

The Sampler



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The Five Finger Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest you, so begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a “sweet duty.”
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God’s guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly, comes our little finger — the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, “The least shall be the greatest among you.” Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

Dear Friends at Romney,

I am very happy to read your latest newsletter while I am here in Malawi. I am back in Malawi participating in various small projects. This week I have had the privilege to facilitate a five-day training program in cervical cancer prevention. The program is taking place in Lilongwe, the capital of Malawi. We have seven nurses from three institutions in our course.

Blessings,
Dr. Sue Makin

VBS Highlights

“God gives good gifts!” This is just one of the daily messages that could be heard throughout Romney Presbyterian Church during the annual Vacation Bible School. This year’s theme was “Pandamania,” which, as you can guess, was all about pandas and their friends! Children were excited to celebrate and worship God, while guided by diligent crew leaders and, of course, “bible buddies.” Bible buddies were the messengers of the themes which included: “God made you,” “God listens to you,” “God watches over you,” “God loves you no matter what,” and “God gives good gifts.”

Children from varying ages were able to participate in all the VBS activities, which include: Party Time Sing & Play Music, Bamboo Blast Games, Tree Top Treats, Crafts and Chadder’s Theater. The crew leaders, activity leaders, and cooks were all great volunteers from the church and the church’s youth.

When surveyed, a few participants responded to what their favorite activities were at VBS. Ethan, Elleigh, Levi, Briana, Josh all said that they liked the games best “because they’re fun.” Jay, Russell, and Ainsley said they enjoyed the crafts. A few of the participants, however, said they had so much fun that they liked everything! Laura Staley, snack leader volunteer from Romney Presbyterian Church, commented that the best part of VBS is “seeing the joy on the kids’ faces, and getting to meet new children.”

Meeting new children was an even greater joy this year, too, because Vacation Bible School had a very large turnout compared to previous years. 38 children in total from the church and the community participated in the program and were able to celebrate the joy of God through all the great activities. Needless to say, VBS was a great success! We can see the living example of “God giving good gifts” when our church is so full of young smiling faces and adults who are ready to help the children learn and grow.



Pandamania VBS was a great success this summer! We met a lot of new friends and invited them back to Sunday School and church. The turnout was great: up to 39 children participated and we had over 20 staff and helpers each evening. Personally, I found the whole experience to be fulfilling and I enjoyed working with everyone. I would like to thank you all very much for a job well done! Crew leaders and helpers included Nicole Pownell, Cindy and Abbie Nester, John Dan Sitar, Gayle and Katie Allen, Diane Crane, Gennie Heatwole, Beth Simmons, Tina Ganoë, Russ Fisher, Donna Sadler, and Tammy Crites. In the kitchen and dining room, cooking and serving the Treetop Treats and cleaning up, were Laura, Sue, and Scott Staley, Adanna and Jeff Richman, and Cynda Douglas. In Chadder Chipmunk's theater, Maggie Mason led the lesson and John Mason played the role of "Eagle Eye Fleagle." Jonathon and Mike Coleman played the role of "Pandamania Pete" during the opening worship time, and Sheri Coleman led us through the opening music and introductions each evening. Donna Baker and Bailey Coleman led the crafts station, and Ashley and Evan Staley led the games outdoors -there were no thunderstorms this year! Many thanks to those who donated props and decorations, also. Praise be to God that our church has such talented people, and the clean and safe church and grounds, to conduct such a wonderful program.

Your director of VBS 2011, Alana Hartman

Faith Community Nurse Corner:

Dear Church Family,

Time goes by so quickly. It does not seem possible that I completed the Faith Community Nurse course a year ago. I have so many ideas floating in my head and I am working on bringing them to fruition for the congregation of Romney Presbyterian Church. I have started doing blood pressure checks when we have coffee hour. I will be in the Mary Belle Foote room if you would like to have your blood pressure checked. I have also started putting printed information in the vestibule and in the Fellowship Hall for everyone to pick up and look at. I plan to cover many topics based on the information you gave me in the survey I did. I am also starting to have a small piece in the newsletter monthly so I hope everyone will enjoy reading that. If you have some concern or question regarding your health, medications or problem you are having, please feel free to catch me before or after church on Sunday. I will be glad to talk to you and help in any way I can.

In Christian love,

Beth Herriott

Ten Prayers for Summer

As the weather heats up, remember to give thanks for all the good times (and good weather) God grants us.

God, make it warm enough so my tomatoes will grow but not so hot I can't sleep with the window open.

I will not hyperventilate at the prospect of a summer spot where there are no bars on my phone.

Lord, I know you "send rain on the just and unjust," but please look out for the whole week I am off.

May the hammock be soft and the book absorbing.

Please don't let anybody take seriously the out-of-office email that says "Feel free to call me anytime."

Nobody cares what I look like in my bathing suit...right, God?



