

**Reformed Church of Palmyra**

236 Canandaigua St.

Palmyra, NY 14522



# ***The Messenger***

**Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter**

***March, April 2024***

If you received this by regular mail, please consider receiving it by e-mail. Contact Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589 or church email to be switched.

**EASTER - FOOD FOR THOUGHT** - Where does betrayal begin? We read in John 13:27, "And after the sup Satan entered into Judas. Then Jesus said unto Judas, 'What you are about to do, do quickly.'" This was not where the betrayal started. In Matthew 26:6-13, we find that, "when Jesus was in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to Him having an alabaster flask of very costly fragrant oil, and she poured it on His head as He sat at the table. But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, 'Why this waste? For this fragrant oil might have been sold for much and given to the poor.'"



But when Jesus was aware of it, He said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, but Me you do not have always. For in pouring this fragrant oil on My body, she did it for My burial". If Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah, the King of the Jews, then His talk of poverty always existing, of Him leaving, and or of His burial, might be unsettling to anyone looking to Him to be a deliverer from oppression, and one who would usher in universal prosperity. Sin starts with a thought in the heart, and that is where a betrayal begins. Matthew 26:14-16 says, "Then one of the twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests, and said, 'What are you willing to give me if I deliver Him to you?' And they counted out to him thirty pieces of silver. So, from that time he sought opportunity to betray Him."

Luke 22:1-7 records, "Now the Feast of Unleavened Bread drew near, which is called Passover. And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might kill Him, for they feared the people. Then Satan entered Judas Iscariot, who was numbered among the twelve. So, he went his way and conferred with the chief priests and captains, how he might betray Him to them. And they were glad, and agreed to give him money. So, he promised and sought opportunity to betray Him to them in the absence of the multitude. Then came the Day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover must be killed." These events, prior to the last supper, would bring Judas to the meal with his mind on finding an "opportunity to betray Him." With his mind on that and his heart not with Christ, it isn't hard to see why he wasn't responding to the grace Jesus was giving him during that foot washing and meal time. Judas' prior thoughts and actions had so set the stage that he was no longer seeing with any understanding or conviction. His heart was hardened through his previous meditations of evil. In Luke 21:37, we read, "And in the daytime Jesus was teaching in the temple, but at night He went out and stayed on the mountain called Olivet. After the Passover meal, Luke 22:39 says, He went to the Mount of Olives, as He was accustomed, and His disciples also followed Him." What Jesus commissioned Judas to do quickly was to do what was already in his heart---go that very night and get the rulers and chief priests and lead them to the garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives. Things were not out of control--this was God's doing--timing that had been eternally set.

Betrayal, regardless of any gain never leads to happiness and peace in the inner man. Matthew 27:1-5 tells of Judas' end. "When morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor. Then Judas, His betrayer, seeing that He had been condemned, was remorseful and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, 'I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.' And they said, 'What is that to us? You see to it!'" Then he threw down the pieces of silver in the temple and departed, and went and hanged himself." 1 Timothy 6:9-12 tells us, "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." Fighting the good fight of faith is more than believing and trusting the words of God, but it is also trusting and believing the character of the God behind those words. In the garden of Eden, original sin came about when Adam was willing to entertain the thought that not only was what God said wrong, but that His very character was questionable. In a sense, this was the first betrayal, and with the betrayer came death for all.

In the garden of Gethsemane, the last Adam appealed for any other way than the cross, but never wavered on the set purpose or character of God, and therefore, was able to face death on a cross and say, "nevertheless, not my will, but Yours be done." His faithfulness not only justified His being brought back to life, but brought justification and life for all who would believe in Him. Where does unbelief and betrayal begin? In the thoughts of the heart. Where does faith and faithfulness begin? In the thoughts of the heart. Why is meditation on the word of God so important? Because it feeds the heart truth upon which to think in one's heart. Verses to contemplate: Proverbs 23:7 - "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he;" Matthew 15:18-20 - "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. These are the things which defile a man.;" Luke 6:45 - "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.;" Proverbs 4:23 - "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.;" Psalm 119:9-11 - "How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; oh, let me not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.;" Psalm 1:1-3 - "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law, he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.;" Romans 12:1-2 - "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

