



First United Methodist Church of Lockport  
1000 S. Washington St., Lockport, IL 60441



# THE METHODIST CHIMES

August 2009

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## THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

It is a fact that Life can seem unbearable at times. Physical pain, difficult decisions, financial hardships, death of a loved one, or shattered dreams threatens to engulf us. We become fearful, perplexed, and anxiety builds up. Plagued by doubts we even find it difficult to pray.

Those of us who know the Lord through personal faith in Christ Jesus have in him a calm treatment in the storms of life, even while the howling winds of trial are sweeping over us. We can experience peace of mind and calmness of the spirit.

Dr. Richard Fuller, a 19<sup>th</sup> century minister told of an old seafarer who said, "In fierce storms, we must put the ship in a certain position and keep her there." Said Fuller, "This Christian is what you must. We must put our soul in one position and keep it there. We must stay upon the Lord, and come what may—winds, waves, sea billows roar, thunder and lightning, frowning rocks, no matter what, we must hold fast our confidence in God's faithfulness and God's everlasting love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We all experience and feel overwhelmed with the troubles of this world. We can learn from that sailor. Fix your mind on God. Ask for God's help. Then trust God to give the peace that passes all understanding in the storms of life. (Philippians 4:6-7)

As you continue to enjoy the summer season, visiting and traveling to many places, please don't forget that our church ministries still rely on your gifts and offerings to support our missions both local and global. I ask for your prayers as I work on my Doctoral studies this coming two weeks in the Philippines. Meanwhile there will be a pastor available who will cover for me in my absence, please call the church office.

Be safe and enjoy the summertime.

To God Be The Glory For Great Things God Has Done!

*+Pastor Noah*

Rev. Noah R. Panlilio



# Come Worship with us



**Saturday, August 1 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

Gary Marinellie, preaching—NO Communion on this Saturday

Music by: Eric Oberg

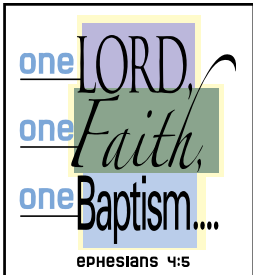
**Sunday, August 2 – 9:30 a.m.;** Rev. David Kaller, preaching

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide*

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12 (UMH 785);

Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

*FISH Pantry Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion; Junior Church  
Coffee hour following 9:30 a.m. worship service*



**Saturday, August 8 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

Music by: Mary Beth Davidson—No guest speaker

**Sunday, August 9 - 9:30 a.m.;** Jim Shinn preaching

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide*

*Junior Church*

Lectionary Readings: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ephesians 4:25-5:2;

Psalm 130 (UMH 848); John 6:35, 41-51



**Saturday, August 15 - Saturday Praise & Worship- 5:00 p.m.**

**Open Door Music Fest - FREE concert - Come out and spend a relaxing evening as we enjoy great music and a cookout with family, friends and neighbors. Hot dogs, hamburgers and more will be available during the concert.**

**Sunday, August 16 - 9:30 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide*

*Junior Church*

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Ephesians 5:15-20;

Psalm 111 (UMH 832); John 6:51-58

*Circle of Love Collection; Sacrament of Holy Communion*



**Saturday, August 22 - Saturday Praise & Worship - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching

Music by: Kristin Price

**Sunday, August 23 – 9:30 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

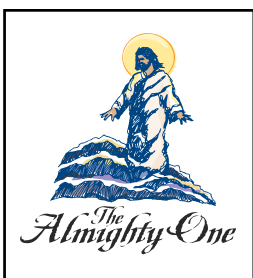
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide*

*Junior Church; Blackhawk Barbershop Singers*

Lectionary Readings: 1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84 (UMH 804);

Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

*Change for Missions offering*



**Saturday, August 29 - Saturday Praise & Worship - 5:00 p.m.**

Pastor Noah preaching

Music by: Jennifer Johnson (flutist)

**Sunday, August 30 – 9:30 a.m.;** Pastor Noah preaching

*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost/in Kingdomtide*

*Junior Church*

Lectionary Readings: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; James 1:17-27

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 or Psalm 72 (UMH 795); Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**UNITED  
METHODIST  
WOMEN**

**Rachel Circle -**

Rachel Circle will not be meeting in August.

