

The Messenger

Palmyra Reformed Church Newsletter

November, December 2018



SUNDAY MORNINGS

- 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
- 10:00 a.m. - Nursery
- 11:00 a.m. - Coffee & Goodies
- 11:30 a.m. - Sunday School

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For many, October 31st means an invasion of witches, zombies, superhero's and all kinds of children in Halloween costumes. They ring the doorbell, begging for candy with the words, "trick or treat" (I still haven't quite figured out if that is a veiled threat...). Anyway, October 31st also marks the anniversary of the Reformation.

As our society increasingly distances itself from church and church history, the term "Reformed" has begun to lose its meaning. With the word Reformed on our church sign, I wonder how many people think we are a bunch of convicts who have just been released from jail and are meeting to continue our rehabilitation to society! Or perhaps they think we are the Christian version of *Weight Watchers* (re-formed, get it? Sorry, I'll keep my day job).

Martin Luther, 501 years ago, literally struck a blow at the corrupt church of his day with the nailing of the 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg Germany. The "theses" were a challenge to debate doctrine in an academic setting. However, little did Martin know that this simple act would lead to three major denominations, the Lutheran (taking its name from Luther), Presbyterian (named after the form of church government) and the Reformed (named after the movement) churches.

Although there are differences in church polity and some areas of doctrine, the one doctrine all these churches agreed on was justification by faith. Salvation was a free gift of God. This gift is received by faith not works, and it was earned for us through our blessed Lord's sacrificial atonement on the cross. As a matter of fact, one of the most beautiful documents to have come out of the reformation was the *Heidelberg Catechism*. Question and answer 60 of the catechism answers a very important question,

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ

Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined towards evil, nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me. All I need do is accept this gift with a believing heart.

Apart from being one of the longest run on sentences ever penned, there is so much gold packed in this one succinct statement. But let me save you some time. All of it, and indeed all our salvation, can be summed up in one word, Christ! When we through faith receive Christ, all his benefits, all his holiness, all his righteousness becomes ours. This is the foundation upon which the Reformation was laid.

So, this Halloween, remember that salvation is no trick, but instead it is God's treat for those who trust in Christ (I still got it!).

Blessings,
Rev. Will



Palmyra Reformed Church¹



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COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Consistory	First Wed. of the mo.
Women's Mission Ministry	First Mon. of the mo.
Prayer Meeting	Last Wed. of the mo.
Christian Education	Second Sun. of mo.
Youth Group	

CHURCH DIRECTORY:

CONSISTORY AND COMMITTEES:

Rev. Willard Barham, President	585-319-8729
Chris Bucknam, Vice President.	315-576-7791
Sacraments Co.	
Jack Thompson Building & Grounds Co.	315-597-9394
Education Co.	
Gary Wood Treasurer	315-521-6212
Finance Co.	
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Music Co.	
David Ondra Pulpit Supply Co.	585-831-1941
Music Co.	
Building Superintendent	
Dave Fanelli Clerk	585-545-0908
Finance Co.	
Head Usher	
Building & Grounds Co.	
Scott Thompson Building & Grounds Co.	585-944-9177
Building Superintendent	

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS:

Superintendent	Lisa Premyslovsky	315-597-4877
Ass't Super.	Jack Thompson	315-597-9394
Treasurer	Gary Wood	315-521-6212

¹Member of Reformed Church in America

FOR PRAYER SUPPORT:

- Call Rev. Barham at 585-319-8729
- Leave a message on the church phone 315-597-4341
- Fill out a Prayer Request Form (in tract rack)
- To have the Prayer Chain started, call Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Prayers Are Asked For:

- ♥ Those facing personal challenges
 - ♥ Our members in Care Facilities
 - **Lillian Barham** (Hill Haven, Webster)
 - **Jean Craft** (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - **Clara DeNearing** (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - **Ann Milliman** (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - **Ruth Moore** (Wayne County Adult Home)
 - **Phil Proeto** (Jewish Home)
 - ♥ Our work at Palmyra Reformed Church
 - ♥ **Ray Stein** (Deb Thompson's father)
 - ♥ **Reid Robbins** (Principal at East Pal Christian School)
 - ♥ **Elsie VanGee**
 - ♥ **Thelma Schuldt**
 - ♥ **Ruth Lonneville** (Carol Wandersee's friend)
 - ♥ **Cindy Zarzone** (Candy Barham's sister)
- Visits and cards are truly appreciated!**

Town, Country and the World:

