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“By faith all things are fulfilled: Wherefore, whoso believeth in God might with surety hope for a better world, yea, even a place at the right hand of God which hope cometh of faith maketh an Anchor to the souls of men, which would make them sure and steadfast, always abounding in good works, being led to glorify God.” Ether 5:3b-4

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Algonac Branch By: Val Bradley

On August 1, Ilene Mack was baptized by Priest Dick Burns during our summer reunion at Wesleyan Woods Campgrounds. Elder Gary Holmes gave the charge to the candidate and congregation and Todd & Liz Moses sang a lovely duet. Ilene was confirmed at the following day's service by Elder Gary Holmes and assisted by Elder Todd Moses. It was wonderful to witness both of these ordinances and we are so thrilled to welcome sister Ilene into our church family!

This year's Vacation Bible School took place on August 24 – 28. The theme was “Friendship Trek: Jesus, our Forever Friend.” The whole church looked like a forest, with all kinds of

critters including deer, fox, squirrels, fish, and a pheasant. There were also tents, cots, lanterns, etc. Kelli Williams was our Director and did an excellent job. Kelli and Todd Moses were our puppeteers and the puppet critters conveyed the lesson for each day (Jesus reaches out, Jesus loves us, Jesus gives gifts, Jesus cares, and Jesus shares). In addition to Rainbow, the parrot, we were introduced to Raya, the raccoon, Buddy, the porcupine, Honeybear, Baldwin the eagle, and Rocky the ram. Kelli taught the preschool class and Nina Powers and Val Bradley taught the class for elementary and middle school children. Todd Moses taught the music classes and also did the recreation. Tina Yaney was in charge of crafts for all the kids. The snack ladies were Nadine Moses and Elaine Harm. Marge Holmes was the “go-to-girl” and did a little of everything!

Two of our former students, Jeremy Moses and John Ross were back as helpers this year. We thank all those who helped decorate, participated, and supported this event. You are all much appreciated! The program was held that Sunday during the Sunday school hour. Kelli and Todd did a puppet show, the kids sang and all the teachers and workers discussed what they were involved in during the week. The children all received prizes and certificates from Rainbow for good behavior and attendance. The teachers were also given certificates and thank you gifts from Kelli. A big thanks once again, to Kelli Williams (& Todd Moses) for all the time, effort and preparation for another wonderful and successful Vacation Bible School!

On Saturday, August 29th, several of our Algonac women attended the day-long workshop at the Sanilac branch. The day started with a wonderful devotional by Sherry Purcell (Pt. Huron/Sarnia). The topic for the workshop was food preservation through canning, freezing and dehydration. Demonstrations were given by Barb Eliason (aka Julia Childs), Kathleen Palmer (aka Martha Stewart), Kathi Havener (aka Paula Deen), Denise Rich (aka Rachel Ray), Debbie DesJardins, Dora Gutierrez, Carol Hoeldtke, Nellie Haynes and Helen Brown. They all did a marvelous job ... they were hilarious, but we also learned a lot. We enjoyed a delicious lunch of homemade soup, bread and salad. The day ended with a wonderful class taught by Teacher Jim Negaard. He shared Scriptures and we discussed spiritual preparation for the last days. We ended the day's activities by forming a circle, joining hands, and singing, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," followed by a closing prayer. Many thanks to the Sanilac Branch for hosting this workshop and providing the physical and spiritual food and to all who participated.

On Sunday, September 13, a large number of our members attended a potluck/bonfire at the home of Ray and Nadine Moses. Hamburgers were grilled and everyone brought a dish to pass. We enjoyed a delicious supper at tables set up in their spacious front yard. Afterwards, we headed to the backyard and had a "popping good time" gathered around a very hot fire while we sang a

number of campfire songs. It was a beautiful evening, with good weather, delicious food, and great fellowship.

On Sunday, September 20, most of our congregation attended a day of worship and fellowship with the Sanilac saints at their branch. Gary and Marge Holmes brought the Sunday school worship and Barent taught the class. The message of the day was brought by Elder Jim Bradley. Todd Moses was the pianist and the ministry of music included a trio by Todd, Liz and Bethany Moses and a quartet by Todd, Liz, Ray Moses and Val Bradley. After the service we were treated to pizza and ice cream (yum!). We then headed to Barb and Barent's home for a hayride. The weather was beautiful and Barent took us on a wonderful ride through all the back country roads. We then returned to the farm for cider, doughnuts, and more fellowship. A big thanks to Barent, Barb, and the entire Sanilac branch for hosting this wonderful annual event!

On Saturday, October 3, quite a few of our Algonac women had the pleasure of attending a Baby shower for Cory and Eric Eliason, hosted by Debbie DesJardins and Dora Gutierrez at the Sanilac branch. The decorations were beautiful, the luncheon was delicious, and the games were fun. It was great watching Cory open so many adorable gifts ... double the fun! The John Deere items were especially cute. We are so excited for Eric and Cory and look forward to the arrival of the twins, Briggs and Bryer. You remain in our prayers.

On October 6 our Women's and Men's meetings were held at the home of Elaine Harm. The women discussed our participation in the Women's Retreat and other upcoming events. We also had a circle prayer for these events and for various needs that we were aware of. The men discussed building needs and other church business. We then joined together for great snacks and fellowship.

Only two of our Algonac women (Nadine Moses and Val Bradley) were able to attend the Women's Retreat this year on October 16 – 18 at Wesleyan Woods Campgrounds. The theme was

“Latter Day Women Look up in Faith.” Algonac was in charge of the Tea Party on Friday evening and were grateful for the assistance of our sisters from other branches. Upon our arrival at the campgrounds, they helped us decorate the room and the tables, and also helped serve the tea and various desserts. While the ladies were sipping tea and tasting the wide array of treats, we started the program, which was entitled, “The Path of Friendship.” Stories involving tea & friendship were read by Sherri Johnson, Nadine Moses, Barb Eliason, Val Bradley, and Denise Carter (Val’s sister). In closing, we all sang, “There’s an Old, Old Path.” We’re so thankful for all the help and for the sweet fellowship we experienced. The evening ended with a wonderful Devotion by Michelle Turner (St. John’s). On Saturday morning we started out the day by singing hymns of praise, led by Sherri Johnson (St. John’s). What a great way to begin the day! The first class, “Look Up in Faith,” was taught by Barb Eliason (Sanilac). She had laminated various traffic signs and signals and showed us how if viewed in a spiritual light, they can guide us down the road to a more righteous living. The second class, “He Will Sustain Us,” was taught by Lynnette Daniels (Otter Lake). She shared her testimony and many stories and Scriptures about how the Lord will protect, strengthen, and sustain us if we look up to Him in faith. The third class, “Peace Amidst a Troubled World,” was taught by Mary Lou Bartrow (Pt. Huron/Sarnia). She explained that peace should begin in our hearts, how we need to feed our souls before we feed our bodies, and the various functions of the Holy Spirit. She gave us a number of useful and interesting handouts and we read many of them together. She showed us that in spite of our circumstances, it can be “well with our souls.” In the evening we enjoyed “Smile Time,” led by Kathi Havener (Oakwood). We did several fun games, including sharing our most embarrassing moments. We definitely learned some interesting things about each other and had a lot of laughs in the process. We ended the day’s activities with a campfire, with Twyla Burnard (Hartland) as our leader. (No one does it better!) There were skits, fun songs, and when the evening ended, we felt closer to God and to each other. We began Sunday morning with

