The date this year is **Saturday, December 3**. This needs to be ingrained in all our minds to make the bazaar a super successful one.

We want to thank the ladies who have been meeting on Thursday mornings since last February working on various and sundry projects. We also thank all working at projects on your own. If you haven't given this a thought have no fear you have the 64 days or so to do so. The sky is the limit as to what you can do. Getting the creative juices flowing, think – wood working, painting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, gardening, reading and books, baking, candy making, cooking jams and jellies and who knows what else. There are no end to ideas and areas which we can develop to make the bazaar bigger and better.

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HELP is needed to make

this a most successful and fun filled Bazaar.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Kilton Room and help fill in all the spaces.

Your Bazaar committee: Amy Stebbins, Nancy Simpson, Carol Campbell, Grace Dickerson

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions committee is busy with 3 projects this fall. We will be participating in and helping out at the Crop Walk on Sunday October 2nd. The proceeds will benefit Church world service and some of the money raised is used to help local people.

The first special Missions collection of the year is Neighbors in Need (NIN) and will be taken on Sunday October 30th. NIN is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry(CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries(JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. There will be inserts in the bulletin about some of the NIN projects in the 3 weeks before the collection.



Immediately following Neighbors In Need, is a special 2011 UCC project called "Mission: 1". For the first 11 days of November (11.1.11 - 11.11.11) UCC churches will join together to collect more than 1 million food items for local food banks. We would like to set a goal for our church family: to collect 1,111 food items by 11.11.11! We don't have to wait until November 1 to buy and collect the food items. We suggest you start buying items now but wait until 11/1 to bring them to church. Grace says, "Let's see how many items we can collect. Let's see if we can collect so many items that when piled around the pulpit it totally covers the pulpit! Kids, we are asking your help with this too. Remind your folks to buy the items and then you help putting the boxes, cans and bottles around and over the pulpit. We can build a mountain of food to help the hungry."

Fall is here!

Are you like me and feel the excitement which fall brings to us here in New England? Mother Nature is painting the leaves and putting a chill in the air. Though this is a sign that winter is fast approaching I also feel it an invigorating sign given to each day.

It is an energizing time within the church. Church school starts up again. How delightful to see the faces and to hear the voices of the children. They bring an infection of life and hope with them. For us here at the WLCC it is a time to get excited about church suppers, a time to become infected with energy to create and build a better bazaar.

Fall for me is a time to collect my thoughts about the beauty of God's world. Somehow on these clear crisp days I invite everyone to join me looking inward with new energy to see how we can walk the path which Jesus gave us. Travel it more fully in faith, love and hope.

As we take a bite and enjoy the crispness of an apple freshly picked from a tree, let us also grab hold of each day and the life God has given us. Life has strange intricacies and twists but still golden with each breath we take. Join with me, take a deep breath and say 'thank you' and AMEN for the day.

Grace Dickerson
Moderator

Church Cuisine for the Capital Campaign

The Diaconate is sponsoring a monthly food sale to raise money for the Capital Campaign. This sale will take place on the second Sunday of each month and is called Church Cuisine for the Capital Campaign. The first sale was Sunday, September 11. The proceeds for that sale were \$178.50. Our next sale will be Sunday, October 9 and will again offer meals and baked goods. Thank you to all who participated in our first sale.

Stewardship Message

For All the World

"For God so loved the world..." — John 3:16

The first Sunday in October is World Communion Sunday. This day we remember that we are not the only Christians in the world; indeed American Christians are the newcomers to a Christian community that has been serving faithfully in many parts of the world for 2000 years! I've been privileged to witness the faithful service of Syrian Orthodox Christians in Turkey who worship in the closest modern equivalent to Aramaic. I've met Armenian Orthodox in Jordan, Anglicans in Jerusalem, Pentecostals in El Salvador, all seeking to be servants of Christ in challenging situations.

Christians are, by their very nature, citizens of the world. From the beginning of the church, as Paul invited the churches he formed to contribute to help the church in Jerusalem, we have shared resources with each other as any have need. Through our Neighbors in Need offerings, often received in early October, we share with kin in the U.S. Through One Great Hour of Sharing and our regular giving to Our Church's Wider Mission we support missionaries and partner churches and relief organizations around the world. Though American churches are young by the standards of the Middle East, Africa and Europe, we also are wealthy in comparison to many of those churches. As we plan our own pledge drives and construct our church budgets this year, let us remind each other that God not only loves us but all the world.

