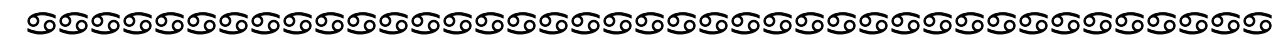


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## THIS ISSUE CONTAINS...

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# THE COMMUNICATOR



Remember -  
our fallen heros.  
They are the reason  
that we are free.

*Ada/Minneapolis United Methodist Community*  
*May, 2017*

*Christ's Ambassadors by Inviting, Sharing, Nurturing and Forgiving*

From the Heart of the Pastor!

What are your plans for May? I am aware that most of us will be preoccupied with graduations. I have already received several invitations for graduations. I have two grandchildren graduating from high school on the same day. God is good all the time. On the Christian calendar, May falls between Easter and Pentecost! I call this period "a small group focus" encounter with the risen Christ. This is one of the reasons I encourage small group activities in the church. Small but mighty! Before the crucifixion, Jesus was followed by large crowds; large groups of people. People who wanted to see if Jesus was the Messiah! Crowds of people who had witnessed and heard of Jesus' miracles; the changing of water into wine at the Cana of Galilee wedding, the feeding of the five thousand people by the seaside, the raising of Lazarus from the dead at Bethany. And crowds that lined up the streets of Jerusalem when Jesus entered into Jerusalem riding on a donkey.

These crowds and large groups of people disappeared as soon as Jesus was condemned to death and later died on the cross...Nobody wanted to be associated with the criminal Jesus; a criminal who had committed no sin! Wronged no one! But a Savior who died that the world may be saved! Interestingly Matthew, Mark, Luke and John report that only believers saw the risen Christ! In small focused groups, beginning with a few faithful women who went early in the morning to the tomb to some of the disciples, minus Thomas in the Upper Room, then the disciples with Thomas. And yes, Thomas was a believer even though he doubted that Jesus rose from the dead. When he was confronted with the risen Christ, Thomas had nothing to say except to say "My Lord and my God!" Then the two companions who walked to Emmaus from Jerusalem and then back to Jerusalem after they encountered Jesus on the road. They could not contain the excitement of meeting the risen Christ to themselves.

Also, you may remember the story of Peter who led a group that went back fishing and spent the whole night without a catch. Then early in the morning Jesus appeared to them and asked for some fish they did not have. Then Jesus asked them to put their nets at the right place and amazingly surprised themselves with a huge catch.

Yes, the period between Easter and Pentecost is a period of waiting and encountering the risen Christ in small focused small groups. I hope you all have your small group with which you share your inner heart without fear or shame. Thomas told his small group point blank that he would not believe that Jesus rose from the dead until he put his fingers into Jesus' wounds because he was free and comfortable to say whatever he was feeling at that time because he trusted his small group without fear or share. Peter, after denying association with Jesus three time, was able to cry aloud and repent because he belonged to a trusted and faithful small group. Both were able to re-establish their relationship with the risen Christ. Both were able to see the risen Christ because they had a support group that was faithful and honest; and presented no fear nor shame. I want to invite you all during these seven Sundays of Easter to choose your small group with which you may encounter the risen Christ and renew your journey, faith journey. May is a very busy month, but your life and relationship with the risen Christ is most important to you.

Thank you all. See you all in church.

Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza.

## MAY EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

### ANNIVERSARIES

5 - Rick & Deb Nichols  
6 - Bobby & Jo Hudson  
25 - Steve and Pat Baccus  
28 - Rod and Marilyn (Crosson) George  
29 - Nickolaus & Andrea Hernandez  
31 - Justin & Anne Abell

### BIRTHDAYS

4 - Tammy Knox and John Michael Darrow  
6 - Jonathan Zadina  
10 Linda Hendrixson and Garrett Pounds  
11- Breckin Dean Weatherman  
12 - Gretchen Cleveland  
14 - Rodger Peck  
16 - Bryan Weatherman  
17 - John Campbell, Lauren Eckart  
Edelman, Cody Hamm, Ty Hamm  
20 - Andrew Kuder  
23 - Austin Crosson  
26 - Evan Atwell  
27 - Chelsea Cole  
29 - Susan Mukwindidza, Angela Diercks  
and Martin Wegehaupt  
30 - Maleah Griffin

