

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 am — 1:00 pm



“For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep.”

1 Thess. 4:14

Wesley United Methodist Church
Wesley Witness

Where do we go from here?

“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me.”

Jesus - Matt 18:5



After we spent a year as a church listening to God’s leading and considering where he’s taking us, on March 2, I had the privilege of sharing with you what our Wesley leaders unanimously believe is God’s call to us. God has said to us,

“My Wesley Family, invite everyone—beginning with children—to know and trust Me. Do this by beginning always with prayer. Then, I want all of you to share my love through fun and encouraging Bible-based activities that grow everyone in their faith and build deep, grace-filled friendships. As you do this, look for ways to partner with this community inside and outside your church walls.”

I think of Paul’s words as he wraps up a letter to the Thessalonians...
“This is the will of God concerning you.”

People of Wesley, we must now turn our attention to where God is calling us. We must not think of this vision just as some marketing splash. It’s not just a slogan or a fancy statement to put in our literature. We need to measure ourselves and our activities by what we now know God is asking us to do. We must plan to accomplish this and to help bring everyone along on the project God is handing us. How will you do that? Let me offer some ways you can begin.

Prayer

As you can see, God is asking us to make prayer the foundation of the vision he is calling us to. So, begin with prayer. The quote above is obviously my verbal construction. But I’ve drawn it directly from the vision our leaders unanimously agreed is God’s call for us. In prayer, read this quote. Hear it as God’s call to us and to you. Listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit. Ask God for God’s wisdom and endurance for us to carry out God’s design for our faith community. If you sense a leading to act, please come talk with me right away.

Planning

We must also build a basic plan to do as God has instructed. Think of this as our strategy. We are forming a **Strategic Planning Team** to help bring this vision to life. This team will prayerfully consider how we can align our ministries, resources, and efforts with what God has called us to do. Will you be part of this team? If so, please come see me.

Our First Strategic Step

Our children’s ministries have grown. This has been one way God has spoken clearly to us. But imagine grouping together all the children and babies in one room and hoping to try to nurture their faith. That is not a formula for success. It’s not honoring God or our children.

To be fair to the children and to those leading children’s ministries, we need to reorganize Children’s Church. It’s past time to provide a staffed place for babies during church and to make a classroom for the preschool children separate from the elementary students. That’s three separate classes: Nursery, Preschool, and Elementary. Let me clarify: children and infants are always welcome to

remain with their parents. However, If we are to follow where God is leading, we must offer something appropriate to each age.

The right way to do this takes 12 or more volunteers. Each volunteer would have two weeks a month caring for the children and two weeks worshipping in the service. Now, Safe Sanctuaries, which is part of what God is calling us to be passionate about, requires two unrelated adults as leaders in each group. For the three children’s groups, we need a total of 12 people in the rotation who will care for our children.

Remember that we already have 4-5 regularly serving, so we likely need around eight more.

As a volunteer, you will be provided with the material needed for the age group you serve. You do not need to have great skill or ability with these materials. They are designed for church volunteers. We will also provide an introduction to your role. Will you consider serving our children? If you are considering serving, please come talk to Amy Whitworth or me.

God is calling all of us to be part of this new direction. Let’s get underway with the work God is calling us to do. Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me.”

Ministering with you,
Pastor Bob

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Sundays at 9:00 am
with Children's Church

Adult Sunday School
10:30 am

Worship with us Online

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wesleyumcmvl/>
- Website: <https://www.wesleyum.org/>
- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVh5ckeYZuoHGIVgqY3wQtQ>

Servant Schedule



March

March

- April 6
Jeff & Becky Wolfe
- April 13
Washington Family
- April 17—Holy Thursday
Nevin & Malinda Kern
- April 18—Good Friday
- April 20—9:00 am
Sandy Corl
Donna Donaldson
- April 27
JoAnn & Mike Crider

- April 6
Bob Moore
- April 13
Pastor Bob
- April 17
Pastor Bob
- April 18
Pastor Bob
- April 20
Ginny Rech
- April 27
Christine Miller

"If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."
Romans 8:11

APRIL WORSHIP

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

THEME: In John, Jesus answers the question of who he is. He is none other than God, The I Am.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 8:27-29 / John 1:106

MESSAGE: The Message of Jesus: "Who do YOU Say That I Am?"

