



Chestnut Hill Views

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings All!

This summer, we have spent time talking about Stewardship and what that means for us as Christians as well as the church as a whole. We learned that being good stewards is not just about being financially prepared and taking care of the finances. This is important, but we also learned that sometimes being good stewards of our emotions, our relationships, and our thoughts is likely more important so that others will see that we truly do walk the talk.

Some will likely disagree with us throughout our lives. There will be some who will try to stand in our way. There will be some who will tell us that we are not walking the talk. Here's what I have learned in our time together over the summer, and it has been one of the greatest lessons I learned in seminary but really needed to be reminded of right now...we cannot judge our actions based upon our intentions and others merely upon their actions. It just cannot work that way. Let me put it this way...I am the only one who knows what my intention is in any action that I take. When folks respond to what I may or may not have done, I cannot look at their action(s) as a direct response to my intention. I may have intended something for good, but it turned out badly. While my intention was for the good of another, what happened ended up hurting that person. I cannot judge what I did based upon my intention. Despite always meaning to do the right thing, sometimes our actions end up doing the opposite of what we intended. This is why grace and love are so important in our lives.

When Jesus arrived on the scene and began teaching about the Kingdom of God, he continually turned things on their head. He challenged the religious authority of his time. He spoke against the Pharisees' teaching, constantly. Yet, he always taught that love was first (love God and love neighbors, the final two commandments). If we want to make sure that we are always doing what is right and just in this world, we need to stop judging ourselves on our intentions and continue assessing how our actions reflect love for God or love for others. We can do it, I know we can!

May God's love surround you this day!

Pastor Christian

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Church News

10 AM Worship Will Resume on 9/12/2021! The Church has re-opened for socially distanced worship services inside the Church Sanctuary. Masks are optional. Our summer worship schedule which has worship beginning at 9 am will soon be ending. We will go back to our regular worship time of 10 AM on September 12, 2021. In addition to the in-person worship services, the church we will continue to offer virtual services using the link found on the church website and/or on Facebook.

Annual Church Yard Sale, Bake Sale Event Is Back – (Without Recycling):

Our Annual Church Yard Sale and Bake Sale event will return on Saturday Oct 2, 2021 at the Lower Milford Fire House, located at 1601 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg, PA 18036, from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.

We are still looking for volunteers to help us during the week; to receive, unpack and set up the goodies we get donated to us, to sell. Volunteers are needed, Monday Sept 27 - Thursday Sept 30 and Friday October 1 from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm. If you can help out any night, it would be greatly appreciated. In addition, Saturday we will need help packing up the items at 2pm for the Green Drop organization to pick up.

Debbie Weighknecht will be heading up our delicious food and baked items during the day. If you are interested in donating baked items or soup, please contact Debbie Weighknecht at 610-392-4911.

All items not sold are being donated to Green Drop. This year we will NOT be having a recycling event with the Yard Sale/ Bake Sale. Please see Debbie Koder's flyer on page 5 for more information along with a list of items that CANNOT be accepted at drop off for the Sale.

Please start cleaning out your house and help us make this year's event GREAT! Any questions, please see Debbie Koder 610-390-9026 or email: debkoder@yahoo.com

Please Join Us! Lower Milford Community Day: Saturday September 25 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. We will again have a booth selling baked goods, food, and some pre-yard sale items. Joan and Rodney Slota have graciously offered to sell their copper ornaments at the event and will donate all of the profits to CHC! (Thank you Joan & Rodney)! We are looking for volunteers to help out at our booth from 10 am – 5 pm. You do not need to assist the whole day, even an hour or 2 is a big help. Please contact Debbie Koder - 610-390-9026.

Church News, continued ...

Pastor Christian's Office Hours: Pastor Christian has begun having office hours during the week. His typical in office hours will be Tuesdays from 9 AM to 1 PM, subject to scheduling changes. If you would like to chat or spend some time with him, please call ahead to make sure that he will definitely be in the office.

Deadline for Newsletters: Just a reminder that the deadline for future newsletter article information or submissions is at noon on the 15th of the month prior to the bi-monthly newsletter release; the next deadline is October 15th for our November & December newsletter announcements and information.