### ACOLYTES

7 - Maddy and Dalton Krueger  
14 - Riley and Ethan Bohl  
21 - Braxton and Gracen Grimes  
28 - Joel Abell and Braedee Weatherman

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

7 - Rosalee Tibbits  
14 - Puppeteers  
21 - Dale Henderson  
28 - Dale Parker

### GREETERS

7 - Eldin and Jane Smith  
14 -Eldin and Jane Smith  
21 -Steve and Pat Baccus  
28 -Steve and Pat Baccus

### LITURGISTS

7 - Tamala Lott  
14 -Tamala Lott  
21 -Lance Johnson  
28 -Lance Johnson

### NURSERY HELPERS

7 - Deb Pounds & Becky McDuffee  
14 - Angie Darrow & Becky McDuffee  
21 - Tamala Lott & Becky McDuffee  
28 - Kristi & Paul Ocker & Becky  
McDuffee

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - ADULT

Adult Sunday School Class meets every  
Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following  
are the lessons that will be discussed in  
May:

7 - God's Sustaining Love  
14 - God's Love Preserved Jonah  
21 - God's Love for Nineveh  
28 - God's Pervasive Love

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

16 - 7:00 p.m. UMW Meeting Program -  
Shepherdess (Sharon Jordan from Beloit)  
Visit  
26 - 8:00 a.m. Bake Sale downtown  
27-June 3 MET Tour - Chicago

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Remember....Donations are always welcome  
for the Salina Rescue Mission for men and  
the Ashby House for women and children.  
Both places need clothing and toiletries.  
The donation boxes are in the hallway  
south of the Church office.

### DILLONS REWARDS

If you have a Dillon's plus account and an  
e-mail address: Search Dillon's  
Community Rewards  
Sign in OR create an account - Click on  
"Enroll Now" - Enter the 5-digit NPO and  
search: First United Methodist Church  
No. is 24771

### SAVE-A-LABEL PROGRAM

We are officially registered in Best  
Choice "Save-A-Label" program.  
Save only the UPC symbol from Best  
Choice products. Some products are  
excluded from the program: aluminum soda  
cans, aerosol cans and cigarettes. Please  
leave labels in the box provided in the  
foyer. All money earned from this  
program will be used for youth projects.  
Contact Colette Henderson with questions.

### FROM THE MISSION COMMITTEE

May 20 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. will  
be a father-daughter/mother-son (or  
grandparent, aunt, uncle dance on  
Saturday, May 20 at the John Henry  
Center. More information to follow.

Our church family to pray for is Mount  
Bellingham Church on Bellingham Avenue,  
Chelsea, Massachusetts...please remember  
to pray for them.

If you get your prescriptions filled at  
Auburn Pharmacy in Minneapolis, please  
save the blue lids and bring them to  
church. Auburn pays to recycle and we  
will use the money for mission projects.

### FORMAL WEAR

If you are in need of, or know of anyone  
(cousins, nieces, etc. male or female) who  
are in need of formal wear, shoes, and  
jewelry for the forthcoming formal school  
events, please call Angel Constable at  
(785) 392-7522 to make arrangements to  
view and try on used items for the  
events.

### FELLOWSHIP/OUTREACH COMMITTEE...

...will honor graduates with a  
celebration of cake and punch on  
Sunday, May 14 prior to the Worship  
Service (beginning at 9:30 a.m.) We  
would like to have a bulletin board with  
pictures and future plans of our church  
family graduates. So far, we are aware  
of Lane Sanders and Austin Constable -  
MHS and Phlynn Ocker - MGS  
Kindergarten Graduate. If there are  
others, including college and Vocational  
Schools, please get a picture or two,  
with names, school name and future  
plans information to Tammy Krueger.  
[ntkrueger@twinvalley.net](mailto:ntkrueger@twinvalley.net) or call (785)  
826-5702. The board will be on display  
at the church by Sunday, May 7 and will  
remain in place until after the Worship  
Service on May 14.

There will also be a short Celebration  
for Mother's Day, during Worship  
Service, on the same day!

