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—THE MESSENGER—

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ENGLISHTOWN



Easter Season Sundays @ FPC Englishtown 2015

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship
Noon Fellowship

*(Summer schedule starts on
Father's Day Sunday, June 21)*

FPC ENGLISHTOWN CALENDAR

April 2015

| 2 | THURSDAY

6:00 p.m. Seder Potluck Supper

7:30 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Supper

| 3 | FRIDAY

12:00-3:00 p.m. Good Friday Vigil

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 5 | SUNDAY

6:30 a.m. Boxwood Farm Easter Sunrise Service

w/Celebration of the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. Cross of Flowers Service

11:00 a.m. Celebration of the Resurrection! w/Celebration of the Lord's Supper **Session Reports Due in Mailboxes**

| 7 | TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

10:30 a.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

12:00 p.m. The Jesus Story Book Group

7:00 p.m. A.C.A. Meeting (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

7:00 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

| 8 | WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Meeting of the Ruling Elders (all are welcome)
Mission Ministry Team!

| 10 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 11 | SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast

| 12 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 15

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

| 14 | TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

10:30 a.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

12:00 p.m. The Jesus Story Book Group

7:00 p.m. A.C.A. Meeting (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

| 15 | WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. Men's Lunch

12:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch

| 17 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 19 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 16

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

| 21 | TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

10:30 a.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

12:00 p.m. The Jesus Story Book Group

7:00 p.m. A.C.A. Meeting (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

7:00 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

| 24 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 26 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 17

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

| 28 | TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

10:30 a.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

12:00 p.m. The Jesus Story Book Group

7:00 p.m. A.C.A. Meeting (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

7:00 p.m. Monmouth Presbytery Meeting, Lakewood Hope

May 2015

| 1 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 3 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 17

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

| 5 | TUESDAY

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| 8 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 10 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 18

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

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May 2015

| 13 | WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. **Meeting of the Ruling Elders** (all are welcome)

| 15 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 17 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 19

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

| 19 | TUESDAY

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Pastor's Office Hours

10:30 a.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

12:00 p.m. The Jesus Story Book Group

7:00 p.m. A.C.A. Meeting (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

7:00 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

| 20 | WEDNESDAY

12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch Bunch**

Summer Messenger Deadline

| 22 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 24 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - *Rev. John Nolan preaching - Pentecost!*

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

| 26 | TUESDAY

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7:00 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

| 29 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 31 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 20 - **Baby Mason's Baptism!**

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

June 2015

| 2 | TUESDAY

12:00 p.m. The Jesus Story Book Group

7:00 p.m. A.C.A. Meeting (Adult Children of Alcoholics)

| 5 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 7 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 21 Celebration of the Lord's Supper

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

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Homebound Communicon

| 9 | TUESDAY

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12:00 p.m. **Men's Lunch**

12:00 p.m. **Lunch Bunch**

| 19 | FRIDAY

10:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

| 21 | SUNDAY

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Worship - Luke 23

12:00 p.m. Fellowship

12:30 p.m. *Chapter-a-Day Covenant Group*

Summer schedule starts- Father's Day



MONMOUTH
PRESBYTERY

Meeting of Monmouth Presbytery Hope Presbyterian Church, Lakewood

617 Hope Chapel Rd., Lakewood, NJ 08701
<http://www.lakewoodhope.com>

Tuesday, April 28

5:30 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. *Celebration of the Lord's Supper*

7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Monmouth Presbytery

The presbyterian churches in our area make up our **Presbytery** (Monmouth Presbytery).
<http://monmouthpresbytery.com>

The presbyteries in our region make up our **Synod** (Synod of the Northeast)
<http://synodne.org>

Every other year Presbyteries send representatives to **General Assembly**
(our national "convention") <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga/>

The head of the Church is Jesus Christ

Five times a year there is a meeting of Monmouth Presbytery. Churches send their Pastors and some of their Elders as Commissioners.

The Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry

April 28-May 1

<http://monmouthpresbytery.com/2015/the-princeton-forum-on-youth-ministry#prettyPhoto/0/>

Marcus Hong, the student who led worship the night we hosted presbytery, is one of the leaders!



Brothers of Taizé

Leading Worship in the Princeton University Chapel

The Taizé community has more than 100 brothers from Protestant and Catholic backgrounds (from thirty countries). The community desires its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples. This year the Brothers of Taizé will lead a special worship service in the Princeton University Chapel and participate in a discussion panel.