Summer Music Recap and Things To Come - Do You Have Music Talent?: It has been a very busy and fun summer with our Hymns of Nature Summer Worship Series. It has been wonderful to explore the history behind some of our favorite hymns as well as learning some new ones. It was also very fun to have our first two hymn sings, especially featuring some new Christmas hymns. If anyone would like to participate in special music for a service, either singing, playing an instrument, or having any other creative ideas; feel free to email me at e.dickson@chcucc.org. I would love to have more members participate in music at Chestnut Hill. Thank you!! ~Erica

Garden Improved - Thanks to Volunteers, But Help Still Needed Friday, November 26th:

Our garden area is looking much better, thanks to those brave people who endured the heat on Saturday Aug. 7th. Those individuals included Kathy Kale, Leigh Hansen, Marj Trinkle, Karen Billger, and Debbie Koder. And a few continued the clean-up on Monday August 9th.

The Garden Committee wishes to give a special thank you to Mike O'Rourke who brought up his tractor with a bucket and was able to push back our old piles of debris in the tree line and haul all our new clean up debris to the back tree line.

Also, a special thanks to Marj Trinkle, Robin Billger, Karen Billger, Barb Leh and Debbie and Brett Koder, who cleaned up the whole fire pit area.

There is still a little bit more clean up to do. We plan to purchase triple ground mulch for spread, Black Friday, November 26th, so mark your calendars. Mike has graciously offered to help us out with his tractor for this project too!

Thanks to everyone that helped bring our Garden back. It is looking bright, colorful, and well maintained once again! See for yourself, pictured right. →



Church News, continued ...

Fellowship Hall Flooring Upgrade: *(Contributor, Debbie Koder)* Well, it's been almost 5 years, but we finally get to say good bye to our old 1950 vinyl flooring and hello to our new laminate plank flooring in the Church Fellowship Hall. The flooring product is a high traffic laminate (Fusion) and was installed by ARS Floors & More LLC in the beginning of August. Ameriprise money was used towards the new flooring in the Fellowship Hall. A special thank you to Bill Hoff, Alice Debus, Ken Debus, Debbie Koder and Brett Koder, who contributed additional funds to make the floor project possible.

Before:



After:



Volunteers Still Needed: Volunteers are needed to serve in various roles and as part of various committees and groups at Chestnut Hill Church. Chestnut Hill Church Board of Trustees is still looking for a few volunteers to join their team. Anyone with a “hands on” mentality who is able to make small repairs around the church and conduct business primarily via email might be a perfect fit. Please contact Debbie Koder if interested in volunteering - 610-390-9026. There is also still some need for volunteers to join the Missions Team. Please contact Joan Slota, if interested in Missions Team. The Garden Club needs volunteers who can assist with weeding in the garden at your leisure. In addition, Becca Bogart has volunteered to lead a new Team, a Visitation Team, whose responsibility would be to ensure continued connection between the church and its members. If none of these opportunities seem like a good fit for you, please speak with any member of Church Council or Pastor Christian to discuss how your time and talents might fit an opportunity to volunteer.

CHC T-Shirts: CHC is looking to place a new order for church T-shirts. At this time, there are only a small selection of sizes available. If you are interested in ordering a t-shirt, please contact Debbie Koder, 610-390-9026, with the size of the shirt you would like: S, M, L, XL, and/or 1XL. Also, please let her know if you want a round neck or a V neck T-shirt. The cost for the T-shirts was previously \$10.00, although a confirmation of price won't be available for the new shirts, until a total count of shirts ordered is available.



**Chestnut Hill Church
Annual Yard/Bake Sale**

**Our annual Yard/Bake Sale will be held
at
The Lower Milford Fire House
1601 Limeport Pike, Coopersburg
Saturday October 2, 2021 8 am - 2 pm**

Chestnut Hill Church, Coopersburg - Phone: 610-967-1196 OR call Debbie 610-390-9026

Go to our website: www.chestnuthillchurch.org and click on EVENTS.

We will be accepting clothing, household items, nic naks, furniture, books, toys, etc. in new or slightly used condition. Please no broken items. Items can be dropped off Monday Sept. 27 – Thursday Sept. 30 and Friday October 1, from 7 pm to 9 pm nightly at the Lower Milford Fire House on Limeport Pike.