Thank you! Deb Nichols and Tammy  
Krueger, Fellowship/Outreach Co-  
chairpersons.





**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO PLAN AHEAD  
YOU'RE INVITED TO CCIP-ZIMBABWE**  
CCIP-Zimbabwe invites you to join an exciting Mission trip to Zimbabwe, Africa July 18 to August 01, 2017. CCIP-Zimbabwe is a 501 (c) (3) organization and a United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries approved Advance Special project, #15120N. CCIP-Zimbabwe seeks to radiate the love of God through participating in sustainable projects and programs, building relationships and learning.

The focus for the 2017 team: **CONSTRUCTION, WORKSHOPS and REVIVAL!** Our partner in 2017 is Makoni/Buhera District of the United Methodist Church. VIM team members will stay with host families selected by the District.

The cost of this trip is \$3,600.00 covering air travel, ground travel, two nights motel, accident insurance, food, administration and project money. If you are interested in going on the 2017 VIM trip, start sending your money to Minneapolis UMC, 418 N Rock Street, Minneapolis, KS 67467 so that you are paid up by April 15, 2017. Team members are encouraged to raise funds for the construction project or any other project of their choice!

If any has questions or need more information, please contact Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza at mwaona@hotmail.com or by phone at 620 382 5480 at any time.

Below is the tentative schedule for 2017.

July 18 Tuesday leave the USA  
July 19 Wednesday Arrive in Zimbabwe  
July 20 Thursday travel to Rusape  
July 21 Friday visit work site  
July 22 Saturday attend revival  
July 23 Sunday attend revival  
July 24 Monday work day  
July 25 Tuesday work day  
July 26 Wednesday work day  
July 27 Thursday work day  
July 28 Friday work day  
July 29 Saturday revival  
July 30 Sunday Revival  
July 31 Monday travel to Harare  
August 01 Tuesday leave Zimbabwe.

#### SEND YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN TO CHURCH CAMP

Although we've just entered spring, we are already planning for summer. The campers and I will be heading to Camp Horizon June 26-30. Youth from 3rd grade to 12th are all welcome. Those campers going into 3rd/4th are Young Wonders (\$245), 5th/6th are Elementary Explorers (\$255), and 7th-9th are Junior High Journey (\$265). Those in 8th-12th are part of the Canoe Camp (\$275). If you choose Canoe Camp (8th/9th graders) you will not be part of the Junior High Journey as this is a separate camp experience. The Missions committee is hard at work raising funds to send campers. Please let me know if your child is interested in going with us. The early bird registration deadline is May 1 so we need names before then. Please email me at [c.c.bohl@att.net](mailto:c.c.bohl@att.net) or call/text 392-0128.

## Mother's Day Memorial Day



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 All day- Pastor's workshop in Salina	2 All day – Pastor's workshop in Salina	3 5:00/9:00 p.m. National Honor Society 5:30p Missions Mtg. in church ofc. 6:30 p.m.Bible Study - Miles	4 6 pm National Day of Prayer – At St Paul Luth. Church, Tescott	5 May Friendship Day	6
7 <b>Communion</b> VBS Team Mtg. after church <b>2:30 p.m.</b> <b>Piano Recital</b> 2:45 3:30p.m. Ada/Mpls UMC @ LTC/Gd Sms	8 3:30 p.m. work at church concession stand	9 9:30 a CCOF meet in Wesley Room	10 6:30 p.m. Bible Study  7:00 p.m. Admin. Council Mtg.	11	12 7:00 p.m. Noah's Ark Preschool Graduation	13
14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun. Dinner is cancelled  Honor Graduates	15 8 am Ada/Mpls @ Co. Comm. Mtg.	16 7 pm UMW Mtg. Program- Shepherdess Visit  7 pm Ada - Mpls @ City Council Mtg.	17 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	18	19	20 6:30/8 pm John Henry Center – 10 yrs. & younger formal dance.
21	22	23	24 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	25	26 8:00 a.m. Downtown UMW Bake Sale	27  MET Tour to Chicago→
28  MET TOUR---	29  -----→	30  -----→	31 6:30 p.m. Bible Study			

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2017

(Note: The Administrative Council Committee has started meeting every other month. The individual committees meet on the alternate months.)