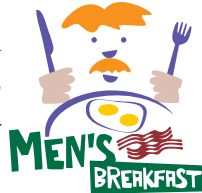
**Bykota Circle - Tues. Aug. 11 at Noon -**

Bykota Circle will have their annual picnic at the home of Bev Price. Please bring a dish to pass and a white elephant gift.

**Sarah Circle -**

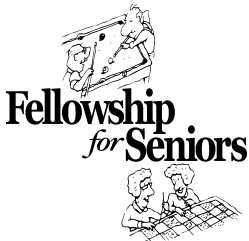
Sarah Circle will not be meeting in August.

All men and their sons are invited to our men's breakfast on **Sunday, August 2 at 7:30 a.m.** Come for a hearty breakfast and fellowship.



**FIRST UMC  
SENIORS FELLOWSHIP**

The Seniors Fellowship group will not meet during the summer months. We will resume meeting again in September. See you all back in the fall!



A lay speaker is a member of a local church who is ready and desirous to serve the Church, and who is well informed on and committed to the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church. A lay speaker has completed the required training courses in lay speaking and has been approved by a district or annual conference committee on lay speaking. When certified, the lay speaker may conduct services of worship, preach, and lead study sessions as requested by the pastor or the district superintendent.



**Book Club News**

The FUMC book club enjoys lively discussions and dessert monthly. All are welcome. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month, at 7pm in Dystrup Study.

Our August selection is "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith. Our August meeting is on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

If you enjoy reading a variety of books, along with conversation and dessert, give this group a try. We always have a great time. Questions....call Lynn Farr @815-838-8554 or email @ [RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:RaisorFarr@sbcglobal.net)



Please let Pastor Noah or Mary, our Administrative Assistant, know if you are in need of a pastoral visit in the hospital or at home or if you are in need to have a meal prepared because of a hospitalization. Call the church office at 815-838-1017.

**No 4th Sunday Dinners  
During Summer**

There will not be a 4th Sunday dinner in July or August. 4th Sunday dinners will begin again on Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.



**PRAISE SERVICE RETURNS**

Our Praise Service is returning on Saturday, August 1 at 5 p.m. after taking a brief vacation during June and July. Just a reminder that on Saturday, August 15 at 5 p.m. we will be having our Open Door Music Fest with local talented musicians performing and hot dogs, hamburgers and more will be available. So come and spend a relaxing evening with family, friends and neighbors.

## LAY LEADER'S LETTER

It has been a while since I accepted the assignment as Lay Leader and I have to say it has been an exciting and rewarding time. Jean and I came to 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Lockport during Pastor Martha's last two years. But, not until I became Lay Leader did I truly appreciate this church and all that it does to "Make Disciples of Jesus Christ."

As the liaison between Pastor Noah and the congregation I get to meet, listen and talk with so many people.

Pastor Noah and I often meet and I want you to know that he is excited and very happy about starting his third year here. When I think about all he has done since he first came here I'm excited also.

He's done so much to introduce us to another culture, another language, different foods, and different styles of worship all to the very same God. I still don't understand his native language but I do know that there are some WWII GIs that do remember some of the words and phrases. Do you remember the first time he sang a solo? It was awesome. His dedication to Volunteers In Mission through the Northern Illinois Conference and the wonderful work he does during mission trips can be an inspiration to us all. Because Pastor Noah is our Pastor we benefit directly from the knowledge and wisdom he acquires during his mission work and doctoral studies. Have you seen the latest presentation he has put together when he and Gary Marinellie went to the Philippines? Maybe we can get him to repeat it for those who missed it the first time. Right here in our church he has introduced some new things and brought back some old practices. We now have trained Holy Communion ministers, trained Acolytes and Holy Communion classes for the young so they know what it means to be welcomed to the Lord's Table.

