



Mechanic Grove
Church of the Brethren

REVELATIONS

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November 2022

Get After Grateful

November brings some exciting worship opportunities for the Mechanic Grove Congregation. We will honor the lives of dear brothers and sisters on Remembrance Sunday, hear from those diligently serving the Lord in missions globally and of course, intentionally share in gratitude as we enter into the Thanksgiving season.

Several years ago, I came across a social media post sharing a challenge to “get after grateful.” Here’s what the account owner was sharing... *“We know that God’s grace is what compels us to shift His kingdom forward, but it’s also what compels us to put praise on our lips even when we don’t feel like it. When we apply the Good News to our lives in a moment -by-moment way, it literally changes our lives.”*

There are a lot of reasons to be thankful this month, and there are a lot of people out there encouraging you to do it. I don’t want to add to the noise but I do want to whisper in your ear, Who is it you’re thanking? And what happens when you don’t feel like giving thanks? I want to encourage you to explore gratitude in your own heart and as a result, walk a little closer to Jesus in November.

I want to see you get after it. Dig deep, as deeply as you need to. Find a way to put praise on your lips, even when it hurts. Gratitude is worship, and I’d love to hear you get loud this month.”

And get loud people did! Her challenge to tag social media posts of gratitude with the hashtag “#GetAfterGrateful” took off. I’ve followed along and participated for a few years, looking intentionally and expectantly for big and little things to be grateful for on each day of the month of November. As I position my heart to do so again this year, I’m reminded of all that we have to be grateful for here at Mechanic Grove as we start the month of November. Some of my list would include...

- A beautiful 125 Anniversary celebration
- New faces joining our family and familiar faces returning
- God’s provision in a senior pastor
- A thriving and in-demand Children’s Outreach Ministry
- Successful Crop walk and Solanco Fair

Looking ahead at the church calendar for the next 30 days shows several events that will easily be added to our “Get After Grateful” lists. I want to challenge you to actively seek unique experiences and people who we are grateful for during the month of November. Keep track and then share!

Do this not because it’s the cliché thing to do in November, but because *gratitude is an expression of worship*. Let’s get after worship every day of the month of November. This takes practice, unfortunately in our loud world today, getting after complaining is much easier than getting after gratitude. Let scripture help you grow in this discipline. Take some time to pray **Psalms 100** back to God each morning this month. Watch the Spirit grow gratitude in you! I’m confident that Mechanic Grove, its people and our programs for the upcoming month will be part of your “Get After Grateful” highlights. I’m certainly grateful for you!

~ Janae McMichael, Director of Family Ministries

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES 8:15am and 10:30am

| Date | Title/Scripture | Speaker |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| <i>Sermon Series ~ Gratitude in an Ungrateful World</i> | | |
| November 6 | Sermon Title: "Just Say, "Thank You!" <i>Remembrance Sunday</i> Scripture: Luke 17:11-19 | Pastor Kevin Richardson |
| November 13 | Sermon Title: "Transferable Concepts for Mission from Nigeria to the USA" <i>Mission Sunday</i> Scripture: Acts 2:42-47 | Galen Hackman |
| November 20 | Sermon Title: "Can You Sing at Midnight?" Scripture: Acts 16:16-34 | Pastor Kevin Richardson |
| <i>Advent Series ~ The Thrill of Hope</i> | | |
| November 27 | Title: "Hope When All Seems Hopeless?" <i>First Sunday in Advent</i> Scripture: Luke 1:5-25 | Pastor Kevin Richardson |

SERVING THE CHURCH

Welcomers/Greeters/Ushers

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|--------------|----------|----------------------------------|
| Welcomers: | 8:15 am | Dick & Audrey Lefever |
| | 10:30 am | Josh & Amy Housekeeper |
| Greeters: | 8:15 am | Anita McFadden & Sylvia Stauffer |
| | 10:30 am | Rick & Amy Graver |
| Head Ushers: | 8:15 am | Earl Mull |
| | 10:30 am | Dave Holzhauer |
| Ushers: | 8:15 am | Ben & Nancy Wenger |
| | 10:30 am | Brooklynn Sagers, Bob Wagner |