The Administrative Council of the First United Methodist Church of Minneapolis met for their regular scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Gary Kay filled in for Dale Henderson to conduct the meeting. In attendance were: Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza; Gary Kay, Patti Bertrand, Deb Nichols, Tammy Krueger, Blythe Atwell, Rosalee Tibbits, Barb Kibler, Al Miles and Joan Miles

Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza opened the meeting with devotion and prayer.

The January minutes were approved by Tammy Krueger and seconded by Al Miles. All Ayes.

Treasurer, Patti Bertrand gave the Treasurer's Report for January and February. Gary Kay reported that the general fund giving is behind about 2%, or 1% per month.

There was no Financial Committee Report

There were no reports from the Financial Committee, Trustees, PPR,

Education Committee: Gary Kay said he was pleased with the FCA Youth Dinners that have been served at the High School. It was suggested that we should think about doing something at our church for the FCA group. Also perhaps it could be reported on Sunday mornings we want to reach out to the youth.

Outreach/Fellowship Committee: The Movies shown in the Fellowship Hall are a good way to reach out to people. We also need to reach out to the older people.

Missions Committee: This committee has started sending out-of-state churches cards telling them about us with the hopes they will respond. There will be a "Noisy Bucket" offering during church service on March 19 and March 26.

Old Business: Gary Kay reported that Brown Electric is working on an estimate for us on a humidifier system.

After review the last meeting minutes in which it was decided to put an ad in the Religious Section of "The Messenger", the correct prices were announced as being \$30.00/mo for three lines or \$50.00/mo for 6 lines. After discussing the church ad in the newspaper, the Administrative Council decided to abandon the six month trial period using the three line ad, and contact the Messenger to go ahead and run six line ads to make the public more aware of our church activities.

New Business: Tammy Knox has requested the use of the Church Concession Stand on April 3. Blythe Atwell made the motion to approve Tammy's request, and Rosalee Tibbits seconded the motion. It was suggested we drive through the Fair Grounds to look at the new red door and lifts at the Concession Stand. Dale Henderson is to be thanked for this job along with Gary Kay who helped.

The Worship Committee brought up the question, "What can we do to encourage people to come to church?"

Rosalee Tibbits acknowledged the efficient job Megan Grimes is doing with the Preschool Budget by paying more timely. Some of the children have received scholarships in order to attend Noah's Ark Preschool. Becky McDuffee is also an asset to the Preschool by helping Megan, and working in the Church Nursery.

Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza reported there are several people ill in our church family. He also reported the small Bible Study group that meets every Wednesday evening is doing well.

Pastor reported the goal of the UMC is to increase membership. Bishop Saenz says we need to involve lay people more that we are and possibly doing away with some of the districts by including the lay people to run those areas. The GP Newsletter found on website greatplainsumc.com and at conference are good ways for us to learn more about our new Bishop. Pastor compared this to the old Circuit Rider System where a county has one church where a pastor would go to church once a quarter. The other Sundays the message was given by lay leaders.

Pastor Mukwindidza is hosting a Clergy meeting in our church once a month. Pastor also reiterated that we need to have more small church activities. (Cont. on page 9)

On November 19 we will have a District Revival. By November we need to have leadership elected.

Pastor also encourages choosing countries such as Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Haiti as partnership with our church.

Nominations for Noah's Ark Preschool Board were discussed. Pastor reported that Sharon Foust is already on the committee and he contacted Angel Constable and Gretchen Cleveland regarding serving on the committee. He also tried to reach Summer Blake, but was unable to discuss this matter with her. Pastor made the motion to nominate Angel and Gretchen to serve on the Preschool Board. Patti Bertrand seconded the motion. Approved with all ayes.

Gary Kay said a Chairman for the food stand should be considered being elected.

Al Miles reported on the Men and Boys' Rally that was held in Beloit on March 6 with a meal served by the Beloit Methodist Church Women, followed by the Rally at the Beloit High School.