As Lay Leader I attend a lot of meetings where I hear of all the hopes, dreams, and ideas of so many of you. All of the committees are constantly trying to make this church a place where more people want to come and worship. Starting about 4AM serving PADS, to biscuits at the train station before that morning commute, to Sunday coffee hours and dinners, to fund raising dinners and events for missions, we plan purchase cook and serve. We worship in so many ways in addition to Sunday mornings. We worship through service to others. We worship through Bible study. We worship through the Open Door Music Fest. We worship through weddings, funerals, baptisms, calling, visiting, prayer and giving of our time, talents, gifts, and service. All of this we do to the glory of God. He has given us eternal life through His unconditional love and salvation. Because of these gifts from God we do what we can so that others may receive what we already have. I think God is happy about what 1<sup>st</sup> UMC Lockport is doing. Can we do more; of course we can with God's help and Pastor Noah's guidance. I believe Pastor Noah is truly dedicated to the life and ministry of any church where he is appointed and called by God. Thanks be to God. — Yours in Christ, Jim Shinn

## Did You Know



- ❖ 54 people had a great time at the church picnic
- ❖ The weekly bulletin & yellow pages are posted on our web site
- ❖ The church website address is [www.1umclockport.org](http://www.1umclockport.org)
- ❖ We have sent over 60 youth & adults to eastern Kentucky for Mission Trips since 1995

## Christian Symbols

### Cross Crosslet

This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.



Circle of Love Diaper Ministry served 14 families the first week of July and 38 families in the month of June. We were able to give away 42 bags of diapers, 52 feminine products and 9 incontinence products. Through donations, we are able to purchase our main products, but we are in need of soap, shampoo and baby wipes. Thank you for your continued support of this special ministry. — Jennifer Queeney

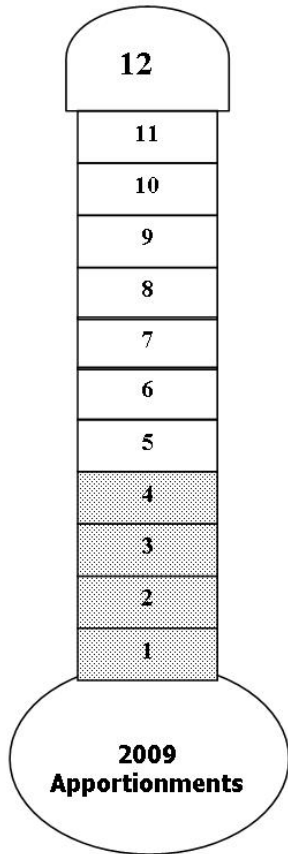
OUR CHURCH'S



## FINANCIAL HEALTH

June 2009

Beginning Balance	4,831	
General Fund Income		11,530
General Fund Expenses		13,240
Ending Balance		3,120



**Our Apportionments we have paid to date for the year**



**PLEASE MAKE NOTE THAT WE WILL BE RETURNING TO OUR FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE ON SEPTEMBER 13.**

The 9:30 a.m. worship service will continue through Sept. 6. We will be having Sunday School Rally Day and an Ice Cream Social at the Saturday, Sept. 12 service at 5 p.m. Sunday School classes will resume beginning Sunday, Sept. 13 at 8:45 a.m. and Sunday worship will again begin at 10:15 a.m. on the 13th. The third graders will be receiving their Bibles from their Inspirational Friends at the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 13.

**THANK YOU!**  
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First United Methodist Church,  
 Dear Church Members,

The Lockport Area AAUW group would like to thank you for allowing us to use your facilities the past year. Please find enclosed a small token of our appreciation.

Gail Mitchell,  
 Lockport Area AAUW treasurer  
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Thank you to everyone who donated wide-ruled theme notebooks for the Back to School Fair.

**A prayer for our church**

Lord Jesus, we pray that you will somehow give us ears to hear, hearts to love and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known not for our glory but for thine alone - a congregation of people who know you; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding.

Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. Amen.

**A church garden**

First, plant five rows of peas:

- Presence
- Promptness
- Preparation
- Purity
- Perseverance.

Next to these, plant three rows of squash:

- Squash gossip.
- Squash criticism.
- Squash indifference.

