

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Eblast

April 25, 2024



Mothers Day Plant Sale



The 2024 Mother's Day plant sale will run through April 28th. Orders and payments are due **THIS** Sunday, to guarantee delivery of the hanging baskets by Sunday, May 5th. All other plants will be delivered by May 24th, just in time for Memorial Day Weekend planting! Order forms are on the table in the church and in the office. Please make checks payable to Rose Carpenter and include a phone number on the order form. Rose can be reached at (607) 221-6797 or (570) 888-1648. Thank you for your support!

FYI

On Thursday, May 2nd at noon, Canon Melinda will be delivering a prayer on the court house stairs in Towanda in honor of "National Day of Prayer" She would be delighted if you would like to join her.

No Saturday Service on May 4th

There will not be a Saturday 5:15 p.m. service on May 4th as Canon Melinda will be away in Moosic for Gather 24 and Pastor Scott will be away for an all day class near Allentown PA. Thank you for your understanding.

St. Mary's Guild May Meeting

St. Mary's Guild will meet Tuesday, May 7th at 7 p.m. The program will feature the Southern Eye Institute Mission trip to Sarabu Africa. Leah & Lizzie Reid from Athens High School will share their experience as student scholars for Dr. Cathy Schanzer's foundation. They served the month of June 2023 teaching school and helping the needy people. We hope to see all the ladies of the Parish at our meeting.

Miles of Pennies

Our annual Miles of Pennies Race will run through the end of May. Please bring your pennies/change to church on Sunday.

Miles of Pennies Challenge: Sunday School vs. Adults!

Guess the number of pennies in the jar. The group with the closest guess will have these pennies added to their total!

Good luck! This is a large Mason Jar, as the picture does not depict the size very well.



Readings for April 28, 2024

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

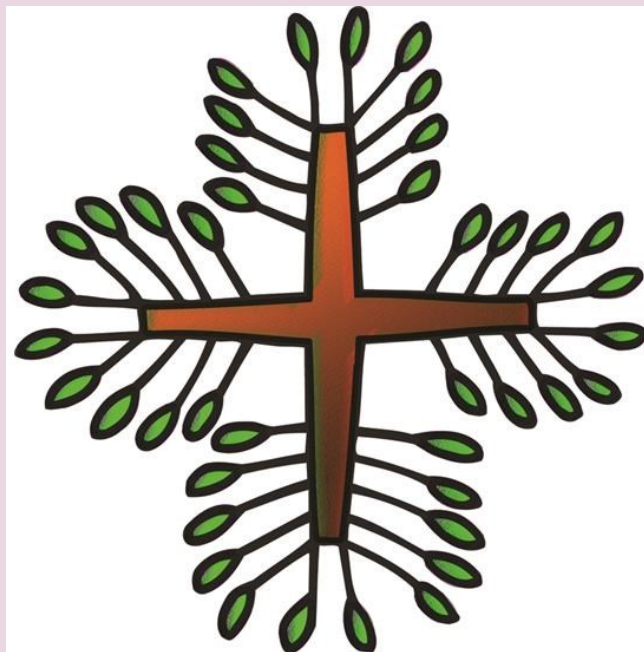
Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Scripture Reflection

Reflection on the Gospel by Nancy R Blakely from Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word

When someone is having a difficult time, we casually give the advice to “hang in there.” Those are not very helpful words for one who desperately wonders how to do just that. Jesus offers so much more than hanging in there. Yes, hard times will invariably come, but living, abiding, finding our home in Jesus the vine and God the grower sustains us, promoting even greater well-being. Recall the Hebrew notion of shalom, which speaks of wholeness, completeness, and health. Recovering that sense of shalom addresses the deep yearnings of our lives. Shalom enters into all the cuts and hurts we endure day to day. It even enables us to speak of healing when there is no hope for a cure. Hope for relief from suffering does remain—a hope that God’s miracles of growth bring to fruition. What connections do you make between the concept of abiding and the Hebrew notion of shalom?