- † The missionaries we support
 - John & Laura Iamaio (college ministries in the Rochester area)
 - Ahaus Doctors ministry in Honduras
 - Greg & Jean Davis - Bridges International
- † All missionaries locally around the world
- † Our honored veterans
- † Those in the Armed Forces and their families
- † Our country – God Bless America
- † The victim of natural disasters
- † Senseless acts of hatred
- † Our Nation and its leaders
- † Our work at Palmyra Reformed Church
- † Those in prisons
- † Those struggling with addictions
- † Those persecuted in the name of the Lord
- † Palmyra-Macedon Food Pantry
- † East Palmyra Christian School
- † Care Net Pregnancy Center
- † Good Neighbor Fund
- † Meals on Wheels
- † Green Angels



Condolences:

- ♥ Our sincere sympathy to Charles Wood and family on the passing of his wife, Ann. Ann was the sister-in-law of **Gary and Deb Wood**.
- ♥ Our condolences to the **family of Charlie Meck** who went home to our Lord on September 18, 2018.

May God be with their families and give them comfort.

Congratulations:

Anna & Thomas Gowen are the proud parents of a baby boy born Oct. 24, 2018. He was 8 pounds and 21 inches long and his name is **Jedidiah Hawthorn**. God's blessing to the family on this wonderful miracle from God.

Welcome!

The following children have taken Communicants classes with Rev. Will and Thomas Gowen: **Molly, Jack Henry and Sadie Gowen; Hana, David and Thomas Premyslovsky**. We will be honoring them at our next Communion service on December 2 – God bless our newest communicant members.

By profession of faith – on Oct. 28 we welcomed **Bob & Linda VanderMere** as the newest members of The Palmyra Reformed Church.

Happy Birthday (Please contact Carol Fanelli for corrections or additions)

Nov.	2	Taylor Jones
	4	Chris Main
	6	Lisa Thompson
	9	Roberta Main
	10	Scott Thompson
	11	Gary Wood
	11	Gordon Bushart
	12	Linda VanderMere
	14	Donna Ondra-Hares
	15	Petr Premyslovsky
	16	Lucy Fordon
	16	Marcia Marsille
	16	Mysty Wadsworth
	17	Carrie Nies
	18	Rebekah Fordon
	19	Mackenzie Thompson
	19	Joshua Thompson
	19	Aileen Ramos
	21	Ann Milliman
	27	Laura Marsille Ramos
	27	Mike Thompson
Dec.	2	Doug Bushart
	6	Lonnie Hohenboken
	6	Thomas Gowen
	9	Rev. Will Barham
	13	Lenny Main
	19	Bob Ike
	20	Dave Ondra
	20	Brandon Jones
	20	Dee Plumley
	21	Milton Wadsworth
	31	Steve Marsille



Happy Anniversary:

Dec. 9 Dave & Carol Fanelli

Church Picnic



Aug. 26

Thank You

Bob and Linda VanderMere would like to thank everyone for their support when they participated in the Walk-A-Thon for Downs Syndrome with their grandson. They raised the most money since they started this walk. Thank You!

A note from Bob and Linda VanderMere's daughter:

"Thank You for the donations to the Flower City Down Syndrome Group. We really appreciate it. This provides social activities and educational programs for children and adults. Thank you! Laurie Wright"

Check out the pictures on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Thank You from:

- ♥ **Joan Bucknam** for prayers, flowers and concern during her recent medical procedure.
- ♥ **Virginia Wilson** to the Women's Ministry for the flowers and for everyone's prayers and well wishes.
- ♥ **Elaine Bushart** to everyone for their prayers, flowers from the Women's Ministry and well wishes during her recent surgery.

Thank you to **Scott Thompson, Gary Wood, Jack Thompson and Dave Fanelli** for their work on scraping and painting on the north side of the parsonage.

Thank you to our treasurers and Consistory for their work on the report(s) for the Congregational meeting.

Thank you to those sharing their talents and gifts on the **Christian Education Committee**.

Thank you to those who helped with **Canaltown Days** – we realized a profit of \$513 for mission work.

The Youth Group enjoyed a Family Fun Day at Morgan Fruit Farm in Marion. It was a wonderful day! Thanks to those who went. Thank you to **Scott and Chastity Thompson** for organizing this outing and helping the children make applesauce with the apples.

There are not enough words to express the thanks to all who helped with the **Chicken-N-Biscuit dinner**. We broke a record – we made over \$1,000. This will help the many missions support by the Women's Ministry and the church. Our mission program is truly blessed. You are wonderful! Thank you!