Al said on the way to the Rally, he was asking himself, "Why am I going to this Rally?" It didn't take him long to know why, after partaking in a super meal and going on to the rally. At the rally, Praise and Worship singing was led by students at Southwestern College and a testimony given by the cartoon-like K.C.Wolf portrayed by Dan Meers in a wolf costume, has served as the team's mascot. Dan shared his near-death experience at one of the football games, and gives God all the glory for saving his life. Women and girls can go to this event now, and Al encourages everyone who can go to this special event, to attend next year.

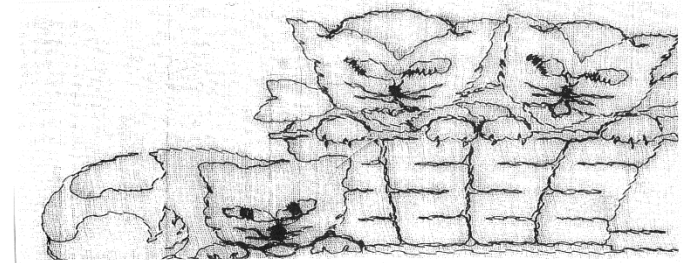
On April 12, 2017 the Administrative Council Chairpersons will meet with their committees.

The next Administrative Council meeting will be held on May 10, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Wesley Room.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayerful devotion by Pastor Kennedy Mukwindidza.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Joan Miles, Recording Secretary

## "THREE LITTLE KITTENS" HANDKERCHIEF DEVOTION



(Actual picture on the handkerchief)

As I was going through my box of "Memories" which consists of special treasures that mean something to only me, I came across some old handkerchiefs that had been my grandmother's and mother's. Among them was a child's handkerchief with "The Three Little Kittens" in a basket embroidered in the corner. The handkerchief was threadbare and the kittens were faded with age. Finding this handkerchief brought back fond memories of my relationship with my daddy, David Bailey. Daddy and I had a special closeness and I went with him every chance I had.

When I was three years old I became very ill with the German Measles. My daddy was going to town for machinery parts and I was too ill to even think of going with him. When he came home from town, he handed me a little sack of something he had bought. This doesn't sound like anything so outstanding, you might think. However, since my daddy was not one to buy frivolous things, he cared enough for me to take time out of his busy schedule to buy this special handkerchief for me. This small gift was truly a gift of love.

Our Heavenly Father is like this. It's amazing to think that God cares for me...I am so special to Him that He takes time out of His busy schedule to speak to me daily and let me know that anytime I need Him, He's there! Above all, He gave a precious gift, His only Son, to die for my sins.

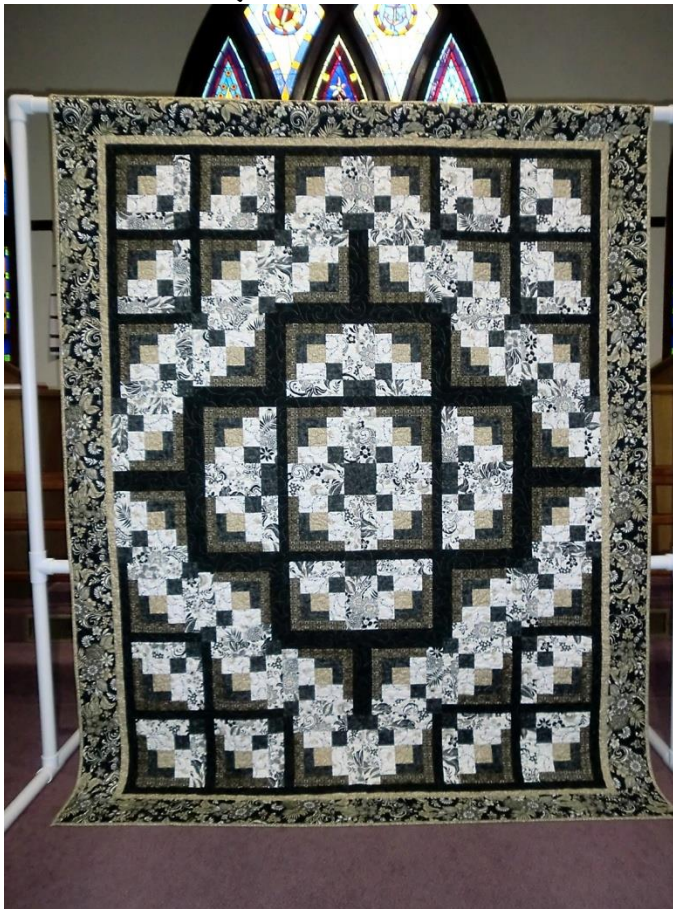
Thank you, Jesus, for your never tiring love and care for me. Make me ever mindful of your presence and guide me in the way you would have me to go. Amen