WHAT TO EXPECT: Holy Communion

Holy Week and Easter Services

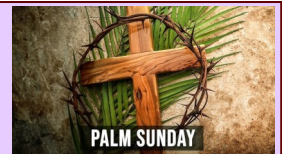


Come Worship With Us!

April 13, 2025

Palm / Passion Sunday

THEME: Beginning with Christ's entry into Jerusalem with waving palms, we will enter into our Tenebrae service using numerous scriptures commemorating the final hours of Christ during his crucifixion.



April 17, 2025

Maudy Thursday

THEME: When people in the Old Testament washed the feet of a guest it was far more than just cleanliness. It was a commitment to provision and protection. So it is with Jesus when he washes us. And then so with us and others.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 13:1-17

MESSAGE: The Message of Jesus: "A Hospitality Covenant"

WHAT TO EXPECT: Holy Communion

April 18, 2025

Good Friday

THEME: As Jesus prepared to go to the cross, what was his final message to us?

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:1-13

MESSAGE: The Message of Jesus: "Final Words"

April 20, 2025

Easter Resurrection Sunday



SUNRISE SERVICE—6:15 AM

THEME: Who will roll away the stone was the concern on the hearts of those who came to the tomb on the 1st Easter. Jesus rolled the stone away as he rose from death. What stones in our lives do we need to trust him to roll away?

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 16:1-17

MESSAGE: "Who Will Roll Away the Stone?"

RESURRECTION SERVICE—9:00 AM

THEME: Jesus resurrection promises the same for all who believe. But while that is a future physical reality, Jesus also says that resurrection life starts the moment we believe.

SCRIPTURE READING: John 5:24-29 / John 11:17-25

MESSAGE: "The Resurrection and the Life"

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter

WHAT TO EXPECT: Pastor Bob will be on vacation. Jeff Wolfe will be bringing us this week's message. We look forward to his insight.

Wesley Outreach, Activities, & Announcements



Fill Easter Eggs

Please pick up some Easter eggs from the lobby and return them filled with candy or other small prizes. This will help us with our Community Egg Hunt on April 19.



Wed., April 2
6:30 – 8:00 PM

MOM2MOM

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6:30—8:00 pm

Join us on April 2 as we enjoy a meal and an activity. We will be painting eggs for Easter.

Lenten “Escape Room” Treasure Hunt Sunday, April 6, 2025 10:00 am (following 9:00 am worship)

Join us for Wesley’s first Lenten Treasure Hunt (Escape Room)! Form teams of 2-4 people and work together to solve a series of puzzles that will unlock the door to the Upper Room. This is a family-friendly activity for all ages, with plenty of snacks and puzzle-solving fun. Show up with a team, or we can match you up with others.



Children’s Fellowship (grades K – 5)
And
Middle School Youth Fellowship
(grades 6 – 8)
Sunday, April 13
1:00 pm—3:00 pm

We will be doing some Lenten Service Projects.



Easter Food Box Donations Needed

The Marysville/Rye Council of Churches is collecting non-perishable food items for Easter Food box distribution. These boxes benefit those in need in the Marysville area. The Council of Churches **needs your help** in providing food donation items or you may make a monetary donation (*make checks payable to the Marysville Rye Council of Churches with “Food Boxes” on the memo line*) by placing an envelope in the offering plate and marking it Food Box Ministry. Items can be brought to the church by Wednesday, April 9 for distribution on April 11. Food may be placed in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your support of the Food Box Ministry and our community.

Direct any questions to Sandy Corl @ 717-877-1467.



Men’s Breakfast
April 29
9:00 am

All men are welcome to join in the fellowship while sharing a delicious home-cooked breakfast.

“And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.”
1 Corinthians 6:14



Wesley Preschool
Now enrolling for the 2025-2026
School Year.