The baby bottle collection for **CareNet Crisis Center** was \$130. Thank you to those who chose to support their work.



Picnic

Check out the Ninja obstacle course!



Thank you, Carol Wandersee!

Announcements

Sunday School has started!

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers. They are:

- ♥ Pre-2nd grades
 - **Rebekah Fordon,**
 - **Audrey Hohenboken**



- They are meeting in the Nursery and Meeting Room
- ♥ 3-5th grades
 - **Lisa Premyslovsky, David Fantauzzi, Carol Fanelli**
 - They meet in the children's Comfy Room
- ♥ MS/HS
 - **Rev. Will Barham, Candy Barham**
 - They meet in the Comfy Room
- ♥ Adults
 - **Chris Bucknam**
 - They meet in the kitchen

Our sincere thanks to our dedicated team of teachers for both Nursery and Sunday School.

The church has installed an AED defibrillator on the wall between the bathrooms. Kevin Smith (owner of a medical supply company) came to church and explained the procedure for using the defibrillator. Our prayers are that we never have to use it, but if it is needed we have it.

Nov. 4 – Mission of the Month - Shoe Boxes for Christmas Child

Gordon Bushart suggested we set a goal of 50 boxes – Can we do it?

- Our special offering for the Missionary Sunday collection will be used toward the \$9 donation requested for each box packed
- We will be **packing shoe boxes** for children around the world
- Sunday School classes for the **teens and adults will not be held** so they can help with packing
- See the insert in the bulletin for items to be used
- **Bring in - - - -**

- **Shoe box(s)** and we will fill them here **and/or**
- A **filled shoe box**, a \$9 donation per box is requested **and/or**
- **Items** for the boxes **plus**
- All items must be new
- No liquids
- No war related items
- No toothpaste or candy
- No chocolate or food
- No medications or vitamins
- No breakable items (i.e. snow globe)
- No aerosol cans



Thank you to one of my contributors to the newsletter - **Cal Bucknam**. Thank you for this submission!

Blessings in Our Sanctuary:

We have many significant memories placed in our sanctuary and I would like you to take a walk through them with me.

First as you gaze toward the pulpit we have a beautiful hand-made cross by a former lifetime member by the name of Walt Fox. Truly a carved work of art from both his hands and heart. He is the beloved husband of Elma Fox who we are blessed to have with us.

Adorned on the pulpit you also will see two flags standing tall. One is the United States and the other The Christian flag. These were given by Louis and Alma Haak in loving memory of their first-born son, Donald, who passed away many years ago in Germany while serving in the United States Army. Louie was the beloved husband of Alma Haak. Who we are blessed to have with us.

Next you may notice another work of the art of needle point of the Reformed Church Crest. This was done by Joan Bucknam many years ago in loving memory of Helen Ameele a life long member and leader in Mary & Martha Society – now known as our Women's Ministry.

Our Allen organ was a donation from the estate of Minnie Cleason in 1966. This selected by former longtime organist Marjorie DeVey and current organist Jon Bucknam. This instrument has been played at so many services by many and truly stood the test of time. I can't believe so many years have passed – 52 – where has the time gone?

Downstairs you will also find a piano presently tucked away but should be noted it was a gift from the estate of Kate & John Blankenberg in 1973 and again many years past.

Lastly but not too significant are the badly worn and stained cushions you might be sitting in our pews. These were gifted from another church and had been used by many years but believed they might be good and useful to us. These were then picked up and placed for our comfort.

Enough for this time but just thought you might reminisce with me.

The teaching staff has been watching the 7-part DVD series "7 Laws of Teaching" by Howard G. Hendricks. We start out with dinner and then the DVD. A night of dinner and a movie – can't beat it.

Missions of the Month & Mission Programs
(A special offering will be taken):

- **Nov. 4 –Samaritan's Purse shoe boxes.**
- **Dec. 2 – Palmyra/Macedon Food Pantry.**
 - The Missionary Program will be presented by Lisa Premyslovsky during Sunday School time at 11:30am

Bible Study/Prayer at 7:00pm at the church

This opportunity of study and prayer is open to all! Come, learn and enjoy fellowship with your friends.