No garden is complete without turnips:

- Turn up for meetings.
- Turn up with a smile.
- Turn up with new ideas.
- Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.



**REMEMBER TO KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN OUR PRAYERS:** To those that have been hospitalized and are now recuperating; all our homebound; our missionaries in Zimbabwe, Larry & Jane Kies and their four children; Dorothy Wierenga (Carolyn Brauch's mother); Ken Clark; Lois Brown; Carlton and Marilyn Baumgartner; for our Natural Church Development Health Team; people losing jobs or unemployed; homeless and hungry people; Tammy Biltgen Wischnack – doing better, still needs prayers; Diana Dean, friend of Dawn McNamara – diagnosed with brain cancer; Eric Cozzi's sister – surgery; Jim Koger's father, Kenneth – stopped kidney dialysis and needs prayers; Mickey Bown – is now at Loyaltown of Joliet; Becky Goltermann – fell, has broken shoulder; Howard Ott – having more surgery; Pastor Noah's

niece Doris and also his friend Naomi – possible breast cancer; John Bachelor, friend of Linda Brown – had quintuple bypass surgery; Lori Kerschbaum, friend of Linda Brown – in hospital for severe abdominal pain; Pete Hoagland, friend of Linda Brown – has blockages in both legs & needs bypass surgery; Phil, husband of Linda Brown's friend Jo Donna – hospitalized for a lump; John, father of Sara Farr's friend Susan – diagnosed with Leukemia; Elena Winters – prayers for better health; Pastor Noah's cousin Joel – brain tumors; Sharon Petty – hospitalized in Kansas for low blood sugar; Joyce O'Neil – abdominal surgery; Eric Cozzi's father – prayers; Bob Thompson's cousin Gary Walk – heart problems; Marcella Nicholson – chemo treatments; Pastor Noah's cousin Joel – brain tumors; Elena Winters will be undergoing surgery in August – needs prayers for good health; Pastor Noah – surgery on varicose veins last week; Dick Dystrup – in hospital at St. Joseph for infection, prayers for healing; Barb Dystrup – in hospital (St. Joseph); Sue Knowles' son Alan - in hospital, prayers for healing; Iris Chapp – fell and broke left wrist, prayers for healing; Linda Pucket (Lynn Farr's cousin) – tests; Pattie Piotrowski's father Bob Hoffman – in hospital (St. Joseph); Clyde Odle – recovering from hip surgery, prayers for healing; for all the men & women serving our country in the military. May we keep all in need in our prayers - those who are grieving, those taking care of the aged/sick/dying, and our own special intentions that we hold dear in our hearts.

### Financial Status Report

The first six months of 2009 is behind us now, and in an effort to keep everyone informed the finance committee is publishing a status report for this year as of June 30.

At this time we are holding our own, not really getting further ahead, but not falling terribly behind either. We have paid four of our apportionments; one which was paid with money collected from last year in the Christmas offering, but still, with six due we have managed to pay four. Our apportionment amount due each month is \$2,246.00.



In the income and expenses area we have stayed in the black all year, as this has not been the case past years we find this to be good news.

Our pledgers are doing a good job. We have \$125,964.00 pledged for this year and have received in \$66,155.00. This is slightly more than was expected at the end of six months, so this is good news. Thank you Pledgers!

We have added the apportionment thermometer to the newsletter so that you can see where we are in our payments. This thermometer is also a good gauge of where the church is financially, as when we have no money we can't pay our apportionments. If we are paying our apportionments we are doing ok. It is our goal to pay all twelve of our apportionments this year which would be an excellent barometer of our church's financial health.

We appreciate those of you who have been supporting our church through giving, in this time of economic distress for many people we appreciate that people give and support the staff and programs that make our church such an important part of our lives.



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# OPEN DOOR MUSIC FEST

**FEATURING THE MUSIC OF JIM MAHALIK  
and many other talented local musicians**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>. Come out and spend a relaxing evening as we enjoy great music presented by some of our local musicians and a cookout with family, friends and neighbors.

