

# Bensalem United Methodist Church



APRIL 2024 THE BUZZ

## A Message from our Pastor

I'm going to guess that when most folks hear the word "stewardship" in the context of church, most people think it's only about money. I want to have a different conversation about stewardship. To begin, here's the Merriam-Webster's On-Line Dictionary definition of the word: "1. The office, duties, and obligations of a steward; 2. The conduction, supervising, or managing of something, especially: the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care." Nothing there says anything about money.

For people of God, stewardship has way more to do with our relationship with God than it does with our wallets or bank accounts. It's a Discipleship Issue, first and foremost. When we join the United Methodist Church, one of the questions that gets asked is: "Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church, which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?" I want to focus for a moment on the phrase: "... put your whole trust in his grace...." Do we trust Jesus with our whole lives? Do we trust Jesus to be faithful in our lives? Do we trust that God's infinite love and presence is ours? Have we studied and learned how faithful God has been in the past, so that we can anticipate God's faithfulness in the future? When we answer these questions, we have the basics of discipleship. It also means, we have the starting point for stewardship. Additionally, if we are saying "yes" to these questions, I have a follow-up question: "What's your response to God's faithfulness?" In my life, I said "yes" to confirmation and I said "yes" to a call into ministry. The "yes" to a call into ministry came with a profound new understanding of the Church, scripture, the United Methodist denomination, and a rather large amount of debt. I knew God was faithful, so I trusted that the debt would be cleared. (It has been.) A more conventional way of responding to God's grace is to

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### Sunday Morning Services:

Traditional: 8:30am – Chapel  
Traditional: 8:30am – Facebook Live  
Sunday School: 9:30am - Parlor  
Celebration: 10:45am – Sanctuary

Holy Communion:  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

### Our Mission:

"To make new disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

### Our Vision:

"BUMC is a welcoming congregation centered in Christ. We commit to love and grow in connection to Christ, one another, and the world."

Website submissions:  
Vince Drybala  
Newsletter submissions:  
Dawn Lacerte  
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*Buzzing  
with  
Fellowship!*

tithe. In the classic sense, a tithe is 10% of income. This may be a new idea for some and an even scarier idea for others. Let's go back to the question: "Do you put your whole trust in his grace?" Can we trust that God will be faithful when we offer a faithful response? I think we can.

The Leadership Board knows that promoting stewardship in the life of the congregation has gotten lost in the shuffle of things. In the next days and weeks (perhaps months), there will be more conversations about Stewardship and what a faithful response to God may be. That faithful response will be as individual as each of us. For some, it will be putting a little more in an offering envelope. For someone else, it might be spending time on the church property, waiting for a delivery or picking up sticks. There is much for us to do. We have been gifted with a beautiful church property, full of history and full of faith. We are to be good stewards of it, so that others in the future will know of the faithfulness of God in our midst. I pray that it will always be so.

In Christ's love and work,  
*Pastor Alice Ann*

## Lawn Care

Yikes! Another mowing & trimming year is upon us. To that end, volunteers are being sought to help care for our grounds for the upcoming season. Tasks to be completed throughout the spring & summer include: weed whacking (desperate); and.... operation of the self-propelled walk behind mower (semi-desperate); the riding mower and the push mower. Training is available for any/all of the equipment.

If the Spirit so moves you to help out or if anyone has questions about the various tasks, please touch base with Greg Boynton. Cell phone is 215-630-0974; Email is [boynton17@comcast.net](mailto:boynton17@comcast.net).

Or see me at church. Part of the positive image we present to our members and to our community is by having well-groomed and well-maintained grounds (and property). May we please count on you?... Thank you!



## Ministries

United Women in Faith  
Bensalem Christian Day School  
Christian Education  
Music Ministry  
Youth Ministry

## Donations

General Offering  
Missions  
Food Pantry  
PARX seasonal gift requests  
Anniversary Fund

## Online Donations



## Bible Quiz

What does the newly risen Jesus tell his disciples — twice — when he appears in the locked room where they are hiding?