- Nov. 28
- Dec. 19



Women's Ministry

- ♥ **Nov. 5 - Dinner Outing** – All ladies are invited to meet at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon Center at 5:30 pm for dinner. Contact Carol Fanelli (315-926-0305) for reservations and/or if you would like to car pool. Join us, love to have you!
- ♥ **Dec. 3 - Devotions** will be a story or reading by each attendee. Carol Fanelli will serve refreshments. We will be:
 - Decorating Fellowship Hall Christmas tree
 - Cookie baking with the children
 - Angel Tree for WC Nursing Home
 - Discussing the Dec. 16th - Christmas Luncheon/program
 - Fruit baskets for shut-ins
 - Cookie give-away at Christmas Lunch

The Rochester Classis newsletter, *Traces of the Spirit*, is available. To check it out go to the link <https://www.dropbox.com/s/650kyfnir6r5wf9/August%202018.pdf?dl=0>

Family Promise – This is a new program that the Presbyterian Church is sponsoring. It is a nationwide program providing housing, food and education for those with a home. Our church has signed up to be responsible for occasional meals. Thank you to **Dave Ondra** who is currently taking care of these meals.

Local Missions - the following items may be brought in and left in the kitchen (boxes and containers are in the kitchen):

- Food Pantry
- Used stamps - Alliance Stamp Ministry
- Used greeting cards – VA Hospital
- Pull top tabs from beverage cans – dialysis
- Used magazines and good reading books can be brought to Newark Hospital

- NEW birthday, anniversary, sympathy & get-well cards can be given to Candy Barham (she sends out cards to our church family)
- **East Palmyra Christian School** can use:
 - St. Pauly's Textile shed – Bring your gently used clothing, blankets, shoes, purses, etc. to the shed in EPCS parking lot
 - Printer ink cartridges – bring to the school
 - General Mills box tops for education



Pal-Mac Food Pantry – They are always in need of food supplies. Please bring in the following items so, others may share in the Christmas Spirit:

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| Bread | Juices |
| Peanut butter | Canned fruit |
| Pancake mix | Syrup |
| Spaghetti sauce | Canned meals |
| Boxed meals | Pasta |
| Jelly/jams | Toilet paper |
| All soaps | Hygiene items |
| Plastic grocery bags | |

(The collection box is in the kitchen on the recycling shelves.)

Thank you to **Lenny and Roberta Main** who are our representatives to the Pantry. They bring our donations to the Pantry and work there when it is our turn.

Grace House is a new facility in Palmyra

- It is housed at 114 Canandaigua St. in Palmyra.
- Grace House was founded by a core of committed members of Zion Episcopal Church. They have trained ministers and volunteers.
- This endeavor is funded totally by individual donations, a grant from Hope House in Webster and the Zion Episcopal Church.
- They provide a hospitable, caring and confidential environment to listen to and access personal needs.
- The Clothing Closet (that was in the Methodist Church) has now been expanded to include adult clothing.
- **What can we do??** They are asking for:
 - Prayers
 - Household items
 - Linens
 - Clothing of all ages.
- They are open Mondays from 6-8 pm and Thursday 3-5 pm if you have any items to drop off

Nov. 10 – Men! Breakfast at church at 8:00 am.
– *Come one, come all* – ALL males are invited to breakfast – the men are cooking! There is a sign-

up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Nov. 18 – Congregational Meeting – lasagna!

- † Please bring lasagna or a side dish or a main dish of something you like
- † ALL are invited to attend but please be aware that only members can actually vote on motions
- † We will be voting on the 2019 budget and for members for Consistory

Nov. 25 – Angel Tree at the Wayne County Nursing Home – If you would like a name off of their Angel Tree, see Carol Fanelli. The wrapped gift(s) will need to be back to church by Dec. 9.

December is **Poinsettia Memorial Month** – if you wish, bring in or have a poinsettia delivered to the church. We fill the church sanctuary with color in celebration of this miraculous holiday of Christ's birth. Please let Carol know who the flower is in memory/honor of so you can be added to the Poinsettia Memorial List that she has in Dec.