Ages 1 1/2—PreK

Applications are available through the Wesley Church website or you may contact the Wesley Preschool for more information.

www.wesleyum.org/preschool

717-957-4481



16th Annual Trike-A-Thon
April 24 @ 9:00 am

Let’s support the Wesley Preschool as they trike around the parking lot to raise funds for the Preschool Ministry. You can sponsor a child by contacting Holly Bitner at hbitner@gmail.com. Or you can come watch them having a great time!



**YOU'RE INVITED
TO THE
WESLEY UMC
COMMUNITY
EASTER EGG HUNT**

**Wesley United Methodist Church
450 Sylvan Street, Marysville, PA 17053**

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

10:00 AM

For Kids Age 0-12

- Fun activities for the whole family!!

Also Available:

The United Women in Faith are sponsoring a Baked Sale. Stop by for some home baked goodness!



**Get ready for an Easter celebration to remember
with our egg-cellent activities for the whole
family and the community!**



Wesley Family,

Having recently returned home from warmer weather travels, today (3/23) was Roxanne's and my first Sunday back among our Wesley Family. It was very welcoming to slide back into our pew for worship, smiles, and to exchange greetings. Over the years, I have returned home from extended absences many times, and coming home never gets old. To your home, your church, your town; it is where your heart is. Whether I was away with the military, schooling, business travel, or extended vacation; one's heart does grow a little fonder. No matter what you witnessed or experienced during your travels, our little geographic slice of the world is home, and it feels welcoming and right upon returning.

Now fast forward from those "Father Knows Best" memories I may have stimulated and think about today's world. When we venture away for any reason we are undertaking an adventure of travels into an unknown world. We may have reviewed the brochures or scouted it online, but, in this day and age; into the unknown we go. We pray that the craziness and rough edges of wherever we are going will allow us safe passage through the middle and let us experience and appreciate where others make their home.

No matter our travels, we never quite lose sight of the turmoil vibrating through society; politics, poverty, food insecurity, crime, natural and manmade disasters, sickness, poor education, and deaths of strangers and friends. Please know that the antidote for this undercurrent of need is our love for Jesus and his house of worship, Wesley on the Hill. Also know this is where remedies are dreamed, born, and prayed into action. Wesley's safe sanctuary on the hill is our home and where we are effecting change because of your caring, giving, and loving support to sharing Jesus to all.

As we absorb God's Plan for Wesley, we do so with a running start, because that is who we are. The children present on Sunday morning are our reminder and our incentive. As we move our vision forward, each one of us can find a place to contribute with our time, talents, willingness to learn, and gifts. We can do this by fostering prayer, maintaining our established safe sanctuary, having fun in growing faithful friendships, and connecting with community on the hill or in town. Volunteer or if asked to join in planning at Wesley, take a leap of faith and say yes!

Finance Highlights & Areas of Need:

Lenten Offering: Your gifts will go to rebuild our Trustee's Property Account back to a sustaining level for repairs and maintenance of our facilities. Recent expenses for the boiler, elevator, safety lights, and winter weather road services have depleted the account.

Current Expenses: Thank you for your gifts to the Current Expense Account, you understand and your faithful gifts continue to keep our sanctuary on the hill, mission focused and welcoming. The colder and windier winter we have experienced increased our utilities (oil, propane, & electric) combined costs this winter by \$4,000. Just like at our homes, the cold weather has taken a toll on our budgets; just larger for our Wesley Home.

Hope for the Future, Capital Reduction Campaign: As we near the end of our successful mortgage reduction campaign, Thank You to all who have given, pledged, and gifted extra to reducing our mortgage and associated interest. After almost three years we are at our original goal of \$300,000, all gifts counted to date. Continuing through April and May culminating on May 25th, let us exceed our own expectations, and see what we can squeeze out for this important cause. Every dollar we can pay to decrease the principal saves us mortgage interest money. Thank you again to all who have given to reduce our mortgage costs. Let us finish strong as we celebrate Wesley's Harvest of Hope at a special service recognizing how God strengthened our resolve to save Wesley in these changing times. Our service of celebration on Sunday May 25th not only recognizes your committed gifts but highlights that you have enabled Wesley on the Hill to seek the vision for God's Mission for our future.

