



From the Pastor's Desk

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

DEADLINE

is Wednesday
at
10:00 a.m.

Join us during Shelter
in Place each Sunday
on Facebook Live at
10:00 am for Sunday
Worship together.



Greetings to all in Christ Jesus!

This Journey that we are on right now, with all of human kind, is a difficult one. It winds through dark valleys with many twists and turns making it impossible at any point to see what lies ahead more than the next few steps. We feel isolated, lonely, and anxious. We're not sure whether we packed enough supplies for this journey, how we got here, or how long we'll have to walk this path. But one thing is still true: "Best of all, God is with us!" -John Wesley

As I've prayed about our worship series together moving forward and what we may need to hear and share with our friends, I feel God has led me to two decisions: 1. For as long as we are on this journey together, and unable to worship together in person, we will have a special sermon series entitled, "This Journey" (Through the Valley), 2. At this point, we still do not know if we will be allowed to worship together in person on Easter (Resurrection) Sunday, but I have decided that if we may not, whenever we ARE able to come back together in person to worship, THAT week will be Holy Week for us, and we will remember and celebrate the mighty works of God in Jesus Christ together at that time.

During "This Journey" we'll begin in the valley with the 23rd Psalm, and walk with the Good Shepherd through the valley and journey with Jesus and the Disciples through Palm Sunday. We will focus on how we view and handle evil in the world as Christians and pray for and comfort each other as we walk this path together. I pray that this will be a great season to expand our witness and impact for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. So please 'like,' 'comment' on and 'share' our LIVE worship services on Facebook and let's let all our friends know where hope and beauty is found in the midst of This Journey--in Jesus Christ alone!

"God is with us—best of all!"

Blessings to all in Jesus' name,
Pastor Danny

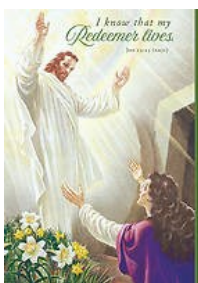


Our Special Easter Offering: “Let the Children Come”

In the midst of this journey that we are on as a congregation, country and world through this global pandemic I don't want us to forget that we are also in the midst of big transition (and we pray an exciting future) for our Children's and Youth Ministry at MUMC. Our mission must be to help as many children and youth as possible to come to saving faith in Jesus Christ. As such, one of our main commitments needs to be to help as many children and youth as possible to have opportunities to meet and be transformed by Jesus Christ. We must commit to ensuring that no child or youth should ever not go to a spiritual formation event for financial reasons. If they are willing to go, and available to go, we need to help make that happen!

Therefore, we are setting up a specifically designated fund called ‘Let the Children Come’ to help our children and youth attend spiritual formation events if they cannot afford to go. What kind of events am I talking about? Events designed to help young people meet Jesus: mission trips, Christian camps, Christian retreats (Fire-Up, Ignition, Lightkids, Revo, etc.). Let's work together to help make sure the next generation gets as many chances to dedicate their lives to Jesus as possible! What is more important?

In His service,
Pastor Danny



Easter Offering

Name _____

Address _____

No. _____ Amount _____

We will take up our Special Easter Offering at our Easter Service when we are all able to worship together again. On that Sunday your special envelope will be in the Bulletin, or you may go ahead and give on April 12th through the on-line giving link and select Easter Offering.

20/20 Vision:
Living Life

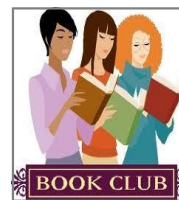
**"DO ALL THE GOOD YOU CAN,
BY ALL THE MEANS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN,
IN ALL THE PLACES YOU CAN,
AT ALL THE TIMES YOU CAN,
TO ALL THE PEOPLE YOU CAN,
AS LONG AS EVER YOU CAN."**

Wouldn't it be amazing if in 2020 we find fresh, creative ways to be generous, shine our lights before men, so to speak, to glorify God? **Being generous doesn't always involve money.** Being deliberate (or spontaneous) to carry out both small and large acts of kindness is one facet of living life generously. One act of kindness carried out by our church family this past month:

Newspaper subscriptions have become prohibitively expensive, at least for us. We share a subscription with a neighbor, then gift and deliver the day-old newspapers to two more neighbors. This is a small act of kindness, but one that blesses daily. ~Vallino Family

You, too, can make 2020 amazing by finding ways to shine your light before men to glorify God. Consider making Living Life Generously ideas a part of your daily devotional time or a component of dinner discussion. If you would like to share one of your/family's acts of kindness to inspire others, please contact Nancy Vallino, Chair, Finance Committee, at nancy.vallino@yahoo.com or 924-3781.