Rochelle A. Stackhouse is the Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, United Church of Christ, New Haven Connecticut.

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God is still speaking,

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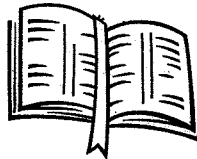


This resource is a free service and is made possible by your gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission.

BOOK ROOM!



The Women's Fellowship is starting a Book Room at the church! Many of you look forward to our book table at the Christmas Bazaar. We are expanding this idea to year-round. At the top of the stairs we will transform a room into a Book Nook. Perhaps we'll call it the Upper Room!! Please bring in your gently worn hard cover and soft cover books. We will have an honor system and a bucket to collect \$1 for hard cover books and 50 cents for paperbacks. We would welcome any current magazines which would be a free exchange.



PLEASE, no textbooks, encyclopedias or instruction manuals. All materials should be clean (literally and figuratively). Please leave donations just inside the door of the bookroom. We will organize the reading room often and keep it neat. We encourage all of you to donate often and check it out often. Grace already started us off with a donation of books at the Cabinet meeting!! All funds collected will go to Women's Fellowship for their good works. And as you can see, we welcome suggestions for what to name our new book room!

Cynthia Foster

603-298-2987; cell 603-443-1157

WLCC Delegate News

This summer has been quiet though your delegates, Gussie Swift, John and Laurie Tostenson and Grace Dickerson will be busy this fall. On Saturday, October 22nd, there is the Annual Conference meeting at the Grappone Center in Concord. On Sunday, October 30, there is the fall Grafton Orange Association Meeting at the North Thetford Church.

Save the date of: February 25, 2012

2012 Prepared To Serve

"Bringing Life and Vitality to Your Parish"

This will be held at the usual location at Pembroke Academy, Pembroke NH
All are invited to attend and take advantage of the different workshops.

Drake Room Kitchen Gets Scrubbed!

On Saturday, September 24th, nine people got down and dirty to give the Drake Room Kitchen a Good scrubbing! We got much needed work done in the kitchen: cleaning both fridges, cleaning out cabinets and drawers, the sinks & counters got cleaned, and the cupboard of tupperware containers got organized, the large mixer, and the stove grates got brushed and cleaned up. We shared some donuts, coffee, and good conversation, too!

Thanks to our many hands who made for light work!

Cynthia Sleeper, Tracy Bickford, Deb Ford, Grace Dickerson, Nancy Simpson, Peter Simpson, Donna Stender, Pauline Gage, and Carolyn Stone.



Falling Leaves Pot Luck Brunch
Saturday, October 8, 2011
10:00am to 11:30 am

*This will be a very special brunch as we have invited the ladies
of the Greater Hartford United Church of Christ
To join with us.*

*Together we can look forward to meet some new people and
make new friends, and some may reconnect with old friends.*

*The day will prove to be a time to enjoy good food and have fun
with some activities.*

*A sign-up sheet is by the back door but come on along even if
you do not sign up.*



WLCC Capital Campaign Update



Pledges Received to Date: \$39,399.50

Pledges Paid to Date: \$22,718.50

Capital Campaign Committee Update:

The Capital Campaign Committee ("CCC") wishes to express their gratitude to the Diaconate Board for its kick-off Food Sale held on Sunday, September 11, 2011. The Diaconate Board has decided to help the Capital Campaign by hosting a food sale on the second Sunday of each month, with the proceeds being given to the Capital Campaign Fund. The first food sale brought in \$178.50, which is great! Please continue to support these food sales as it helps with our progress in reaching our long-term goal of raising \$300,000 over the next 2 ½ years. See the Pledge Update Box in this Steeple that shows the total of pledges made and total received to date.

The Capital Campaign Committee met on Monday, September 26th, to regroup and make further plans for promoting the Capital Campaign. We are hopeful to have Dan Mackie put an article in the Valley News, with letters to go out to the Upper Valley businesses asking for their support of our Steeple repair fund, since our Church is designated as a Historical Land Mark to the city, and it offers outreach to the wider community.

