

**MAY  
2019**

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YOUR ACCESS TO  
GRACE CHURCH  
NEWS & EVENTS**



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BRIDGES**



**SCRIPTURE  
THROUGH THEIR  
EYES  
CHILDREN'S COLUMN**

# GRACE NOTES

## About the Twelve Disciples of Jesus...

From the 2019 Lord's Last Supper Reenactment on Maundy Thursday

The 12 disciples of Jesus were the foundation stones of His church, and several of them wrote portions of the Bible.

In Revelation 21:13 we are told that, in the New Jerusalem, there were three gates on the east, three on the north, three on the south, and three on the west. The wall of the city had 12 foundations, and on them were the name of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. It is evident, therefore, that God attaches great importance to these 12 men of Jesus.

### Peter

Simon Peter, son of Jonas, was a fisherman who lived in Bethsaida and Capernaum. Jesus probably made His headquarters there when He visited Capernaum.

Peter had other names. At the time of Jesus, the common language was Greek and the family language was Hebrew.

So his Greek name was Simon (Mark 1:16; John 1:40, 41) and his Hebrew name was Cephas (1 Corinthians 1:12; 3:22; 9:5 and Galatians 2:9). The meaning of Simon and Cephas are rock.

Peter was a typical Galilean. Among the twelve, Peter was the leader. He stands out as a spokesman for all the twelve Apostles and authored the two New Testament epistles, which bear his name.

He did evangelistic and missionary work among the Jews, going as far as Babylon.

Peter was martyred on a cross. Peter requested that he might be crucified head downward, for he was not worthy to die as his Lord had died. His apostolic symbol is a cross upside down with crossed keys.



## Andrew

Andrew was the brother of Peter, and a son of Jonas. He also lived in Bethsaida and Capernaum and was a fisherman before Jesus called him.

Originally he was a disciple of John the Baptist (Mark 1:16-18). Andrew brought his brother, Peter, to Jesus (John 1:40).

Although circumstances placed him in a position where it would have been easy for him to become jealous and resentful, he was optimistic and well content in second place. His main purpose in life was to bring others to the master.

Many scholars say that he preached in Scythia, Greece and Asia Minor.

According to tradition, it was in Achaia, Greece, in the town of Patra that Andrew died a martyr.

When Governor Aepeas' wife was healed and converted to the Christian faith, and shortly after that the Governor's brother became a Christian. Aepeas was enraged. He arrested Andrew and condemned him to die on the cross. Feeling unworthy to be crucified on the same-shaped cross as his Master, Andrew begged that his be different.

So, he was crucified on an X-shaped cross, which is still called Saint Andrew's cross and which is one of his apostolic symbols.

A symbol of two crossed fish has also been applied to Andrew, because he was formerly a fisherman.



## Pastor's Note:

*"I don't want to sit in a different pew from where I used to."*

*"I don't want to worship in another church."*

When I first initiated a joint service of two congregations that I had previously served, people complained. Although the first joint service on World Communion Sunday was great having one big choir, a larger group of children and a shared communion bread and cup, the worship attendance was frustrating. Only about one third of the larger church members showed up at the service.

As people experienced the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit and spread the good word, however, gradually more people came to the service every year. After five years, the joint services of the two congregations have become the highlight and a proud tradition of their ministry.

I believe that ministry is building bridges!

To build a new bridge, we need small stones. If we put them on the brook one after another, they will become larger steppingstones, and eventually those stones will allow people to cross the stream.

As the pastor of two churches - Danville UMC and Grace UMC - I am convinced that our joint service is the first small stone to start building a bridge between the two churches. It will be a powerful channel through which God's Spirit will flow from one to the other.

“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1) The Psalmist confesses a beautiful testimony.

On May 19th, Grace church will have “No Sunday service” in our sanctuary. We will have a joint service at 10:00 in Danville UMC instead.

I know it may be hard to accept going to another church to worship, sitting in an unfamiliar pew surrounded by the unusual circumstances.

But please remember: God is everywhere and your presence will be a small stone for our bridge! May the risen Lord lead your way to Danville on May 19th!

Bon Courage! Your pastor, *Kyu*

# UPCOMING



**May 18<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2:30pm**

It’s time for some SPRING CLEANING for a good cause... Join us by collecting items and contributing to our church rummage sale. Please NO clothes, shoes, computers or large electronics.

Contact Sue Timson if you have questions, concerns, would like to schedule a time for drop-off or pick-up.

**(802) 274-9269**

**We are still in NEED of VOLUNTEERS and baked goods for BAKE SALE table**

**JOINT  
WORSHIP  
SERVICE**

MAY  
**19**



**at Danville UMC  
10:00 a.m.**

Danville United Methodist Church members would like to extend a warm welcome to join them in their home of worship on May 19th at 10:00 a.m. for a joint worship service with members and guests

of Grace United Methodist Church.

Mark your calendars and be sure to tell your friends and family. If you have questions or need a ride please call the Grace church office.

**(802) 748-2895**

# Scripture Through Their Eyes By Brooklyn Gingue

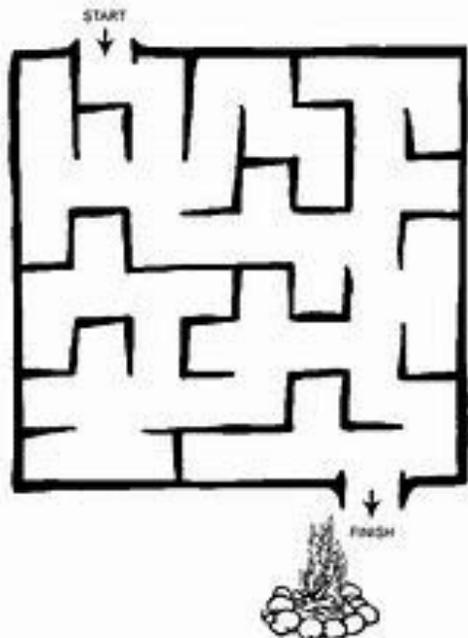
*Matthew 6:26-27*

*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?*

These verses to me mean if God can provide for these little, winged creatures then he can provide for you and I. We need to make sure that we don't worry about our lives and the little things in our life. We also need to trust more in God like the birds do, in John 6:35 Jesus says "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to Me will never hunger, and whoever believes in Me will never thirst." If God loves these tiny winged creatures so much then he must love us a lot too. So it's easy to see that we can forget to trust God. but if he loves us then we must love him and trust him too!



## KID'S CORNER



## Kids Bible Wordsearch

### Animals in the Bible Puzzle #1

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

- BEAR
- CAMEL
- DONKEY
- GAZELLE
- GOAT
- HART
- HORSE
- IBEX
- JACKAL

J	Q	D	B	I	U	D	P	F	M	Z	S	I
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- LEOPARD
- LION
- MOLE
- MOUSE
- NIGHTHAWK
- OSTRICH
- SHEEP
- UNICORN
- WOLF



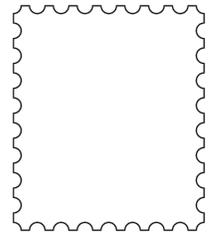
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Join us for Worship — Sunday at 10:30 am