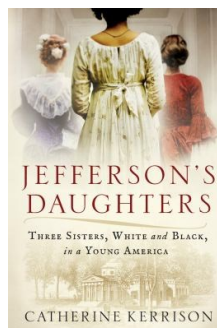
MUMC
Saturday
Morning



Join the Saturday Book Club
In the church library
When we are able to meet next
we will review this book.

Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America by Catherine Kerrison

Thomas Jefferson had three daughters: Martha and Maria by his wife, Martha Wayles Jefferson, and Harriet by his slave Sally Hemings. In *Jefferson's Daughters*, Catherine Kerrison, a scholar of early American and women's history, recounts the remarkable journey of these three women - and how their struggle to define themselves reflects both the possibilities and the limitations that resulted from the American Revolution.



VOLUNTEERS **A Work of Heart!**



When you see youth activities at MUMC, Diane Schingel is not too far away. Though Diane sings with the choir and volunteers with the praise team, most of her free time is spent on activities with the youth at MUMC. It is what brings her great joy in this life.

Diane became involved with youth ministries about 15 years ago by teaching preschool and kindergarten Sunday School classes then became the Sunday School Superintendent not soon after. She loves seeing the kiddos learn about the Bible and it is such a delight when they begin relating stories to their own lives. For many years, Diane has directed the children's Christmas program. She confesses this is one of her favorite activities because the children are *so very talented* and become passionate and excited about acting out the story to the congregation. As you know, there is never a dull moment with younger children! Diane recalls that church youth group was an integral part of her young life. Hoping to share those good experiences, Diane began volunteering with MUMC Youth group as well. The older youth have different and more challenging life experiences they bring with them and she confesses it was a bit challenging at first to keep activities new and fun to keep them involved. Now, she admits she learns a lot from them as well.

Diane shares that the experiences that have changed her the most are the youth mission trips she has chaperoned over the years. Watching kiddos who have struggles in their lives and with their faith find a new way to worship, share and grow together as Christians. Helping them to build self-confidence as they recognize and assist others who are struggling or in great need is priceless to her. She has built strong relationships with them by ensuring they know she is someone they can always count on.

These experiences and the love she has for all MUMC Youth is what keeps Diane involved. She concedes it feeds her soul and helps her grow in faith but she is really in it for them!

We are so very thankful for you, Diane. Your commitment and passion to foster a nurturing and educational venue for the spiritual growth of our youth has enriched the lives of so many over the years. Someday they, as you do now, will look back and feel gratitude for the genuine sentiment of your devotion; a testimony to God's love for each of them.

MY OWN BOOKCASE

Save The Date!
Presentation
Ceremony

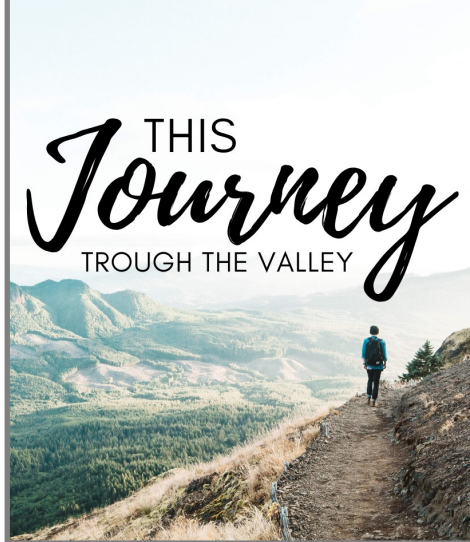


Sunday, May 3, 2020
2pm at Elks Banquet Hall



Methodist On a Mission
Relay for Life
Chicken Dinner will be
Sunday, May 17th.