Sign-up with Cynthia (609)977-2325



Volunteer to help with *Urban Promises's*
Summer Camp for At-Risk-Children

August 3 - 7 Afternoons

<http://urbanpromisetrenton.org/summer-camp/>
Call/text (732) 598-3836 barbarazblue@gmail.com

Summer Camp

During the summer, over one hundred youth participate in our five-week Summer Camps located in two city neighborhoods in Trenton. Within a safe and stimulating environment, the children enjoy days filled with **educational and fun activities**. The program provides opportunities for them to improve their **academic** performance, develop necessary **life skills** create positive relationships with caring adults, explore the **arts**, and **nurture their faith**.

Joining together with area organizations such as NJ Tennis and Learning, The First Tee, and 4-H Youth Development, we are able to offer the children windows into a new world that can inspire and challenge them. **From science and healthy living, to golf and tennis, to Bible study and faith, the children are exposed to an array of engaging activities**. The campers have taken field trips to local farms, attended children's theater and cheered for the Trenton Thunder right in their own backyard.

5,000 Healthy Meals

Our Summer Camps are supported by local churches and businesses that volunteer to help with weekly programs. StreetLeaders and Interns take the lead, but local **volunteers lend a hand in nurturing the children** and sharing their own interests with them. The children have learned about topics from cooking to Irish dancing, from bucket drumming to soccer. We encourage you to share your passion with the children. We think you will agree that their smiling faces say it all. Our waiting list says even more. The need is great, and our goal is to inspire more bright smiles by expanding our program in the coming years to cover all five wards of Trenton.



BE A PART OF YOUR MISSION TEAM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ENGLISHTOWN

50 Main St.

**Good Things are
Happening Here**

**Together We Make
a Difference**

**Lots of
Opportunity to
Serve**

**Helping Those in
Need**

Call 732-598-3836 or text
To find out more

2nd Annual



Hosted by the
First Presbyterian Church of Englishtown

50 Main Street, Englishtown NJ 07726

April 11th 9:00 am- 11:00

\$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child 12 and under FREE

Breakfast includes

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage

Coffee, Tea, and Orange juice

For tickets please call

Mary Ganczarski 732-446-1318

Limited seating is available

Tickets must be purchased by 3/31/15

Come and enjoy good food, and good company



Small Group
Ministry Teams Outreach



Cub Scout Pack 154

For more information email: 154scouts@gmail.com,
call: 732-851-3130, website: www.154scouts.org



Narcotics Anonymous

Friday Nights @ 10 p.m.
<http://www.na.org>

Pastor Cynthia's Contact Info:
Call/Text (609) 977-2325
cynthia@FPCenglishtown.org
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Men's Lunch

3rd Wed. of the
Month
Noon
April 15
May 20
June 17

Lunch Bunch

(Ladies' Lunch)

3rd Wed. of the
Month
Noon
April 15
May 20
June 17

**A.C.A.
Adult Children of Alcoholics**

**All are Welcome!
Tuesday Nights @ 7:00 p.m.**

A.C.A. is a program for those who
grew up in alcoholic
or otherwise **dysfunctional homes**.
We take positive action,
finding freedom from the past
and a way to improve our lives today!

Contact: Bonnie McDonald
(732) 320-7198

Stewardship Ministry Team: Our Special Offerings

Place your donation inside the Special Offering Envelope in your pew rack, check the correct box, and write your name on the outside (so Norma can include your gift in your end-of-the-year tax letter).

- 1st Sunday - **Deacons' Fund** - support our ministry of care and compassion, such as Thanksgiving Baskets and Christmas Gift Cards for friends & families that might need a holiday boost.
- 2nd Sunday - **Ceiling Fund** - repay the money we borrowed from our annuity. We owe less than \$14,000!
- 3rd Sunday - **Cents-ability** - make a Joyful Noise; drop your coins into the children's collection baskets!
- 4th Sunday - **Double Your Offering**

STUDY GROUP

THE ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Sunday's at 9:30 AM in the Church Library
Leader: *Lillian Patrick*

Not able to come to worship on the 1st Sunday of the Month?

We will bring the Celebration of the Lord's Supper to your home!

Contact Pastor Cynthia (609) 977-2325



Sunday School!
9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

John 5:17 Jesus replied "My Father is still working, and I am working too."

Psalm 121:2 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

Leap on into Sunday School! We're playing games, doing crafts, dancing to music, and acting out the Bible stories.

