



# Messenger

## Uniondale United Methodist Church July 2015

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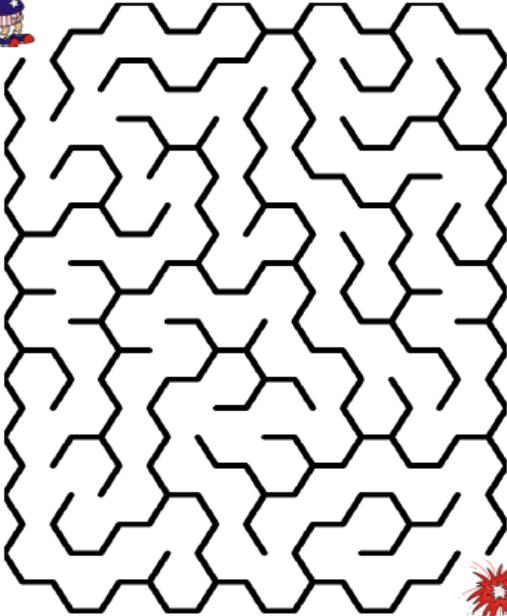
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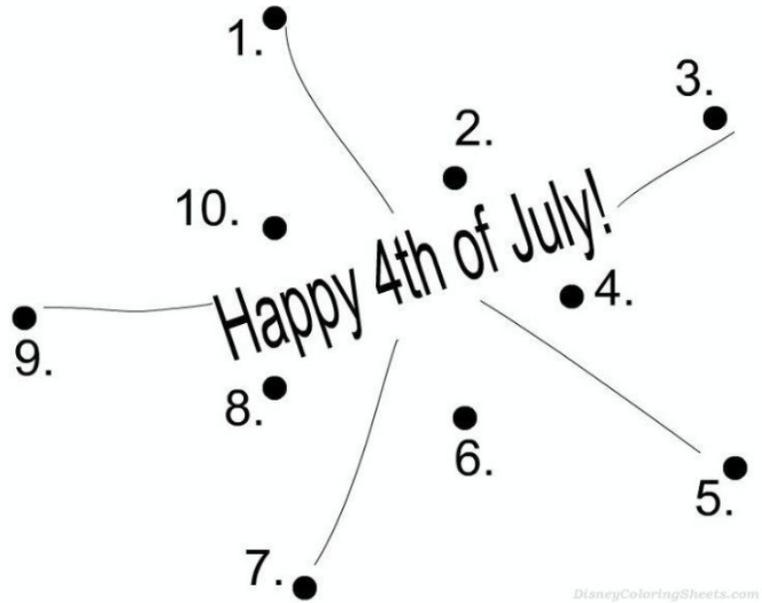
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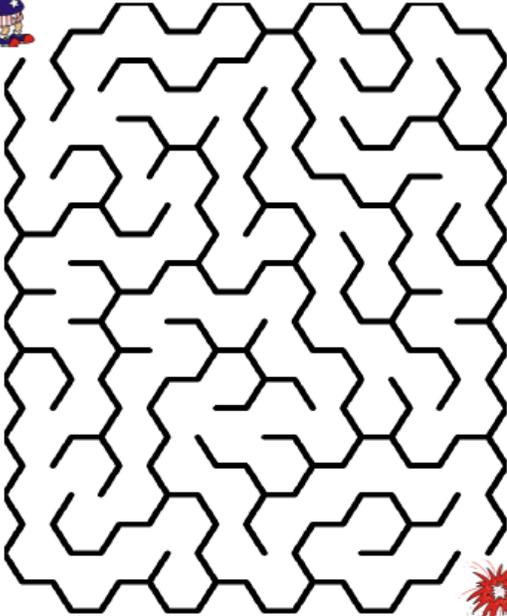