## Reformed Church of Palmyra

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### CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### Consistory:

##### **Elder**

Preston Smith	315-576-8680
Chris Bucknam	315-576-7791
David Ondra	585-831-1941
Rick Sitterley	585-329-0307

##### **Deacon**

Dave Fanelli	585-545-0908
Todd Pipitone	585-469-5699
Josh Hale	585-305-5532
Petr Premyslovsky	Treasurer 315-879-1791

### PRAYER SUPPORT

If you would like Prayer Support, please:

- ♥ Call Preston Smith (315-576-8680) or a Consistory Member
- ♥ Leave a message on the church phone 315-597-4341
- ♥ Fill out a Prayer Request Form, found in the tract rack in the Sanctuary foyer
- ♥ Come to a Prayer Meeting on Wednesday

### Information regarding our service

- **Sunday School**, for all ages, is from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- The **Offertory plates** are not passed; they are in the Sanctuary on the back table and table by the elevator.
- **Venmo** is available.
- Our service is **live streamed via YouTube**.
- **Closed-Circuit TV** is available downstairs in the Comfy Room
- **Free daily devotionals and DVDs** are available in the sanctuary on the back table
- A **Nursery** for young children is downstairs
- **Refreshments** are served in the Fellowship Hall downstairs after the service.

## **Please Keep in Prayer**

Contact Carol Fanelli (716-512-0589) to have a name added and also let her know when a name can come off.

- † **Roy Vanderwall**
- † **Monica Mashner**
- † **Mrs. J** (friend of Deb Thompson)
- † **Steve Nittolo** (Elma Fox's son-in-law)
- † **Devin & Ella DeRuyter**
- † **Janet Bushart** (foot surgery)
- † **Laura Davis** (niece of Dave & Carol Fanelli)
- † **Bob Sitterley** (Rick's Dad)
- † **Ruth Lonneville**, (friend of Carol Wandersee)
- † **Lee Nichols**, (friend of Dave & Carol Fanelli)
- † **Ed Fickess**, (friend of David Kish, cancer)
- † **Susan Johnson**, (a friend of Amy Sitterley)
- † **Josh**, (Marlene Slocum's nephew)
- † **Dan Buchiere**, (Rocco's friend)

### Community, Country, and the World:

- † The victims of war
- † Replace hatred with love in people's hearts
- † The victims of natural disasters
- † The local organizations who offer help:
  - ♥ Palmyra/Macedon Food Pantry
  - ♥ Green Angels
  - ♥ Good Neighbor Fund
  - ♥ Grace House
  - ♥ CareNet Crisis Center
  - ♥ East Palmyra Christian School
  - ♥ Palmyra Community Center
- † Compass Care
- † Those in the military and our veterans
- † Show our government officials your love
- † Those who must practice their faith in secret for fear of being killed
- † Missionaries that our church support
  - ♥ **Sophia McMullen**
  - ♥ **The Ricci family**
  - ♥ **Greg & Jean Davis**
- † All missionaries around the world

### Congratulations:

**Isaac and Mandy Harden were married January 27.** Congratulations to them. Blessings on your walk together with our Lord.

*PLEASE, let Carol Fanelli know (on the church email) of any special occasions that you would like to share with our church family*

### Happy Anniversary:

March 21	David & Raquel Kish
April 7	Steve & Marcia Marsille
12	Terry & Val Gendron
28	Len & Roberta Main
30	Preston & Emily Smith

### Happy Birthday:

March 2	Gabriel Castro
3	Steve Hullings
4	Audrey Hohenboken
6	Skylar Thompson
9	Hannah Harden
11	David Premyslovsky
11	Mike Ennis
15	Deb Thompson
17	Carol Wandersee
18	Olivia Smith
19	Jack Milliken
19	Barb Geesaman

26	Hess Harden
27	Marcy White
April 2	Bob Collier
2	Hana Premyslovsky
3	Zhoie Thompson
7	Adriana Ennis
8	Selah Harden
10	Carol Fanelli
17	Isabel LeGrand
19	Marlene Slocum
22	Valerie Gendron
24	Hilda Collier
26	David Fanelli

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to those who are reading for our Lenten services: **Marcy White, Carol Fanelli, Mike Insalaco, Mary Hawkins, Mike & Ariana Ennis, Dave & Raquel Kish, Dave Fanelli, Premyslovsky family.**

**Cal Bucknam** would like to thank his family and friends for their prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls, etc. during his surgery.

