### United Christian Church, Yakima WA



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

MAY 2024

#### From the Pastor's Desk:

Greetings, beloved,

As we journey through this month of May, I am reminded of the importance of being steadfast in our commitment to be a source of strength and hope for those around us. The current times continue to present challenges and uncertainties, yet as people of faith, we are called to be a beacon of light amidst the darkness.

Resurrection People is a term that resonates deeply with me. It speaks to the idea of being a source of comfort, support, and guidance to those who may be feeling restricted or burdened in their own lives. Just as Jesus walked alongside the weary and heavy-laden, so too are we called to be a presence of love and compassion to those in need.

In our role as Resurrection People, we are tasked with offering empathy to those who are struggling, a helping hand to those who are weary, and a listening ear to those who are voiceless. It is in these small acts of kindness and solidarity that we truly embody the teachings of Christ and fulfill our purpose as children of God.

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#### From the Pastor's Desk (cont):

As we navigate the challenges of the world around us, let us not grow weary in doing good. Let us continue to reach out to our neighbors in need, to uplift those who are downtrodden, and to stand in solidarity with the marginalized and oppressed. In doing so, we not only bring light into the lives of others, but we also shine a light on the transformative power of love and compassion.

May we be inspired by the words of Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." Let this verse serve as a reminder that our efforts as Resurrection People are not in vain, but rather they have the power to bring about positive change and transformation in the lives of those around us.

As we continue on this journey of faith together, let us hold fast to the calling to be Resurrection People in a world that is often filled with chaos and despair. Let us be a source of hope, a beacon of light, and a reflection of God's love to all whom we encounter.

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

Blessings,

Stephen





# Youth Group

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade **Tuesdays** 

5:30pm - 6:30pm

United Christian Church of Yakima 317 S 41st Street Yakima, WA (Terrace Heights)

Our Youth Group is open to everyone.

#### Calendar Highlights:

May 4th (Sat): 9am Workday and Finance Board Meeting

May 11th (Sat): 9am Book Club

May 19th (Sun): Monthly Potluck (following worship)

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Activities Committee:**

We have several things going on over the next couple of months!

May 11th @ 9am is our inaugural Book Club meeting. We will be discussing "He Should Have Told the Bees" by Amanda Cox. We will also be going to Renegade Raceway (in Wapato) on May 11th.

The racing kicks off at noon. Admission to feature races is \$20 per person. Kinds under 16 are free!

In June, our Book Club will be discussing "Black Bear Alibi : A Rockfish Island Mystery" by J.C. Fuller. She will be in attendance to discuss her book with readers! June will also feature a **fishing event at Clear Lake!** It's time for fishing and fun on **June 8th!** Even if you don't fish, you are more than welcome to come out to enjoy some peaceful time at the lake.

#### Hands-on Mission:

Thank you for supporting students in our five Terrace Heights / Moxee area schools. Your donations helped the schools prepare weekend snack bags for eighty (80) students!

This month, we are collecting donations to honor women in recognition of **Mother's Day**. All donations will be given to Camp Hope. Items helpful and/or needed: toiletries, socks, underwear, soap, shampoo, conditioner, feminine hygiene products, lotion, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and safety razors.

In June, we will invite everyone to a **Neighborhood Yard Sale** at the church! Folks can bring their items (and a table) to setup on the property at no charge. If you have items you would like to sell - mark the date of **June 22nd**! Tell all your friends - or better yet - bring them along!

We will also be collecting items for Veterans in honor of Father's Day during the month of June.

Thank you for your support in these missions - your donations are greatly appreciated!

