

United Christian Church, Yakima WA



Growing in Faith, Living in Hope, Serving with Love.

**FEB
2024**

From the Pastor's Desk :

Dear Church Family,

Greetings and blessings to all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we enter the month of February, it's hard to believe that we are already a month into the new year. Time truly flies, and as we journey through this year, let us remain steadfast in our faith and continue to grow deeper in our relationship with God.

In February, we not only celebrate Valentine's Day, but we also observe the season of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th. Lent is a time for introspection and preparation as we anticipate the resurrection of our Savior on Easter Sunday. It's a time to reflect on our lives, examine our hearts, and seek God's guidance to align ourselves with His will.

During this Lenten season, we will have various opportunities for spiritual growth and community involvement. I encourage you to mark your calendars for the Ash Wednesday/Bible study, where we will gather together to humble ourselves before the Lord and commit ourselves to a season of self-reflection and renewed dedication to God's purposes. Additionally, we will be having two different opportunities for Lenten studies.

Services : Sundays at 10am

Bible Study : 8:30am on Sundays and 5:30pm on Wednesdays

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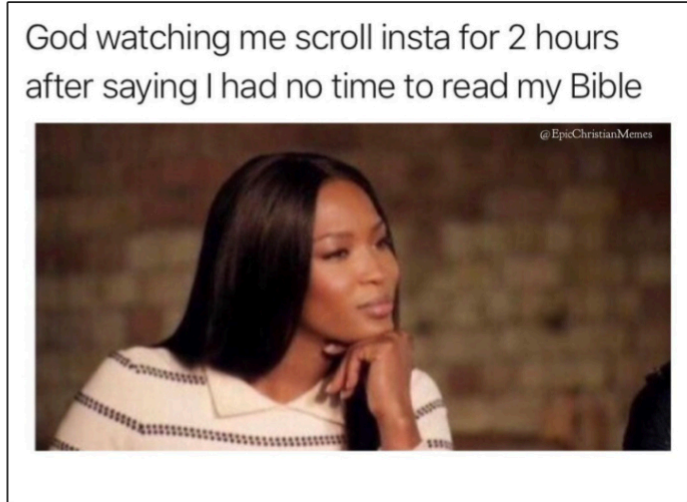
Wednesday night and Sunday mornings to help us seek God's wisdom and guidance for ourselves, our church, and our community.

As we move further into the year, let us remember the words of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 3:13-14: "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Similarly, let us press on, not dwelling on the difficulties of the past year but focusing on the prize that awaits us in Christ.

I am excited to see what God has in store for us in the upcoming months. Let us approach this year with hope, faith, and a willingness to surrender ourselves completely to God's plan. May His love and grace continue to guide us as we walk together as a church family.

Blessings,

Pastor Steve



Calendar Highlights :

Feb 3rd (Sat) : 9am Workday and Finance Board Meeting

Feb 11th (Sun) : Valentines Potluck (following Worship)

Feb 19th (Mon) : Presidents' Day (Holiday)

:: Lent ::

This year, **Lent** is observed from **February 14th through March 30th**.

Lent offers us all the opportunity to observe and contemplate the trials and temptations that Jesus faced while fasting in the desert before beginning his public ministry.

We will be incorporating [Luke](#) and [The Third Day](#) into Bible Study over the next several weeks.

:: Flu Season ::

If you're feeling unwell, we kindly ask that you prioritize your health and the well-being of those around you by staying home to rest and recover. It's important to listen to your body and take the necessary time to heal, as this not only supports your own recovery but also helps in preventing the spread of illness to others. Your health and safety are of utmost importance, and we appreciate your cooperation in maintaining a healthy environment for everyone.

Committee Reports :