- A. "Love one another as I have loved you."
- B. "Peace be with you."
- C. "The last shall be first and the first shall be last."
- D. "I am risen!"



Answer: B (See John 20:19, 21.)



# Spring Luncheon

Three Course Meal  
Everyone Welcome

Saturday, May 4th - 12 noon

Cost: \$17 per person - Purchase your ticket today to reserve your seat  
Seating limited to 64

Last day to purchase tickets: Sunday, April 21st  
Contact Betsy Pitcher for tickets 215-245-1215

Proceeds benefit BUMC Capital Campaign

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*Garden of Eatin*  
Woodbourne Road, Levittown  
*Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>*  
*at 11:30am*  
*Please join us and*  
*bring a friend!*  
*Signup sheet in narthex.*

### Prayer Requests

Please reach out to Carol Kulik with any prayer requests. If you would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, please reach out to Carol Kulik at [carol.kulik@gmail.com](mailto:carol.kulik@gmail.com)





## Sunday School

We have been learning about the words of Jesus. For our next unit, outlined below, **we will need the help of some of you or friends of yours:** specifically, a police officer, a healthcare worker, a teacher, a grocery store worker, and a social worker. We will provide interested friends with supporting curriculum and we only ask that they be honest and open to the questions of our students. Folks from other occupations and retirees would also be welcomed to visit our class.

"Everyday Heroes: Honoring God's Workforce" is a 5-week children's ministry curriculum that aims to solve this problem by teaching children the value and dignity of work from a biblical perspective. Each week, children will learn about a different profession, understanding that all work, when done with the intention to glorify God and serve others, is a divine calling. Children will have an opportunity to think about their own interests and how God is preparing them to be a hero in their own vocational calling one day. They will explore the roles of:

- 1. Police Officers - Upholders of justice, safety, and order, echoing God's love for righteousness (Romans 13:1).
- 2. Healthcare Workers - Healers and comforters, embodying Christ's compassionate healing ministry (1 Corinthians 12:9).
- 3. Teachers - Guiders of growth and wisdom, reflecting Solomon's wisdom and Jesus as our ultimate teacher (Proverbs 22:6).
- 4. Grocery Workers - Providers of essential sustenance, akin to God's provision for His people (Colossians 3:23).
- 5. Social Workers - Advocates for vulnerable individuals and families, demonstrating God's care for the downtrodden and marginalized (Proverbs 31:8-9).

By the end of the series, children will not only have a greater appreciation for these everyday heroes but also a deeper understanding of how their possible future vocations can serve God and their community. They will learn to value work, not just as a means to an end, but as a way to participate in God's ongoing work in the world. We are excited about this unit and hope it will speak to our students.



[sundayschool.store](https://sundayschool.store)

# UMC **summer** CAMPS



**“Come many, come all”** is the call of the Eastern PA Conference’s Camp and Retreat Ministries. The Eastern PA Conference owns and operates four unique, scenic camp and retreat centers spread across different regions of the conference: **Pocono Plateau** in the upper northeast; **Carson-Simpson Farm** just north of Philadelphia; **Innabah** centrally located in Spring City; and **Gretna Glen** in the northwest area. Visit their websites at: [www.innabah.org](http://www.innabah.org), [www.poconoplateau.org](http://www.poconoplateau.org), [www.csfarm.org](http://www.csfarm.org), and [www.gretnaglen.org](http://www.gretnaglen.org), where you can register for this summer. Just copy one of the above links into your browser. There are so many different programs for all ages.

A UMC Summer Camp is where campers can experience, “...the spirit of God and love of Jesus through community, recreation, and reflection”. **Camp memories can last a lifetime!**  
Consider becoming a UMC Camper this summer!

## **IMPORTANT NOTE!**

Several of our own BUMC prior campers and family members are involved at our Pocono Plateau Camp!