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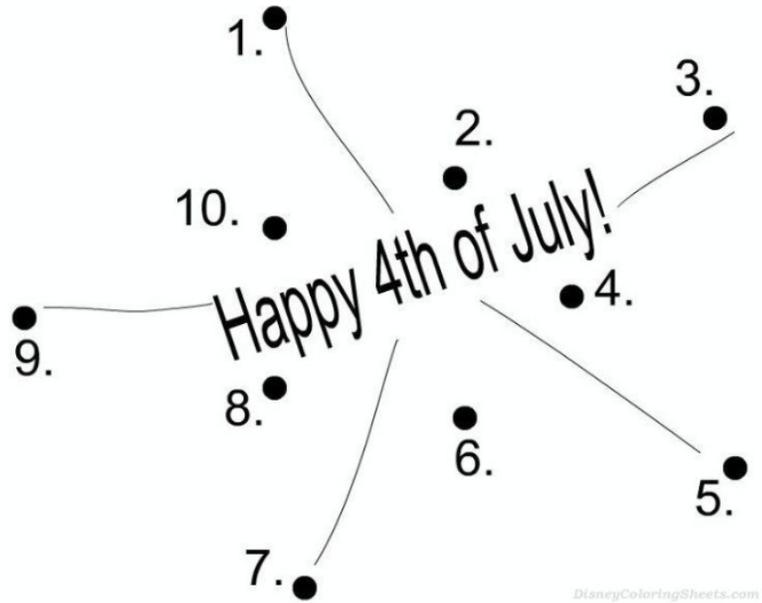
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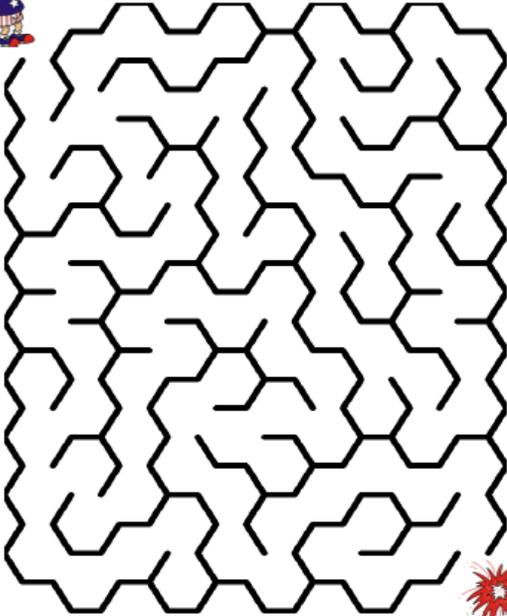
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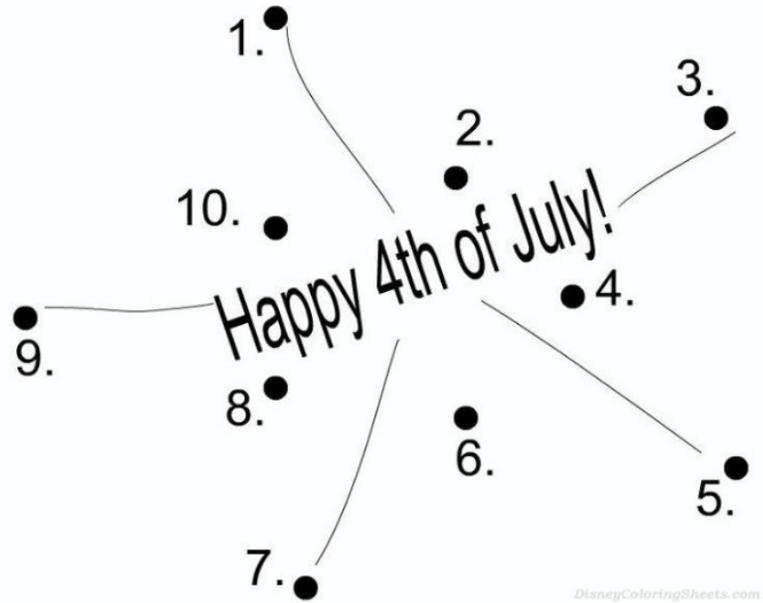
