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**FIRST  
 THOUGHTS**

**What Do You Expect?**

Another election year. Another season of campaigns. Several months of listening to reports about who is ahead in the polls, who won the latest

primary or caucus, and who is dropping out of the campaign.

More commercials on TV.

More mud slinging.

The Tea Party Movement has become a wave in which a lot of disenfranchised-feeling conservatives are expressing their frustrations over not being heard or cared for by mainstream politicians.

The Occupy Movement has become a wave in which a lot of disenfranchised-feeling conservatives are expressing their frustrations over not being heard or cared for by mainstream politicians.

Funny how people so opposed to each other on ideology can agree on something so passionately.

Now, here we go. Standing on the sidelines as I do and as you do, it's tempting to just complain and bemoan

the fact that the players in government seem at a decades-long stalemate: warring against each other to the point that they tip on the precipice of government stalemate and ineffectiveness. And it seems there's nothing we can do.

So it's hard to do anything.

At the risk of "getting political," I think the greatest frustration we face is the repeated lack of respect and refusal of legislators and governors or the President to even communicate for the sake of the public. It seems that all that is important is ideology and power. In the face of that, it appears that the very idea of public service has utterly escaped those who hold office. All-the-while, we've been facing some of the biggest challenges our state and national communities have had to face in at least a generation.

It seems like the ship is sinking while the entire crew is engaged in a fist fight over the dinner menu.

I think that we need to expect something different from our leaders. And the fact that we are nearing another major election is the perfect time for us to call for it. I'm not suggesting that we all should become

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## PEOPLE IN THE CHURCH



Dear Friends,

I received a Christmas card from a church friend with a gift of money enclosed. Only you know who you are – many thanks.

Secondly, I want to thank the choir for a lovely rendition of the Hallelujah Chorus. It put the Christ in Christmas for me and was a wonderful gift. For, though the world seems to reject Him, He will reign forever.

Many thanks,  
*Lee Hoffmann*



Thank you to everyone for the cards, prayers, and phone calls during my sister's (Grace Jean Hoglund) illness and passing. They meant so much to us.

Peace and blessing to you all,  
*the Matson family*  
*the Hoglund family*  
*the Walbridge family*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May the light of the Christ child guide us and give us hope. Christmas greetings from the United Methodist Church in Lithuania.



To our church,

You have no idea how often I enjoy the letters from you. Peggy helps with that. God bless all of you!

*Dorothy Gates*



Hi to all of my former church family,

Since my handwriting has deteriorated and my hearing is worse, I just want to tell all of you, "Hi," and I'm thinking of you and miss all of you.

Have a happy, healthy year.

*Ron Williams*



The faith community of Royal Oak First extends sympathy to:

The family and friends of **Ruth Dawkins** on her death, 12/7  
**Tom Tull** on the death of his father, Dr. T. Robert Tull, 12/7  
**Elizabeth Kincannon** on the death of her brother, Ken Showers, 12/20  
**Nancy Matson** on the death of her sister, Grace Jean Hoglund, 12/20  
**Rosemary Walker** on the death of her father, Anton (Tony) Holas, 12/27

## Baptized In December

**Benjamin Robert LaRose and Zachary Roger LaRose**, children of Brian & Jessica LaRose



## New Arrival

**Declan Everett Dresden**, son of Heather & Michael, 12/21



## Music Guild Thank-You

We would like to thank all who participated in the Music Guild greens sale. With your help, we raised approximately \$1,200. This fundraiser enables us to keep Choir Camp costs affordable for the children.

Thank you, again.

*Music Guild*

## What Do You Expect?

(Continued from page 1)

conservative or liberal, Democrats or Republicans.

I'm suggesting that we insist on leaders that have an aptitude for working well with others.

The leader who shows the first indication he or she is initiating dialogue and collaboration with the greater coalition of other leaders, who bridges the silly rifts of ideology, who places the healing and strengthening of the economy and its social fabric, who places the care of people – their jobs, education, safety, property, transportation, utilities, and communication – above party platitudes – will be the leader who will yield the greatest respect and devotion from this public.

So, it is not that one leader or another “gets it” or “doesn't get it.” It is that leaders understand that they “get it differently” and they all need you to get on the same page.

We should not have had to suffer another eleventh hour showdown over the budget. Those matters should have been worked out weeks before by more conciliatory leaders. Those kinds of impasses indicate everyone's failure.

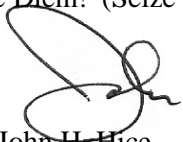
The whole corpus of our leaders must learn to work together, regardless who winds up with the most power. As long as Republicans and Democrats worry most about who will result as winners and losers, the people are bound to lose.

We need them to make us all winners. Do the harder work of getting on the same page with each other.