#### **Monthly Scriptures:**

May 5th, 2024 : Sixth Sunday of Easter

- Acts 10:44-48

- Psalm <u>98</u>

- 1 John <u>5:1-6</u>

- John <u>15:9-17</u>

May 12th, 2024 : Seventh Sunday of Easter

- Acts <u>1:15-17,21-26</u>

- **Psalm 1** 

- 1 John <u>5:9-13</u>

- John <u>17:6-19</u>

May 19th, 2024 : Day of Pentecost

- Acts <u>2:1-21</u> or Ezekiel <u>37:1-14</u>

- Psalm <u>104:24-34,35b</u>

- Romans <u>8:22-27</u> or Acts <u>2:1-21</u>

- John <u>15:26-27, 16:4b-15</u>

May 26th, 2024 : First Sunday After Pentecost

- Isaiah <u>6:1-8</u>

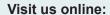
- Psalm <u>29</u>

- Romans <u>8:12-17</u>

- John <u>3:1-17</u>



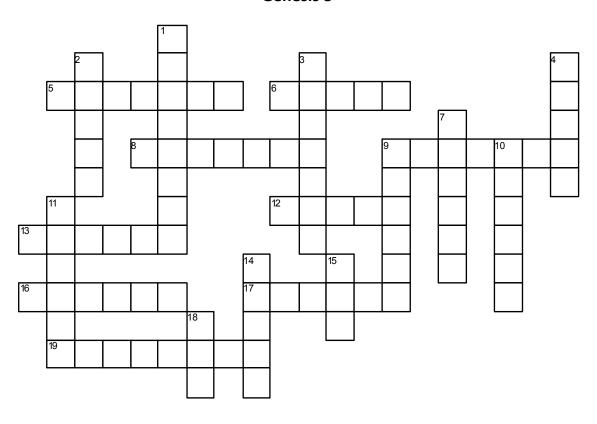






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# THE PROMISE OF A SAVIOR Genesis 3



#### **ACROSS**

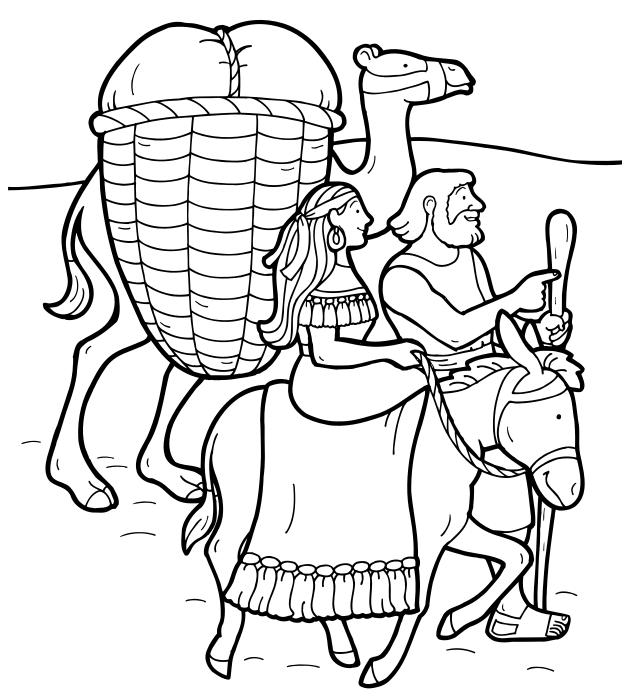
- 5 Who did the woman blame for her sin? (Gn. 3:13)
- 6 Who did the man blame for his sin? (Gn. 3:12)
- 8 The Lord said to the woman, "Your desire will be for your \_\_\_\_\_." (Gn. 3:16)
- 9 Who did the Lord punish first? (Gn. 3:14)
- 12 Who was to bring forth children in sorrow? (Gn. 3:16)
- 13 What did Eve desire from the forbidden tree? (Gn. 3:6)
- 16 For whose sake did God curse the ground? (Gn. 3:17-19)
- 17 How did Adam say he felt toward God? (Gn. 3:10)
- 19 Who are sinners? (Rom. 3:23)

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Who guarded the way to the tree of life? (Gn. 3:24)
- 2 Who would crush the head of the devil? (Gn. 3:15; Gal. 4:4)
- 3 Who drove Adam and his wife from the garden? (Gn. 3:23-24) two words
- 4 What is the most terrible consequence of sin? (Rom. 6:23)
- 7 How is the serpent described in Genesis 3:1?
- 9 Why did Adam and his wife try to hide from God? (Gn. 3:8)
- 10 God said to the serpent that there will be \_\_\_\_\_\_ between you and the seed of the woman. (Gn. 3:15)
- 11 Where was the forbidden tree located in the garden? (Gn. 3:3)
- 14 After Adam and his wife's eyes were "opened," what did they realize? (Gn. 3:7)
- 15 After Adam and Eve fell into sin, whom did the Lord God call? (Gn. 3:9)
- 18 Who made clothes for Adam and his wife? (Gn. 3:21)

### Abram travels to a new home.

Genesis 12:1-9





## **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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