
REFLECTIONS

This past month has been a difficult one for all of us. It has truly been a time of reflection and prayer to help us move beyond a period of miscommunication and some lack of understanding. We need to emerge from this time renewed and strengthened.

I appreciated the support of so many of you when I was not at all certain it existed. During this time, I learned more fully, than ever before, the need for open discussion and a time for processing all information before we make any hard and fast decisions.

I have always believed in open communication and we all need to strive to accomplish this more effectively. Many ideas have been suggested and they will be implemented.

As difficult as things have been at times, I know we have all learned more about the way Congregational Christians can work, debate and reason together. I also know the wonder of having many of you pray for me and with me. We have no time to dwell on these past happenings. We need to move forward as a wounded body of Christ that seeks healing for itself as well as for all those who have been injured. We are all called to love each other at all times, in all places and through all situations. I have learned in these past days and nights that many have heard that call.

Peace and Grace,

Alice

Pastor Alice

STUDY GROUPS

The Study Groups will begin meeting again on Thursday, September 15th. The morning group meets at 10:00 AM and the evening group meets at 6:45 PM. If you have any questions, please contact the pastor, and check the [Church Calendar](#) on this website for updates.

PRAYER GROUP

The Prayer Group meets at 6:00 PM every Wednesday evening. These sessions last about a half an hour and include time for meditation and silent prayer. Everyone is invited to attend. If you have a prayer concern, please contact one of the group's members, Penny Putnam, Jean Millard, Debi McKeon, Sue Welchel, Claire Vreeland or Pastor Alice.

Prayer



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will resume on September 11 at 9:30 AM. This new schedule worked very well last year due to the commitment of the families involved. It allowed those families that wanted to participate in the worship to remain after Sunday School and it allowed the families that had other Sunday obligations to attend to them. Our teachers were faithful to their tasks and served us very well. We can never thank them enough for the job that they do for our young people.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

We will have a Confirmation Class this year because we have children in the right age group. Any young person who is in 6th grade or older is welcome to attend these classes. It has been suggested that Sunday mornings before worship might be the best time for this class to meet. Please refer to the [Church Calendar](#) page on this website.

Phillipians 4: 13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me...

The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, cautions lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs.

But if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, Insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success.

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Joseph's Family Reunion

Genesis 39-41 (NIV)



To find out what Joseph said to his brothers, when he revealed himself to them, use the code to solve the puzzle. Find the letter in the message on the outside circle. Match it with the letter on the inside circle.

"I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt..."

TBQ FRAG ZR NURNQ BS LBH GB CERFREIR

SBE LBH N ERZANAG BA RNEGU NAQ GB

FNIR LBHE YVIRF ..." (Genesis 45:5-7)

Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14:22-34 (NIV)

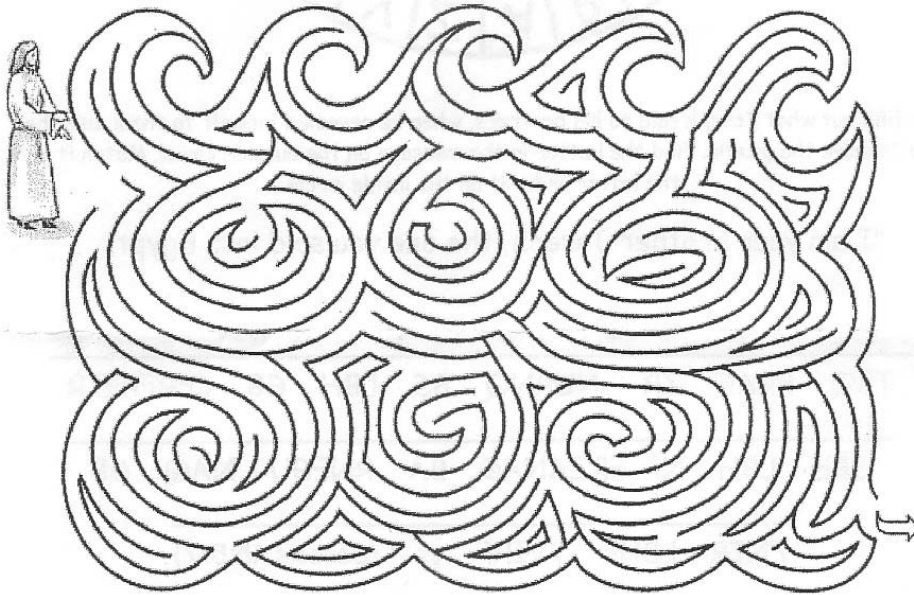
Jesus performed many miracles. One night he even walked on water to meet his disciples who were in a boat on the lake. The disciples were very startled to see Jesus walking on the water towards them. Peter said to Jesus, "tell me to come to you on the water." Jesus said, "Come" and Peter got out of the boat and started to walk on the water toward Jesus. That took a lot of faith. But then he became afraid because of the wind and began to sink and cried out to Jesus to save him. Read Matthew 14:31 (NIV) and fill in the blanks below to see what Jesus said to Peter.

Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of _____," he said, "why did you _____?"

Just as Jesus wanted Peter to have greater faith in Him and the power of God so he wants us to have faith that God will help us to do the things that we know God wants us to do. Read verse 32 and fill in the blanks to see what the disciples said after Jesus climbed into the boat with them.

"Truly you are the _____"

Lead Jesus through the water maze to reach the disciples in the boat.



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