Communion Sunday will be Dec. 2

- Rev. Will and elders are available to serve communion to those unable to receive it at church. Call Rev. Will or an elder if you would like communion at your home.
- Gluten-free bread is available for those with special diets

Dec. 2 thru 23 – Advent Sundays

First Sunday – **Hope** in the House of the Lord
 Second Sunday – **Peace** in the House of the Lord
 Third Sunday – **Joy** in the House of the Lord
 Fourth Sunday – **Love** in the House of the Lord
 Christmas Day – **A Child** in the House of the Lord



Dec. 16 – Christmas Luncheon and Children's Program:

- The luncheon
 - Start right after the morning service
 - Pot luck
 - Celebrate your heritage by bringing in a dish to pass from that country
 - Bring your own table service please
- Children's Christmas Program will follow the lunch



See Carol Fanelli if you would like to help in any of these areas:
 (phone 315-926-0305 or palmyrareformedchurch236@gmail.com)

Greeter(s):

- Nov. 4 Gary & Deb Wood
- 11 Barham family
- 18 Cal & Joan Bucknam
- 25 Chris Bucknam
- Dec. 2 Doug & Janet Bushart
- 9 Gordon & Elaine Bushart
- 16 Dave & Carol Fanelli
- 23 Hohenboken family
- 30 Chuck & Sandy Lehman

Flowers:

- Nov. 4 Dave & Carol Fanelli in loving memory of family members
- 11 Mysty Wadsworth in loving memory of Larry Murphy
- 18 Women's Ministry
- 25 Bob & Linda VanderMere in Loving memory of their son, Stephen VanderMere and his wife
- Dec. 2 Poinsettia Memorial Month
- 9
- 16
- 23 *Bring in a poinsettia in loving*
- 30 *memory or in honor of someone*



Nursery:

- Nov. 4 Candy Barham, Carol Fanelli, David Premyslovsky
- 11 Candy, Carol F., Thomas Premyslovsky
- 18 Candy, Carol F., Quinton Holcomb
- 25 Candy, Carol F., Kaylie Cauthen
- Dec. 2 Gary & Deb Wood, David
- 9 Gary & Deb, Thomas
- 16 Gary & Deb, Quinton
- 23 Gary & Deb, Kaylie
- 30 Gary & Deb, David



Refreshments:

- Nov. 4 Audrey Hohenboken
- 11 Sandy Lehman
- 18 Tina Haak
- 25 Joyce Bucknam
- Dec. 2 Roberta Main
- 9 Candy Barham
- 16 Lisa Premyslovsky
- 23 Tina Haak
- 30 Jackie Quick

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Nov. 4 – Mission of the Month, Shoebox Ministry
– Wrap and fill shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
- 5 – Ladies are going out for dinner
Log Cabin at 5:30pm
- 7 – Consistory 7:30 pm
- 10 – Men are making breakfast for ALL the men in church – at church at 8:00 am
- 10 – Turn you clocks back 1 hour – Daylight Saving Time ends
- 11 – Sunday School meeting at 12:00
- 18 – Congregational meeting after a lasagna lunch
- 22 – Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00am
- 28 – Prayer/Bible Study Meeting 7:00 pm
- Dec. 2 – Communion Sunday
– Mission of the Month
– Mission Program at 11:30am
– Advent begins
- 3 – Women's Ministry meeting at 4:00 pm
- 9 – Christian Education Meeting 12:00
- 16 – PRC Christmas Luncheon and Children's Program
- 19 – Bible Study/Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm
- 25 – Birthday for baby Jesus



The Funny Side

Spider's Web

Fall in the Pacific Northwest is a series of climatic ups and downs. Abrupt changes in temperatures inspire trees and critters to sudden activity, only to find a week of Indian summer is just around the corner. Then it all happens again.

At Pattison Lake in Lacey, Washington, the water adds chills and humidity to the air and makes a spectacle for the eye. Eerie fogs, whispering pines and sunrises testify to the joy of God's creation. This year He added spider webs and inspired a poem.

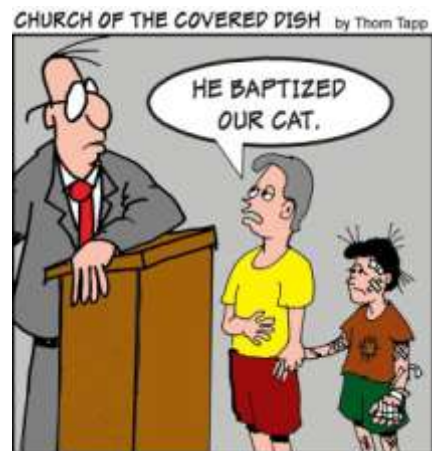
The itsy-bitsy spider
Ignored the water spout,
Picked out a fence
And laid her webs about.
Down came the cold
And froze up all her string.
So, the itsy-bitsy spider
Went south until the spring.