Devotions brought by the ladies from Oakwood. It was a nice prelude to our Dedication service, which was presided over by Elder Mark Burnard (Hartland). He brought a wonderful message (we all want to “fly like eagles!”) and Deacon Dan Daggett (Hartland) offered the prayers. Many joys and sorrows were shared during the service and we will continue to pray for the needs of our sisters and their families. At the end of the service, we joined hands, formed a circle and had a closing prayer. We are truly grateful for our brothers, Mark and Dan, and appreciated their participation and ministry. We are also thankful for the preparation, participation and support of all our sisters in Christ. There was such a strong spirit of love and unity felt throughout the weekend and we know the Lord blessed our efforts.

(As reported by Liz Moses)

God Hears Prayers: Liz and Todd would like to extend many thanks for the prayers offered for Jerry Ward (Liz’s father). During the summer, he was diagnosed with stage 3B Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma and has received 5 sessions of chemotherapy over the last few months. At his most recent cat scan, no signs of any cancer remained. Please continue to hold him up in your prayers. Praise the Lord for working mightily in his life!

News and Notes

- Ilene Mack hosted a fundraiser in September for our congregation. She sold Tupperware products and home-made baked goods with 40% of the profits going into our church building fund. Thanks, Ilene!
- **Singing in the Hills:** Todd, Liz and Bethany Moses filled their summer with singing and acting at Richmond Community Theatre’s production of “The Sound of Music.” Todd played Captain von Trapp, Liz was the Mother Abbess and Bethany was double cast – some shows as a young postulant nun in training and other shows as the von Trapp daughter, Marta. They had 9

performances throughout the month of August, which kept them pretty busy right up to the start of the school year. Family and friends came to see the three of them on stage and enjoyed the entire show. Many new friendships were created, a good time was had performing, but all three were thankful to be finished with the hours of rehearsals. Bravo ... you did a fantastic job and we are so proud of all three of you!

- The end of August Hod & Nina Powers, Ray & Nadine Moses, and John and Irene Moses were able to once again attend the Moses Family Reunion in Illinois. A good time was had by all.
- In October, Todd & Tina Yaney and Jim & Penny Dunning traveled to Ireland together. Todd and Tina had been there before, so they were able to be the tour guides for Jim and Penny.
- On October 26 Liz Moses hosted an Open House in her home for family and friends. We were able to view (& purchase!) her very own line of hand-crafted jewelry (Moses' beads). While admiring all the beautiful pieces, we also munched on yummy snacks and had a chance to visit with each other. Each guest left with a pretty hand-crafted bookmark. Thanks, Liz!
- We offer our sympathy to Sally Hagar and Joanne Dalton, who both recently lost their spouses. Our heartfelt prayers are with them and their families.
- Ongoing prayers would be appreciated for Mary Cargill & family, Elaine Harm, Jerry Ward, Jean and Larry John, Kevin Powers, Tim & Wendy Holmes, Marge Holmes, Megan Yaney (MS), Amber Monroe and baby, Madison, Kelli Williams (health & job situation), Sherri Langolf, John & Irene Moses and Jim Bradley.

We really enjoyed seeing everyone and taking part in the various summer activities. As fall fades quickly and the winter season approaches, we look forward to slowing down, savoring the moments and anticipating the celebration of our Savior's birth. We wish you and your families a blessed Christmas season and we'll keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

Atlanta Branch By: Roberta Davis

The end of July and early August Jim, Eleanor and their daughters went on a vacation trip and had a wonderful time. On August 9th, Jim and Eleanor went to their daughter's 25th wedding anniversary celebration in Canada.

Jessica and Heath returned to Michigan from Wisconsin because of jobs. They are now living in their grandparent's home in Vanderbilt. We welcome them back into our church family.

Cliff had some minor surgery in September and is going for tests for cancer. Dixie is having trouble with her eyes since her cataract surgery.

October 2nd, Harry retired from Presque Isle Light and Electric after 25 years of service. Congratulations, Harry! We wish you a healthy and happy retirement.

Our branch is very thankful for the gift we received from our brothers and sisters of the Utica Restoration Branch. We now have a new look to the front of our church with the new foyer that was installed. It's very nice with the new hardwood flooring, beautiful lights, hangers for lots of coats and very nice windows. We really appreciate your gift to us. May each of you be richly blessed for your thoughtfulness.

Death:

Tonya Korona's mother, Denetta Brown, passed away on October 12th after a lingering illness. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the Korona family. The funeral service was held at the Funeral Home in Gaylord on Wednesday,

October 14th. Elder Harry Hyde officiated at the service.

Visitors:

Jessica and Heath Slater, Sharon Joles, John and Tracy Stokes, Carla Walker (Canada), Randy Peters, Katrina Kupker and her three children.

Prayer Requests:

Cliff (cancer) and Dixie (eyes) Goodfellow, Amber (MS), Mary Lade (severe headaches), Ruth (heart), Mark Howard (throat), Dolores Howard (grandchildren).

Snowbird:

We wish Doris Hott a happy and healthy winter. She will be leaving for Texas on November 3rd.

Birthdays:

August 26	Dallas Hyde
August 27	Dan Tulgetske
September 11	Mavis Myers
September 15	Cassidy Hyde
September 15	Brian Howard
September 15	Gary Joles
September 24	Dolores Howard
September 25	Skyler Tulgetske
September 28	Sue Hyde

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Garden City By: Judy Monarch

Guest Ministry: Elder Leo Carroll (Clareen), Elder Jay Havener (Kathi), and Elder Bob Ruch (Bev)

Prayer Requests:

Earle Baltzer, Margret Baltzer, Joyce/George Black, Moe Brown, Glen Carnahan, Mary Deutsch, Bud Evans, Carlton Flynn, David Kenezek, Chris Morelli, Bob Muri Jr., Diane Pettis, Lisa Shannon, Monica Shipley, Glenda Smith, Karen Stanley, and Gianna Wright.