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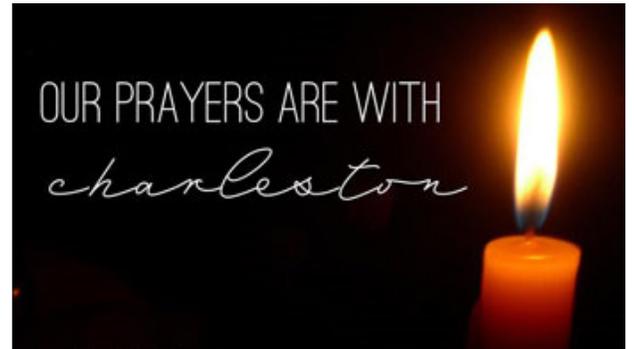
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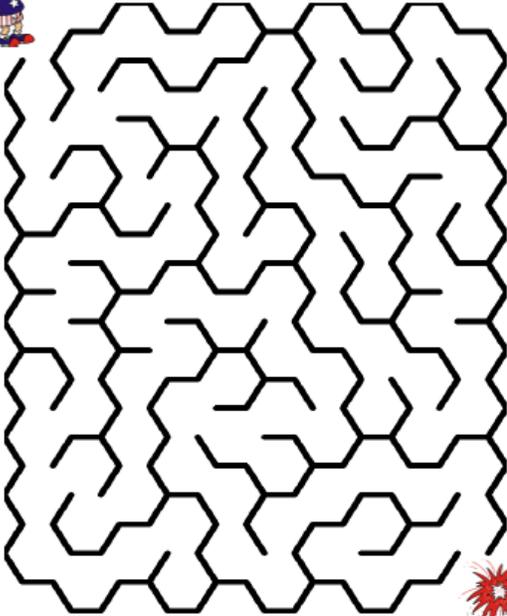
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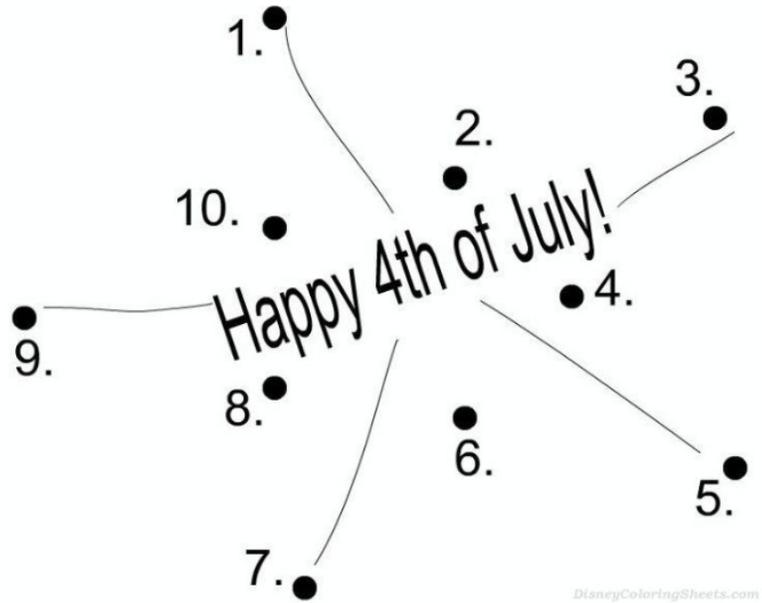
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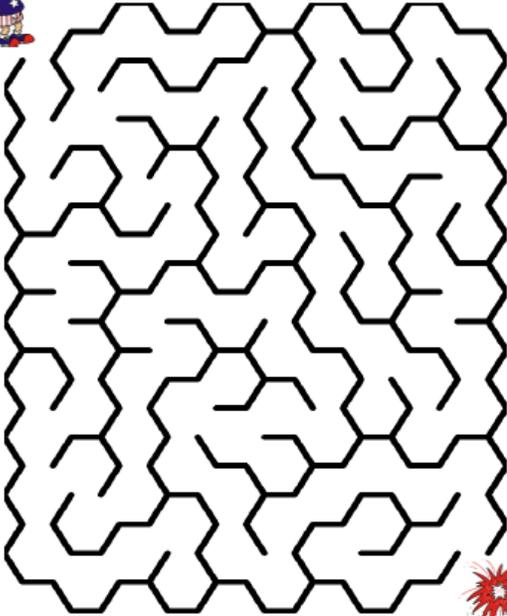