Members of the CCC attended meetings last spring for each of the core committees. Our mission was to enlighten each of the committees about the Capital Campaign and how each of the committees might

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offer their support. We understand that the Growth Committee is planning to put on a Carnival sometime during this next year, and as noted above, the Diaconate Board is having monthly food sales. We would love to hear from the other committees after they get going this fall to see how they might contribute, as well.

We appreciate everyone's continued support and contributions to help us reach our ultimate goal of \$300,000 so that we can make the much needed capital improvements to sustain our church's building for the next generations to come! We are on our way!

On Behalf of Capital Campaign Committee: Wayne Bonhag, Debbie Ford, Co-Chairs

Tracy Bickford, Scott Allan, Dana and Al Michalovic

Nominating Committee

Our Annual Meeting is fast approaching, and your Nominating Committee is hard at work trying to complete membership on our various church committees. Openings are as follows:

Christian Education
Church Growth
Diaconate (men only)
Historical
Nominating (in dire need!!!)
Missions
Pastoral Relations
Stewardship
Trustees

Please consider serving your church by joining one of these committees. Some are more active than others. A member of the Nominating Committee would be happy to speak with you and discuss your options.

Linda Maynard, Chair

Lorinda and Dick Poirier

**2011 – 2012 SUPPER SERIES – PLEASE MARK
YOUR CALENDARS!**

We are hoping for everyone's attendance this year at one, some or ALL of the scrumptious dinners planned for the 2011-2012 Supper Series. They are as noted below:

- October 22, 2011** CHICKEN & BISCUIT with homemade pies
Hosted by: Peter & Tracy Bickford; Scott Allan & Lisa George
- November 12, 2011** SUPER CASSEROLE with Apple Crisp
Hosted by: WLCC Growth Committee
- January 21, 2012** SOUP, STEW & CHOWDER w/Salad, Bread, and Dessert bar
Hosted by: WLCC Ministry
- February 18, 2012** HAM & BEAN with Brownies & Ice Cream
Hosted by: WLCC Missions Committee
- March 17, 2012** ITALIAN-STYLE DINNER with Salad, Bread & Assorted Desserts
Hosted by: Cindy Foster, Donna Stender and Penny Daniels
- April 14, 2012** CHICKEN & BISCUIT with Homemade Pies
Hosted by: Peter & Tracy Bickford; Scott Allan & Lisa George
- May 19, 2012** SUPER CASSEROLE with Ice Cream Sundaes
Hosted by: _____
- June 23, 2012** CHICKEN BBQ & STRAWBERRY-ICE CREAM SOCIAL
Hosted by: WLCC Trustees
- Prices: \$10-adults; \$8-Seniors; \$6-Ages 5-12; Ages 5 and under-free;
(\$25 Maximum for family of four, consisting of parents and children only)

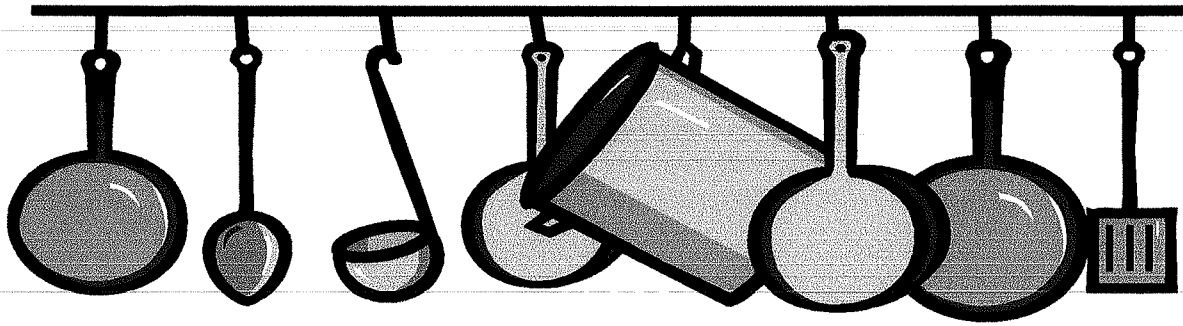
All dinners: 5:00-6:30 p.m.; Take-outs Available

We would love to hear from you if you are willing to help on any of the suppers, whether it be in the kitchen, serving in the dining room, serving coffee, or being added to the pie list to help us with baking pies, desserts, and casseroles for the Super

SUPPER SERIES (CONTINUED)

Casserole dinners. Currently, we are looking for someone (or a group) to agree to host the Super Casserole on Saturday, May 19, 2012. If interested, please contact Tracy Bickford or Rev. Wierwille. As you will see from the menus, we are introducing a few new ideas. We are looking into having a salad bar at a few of the dinners, and will have assorted desserts at some of the dinners. We are hoping to enlarge our support for making desserts from those in the congregation who do not like or know how to make pies. We would welcome new persons to be added to the pie lists for making pies, and/or assorted desserts. If interested, please contact Christine Goodhue at 448-1245 or Tracy Bickford at 448-4309.

