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Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 (NIV)

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus.

¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection."

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias.

²⁴ Then they prayed, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs."

²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.



My body sometimes feels sore, but it works. I don't sleep well most nights, but I do wake up to fight another day. My wallet is not full but my stomach is. I don't have all the things I ever wanted but I do have everything I will ever need. I'm thankful because although my life is by no means perfect, it's my life and I'm happy. My life isn't perfect, I have flaws; I have made many mistakes; Have many challenge; But through it all, am grateful for each moment. What I am, what have I been through, all I hope to be, I owe it all to God. Am thankful, happy and grateful for every experience.

Psalms 1 (NIV)

¹ Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

1 John 5:9-13



13 May

John and Judy Nowland.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Celebrating 60 years of love together.



Normality is a paved road: it's comfortable to walk but no flowers grow. ~ Vincent van Gogh

PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to uphold the people of India.
- We pray for all the members of our congregation who are unwell, or who are recovering from illnesses.
- We pray for an end to the mouse plague. Some farmers are almost being driven crazy by the thousands of mice.
- We give thanks for friends.

Meg's Musings

Sometimes we get quite knowledgeable about some aspect of life. We don't qualify as an "expert", but we know a fair bit.

I came across a recipe recently which was a bit different, and wondered how it would turn out.

The recipe was for apple cake. Rather than being made with butter, it had sour cream and cooking oil in it.

The apples were diced, and distributed throughout the cake. Most apple cakes I had seen had apples neatly arranged on top.

There was a "glaze" instead of traditional icing. It included powdered ginger - again, quite different from what I was used to.

The illustration was scattered with "edible" flowers, such as pansies and rose petals. For me, that was a step too far!

But I made the cake, glazed it, and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

Sometimes God calls us to tasks that are a bit different, or invites us to have a different approach towards something. Sometimes we resist.

But we are never too old to find new ways to love God, and new ways to serve God.

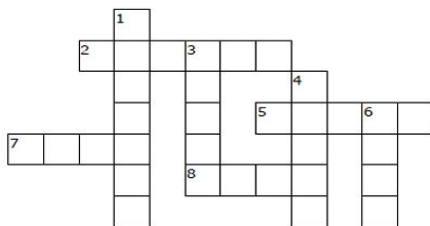
Blessings from Meg



Through Life's Maze

I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name. John 17:11a (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 17:6-19



ACROSS

2. Speaking to God
5. The earth and all the people and things upon it
7. To put into the hands of another person
8. To be free from danger or harm

DOWN

1. To keep from being injured or harmed
3. That which belongs to you
4. Physical or mental strength
6. Unable to find the way

John 17:6-19 (NIV)

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

⁶ "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.

⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.

⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.

¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.

¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.

¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.

¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.

¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.

¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.

¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.



"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble.

But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference." ~ Max Lucado

CHURCH SERVICES Pentecost
23 May 11 am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



20 May ~Shirley Whitten
26 May ~Bill Forrester



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