All items not sold at the yard sale are donated to Green Drop Charitable Donations and sponsor St. Vincent de Paul of Philadelphia.

All money raised at the yard sale goes directly to the church to help offset our fuel bill.

We CANNOT Accept the following items: Large appliances, TV's of any size, metal bed frames, Computers, Monitors, Exercise Equipment, Cribs, Playpens, Walkers (adult or child's).

Thank you for your support.

Ways To Support Chestnut Hill Church

Thrivent Choice Program: If you are a member of Thrivent Financial, make sure you select Chestnut Hill Church as a recipient of your Choice dollars.

Amazon Smile: If you shop on Amazon, and go through smile.amazon.com and chose Chestnut Hill Church as your chosen charity, nearly every purchase you make earns the church a contribution.

E-Offering: We now offer online and automatic giving through myeoffering.com. If you are interested in making your offering via credit card or by automatic withdrawal through your checking account, please sign up today! If you need assistance, please see Pastor Christian and he can help get you setup.

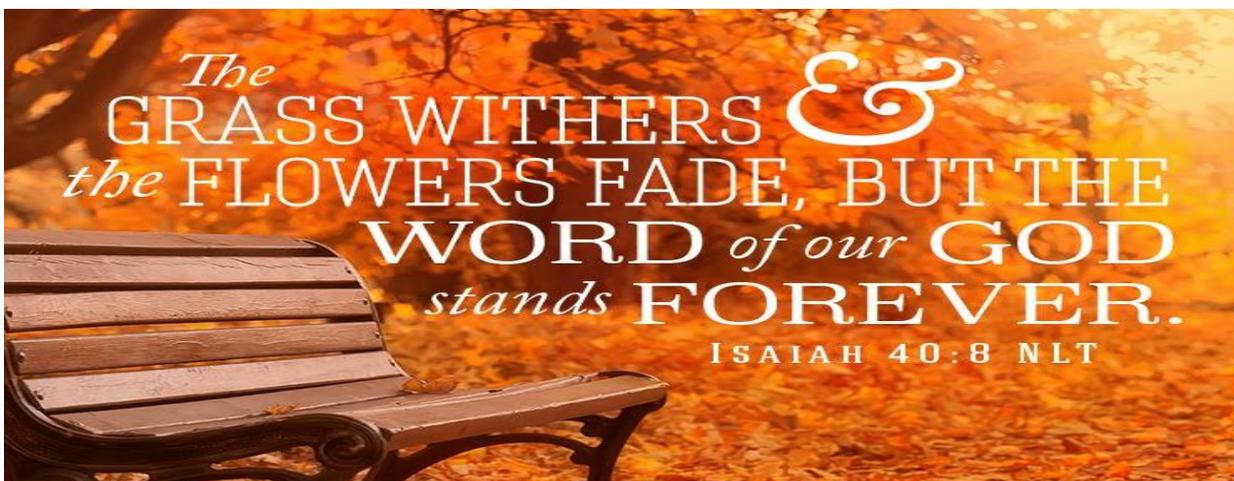
Offer In Person or Via Mail: You may give offerings in person at worship or by setting up an appointment with the Church Secretary or Church Treasurer, 610-967-1196. You may also mail in donations at your leisure.

Interactive & Social Media Connections

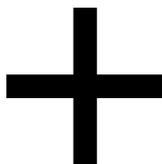
Facebook: Don't forget to check in before silencing your device. If you or someone you know would like to be able to access our live feed sermons or to keep up to date on our events, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/269721049717923/> and request to be added to the group.

Instagram: We are now on Instagram. Check us out at [instagram.com/chestnuthillchurchucc/](https://www.instagram.com/chestnuthillchurchucc/)

Online Sermons and Interaction with the Service (trivia and polls): On your smart phones, download and install Faithlife Bible App and request to be part of our presentation group. Pastor Christian will add you and you can use a digital bulletin, interact with the trivia questions, or participate in polls.