This year's coordinating group, who are essential to helping make the dinners a success are:
Advertising: Debbie Ford (newspaper publication); Grace Dickerson (bookmarks & posters); Richard & Pauline Gage (poster distribution)
Hostess: Barbie Hazlett;
Nancy Pyer (substitute)
Cashiers: Judy Leavitt, Jean Brooks, and Nancy Pyer (alternating, as available)
Ticket Caller: Neil Henderson
Dishwashers: Peter Bickford
Waitstaff: Nancy Simpson
Pie List Coordinator: Christine Goodhue; Pie List Callers: Christine Goodhue, Tracy Bickford, Norma Gomez, Cynthia Sleeper, Donna Stender, Bev Damren, Millie Hubbard, Ruth Guernsey, and Marion Chapman
Pie Cutter: Cynthia Sleeper/Donna & Megan Stender (substitutes)
Dining Room Set Up/Tables: Boy Scouts
Table Set up; Place settings: Quailers: Jan Lacey, Phyllis Morneault
Kilton Room Set-up: Donna and Megan Stender
Of course, our dinner guests are key to our continued success! Please come, enjoy the food and fellowship. We look forward to seeing you!
Tracy Bickford, Coordinator,
2011-2012 Supper Series



From the Bakeless Bake Sale for Haiti Disaster Victims

Cranberry Cheesecake

2 1/2 C. whole cranberry sauce

1 pastry 9" shell

1. 8oz. Cream cheese

2/3 C. Sugar

2 eggs (slightly beaten)

3 Tbsp. Flour

1 tsp. Vanilla

Spread cranberry sauce over bottom of crust. Beat cream cheese and sugars well. Beat in eggs, flour, and vanilla until combined; on low speed. Pour over cranberries.

Bake 350 for 35 - 49 minutes or until center is set.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours.

October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Diaconate: Diane Adam Adam DalPra Trustee: Peter Bickford Flowers: Carol Campbell</p>						1
<p>2 10:00 Worship Communion. 11:15 <i>The Wired Word</i> Bible Study 2:30 CROP WALK</p>	3	<p>4 <i>Piano</i> 6:00 Bells 7:00 I/G Choir 7:00 Diaconate</p>	<p>5 UVHS 10-2 <i>Piano</i></p>	<p>6 9:00 Work Mtg. KMUV 10:00-10:30</p>	<p>7 KMUV 9:30-12:00</p>	<p>8 Women's Falling Leaves Pot Luck Brunch 10:00-11:30</p>
<p>9 10:00 Worship Church School <i>The Wired Word</i> Bible Study</p>	10	<p>11 10:00 Quaill Hollow <i>Piano</i> 6:00 Bells 7:00 I/G Choir 6:00 Growth</p>	<p><i>Piano</i></p>	<p>13 9:00 Work Mtg KMUV 10:00-10:30 6:30 Trustees</p>	<p>14 KMUV 9:30-12:00</p>	15
<p>16 10:00 Worship Church School <i>The Wired Word</i> Bible Study Octogenarian Lunch</p>	<p>17 NOVEMBER STEEPLE DEADLINE</p>	<p>18 <i>Piano</i> 6:00 Bells 7:00 I/G Choir</p>	<p>19 <i>Piano</i></p>	<p>20 9:00 Work Mtg KMUV 10:00-10:30 5:00 Community Dinner</p>	<p>21 KMUV 9:30-12:00</p>	<p>22 NH Conference Mtg. Concord 9:00 a.m. - Chicken 'n Biiscuits Dinner 5:00-6:30</p>
<p>23 10:00 Worship Church School <i>The Wired Word</i> Bible Study</p>	24	<p>25 <i>Piano</i> 6:00 Bells 7:00 I/G Choir</p>	<p>26 <i>Piano</i></p>	<p>27 9:00 Work Mt KMUV 10:00-10:30</p>	<p>28 KMUV 9:30-12:00 Family Fun Nite 6:00-8:00 p.m.</p>	29
<p>30 10:00 Worship Church School <i>The Wired Word</i> Fall G/O Assoc. Meeting 2:30 p.m.</p>	31					

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COOKIE SMILE

Make these cheerful lollipop cookies to share.