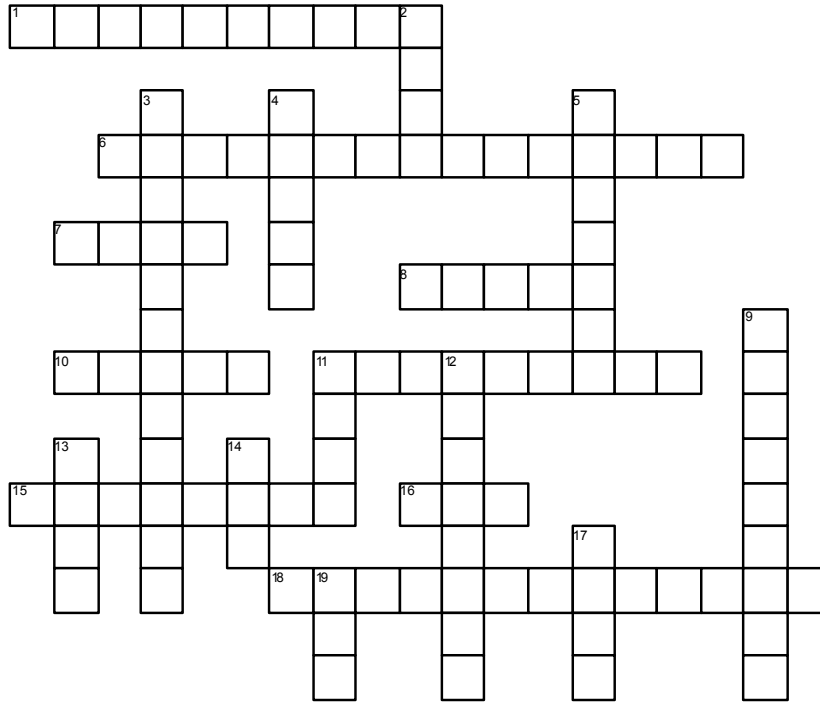
New Year : New Committees

There will be several committees forming in the coming weeks.

In addition to the existing committees, we have a few new ones that are about to take flight. We hope to provide opportunities for everyone to become more involved in our congregation (should you so choose).

GOD CREATES ADAM AND EVE

Genesis 1:26 - 2:25



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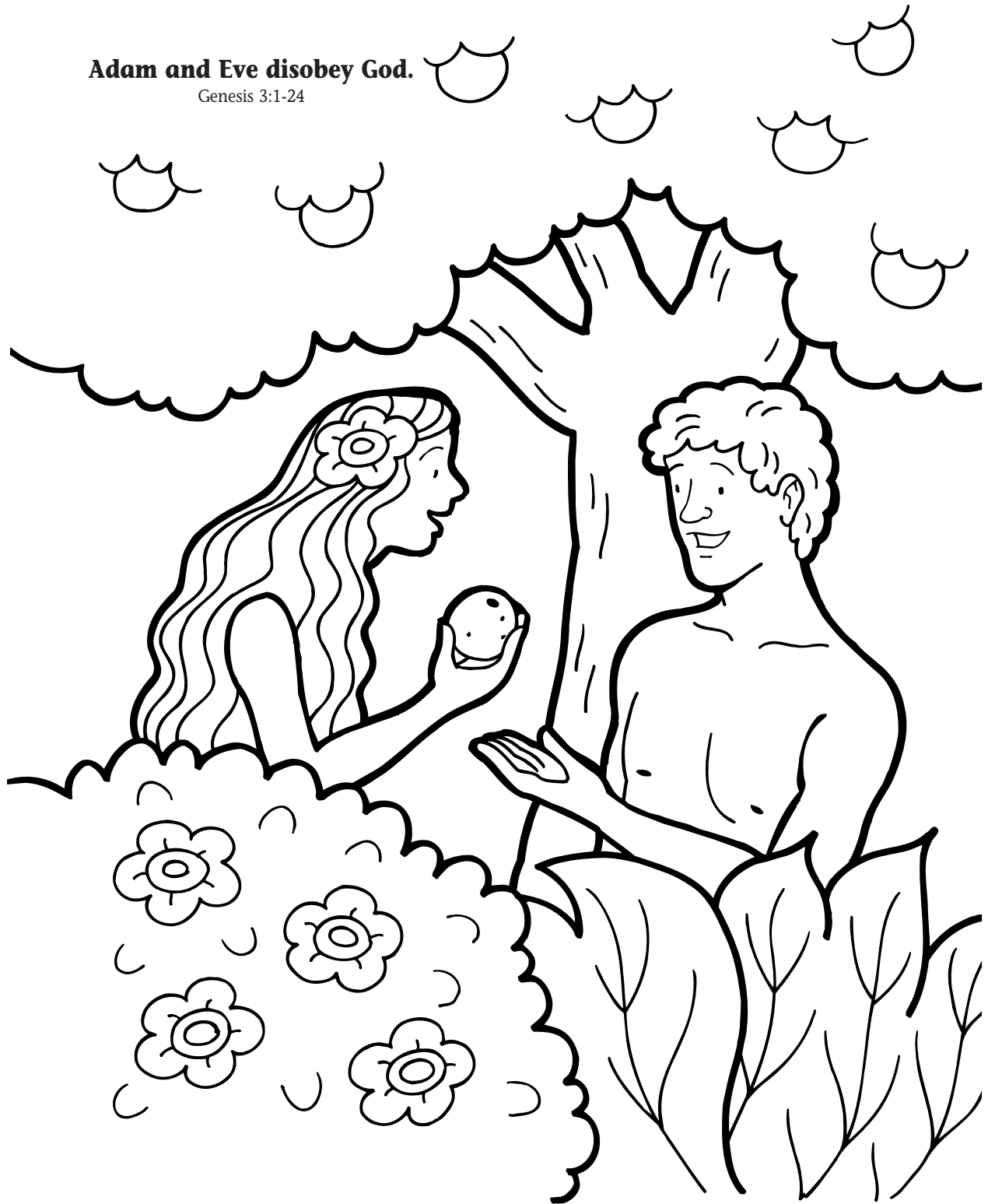
- 1 The fruit of this tree would be to man, if obedient, a means of endless life. (Gn. 2:9) three words
- 6 By obeying God's will, he would know good and good only; and by disobeying, man would know evil, and transmitting it to his offspring. (Gn. 2:9) three words
- 7 When God created the creatures of the sea and land, who had the privilege to name each of them? (Gn. 2:19)
- 8 Since God created man and woman, they were to _____ the custody of their parents to form one flesh. (Gn. 2:24)
- 10 God said that it is not good for man to be _____. (Gn. 2:18)
- 11 What was the name of the river that came out of the garden of Eden, often called "the River?" (Gn. 2:14; 2 Ki. 4:21, 24)
- 15 By giving Adam the authority to have _____ over all creatures, his first act was to name them. (Gn. 2:19)
- 16 Despite the serpent's denial (Gn. 3:9) disobeying God will ultimately ends in death. (Gn. 2:17)
- 18 Without female _____ man could not fully realize his humanity. (Gn. 2:18)