Chair Yoga to Begin Again in September



Chair yoga, which started on Thursday, July 1, 2021, is being put on hold while the flooring is being installed in the Fellowship Hall. Chair yoga will resume beginning on Thursday, September 2, 2021, from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall and will continue for 12 weeks. Join for one class, or all of them. Each class is different allowing you to attend as many as you are able. Many women have been participating and find the time spent together enjoyable, relaxing, and calming. Please plan to join us and reap all the benefits yoga can provide. If you have any questions, please email Cindy Buchter at buchtecl@ptd.net or call 610-751-1909.

Another Type of Yoga? Yoga On the Mat



To provide for an alternate yoga experience and for those individuals who want to participate but can't on a Thursday evening, another yoga class is being offered! This yoga class will be yoga on the mat. Ability to get up and down from the floor is required. The same benefits of chair yoga are also experienced through this form. Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please let Cindy know by September 10, 2021. Number of classes offered will be based upon interest level.

Groups of Chestnut Hill Church

Grief Support Group: The Grief Support Group, led by Craig Adams, is regularly checking in with its members in need of support and is currently meeting the last Saturday of each month, the Grief Support group will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 1:00 pm at Chestnut Hill Church. This support group is free of charge for ANYONE, whether they are a member of our church or not. If you, or someone you know, might benefit from this group and want more information - please contact Craig Adams, 610-554-4967.

Garden Club Needs Your Help!!!: Wonderful volunteers spent many hours weeding and tending to the Garden and surrounding areas in August (see story - page 2), but they still need volunteers to assist with mulching the Garden on Friday November 26th. Please consider helping out if you are able.

Whine, Women, Worry:

Altar Flowers: You may have taken notice that we have had live flowers on the altar during several recent Sunday Worship Services. The task of providing live altar flowers had been taken on by Steph Creyer, but WWW decided that this task was too much for one person to be responsible for. It's been decided that if you have a special occasion or would like to sponsor the flowers for a specific week, or have some beautiful blooms in your own garden that you would like to share, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex; that way everyone knows which weeks have been assigned and we won't have duplicates on any given Sunday and you will have the flowers that you prefer. Some church members have brought beautiful flowers from their gardens when they were in bloom.

If you sign up for flowers for a specific week, you will be responsible for providing the live flowers for the altar that week, bringing them to church that morning and taking them along home at the end of service. WWW will have some nice silk flowers stored in the church for weeks that no one has signed up for and will place those flowers on the altar before service begins on weeks that flower sign up was not reserved.

Free Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Raffle Will Return - Save the Date: November 13, 2021:

The free spaghetti dinner/basket raffle will return this year. Watch for more information in upcoming newsletters. We will again be asking for donations of thin spaghetti and sauce at a later date. ***Please NOTE: WE WILL BE WATCHING THE CDC GUIDELINES CLOSELY OVER THE NEXT FEW MONTHS. IF WE DETERMINE THAT IT IS NOT SAFE TO HOLD THE SPAGHETTI DINNER AS PLANNED DUE TO INCREASED COVID-VARIANT SPREAD, WE WILL CANCEL. PLEASE CHECK YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR UPDATED INFORMATION. THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING.

Groups of Chestnut Hill Church, continued ...

Dan Schantz Monthly Madness Cards Fundraiser: WWW will again be selling the Dan Schantz Monthly Madness cards for \$20 each (we make \$10 profit on each card sold). If you are not familiar with these cards, each month a different selection is available “free” of charge—just present your card at Dan Schantz on Lehigh Street, Allentown, and receive the selection for the month. We have gotten some beautiful poinsettias in December or hanging pots in summer—each month is a different selection. The cards never expire so if you don’t get there for a specific month, you can use it the following year (or two or three), and still receive your free gift. There are also some additional discounts on larger purchases at Dan Schantz at any time by presenting the card at check-out. These also make really nice gifts for the flower lover in your live. Anyone interested in ordering/purchasing a card, please see Laura Held, Becca Bogert, or Alice Debus.