Attendance & Giving

| Date | Worship | Sunday School | General Offering | Online Giving | Budgeted Difference |
|---------------------------|---------|---------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| October 2 | 214 | 126 | \$14,316.00 | \$310.00 | +\$4,602.00 |
| October 9 | 180 | 97 | \$10,278.00 | \$770.00 | +\$1,024.00 |
| October 16 | 291 | 105 | \$10,589.00 | \$820.00 | +\$1,385.00 |
| October 23 | 211 | 94 | \$ 6,852.56 | \$270.00 | -\$2,901.44 |
| Building Maintenance Fund | | \$ 210.00 | 2 Cent-a-Meal | \$240.00 | |
| Benevolence/ Birthday | | \$ 142.35 | SNM/ Food Bank | \$150.00 | |
| Change for Change | | \$ 0.00 | | | |

* \$10,024.00 is the weekly amount needed to meet the 2022 Budget



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Lycoming College
1 College Place
Williamsport, PA 17701

CELEBRATING OUR 125th ANNIVERSARY

Brethren Disaster Ministries (BDM) engages in a network of volunteers to help repair or replace homes that have been damaged by disasters like tornadoes, hurricanes, fires, floods, etc. for victims who are unable to recover on their own. The response is global: in Nigeria, DRC (Congo), Lebanon, Haiti, as well as in the United States. Requests go through the government, which in turn need approvals by BDM.

Mechanic Grove has sent many teams to many states which have had tremendous loss. It's a wonderful experience for anyone who has a week or two to give to those who are less fortunate.

~ Doris Snyder

When I was asked to be on this committee to plan the 125th Anniversary meal, I had to stop and think "What was it like 125 years ago?" Women were mainly stay-at-home farm wives with gardens. When there were church meals, women provided what they had in their gardens or can cupboards working together in fellowship to provide a delicious, nutritious and over-caloried meal. This was a highlight for the church community.

As time has progressed, women went to work away from home with few having gardens to can or freeze to provide for the long winter months. This has evolved with quick packaged ready to eat meals or ordering out.

I planned this meal with past to present in mind for the menu. String beans were grown in our church garden with Vince Becker as our gardener. Lucille Wenger, Judy Becker and I froze the beans.

We also met and made applesauce, pepper slaw, and brownies while Vickie Kreider and family made donuts.

Ham loaf, potatoes, rolls and butter were bought.

I want to thank Glenn Wenger, Peggy Rasmussen, Vince and Judy Becker for giving of their time helping with the beans, applesauce and pepper slaw.

It's been interesting how life has changed these past 125 years. Wonder what it will be like for the next 125.

God' Blessings,
Denise Young

The 125th committee members are: Dave Nichols, Peggy Osborne, Doris Snyder, Lucille Wenger and Denise Young



Music Notes

By Lori Holzhauser

The children and Adult Choir have begun work on our Christmas Musical "The Christmas S.O.C.C.E.R. Team". The goal of the writers of this musical, Kathie Hill and Melody Morris, was to emphasize the carols of the Christian faith. By combining new songs with these old carols, they also wanted to stress the value of blended worship. "The Christmas S.O.C.C.E.R. Team" is not a vehicle to glorify carols, but to glorify the subject of those carols, the Lord Jesus. Melody's beautiful song, "I Receive You, Jesus" will insure an evangelistic emphasis to our presentation. Mark your calendar for December 11th, during the Sunday School Hour, for this intergenerational production.



The Adult Choir meets on Wednesday Evenings at 7:30 in room 14, everyone is welcome to join us.

OUR COUPLES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

- | | |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 4 Glenn & Cleo Freese | 13 Paul & Charlotte Trimble |
| 7 Glenn & Anna Mary Kreider Brady & Faith Witmer | 15 Jacob & Rebecca Haines |
| 9 Alfonso & Jenn Juarez | 16 Bill & Carolyn Welch |
| 12 Tim & Lorri Bentch | 18 Troy & Donna Sellers |
| | 19 Dave & Nancy Wimer |



OUR MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Chuck Groff Donita Reimold | 9 Dennis Findley Eric Holzhauser | 20 Rufus Kreider Trista Kreider |
| 3 Andi Holzhauser Glenn Wenger | Alyssa Schlaghauser Kyle Young | 24 Katrina Howe |
| 7 Carol Trimble | 13 Kirsten O'Connell | 27 Jess Bledsoe Linda Landis |
| 8 Morgan Holzhauser | 16 Judy Hendrickson | 28 Josiah Reimold |
| | 19 Bill Welch | 29 Justin Hershberger Dave Holzhauser Freida Pfender |



If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and it is not listed, please contact the church office.