RPC Youth Attend Hampshire County 4-H Camp



Many of our youth attended Hampshire County 4-H Camp in June. Jonathon Coleman served as chief of the Seneca tribe and received the Head H at the final council circle. Chelsea Kuykendall served as the chief of the Delaware tribe and received the Spirit of camp honor. Bailey Coleman and Tori Reynolds received their 4-H Charting pins. Trevor Shaffer was awarded the Most Improved Camper award.

Debbie Fuller Service awards were given to Jonathon Coleman, Chelsea Kuykendall and Richard Kuykendall. Outstanding Tribesman Awards were presented to Jay Nester (Seneca) and Bailey Coleman (Delaware). Also attending were Ella Staley, Evan Staley, Abbie Nester, Maggie Slocum, Danielle Slocum, Kaitlyn Hartman, and Levi Richman.



Our Young People -- more of The story but not the rest, yet!!

The Coleman family's summer is full to running over. Bailey received her charting pin at County 4-H Camp and selected to attend the National Club conference. She placed eight in the Miss WV Outstanding Teen at The Greenbrier Resort. Little sister, Elleigh, joined other "young ladies" in the Miss Monarch presentation, also at the resort. Elleigh attended VBS and Cloverbud day at 4-H Camp. Jonathan served as chief of the Seneca tribe at 4-H Camp, attended the 4-H Older Members Conference at Jackson's Mill and will attend Citizenship Focus in Washington, DC. Bailey and Jonathan found time to help at VBS.

Katherine Corbin has travelled this summer. She went to Texas with family to attend the funeral of her great aunt, enjoyed a bowling tournament in Reno with her grandparents Sally and Johnny Corbin. She will be busy preparing to show her "goat" at the county Fair which is in August.

MaryAnn Kuykendall will continue her education at WVU as a third year Pharmacy student. Richard Kuykendall will return to North Carolina for classes after working this summer at James River Equipment in Winchester, Va.

Brittany Nester is enjoying her school break relaxing at home and several days at Gettysburg with her mother, Cindy. She'll return to Fairmont State University where she serves as an RA. Abbie and Jay helped with VBS and attended 4-H camp. Boy scout camp was also on Jay's agenda.

Kelsey Kiser, daughter of Kitty Blue and Randy Kiser, Albemarle, NC, was recently awarded, for the fifth straight year in a row, the Presidential Award from her school. This is based on scholarship and citizenship. She also came in first in the 800 meter run in the state finals held in Raleigh. Kelsey is the granddaughter of Garry and Bonnie Long.

Check the next newsletter for "More of the Story"

1 Corinthians

14:15

So what shall I do?

*I will pray with my
spirit, but I will*

also pray with my

mind; I will sing

with my spirit, but I

will also sing with

my mind



Katie Allen and Bailey Coleman Selected for National 4-H Congress

RPC members Katie Allen and Bailey Coleman will represent West Virginia at the 2011 National 4-H Congress November 24-29. The 4-H Congress experience provides a great opportunity for 4-H members from across the country to come together and learn about community involvement, cultural diversity, and service to others while meeting new friends at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia. Congratulations Katie and Bailey!

Jonathon Coleman Honored

At the conclusion of the State 4-H Older Members Conference, Jonathon Coleman was named alternate return scholarship awardee in the Heritage Workshop category. OMC was held June 19-25, 2011 at Jackson's Mill State 4-H Camp. Also attending OMC from our church were Bailey Coleman and Mary Ann Kuykendall.

Sunday School



This past year, a new Sunday School Class was formed to encourage younger adults under age 50. . Our group has chosen the Max Lucado *Life Lesson* series. We are currently studying the book of Matthew in a twelve lesson book. Each lesson is complete in itself so that a person can focus on the lesson without being lost. A recent lesson concerned the parable of the seed sower scattering seeds on different soils. We reflected on what Matthew is teaching us about life in the present. We search for ways to bring Jesus closer in our lives and discuss how young people today can cope with turmoil in society to better their lives. Jesus has invited us to a better understanding. Won't you join us in this quest?

New Sunday School Room!

The Christian Ed committee in addition to some other wonderful hands was able to clean out the upstairs Sunday School classroom. Room was being made for a young adult class. It was a huge success. If you have a few minutes, be sure to check it out!

Unscramble The Verse

Starting in this newsletter, we will be posting a verse that will be scrambled for all ages. After you have figured the verse, please write it down on a piece of paper and place it in the shoe box on the stage marked "Unscramble the Verse" along with your name. Every month, a name will be drawn for a little prize.

**God loved son whoever for gave perish have only so everlasting the he
whoever life not believes his begotten that him in shall but .**





Teresa Reddick
Catholic Charities WV

Blessings,

Thanks again for all of your help!

It's time for us here at Catholic Charities WV to start planning for the 2nd Annual **Help Your Neighbor Fund** Book Sale. I am grateful to you all for supporting our effort last year. Because of your support, we were able to raise over \$1500, every penny of which went to emergency assistance in our area! I am attaching a copy of the ad sign for the book drive for this year. If you would be kind enough to put it in your church bulletins I would appreciate it, and here's hoping we raise even more money this year! If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at [304-822-5414](tel:304-822-5414).

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