Current Sermon Series



NewAll Church Family
PRAYER
Service
Every Thursday

5:15 pm Facebook Live



Church Yard Sale

Friday & Saturday June 26 and 27.

Save your summer stuff. Due to lack of space we prefer you do not bring any winter items to this sale.



LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH



Please join us on Facebook Live during the current shelter in place as we continue our weekly Prayer Service

We will be praying for Our Church, Church Family, Family, Friends, Community, Government, Our current state with the Corona Virus and any Special needs.

Join us to help lift these up to the Lord.

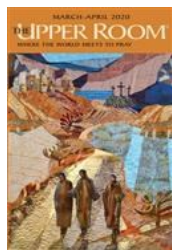


Women's Prayer Breakfast Update!

We have at this time postponed our breakfast. We will let you know the new date ASAP.



3	Cliff Bucholz	20	Ed O'Donnell
4	Perry Patterson	20	Thelma Pierson
4	Gloria Stoker	21	Angie Baughman
5	Caroline Guthman	21	Heather Bean
5	Lou Anne Lough	21	Brianna Berger
5	Mya Rushing	21	Lacey Brown
6	Geraldine McConnell	21	Megan Mileur
10	Aiden McNitt	21	William Mileur
13	Durice Runge	22	Sylvia Frank
15	Katlyn Abbadusky	24	Jay Graff
16	Sam Chapa	24	Bob Winters
16	Glenda Martin	27	Mildred Ward
18	Rosemary Cornell	28	Tiara Bradford
20	Cadence Brown	29	Megan McNitt
20	Nancy Fager	30	Brittany Nolan



Upper Room Devotionals

The Upper Room Devotionals for March & April can be found in the Little Free Library. If we are still unable to congregate together when the new ones arrive we will place them there also. If you would like to make a donation for yours you can mail it to the church or select Upper Room Devotionals on the online giving link on our website.



3	Jerry & Janis Crews	20	James & Brittnei Heilig
8	Ray & Myrri Burroughs	20	Todd & Vanessa Lirely
15	Patrick & Mary Ellen Brown	24	Bob & Tonia Purcell

Remember Our Shut-Ins

In this time of Social Distancing Please remember our Shut-Ins. If you don't have their contact information call the church office or email us we will get it to you. Give them a call, have your kids make them a card or color them a picture. They will really appreciate the gesture.



The Triumphal Entry

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"
Luke 19:38 (NIV)



S P R E A D O D E A E E Q R X
 Y K I D D Y E R S S Y D K C S
 H U M W Y S K E I H V V T G M
 L N O U S T L A L D I O H A V
 X R Z E F P R N O E L I M X F
 C E L T I P M X R D L C U U Y
 C B L C N P P R D N A E B R C
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 B F A V Y J T K C R O Z H L P
 N Y B M I R A C L E S T C K L

BLESSED
SPREAD
DISCIPLES
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MIRACLES
GLORY
CLOAKS
ROAD

HIGHEST
PRAISE
VOICES
JESUS

HEAVEN
VILLAGE
LORD
HILL

CROWD
PEOPLE
PEACE
COLT

What Happened on Good Friday?



Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins.

This means that I can pray and ask God to forgive my sins.



What are sins? A sin is anything I do that doesn't please God.
Circle each picture that shows a sin.



stealing



talking back to my parents



sharing



lying

Why did God send Jesus to die for our sins? Because he loves us.
Complete the verses about God's love for us.