*If you can not make it to church on a Sunday, go online to: **growproclaimserve.com***

Sunday School Leader: Vera Musser
cell # **732-685-3125** text or talk
Email: **littleveram@gmail.com**



Pastor Cynthia will be away Friday, May 22-Sunday, May 24

(for her daughter Sarah's graduation from Brown University!)

Contact Elder Sue Ralph with pastoral care emergencies
(732) 547-7948

Pastor Cynthia's Contact Info

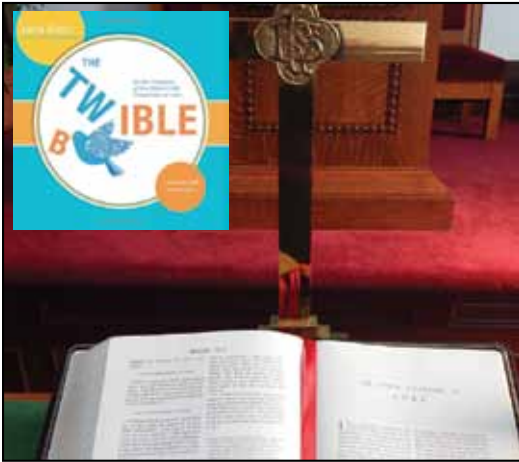
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Prayer Requests:

Elizabeth's brother-in-law Ian **Scott** (cancer treatment), baby **Beneditta**, Diane Brandt's friend **Miguel** (Hodgkins Lymphoma), Bridget **Mader's** uncle Ernie (RWJ ICU), **Vilma** (health), **Cook Family**, Linda's student **Stephen** (stage 4 Hodgkin's Lymphoma), Agnes & Alex' grandson **Branden** (Christmas miracle), **Elizabeth** Cunningham Fortel (health), **Nancy & Tom** (health), our neighbor **Jane** (health), **Joe McLaughlin** (military service), **Ashley** Palmer (newlywed), **Nikki Palmer Hall** (healthy pregnancy), Lil's daughter **Sue** (job search), Lil's sister **Doris** (health), **Rudy Rucker** (stroke), **Jennifer** (Skiba) Barto (healthy pregnancy), **Jodi** (Skiba) Fitzpatrick (healthy pregnancy), **Judy** Soden (health), **Ruth** Stiles (surgery), **Helen** Strong (health), Gloria's friend **Linda** (cancer), **Thomas A. Zak** (military service), all those serving in **our armed forces** and their families.



If you are not receiving Chapter-a-Day emails,

contact (609) 977-2325 | cynthia@FPCEnglishtown.org

We are reading through the bible one chapter at a time (with the help of author Jana Riess' tweets). Join one of our **Covenant Groups** to talk about the week's readings: **Sundays** 12:30 p.m., **Tuesdays** 10:00 a.m., **Tuesdays** 7:00 p.m.

Bring your curiosity! You will ask questions and, together, we will answer them.

Scriptures: Click on <http://bible.oremus.org> or Google Oremus Bible (Jana Riess, "The Twible: All the Chapters of the Bible in 140 Characters or Less")