From Brethren Disaster Relief Auction

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Board, I say "Thank You" for your golf tournament contribution of \$13,500.00 made toward the Brethren Disaster Relief Auction. Special gifts such as yours are very much appreciated. The efforts and contributions of so many persons like you are what make the Auction a success.

Disasters can occur at any time in any place. Your contribution will help to relieve suffering in this country and around the world. Again, thank you for your help.

In Christ's service,

Evelyn Dehmey
Treasurer

*Thank
You*



Poinsettias for Christmas Sunday

Poinsettias will be available to purchase to decorate the church Sunday, December 25th . They may be removed following the Worship Service. They may be used to honor someone or as a memorial. A complete listing will be printed in the bulletin on Sunday morning. This year we are offering RED(R), WHITE(W) and PINK(P) poinsettias. Order forms will be placed in your mailbox and extra copies will be available in the gathering area. **Orders are due by November 20th.** The poinsettias come in a 7 1/2" pot with 8-12 blooms and will cost \$16.00 each.

Ed's Tech Corner

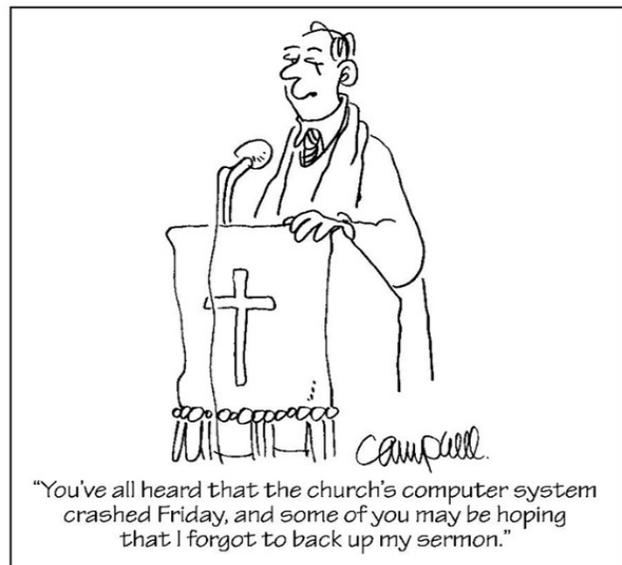


Stay Safe this Holiday Season

It's that time of year where we all are starting to do our Christmas shopping for our loved ones. We are in that day and age where we really don't want to stand in line and instead, order online. But then there is always the worry of, "Is my information safe?"

Here are a few tips to make sure you stay safe online:

- ~ Make sure you are ordering from a reputable retailer.
- ~ Pay with credit and not debit. Most credit card companies offer \$0 liability for fraud.
- ~ Make sure the site is secure. this can be told by seeing "https" vs "http".
- ~ Don't fall for email scams.



To receive the Church Newsletter electronically, please contact Ed Heidinger II at EdH@mgcb.org or 717.786.2723 Option 6 to be added to the list

e-m@il.prayer.chain

To join our email prayer chain, visit <http://eepurl.com/gNWe95>

Or contact the Church Office to be added.

Give online with BreezeChMS

Did you know its so easy to give online thanks to Breeze? Simply visit: mgcb.org/give and complete the form. You can even choose what fund(s) you would like to give to and set it up to be recurring so you don't have to think about it. Who knew online giving could be such a breeze?





www.becomebold.org

Childcare

We are in need of more volunteers to help with childcare during the classes. If you would be able to come and snuggle a baby or play with some kiddos so that their Mama's can join the class it would be a great blessing! See Darlene Kreider if you are willing!



Putting on God's Armor

We in October we started a 6-week series on the Armor Of God. We are talking about a new piece of the armor from Ephesians 6:13-17 each week. We also are doing an at-home challenge for the women every day.