Congregational Meeting Recap

A special congregational meeting was held following service on Sunday, August 15, 2021. Robin Shedlauskas, Council President, led the meeting by first discussing all the positive initiatives that have taken place over the last several months. She spoke of the outside walls of the church building being repaired and encouraged people to look in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen to see the newly laid floor. Repairs to the slate roof are currently in the process of being scheduled. A few of the slates have fallen off and/or are damaged, necessitating the repair. Robin also shared information regarding the re-keying of all church doors so that only one key is now needed for all doors. She then provided information regarding receiving a GEM grant from the Conference to help defray costs incurred adding new technical capabilities in the sanctuary. Robin mentioned the safety team at church had applied for and received a grant to help defray the cost of items toward making the church more secure.

Robin then introduced the newly appointed Cemetery Board: Sam Leh, President; Brett Koder, Vice-President; Joan Slota, Secretary; Cindy Buchter, Treasurer; and Jeff Bogert, Sales, with copies of the most recent (1992) Cemetery Board Constitution and By-laws being distributed for congregant review. Cindy Buchter, Council Vice-President, then continued with a short power point presentation outlining the reasons behind the reorganization of the Cemetery Board and where we are currently.

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Congregational Meeting Recap, continued ...

Pastor asked that if any members have any historical documents of the church, that they be shared either with himself or a church council member. The church council is in the process of trying to close historical gaps of which they have been made aware regarding the church's history to the present.

As much information was provided at this meeting, it was suggested that individuals may need some time to digest what was presented and may have questions arise in the future. Everyone was encouraged to approach any council member with their questions or concerns as a follow-up which will then be brought to council. Congregants were reminded that there is a place when congregational concerns are discussed at each monthly church council meeting. *(A special thank you to Cindy Buchter for preparing this article.)*



OUR
FAITH
CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

Matthew 17:20

The church was designed to proclaim God's love and forgiveness to all people and declare that Jesus Christ came to eradicate sin in people's hearts.

Billy Graham QUOTESTATS.COM

Conference Happenings

For all news and updates on the Conference, please see <https://pnec.org/this-week-in-pnec/>.

Neighbors in Need Offering: Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ 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 this 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 through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, this special offering will be collected on World Communion Sunday (October 3) and will go to support projects like this one...In South Carolina, Peace Congregational United Church of Christ Congregation members and the Clemson community are working side-by-side in the design and construction of a tiny house, a mobile residency for a person in the LGBTQ community who is no longer welcome at home. The \$20,000 project is in progress with the help of a \$10,000 Grasstop Grant from UCC Justice and Witness Ministries, the first occupant could be ready to find refuge there in January. Please consider giving to these ministries! We will be collecting this special offering on Sunday, October 3.

GEM GRANT UPDATE: On August 3, Pastor Christian was notified that we received a grant of \$1,250 from the GEM Fund of the Conference. We applied to the GEM Fund to be able to add to our technology and ability to continue to stream services even when Pastor Christian is on vacation. In the coming weeks, you may see some new technology added to our Sanctuary (cameras and computer). This equipment will also allow Pastor Christian to focus upon the worship service during worship on Sunday mornings rather than making sure all things are running properly.

FALL CONFERENCE MEETING: On Saturday, November 6, the Conference will be gathering in person and virtually, to conduct the business of the Conference. If you have ever wondered what the Conference is all about or are interested in learning more about the workings and happenings of the Conference, Pastor Christian invites you to join him in this meeting. We are allotted one adult delegate from the congregation as well as one youth delegate (under the age of 18). If you are interested, please let Pastor Christian know by October 1, so that he can register our delegate(s).

Worship Schedule & Information

Upcoming Service Information and Tentative Sermons: (focus passage in bold)

September and October: We will be spending some time this fall hearing about Missions and the ways we can get involved as a church. We are still in the process of planning these special services, with some guest speakers. Keep an eye on Facebook and the next Newsletter for more up to date information. For now, here is a schedule of some weekly readings that you can study Monday through Saturday. Please note, these may not be the actual scriptures we use on Sunday mornings...