Address Change:

Dollie, Maggie and Ellie Bowman have moved. Their new address is: 6801 Gulley, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127

Baby Blessing

Sunday, September 13th was a special day as parents Suzanne and Andrew Konkle brought forward their daughter, Lilah Josephine Konkle to receive a blessing from God. This ordinance was performed by Elder Jay Havener, Assisted by Elder Rex Monarch. The congregation along with family and friends were witness to the blessing. Brother Jay was the guest speaker of the hour. Pot luck followed the eleven o'clock service.

Study Group

Our study group has completed the Book of Mormon and now we have moved on to the 4 Gospels. We meet once a week at various homes.

Visitor

We are blessed with a visitor from Independence, MO who will be here for approximately one year. His name is Elder, Kreg Levengood.

Lost

Betty-Lou Newman is looking for a book called "Oh, The Wonder of His Love" by Bill Davies. It is autographed to Betty in the inside cover. Please check your book shelves she cannot remember to whom she loaned it to.

Nov. 11th Veteran's Day

Veterans Day is an annual American holiday honoring military veterans. Both a federal holiday and a state holiday in all states, it is usually observed on November 11. However, if it occurs on a Sunday then the following Monday is designated for holiday leave, and if it occurs Saturday then either Saturday or Friday may be so designated.^[1] It is also celebrated as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world, falling on November 11, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. (Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 with the German signing of the Armistice.)

U.S. President Woodrow Wilson first proclaimed an Armistice Day for November 12, 1919. The United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution seven years later on June 4, 1926, requesting the President issue another proclamation to observe November 11 with appropriate ceremonies. An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday; "a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter

celebrated and known as 'Armistice Day'."

In 1953, an Emporia, Kansas shoe store owner named Al King had the idea to expand Armistice Day to celebrate all veterans, not just those who served in World War I. King had been actively involved with the American War Dads during World War II. He began a campaign to turn Armistice Day into "All" Veterans Day. The Emporia Chamber of Commerce took up the cause after determining that 90% of Emporia merchants as well as the Board of Education supported closing their doors on November 11, 1953, to honor veterans. With the help of then-U.S. Rep. Ed Rees, also from Emporia, a bill for the holiday was pushed through Congress. President Dwight Eisenhower signed it into law on May 26, 1954.^[3]

Congress amended this act on November 8, 1954, replacing "Armistice" with Veterans, and it has been known as Veterans Day since.^{[4][5]}

Although originally scheduled for celebration on November 11 of every year, starting in 1971 in accordance with the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, Veterans Day was moved to the fourth Monday of October. In 1978 it was moved back to its original celebration on November 11 (with the exceptions described above).

[edit] See also

Remembrance Day-Canada

On November 11 Canadians wear poppies and gather at war memorials across Canada to pay tribute to those who died in war. At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the time the Armistice of World War I was signed in 1918, we observe two minutes of silence to remember.

As we continue to fight the war on terrorism, it is important to remember and teach about the wars in which so many Canadians died.

**Nov. 26th
Thanksgiving**



The Thanksgiving Story

Most stories of Thanksgiving history start with the harvest celebration of the pilgrims and the indians that took place in the autumn of 1621. Although they did have a three-day feast in celebration of a good harvest, and the local indians did participate, this "first Thanksgiving" was not a holiday, simply a gathering. There is little evidence that this feast of thanks led directly to our modern Thanksgiving Day holiday. Thanksgiving can, however, be traced back to 1863 when Pres. Lincoln

became the first president to proclaim Thanksgiving Day. The holiday has been a fixture of late November ever since.

However, since most school children are taught that the first Thanksgiving was held in 1621 with the pilgrims and indians, let us take a closer look at just what took place leading up to that event, and then what happened in the centuries afterward that finally gave us our modern Thanksgiving.

The Pilgrims who sailed to this country aboard the *Mayflower* were originally members of the English Separatist Church (a Puritan sect). They had earlier fled their home in England and sailed to Holland (The Netherlands) to escape religious persecution. There, they enjoyed more religious tolerance, but they eventually became disenchanted with the Dutch way of life, thinking it ungodly. Seeking a better life, the Separatists negotiated with a London stock company to finance a pilgrimage to America. Most of those making the trip aboard the *Mayflower* were non-Separatists, but were hired to protect the company's interests. Only about one-third of the original colonists were Separatists.

The Pilgrims set ground at Plymouth Rock on December 11, 1620. Their first winter was devastating. At the beginning of the following fall, they had lost 46 of the original 102 who sailed on the *Mayflower*. But the harvest of 1621 was a bountiful one. And the

remaining colonists decided to celebrate with a feast -- including 91 Indians who had helped the Pilgrims survive their first year. It is believed that the Pilgrims would not have made it through the year without the help of the natives. The feast was more of a traditional English harvest festival than a true "thanksgiving" observance. It lasted three days.



Governor William Bradford sent "four men fowling" after wild ducks and geese. It is not certain that wild turkey was part of their feast. However, it is certain that they had venison. The term "turkey" was used by the Pilgrims to mean any sort of wild fowl.



Another modern staple at almost every [Thanksgiving](#)

[table](#) is pumpkin pie. But it is unlikely that the first feast included that treat. The supply of [flour](#) had been long diminished, so there was no bread or pastries of any kind. However, they did [eat](#) boiled pumpkin, and they produced a type of fried bread from their corn crop. There was also no milk, [cider](#), potatoes, or butter. There was no domestic cattle for dairy products, and the newly-discovered potato was still considered by many Europeans to be poisonous. But the feast did include fish, berries, watercress, lobster, [dried fruit](#), clams, venison, and plums.

This "thanksgiving" feast was not repeated the following year. Many years passed before the event was repeated. It wasn't until June of 1676 that another Day of thanksgiving was proclaimed. On June 20 of that year the governing council of Charlestown, Massachusetts, held a meeting to determine how best to express thanks for the good fortune that had seen their community securely established. By unanimous vote they instructed Edward Rawson, the clerk, to proclaim June 29 as a day of thanksgiving. It is notable that this thanksgiving celebration probably did not include the Indians, as the celebration was meant partly to be in recognition of the colonists' recent victory over the "heathen natives," (see the [proclamation](#)).

A hundred years later, in October of 1777 all 13 colonies

joined in a thanksgiving celebration. It also commemorated the patriotic victory over the British at Saratoga. But it was a one-time affair.

George Washington proclaimed a National Day of Thanksgiving in 1789, although some were opposed to it. There was discord among the colonies, many feeling the hardships of a few pilgrims did not warrant a national holiday. And later, President Thomas Jefferson opposed the idea of having a day of thanksgiving.