**A new ceiling in the Fellowship Hall!** It makes such a difference in the noise level. Thank you to the **Consistory** for their continuing efforts.

Thank you to **Karl & Carrie Nies** for the special music they provided for Joan Bucknam's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Thanks to **Carol Wandersee** for making the added plaque we needed for our Chili Cook-Off winner.

Thank you to our **Fellowship Ministry Team** for their work in the church: **Ashley McMullen, Marcy White, Joanna Mason and Cheryl Mason.**

Our thanks to the following for their continued help in the church: *(For putting on the refrigerator)*

### Greeter/Usher:

March 3	Rick & Amy Sitterley
10	Bill & Emily Smith
17	Tom & Marcy White
24	Chris Bucknam
31	Sean & Donna Edmunds
April 7	Dave & Carol Fanelli
14	Josh & Glendy Hale
21	Chris & Audrey Hohenboken
28	Mike & Diana Holbein

### Flowers:

March 3	Peter & Cheryl Mason
10	Len & Bobby Main in loving memory of Harry & Eleanor Dunk
17	Carol Wandersee

24	<b>Palm Sunday</b> - Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Rev. Bob and Louise Ondra
31	<b>Easter Sunday</b> - Women's Ministry
April 7	Olivia & Owen Kish
14	Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Jim Ondra
21	<b>OPEN</b>
28	Tracy Lush in loving memory of Betty, Norm & Scott Lush and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Cook

### Coffee Hour:

March 3	Marcy White & Amy Sitterley
10	Lisa Ondra & Laurie Pipitone and pot luck corned beef luncheon
17	Raquel Kish & Lisa Premyslovsky
24	Fellowship Sun – Mediterranean themed luncheon
31	Emily A. Smith & Diana Holbein
April 7	Marlene Slocum & Glendy Hale
14	Carol Wandersee & Audrey Hohenboken
21	Linda Harden & Cheryl Mason
28	Fellowship Sunday – Salads & Sandwiches luncheon

### Jr. Church/Nursery

March 3	Dave & Raquel Kish & Thomas Premyslovsky
10	Chris & Audrey Hohenboken & Brennan Pipitone
17	Steve & Brittany Hullings & Kerstin Pipitone
24	Devin & Ella DeRuyter & David Premyslovsky
31	Lisa Premyslovsky & Jeff Brannan & Spencer Nies
April 7	Elena Colon, Glendy Hale & Kerstin
14	David & Raquel & Thomas
21	Chris & Audrey & Brennan
28	Steve & Brittany & Kerstin

## **CALENDAR**

(For putting on the refrigerator)

Mar. 3 – Mission of the Month  
     – Sign up - **Activity Come Together**  
 Mar. 4 – Women's Ministry  
 Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Bible Study at 11:00am & lunch  
 Mar. 6 – Consistory at 7:00pm  
 Mar. 9 – Turn clocks ahead 1 hour  
 Mar. 10 – Christian Education 11:45 am  
     – Corned Beef Luncheon  
 Mar. 13 – Educational Media Night 7:00pm  
 Mar. 16 – Men's Breakfast 8:00 am  
 Mar. 17 – Emily & Preston Baby Celebration  
 Mar. 20 – Evening Bible Study at 7:00 pm  
 Mar. 22 – EPCS Dutch Dinner and Square Dance  
 Mar. 24 – Palm Sunday  
     – Communion  
     – Day of Fellowship luncheon  
 Mar. 27 – Evening Bible Study at 7:00 pm