- 10/13 - The Belt of Truth
- 10/17 - Breastplate of Righteousness
- 10/24 - The Gospel (Shoes) of Peace
- 10/31 - The Shield of Faith
- 11/7 - The Helmet of Salvation
- 11/14 - Sword of the Spirit



Classes

- MON - 9:15 & 10:00 AM
- THURS - 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM
- FRI - 9:15 AM



**TURKEY BURN
NOV 24 @ 7 AM**



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WOMEN'S BOOK SALE

Proceeds to benefit

Solanco Neighborhood Ministries

A USED Bible, Spiritual Growth, Christian Author, Bible Study and so much more-BOOK SALE!

ALL DONATIONS AND GENTLY MARKED/USED BOOKS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SUNDAY, **NOVEMBER 13TH** AT LOCAL CHURCH DROP OFFS.

DROP OFF DAY AT MGC B IS **NOVEMBER 11TH**, 6-8PM.

Saturday, November 19th

10:00AM - 2:00PM

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*COME FELLOWSHIP, GRAB A HOT BEVERAGE, AND BROWSE!

*PURCHASE BOOKS BY CASH/CHECK/VENMO

Please email bold@mgcb.com with questions



Camp News

WINTER CAMP

CAMP SWATARA



MOM & DAD, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO RELAX BEFORE THE HOLIDAYS!

INFO & REGISTER:
WWW.CAMPSWATARA.ORG

DEC 16-17, 2022



The Promise Players present



By Warren Sager and Stu Kilgour

November 4-6 & 10-13,
7:30 pm Thursday, Friday & Saturdays, 2:30 pm Matinee on Saturdays, 5 pm Sundays.
This show will benefit The Factory Youth Ministry. To reserve your seats, call 717.464.2050 M-F 8:30am - 2:30 pm.



FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Please join us at 11:45 am in the Sanctuary
Council Packets will be available in the gathering area for pick up on Sunday,
November 6 to preview before the meeting.

FALL CHURCH CLEAN-UP

Fall cleanup is scheduled for 8 am Saturday, November 12 with a rain date of November 19. Bring your rakes, wheelbarrows, etc., or just helping hands. We are also looking for help to clean the kitchen during the same time. Hope to see you there!



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, November 23, 2022

7:00pm

We gather to remember all the things for which we ought to be thankful to God! We will also take the Thanksgiving Offering, which goes toward COBYS Family Services (75%) and Solanco Food Bank (25%). We invite you to bring canned goods for the Solanco Food Bank as well.



UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

MISSION SUNDAY

Sunday, November 13, 2022

A combined worship service will take place with Galen Hackman as guest speaker for the worship service. His message will be focused on the Great Commission and a specific mission field. Galen will also make a presentation during the Sunday school hour for the adults about Church of the Brethren Missions. Please note the Sunday morning schedule for November 13:

9:30 Combined Adult Sunday School

10:30 Combined Worship

11:45 Fall Congregational Meeting



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX DRIVE

It's that time of year again! We are collecting shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes need to be returned to church by Sunday, November 13. There is information on a table located in the Gathering Area. Papers with gift ideas are available on the table for the different age groups (2-4 yrs, 5-9 yrs, 10-14 yrs). Girl ideas are listed on one side of the paper and boy ideas are listed on the other side. Contact Mike, Tracy or Caitlyn Mauger with any questions. Suggested donation is \$10/shoebox. This helps with the packaging and sending. Last year our church contributed 95 shoeboxes that brought the love of Jesus to 95 children. Awesome!!

SOLANCO FOOD BANK THANKSGIVING MEAL REQUESTS

Thanksgiving Meals 2022 ~ Thursday, November 17
***please bring items to food bank by Monday, November 14*

Turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, cranberry relish & pumpkin bars w/cream cheese topping.

Turkey (10-12 lb) **OR** gift card to Giant
Stuffing
Green beans
Cream of mushroom soup
French Fried Onions
Cranberry sauce (whole berry)
Canned pineapple (small)
Yams or fresh potatoes
Margarine or butter
Rolls
Gravy packets
Canned pumpkin
Cream cheese block
Powdered sugar



If donating perishable items, please make sure they are dated past Thanksgiving Day (11/24/22).