It was Sarah Josepha Hale, a magazine editor, whose efforts eventually led to what we recognize as Thanksgiving. Hale wrote many editorials championing her cause in her *Boston Ladies' Magazine*, and later, in *Godey's Lady's Book*. Finally, after a 40-year campaign of writing editorials and letters to governors and presidents, Hale's obsession became a reality when, in 1863, President Lincoln proclaimed the *last Thursday in November* as a national day of Thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving was proclaimed by every president after Lincoln. The date was changed a couple of times, most recently by Franklin Roosevelt, who set it up one week to the next-to-last Thursday in order

to create a longer Christmas shopping season. Public uproar against this decision caused the president to move Thanksgiving back to its original date two years later. And in 1941, Thanksgiving was finally sanctioned by Congress

Otter Lake By: Susie Daggett

Congratulations to Brad and Angelina Sutton who were joined in marriage October 10th. Bride and Groom were both beaming with happiness (and they looked gorgeous!). The ceremony took place at the Oakwood congregation with a reception celebration in Lapeer afterwards. Doug Daggett performed the sacrament of marriage for the couple. The Otter Lake branch was glad to share the occasion with the happy couple. Lindsey Daniels was a beautiful flower girl and performed her duties well.

Congratulations to Rick and Krystal Grant on the birth of their son Aiden who arrived September 23rd at 9:48pm weighing in at 6lbs 15oz.

Congratulations also to the grandparents Penny and Don Deland, Aunts Josie and Allie and Great Grandmother Janet Pallmig.

Our branch along with the Hartland branch has traveled to 2 different branches in the last two months to share in the Sunday services. In September we went to Oakwood where we also shared in a potluck meal afterwards. In October we traveled to the Sanilac branch to share in the service and also enjoyed the pizza/ice cream/hayride/donuts/cider afterwards. On November 22 we will be joining the Port Huron branch for service and potluck. Thank you to all the branches for welcoming and sharing with us. Thank you to the visiting ministry we have had recently. They include Richard Burns, Gary Holmes, Leo Carroll, Ed McDonald, Dave Teeple, Jay Havener, Bob Harris, Aaron Smith, Jim Bradley, Fred Brown Sr., Fred Brown Jr., Mick Ruch, Graham Fishwild, and Bob Ruch. I'm very sorry if I missed anyone. We also enjoyed ministry of music from some of them and also from Ed Ervin.

Port Huron By: Millie Giles

BRRRRR! We are into fall with cold weather, and we ask where is our autumn? But our thanks to our Heavenly Father we are not in the flooding areas. We must always remember to look for the blessings in our daily walk.

August 30th John & Connie DeBell hosted the baptism of Evan Kercher at their home. Evan is the son of Chris and Pat Kercher. Evan was baptized by his Grandfather, Priest John DeBell. Confirmation of the Holy Spirit was September 6th during the communion prayer service. Evan was confirmed by Elders Dave Teeple and Ron Giles.

College news: Andrew Kercher is attending Albion College and is the son of Chris and Pat Kercher. And Sean Tynan is attending Michigan State and is the son of Judy and John Tynan. We are keeping both of you young men in our prayers.

Sports News: All three of our youth excelled in their sports. Camera Britz and Corey Tynan in tennis and Ellie Kercher in National Junior Olympics. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and performing at your best. We are proud of all three of you!

Wedding Vows: Branden Geib and Kara Smith were united in marriage by Elder Dave Teeple on October 3rd. Kara is the daughter of Mark & Kay Smith and granddaughter of Richard and Marilyn Smith.

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN:

October 20th, Jeanette Purcell passed on to be with the Lord and will be greatly missed by her daughter, Sherry, and family and also her church family.

Sunday, October 25th we held a business meeting at our 11:00 a.m. service. Our new officers for

the next year are: Pastor, Elder Brian Daggett, Counselors are Elders Dave Teeple and Ron Giles. Women's leader is Cathy Daggett. Youth leaders are Bob Harris and Scott Bolt. Branch recorder and historian is Sharon Smerer, Secretary is Sherry Purcell and Treasurer is Kay Smith. Sunday School Director is Connie DeBell. Music directors are Carrie Britz and Scott Bolt. Bulletin is Chris Kercher and Mary Lou Bartrow. Auditors are Jim DeBell, Bob Harris and Scott Bolt. Finance leader is Elder Jack Tynan. Newsletter is now Jason Britz. Head Deacon is Jim DeBell. A big appreciation hug for all those who have served our branch in the past and a big thank you for those willing to step in and serve in these offices for the next year.

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.
(Words by Helen H. Lemmel)

Sanilac By: Barb Eliason

Our Prayer of Thanks by Kay Hoffman
We humbly bow before you, Lord on this Thanksgiving Day to lift our prayers of gratitude for all your caring ways. As you have blessed our harvest, Lord, let us remember, too, that we should share with those in need as you would have us do. Around this festive board today are those we hold most dear, and in our midst your presence, Lord, seems so very near. We're thankful for this land we love, for sod and sky and tree, for pilgrims who braved unknown seas that all may worship free. We're thankful for each blessing, Lord, you send along our way; but may our greater "thanks" be shown in serving you each day.

Greetings to all our loving brothers and sisters. We are thoroughly enjoying God's creation of the fall colors. The majestic beauty has proven we have a Heavenly Father that wants us to take the time to appreciate life.

August 13-27 Barent and Barb Eliason flew to Colorado Springs for a PSI Book of Mormon Day with the Restoration Branch. Approximately 30 attended with lots of enthusiasm as they listened and asked questions. Don and Pat Beebe taught the morning class and Barent Eliason taught the three-hour afternoon class. We were treated to a delicious lunch of grilled hamburgers and hot dogs with all the trimmings. Barb Eliason taught the children's class and was pleasantly surprised at how much Book of Mormon knowledge they had.

Sunday service was in a home and due to no priesthood, they asked for a communion service. One could feel the love of Christ as we met with these loving Saints who are so faithful and dedicated.

Sat., August 29th, approximately 35 regional women met in our church basement to learn some of the secrets about canning and freezing fruits and vegetables. Barb Eliason began with freezing strawberry jam and posed as Julia Childs. Next up was Debbie DesJardins and Dora Gutierrez with canning apple pie filling. Then Kathleen Palmer, as Martha Stewart, taught us how to can tomatoes. Cory Eliason was not able to attend and Kathleen, as Martha, and Barb, as Julia, taught how to can green beans. Kathy Havener, as Paula Deen, closed the morning session explaining about the dehydration process of fruits and vegetables.

After a lunch of soup and salad we continued with learning how to can dill pickles with Carol Hoeldtke. Denise Rich, or rather Rachel Ray, followed Carol with teaching us how to can beets. Nellie Haynes taught how to freeze blueberries. The last demonstration was with Helen Brown teaching us how to make grape juice. The day ended with a wonderful class taught by Teacher Jim Negaard. We closed with all in a circle singing a hymn and a prayer. God really blessed us as we are learning to prepare and endure to the end.