- Sunday, April 5 **Easter** Acts 10:34-43 Gentiles Hear the Good News, Isaiah 25:6-9 Praise for Deliverance from Oppression, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 A Song of Victory, I Corinthians 14:1-11 Gifts of Prophecy and Tongues, John 20:1-18 The Resurrection of Jesus, Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene, Mark 16:1-8 The Resurrection of Jesus
- Monday, April 6 **Leviticus 14** "Leprosy for Dummies." Seven is the magic number for washing lepers with elaborate rituals. Antibiotics would have also helped.
- Tuesday, April 7 **Leviticus 15** Bodily discharge very bad in both genders. Wash your sheets. Don't even think about having sex. You just thought about it, didn't you?
- Wednesday, April 8 **Leviticus 16** Where's a good scapegoat when we need one? Put our sins on a goat's head and send it to the wild to die already. That'll do it. Or not.
- Thursday, April 9 **Leviticus 17** No "do-it-yourself" burnt offerings; they only count if supervised by a priest. And don't eat animal blood. Are you listening, Edward Cullen? (Note: Edward Cullen is a character in the Twilight vampire books.)
- Friday, April 10 **Leviticus 18** Incest=bad. Don't go there with your mom, sister, daughter, aunt, or sister-in-law. And don't sacrifice your kids to Molech. Thanks.
- Saturday, April 11 **Leviticus 19** Care for the deaf, blind, poor, and elderly. Avoid tattoos. Don't let cows get it on with sheep. Get rid of Gandalf. And floss daily.
- Sunday, April 12 **Luke 15** Dad welcomes his prodigal son back home with open arms and no questions asked, forever raising parenting standards for the rest of us.
- Monday, April 13 **Leviticus 20** More people and animals you can't have sex with. Death penalty for you and the cow. Though why it's the cow's fault we really can't say.
- Tuesday, April 14 **Leviticus 21** Priests are holier than thou. They can't marry widows or divorcees, have a bad hair day, or suffer crushed testicles. Really.
- Wednesday, April 15 **Leviticus 22** Unclean! Priest has cooties if he touches a corpse or a man's semen. He can't eat any ritual offerings until after his shower. Okaaaaay.
- Thursday, April 16 **Leviticus 23** Party all the time, party all the time. For Festival of Booths, make a do-it-yourself shack and live in it for a week. Meals not included.
- Friday, April 17 **Leviticus 24** Don't curse G or blaspheme, or it's stoning for you. An eye for an eye is the law of the land. Toddlers everywhere approve.
- Saturday, April 18 **Leviticus 25** Every 7th year, give the land a rest. Every 50th, free some of your slaves & cancel credit card debt. Is this Jubilee or an infomercial?
- Sunday, April 19 **Luke 16** A man who was rich and arrogant in life finds that in the afterlife he's a homeless beggar. This would make an awesome reality TV show.
- Monday, April 20 **Leviticus 26** Eagle Scouts get badges for obeying. Be good and you'll get rain and land; disobey and it's a sevenfold plague. Type of plague TBA.
- Tuesday, April 21 **Leviticus 27** Human beings aren't priceless; they cost anywhere from 5 to 50 shekels. Women and girls are worth less than men and boys. Shocker. **Numbers Overview:** And now we spend 38 more years in the wilderness (desert, actually). Are we there yet? Look out: heads really roll in this book.
- Wednesday, April 22 **Numbers 1** Count von Count assists in first-ever census: "One. ONE tribe of Israel! Two. TWO tribes of Israel! Ah, ah, ah. Next I will count bats. (Note: Count von Count is a Sesame Street muppet.) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2AoxCkySv34>
- Thursday, **April 23** Numbers 2 Camp counselor G arranges 603,550 men from 11 tribes; Levites excused from latrine duty again. Left. Left. Left. right, left.
- Friday, April 24 **Numbers 3** Some Levites oversee Tabernacle, some the ark, some the sanctuary. They're basically janitors, but prefer to be called sextons.