Call it ironic that at the same time Perry County is reassessing our home and business values for tax purposes (double ugh!), we have undertaken a similar project for our Faith Home, Wesley on the Hill. Not for tax purposes, obviously, but to seek vision for Wesley's Mission and Value. We are discovering how we can best share God's Love, starting with the children and emanating into our community; to share Jesus with children and families in and around our Wesley Family and community.

As we worship this Easter, be proud of your faithful all enabling giving, (Thank you!) because you make it possible to follow and share Jesus allowing Wesley to accomplish God's Mission with our vision for the future.

David Palmer,
Finance Chairperson

"Every man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
II Cor. 9:7



2025 Lenten Offering – our facility has shown a bit of its age this winter, which means we've had significant costs in maintaining it. Our Lenten offering will go to the property account to help the trustees fund church facility maintenance.

WESLEY'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
<p><i>"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">John 6:40</p>			6:30 PM—8:00 PM Mom2Mom	9:30 AM—1:00 PM Mr. Music for Preschool 10:00 AM—11:00 AM Prayer Together 6:30 pm—8:30 pm Emmaus Walk 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM AA Group		9:00 AM—3:00PM Emmaus Walk Teaming Meetings 11:00 AM—1:00 PM Emmaus Walk Lundh
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 AM-10:00 AM Sanctuary Worship 10:00 AM—12:00 PM Lenten Escape Room 10:30 AM—11:30 AM Adult Sunday School 6:00 PM—8:30 PM Disciple Bible Study	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 56			10:00 AM—11:00 AM Prayer Together 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM AA Group		9:00 AM—3:00PM Emmaus Walk Teaming Meetings 1:00 PM—7:30 PM Baby Shower— Sander
13 Palm Sunday	14	15	16	17 Maundy Thursday	18 Good Friday	19
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20 Easter Sunday	21	22	23	24	25	26
 HE IS RISEN! 6:15 AM—7:00 AM Easter Sunrise Service 7:00 AM—8:30 AM Easter Breakfast 9:00 AM-10:00 AM Easter Resurrection Service 10:30AM—11:30 AM Adult Sunday School	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Cub Scout Pack 56			9:00 AM—11:00 AM Preschool Trike-A-Thon 10:00 AM—11:00 AM Prayer Together 7:30 PM – 9:30 PM AA Group		10:00AM—6:00PM Scrapbooking Event
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April Birthdays

Do we have your birthdate so we can celebrate with you?

April 1

Abigail Whitehead-Zimmers

April 2

Matt Lenker

April 4

Brynne Hall

April 6

Caleb Bitner

Eli Whitehead-Zimmers

Joyce Zimmerman

April 7

Alexandra Flurie

Daniel Landrum

Judy Speck

April 8

Jim Ford

Shane Smith

April 9

Jake Smith

April 10

Abby Sager

Margaret Spease

April 11

Erin Eichelberger

April 12

Ashley Matter

April 16

Alexis Barrick

Tiffany Borchick

April 17

Christopher Albright

Jennifer Edwards

April 19

Martiel Edwards

G. Woodrow Lightner

April 20

Andy Speck

April 24

Dane Barrick

Alexis Harris

Micayla Roberts

April 25

Lindsey Brewbaker

David Lebo

April 26

Doris Bruner

Rachelle Miller-Washington

Bob Roth

April 27

Lily Hansrote

April 28

Marcia Bybel

April 29

Justin Miller

Missy Wysocki

April 30

Patti Copp

Nicole Fisher



April Birthdays!

Devotional

Growing Deeper In Faith This Easter

by Lynette Kittle

YOUR NIGHTLY prayer

TONIGHT'S SCRIPTURE

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under Heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved" - Acts 4:12

SOMETHING TO PONDER

Easter is a treasured time when families come together in celebration to prepare and eat special dishes, share stories, and make memories together. For followers of Christ, it's especially meaningful when we remember the Cross and what Jesus accomplished on it for our eternal Salvation.

In celebrating Easter throughout the years, its meaning and our understanding of it most likely have deepened from childhood to adulthood, where we may keep discovering it anew each year, possibly in surprising and unexpected ways we didn't see coming.