Esther Markey's only granddaughter, Margo Miller, was married in Port Huron. It was

a very exciting time for Esther and her daughter, Phronsie and Dave Miller.

Sunday, September 20th, our worship began with Gary and Marge Holmes. After Sunday school class, Todd Moses played beautiful meditation music. We were blessed with the spirit of the Lord through the message by Elder Jim Bradley. We were also blessed with beautiful ministry of music by a trio, Todd, Liz, and Bethany Moses, and a quartet with Liz, Todd, Ray Moses, and Val Bradley. Port Huron-Sarnia Branch, Algonac Branch, and our branch sang their hearts out as we sang the hymns of praise for the service.

Pizza and ice cream followed with a hayride and donuts and cider. Joe, Jennifer Milet and children came to church from Brown City in their Model T Ford. (That was the talk of the day.) Barb Eliason had the honor of riding in this vintage car—smiling the whole time.

Friday, September 25th 19 Saints met at the Oakwood Branch to set up for the Book of Mormon Day on Saturday. We then headed for the Best Western Inn in Lapeer to check in before a fun night of eating out and swimming or just visiting. The fellowship continued at breakfast and followed to the Oakwood church as we began a day of learning about new developments in the Book of Mormon lands. Several from our branch attended, Denise and Aubree Rich, Nellie Haynes, Bev Miller, Randy, Debbie, and Gary DesJardins, Lowell Decker, Dora Gutierrez, Eric Eliason, Carol Hoeldtke, and Barent and Barb Eliason. Those from Otter Lake that helped were Lynette and Lindsey Daniels and Bill Sutton. Thanks everyone for a very special weekend.

Bill and Kathleen Palmer headed to Arizona for a vacation and a visit with their grandson, Ryan, who teaches at a High School and coaches varsity football. They then headed to San Antonio, Texas. Bill had fallen and broke a bone in his leg. After a trip to the clinic, he started wearing a boot cast and walking with a cane. They went to Branson, Missouri and returned early to Sandusky.

Sat., October 3rd was an exciting day for the whole branch. Debbie DesJardins and Dora Gutierrez were in charge of a baby shower for Briggs and Bryer Eliason with the help of the rest of the women's department. The decorations were beautiful, the food was delicious, and the opening of the gifts was special. The beautiful baby buggy cake (with both vanilla and chocolate) was made by our own Carol Hoeldtke. What a special day it was for everyone. We had a fun time playing a nursery rhyme game and cutting two ribbons to guess how big around Cory and Eric are. We are all so excited an anxiously awaiting the birth of these very special twin boys.

Sun., Oct 11th, our branch invited Oakwood, Otter Lake, and the Hartland Branches to spend a day with our branch. Matt Mervyn gave a thoughtful worship service followed by the Sunday school classes. Eric Eliason taught the older children and Cory Eliason taught the little ones. Dawn Modders played beautiful prelude music for meditation, and the small Sanilac Branch choir sang the special, "My God and I." The Spirit was there in abundance as Elder Doug Daggett gave the morning message. After pizza and ice cream, those who were brave headed for Barent and Barb's for the annual hayride, donuts and cider followed with wonderful fellowship. We love these special times when our church pews are full and the singing is like a heavenly choir. Thank you to all who made the effort to make this day an uplifting one to our small branch.

Friday night, Oct. 16, Carol Hoeldtke, Denise and Aubree Rich, and Barb Eliason attended the Regional Women's Retreat at the Wesleyan Woods Campground. The tea party was fun and we all enjoyed the Algonac's program under the direction of Sister Val Bradley. Sat. began with a little worship service and our praise singing led by Sister Sherri Johnson. The first class "Looking Up in Faith" was taught by Barb Eliason. We all enjoyed the other two classes taught by Sister Lynette Daniels and Sister Mary Lou Bartrow. Kathi Havener and Twyla Burnard had the night services. The love of God was there in abundance! Thank you

Mark Burnard and Dan Daggett for your gracious and supportive ministry.

We are so pleased to announce that Jim Negaard graduated from his course at Delta College. DuPont Company called Jim and wanted him to do more testing in Corpus Christi, Texas. It was nice to hear that Jim and Phil Daniels from Otter Lake connected while both were attending Delta College.

Johnathan Rich is in the Army National Guards in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. We would ask for prayers and cards for him. His address is:

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Unit 15
Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 65473

(Write 1st PLT. Bulldog on the back of the flap or he will not receive your card or letter.)

Sun., Sept. 13th, our branch had surprise visitors. Not knowing each other was going to visit, Wayne and Mary Lou Bartrow, and Ed and Sharon Smerer and their two lovely granddaughters worshipped with us. Thank you for thinking of us.

Aubree Rich continues to excel in band. They have had several activities, and she has received several honors. We are very proud of her.

Sat., Nov. 21st will be our Branch Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale from 8 a.m. till 4 p.m. at the church. A light lunch begins at 11:00 a.m. consisting of homemade soup, Amish homemade bread, dessert, and a drink. We invite you to start your Christmas shopping and maybe get some baked goods for Thanksgiving.

Birthdays: August 4 Randy DesJardins
September 8 Dora Gutierrez

13 Paige Parker
13 Lowell Decker
21 Jim Negaard
18 Bob Smith
28 Avery Carpenter
26 Ella Haynes
31 Maddy Parker

October 6 Eric Eliason
31 Dan Miller

Please remember these members in prayer:
Viola Phelps, Esther Markey, Ken Parker, Ella Haynes (knee surgery), Bill Palmer, Jane Rich, and Dora Gutierrez.

We would like to thank our guest ministers who took the time to come to Sanilac and graciously give ministry. You will never know how special it makes everyone in the Branch for you to drive the distance and go the extra mile. May God bless you as you have ministered to us: Jim (Val) Bradley, Bob (Bev) Ruch, Fred (Helen) Brown, Leo (Clareen) Carroll, Wayne (Mary Lou) Bartrow, Doug (Susie) Daggett, and Bill Allison.

communion for some time. It was hard to leave this devoted group of Saints.

Book of Mormon Day at Oakwood, 2009 By Elder Barent Eliason

We were privileged to have Archeologist Neil Steede with us again this year to show and tell us of the amazing new discoveries being uncovered in Palenque, Mexico. The large hieroglyphic tablets from the Cross Complex can be read now by the epigraphers, and to their surprise, they all talk about Christ or Quetzalcoatl as they call Him. The base of the large throne in Temple 19 tells us about the three Wise Men and the three Nephites. The vast amount of evidence points to Palenque as being the City Bountiful where Jesus Christ came to minister to the people of America.

If you missed the Book of Mormon day this year, you can still get a DVD and catch up on these amazing developments. Neil's books and papers are available from Don Beebe in Independence. Anyone interested in purchasing a DVD of this year's Book of Mormon Day, please contact Barent Eliason, (810) 648-9846.