**Yiorgo and Jacob are counselors this summer! Have a wonderful summer experience! Thank you!**  
Program Staff: Yiorgio Lagoudakis (1<sup>st</sup> year) and Jacob Walker (1<sup>st</sup> year)

**Jason Caporale and his wife, Becca, are on the Strategic Planning Committee. How important and how wonderful!**

Planning Committee: Becca & Jason Caporale-Guarino

**Our own Lori Caporale and her son, are on the Site Committee. Thank you so much!**

Site Committee: Lori Caporale and Jason Caporale-Guarino

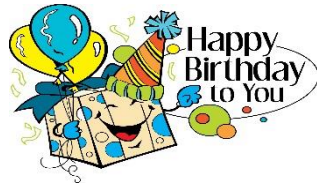
**The Allen Family, the Caporale Family, and other past and present BUMC members have taken part in camp workdays over the years. We appreciate your hard work!**

**What a wonderful way to share God’s love to a new generation by acting as a counselor or steward at one of our UMC church camps!**



## April Birthdays

4 - Caleb Reinert  
11 - Ava Pitcher  
15 - Roger Reinert



17 - Jim Cielinski  
Louka Lagoudakis  
21 - Sarah Cridland-Jaco

## Update for BUMC Directory:

Please mark the following changes to your new Directory.

### Caporale, Mike & Lori

Delete the listed phone number (215-757-0102)

Change email address for Mike to:

[Michael.Caporale@verizon.net](mailto:Michael.Caporale@verizon.net)

Add - 215-429-2855 (Mike's cell)



## Let Us Know Who Is Graduating!

Please let the office know, either by note, phone call, or email

([bensalemumcoffice@gmail.com](mailto:bensalemumcoffice@gmail.com)), if someone in our church family is graduating from High School, College, Technical School, or Grad School this year.

Tell us their full name, the name of their school, and their plans for the future (e. g. If they are graduating from High School and are going on to college, give us the college name and their possible major or future plans).

Please do this ASAP, so that they will be included in our graduate listing. That way, our church family can also celebrate their accomplishment upon their graduation!



## Bulletin entries!



Would you like an announcement in the Church Bulletin? **Please**, complete the form outside of the church office by Wednesdays. Share the news!

## United Women in Faith April Meeting

The next meeting of United Women in Faith is **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9am** in the church parlor. Women of all ages are encouraged to participate and bring a friend or family member. Help make a difference in our church, our community, and around the world, by putting your faith, hope and love into action.

**Note:** While we normally meet on the second Saturday in April, we are meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday.

*You're Invited*



# Spring WORK DAY

**Saturday,  
April 20<sup>th</sup>  
8 am to 12 Noon**

Please come and stay as long as you are able.  
Let's make the church grounds lovely for spring and summer.

Thank you  
Property Management Team

## A wake-up call

God — let me be aware.  
Let me not stumble blindly down the ways,  
Just getting somehow safely through the days,  
Not even groping for another hand,  
Not even wondering why it all was planned,  
Eyes to the ground, unseeking for the light,  
Soul never aching for a wild-winged flight,  
Please, keep me eager just to do my share.  
God — let me be aware.

God — let me be aware.  
Stab my soul fiercely with others' pain,  
Let me walk, seeing horror and stain.  
Let my hands, groping, find other hands.  
Give me the heart that divines, understands.  
Give me the courage, wounded, to fight.  
Flood me with knowledge, drench me in light.  
Please — keep me eager just to do my share.  
God — let me be aware.





## Connie Kurtiz Honored

The Palm Sunday breakfast concluded with a special presentation. Vince Drybala, president of the BUMC Leadership Board, announced that the Parlor at BUMC has been renamed, "The Kurtiz Room", in honor of Connie and Tom Kurtiz. Hanging at the entrance of the Parlor will be a plaque (see picture below) that tells all about Connie and Tom's dedication to our church, the local community and their faith. Pictured with Connie receiving the plaque are Vince Drybala, Pastor Alice Ann Bonham and Tom Kurtiz., Jr.



## Thank You!

Greetings to all my Bensalem United Methodist Family....

What a wonderful surprise at the Palm Sunday Breakfast!

There are always "Announcements!" ...But this one was a real shocker!