love



Son



world

God _____d the _____ so much that he gave his only _____,



so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life. John 3:16

God showed his _____ for us by sending his only _____ into the _____,



so that we might have life through him. 1 John 4:9

He _____d us and sent his _____ to be the means by which our sins are



forgiven. 1 John 4:10

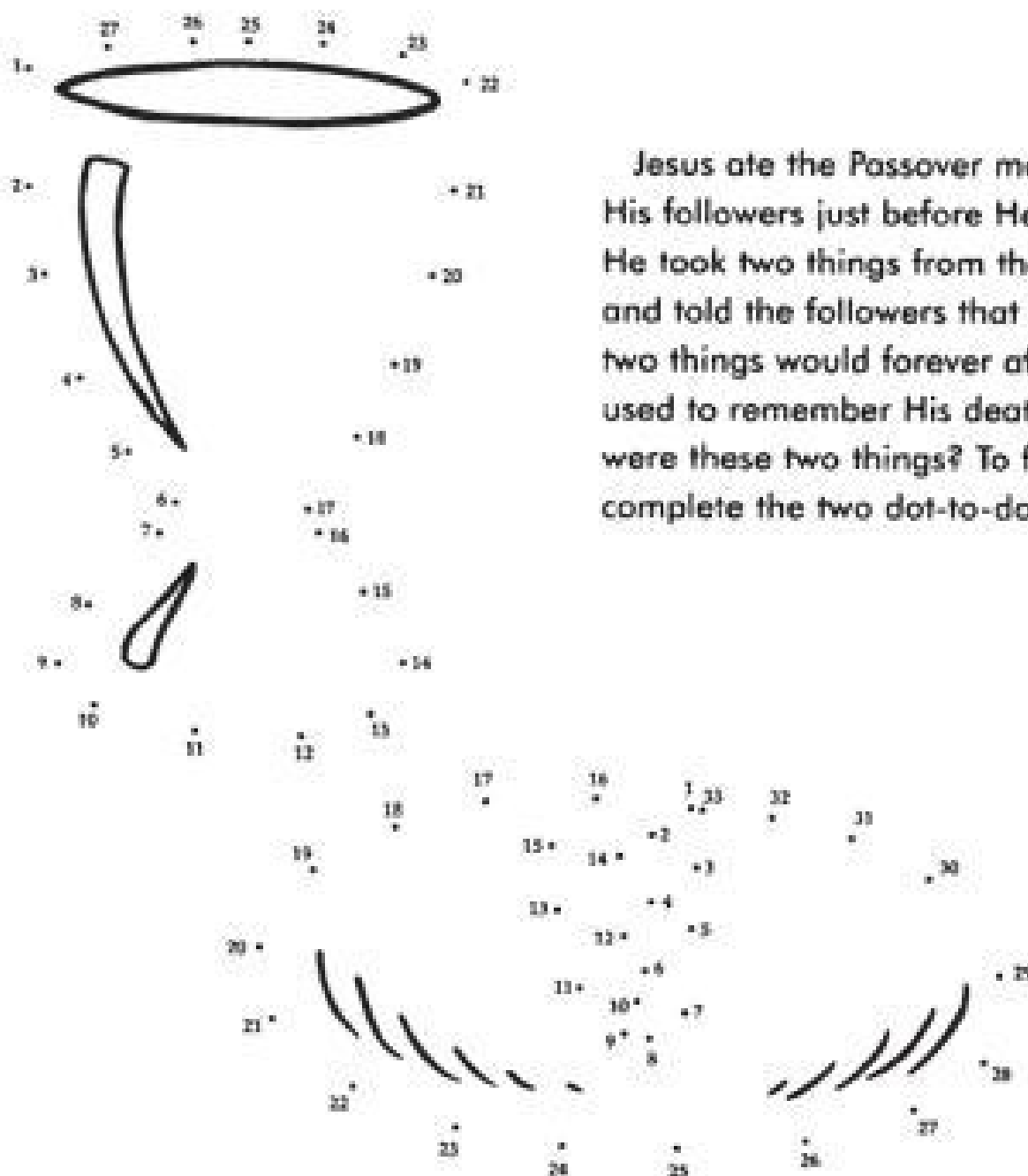
BibleWise