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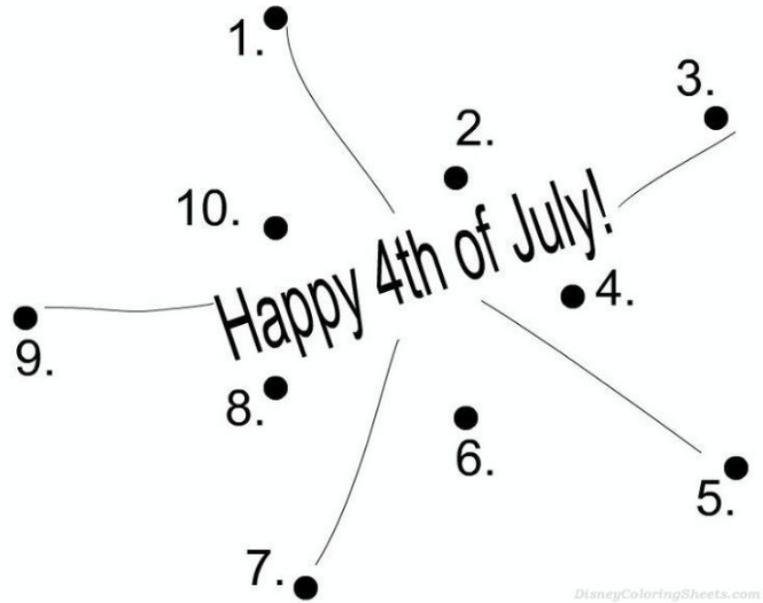
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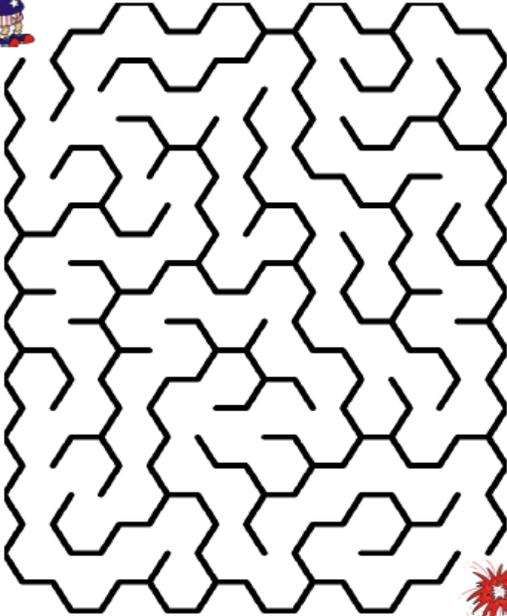
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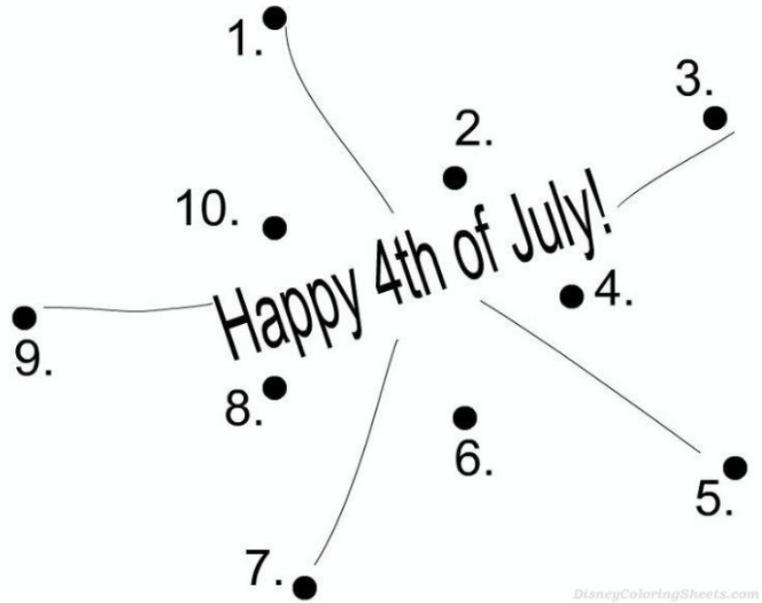