THANK YOU ...THANK YOU... for the wonderful designation of the parlor as the KURTIZ Room. I know Tom would have been thrilled and thankful for your recognition.

As you've heard from other honorees...there's always a crowd of others behind the person of the moment...so for me the list starts with Jesus, my Lord and Saviour, ...followed by family...Pastors, Sunday School teachers, Church friends of all ages, this Congregation (past and present) Camp counselors...etc. May God bless all with His grace.

I encourage you to continue to join me in using some form of Daily Devotions as a guide in this troublesome world we share. One of my favorite guidelines comes from the founder of our denomination... John Wesley....

***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.***

Many thanks...God bless all.  
Connie



Thank you to the Bensalem United Methodist Church Administrative Professional team. There is an entire team of Administrative Professionals that continue to volunteer their time to help keep the administrative duties functioning without hesitation.

What is an administrative duty you ask?

- Producing the Bulletins, newsletter, fillers, certificates
- Monitoring emails, mailings, calendar, website
- Church Directory, Prayer Chain
- Organizing events
- And many, many more duties



These are only a few of the daily administrative duties handled by our Administrative Professional Team. A blessed "Thank You" to the entire team.

## 2024 UWF Easter Gift Bags

Bensalem United Women in Faith (UWF) would like to thank everyone who donated items for the 2024 Easter Gift Bags. Together we provided more than **150 filled bags** to Rev. Dr. Rick Bunker for distribution to the children of Parx backlot employees! Thank you for all your support. (Also, in the middle picture, are people assembling Easter gift bags for our Bensalem Christian Day School students.)



## Palm Sunday Breakfast

Holy Week began with our traditional Palm Sunday Breakfast. Thank you to everyone that was able to join us for this wonderful fellowship time! We had 84 people in attendance. A wholehearted "thank you" for the generosity of all for the donations totaling \$680. This event would not be possible without our volunteers. Thank you to our cooks, set up crew, servers, tear down crew, and all the volunteers behind the scenes. What a great example of stewardship. We hope to see everyone next year!





## 2-part Laity Academy to begin April 27

A graphic celebrating the 40th anniversary of EPAUMC Laity Academy. The number '40' is rendered in a large, red, stylized font. The '4' contains the text 'EPAUMC' and 'LAITY', and the '0' contains 'ACADEMY' and '2024'. The zero is filled with a circular arrangement of colorful human figures holding hands. In the center of the zero, the text 'Hebrews 10:24,25' is written in red. To the right of the graphic, there is text about the 2024 sessions and a quote from Hebrews 10:24-25.

**SPRING 2024 - In-Person Class  
at Cornwells UMC, April 27, 2024**

**SUMMER 2024 - Laity Academy  
at Eastern Univ., August 2-3, 2024**

**EPAUMC  
LAITY ACADEMY**

**Hebrews  
10:24,25**

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.”

### ***‘Creation, Evolution and Intelligent Design’***

Eastern PA laity will get another double portion of the conference’s annual Laity Academy in 2024—a biannual pairing that has succeeded in drawing participants since [late 2021](#), when online and onsite courses were offered as the Covid-19 pandemic began to wane.

This 40<sup>th</sup> year of EPA’s Laity Academy—with two onsite sessions in April and August—will draw inspiration from Hebrews 10:24-25, ...”And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

The first 2024 session will be a one day, in-person course on April 27, titled, “Creation, Evolution and Intelligent Design.” Cornwells United Methodist Church in Bensalem will host it in its chapel from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. “It is open to anyone who wishes to understand more about these timely topics from a Methodist perspective,” said new Laity Academy Dean, Brenda Binns. Registration is limited and will be available in mid-March.

“The subject of origins remains an ongoing source of high interest, discussion and inquiry,” reads the course description. “The topic has far-reaching implications and has led to many questions about the science of evolution, the Genesis Creation stories, and the genetic lineage of Homo sapiens. “

The course instructor, Steve Myers, is a retired teacher who has taught biology and related courses for 40 years. He has led classes and discussions on these topics for groups ranging from high school teachers to church members. At Cornwells UMC, Myers is a Lay Leader, adult Sunday School teacher, prayer coordinator, and liturgist, who is also involved in music and missions.