Book of Mormon Day in Colorado Springs By Elder Barent Eliason

We found a very reception group of Saints hungry to hear about the Book of Mormon. Children as well as adults wanted to see and hear about archeological findings supporting the Book of Ether and the Jaredites. God's Spirit was there in abundance to multiply our feeble words and efforts. Don and Pat Beebe presented the subject of "Christ in America" and I told the story of the Jaredites and the evidences of the 2,000 years of history in America.

They requested a communion service for Sunday, and after the church school hour the Lord poured out His Spirit in abundance as we came to His table. They had no priesthood at this time so hadn't had an opportunity to have



Dec. 25th Merry Christmas

The Story of the Christ Child and Christmas

When Rome was a great Empire ruled by Caesar Augustus and Israel was governed by King Herod, in the village of Nazareth lived Joseph and Mary. Joseph was a carpenter and Mary was a young virgin who would become his wife. Mary told Joseph of a dream in which she was visited by an angel who told her she had been chosen to bear the Son of God and his name was to be Jesus.

One day the emperor sent notice that all persons were to register for a new tax. They were instructed to return to the towns of their birth. Joseph and Mary left Nazareth for Bethlehem. Mary who was with child, and close to the birth, rode on a donkey while Joseph walked beside her. They traveled for many days and only rested at night.

When they reached Bethlehem it was night. They looked for a place to rest but there were no empty rooms when they reached the inn. As they were being turned away Joseph mentioned his wife was with child and close to birth. The inn keeper took pity on them and told them of some caves in the nearby hills that shepherds would stay with their cows and sheep.

So Joseph and Mary went up into the hills and found the caves. In one cave was a stable room. Joseph cleaned it and made beds of fresh hay. He found a feeding

trough which he cleaned and filled with hay to use as a crib. The next night Mary gave birth to a son and they named him Jesus, as the angel had said.

When the child was born a great star appeared over Bethlehem that could be seen for miles around. In the fields nearby shepherds were tending their flocks. An angel appeared to them surrounded by bright light. The shepherds were frightened and tried to run.

"Fear Not," said the angel, "For I bring you tidings of great joy. For unto you is born this day in Bethlehem - a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

"And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Suddenly the sky was filled with angels, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the Highest, and on Earth peace, good will toward men."

After the angels departed the shepherds set out for Bethlehem. When they reached the cave they found the stable and inside was the child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

As the star shined over Bethlehem, in the east three kings would see it. They knew it was a sign and they set off to follow the star. There was Caspar - the young King of Tarsus, Melchior - a long bearded old man and leader of Arabia, and Balthazar - the king

from Ethiopia. They traveled on camels for many days over the mountains, and through the deserts, and plains. Always following the bright star.

When they finally arrived in Bethlehem they found the child in the manger. The 3 kings bowed to their knees and offered gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. They would stay the night in the cave and the next day returned to their lands to spread the news.

Dec. 26th Boxing Day - Canada

Despite its name, Boxing Day, which is celebrated on December 26 in Great Britain, has nothing to do with pugilistic competition. Nor is it a day for people to return unwanted Christmas presents. While the exact origins of the holiday are obscure, it is likely that Boxing Day began in [England](#) during the [Middle Ages](#).

Some historians say the holiday developed because servants were required to work on [Christmas Day](#), but took the following day off. As servants prepared to leave to visit their families, their employers would present them with gift boxes.

Church Alms Boxes

Another theory is that the boxes placed in churches where parishioners deposited coins for the poor were opened and the contents distributed on December 26, which is also the Feast of [St. Stephen](#).

As time went by, Boxing Day gift giving expanded to include those who had rendered a service during the previous year. This tradition survives today as people give presents to tradesmen, mail carriers, doormen, porters, and others who have helped them.

The Day after Christmas

Boxing Day is December 26, the day after Christmas, and is celebrated in Great Britain and in most areas settled by the English (the U.S. is the major exception), including Canada, Australia, and New Zealand.

Bank Holidays

Boxing Day is just one of the British [bank holidays](#) recognized since 1871 that are observed by banks, government offices, and the post office. The others include [Christmas](#), [Good Friday](#), [Easter](#), [Whitmonday](#) (the day after [Pentecost](#)), and the banking

holiday on the last Monday in August.

St. Stephen's Martyrdom

The Feast of St. Stephen also takes place on December 26. St. Stephen was one of the seven original deacons of the Christian Church who were ordained by the Apostles to care for widows and the poor. For the success of his preaching and his devotion to Christ, St. Stephen was stoned to death by a mob. As he died, he begged God not to punish his killers.



Jan. 1st 2010

The celebration of the new year is one of the oldest holidays. Many believe it was first observed in ancient Babylon about 4000 years ago it marked the first New Moon after the Vernal Equinox. The Babylonian new year celebration lasted for eleven days. How did New Years Day move from the summer to the winter? A good question, especially since the spring is the season of rebirth, of planting new crops, and of blossoming. Today New years Day is January 1st.

The month of January was named for their god, Janus, who is pictured with two heads. One looks forward, the other back,

symbolizing a break between the old and new. The Greeks paraded a baby in a basket to represent the spirit of fertility. Christians adopted this symbol as the birth of the baby Jesus and continued what started as a pagan ritual. Today our New Year's symbols are a newborn baby starting the next year and an old man winding up the last year.

Not all countries celebrate New Year at the same time, nor in the same way. This is because people in different parts of the world use different calendars. Long ago, people divided time into days, months, and years. Some calendars are based on the movement of the moon, others are based on the position of the sun, while others are based on both the sun and the moon. All over the world, there are special beliefs about New Year.

The Jewish New Year is called Rosh Hashanah. It is a holy time when people reflect on the things done wrong in the past, with a promise to do better in the future. Religious services are held in synagogues, and an instrument called a Shofar, which is made from a ram's horn is played. Children are given new clothes, and New Year loaves are baked and fruit is eaten to remind people of harvest time.

The Chinese New Year is celebrated some time between January 17 and February 19, at the time of the new moon, and it is called Yuan Tan. It is celebrated by Chinese people all over the world, and street parades are an exciting part of their New Year. At the Festival of Lanterns thousands of lanterns are used to light the way for the New Year. The Chinese people believe that there are evil spirits around at New Year, so they let off firecrackers to frighten the spirits away. Sometimes they seal their windows and doors with paper to keep the evil spirits out.

The traditions of the season include the making of New Year's resolutions. Making a resolutions to change some part of one's life also dates back to the early Babylonians. Today most people promise to lose weight or quit smoking.

Our ancestors thought that one could affect the luck they would have throughout the coming year by what they did or ate on the first day of the year. It

has become common for folks to celebrate the first few minutes of a brand new year in the company of family and friends.