Mar. 29 – Good Friday service  
 Mar. 31 – EASTER  
     ✠ Sunrise Service 6:45 am  
     ✠ Our Easter Service  
     ✠ Children's Egg Hunt  
 April 1 – Women's Ministry 7:00pm  
 April 3, 10, 17, 24 – Sr. Bible Study at 11:00 am  
 April 3 – Consistory  
 April 7 – Mission of the Month  
     – **New** Women's Sunday School  
 April 10 – Media Education Night at 7:00pm  
 April 14 – Christian Education meeting - 11:45am  
 April 15- Ham Loaf Dinner fundraiser  
 April 17 – Evening Bible Study at 7:00pm  
 April 20 – Men's Breakfast 8:00am  
 April 24 – 7:00 pm Bible Study.  
 April 28 – Fellowship Sunday

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A congregational meeting was held on Jan. 7 to discuss the Consistory's recommendation to leave the Reformed Church of America and join the Evangelical Free Church of America. Rev. Kerry Doyal (of the EFCA) had a question-and-answer period during Fellowship Time. The result of the vote was: 37 to 1 for our church to leave the RCA and go to the Evangelical Free Church of America. Consistory is now working on the change-over

Our winner in the Chili Cook-Off was **Dave Ondra** and the Dessert Bake-Off winner was **Matt LaPlant**. We sure have GREAT cooks!

### **ACT (Activity Come Together)**

Are you relatively new to the PRC family and want to meet more people? Have you been at PRC for years and wish you could get to know some of the newer folks? Do you like the idea of fellowship in smaller groups outside of Sunday morning? Here is a fun way for groups of 6-10 to get together for a *fun activity* of your choice (i.e. Sat. morning breakfast out, potluck dinner at a member's home, a walk, picnic in a park, dessert night, etc.). It is completely up to the groups when and where to meet and what to do..... Sign up for ACT at church March 3, 10 and 17.



**Let's ACT!** It's time to sign-up for ACT groups! Look for the sign-up sheets on the back table or in the fellowship hall. Groups will be announced on March 24th. See any Fellowship Ministry Team member (Cheryl, Ashley, Marcy, & Joanna) with questions.

**Cheryl Mason** is now the person to contact for use of the church facilities. Please, be sure to inform her of any dates or activities that may require use of the church.

**March 9 – Turn your clocks ahead one hour.**

**March 10 – Corned Beef luncheon** for the community after the morning service. **Please bring a pot of corned beef or a dish to pass.**

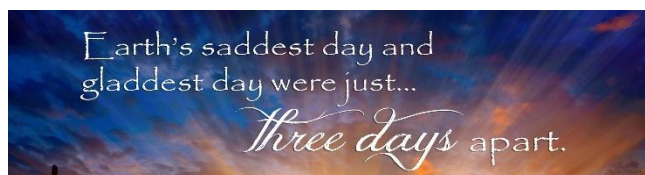
**March 17 – Baby celebration for Emily & Preston Smith during Coffee Hour.**

### **EPCS Dutch Dinner March 22 -**

Mark your calendars for feasting on classic Dutch delicacies including: Dutch Lettuce, Hutspot, Almond Bars, and more! This is a night to celebrate EPCS's Dutch roots and fellowship with their community. They are also hosting a square dance right after the dinner! Paul Stoep says "I wear my wooden shoes every morning to get the mail. I sure am going to be clogging around in them on the night of Dutch Dinner. If you have some, wear them!"



**Communion will be held March 24 – Palm Sunday.** Please contact Preston or a Consistory member to have communion brought to you if you cannot come for the church celebration. Gluten-free bread will be available.





**March 29 - Good Friday (Tenebrae) service** at 7:00 pm.

**EASTER (March 31) Celebrations:**

✠ **Sunrise Easter service** 6:45am at the Friends Church, Farmington.

It is an amazing service; while we celebrate Jesus' resurrection, the sun is rising on the horizon. Praise the Lord!

✠ **Church service** at our church at 10:30 am

✠ **Children's Resurrection Egg Hunt** after the morning service

- ♥ The egg itself is a symbol of the Resurrection. Just as Jesus rose from the tomb, the egg symbolizes new life emerging from the eggshell.
- ♥ The church prohibited the eating of eggs during Holy Week, but chickens continued to lay eggs during that week, and the notion of specially identifying those as "Holy Week" eggs brought about their decoration.



**NEW, NEW – a Women's Sunday School** will start on April 7. It will be held from 9:30-10:15am. **Diana Holbein** has volunteered to be our leader.