“The class will explore a fundamental question: ‘What do we know today that Charles Darwin, in the mid 1800’s, did not yet understand?’,” reads the description. “While a number

of scientific laws and theories will be addressed, there is no need for an advanced degree to understand the many concepts that Myers presents in questioning if the increase in scientific knowledge has strengthened or weakened the data base underlying evolutionary theory.

“The biblical record of origins will then be examined. Although references to God's role as the Author of Creation are found in both the Old and New Testaments, there will be a specific emphasis in the second portion of the class on Jesus' perspective about Creation.

“This class was first offered at the August 2023 Laity Academy and proved to be one of the most well-regarded, with Steve Myers receiving high marks for his presentation, his thought-provoking questions, and the resources and reference materials he shared that enabled class participants to consider and discuss highly sensitive yet timely topics.”

The course cost is a \$30 fee, which covers instructional materials, a light breakfast and lunch, and other expenses.

The second part of the 2024 Laity Academy will happen August 2-3 at Eastern University's Palmer Theological Seminar in St. David's. Courses will be announced and open for registration by May 21, in time for Annual Conference.

### **Questions? Contact:**

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### **What is the Laity Academy?**

*The EPAUMC Laity Academy was begun as—and still is—a way to train church members to take part in the many ministries of the United Methodist Church. The academy in August of 2024 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> session held by our conference. The weekend events are planned by the laity and are for the laity.*

*Originally targeting speaking ministries, Laity Academy classes provided the instruction that enabled lay members to lead worship and preach sermons. Early on, the members of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference realized that not all laity who were being called into ministry were called to preach; there were many other ministries that could benefit from lay involvement.*

*While speaking classes are offered at every session of the full academy, there are also classes in leading and caring ministries, as well as a basic class on United Methodist ministry. The academy classes are one way that Christ Servant Ministers and Certified Lay Ministers can fulfill their requirements for continuing education in ministry, but any member of the laity may take any academy class that has no prerequisites – such as the April 2024 class -or any classes for which they have met the prerequisites.*

*The Academy is a next step up from Tools for Ministry for lay members seeking more advanced training in **caring, leading and speaking** ministries. The Laity Academy's 10 -hour classes provide the first steps in the journey for Christ Servant Ministers and continuing education for CSM's, Lay Speakers and Certified lay Ministers.*

<https://www.epaumc.org/news/2024-laity-academy-to-begin-with-our-beginnings-april-27/>



# EARTH DAY 2024

**PLANET VS. PLASTICS** is the Earth Day 2024 theme. The theme calls us to:

- Learn about the health risk of plastics,
- Promote actions and policies which protect our planet and preserve its natural resources,
- Advocate for the rapid phase out of all single use plastics, and
- Demand an end to fast fashion.

**Celebrated on April 22nd**, Earth Day has been in existence since 1970. While it is not a federal holiday, many celebrate the day through environmental education, awareness and action.

Do You Know?

- In the U.S., more than 100 billion plastic beverage containers were sold last year.
- More than 500 billion plastic bags were produced worldwide last year.
- Making a plastic bottle requires six times as much water as the bottle holds.

What Can You Do to Help the Planet And Celebrate Earth Day 2024?