New Year foods are also thought to bring luck. Many cultures believe that anything in the shape of a ring is good luck, because it symbolizes "coming full circle," completing a year's cycle. Some put coins in black-eyed peas and the person who gets the coin in their meal will be prosperous in the coming year.

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Regional Activities for the next quarter

- ❖ **Nov. 6,7 & 8 Kid's Retreat @ Oakwood Branch**

- ❖ **Nov. 21 Sanilac Branch Annual Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale with a soup lunch**

From The Editor's Desk:

A Soldiers Christmas

Twas the night before
Christmas.
He lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house
made of
Plaster and Stone.
I had come down the
Chimney,
With presents to give.
And to see just who In this
home did live.
I looked all about
A strange sight I did see.
No tinsel, No presents,
Not even a tree.
No stocking by the mantle,
Just boots filled with sand.
On the wall hung pictures
Of far distant lands.
With medals and badges,
Awards of all kinds,
A sober thought
Came through my mind.
For this house was
different,
It was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a
soldier,
Once I could see clearly.
The soldier lay sleeping,
Silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor
In this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle,
The room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured
Was this the hero
Of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a Poncho,
The floor for a bed?
I realized the families
That I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these
soldiers
Who were willing to fight.
Soon round the world,
The children would play,
And grownup's would
celebrate
A bright Christmas Day.
They all enjoyed freedom
each month of the year,
Because of the soldiers,
Like the one lying here.
I couldn't help wonder
How many lay alone,

On a cold Christmas Eve
In a land far from home.
The very thought
Brought a tear to my eye,
I dropped to my knees
And started to Cry.
The soldier awakened
And I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry,
This life is my choice."
The solider rolled over

**And drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it,
I continued to weep.
I kept watch for hours,
So silent and still
And we both shivered
From the cold nights chill.
I didn't want to leave
On that cold, dark, night,**

**This guardian of Honor
So willing to fight.
The solider rolled over,
With a voice soft and pure,
Whispered, "Carry on
Santa,
It's Christmas Day, All is
secure."
One look at my watch,
And I knew he was right.**

"Merry Christmas my friend, And to all a good night."

This poem was written by a Marine stationed in Okinawa, Japan.

The following is his request: Christmas will be coming soon and some credit is due to our U.S. service men and women for being able to celebrate these festivities. Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe. Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead, who sacrificed themselves for us. Please, do your small part to plant this small seed.

Let us give thanks to God for all of the men and women in the Armed Forces stationed all over the world who allow us to live and celebrate these Holidays in Peace & Joy. Also, remember to thank these servicemen and women and all veterans for their service to our country!





Kids Korner

By: Connie Burns (Algonac Branch) November Issue 2009

The Light of God

John 1:4 (Inspired Version)

"In him was the gospel, and the gospel was the life, and the life was the light of men..."

God is light, and you are an expression of the light of God.

God fills you with shining brightness. If you have allowed yourself to be caught up in the darkness of fear, or doubt, you turn to the light of God that fills your inner being. You assure yourself that you are a child of light, for you are a child of God.

God opens your mind and makes your pathway clear. In God's light you are led to your highest good. The light of God shines in and through you and you see your way with certainty and clarity.

Through your body and mind, God's light shines. Do you know how truly blessed you are?

Let your light shine and reach out to touch, all those who are near and dear to you, and even to those that you don't know.

You are the light of God, so why not let your light shine?

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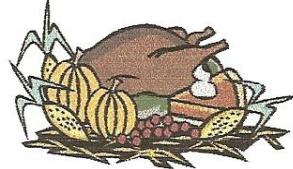


Ted: Who is Richard Stands? David: I don't know, but he must be pretty important because every morning we say, "I pledge allegiance to the Republic of Richard Stands."

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## Apostle Questions

1. Name the first book in the New Testament.
2. Where was Jesus born?
3. Who wrote the book of Romans?
4. Who came before Jesus preaching in the wilderness?
5. Who was John's mother?
6. Who were the ones bringing gifts to the baby Jesus?
7. In which book is the Sermon on the Mount?
8. Name the sixth book of the New Testament.
9. Name books in New Testament beginning with the letter, (P).
10. How many books are in the New Testament?



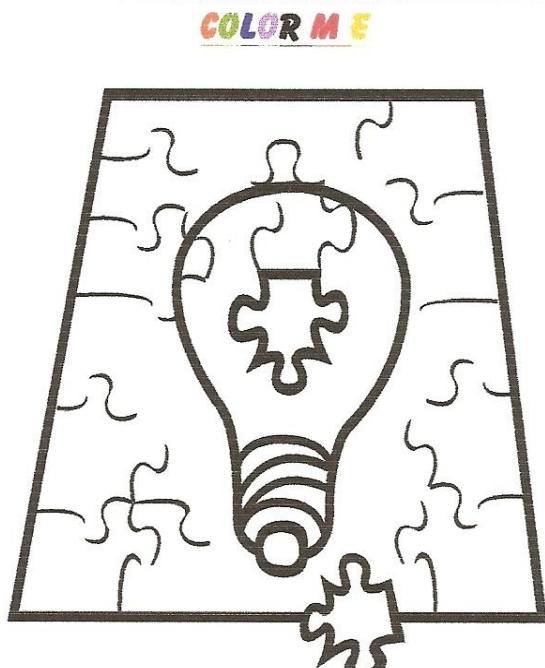
*Give Thanks Unto the Lord*

*All the good things  
In life are still  
Yours to enjoy!  
Laughs, hugs, and  
Good hair days.  
Blue skies, great friends,  
Memories of happiness.  
Unexpected joys,  
Surprise blessings,  
Smart solutions  
And something  
Incredible: a brand new  
Chance to make your  
Dreams come true every  
Single day.  
Grab it! Don't let it  
Slip away.*

*"Everything is possible to him  
that believeth".  
Mark 9: 20 (Inspired Version)*

## Find: The Testament Books

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Finish the puzzle, and share a piece  
of God's Light!

**Apostle Answers:** Matthew, Bethlehem, Paul, John the Baptist, Elizabeth, The Wise Men, Matthew, Romans, Philippians, Philemon, 1 Peter, 11 Peter, Twenty Seven

## Let's Talk Turkey

Husband: Honey, I know this is our first Thanksgiving dinner, but why is it taking so long?

Wife: Well, the cookbook said to put the turkey in the oven and turn for 3 hours. By the time I turned for 1 hour, I was so dizzy I had to sit down!



## KIDS KORNER

By: Connie Burns (Algonac Branch) Decembers Issue 2009



Merry Christmas Everyone,  
The Christmas Celebration is the perfect  
opportunity for all to share in God's love and  
mercy.

