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Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;  
**give thanks**  
to him and praise his name.

PSALM 100:4, NIV



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# The Problem of Pain

by Pastor Rod Gorter

Pain, unfortunately, is a universal reality on earth. Everybody has experienced pain; many have had severe and chronic pain. What was the worst pain you have experienced? Pain could be physical or emotional. Even God, in some sense, has emotional pain (Genesis 6:6). Pain is not pleasant, and chronic pain can be draining physically and psychologically.

Yet sometimes pain is a valuable thing for us. A book I read years ago was titled *The Gift of Pain* by Philip Yancey and Paul Brand (a Christian writer and doctor respectively). They explained: "Pain is the body's built-in warning system that something is wrong and needs to be fixed." The level and nature of the pain we have is essential for diagnosing the problem in our body which needs to be treated.

Pain also is frequently something God uses to help us grow spiritually and to draw us closer to Him. The apostle Paul prayed repeatedly that God would heal the "thorn in his flesh". But God told him that He was using that pain to keep Paul humble (but promises him sufficient grace and supernatural power to cope with it). James tells us to "Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance...." (James 1:2) The other New Testament writers express similar sentiments. Pain is unpleasant, but it is a powerful tool to shape us spiritually!

C.S. Lewis, in his classic book *The Problem of Pain*, wrestles with the

"philosophical and theological problem" of our pain in relation to God. Lewis asserts that "the problem of pain" in its simplest form is: "*If God were good, He would wish to make His creatures perfectly happy, and if God were almighty, He would be able to do what He wished. But the creatures are not happy. Therefore, God lacks either goodness, or power, or both.*" He answers that question thoroughly in his book.

However, our struggles with pain typically take the simpler, more personal form of "Why does God allow me (or my loved one) to suffer?" As we all know, such a question is frequently impossible for us to answer. We are called to trust in God with our whole heart without leaning on our own understanding.

Four promises which have often helped anchor the souls of Christians for coping with and persevering through pain are these:

1. **Compassion.** God understands and cares! \*1 Peter 5:7; Isaiah 66:13; John 11:33-35.
2. **Sufficient Grace.** He is present to give His adequate grace and strength to go on. \*2 Cor 12:8-10; Heb 13:5b-6; Psalm 34:18.
3. **Purpose.** There is always a wise reason God allows us to have pain. Romans 8:28; Ephesians 1:11; Genesis 50:20.
4. **Eternal Hope.** "Pain has an expiration date." \*Rev. 21:3-4. No more pain or sorrow for eternity!

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## Pastor's Page *(continued from page 3)*

The quote mentioned above, "Pain has an expiration date", is from Shelby Abbott, who has had severe, chronic pain much of his life. This has been very hard for him, but he is thankful that this has made his walk with the Lord stronger than ever before, and has shaped him as a child of God. So many in our church and other churches where I've served have expressed similar testimonies of God's grace carrying them and shaping them through the pain.

Joni Eareckson Tada is another example of one who has gone through much pain in her life, physically and emotionally, since her diving accident that paralyzed her as a teenager. Yet she now gives thanks for all the ways God has used that to shape her, and for the opportunities He continues to give her to minister to others who suffer. The metaphor in Psalm 72:6 (that the coming messianic king "will be

like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth") spoke to her of how God comes to us when we are "cut down" and how we need His refreshing grace to renew and refresh us. That is true for all of us who trust in the Lord in the midst of our struggles and pain.

I've had severe pain at certain points in my life, but so many others have had it more intensely. We can be God's instruments of encouragement and support to others, even though we can't fully understand their experience. Our love and care can be like rain on a mown field. I am eager to live in the new creation with no more pain, death or crying! And our Savior, who willingly suffered pain beyond what any of us will ever face, walks with us through our pain, sustaining, shaping and using us as His people, until the day He takes us to that glorious, painless new reality.

"The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective." James 5:16

### **10 BLOCKS TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER:**

Un-confessed sin—Psalm 66:18

Lack of faith—James 1:5-8

Disobedience—1 John 3:21-23; 1 Peter 3:12

Lack of transparency with God and with others—James 5:16

Un-forgiveness—Matthew 18:21, 22; Matthew 6:14, 15

Wrong motives—James 4:3

Idols in our lives—anything that comes between us and God—would I be willing to give this thing up if God asked me to?