I think this is what we should demand: a lot of social skill. The ability to collaborate across ideological lines. The leaders we should pick this go-around need to be the leaders who show a track record of conciliation.

As Christians and citizen voters, this is what I believe we should demand. And now is the time for us to be public about it.

Carpe Diem! (Seize the day!),



Rev. John H. Hice

## Faith and Church Exploration

This series of classes is designed both for those who are new to the ROFUM (Royal Oak First United Methodist Church) community, as well as for those who are considering becoming full members of the church. “Faith and Church Exploration” will meet in our Library on five consecutive Sundays:

Mar. 4	3-4 p.m.
Mar. 11	9:15 a.m.
Mar. 18	9:15 a.m.
Mar. 25	9:15 a.m.
Apr. 1	3-5 p.m.



For those who choose membership upon completion of this class, reception into church membership will take place during our worship services the weekend of April 7/8.

If you are interested in joining this class, please leave your name and phone number in the church office. Direct questions to Rev. Hice.

## What Would You Do If You Saw Jesus at Church?



Jesus taught that when we welcome others in his name, it is as though we are actually welcoming Him!

At ROFUM, one way we are growing in our intentional welcome is by organizing ourselves to take coffee mugs stuffed with church information to the homes of first-time visitors. It is a brief “porch visit” to introduce ourselves, to express our gladness and thanks that they have attended, and to offer opportunities for questions.

We are wildly enthusiastic and thankful about this ministry and volunteers! If you are interested in participating or have questions, you are welcome to call the office or talk to John or Laura Hice, or any of our Welcoming Team (otherwise affectionately known as “muggers”).

Our February mug ministry volunteers are:

Feb 5	Cynthia Cline, Darren & Annette Wahl
Feb 12	Donna Yates, Jeff Palmer, Sue Buxton
Feb 19	Bonnie Barber, Megan Bell, Rick Wright
Feb 26	Marian Kremer, Bill & Faye Bond

“I was a stranger, and you welcomed me.”  
Matthew 25:35c

*Laura Hice*



## Mission Spotlight: Baldwin Center

Baldwin Center is a project we have supported for many years. In 1981 the Baldwin United Methodist Church saw the need to begin an outreach program for their community. They began by providing meals (hot dinners and sack lunches) for those in and around the Pontiac area. As the need grew, members of the church began to branch out to other programs - providing groceries for those families in their community that were having financial troubles, and providing warm clothing for those who are homeless as well as for children as they are walking to and from school. The Baldwin Center continues to expand to serve additional needs in their community by providing counseling to individuals and families through education and empowerment programs to assist them in their struggles to overcome poverty. Members of our church and the Missions Work Area feel that the Baldwin Center is a program worthy of our continued support.

## Outpouring of Christmas Giving

Many, many people benefited from our Parlor mitten tree this year.

- 50 pair of gloves, 45 hats, and 39 scarves were distributed to our Sack Lunch guests
- Cass Community Social Services received 35 scarves, 22 hats, 6 pairs of shoes/slippers, and 10 pairs of gloves & mittens
- Alexander Nursing Home received 2 lap robes and 6 shawls
- Beaumont Hospital received 3 shawls



Our Christmas card trees generated one or more Christmas cards being sent to each of 42 homebound seniors.

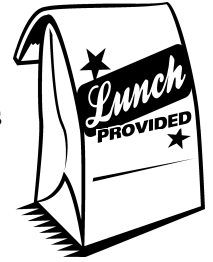
This wonderful outpouring from our church family demonstrates the loving spirit of our church reaching out to touch the lives of so many others. Thank you to all.

*Peggy Gill*, Congregational Care Assistant

## Sack Lunch Program

We have served three holiday meals including Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years Day. Many thanks to all of our volunteers – those from our church as well as those from outside the church.

All three meals were well received (we served 28-35 guests at each of our holiday meals) and we want to thank all those who donated extra time to help make our program so successful. A company in Troy contacted us and donated many bags of food items, some of which we shared with Cass. Our own Sanctus Choir collected many needed items for our program and particularly for our Thanksgiving meal. Thank you, Sanctus, for choosing our program to support.



We always have a successful clothing day on the last Monday of each month. We continue to need men's clothing (jeans, levis, shoes, boots, coats, long johns, underwear, socks) and hygiene items. Don't forget to put your items in the Kitchenette off the Parlor and mark them "sack lunch." We have limited storage space, so it helps if you can hold your items until the last weekend of the month. Thanks for all your donations.

And, as usual, we continue to need food items: juice boxes, fruit cups, pudding cups, fresh fruit, chips, lunch meat, and bread. If it is easier to donate money and let us do the shopping at Aldi and Costco, please leave your donation in the church office and mark it for the sack lunch program. We continue to receive items from both Starbucks and Caribou Coffee. Our guests seem to enjoy the variety. Marilyn Murley continues to make fresh soup nearly every week. Thanks, Marilyn!