The evening will kick off at 5pm

Hot dogs, hamburgers and more will be available



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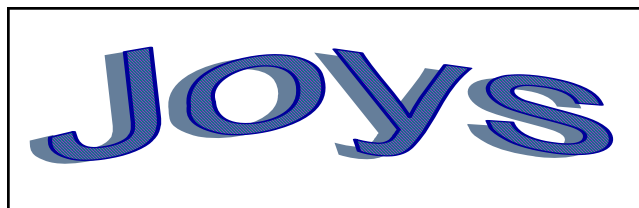


**ANNIVERSARIES**

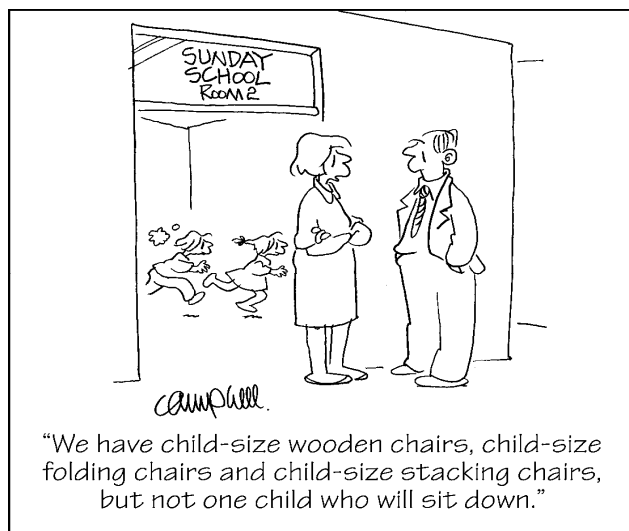
- August** 2 - Brian & Lori Smith (1986)  
 3 - Michael & Angela Brown (2002)  
 Jeffrey & Jennifer Hill (2001)  
 5 - Robert & Rosemary Thompson (1972)  
 6 - Clyde & Marilyn Odle (1966)  
 Michael & Amy Visser (2005)  
 7 - Tom & Joan Biltgen (1971)  
 15 - James & Carolyn Brauch (1970)  
 17 - Earl & Wendy Meseth (1981)  
 20 - Jim & Jan Koger (1977)  
 27 - Ronald & Sheila Stempien (1978)

**BIRTHDAYS**

- August** 1 - Larry Gooding  
 Barbara Ott  
 4 - Sarah Vollmer  
 5 - Tristan Batson  
 Elizabeth Hollatz  
 6 - Paul Berard  
 Don Grady  
 8 - Elicia Bown  
 Brooke Marinellie  
 Mady Stein  
 10 - Mason Smith  
 12 - Gerda Sprague  
 13 - Lois Stevenson  
 15 - Diane Endebak  
 Kenneth Frayne  
 John George III  
 Amy Visser  
 16 - Sean McNamara  
 17 - Gary Culbreth Jr.  
 Barbara Ritchey  
 Heather Viall  
 18 - Amber Lindstrom  
 20 - Jim Endebak  
 Tom Jenkins  
 21 - Lori Smith  
 23 - Debbie Dorion  
 Catherine Eckman  
 Kim Callahan-Kelly  
 24 - Brian Markham  
 Marguerite Stelling  
 25 - Kaylynn Bown  
 Wendy Covelli  
 26 - Kevin Brauch  
 Gayle Glover  
 27 - Matthew Stempien  
 28 - Debra Jerrick  
 29 - Robert Gilkerson  
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 Mark Seiler  
 31 - Julie Goshorn