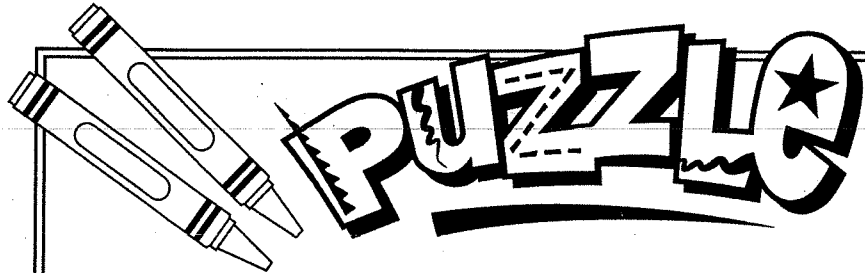
What you need:

- An adult to help
- 1 roll of sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Cookie sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Cellophane treat bags
- Ribbon



What you do:

1. Freeze the roll of dough.
2. Cut dough into ¼-inch slices.
3. Place slices 2 inches apart on cookie sheet.
4. Bake at 350 degrees for five minutes.
5. Remove cookies from oven and place a stick into the bottom of each cookie (about 1 inch into the dough).
6. Return cookies to the oven until done, three to five more minutes.
7. After cookies are cool, make a "face" on each one, using frosting and sprinkles.
8. Put cookies into bags and tie with a ribbon. Then give away these edible smiles!

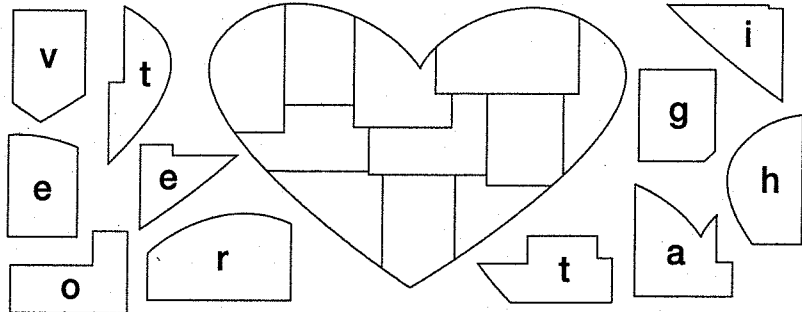


HOW TO GIVE

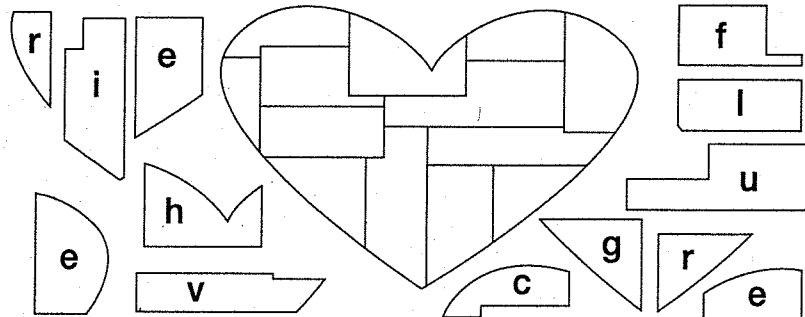
We can give in a variety of ways, including our money, possessions and time. But God says there's only one attitude to have when we give.

Finish the puzzles by matching the pieces and writing out the letters in order to complete 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your ...



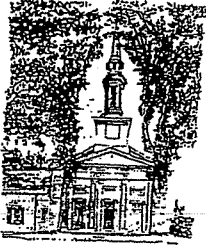
... not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a ...



Answers: heart to give, cheerful giver

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Worship Service: Sunday 10 AM
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Email: wicc@valley.net
Web Site: www.westlebcc.org
Phone: 603-298-8096
Church Office Hours:
Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-3:30
Wednesday 9:00-12:00
Pastor's Office: Tues, Wed, Thurs a.m. or by appt.