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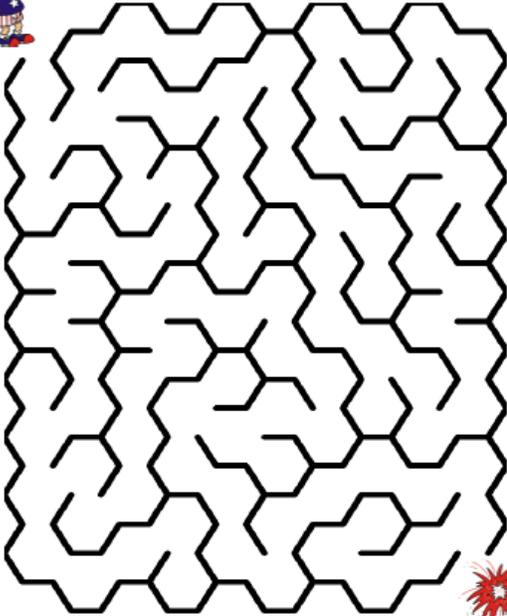
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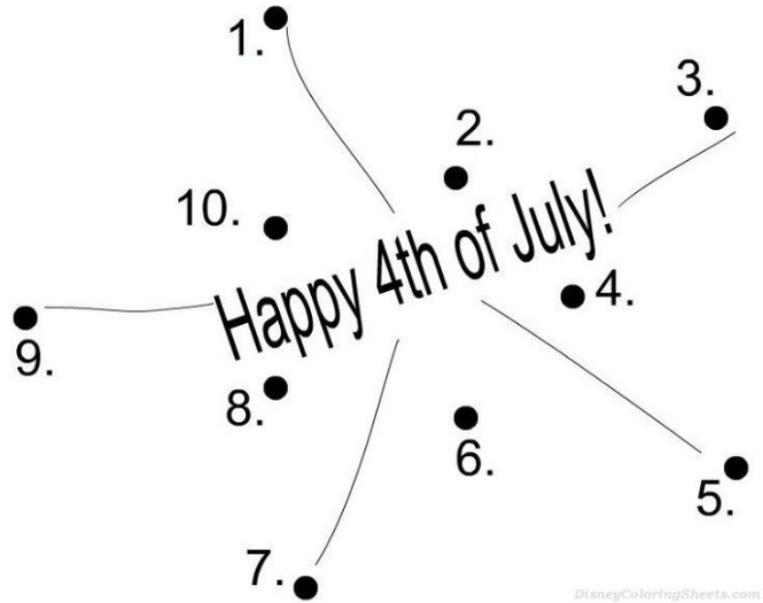
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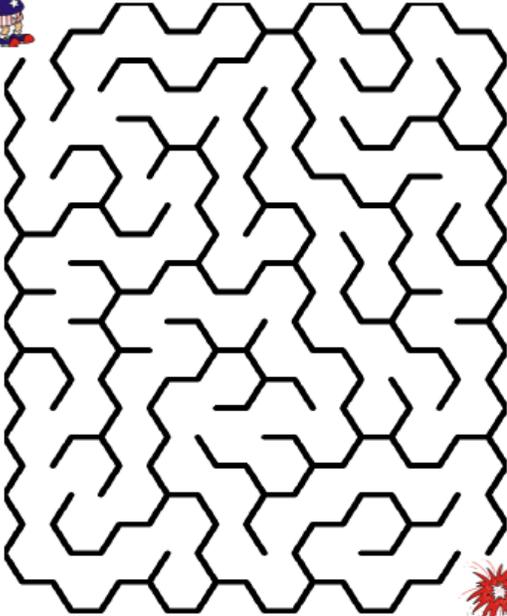
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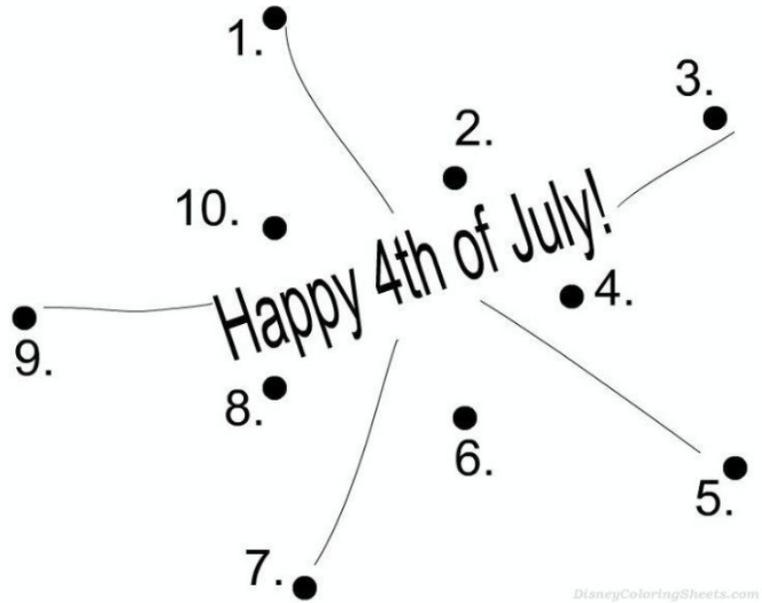