- Saturday, April 25 **Numbers 4** News flash: Ancient Levites were actually Episcopalians, Intense preoccupation with sacred objects, violet cloths, oil, and incense.
- Sunday, April 26 **Luke 17** Bible math: $70 \times 7 = 490$. The limit on forgiving? JC says no, which means the math lesson was bogus from the start. Class dismissed.
- Monday, April 27 **Numbers 5** G banishes lepers from Israel's camp. That's because it's clearly the wish of any loving deity that sick people should die all alone.
- Tuesday, April 28 **Numbers 6** Nazirites can't eat grapes, drink wine, or cut their hair. Hear that, Samson? "Flow it, show it, as long as God can grow it..."
- Wednesday, April 29 **Numbers 7** On the 12th day of dedication, G's true friends gave to him: 12 oxen, 11 silver platter, 10 shekels, and lots of animals to slaughter.
- Thursday, April 30 **Numbers 8** How to clean a Levite, age 25-50: Use pure water and go for the full Brazilian wax. No stray hairs, please. Who wants hairy priests?
- Friday, May 1 **Numbers 9** G commands Israel about where and when to camp. Surprise: they actually obey without complaint for two whole chapters!
- Saturday, May 2 **Numbers 10** Movin' out, rawhide. Time to blow this Sinai popsicle stand and get on the road. Also: info on the care & feeding of trumpets.
- Sunday, May 3 **Numbers 11** Complaining again: "Where's the beef?" Moses is sick of the constant kvetching. G sends quails (yay), followed by a nasty plague (boo).
- Monday, May 4 **Numbers 12** More sibling rivalry. Aaron and Miriam wonder why Moses gets the glory. Miriam gets a week in a leper tent for this; Aaron unscathed. Fair?
- Tuesday, May 5 **Numbers 13** Israel sends first spies into the Promised Land and find it teeming with huge, scary people. Giants, maybe. This wan't in the brochure.
- Wednesday, May 6 **Numbers 14** Israel: "Remind us why you didn't kill us in Egypt?" God: "I sure can't recall. I pronounce a 40-year desert sentence for all you whiners."
- Thursday, May 7 **Numbers 15** Or, what happened to Little Timmy when caught gathering wood on the Sabbath. Even Lassie couldn't save him from stoning. Ow.
- Friday, May 8 **Numbers 16** Upstart Levites rise up in mutiny vs. Moses. G buries them mafia-style, then offs another 14,700 Israelites for good measure.
- Saturday, May 9 **Numbers 17** Israelites have another panic attack: "We are perishing; we are lost!" Moses adds a pinch of Xanax to their daily manna rations.
- Sunday, May 10 **Luke 18** A persistent widow hounds a judge to stop delaying her court case. Victory! The squeaky wheel always gets the grease.
- Monday, May 11 **Numbers 18** Firstborn unclean animals can be sold, but firstborn cows and goats are lucky—their blood gets dashed on the altar. They're thrilled!
- Tuesday, May 12 **Numbers 19** CSI: Canaan. All forensic specialists are unclean. Don't touch a corpse, bone, or grave. You will spread Bible cooties. (Note: CSI "Crime Scene nvestigation" is a TV show)
- Wednesday, May 13 **Numbers 20** Israel: "There's no water here. Waaah!" So G brings forth water from a rock. He could've just used his own tears of frustration.
- Thursday, May 14 **Numbers 21** Even when Israel asks sweetly, the Amorites won't let them cut through their yard. Israel answers with the sword. Bye-bye, Amorites.
- Friday, May 15 **Numbers 22** Balaam's donkey - the original smartass. The donkey is smarter than Balaam himself, so not much has changed between people and animals.
- Saturday, May 16 **Numbers 23** Balaam's hired to curse Israel, but he blesses it 7 times instead. Some people are just determined to focus on the positive.
- Sunday, May 17 **Luke 19** Fanboy Zacchaeus scrambles up a tree just to ask JC to dinner. Dude, next time use Evite. (Evite is a social planning website for creating, sending, and managing online invitations.
- Monday, May 18 **Numbers 24** Balaam the "cursing prophet" continues to have only good things to say about Israel. His dastardly Moabite employer's downright pissed.
- Tuesday, May 19 **Numbers 25** While Baalaam was looking on the bright side, Israel was busy screwing up by screwing around with Moabites, so G ices 24,000 whoremongers.
- Wednesday, May 20 **Numbers 26** To war! You're drafted if you're male, over 20 and breathing. Though with powerful enemies like these you won't be breathing for long.
- Thursday, May 21 **Numbers 27** The five daughters of Zelophehad want women to inherit land if there's no male heir, or else one of them will have to marry Mr. Collins. (Note: Mr. Collins is a character in Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice*)
- Friday, May 22 **Numbers 28** It's Passover! Don't work on first or seventh day. Do sacrifice lambs daily. Don't eat yeasty carbs. And come to Bubbe's for Seder.
- Saturday, May 23 **Numbers 29** Most of this chapter is about what G wants you to cook for him during the High Holy Days. Hostess tip: he's totally not a vegetarian.
- Sunday, May 24 **Numbers 30** A woman's vow is binding only if it doesn't hassle her hubby. But widows and divorcees are exempt, so lose the guy and call the shots.