Thanks, again, to all our volunteers who continue to work every week with smiles, warm food, and a sack lunch for our guests.

*Delores Grier*, Sack Lunch Coordinator

## News from the Curriculum Director: *Caroline Scott*


### Weather Alert

Please note that when the Royal Oak Schools close for inclement weather, we cancel Holy COW (Church on Wednesday).



**Education Work Area Update:** The Education Work Area will be moving its monthly meetings to the first Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room. We're hoping to have good participation by meeting during the last half hour of Holy COW.

**Help Wanted:** I am planning to organize the upstairs art supply area during the week of February 20. If you are willing to assist in this effort, your help would be greatly appreciated. If you want to help but cannot donate your time, a donation of clear plastic storage containers (shoebox size and larger) would also be appreciated.

**Perfect Attendance!**  Congratulations to Hanna and Jake Tripoli for having perfect Sunday school attendance during the first half of the 2011-2012 school year. We are all proud of your outstanding commitment to worship!

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### College Care Packages Delivered!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our college care packages. Twenty-one packages were packed and shipped to our college students at the end of November. A special thank you goes out to Ann Blessman, Jenny Lambert, Colin Mann, Kasey O'Donnell, Justin Orloski, and Dylan Yates who helped tape, sort, count, fill, stuff, and tape some more. We could not have done it without you! These packages generate many thank you notes filled with appreciation from our out of town college students.



Our high school youth will not be doing a peace project this year, but we would like to thank everyone for their past support.

Blessings on the New Year,  
*Trish Lambert & Laurie O'Donnell*

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### Instrumental Ensemble to Begin in February

All musicians are invited to join our new instrumental ensemble which will rehearse Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. (right after Holy COW). Rehearsals will only last about 20 minutes. Our first rehearsal will be on February 8. If you are interested in joining this ensemble, please put your name (and instrument you play) on the sign-up sheet at Holy COW or Sunday morning Fellowship Times. Our ensemble will enhance worship at both the 9:15 and 11:00 a.m. worship services.

*Alayna Young*, Director of Music

### Choir Camp Needs You!

Choir Camp is coming fast. It will be the week of July 22-28. We are still in need of Camp Counselors. Make this the greatest summer ever for you and the kids. Please pick up your application from the church office. Applications are due by January 29<sup>th</sup> (with a two week grace period).



*Jennifer Tripoli*, Camp Dean

IN HIS

STEPS

## Stewardship Update

Happy New Year! If you can't believe 2012 is already here and you realized that you haven't made your "In His Steps – Here I Am, Lord" commitment for 2012, it's not too late. It's actually never too late to make a commitment in any of the areas of Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness. If you need a new commitment card, you may obtain one from the church office.

Now is also the time to start fulfilling our commitments. Many of us make New Year's resolutions. Have you ever made a resolution that included any of your church commitments? You are encouraged to try it this year. As of January 13<sup>th</sup>, our congregation made 273 individual commitments in the area of Presence. In fact, 232 people committed to be present in worship each week when in town and healthy and 58 people committed to participate in a study group. Additionally, 213 people committed to attend, participate in, and support church activities to the best of their ability. Include your commitments of Presence in your New Year's Resolutions. Now is the time to start the year out right while you answer the call and joyfully exclaim, "Here I am, Lord."

Let us continue to be good stewards and prayerfully consider our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness to follow Christ and then lead others in the same path, showing what working together accomplishes and that anything is possible through Christ when we believe.

"For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps." 1 Peter 2:21

*2012 ROFUM Stewardship Committee*

## BUDGET REPORT

The Finance Committee gives you a heartfelt "thank you" for all of your financial gifts given in support of our 2011 programs, ministries, and "Bold Steps" capital improvements. It's been said many times before but bears repeating, we wouldn't be able to carry out our many ministries without your faithful giving.

You have probably already noticed that your 2012 offering envelopes look slightly different than they have in previous years. The regularly weekly giving envelope has lines to record three types of giving:

1. "In His Steps Commitment" – this line used to read "operating." This new title helps move our focus from operating a church to actually accomplishing God's mission.
2. "Capital Improvements" – although our "Bold Steps" capital campaign has ended, our building continues to have many capital improvement needs.
3. The "Special Offering" category is for all those special giving opportunities that occur during the year (UMCOR disaster relief appeal, for instance).

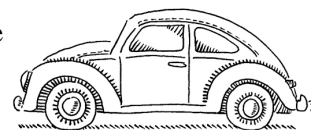
You will also see a yellow Missions envelope (one per month) in your boxed set. Monies placed in this envelope will go toward missions and outreach programs selected by the Missions Committee through "Ministry Jubilee."

