

## CONNECTING MEOTA November 15th, 2023

**This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.**

**Our next church service will be  
Sunday November 19th, 10:30 am  
at St. George's or Christ Church Millarville  
and St. James invites you to join us  
at Christ Church or St George's this Sunday !**

**Please enjoy our autumn weather and attend one of our lovely churches in the Meota parish. The stained-glass windows at each church are beautiful. The services are upbeat and the fellowship is friendly. Please join us.**

**Join Us For Worship  
In Person Services Sunday @ 10:30am  
Christ Church, Millarville & St. George's, Diamond Valley**



**THIS COMING SUNDAY! BRING YOUR DONATIONS, SCHOOL SUPPLIES, TOYS, ETC.**



Christ Church will be packing shoeboxes for

**SAMARTIAN'S PURSE – OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!**

Over the next few Sundays, we are asking the people of Christ Church to support the packing of shoeboxes that go to children in third world countries.

If you wish and if you are able, please bring things for children that would fit into a regular shoebox. Operations Christmas Child is **asking for school supplies, hygiene items and small toys. They also ask that we do not pack war related toys, toothpaste or food items (including candy, no candy!)** They also respectfully request a \$10 donation per box to cover shipping.

In the next few weeks, we will collect what people donate and together we will have a

**SHOEBOX PACKING EVENT !!!!**

**SUNDAY NOV 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**AFTER THE SERVICE, DURING COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP TIME.**