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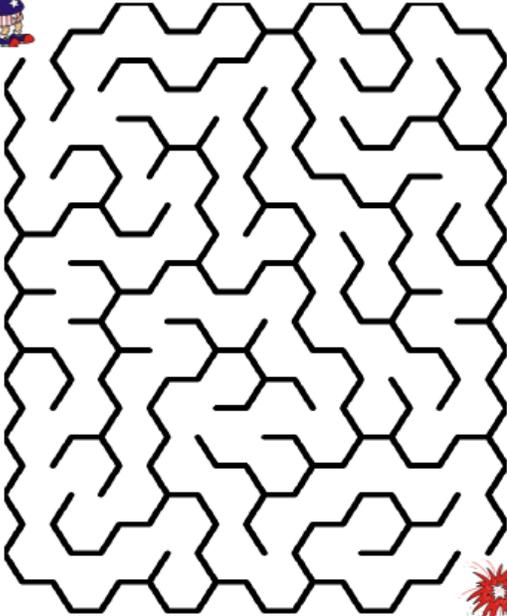
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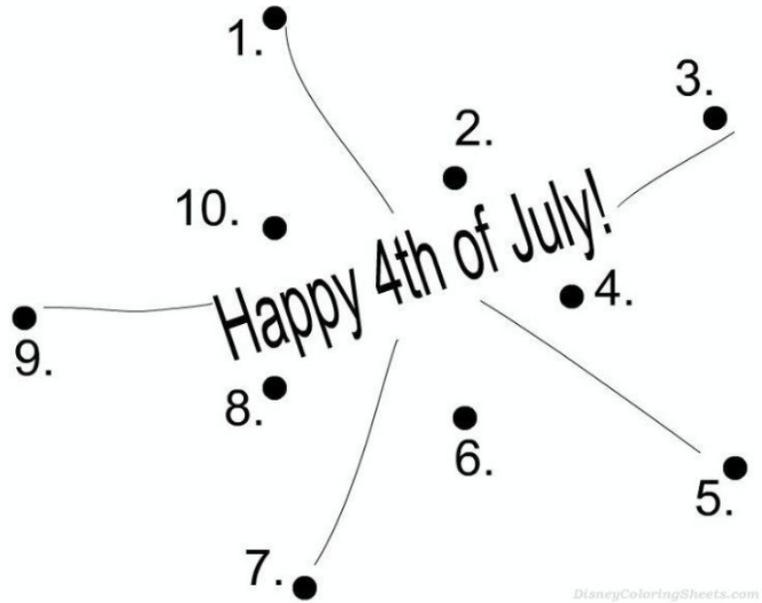
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**Romans 8:2** says, "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death." (ASV)