Advent Calendar

November 27 ~ First Sunday in Advent

December 4 ~ Second Sunday in Advent

December 8 ~ Annual Pine Trail—
details to follow

December 11 ~ Third Sunday in Advent

9:30 am Combined Sunday School
The Christmas S.O.C.C.E.R. Team
Candlelight Communion

December 17 ~ Journey to the Nativity
Rain date December 18

December 18 ~ Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 21 ~ Christmas Caroling
after Roots meal

December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Service

December 25 ~ Combined Worship



Come Join the Fun at Bible Adventure!

Utilize your unique skills to serve God!

A Bus Driver is needed in the Solanco
School District Bible Adventure Program(s)



Joy El Generation is looking for a volunteer to transport children to our Bible Adventure Programs, driving our bus. Candidates must hold a current CDL Driver's license with a ("P" passenger) or ("S" school bus) endorsement and a current DOT medical card. For more details or questions please contact Brenda Brazee at (717) 951-6457 or email: brenda@joyel.org

Grief Support for the Holidays

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. We are once again offering: Surviving the holidays on November 5 at 9:30. This two-hour seminar will help in dealing with your emotions, what to do about traditions, will provide helpful tips for surviving social events and show you how you can find hope for the future. Your facilitators are Pastor Rita Carter and Pastor Brian Berkey. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the church for further information and to register for the seminar.



We are in need of a few Sound and Live Stream Technicians for both the 8:15 & 10:30 worship services. You would be volunteering for one Sunday per month on a rotation. If you are interested, please see Ed Heidinger II or contact him at EdH@mgcb.org or 717.344.4177

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

November 6, 2022

Will be observed at both services this day, which is also known as All Saints Sunday. There will be a special time of remembrance for those of our church family who have gone to be with the Lord over the past year.



Live Journey to the Nativity
December 17
5:30p - 8:00p

For unto us today a Child is born!



Experience the journey that led Mary and Joseph to the stable where Jesus was born.

A group leader will take you along a lighted path to 3 different scenes and then to the final scene which will be the Nativity.

You will hear and see the story from the angel with Mary and Joseph, to the Inn of Bethlehem and to the shepherds. The wise men and you will follow the same star to the Stable!

You will also hear songs being sung along your journey.

It is an evening planned for you to listen, watch and experience the events leading up to the Birth of Jesus.

Each group will have between 25 -36 people. At each scene there will be benches/bales of straw to sit on. The Journey will take approximately 40 minutes to complete.

No cost for this journey. If you wish to bring a canned good(s), that would be a gracious gift! We will have a container for you to place your canned good gift and we will deliver these items to the Quarryville Food Bank.

Invite your family and friends, young and old. We will have golf carts available to take those not comfortable with the walking. They will drive behind the group and stop at each scene.

You will begin where the star is shining over the Welcome Area. Each traveler can enjoy a cookie/snack with hot chocolate or hot cider and sit around one of the 4 campfires and listen to stories as you wait for your group to start the journey!

Requirements: Dress warm, Relax and expect to feel the Spirit.

Rain Date is Sunday ,December 18

The seasons are changing, mark your calendars for some festive celebrations with Women's Ministry!

- * Saturday, November 19th at 6 pm in the Family Life Center will be an evening of *fresh wreath making* for ladies of all skill-levels! Come share a warm beverage and put together some decorations for your home for the Christmas season.
- * ~Thursday, December 8th will be the annual Christmas Pine Trail. More details on this



Read Through the Bible in a Year

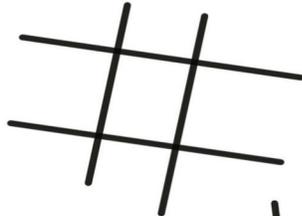
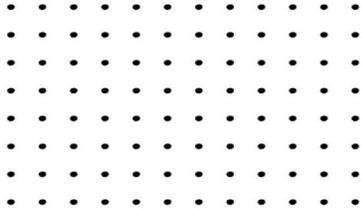
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Keep me with your Bible