Disregard for others—John 13:34; 1 Peter 3:7.

Disregard for God's Sovereignty—Matthew 6:9, 10

Un-surrendered will—ultimate purpose of prayer is not to get what we want but learn to want what God gives—John 15:7, 8

**PRAY—SEARCH ME O GOD, AND KNOW MY HEART; TEST ME AND KNOW MY THOUGHTS. POINT OUT ANYTHING IN ME THAT OFFENDS YOU, AND LEAD ME ALONG THE PATH OF EVERLASTING LIFE." Psalm 139: 23, 24**



# Healthy Church Initiative

*by Blair Hefty*

We have seen many positive and encouraging changes since we began the Natural Church

Development process earlier this year. We have also seen areas where much improvement is needed, and the church council and pastors have been actively engaged in addressing many of these things.

We have sought feedback from the congregation and continue encouraging people to talk with our leaders and pastors about their ideas and concerns. This included the recent meeting with Dan Quagliata with the congregation and council members. Some of this can be difficult as we share honestly with each other, but it also helps us gain insight, grow as a church and look to a bright future. Prayer and seeking the Lord's leading in the process are the most important things all of us can do.

We have an opportunity to be a beacon in our community as people search for meaning in a nation and a world that is becoming more difficult to navigate. We have seen this as we have developed stronger outreach to our community, which has seen the development of a well-planned series of events such as VBS, an ice cream social, backpacks for students, and the car show, which was well attended. Jim Trommelin led the event, and many people helped make it a success and introduced Midland Park CRC to new people and reintroduced us to some that had not been to our church in a while.

Families with children are interested in learning more about the church, and some have started attending different events. Growing the church takes time and patience. Work is being done to reestablish Sunday morning programs for children. This is vital if we are going to attract young families to become a part of our congregation.

The Admin Board is also seeking to develop a plan for the next several years as we anticipate changes and growth so that we are prepared. Leaders are also needed as many people will go off council next year. Attracting Godly, effective leaders is important for us to grow as a healthy church. Please consider how you can use your gifts in leadership, participate in events, and bring new ideas forward.

Finances are a significant area of concern. We are consistently behind on our budget, making it challenging to operate the church effectively. Please prayerfully consider your giving to our church as we seek to grow and be a light in our community.

As we seek to revitalize Midland Park CRC, there are many challenges and opportunities. We are blessed with a caring and loving congregation that wants to see us successfully navigate the transitions and shifts we will make in the short and long term.

Please continue to pray for and support each other, our pastors and our council. This is vital as we move forward as a congregation. Your involvement in our church is needed and appreciated.

# News About Our Members



On May 25, we received a very special gift for our 40th Anniversary! Our 8th grandchild, **Yolia Maeve**, (pronounced Yo-LEE-ah) was born to Matthew and Aziel in Chattanooga, TN.

We are so grateful for a healthy new granddaughter and pray that she, along with her older brother and sister, will never remember a day when she didn't personally know the love of her covenant Lord and Savior. To God be the glory!

## *Happy Birthday*

Congratulations to Wilma Vander Plaats who celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 25. Wilma grew up in Prospect Park and graduated from Eastern Academy. After graduation she worked as a private secretary to Attorney John Hamersma.

She married her high school sweetheart, Bill Vander Plaats in 1950 and they were married for 67 years, until Bill passed away in 2018. They had three children. Jim and his wife Ginny who live in Hawthorne., Judy and her husband Phillip Verrengia living in North Haledon and Kathi and her husband Gerry Stuitje who live in Albany, NY She also has 16 grandchildren and 29 great grandchildren with one more on the way in December. They are a source of much joy to her. Wilma says she is so thankful for a loving and caring family.

Music has been a huge part of Wilma's life. She served as organist for First CRC in Haledon and later as a substitute organist for Preakness Valley Reformed Church. Wilma is thankful to God for the many years she was able to serve and praise God through her love of music. She is also thankful for all the many blessings she has received and is still receiving from God.

This special birthday was celebrated with an open house for the family.

