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# THE OPEN DOOR

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Dear Friends,

March brings Spring, hopefully a break from the rain of February and most importantly the season of Lent. As always, we will have our pre-Lent observance at the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, Mar 5 at 6pm. We will share pancakes with each other, play some pancake games, and enjoy some final indulgences before Lent begins the next day. Our Ash Wednesday worship service will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Mar 6 beginning at 6pm. We will share a potluck soup meal (no desserts!) followed by worship. This is a particularly child friendly Ash Wednesday service that includes the imposition of ashes, so be sure to bring your children or grandchildren, or neighbor kids! We will continue our study of Isaiah during Lent on Wednesdays after Ash Wednesday with a prepared meal at 5:45 and the study at 6:15pm.

During the Season of Lent we examine our lives to see where are living into the Kingdom of God here and now and where we are missing the mark on that. It is a time to pray, meditate, seek forgiveness and imagine how to live into this new life we are given more faithfully. In worship during this season we will reflect on the verbs fasting and feasting, waiting, delivering, changing, and perceiving as we seek to understand more fully what faithfully living into the Kingdom of God here and now is all about. This exploration that begins with Ash Wednesday worship will continue through Holy Week. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services (April 17 and 18) will provide additional means of exploring these actions. Look for more information about Holy Week services in the April Open Door.

If you have not walked the labyrinth and would like to or you want to learn more about that, I invite you to join me Thursday, March 7 at 10am. I will offer some guidelines for walking the labyrinth as a spiritual practice. I will also be available at 10am on Thursdays throughout Lent for those who want to engage in this practice of mediation, prayer and reflection. Blessings to each of you during this journey of Lent.

Grace and peace,  
Wendy

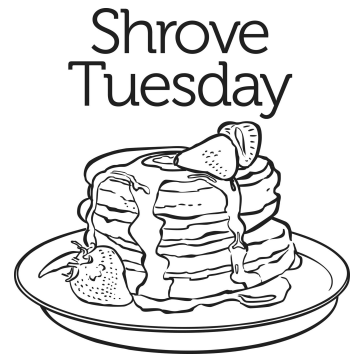


### Save Our Saturdays

Save Our Saturdays is a Lenten tradition that began years ago when one of our members remarked that the hardest thing for them to give up during Lent would be “one of my Saturday mornings.” Each Lenten season Bethel members, adults and children alike, are encouraged to spend one or more Saturdays in service to others in their community. This year our Save Our Saturdays opportunity is to help organize the Family Promise Rummage Sale, on Saturday, April 5th. This is a great donation opportunity!

### Shrove Tuesday

Join us on Tuesday, March 5th at 6 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, for a pancake supper and celebration with games and activities. We are in need of pancake flippers! If you would like to flip pancakes, please join us at 5:30 to help. Bring your friends and family!!



### Ash Wednesday Service

This year we will gather for a simple potluck meal of soup and bread at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. An informal Ash Wednesday Service will follow. This service is intergenerational and everyone is welcome. Bring a pot of soup or a loaf of bread to share.



### A Note from the Trustees

Some of you may recall that Bethel owns two cemetery plots in Oak Ridge Memorial Gardens as a result of a generous gift from a member family some years ago. If you or someone you know would be interested in acquiring the plots, contact one of the trustees (Dave Braski, Joe Coen, & Joni Morgan).

## Fair Trade

Mandy Knies will have the Fair Trade cart in the gathering area on **Sunday, March 3rd - 10th**. Orders can be made at the cart or by email:  
[bethelpcusa@gmail.com](mailto:bethelpcusa@gmail.com).

The next ordering period will be in May.

Easter Chocolate from Divine Chocolate will be available soon.



## H.O.M.E. Food Collection

Thank you to everyone who contributed food for our February HOME collection, which helps to support our local food pantry and helps feed hungry folks in our community.

For the month of March, our focus food will be boxed **Canned Fruit/Applesauce**. These and other non-perishable food items can be brought in throughout the month and placed in the HOME collection basket in the Gathering Area. Our in-worship collection will be Sunday, March 17th.