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | 1 Ezekiel 1:1-3:15 Hebrews 3:1-19 Psalm 104:1-23 Proverbs 26:24-26 | 2 Ezekiel 3:16-6:14 Hebrews 4:1-16 Psalm 104:24-35 Proverbs 26:27 | 3 Ezekiel 7:1-9:11 Hebrews 5:1-14 Psalm 105:1-15 Proverbs 26:28 | 4 Ezekiel 10:1-11:25 Hebrews 6:1-20 Psalm 105:16-36 Proverbs 27:1-2 | 5 Ezekiel 12:1-14:11 Hebrews 7:1-17 Psalm 105:37-45 Proverbs 27:3 |
| 6 Ezekiel 14:12-16:41 Hebrews 7:18-28 Psalm 106:1-12 Proverbs 27:4-6 | 7 Ezekiel 16:42-17:24 Hebrews 8:1-13 Psalm 106:13-31 Proverbs 27:7-9 | 8 Ezekiel 18:1-19:14 Hebrews 9:1-10 Psalm 106:32-38 Proverbs 27:10 | 9 Ezekiel 20:1-49 Hebrews 9:11-28 Psalm 107:1-43 Proverbs 27:11 | 10 Ezekiel 21:1-22:31 Hebrews 10:1-17 Psalm 108:1-13 Proverbs 27:12 | 11 Ezekiel 23:1-49 Hebrews 10:18-39 Psalm 109:1-31 Proverbs 27:13 | 12 Ezekiel 24:1-26:21 Hebrews 11:1-16 Psalm 110:1-7 Proverbs 27:14 |
| 13 Ezekiel 27:1-28:26 Hebrews 11:17-31 Psalm 111:1-10 Proverbs 27:15-16 | 14 Ezekiel 29:1-30:26 Hebrews 11:32-12:13 Psalm 112:1-10 Proverbs 27:17 | 15 Ezekiel 31:1-32:32 Hebrews 12:14-29 Psalm 113:1-114:8 Proverbs 27:18-20 | 16 Ezekiel 33:1-34:31 Hebrews 13:1-25 Psalm 115:1-18 Proverbs 27:21-22 | 17 Ezekiel 35:1-36:38 James 1:1-18 Psalm 116:1-19 Proverbs 27:23-27 | 18 Ezekiel 37:1-38:23 James 1:19-2:17 Psalm 117:1-2 Proverbs 28:1 | 19 Ezekiel 39:1-40:27 James 2:18-3:18 Psalm 118:1-18 Proverbs 28:2 |
| 20 Ezekiel 40:28-41:26 James 4:1-17 Psalm 118:19-29 Proverbs 28:3-5 | 21 Ezekiel 42:1-43:27 James 5:1-20 Psalm 119:1-16 Proverbs 28:6-7 | 22 Ezekiel 44:1-45:12 1 Peter 1:1-12 Psalm 119:17-32 Proverbs 28:8-10 | 23 Ezekiel 45:13-46:24 1 Peter 1:13-2:10 Psalm 119:33-48 Proverbs 28:11 | 24 Ezekiel 47:1-48:35 1 Peter 2:11-3:7 Psalm 119:49-64 Proverbs 28:12-13 | 25 Daniel 1:1-2:23 1 Peter 3:8-4:6 Psalm 119:65-80 Proverbs 28:14 | 26 Daniel 2:24-3:30 1 Peter 4:7-5:14 Psalm 119:81-96 Proverbs 28:15-16 |
| 27 Daniel 4:1-37 2 Peter 1:1-21 Psalm 119:97-112 Proverbs 28:17-18 | 28 Daniel 5:1-31 2 Peter 2:1-22 Psalm 119:113-128 Proverbs 28:19-20 | 29 Daniel 6:1-28 2 Peter 3:1-18 Psalm 119:129-152 Proverbs 28:21-22 | 30 Daniel 7:1-28 1 John 1:1-10 Psalm 119:153-176 Proverbs 28:23-24 | | | |



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



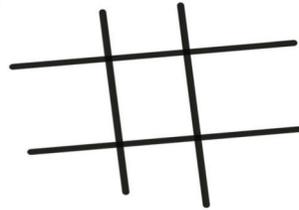
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