## SPECIAL *Recognition*

Congratulations to John Steen for receiving the Frank L. Geise Award. This award was established by Philadelphia College of Textiles & Science alumni in 1970 in honor of Professor Frank L. Geise, professor emeritus of Textiles in recognition of an individual's contribution to innovation in the design technology, or marketing of textile produces and outstanding impact on the textile industry.

John was unable to receive this award in person as it was presented at the Jefferson homecoming alumni breakfast.

John was nominated and selected to receive this award and we congratulate him on this achievement.

## Adult Sunday School

We continue our study of the Book of Mark under the capable leadership of Chaplain John Bosch.

It was written "to encourage Roman Christians and to prove that Jesus is the Messiah. Mark presents a rapid succession of vivid pictures of Jesus in action—his true identity revealed by what he does, not necessarily by what he says. It is Jesus on the move. Mark was not one of the disciples, but went with Paul on his first missionary journey."

Mark was probably the first Gospel written. The other Gospels quote all but 31 verses of Mark. Mark records more miracles than any other Gospel." (taken from NIV)

## Remember Our Missionaries Far and Near!

We on the *Faith Promise Committee* have the privilege not only of maintaining communication with our missionaries, but also of providing means for you to do the same. Each Sunday we provide a prayer update in the bulletin to help guide your prayers for one of our missionaries during the upcoming week.

Recently, we were blessed to have the Foulkes family join us for worship and a presentation after our refreshments and fellowship time in Friendship Hall. Thank you to the many of you who attended this and asked insightful and engaging questions.

The Foulkes also stayed for a delicious lunch with the Faith Promise Committee and our pastors which allowed for more personal dialog and mutual encouragement. Leanne, Simon, Miriam and Hannah later told us that this time with our church family was truly a blessing for them.

We are looking forward to our **Mission Emphasis Sunday on November 10** and hope that you can be at church for worship and our potluck after Sunday School.

Praise the Lord for His faithful ambassadors both nearby and around the world. What a privilege it is for us as a congregation to be a part of the expansion of God's eternal kingdom!

### Answers to Kids Puzzle

seed, bread, harvest, generous,  
thanksgiving

# Deacons Corner

Deacons are collecting in person during worship and in the narthex before and after worship they are at the narthex table to discuss their work with anyone interested.

Deacons are now meeting every Monday to count the collections and review requests for grants from the benevolence fund. There are many requests but insufficient fund so they have to be careful in their decisions. They continue to provide support for people in Ukraine through LifeSong for Orphans and World Renew.

Tuition assistance for students from the congregation has been completed. They are planning for a collection of food for food banks during the Thanksgiving season. There will be another appeal during the Christmas season.

Members are using EasyTithe to make their contributions and the deacons are considering using the EasyTithe program to make recordkeeping by the comptroller easier.

God loves a generous giver. Giving our time, prayer and money is a way of showing our Christlike love.

## Giving Offerings to Our Church

There are 3 funds you can give to:

**General Budget** for the Ministry and the Operation of the Church.

**Benevolence** to Help the Needy and Support Local Food Banks and Organizations.

**FaithPromise** to Support Our Missionaries.

## Ways You Can Give

This year the Deacons continue to offer

many ways for us to give. God loves a generous giver and it is our duty to show Christ-like love in this way as we are able, whether thru financial means, support, prayer or our time.

## Offerings at Sunday Services

The Offering Box in the Narthex.

## Online Giving

You can give online on the church website. Go to [www.mpcrc.org](http://www.mpcrc.org) and click on the online donations and follow the instructions. If you prefer to donate on your mobile phone, text GIVE to 201-989-0560.

YOU WILL RECEIVE A LINK.

1. For your first time click SIGN IN, then REGISTER FOR AN ACCOUNT.
2. Complete your registration to receive your secure PIN.
3. Select the fund, enter the donation amount and payment information. Tap SAVE PAYMENT to use it for future gifts. You can also make your gift reoccurring weekly or monthly.

If you need help setting this up, don't hesitate to ask.

## Giving from Your IRA

Donating from your IRA distributions are called QCD and can offer certain tax advantages. Please speak to your financial adviser for more information.

## Gifting Stock

Donating appreciated Stocks or Mutual Funds allows for a deduction of the full value without incurring capital gains tax on the appreciation. For information on making this transaction contact Len Wynbeek.