# PRAYER AND PRAISE

Thursday

7pm

November 23<sup>rd</sup>

at St. George's

come for the music

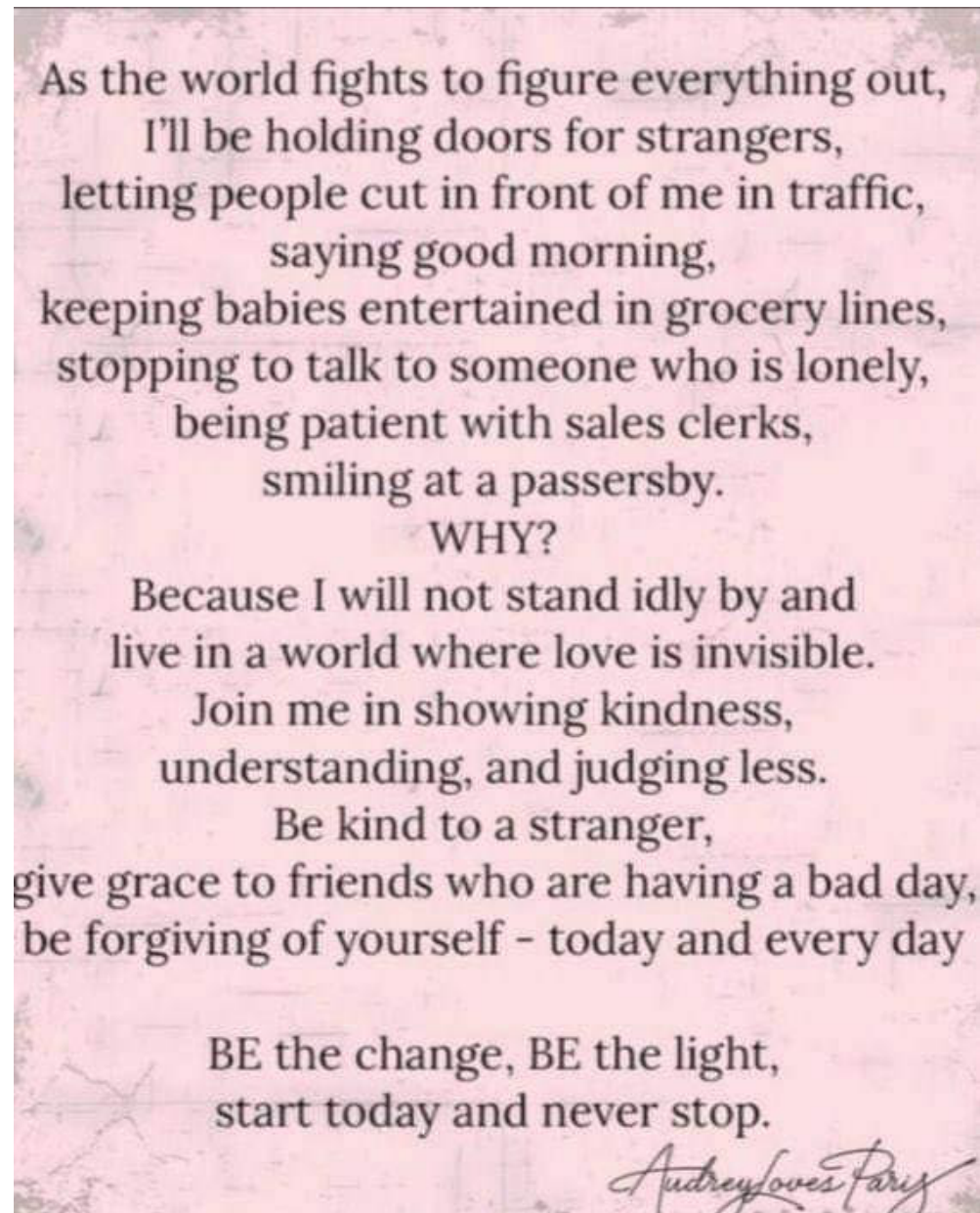
come for the prayer

come for the feeling of peace



Thou wilt  
keep him in  
perfect peace,  
whose mind  
is stayed on  
thee: because  
he trusteth in  
thee.

**ISAIAH 26:3**



<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16  
New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised

## **Okotoks Town recognizes Métis Week and Louis Riel Day.**

To learn more about the Town's Métis Week proclamation, visit [www.okotoks.ca/proclamations](http://www.okotoks.ca/proclamations).

Okotoks Town Council has proclaimed that the third week of November will be recognized annually as "Métis Week" in Okotoks. This year, it will be November 12 to 18, and include Louis Riel Day on November 16. This dedicated week acknowledges and celebrates the Métis people and their culture, history and achievements. Métis people are often referred to as the "Children of the fur Trade," emerging in the early 1700s as a distinct people with their own culture, language and socio-political practices. Today, the Métis people play an important role in the founding and development of our social, cultural and political landscape.

The Métis Nation flag will be raised at the Okotoks Municipal Centre on Sunday, November 12 to mark the beginning of Métis Week in Canada; the flag will remain raised until November 18. The Municipal Centre building lights will also be illuminated in blue from November 12 to 16. Although there will not be a public ceremony for the flag raising, there will be two opportunities to honour and learn about Métis people and culture on November 16.

### **Louis Riel Day and Métis Blessing – Rotary Performing Arts Centre (RPAC), November 16, 9:30-10:30 a.m.**

The Town will honour Louis Riel Day as a part of Métis Week with a Métis Blessing led by Métis Knowledge Keeper and Elder, Ila Vivier. This public event will also include opening remarks from an Okotoks Elected Official and the District Captain of the Otipemisiwak Métis Government (OMG) of the Métis Nation within Alberta Rocky View District #4, Amber Boyd. There will also be a Métis jigging demonstration. Learn more about [Louis Riel Day and Métis Blessing](#).

### **The Importance of Métis Week and Louis Riel Day – a Presentation from Métis Scholar, Reagan Markwell – Okotoks Public Library (program room), November 16, 5-6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a presentation from Métis Scholar, Reagan Markwell, on the intention of Métis Week and the importance of Louis Riel Day. This will be open to the general public and will include opening remarks from an Okotoks Elected Official. This event is free, but you must register to attend as there is limited seating available. Light refreshments will be provided. [Find event details and registration information.](#)

The Town is honored to devote this week to recognizing the sacrifices of the Métis as they continue to strive towards achieving rights and recognition as a distinct nation, while also celebrating the meaningful accomplishments and contributions of the Métis people.