For me, growing up in church as a pastor's daughter, it was a busy time, full of activities for our family, with days and weeks of preparations for our church's commemoration and celebration, including Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

As far back as I can remember, I knew Easter focused on the death and resurrection of Jesus. Yet, even though I knew the story and the importance of accepting Jesus into my heart and receiving Salvation, understanding the depth keeps growing.

Although I grew up singing and believing that "Jesus Loves Me," the realization that my sin was why His death needed to occur took time to comprehend. Like me, many of us are not sure at times that our sin really motivated God to send Jesus, seeing it more as a universal problem, like in John 3:16, which states that God so loved the world.

In some ways, recognizing how sin affects everyone can cause us to have a personal disconnect, preventing us from truly grasping the responsibility our sin plays in Jesus' suffering and death.

Even so, the truth is that our sin is exactly why Jesus died, to atone for it and set us free from a very real debt, one that, if left unpaid, brings eternal death and separation from God.

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As Romans 6:23 explains, "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Gaining insight and growing through our Easter helps us to realize in deeper ways why Jesus died to give us life, making Easter even more meaningful than ever before. As "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die'" (John 11:25).

YOUR NIGHTLY PRAYER

Dear Father, Thank you for Your gift of Jesus, sent to save us from our sins and receive everlasting life in Him. Lead us this Easter to a deeper understanding and appreciation for His sacrifice and

the blood He shed on our behalf. Help us to comprehend how He died in our place so that we might be reconciled to You and live eternally. Strengthen us to be courageous and bold to tell others how they can be saved, too. In Jesus' name, Amen.

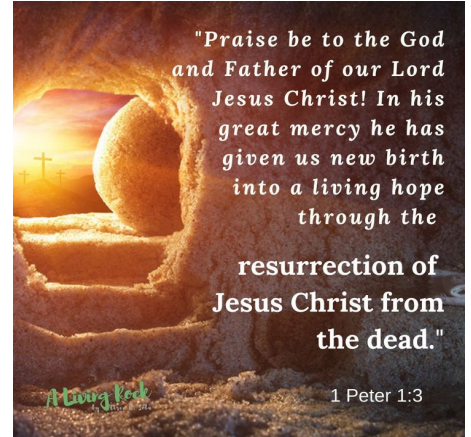
THREE THINGS TO MEDITATE UPON

1. Set time aside to consider how your own understanding of Easter has changed or grown over the years. Go through the years and see where your heart seemed to grasp more of the truth of His death and resurrection.
2. If you feel like your understanding of Easter hasn't grown through the years, ask God to open your eyes and heart to comprehend more about His sacrifice on the cross and the significance of His resurrection. Set time aside to read

through the events that led Christ to the cross and to His resurrection from the grave.

3. Look for ways to share the significance of Easter with your spouse, family, friends, co-workers, neighbors, and those you meet out in the community. Ask them to share the insights God has given them through the years.

<https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/easter-devotionals/>



Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 20 - 7:00 am
 Following the Easter Sunrise Service
 Sign up on the bulletin board!



Easter Breakfast

Join us following the Easter Sunrise Service (7:00 am) in the multipurpose room for our annual Easter breakfast. We are handling things a little differently this year, so watch and listen for more detailed information to come. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board soon!