DOWN

- 2 Where did God plant a garden for man to enjoy? (Gn. 2:8)
- 3 When God created man, God created man from the dust of the ground and breathed into him the _____. (Gn. 2:7) three words
- 4 What did Adam call the companion He gave to Adam? (Gn. 2:22)
- 5 When God created man, man was full grown and _____ - having no sin. (Gn. 1:27)
- 9 Adam was alone and there was no _____ for him. (Gn. 2:20)
- 11 The name of this garden is synonymous with "paradise" (Gn. 2:8)
- 12 In whose likeness did God create Adam and Eve? (Gn. 1:26) two words
- 13 Adam said that woman was now _____ of my bones. (Gn. 2:23)
- 14 When God caused Adam to go into a deep sleep, what did God take from him to create man's companion? (Gn. 2:22)
- 17 Man was now charged to _____ and take care of the created world under God's authority. (Gn. 2:15)
- 19 How many trees did God say man could not eat from? (Gn. 2:17)

Adam and Eve disobey God.

Genesis 3:1-24



Monthly Scriptures :

February 4th, 2024 : Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

- Isaiah [40:21-31](#)
- Psalm [147:1-11,20c](#)
- 1 Corinthians [9:16-23](#)
- Mark [1:29-39](#)

February 11th, 2024 : Transfiguration Sunday

- 1 Kings [2:1-12](#)
- Psalm [50:1-6](#)
- 2 Corinthians [4:3-6](#)
- Mark [9:2-9](#)

February 18th, 2024 : First Sunday in Lent

- Genesis [9:8-17](#)
- Psalm [25:1-10](#)
- 1 Peter [3:18-22](#)
- Mark [1:9-15](#)

February 25th, 2024 : Second Sunday in Lent

- Genesis [17:1-7,15-16](#)
- Psalm [22:23-31](#)
- Romans [4:13-25](#)
- Mark [8:31-38](#) or Mark [9:2-9](#)



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Thoughts and Prayers

We humbly pray for those caught in the midst of conflict and strife. May your love and peace surround them, offering solace and guidance during these challenging times. Grant them strength, courage, and the wisdom to seek peaceful resolutions. Let your compassion and understanding fill their hearts, and may they find a path towards reconciliation and harmony.

Submit a Prayer Online! uccyakima.org/prayer

We encourage members to give as they feel led.

Your contributions enable us to continue our mission of service and love within our community and beyond. **Every donation, big or small, helps in nurturing the seeds of faith, hope, and togetherness.**

Whether it's supporting our local food banks, contributing to the maintenance of our sacred space, or funding community outreach programs, your generosity is the cornerstone of our growth and outreach.

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FEBRUARY 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 Groundhog Day	3 9a: Work Day and Finance Board
4 Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service	5	6 Youth Group (5:30p-6:30p)	7 5:30p: Bible Study (Brown Bag)	8	9	10 Lunar New Year
11 Transfiguration Sunday 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service 11a : Potluck	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13 Mardi Gras (aka) Fat Tuesday Youth Group (5:30p-6:30p)	14 First Day of Lent Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day 5:30p Bible Study (Meal Provided)	15	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day
18 First Sunday in Lent 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service	19 Presidents Day (Holiday)	20 World Day of Social Justice Youth Group (5:30p-6:30p)	21 5:30p: Bible Study (Brown Bag)	22 George Washington's Birthday	23	24
25 Second Sunday in Lent 8:30a: Bible Study 10a : Service	26	27 Youth Group (5:30p-6:30p)	28 5:30p: Bible Study (Brown Bag)	29 Leap Day		