AN INVITATION FROM REV. JACQUI DURAND from her Facebook page.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2023**

# **KAIROS Blanket Exercise**

**6 - 9PM**

**STRATHMORE CIVIC CENTRE, 120 BRENT BLVD,  
STRATHMORE**

THIS WORKSHOP EXPLORES THE NATION- TO-NATION  
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDIGENOUS & NON-INDIGENOUS  
PEOPLES IN CANADA  
TRADITIONAL MEAL WILL BE SERVED

YOUTH AGE 12+ WELCOMED

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED**  
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# A prayer for Palestine and Israel

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O God of life and love and peace,  
We witness the violence and injustice in your Holy Land  
And our hearts break.

Our hearts break for the people of Israel—  
For the victims of violent attacks by Hamas  
For those who live with fear and insecurity  
For those who suffer from the inter-generational trauma of violence.

Our hearts break for Palestinians—  
For the victims of violent attacks by the Israeli military  
For those being denied water, electricity and medical care  
For those who are refugees, long displaced from their homes.

We especially pray—  
That weapons of war be laid down  
That walls of separation be dismantled  
That prisoners be released  
That demonizing of “the other” cease  
That political leaders seek the good of all people in Palestine and Israel.

O God, whose heart breaks for the world,  
May your justice dwell in the land  
May your righteousness abide in fruitful fields  
May the effect of righteousness be quietness and trust forever  
May the effect of justice be peace—enduring peace.

Amen



**Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings**

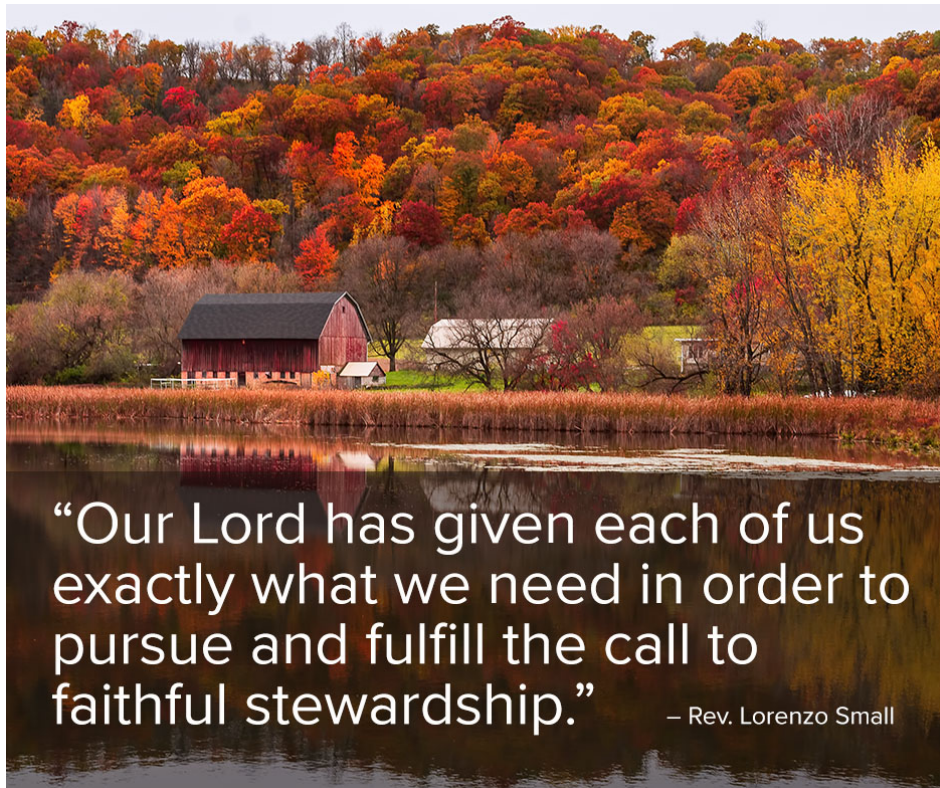
JUDGES 4:1-7; PSALM 123; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11; MATTHEW 25:14-30