**Ham Loaf Dinner is April 15** - serving begins at 4:30pm. The menu is: ham loaf, salt potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, Italian bread, and homemade desserts.

**Dates of Activity Schedule:**

**Sunday School** - Every Sun 9:30-10:15am

**Women's S.S.** - Every Sun. 9:30–10:15am (Starting April 7)

**Worship Service** – Sun. at 10:30am

**Jr. Church/Nursery** - During Sun. morning service

**Mission of Month** - First Sun. of each month  
A special offering is taken. Lisa Premyslovsky will give information on these missions during the service

- \* **March 3 – Grace Covenant Ministries/Jackson County (former Annville Ministry)**
- \* **April 7 – Scarlet Thread Ministries**

**Wed. Morning Bible Study** - starts at 11:00 am.

Lunch is served about noon

- \* **March 6, 13, 20, 27**
- \* **April 3, 10, 17, 24**



**Women's Ministry** - First Mon. of month at 7:00pm

- \* **March 4 - Emily A. Smith** is our hostess (she will have topic, devotions, and snack)  
We'll discuss the corned beef luncheon and Easter bags for our shut-ins.
- \* **April 1 – Amy Sitterley** is our hostess and the ham loaf dinner will be our discussion

**Consistory** - First Wed. of month at 7:00pm

- \* **March 6**
- \* **April 3**

**Christian Education** - Second Sun. of month at 11:45am. Teachers, supervisors and those interested in our children are asked to grab a coffee and snack and please meet in the kitchen.

- \* **March 10**
- \* **April 14**

**Education/Media Night** - Second Wed. of month at 7:00pm. Popcorn is shared – Can't beat, GOOD movie and popcorn.

- \* **March 13** – finishing the Book of Acts
- \* **April 10** – *The Essential Church*

**Men's Breakfast** - Third Sat. of the month, 8:00am  
Please bring a breakfast item and your bible.

- \* **March 16**
- \* **April 20**

**Evening Bible Study** - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Wed. of month @ 7:00pm

- \* **March 20, 27**
- \* **April 17, 24**

**Fellowship Sunday** - Last Sunday of each month  
our church family will come together for a potluck lunch and fellowship, time of worship and a short Bible teaching. As the Lord enlarges His family here, this will be a wonderful opportunity for us to grow closer to Him, as well as to one another.

- \* **March 24 – Mediterranean food theme potluck**



- \* **April 28 – Salads & Sandwiches luncheon**



- \* Whether you are a member or not of PRC, please come! Loved to have you join us.

## Way to help others

**Reformed Church of Palmyra** has boxes & containers (in the kitchen by the church phone) for:

- Used stamps - Alliance Stamp Ministry
- Pull top tabs from beverage cans
- Food Pantry
- Bottles/cans with a 5-cent deposit can be left in the black plastic bag below the phone in the kitchen (these go to EPCS)

### **Pal-Mac Food Pantry:**

All soaps	Canned fruit	Pasta	Bread
Spagh. sauce	Peanut butter	Jelly	Soup
Pancake mix	Syrup	Cereal	Juices
Canned meals	Boxed meals	Canned veg	& fruit
Toilet paper	Hygiene items	Reusable bags	

*The collection box is in the kitchen on the recycling shelves behind the door.*

### **EPCS**

Get the following at the EPCS office:

- Greeting cards sold individually for \$1 per card (or by the box for an even cheaper

deal!). We offer cards for all different occasions.

- Rada Cutlery- These make great gifts! These too, are also located at the school and you can take them right home with you after purchase. Prices vary.
- Cookbooks: \$5
- Wilhelmina mints: \$2

Also. . . .

- ♥ Bottles/cans with a 5-cent deposit can be left in the apple crate outside the school
- ♥ Used printer cartridges can be left in the same box outside with the bottles.
- ♥ **They have employment opportunities** - If you know someone who would be a fit, please have them send their resume and a statement of faith to [rrobbins@eastpal.org](mailto:rrobbins@eastpal.org).
  - High School Mathematics Teacher
  - High School Humanities Teacher
  - High School Science Teacher
  - Educational Administration
  - Substitute Teachers - We need you!