09/12/21	Pastor possibly on Vacation Craig Adams to lead us in worship.	Mark 8:27-38
09/19/21	17th Sunday of Pentecost We begin a series of worship services on Missions and Our Church.	Mark 9:30-37
09/26/21	18th Sunday of Pentecost Guest Speaker from Family Promise	Mark 9:38-50
10/03/21	19th Sunday of Pentecost / World Communion Sunday	Mark 10:2-16
10/10/21	20th Sunday of Pentecost	Mark 10:17-31
10/17/21	Pastor on Vacation Craig Adams to Lead us in worship while Pastor is on Vacation.	Mark 10:35-45
10/24/21	Pastor may be on Vacation Craig Adams to Lead us in worship while Pastor is on Vacation	Mark 10:46-52
10/31/21	23rd Sunday of Pentecost	Mark 12:28-34
11/07/21	24th Sunday of Pentecost Guest Speaker from New Vitae in Coopersburg.	Mark 12:38-44



Bible Trivia

“Who Said It?” from *Bible Puzzles, Quizzes & Brain Twisters: The Big Fun variety* collection
(© 2013 by Product Concept Mfg., Inc.) Answers on page 14.

Match the rhyme with the speaker, using the list of names in the list below:

Paul

Peter

Martha

Anna

Sarah

David

Simeon

Ruth

Noah

- A. I swore I'd be loyal no matter what came—But instead I denied Him and felt bitter shame.
- B. As Abraham's wife and late in my life, I held my first son at ninety and one!
- C. In the temple we saw Him—our Messiah and Lord! The Lord said I was way too busy, he was born as God promised and prophets foretold!
- D. I slew a tough giant with a stone and a sling and was later anointed as Israel's king.
- E. Of resurrected Jesus, I would have no part until the Holy Spirit changed my hardened heart.
- F. I'm glad I obeyed—though far from the sea, the ark that I built saved my family and me!
- G. I stayed with Naomi and went to her land, then soon Boaz saw me and asked for my hand.
- H. My sister sat by Him and listened instead of helping me serve food—and she chose the greater good.



Financial Report and Answers to Trivia

Financial Report

Checking/Savings Accounts: (as of July 31, 2021)

QNB checking	\$	10,193.34
Building Fund	\$	1,426.61
Special Savings	\$	34,324.89

Investment Portfolio: (as of July 31, 2021)

<u>Miller Endowment</u>	\$	478,859.75
<u>Hoff Endowment</u>	\$	214,524.10
<u>Ameriprise*</u>	\$	0.00

*These funds were used to complete the Fellowship Hall Flooring project. This account has been closed.

Answers from trivia on previous page, (pg. 13) below:

- Trivia Answers from Pg. 13
- A. Peter (Mark 14:72)
 - B. Sarah (Genesis 17:17)
 - C. Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:25-38)
 - D. David (1 Samuel 17:49)
 - E. Paul (Acts 9:1-6)
 - F. Noah (Genesis 7:1)
 - G. Ruth (Ruth 4:13)
 - H. Martha (Luke 10:41-42)