- Reduce, reuse and recycle. Conserve our natural resources and landfill space by cutting down on what you throw away.
- Reduce your use of single use plastics: get a set of silverware to keep in the car to use while eating out and traveling; switch to reusable bags, water bottles, straws and coffee cups.
- Conserve water.
- Pick up trash, especially plastic bottles and bags, when you take a walk.
- Buy local food. Eat less meat.
- Be a smart shopper. Skip plastic; buy glass or paper products.
- Use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- Turn lights off when not in use. Use energy efficient light bulbs.
- Plant a tree. Trees are powerful tools for combating the climate crisis.
- Stop pesticide and chemical use on your lawn and in your gardens.
- **Participate in advocacy.** Learn about the science behind climate change and show responsibility in addressing it by taking climate action to the next level. Send a letter to your local elected officials, or speak up at your next town hall meeting.
- Walk or bike More. Drive less.
- Get the whole family involved. Organize a nature-themed scavenger hunt. Take a walk in one of the parks in our community. Host a yard/garage sale and encourage secondhand shopping to prevent goods from going to the landfill. Plant a pollinator garden using species native to your area to support local populations of butterflies, bees, and other organisms critical to sustained biodiversity in your ecosystem.
- Educate yourself and your kids. Head to the library. Read classics like, "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss, "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson, or newer titles about sustainability, climate change, and the environment, like "All We Can Save" or "Braiding Sweetgrass".



Visit [www.earthday.org](http://www.earthday.org) for learn more.

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN, DANCE FILLED SHOW!!!!

Neshaminy Valley Music Theatre is presenting "MARY POPPINS"!

Show dates are April 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 2024.

Showtimes: Fri. 8pm; Saturdays: 3pm & 8pm; Sunday 3pm



All tickets are good for any day/time.

Adult: \$26 Senior: \$24 Youth (18 & under): \$15

Order tickets at [https:// www.showtix4u.com/events/NVMT](https://www.showtix4u.com/events/NVMT) [1] OR contact Cathy Miller @ 215-391-5132 / [cathysm323@gmail.com](mailto:cathysm323@gmail.com)

## Mission Central 2023 Report

In partnership with volunteers, donors, in-house partners and community partners, Mission Central's warehouse assisted **6.3 million people** with over **\$17.4 million in resources**. Mission Central programs accounted for over **\$3.5 million in resources** to reach **643,000 people!**

### The Infrastructure:

- 5 full-time staff
- 4,300 volunteer shifts totaling 16,000 hours
- 11 Board members
- 35 HUBs
- 140+ community partners
- 13 in-house partners including 4 full-time in-house partners
- 2 forklifts and one 26-foot box truck
- your prayers, donations, and service

### The Results:

- Mission Central supplied 233 community partners and 217 individuals with resources which served 643,077 people
- 371,682 children were served
- 317,000 people received \$1.3 million in medical supplies and equipment
- 30,000 people received \$447,344 in Mission Central Kits
- 21,000 people received \$467,460 in UMCOR Kits
- 88,000 people received \$285,000 in cleaning and hygiene supplies
- \$335,000 in resources went to disaster relief efforts
- \$188,303 in resources were distributed through the Animal Program
- 66,000 people received \$454,000 in clothing
- 24,477 students and families received \$153,210 in resources through the School Program
- Mission Central supplied resources for 49 international shipments

**Mission Central could not do this work without volunteers and donations from local United Methodist churches! They make every donation count.**

# PUZZLE

## MASTER MULTIPLICATION

Jesus tells a parable about faithful servants who multiply their master's money. How does the master respond?

*Directions: Solve the math problems. Find the letters that match the answers and write them in order to complete Matthew 25:21, NIV.*

1	5	x 3	=		6	6	x 6	=	
2	7	x 4	=		7	9	x 3	=	
3	4	x 6	=		8	3	x 8	=	
4	2	x 10	=		9	10	x 4	=	
5	9	x 5	=		10	11	x 8	=	

### KEY

A = 28	J = 50	S = 88
B = 35	K = 21	T = 45
C = 14	L = 63	U = 64
D = 25	M = 15	V = 32
E = 33	N = 24	W = 80
F = 72	O = 77	X = 56
G = 40	P = 54	Y = 20
H = 36	Q = 9	Z = 48
I = 27	R = 16	

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant!

You have been faithful with a few things;

I will put you in charge of \_\_\_\_\_.

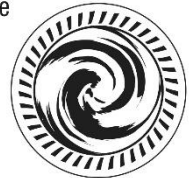
Come and share your master's happiness!’”

MATTHEW 25:21, NIV

Answer: 15, 28, 24, 20, 45, 36, 27, 24, 40, 88; many things

# SHAVING CREAM EARTH

God created this wonderful world and told us to care for it. Remember that by making a unique painting.