**Second Reading**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11





## Gospel. The Parable of the Talents

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

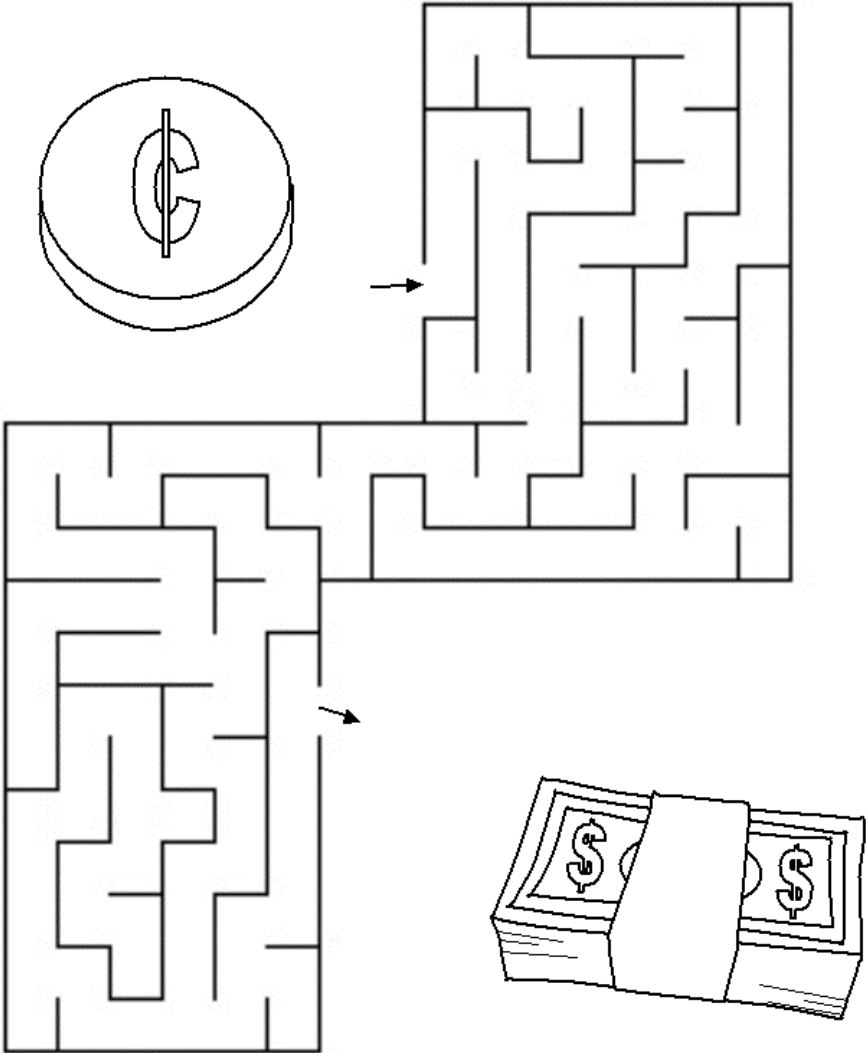
MATTHEW 25:14-30

*There is also a universal application to all mankind. From the time of the creation of mankind, each individual has been entrusted with resources of time and material wealth. Everything we have comes from God and belongs to Him. We are responsible for using those resources so that they increase in value. As Christians, we have additionally the most valuable resource of all – the Word of God. **If we believe and understand Him, and apply His Word as good stewards, we are a blessing to others and the value of what we do multiplies.** We are accountable to the Lord for the use of His resources.*