## Leave a Legacy

Include a donation to MPCRC in your will.



## Ruth Circle

The Ruth Circle resumed their meetings in September after a summer break. This well attended group of women meets in the Choir room every other Tuesday afternoon at 1:30. We are using the Life Guide book titled PRAYER and examining the prayers of Bible characters, how they prayed and how their prayers were answered. Our lessons, led by Pastor Rod, prove to be inspiring and uplifting.

We will continue using this book until our December break and then begin a new topic when we resume in January.

Ruth Circle ladies hope to have a Christmas luncheon at Fiona's on December 10. Please come and join us at our meetings. If you have any questions please call Ruth Latona.

## Tuesday Evening Ladies' Bible Study

This fall, we have begun a study of Jonah called, "Grace for Sinners and Saints". It is part of a series called, *The Gospel-Centered Life in the Bible*, which is published by New Growth Press. The lessons, written by Lain M. Duguid, Old Testament professor at Westminster Seminary, are designed to dig deeply with no homework preparation required. Creating a study with both of these elements is not easy to do as "no homework" studies often present light "share your opinion or thoughts" types of questions. But this is far from that! The lessons are set up to read together a brief introduction, the Scripture passage, and a

short article written by Dr. Duguid. Each of these sections are followed by a few discussion questions. We then have 10-15 minutes to complete an exercise on our own, after which we share some of what we learned with the group. We close with prayer and a song of worship.

The material is insightful, pastoral, and evangelical and constantly points us to the greater Jonah—our Lord Jesus Christ.

We'd love to have you join us any time on alternate Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the Youth House. Feel free to reach out to Lydia Gorter if you have any questions.

## Turn Over a New Leaf at the Library!

As we have been taking inventory at the library, we've been reminded again of the many resources we are blessed to be able to make available to you. We are also always considering new additions to offer for your spiritual growth and reading enjoyment.

We invite you to check out books during the week according to the instructions on the desk or stop by on Sunday mornings after church, when someone is usually present to help or advise you. Also, check out the bulletin board across from the library as we have just added a few new recommendations given by members and friends of our church family.

If you haven't been in the practice of using our library, perhaps this fall is a good time to turn over a new leaf!

# Administrative Board Notes

Dear Members of the MPCRC Community,

It is with great joy that we share the updates from the Administrative Board since our last newsletter in April. The board has been diligently overseeing the daily operations of our beloved church, ensuring its continued growth and vitality.

## **2024-2025 Church Budget**

In May, the Administrative Board approved the 2024-2025 church budget drafted by the Finance Committee. This budget was presented to the congregation at the 2024 Congregational Meeting. A significant change has been made to the budgeting process - there will be no placeholder entries, ensuring the budget is as close to actual expenses as possible. The board has paid close attention to each budget item to ensure fiscal responsibility.

## **Mission, Vision, and Values**

In June, the board held a special meeting to learn about the progress of the meetings between Pastors Rod, Steve, and Dan Quagliata. We learned about the Mission, Vision, and Values for the church that have been developed and were presented to the congregation at the Annual Congregational Meeting in June. The result of the work was evident this summer and fall with the various activities and events that have brought our community together, such as the Ice Cream Social, Vacation Bible School, Car Show, and Back-to-School activities.

## **Facility Improvements**

The board approved necessary repairs to the Educational Building roof, the roof over the front main entrance, and the left side roof tower in the front of the church. After getting several bids we were able to have all 3 repairs done at the same time for a discounted price.

## **Financial Stewardship**

Unfortunately, the Finance Committee has reported that collections are below budget. As we enter the second quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year, we kindly ask for your help in bringing our collections up to date. Your faithful giving is crucial in ensuring the continued ministry and outreach of MPCRC.

## **Music Director Search**

The search for a new music director is still ongoing, and we do not have a candidate currently. We are committed to finding the right individual who will lead our music ministry with passion and excellence. We appreciate your patience and prayers as we continue this search.

We would like to remind the congregation to maintain their levels of giving, either online or through the next week's offering. It is important that we continue to meet our operating financial obligations. Your faithful giving ensures the sustainability of our ministries.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the life of MPCRC. We are blessed to have such a dedicated and vibrant congregation. May God's grace and peace be with you all.