Submitted by Joan Miles

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## QUILT RAFFLE



Mary Ann Tasker has made the above displayed beautiful quilt that has been machine quilted by Kathryne Perney.

Following is pertinent information about the Quilt Raffle:

Quilt size: 70 X 88

The drawing will be October, 2017

Tickets are sold at \$1.00 each

Tickets will be sold at Minni-K Day Saturday, May 6. Tickets are also available from:

Church members

Church office (785) 392-3029

Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Chamber of Commerce

(785) 392-3068

Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## BILL GAITHER AND THE GAITHER VOCAL BAND

**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!!**  
CALL JOAN AT THE CHURCH OFFICE  
(785) 392-3029 TO ORDER TICKETS  
FOR THE BILL GAITHER VOCAL BAND  
PERFORMANCE! YOU NEED TO LET  
JOAN KNOW BY MAY 26 HOW MANY  
TICKETS YOU WITH TO PURCHASE



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT!

By Joan Miles

I have been attending an all women's Bible Study entitled "Lead Me, Holy Spirit - Longing to Hear the Voice of God" written by Stormie Omartian. Our last lesson was Wednesday night, April 26, and every woman in the group was blessed by what this fine author had to teach us.

In the last chapter the author wrote the following which I plan to copy and have it on my refrigerator door to see every day. I thought you might like to read this and do the same!

### TEN THINGS THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE WORDS WE SPEAK

1. Words of gossip destroy: "A perverse man sows strife, and a whisperer separates the best of friends"

Proverbs 16:28

2. Words that are careless bring destruction. "He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction."

Proverbs 23:3

3. Words must be kind and forgiving. "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

4. Words must edify. "Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers." (Ephesians 4:29).

5. Words bring health. "There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health."

Proverbs 12:18

6. Words must be true. "A false witness will not go unpunished, and he who speaks lies will not escape." Proverbs 19:5

7. Words bring strength. "The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning. He awakens My ear to hear as the learned."

Isaiah 50:4

8. Words of complaint are against God's way. "Do all things without complaining and disputing."

Philippians 2:14

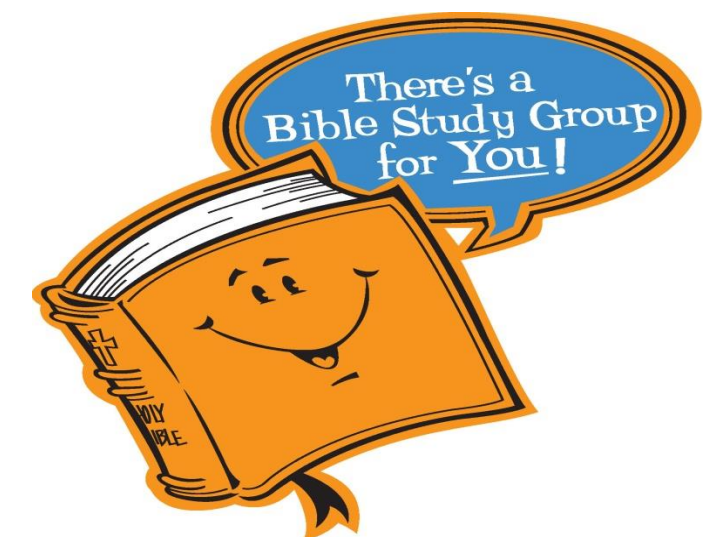
9. Words can set a trap for us. "You are snared by the words of your mouth; you are taken by the words of your mouth."

Proverbs 6:2

10. Words can bring death into a situation. "Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit."

Proverbs 18:21

## JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP....YOU'LL BE GLAD YOU DID!!!





SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

PICTURES TO COLOR!!!!!!