The Last Supper

—Luke 22



Remember Jesus

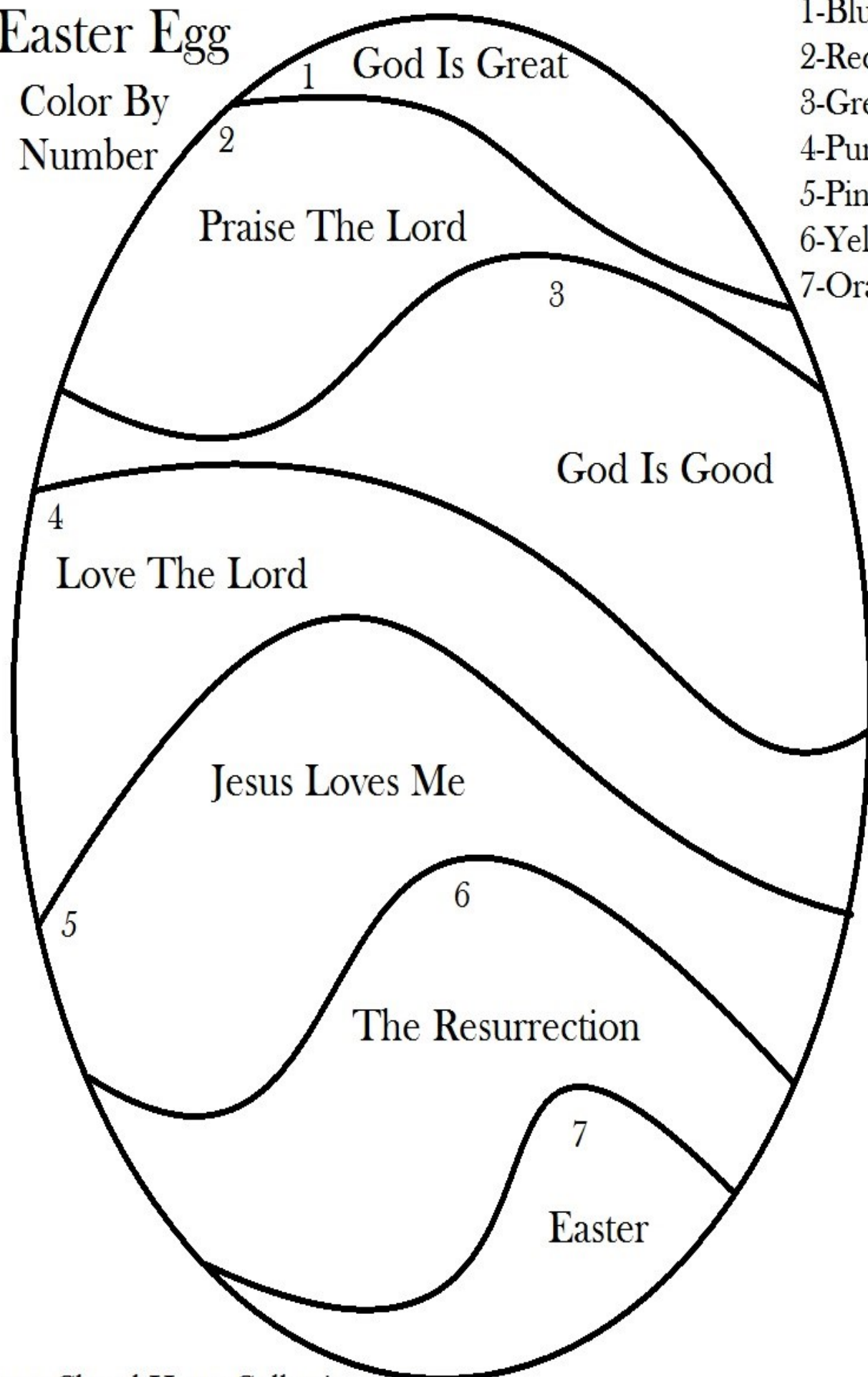


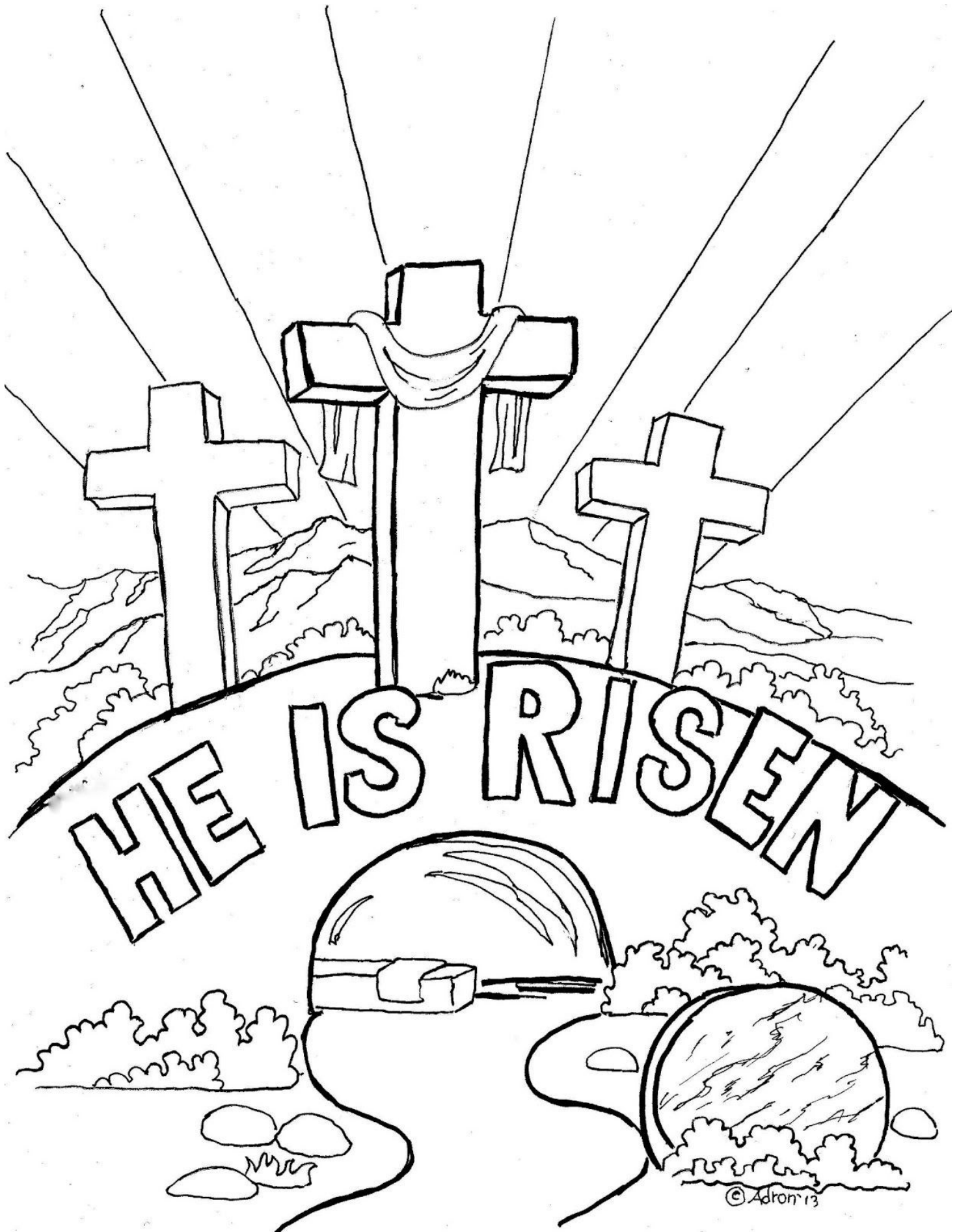
Jesus ate the Passover meal with His followers just before He died. He took two things from the table and told the followers that these two things would forever after be used to remember His death. What were these two things? To find out, complete the two dot-to-dots.

Easter Egg

Color By
Number

- 1-Blue
- 2-Red
- 3-Green
- 4-Purple
- 5-Pink
- 6-Yellow
- 7-Orange





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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE:
MUMC:**

Sunday Traditional Service: 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 10:10 a.m.

Sunday Praise Service: 11:15 a.m.

Thursday Prayer Service: 5:15 p.m.

Desoto:

Wednesday Agape House: 5:30 p.m.

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