Blessings,  
The Administrative Board

# Social Action Team

How should a Christian engage with the world? Jesus called His followers to be in the world but not of it, John 17:14-16. The words in and of are important, they call us to be deeply engaged with the world but not to become like the world.

We are truly in a fight for the soul of our nation, a spiritual warfare like we've never seen before. Case in point a recent George Barna poll finds only 59% of practicing Christians say they will vote in the November 5<sup>th</sup> election. My Faith Votes.com, sighted even more troubling statistics of practicing Christians, 42% support abortion under any circumstance, 56% don't believe in absolute moral truth, and 29% prefer socialism over a free market.

It's been said "voting is more than just a political act. It's an act of worship - an act of loving thy neighbor." It's loving people by using biblical wisdom to cast votes that will best help their neighbors to thrive. We can do that by praying:

For righteous leaders to have increased favor, honor, and provision.

For citizens to discern what is good and right in the Lord's eyes.

That any schemes of the enemy will be broken up and destroyed

For an active and engaged electorate.

That those in authority will fear the Lord. Psalm 2:10,11 "Therefore, you king's, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling".

That God will turn the heart of our

leaders and potential leaders to His purpose Proverbs 21:1, "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord; he directs it like a watercourse wherever he pleases."

Therefore, we encourage you to pray and vote, be informed about the platform positions of each party and candidate, and encourage you to evaluate the platform positions from a biblical perspective.

To view the democratic party platform, visit [www.democrats.org/platform](http://www.democrats.org/platform)

To view the republican platform, visit [www.gop.com/platform](http://www.gop.com/platform)

**Daniel 11:32 in the ESV" ...but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action."- VOTE**

## Church Trivia Questions

1. Ruth Circle is still an active society in our church. What were the names of the other women's Bible Study groups in the past?
2. What former seminarian at MPCRC and his wife celebrated the arrival of triplets?
3. Who was the voice behind Gordie the puppet?
4. We had two members who had the honor of being the Grand Marshal in one of the annual Midland Park Memorial Day parades. Who were they?

Answers on page 19

# Connect—A Journey of Faith



As you can see the Connect Gathering has moved locations. We have permanently moved into the stage side of Friendship Hall. Why move? Eventually, we would like to have a modern worship service to attract non-believers/non-Christians into our ministry. Right now, we are in the early stages of development of this modern worship service. Yes, there only a few chairs; yes, we don't have a praise leader or team; and yes, it doesn't look like much but remember we serve a big and powerful God!

Slowly we will build this Connect Ministry to be effective in reaching out and bringing people to Christ. We have plans in creating a beautiful and intimate worship area so that when people come, they will feel welcomed and comfortable to worship with us. So, we're not a formal worship service now, but we hope and pray that that will happen in the near future.

The Lord has brought new families and people into Connect, and they are excited to see the possibilities we have in creating a ministry specifically intended to reach the "lost" for Christ. These new people

are so helpful and eager to see what God will be doing through us. This reminds me of renovating a home where things have to be knocked down, organized and rebuilt. It's a very messy and time-consuming project, but the end result will be a ministry where they will find a home at Midland Park CRC.

From the start of the summer, we have been in overdrive in having outreach events not only to the community to notice our ministry alive and kicking, but that we've also have seen families come to many of these events. This is the start of them thinking that they could make a home and be a part of the community here at Midland Park CRC.

We've had these incredible events like our Ice Cream Social, our award winning VBS, Back to School Supplies Giveaway and our first ever Movie Night which was held in the courtyard. The picture on page 13 doesn't do it justice. We made it look even better. The lights will be up and on in the evenings to show the people in Midland Park that we are here to stay for another 100 years!

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**Connect***(continued from page 12)*

Can you smell that? It's the sweet aroma to God of our faithfulness and passion to spread the Gospel and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. It slowly consumes Midland Park, Bergen County and

to all of New Jersey.

Please continue to pray and encourage us (Connect Ministry) and others because I couldn't do any of these events without them. Let's get excited to see what the Lord will do and who He will bring to us.





# Car Show

On September 14 our church hosted a Car Show. Forty vintage cars and one motorcycle participated. Hot Dogs and French Fries were deep fried by Craig Sonderfan and Hamburgers were grilled by Scott Spykaboer. Condiments included all the way sauce from the Goffle Grill. Church members volunteered to help serving the food, signing in the participating vehicles, setting up and clean-

ing up. Thank you to Jim Trommelen who planned and organized the show.