As we give greetings to those whom we come  
in contact with, perhaps we can express to  
them, "Merry Christmas" rather than the often  
heard, "Happy Holidays".

We must never leave the "Christ" out of  
"His" remembrance.

Peace Be Unto You,  
Connie Burns

### COLOR ME



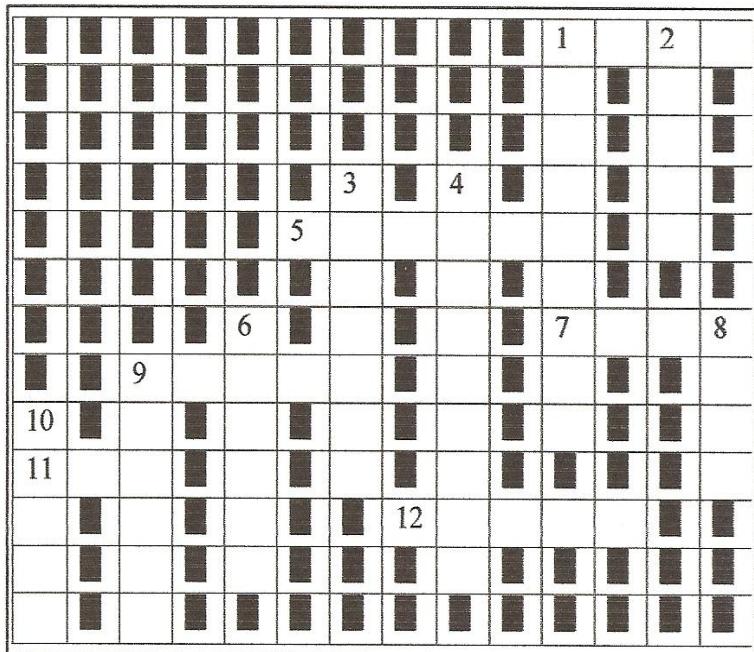
Prayers: are answered!

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he  
gave his only begotten Son, that  
whosoever believeth in him should not  
perish, but have everlasting life".

### THE BIRTH OF CHRIST CROSSWORD PUZZLE

"For unto us a Child is born"



**Down** 1. Who were tending their flocks by night? 2. Who announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds? 3. The wise men bowed down to Jesus to \_\_\_\_ him. 4. Jesus was born in the town of \_\_\_\_ ? 6."The \_\_\_\_ of peace", was one of Jesus titles. 8. Who was the Mother of Jesus? 9. Jesus was born in a \_\_\_\_ . 10. The shepherds were in the \_\_\_\_ when they saw an angel.

**Across** 1. The wise men followed a \_\_\_\_ that led them to Jesus. 5. Who is the human father of Jesus? 7. There was no \_\_\_\_ at the inn for Jesus. 9. One of the gifts of the three wise men was \_\_\_\_ ? 11. Jesus could not stay at the \_\_\_\_ because it was full. 12. ...and on earth, \_\_\_\_ ; goodwill toward men. (Luke 2:14)

Note: The numbered boxes, starts the answer. (Inspired Version)



Did you know...? The symbol of a "Fish" was created in the early church while under Persecution by the Romans. A believer would

draw half of the fish in the dirt and another would complete the symbol so they could communicate their shared faith. Look at the back of some cars while driving with mom or dad. I'm sure you'll find them on the car bumpers, or perhaps in the rear window.

Good Luck!



# KIDS KORNER

By: Connie Burns (Algonac Branch) January Issue 2010



## Who Am I?

Clues are listed below. Using the Inspired Version, can you name the "Persons" described below?

1. I am the son of Zebedee and the brother of James.
  2. I was the youngest of the "twelve" Apostles.
  3. I was always close to Jesus, in the garden of Gethsemane, the last supper, and at the foot of the cross.
  4. After Jesus' death, I worked with Peter in Missionary endeavors.
- Mark 1; 17, Mark 14; 36, Acts 1; 1-4*
1. I prepared the way for Jesus' messages to be received.
  2. Zacharis and Elizabeth were my parents.
  3. I preached in the wilderness near water.
  4. I baptized many people, including Jesus.
  5. My death was by beheading.
- Mark 6; 17, Luke 1; 5, Luke 3; 2-23, Luke 7; 27-29*

## COLOR ME



Celebrate the New Year with Prayer!

## Move Forward in 2010

Jesus said: "The Father who dwells in me does his works."

The same Father dwells in all. It may seem as though we have attempted every means we can think of to solve problems but only to find that we needed simply to trust in God to give us the right solution.

Let us say, "I let go and let God take charge of all that concerns me. The "Past" is gone".

The "Future", is NOW! Let go and let God do his work.

## HELP IS NEAR

Painful experiences are hard to understand. We ask God, "Why me?"

### 11 Corinthians 12:9 (In. Version)

"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Often, the very problem that you struggle most with in life, the very thing you like the least about yourself or the situation you are in, whatever you are ashamed of, or perhaps embarrassed of, is the very tool God wants to use in you to bless, encourage, and minister to others. God uses not just our strengths He also uses our weaknesses.

### 11 Corinthians 12:10 (In. Version)

Paul writes; "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."

When you feel "weak" this year, remember, you are at your strongest point in your life. Your strength is in Jesus, the Christ!

## Are You Hooked on Computers?

Computers are a "Good Thing", but do they keep you from being a child? Tim would play video, and computer games ALL the time.

One day Sam, who lived nearby, went to Tim's home to ask if he would like to go out and play ball with the boys.

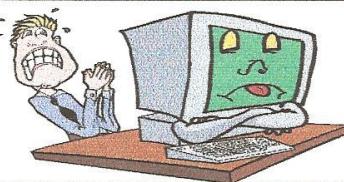
Tim, of course knew nothing about ball, and so he replied, "No, I don't know how, I only play ball on the video's."

"Oh, its simple, come on we'll teach you, Sam replied."

The boys had a blast-playing ball, they went fishing, shot some hoops, they even had a spare bike, to teach Tim how to ride. At the dinner table, Tim couldn't stop talking about all the fun he had that day.

Mom, tomorrow we're going to swim at Ryan's pool, and in the winter they go ice skating, sledding, and play hockey!" Tim said, with excitement.

Although, computers can be fun, don't forget to enjoy your childhood, for someday soon, it won't be there.



*Pete: Oh pleeeease, tell me the answer!  
Computer: NO, The last I gave you an answer, you yelled at me and called me stupid. Use your own brain this time!*

*You may be disappointed- but do not be discouraged.*

*Discouragement is the Devil's own tool.*

*Use disappointment as material for Patience.*

*It's much lighter than a shovel.*

**Anyone having articles or historical facts (that would be of interest to everyone), etc. please send them to me for future use. Please keep them to one page or less, as space is very limited and expensive. Thank you.**

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