Serving in Worship at Redeemer

April 28

Reader: Rose Carpenter

Usher: Bruce Carpenter

Greeter: Phoebe Marshall

May 5

Glenda Hinsman

Walter Chaykosky

Sherry Gabauer



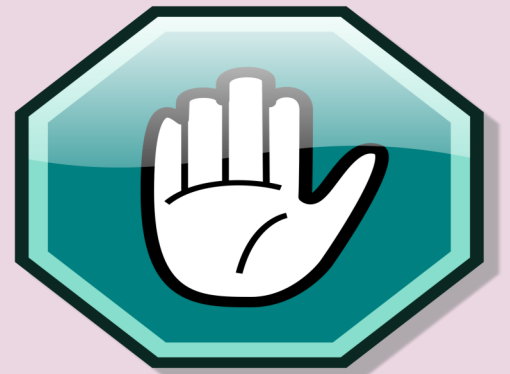
Lisa Cole	4/29
Carrie Henry	5/1
Christopher Marshall	5/2
Audrey Garfield	5/2

The Wildcat closet continues to collect donations of Sweat pants, Sweat shirts, socks and toiletries. The box is located in the atrium . Linda Murrelle will pick up your donations and make sure they are delivered to the proper locations.



For the Month of **May** we will be collecting spaghetti sauce for our local food pantries.

We will not be accepting any rummage until further notice. The undercroft will be cleaned up after the Street Fair. Thank you for all of your donations. We will let you know when we will start accepting more rummage.





Gather 24 – May 4, 2024

All are invited to attend this Diocesan sponsored, fun and interactive day of formation and fellowship. There are 21 sessions to choose from at Gather 24, and the day includes lunch, hearing from Bishops, worship, and lots more. The \$25 registration fee helps offset the event site cost, meals and snacks, prizes, and other event costs (scholarships are available for those with need).

Gather is the Diocese of Bethlehem's annual formation event. *Gather 24* will be Saturday, **May 4, 2024**, at PNC Field (just south of Scranton), home of the [RailRiders](#), a Triple-A baseball team.

(We suggest you preview the session descriptions before registering)

Session and descriptions: [click here](#).

Register: [click here](#).

Hotel Accommodations: [click here](#).

Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe named petition nominee for 28th presiding bishop



[Episcopal News Service] Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe on April 16 was [added as a nominee by petition](#) to stand for election as The Episcopal Church's 28th presiding bishop, joining four other bishops who were [announced two weeks ago on the initial slate](#) of nominees to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

The two-week petition period closed at the end of the day April 15, and Duncan-Probe was the sole petition nominee. She joins Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright and Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York.

To read more, click here:

[Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe named petition nominee for 28th presiding bishop – Episcopal News Service](#)