**Pull Ups and Size 4 Diapers are in high demand!**



# memorials & gifts

In memory of Chris Badger from Terry and Charity Robbins

In memory of George and Aline Terry from JoAnn Moore

In memory of Jacob Murr from Liz Singley Jim and Mary B. Hines

In memory of James Woodard from Liz Singley

In memory of Rev. Marc Sherrod from Andrew and Patsy Buchanan Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Rev. Dick Hettrick from Mark and Kathy Banker

In memory of Gene and Katy Banker from Kirk and Elaine Steele

In memory of Larry Strickling from Jim and Mary B. Hines

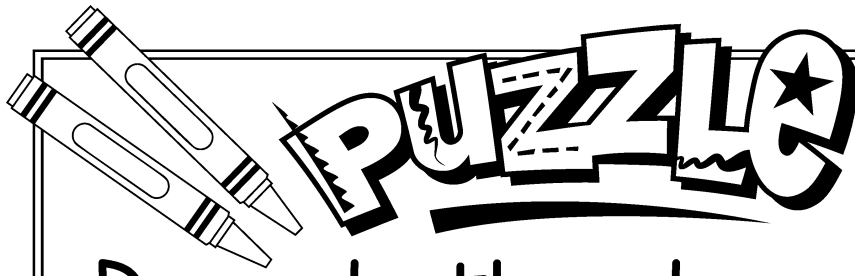
In honor of Edith Miles from Terry and Charity Robbins



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|    | Bian Kirby      |
|    | Jean Young      |
| 3  | Duie Swicegood  |
| 4  | Mark Preston    |
| 5  | Hailey Choate   |
|    | Vic King        |
|    | Dan McDowell    |
| 8  | Charlie Coen    |
| 9  | Kathy Banker    |
| 12 | Janna Brown     |
| 13 | Linda Choate    |
|    | Gary Griffith   |
| 14 | Travis Brown    |
|    | Shawn Hart      |
| 15 | Will Jackson    |
| 17 | Hayden Jacks    |
| 19 | Marge Hettrick  |
| 26 | Justin Murr     |
| 27 | Greg Murr       |
| 28 | Peggy Sheppard  |
| 29 | Nancy King      |
| 30 | Sherry Paris    |
|    | Viviana Vanegas |

## Looking Ahead

- Palm Sunday: April 14th
- Maundy Thursday: April 18th
- Good Friday: April 19th
- Easter: April 21
- Earth Day: April 22



# Decode The days

At this time of year, God's creation "springs" to life.

**Directions:** After reading Genesis 1:1–2:3, write the correct Creation day number under each picture. Then add up each day's total and write it on the correct blank below.



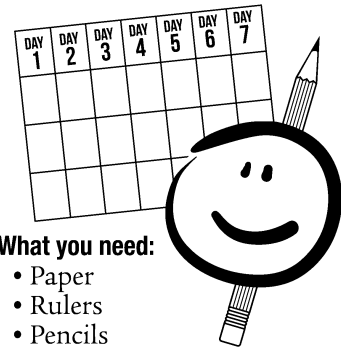
Day 1 (light) \_\_\_\_ Day 2 (waters) \_\_\_\_ Day 3 (land and plants) \_\_\_\_ Day 4 (heavenly bodies) \_\_\_\_

Day 5 (birds and water animals) \_\_\_\_ Day 6 (land animals and people) \_\_\_\_ Day 7 (God rested) \_\_\_\_

Answers: Day 1 = 3, Day 2 = 3, Day 3 = 10, Day 4 = 6, Day 5 = 10, Day 6 = 15, Day 7 = 2

## DAYS OF CREATION

Play this game to remember when God made each of his masterpieces.



### What you need:

- Paper
- Rulers
- Pencils
- Markers or crayons
- Dice
- Bibles (open to Genesis 1:1–2:3 for reference)

### What you do:

1. To make game boards, draw a grid with four rows and seven columns, totaling 28 squares.
2. Across the top row, write DAY 1 in the first square and continue through DAY 7.
3. Take turns rolling one die, or all players can roll at once. For the number rolled, draw something God created on that day (in the correct column).
4. When you fill an entire row, draw a smiley face in the DAY 7 square. The first player with two smileys wins.

# March 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3 Annual Congregational Meeting 12:15 pm	4	5 Shrove Tuesday 6 pm	6 Ash Wednesday Supper & Worship 6 pm	7 Labyrinth Walk 10 am  Book Club 10	8	9
10 Faith Team 12:15 pm	11	12	13 Supper & Study 5:45	14 Labyrinth Walk 10 am  Women's Bible Study 10:30	15	16
17 H.O.M.E. Collection  Session 12:15	18 President's Day	19	20 Supper & Study 5:45	21 Labyrinth Walk 10 am	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Labyrinth Walk 10 am	29	30
31			Supper & Study 5:45	Women's Bible Study 10:30		

## EACH WEEK:

Bethel Arts Ministry: Art Club Monday 10-Noon & Monday 5-7 pm

Taoist Tai Chi: Tuesday 5:30 -7 pm, Friday & Saturday 9:30-11 am

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 7 pm

Yoga: Thursdays 5:30 pm