- Monday, May 25 **Numbers 31** *In Exodus, the Midianites were our friends. But now, G says to kill them all (except the virgins so we can rape them later). Uh?*
 - Tuesday, May 26 **Numbers 32** *We're not yet in the Promised Land, but we're already arguing about who will get what once we're there: "Dad, we want THAT pasture!"*
 - Wednesday, May 27 **Numbers 33** *Aaron dies at age 123, which makes us think that a diet composed solely of manna is maybe not such a bad idea after all.*
 - Thursday, May 28 **Numbers 34** *Is it weird for Moses to convey all these land boundaries and allotments, knowing he'll never get to live in the Promised Land himself?*
 - Friday, May 29 **Numbers 35** *If you kill someone by accident, flee to a "refuge city." It's full of people who've committed manslaughter. You'll love it there.*
 - Saturday, May 30 **Numbers 36** *Girls, listen up: Yenta will only match you with a guy from your dad's tribe. Gotta keep all that land in the family, see.*
 - Sunday, May 31 **Luke 20** *Tenants Behaving Badly. A landlord is sad when tenants kill his servants and his only son. Hmm, Bible ... foreshadowing much?*
- Deuteronomy Overview:** *Moses' Big Speech. Like when you get to Disney but can't enter until after Dad's lecture on how to behave.*
- Monday, June 1 **Deuteronomy 1** *Apple Maps EPIC FAIL. Journey from A to B should be 11 days, not 40 years. Other 14,589 days like lost weekend.*
 - Tuesday, June 2 **Deuteronomy 2** *Wow, that Toastmasters class really helped Moses. He's come a long way from being "slow of speech" to a 30-chapter good-bye.*
 - Wednesday, June 3 **Deuteronomy 3** *Moses recounts old war stories. "We sure trashed them at Bashan! And remember Heshbon? We skunked 'em. Good times."*
 - Thursday, June 4 **Deuteronomy 4** *Pep rally continues. "Isn't G the coolest G ever, doing that schtick were he speaks out of fire? And snuffing the Egyptians?"*
 - Friday, June 5 **Deuteronomy 5** *10 commandments, Take 2. But now we don't just "remember" the Sabbath; we have to "observe" it. Drat. Farewell, handy loophole.*
 - Saturday, June 6 **Deuteronomy 6** *Yo, Israel! The Shema says the Lord is One. Love him with your heart, soul and strength. Tell your kids. Post it on Twitter. Retweet.*
 - Sunday, June 7 **Luke 21** *A poor widow gives every last coin while the rich cough up only a little of their wealth. Not much has changed since the first century.*

- Monday, June 8 **Deuteronomy 7** *Rule #1: All indigenous people of Canaan must be destroyed. Rule #2: Don't marry them (FAQ: If they're destroyed, who's left to marry?)*
- Tuesday, June 9 **Deuteronomy 8** *Disneyland will be awesome, with figs, land, and fair housing for all. But don't forget G in the Magic Kingdom, Israel, ya hear?*
- Wednesday, June 10 **Deuteronomy 9** *Moses is still talking. Like Dad's lectures about how you were ungrateful children and didn't appreciate all his sacrifices. Yada yada.*
- Thursday, June 11 **Deuteronomy 10** *Note to self: always do a backup. Moses uses the Cloud to make a second copy of the stone tablets. Because you just never know. (Note: "The Cloud" = "cloud computing" which uses remote servers to store our data)*
- Friday, June 12 **Deuteronomy 11** *You can win fabulous prizes: choice land, wealth, and sovereignty! But only if you love G and obey. Ah, there's always a catch.*
- Saturday, June 13 **Deuteronomy 12** *Folks, don't make sacrifices just anywhere. G'll show you a special place for that. Oh, and smash other nation's bobblehead gods.*
- Sunday, June 14 **Luke 22** *It's the last supper, JC's about to die, and the 12 are still fighting about which among them is the greatest. Can we smack them now?*
- Monday, June 15 **Deuteronomy 13** *Role play this: a friend says a god (not G) spoke to her in a dream. Do you A) run away, B) kill her, or C) join that cult? (It's B.)*
- Tuesday, June 16 **Deuteronomy 14** *From "Don't boil a kid in its mom's milk" we extrapolate different pots for meat and dairy. I can't has cheezburger. (Note: "I can has cheeseburger?" is a blog, mostly posting hilarious cats: <http://icanhas.cheezburger.com>)*
- Wednesday, June 17 **Deuteronomy 15** *Yay, you're finally on sabbatical! Aah. Too bad you also have to free all you slaves. I mean, graduate students. Ahem.*
- Thursday, June 18 **Deuteronomy 16** *Moses says not to build pillars under any circumstances. Not like he did himself that time. Do what he says, not what he did.*
- Friday, June 19 **Deuteronomy 17** *Can I get a witness? We could so totally stone somebody. We cast the first stones, and then the whole town joins in! Bring a picnic.*
- Saturday, June 20 **Deuteronomy 18** *Don't fry up your kids, cast spells, visit astrologers, or talk to the dead. You're special, Israel, so straighten up and fly right.*
- Sunday, June 21 **Luke 23** *There's just nothing funny about Jesus dying on a cross. Sorry. Catch up with me in the next chapter.*



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"Remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth" Deuteronomy 8:18

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