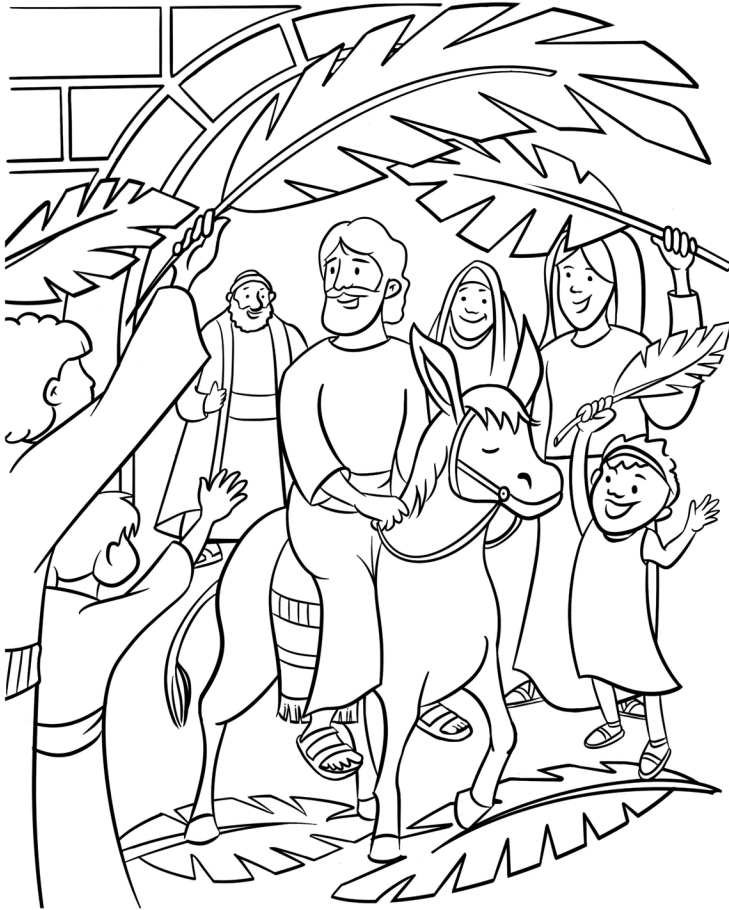


JUST FOR KIDS

And Kids at heart!

The Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on Mark 11:1-11



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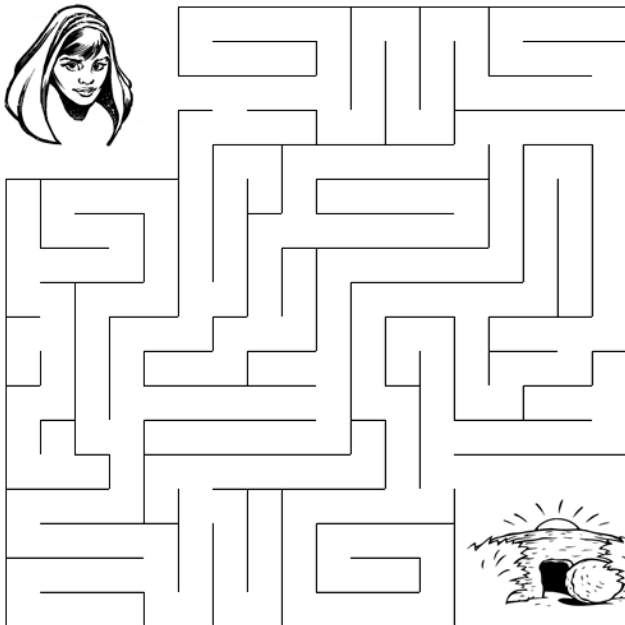
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Surprise! It's Empty!

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. Luke 24:2-3 (NIV)

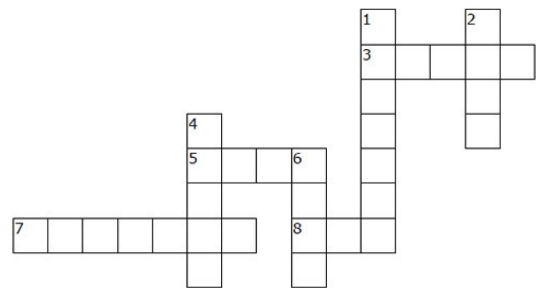
Based on Luke 24:1-12



Can you help Mary find the way to the empty tomb?

Bible Memory Verse

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:18 (NIV)



ACROSS

- "He is not here, he has _____." Luke 24:6
- A place where someone, especially an important person, is buried
- The first or early part of a day
- A period of twenty-four hours

DOWN

- To kill someone by tying or nailing them to a cross
- A period of seven days
- A hard solid substance found in the ground which is often used for building
- The whole physical structure that forms a person

MORNING	BODY	RISEN	STONE
DAY	CRUCIFY	TOMB	WEEK

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