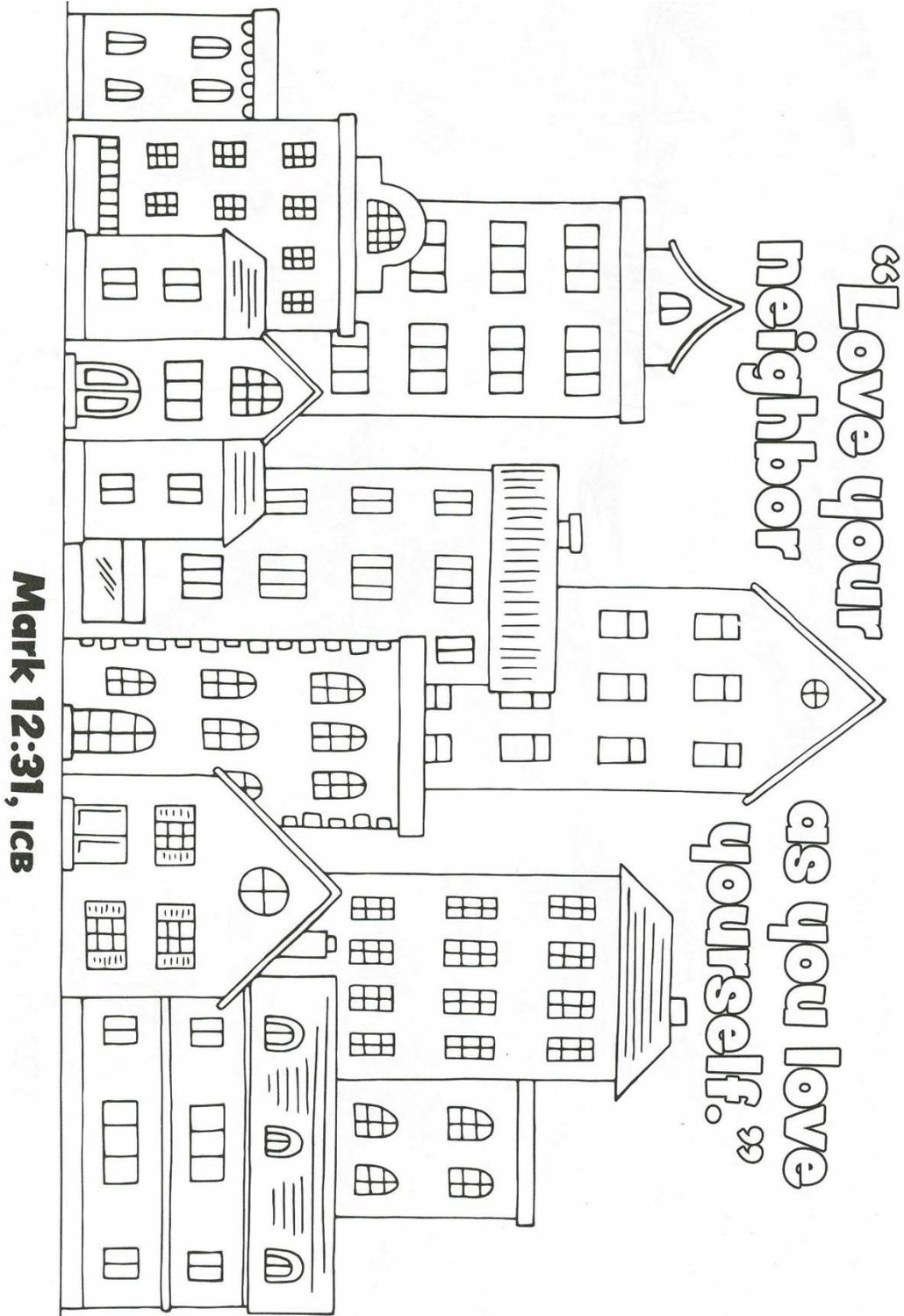
Answers from Kids Trivia (on page 16) BELOW:

- Kids' Trivia Answers from Pg. 15
- 1. Creation - Genesis 1
 - 2. Noah - Genesis 6
 - 3. Abraham - Genesis 15
 - 4. Joseph - Genesis 37-50
 - 5. Baby Moses - Exodus 2
 - 6. Israelites - Exodus 14
 - 7. Jericho - Joshua 6
 - 8. David - 1 Samuel 16
 - 9. Josiah - 2 Kings 22
 - 10. Jonah - Jonah
 - 11. Shadrach... - Daniel 3
 - 12. Lion's Den - Daniel 6
 - 13. Jesus Born - Luke 1
 - 14. Wise men - Matthew 2
 - 15. Zachaeus - Luke 19
 - 16. Calming Storm - Mark 4
 - 17. Jesus Dies - Mark 15



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Kids Trivia: (Answers on page 14)

BIBLE STORY MATCHING SHEET

Draw lines to match the Bible story on the left with where you can find it in the Bible on the right.

Creation	Daniel 3
Noah's Ark	Exodus 14
Abraham and God's Promise	Mark 15
Joseph in Egypt	Genesis 37-50
Baby Moses	2 Kings 22
Israelites in the Desert	Mark 4
Jericho	Genesis 1
David is Anointed as Future King	Daniel 6
Josiah	Luke 19
Jonah	Luke 1
Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego	Matthew 2
Daniel and Lion's Den	Jonah
Jesus is Born	Joshua 6
Wise Men Visit Jesus	Exodus 2
Zacchaeus	Genesis 15
Jesus Calms Storm	1 Samuel 16
Jesus Dies for Our Sins	Genesis 6

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Office Hours:

If you would like to make an appointment to see Pastor Christian, please call, text, or email.

Pastor Christian will be in the office on Tuesdays from 9 AM to 1 PM, please call first.