In- Person Safe Church Training



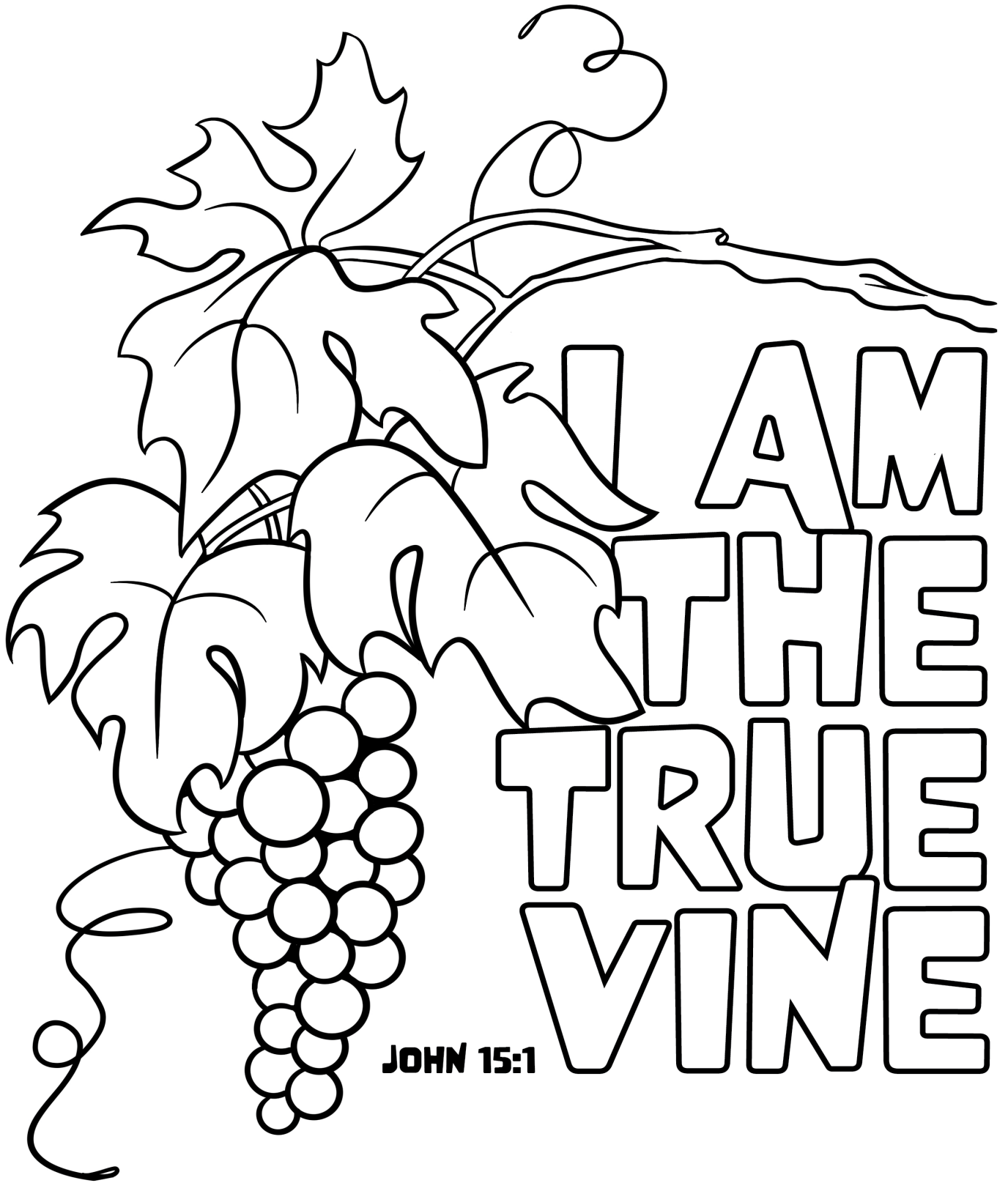
Safe Church classes are hitting the road and coming to YOU!

After hearing your feedback, we're thrilled to announce that in-person classes are back, alongside our trusted online option. Now you can choose what works best for you! Two sessions will be offered at Prince of Peace in Dallas (420 Main St, Dallas PA 18612). Remember, you only need to attend one of the days.

- **Friday, May 10th, 1:00pm - 5:00pm**
- **Saturday, May 11th, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

To register, contact Tim Wagner (tim@diobeth.org) or go online ([link below](#)). If you have questions or want to host a session in your area, please contact Tim.

Register online: <https://forms.gle/kPStULto3io3fQkx9>



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The True Vine

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The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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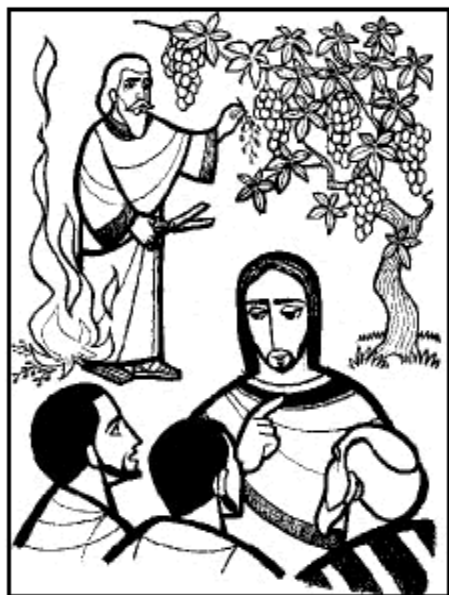
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Put the letters in the numbered squares in the same numbered square at the bottom of the puzzle to reveal the final answer.

Jumbled Word Clues

1. A sweet food that grows on a tree or a bush.
2. To destroy by fire
3. To produce fruit; it could also be a large brown animal
4. The light and heat produced by a flame.