There was a silent action and judges awarded trophies to 3 car owners. All proceeds and donations were given to the Children's Love Fund of Midland Park. The weather was beautiful and everyone enjoyed the event!

*(pictures continued on pages 15 and 16)*













# Midland Park Community Day

Saturday, October 5, was the perfect day for the Midland Park Community Day at Vander Meer field in Midland Park. Crowds of people wandered around visiting various booths and enjoying food and games.

Our church handed out tote bags with our church's address and logo printed on them and flyers advertising our upcoming events. Many children stopped by to play corn hole in hopes of winning a prize. It was a great way to let others know about our church and many people visited to talk to the pastors and volunteers that were there.



# Youth Group

On October 4th at the Paramus Golf Course the Youth Group had a great start to our Youth Group gatherings as we went out to have a competitive game of miniature golf. Even though we had a small turn out because of conflict in scheduling with some of the students, we still wanted to get together to build a great community with the youth.



The turnout was small, but we still praise God for what He's doing in Midland Park CRC because we had two new students who are not members or have relatives that come to our church. The one student is the older sister of a couple of elementary VBS participants this past summer. Our church had made such an impact on them that her sister wanted to see what all the fun and excitement was. She brought a friend too, and they had a blast with the youth group that they want to come to all our youth group events!

God is slowly attracting visiting fami-

lies to our church events where we build these great relationships with them to eventually bring them to Christ and to become members of our church. Let us not get easily discouraged with the small numbers in the youth group or our church in general. We've started this long journey forward to revitalize our ministry, and it will happen! The Lord is faithful in His promises that His instrument to spread the Gospel is the Church. He also proclaims many times that He will never or abandon us. Stand firm Church!

There will be other events in the future like helping out serving a meal to the homeless and our annual Christmas Community Outreach event. We'll also meet at church for some Bible teaching and activities that the youth enjoy doing.

The goal of the Youth Group is to build an intimate community where they can forge relationship with one another and with their faith. Please continue to pray for the Youth Group and the exciting things to come.





# *Loving Memory*

## **William Hamersma**

Bill Hamersma, age 88, passed away peacefully from this earth to be with God on Monday, October 21, 2024, at home surrounded by loved ones.

Bill was predeceased by his parents Jennie and Charles Hamersma, brother John Hamersma, sisters Claire Chaparian, Martha Hamersma, and Jessie Hamersma.

Bill worked for Grand Union as a produce manager. When he retired, he worked part-time at A & P as an overnight produce clerk. He was a member of 1262UFCW and a member of the Midland Park Christian Reformed Church.

## **Trivia Answers**

1. Friendship Circle, Eunice Society, Dorcus Society, and one not as familiar, Tryphosa Young Women's Society in the 1950's
2. Rev. Dan Hoogland and his wife, Kristen. The triplets joined 2 sisters.
3. Rich Vriesema
4. George Hoogenhuis was awarded this honor and rode in the Memorial Day parade on May 25, 2013. Clarence Baker was awarded this same honor and rode in the Memorial Day parade in 2019.



## ***Recipe Corner***

### **Pumpkin Bread**

*By Rhonda Klein*

3½ cups flour

1 cup oil

2 tsp. baking soda

4 eggs 1 ½ tsp. salt

2/3 cups water

2 cups canned pumpkin

1 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp. nutmeg

3 cups sugar

Stir together dry ingredients and mix well.

Add all remaining ingredients.

Mix well until smooth.

Grease and flour two loaf pans.

Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes at 350 degrees.

Very moist.

# **PUZZLE** **THANKS-FILLED GIVING**

The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected.  
 When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow  
 generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

*Directions: Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the  
 words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.*

This becomes a plant \_ \_ \_ \_



Willing to give \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The result of planting seeds \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



The act of gratitude \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

Food made from wheat \_ \_ \_ \_



Now he who supplies \_ \_ \_ \_ to the sower and \_ \_ \_ \_ for food will also



supply and increase your store of \_ \_ \_ \_ and will enlarge the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_



of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result



in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV



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