- Winnie Johnson enjoyed her trip to Door County with her family.
- Four children were welcomed to the Lord's Table on Sunday, June 21 – Reanna Panlilio, Kevin Becker, Matthew Becker and Ian Cozzi.
- Pastor Noah is doing well after having leg surgery.
- Betty Shinn – had the boot taken off her ankle is doing well.
- Danny Carpenter, 2 yr. old – doing well with 2<sup>nd</sup> round of chemo treatments.
- Church picnic was great, food was yummy!
- Little Nick – does not need surgery!
- Eric Oberg's Grandmother Helga celebrated her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday on 7/3/09!
- Joyce O'Neil – surgery went very well.
- Tammy Biltgen Wischnack gave a wonderful sermon on Sunday, July 5 and her back is much better.
- Howard Ott is doing much better and is back at work.
- Congratulations and best wishes to Newlyweds Sara (Farr) and Michael Dunn, who were married at First UMC on July 18<sup>th</sup>!
- Rella Sutton's son Jim and his wife Mary were in church with Rella.
- Sharon Petty's cousins Marsha and Bob were in church with Sharon and Mike.
- Pattie Piotrowski – thanks to everyone who has helped or donated money for serving breakfast at Daybreak! Thanks to Pattie for all of your hard work!
- Congratulations to Jeremy and Libby Landig on the birth of their second child, Caleb Joseph on July 17<sup>th</sup>!



# Sunday School News

August is the last month of Junior Church! The children will be learning about New Testament Miracles. A few of the story titles are: *Jesus Calms the Storm, Walking on Water* and *Net Full of Fish*.

Come and join us for the fun! If you are interested in helping out please see Jan Koger.

Did you know...

Prayers should be a part of your daily life—even children should pray to God as often as they can!

Say this prayer everyday through out the coming month:

God in heaven hear my prayer,  
keep me in thy loving care.  
Be my guide in all I do,  
Bless all those who love me too.  
Amen.  
--- Traditional



## Kid's Corner!



I was the one my dad  
adored.  
He made a rainbow coat that I wore.  
My brothers were jealous and said,  
"Come let's sell this dreamer who  
causes such a fuss!"

Who am I?  
Joseph

(Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-28)

## Mark Your Calendars!



### August 15:

5:00 PM-

Open Door Music Fest:  
Music, fun and food for all  
ages!

### September 12:

5:00 PM-

Rally Day and Ice Cream  
Social  
(Kick off for Sunday School)

### September 13:

8:45 AM-

First day of Sunday School

10:15 AM-

3<sup>rd</sup> grade Bible Presentations  
during church

### September 19:

6:00 PM-

Movie Night

**Memory Verse Games**

Memorizing Bible verses is a great way to get God's Word into our hearts and minds.

**Memory-Verse Memory Game**

**What you need:**

- Index cards (two for each word in the Bible verse)
- Crayons and markers
- A Bible verse

**What you do:**

1. Choose a different color for each word in the verse. Write that word on two different cards. (Non-readers can draw pictures.)
2. Mix up the cards and spread them out (face down) on a table or floor.
3. Players take turns trying to uncover cards that match. For extra difficulty, try finding the word pairs in the order they appear in the verse.

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**The Vanishing Memory Verse**

**What you need:**

- Dry-erase board, markers and eraser
- OR chalkboard, chalk and eraser
- OR large piece of construction paper, pen and self-stick notes
- A Bible verse

**What you do:**

1. Write down the verse and read it (alone or with a partner).
2. Take turns erasing (or covering with self-stick notes) one word at a time. Then read the verse, remembering what word went in each blank.
3. Eventually, the board will be blank, and you'll be able to recite the whole verse!

**Just for KIDS**

*Upon your hearts*

The Bible is the perfect guidebook for living God-pleasing lives. Deuteronomy 6:6-8 (NIV) tells us how to remember the Scriptures.

Use the picture clues and Word Bank below to finish the verses.

**WORD BANK**

children	road
commandments	sit
down	Talk
foreheads	Tie
hands	up
hearts	walk
home	

“These (1) \_\_\_\_\_ that I give you today are to be upon your (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Impress them on your (3) \_\_\_\_\_. (4) \_\_\_\_\_ about them when you (5) \_\_\_\_\_ at (6) \_\_\_\_\_ and when you (7) \_\_\_\_\_ along the (8) \_\_\_\_\_, when you lie (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and when you get (10) \_\_\_\_\_. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ them as symbols on your (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and bind them on your (13) \_\_\_\_\_.”

Answers: (1) commandments; (2) hearts; (3) children; (4) Talk; (5) sit; (6) home; (7) walk; (8) road; (9) down; (10) up; (11) Tie; (12) hands; (13) foreheads