Rick Taylor
Lacey, Washington

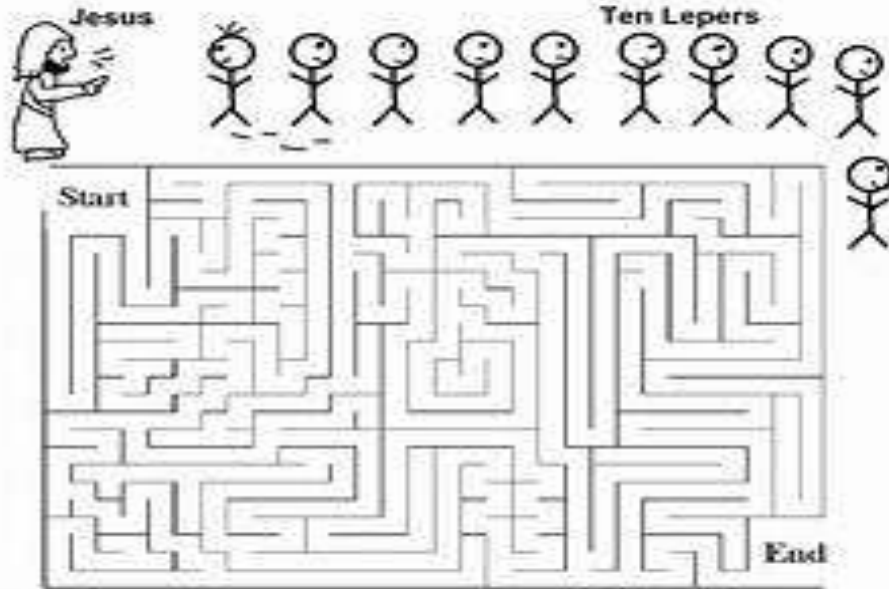
Thank you, Elaine Bushart, for giving me this article. I really appreciate it. Remember this poem winter when the beautiful cold snow is better to look at from your living room window.

Being Thankful

A Rabbi said to a precious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?"
The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"



For the Kids



**One Thankful Man
Maze**

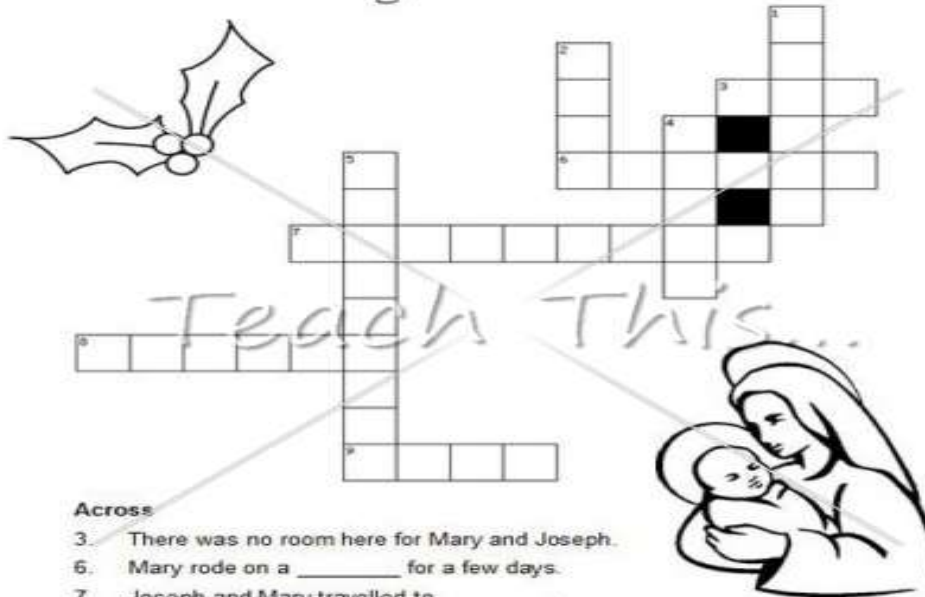


Ten Lepers, but only one was thankful to Jesus for his healing.

Luke 17:16 And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.



The story of Christmas



Across

- 3. There was no room here for Mary and Joseph.
- 6. Mary rode on a _____ for a few days.
- 7. Joseph and Mary travelled to _____.
- 8. The innkeeper allowed Mary and Joseph to stay here.
- 9. A very bright _____ appeared in the sky when Jesus was born.

Down

- 1. Mary laid Jesus here after he was born.
- 2. The Wise Men gave Jesus gifts of _____, frankincense and myrrh.
- 4. An _____ told Mary she had been chosen to have a special baby.
- 5. Some _____ saw a bright light while watching their sheep.