*From [gotquestions.org](http://gotquestions.org)*

# Parable of the Talents Maze

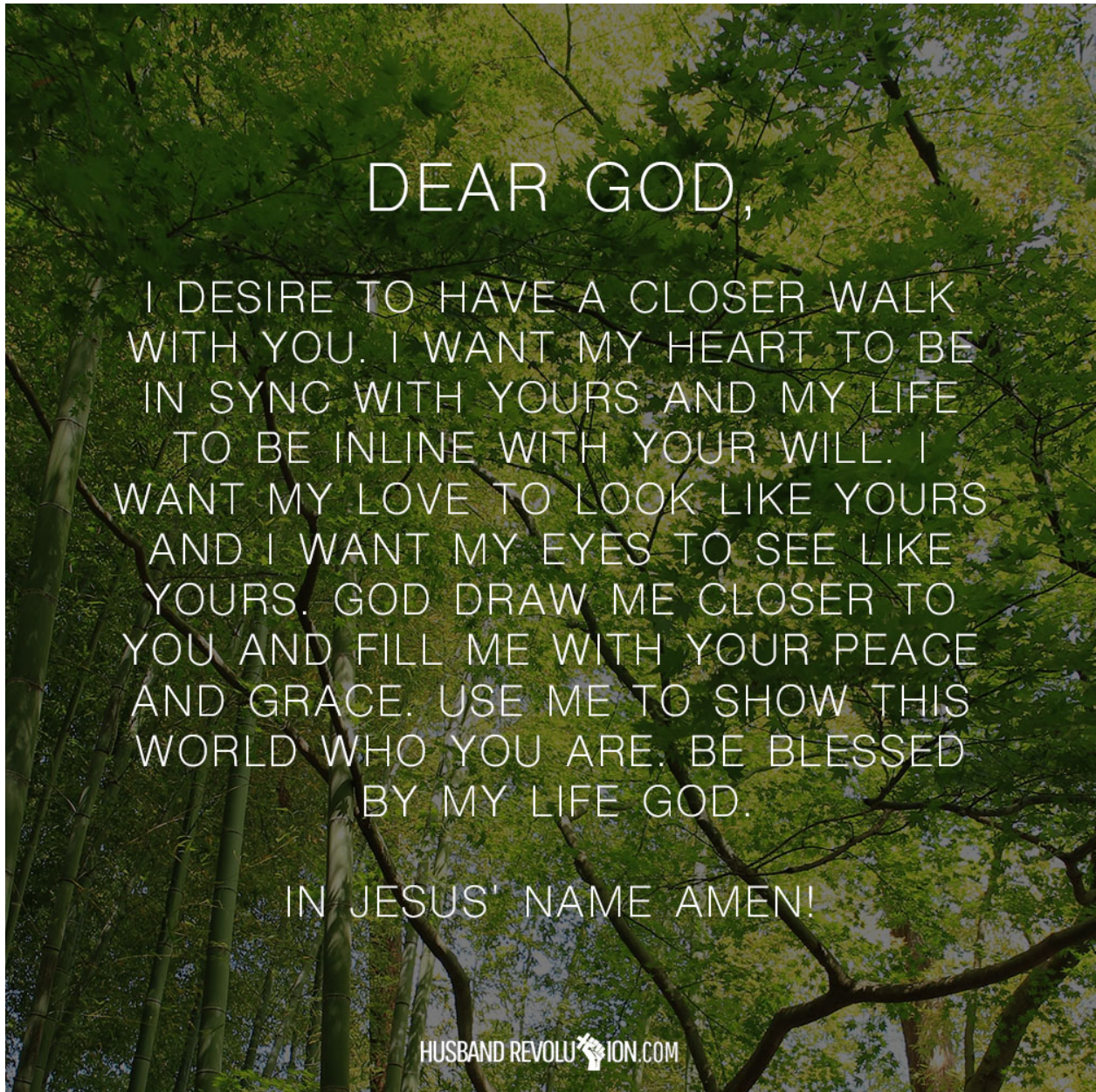
Help the servant take his one talent and use it to gain more talents.



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GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD



DEAR GOD,

I DESIRE TO HAVE A CLOSER WALK WITH YOU. I WANT MY HEART TO BE IN SYNC WITH YOURS AND MY LIFE TO BE IN LINE WITH YOUR WILL. I WANT MY LOVE TO LOOK LIKE YOURS AND I WANT MY EYES TO SEE LIKE YOURS. GOD DRAW ME CLOSER TO YOU AND FILL ME WITH YOUR PEACE AND GRACE. USE ME TO SHOW THIS WORLD WHO YOU ARE. BE BLESSED BY MY LIFE GOD.

IN JESUS' NAME AMEN!

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