Just like the flag that represents freedom, Jesus is a banner over us, protecting and shielding us. He is the "Glory and the Lifter of our heads" at all times. Let freedom ring out in your heart today.

**Psalm 3:3** reads, "But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head." (KJV)

*Dear Church family, we found this devotional on-line and wanted to share it with you. Praise to our Lord who has given us the gift of freedom in His Son, Jesus Christ. Let your "flag" shine brightly for Him and share His love with others.*

***Blessings,***

***Pastor Troy and Mindy***



## Ka-Boom! (A Devotion for the Fourth of July)

by [Karen Kogler](#)

The Fourth of July and fireworks go hand in hand in the United States. We impatiently wait for darkness to settle in, as we join the crowds at the city park or the riverfront. Soon, our waiting pays off as a small streak of light hisses upwards, and the sky is filled with an explosive ka-boom, colorful sparkles and lovely designs. Fireworks are for celebrations—our country’s birthday, for example, or a homerun at the ballpark.

Wouldn’t it be fun to celebrate with fireworks in church? What celebrations could we mark with fireworks? Here’s my list:

- Every Easter hymn. He is risen indeed!
- Every announcement of the Gospel—God’s glorious, free grace!
- Every baptism—a new member in the family!

But I wouldn’t stop with Sunday. As we live out our lives of faith, we could celebrate every time someone:

- notices and stops to help someone who’s hurting
- puts aside their own comfort in order to serve
- wisely says “no” to an invitation to a volunteer task because that particular task would be poor stewardship of their time
- notices and thanks a humble servant
- reminds someone else of the purpose behind all that we do

In a fireworks show, the best is saved for last: the concluding climax fills the sky with deafening noise and blazing light. Similarly, we will save our best fireworks, our biggest celebrations for those events that stir heaven itself: a life transformed, a sinner who repents, a wandering soul found by our seeking God ([Luke 15:7](#)).

**Praise Him – today and forever!**

### Treasurer’s Report

May 2015 Budget Summary	May Actual	May Budget	May Variance	Year to date Actual	Year to date Budget	Year to date Variance
TOTAL INCOME	4,554.72	4,469.58	85.14	24,823.63	17,878.32	6,945.31
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	3,603.48	4,486.26	882.78	21,902.43	22,431.30	528.87
INCOME LESS EXPENSES	951.24	(16.68)		2,921.20	(4,552.98)	

## Education News

The Education Team met on June 15, to discuss our upcoming events. We discussed our Leapers Point Youth Group Campout that is coming up on July 17. Parents look for more information soon.

We have big changes coming to our Jr. Church/Sunday School program. Starting in September, we will no longer send the kids to the basement for Jr. Church. Instead, we will send the 1-4 year olds to the preschool classroom (after the children's sermon), where they will have approximately 30 minutes of play time. We would love for everyone, even non-teachers, to pitch in and take a turn at "Nursery Duty," watching these beautiful kiddos play. Children age 5 and older will stay with their parents during the service. PARENTS, PLEASE TAKE YOUR CHILDREN'S CHURCH BAGS HOME AND RESTOCK THEM WITH GOODIES!

Some of you may be wondering about their lessons:

- After church the kids will go downstairs and have about 10 minutes of singing and dancing with Mindy and Barry. There will be no snack.
- We will then break into 4 groups for our lessons:
  - Minnows - Kasetyn, Abby, Alexandra, Alison, and Emily
  - Dolphins - Daisy, Keeghan, and Kamdyn
  - Sharks - Harper, Hudson, Alexis, and Bella
  - Fishermen - Devin, Kolson, and Madison

We will be using Cokesbury materials for the older three classrooms. For the Minnows we will be reading a story from one of the Bibles donated by Faith Circle and doing a coloring page.

What this means:

- We will be saving a significant amount of money!
- Teachers will not miss church as often.
- More opportunity for others to watch the Nursery kids.

This is going to be a big change, but change is good! Change means we are growing, and if we are not growing, we are dying, and that is not good. Please help us embrace change with open arms as we GROW as a church, as we GROW as a Nation, and as we help our little ones GROW in Christ. We, the Education Team, would like to THANK everyone for your love and support. Our kids mean the world to us, and watching them grow in **Christ is amazing!**

**Blessings and Love,  
Jen and the Education Team**



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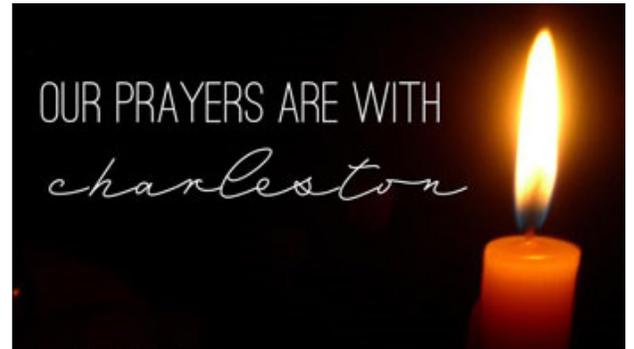
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### PRAYER FOR TODAY

God almighty, on bended knee we come before You to ask for healing in our land. Specifically, heal the lives of those whose lives were shattered by the shooting in Charleston. As they grieve, send others who can comfort them with Your comfort. As they heal, apply balm to their wounded souls. We pray for hope to surround them daily as they call out to You, our only source of hope. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

– Shared by Indiana Conference Prayer  
Coordinator Paula Shrock

# Down Memory Lane

With Mary Etta Blessing

Due to the way the Methodist Church is structured, we have had many ministers come to us through the years. Pastor Allen Pebley was a very unique one!