# Ham Loaf Dinner

Palmyra Reformed Church  
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**April 15, 2024**  
**4:30 p.m. till gone**

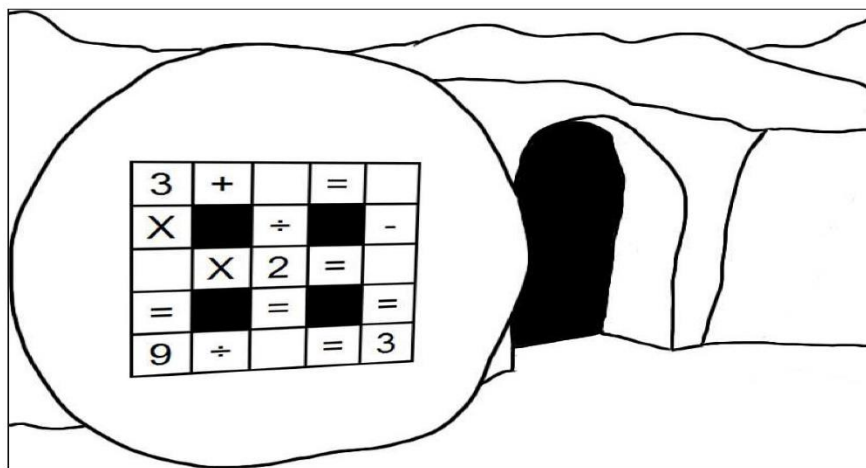
**Adult \$15.00**  
**Individual ham loaf \$ 8.00**



- + **Eat In or Take Out**
- + **100% Proceeds for Mission Programs**

## Jesus is Risen!

Complete the sums on the tomb stone...



... then find the hidden message from Luke 24 v 6



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+ RE

-EL

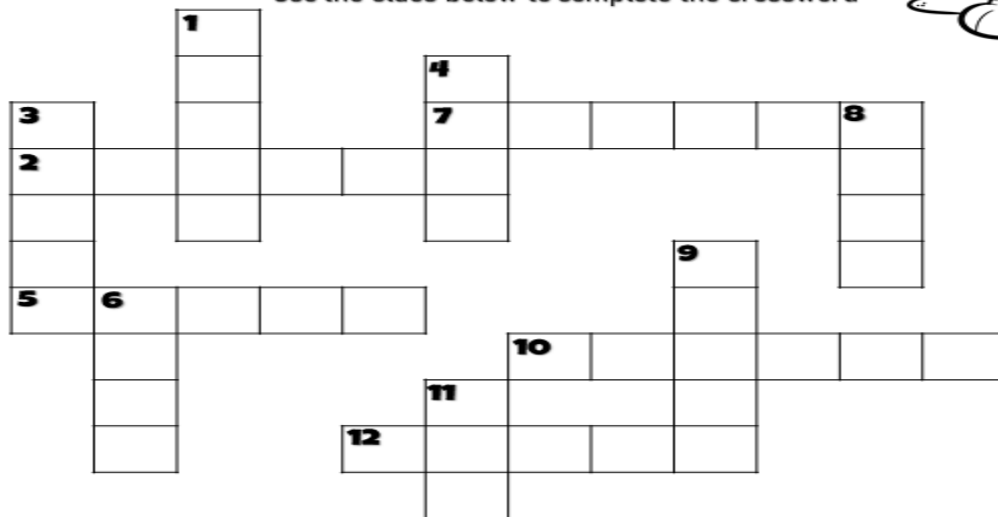


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## For Children (Of all ages)

### EASTER BIBLE CROSSWORD

Use the clues below to complete the crossword



#### DOWN

1. Jesus died on the...
3. Who rose from the dead after 3 days?
4. She looked in the tomb to find it empty.
6. Another name for grave is ...
8. Jesus died for our ...
9. With what was Jesus' side pierced?
11. Another word for weep is ...

#### ACROSS

2. The holiday we celebrate for Jesus rising.
5. What covered the entrance of the tomb?
7. Messengers from heaven?
10. What did they place on Jesus' head at the crucifixion? A crown of ...
12. What symbolized Jesus' body during the last supper?



# Just for Fun!!



## Why Go To Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.

"I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the newspaper. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher.