### What you need:

- A cookie sheet
- White shaving cream
- A wooden craft stick
- Paint (blue and green)
- A straw
- A paper plate

### What you do:

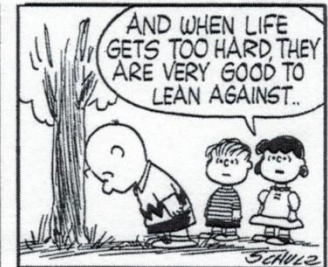
1. On the cookie sheet, spray shaving cream in a circle (the same size as the bottom of the paper plate). Smooth it out with the craft stick.
2. Squirt the blue and green paint on top of the shaving cream in loopy, squiggly patterns. Swirl the paint around with the straw.
3. Place the bottom of the paper plate on top of the paint. Press it down gently so the whole plate bottom is covered in paint.
4. Lift up the plate and gently remove excess shaving cream with the stick.
5. After the painting dries, hang it on your wall.



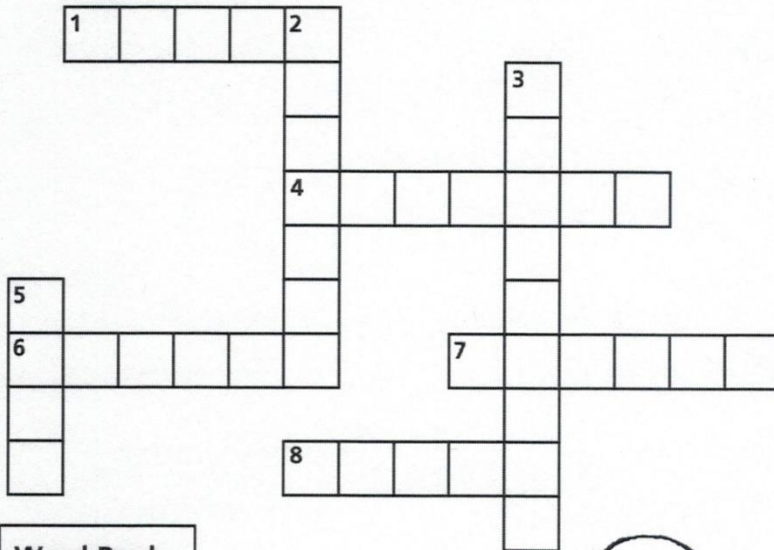


TAKE CARE  
WITH  
PEANUTS

# TREE TALES



**PART 1:** Complete this puzzle to show off your "tree-mendous" knowledge about trees.



**Word Bank**  
oxygen  
nutrients  
wood  
beauty  
shade  
shelter  
fruit  
erosion



**ACROSS**

- On a hot day, a tree is a great place to find some \_\_\_\_\_.
- Trees provide \_\_\_\_\_ for animals who need homes.
- Trees produce and release \_\_\_\_\_ into the air.
- Trees can add \_\_\_\_\_ to any space.
- Some trees produce \_\_\_\_\_ that animals and humans eat.

**DOWN**

- Trees can prevent \_\_\_\_\_, which happens when soil is washed or blown away.
- When trees drop their leaves in the fall, the dead leaves provide \_\_\_\_\_ to plants.
- Many trees are highly valued for their \_\_\_\_\_, which can be used to make furniture.

**PART 2:** We celebrate Earth Day on April 22, but April is also National Poetry Month. On a separate piece of paper, write a poem about trees in the shape of a tree, with words on branches sprouting from a trunk. Have fun and be creative. Your poem can rhyme or not — it's up to you!

**Families:** Celebrate Earth Day by asking family members to name what kind of tree they would be, if they could be a tree. Consider planting a tree as a family that you could care for, or find a local organization to which you can donate a tree.



# B APRIL 2024 B

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
World Autism Awareness Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	
National Poetry Month	8	9	10	11	12	13	
School Library Month	15	16	17	18	19	20	
World Health Day	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	29	30					