He arrived in Uniondale during a big rain storm, along with his wife, Patsy, and her brother, Raymond. At that time, Uniondale had almost no sewer system, so as the rain kept falling, the water in the church basement kept rising. Yes, you might say “the rains came down and the water came up”. ☺

The men brought in pumps, but they couldn’t keep up with the rising water. Some men stayed in the church all night, keeping watch. After the rain stopped, the fire department had to come and pump out the water, of course, leaving a layer of mud to clean up.

That was the beginning of Pastor Allen’s stay with us. From 1981 to 1986, he kept things lively, always!

One time, he was upset with us, because we had not been signing the attendance pads that were on the ends of the pews. He got a bright idea to make us more aware of this. He brought his shotgun to church and put it in the library. When the time came to sign the attendance pads, he went to bring it out to make his point. But, somehow, the library door had become locked, so his great plan was spoiled!

After Pastor Allen retired, his wife, Patsy (Pat) fulfilled her dream and went to seminary herself. She now is also Rev. Pebley and is serving two churches in Horton, Michigan. Her husband has some health issues, but I’m sure he is her biggest support.

The years Pastor Allen served in Uniondale were good church years. We hated to see him leave us, but, this is the Methodist way.

## Keep Smiling

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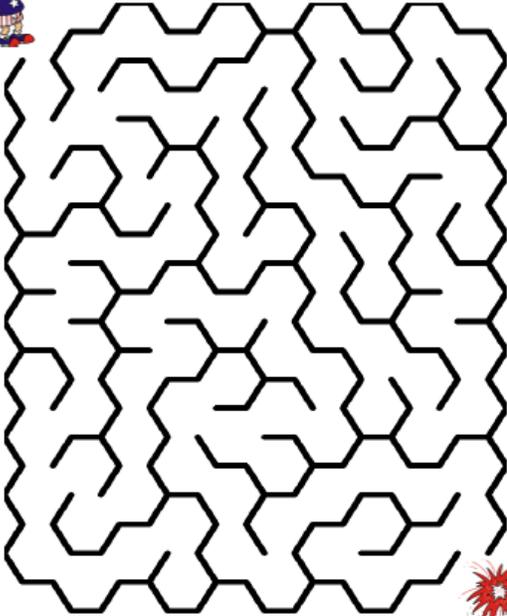
**A song from the musical “Annie”, that Aubree Horne’s fifth grade class just performed, says “You’re Never Fully Dressed without a Smile!”**

**Keep a smile on your face, love in your heart, and  
Rely on Him to keep you on the right path!**

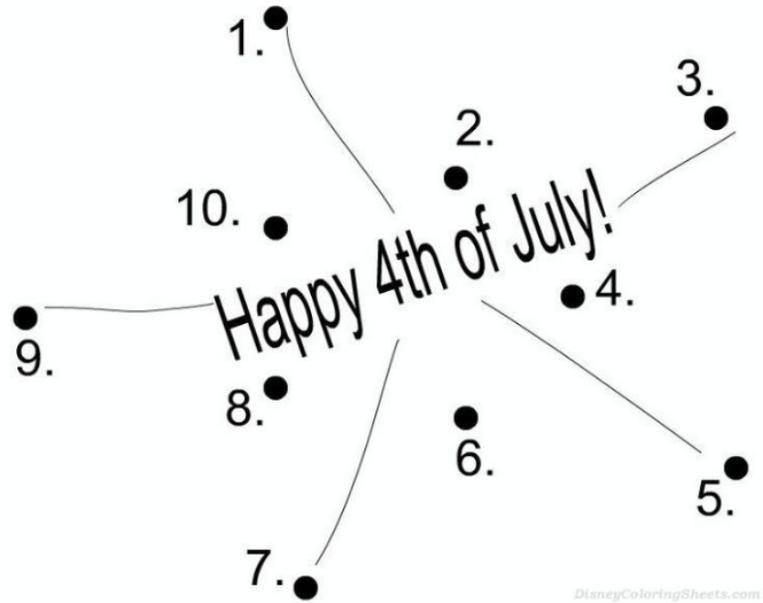
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### On Independence Day...

(sung to "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Fireworks go snap, snap, snap!

Crack, crack, crack!

Zap, zap, zap!

Fireworks make me clap, clap, clap

On Independence Day!

### Way Up In The Sky...

(sung to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Wave, wave, wave the flag,

Hold it very high.

Watch the colors gently wave,

Way up in the sky.

March, march, march around,

Hold the flag up high.

Wave, wave, wave the flag,

Way up in the sky.