Let us continue to be good stewards and prayerfully consider our time, talents, gifts, service, and witness to follow Christ and then lead others in the same path, showing what working together accomplishes. Anything is possible through Christ when we believe!

*Jeff Vickers*, Finance Chair

## Another Way to Give!

If you have an extra vehicle you have been considering donating, please call Charity Motors, Inc. Car Donation Program (313-933-4000) and tell them you want to donate your vehicle and designate the proceeds to ROFUM. You will receive a tax deduction while helping our church!



## Keith J. Leenhouts College Scholarship Fund

It is time to take steps to apply for college scholarships for the 2012 school year. Application forms are available in the church office and at Royal Oak High School and Berkley High School. Guidelines for awarding the scholarships are included with the applications. The deadline for submission of the applications is February 15.

We wish to thank Keith's many friends, associates, and students who have generously contributed to the scholarship fund. We would be grateful for your consideration of additional gifts to this important fund. Questions? Contact Noel Peterson.

## Over Our Heads, Under Our Feet, Around the Corners, and In Between

A tremendous amount of work goes on at our church that often is unrecognized. Our Building Management Committee, headed by John Marsh, spends many volunteer hours maintaining our extensive and aging building. During this past year many maintenance and improvement projects were completed. Here are some of them:

1. The slate roof over the Sanctuary was inspected and repaired.
2. Several areas of the church's interior were painted, including hallways and the Conference Room.
3. Stainless steel edging was installed at vulnerable interior corners (check them out at the tower entrance to the elevator).
4. A new sturdy, attractive garden shed replaced the deteriorating metal one in the southwest corner of the parking lot.
5. Next to the new shed is a new dumpster enclosure to eliminate the rat problem in the alley behind the church.
6. A section of rusted out eaves trough was removed and the trim painted behind it. New eaves trough will be installed this spring.
7. The hallway carpets on the main floor as well as the Sanctuary, Crib Nursery, and Preschool room were cleaned for Christmas.
8. A donated upright freezer was installed in the lower level to provide space for the expanding Sack Lunch program.

As you might expect these actions don't happen without extensive planning, considerable expense, and lots of labor. Take time to thank John for the work his committee does to make God's house a fitting place for worship and ministry.



## Men's Fellowship Saturday, Feb 18, 8:18 a.m.

Our featured speaker in February will be Cindy Goodaker, Senior Editor of Crains Detroit magazine who will discuss issues and opportunities of a Regional Transit System in Southeastern Michigan. Come and enjoy fellowship and be enlightened. Breakfast begins at 8:18 with the program following at 9:15. Come and be enlightened. Ladies are always welcome.

## Bowling for a Great Cause

What are you doing after worship on Sunday, February 26? Royal Oak Youth Assistance has a suggestion. They are inviting all ROFUM bowlers, their families, and friends to join them for their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowl-A-Thon at Thunderbird Lanes in Troy. You can participate any time between noon and 4:00 p.m. The money raised will help provide funding for scholarships, mentors, family education, and youth recognition for Royal Oak youth. In fact, ROYA has provided scholarship assistance to needy ROFUM families for summer Choir Camp!

Sound like fun? If so, see Trish Lambert in the office or give her a call.

## Thank you to our February Church Life Sponsors

Dr. Nancy E. Hartrick - Family Dentistry  
Kinsey-Garrett Funeral Home  
Paul Kremer - Garage Doors

New sponsors are always welcome! Contact Lori Vickers in the church office (248/541-4100) to learn how you or your organization can become a *Church Life* sponsor.

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- Single Issue \$15.00
- Quarterly (3 issues) \$45.00
- Yearly (12 issues) \$180.00

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### Individual Messages:

- Birthdays, Anniversaries, Greetings, etc.  
\$5.00/issue



**Remember  
Our Homebound Members**

Names and addresses of our homebound members are very important to us. There is constant change, so please note the names and addresses carefully. If you have any corrections or updates, please notify the church office.

Dorothy Bliss  
Dorothy Cowley  
Lois DeVos  
Eula Rhea Embry  
Dorthella Kreger  
Margery Lawson  
Pat Lawson

Yvonne Quinn  
Jeannette Safran  
Muriel Shepard  
Peggy Smullen  
Mary Tata  
Louella Wright  
Louise Wyman

**Out of the Area**

Marion Conrad  
Maggie Fries  
Christina Smith



*Sean Barr* - Air Force (Florida)  
*Jody Holeton* - Hawaii  
*Bobby Huneycutt* - Army  
*Paul Kondrat* - Marines (Afghanistan)  
*Andrew Kostrzewa* - Navy (California)

*Dan Lewis* - Army (Italy)  
*Aaron Mingle* - Navy (Florida)  
*Thomas Morales* - Navy (Gulf)  
*Jason Schaffer* - Marines (Afghanistan)



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# FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>CS</b> – Church School <b>FA</b> – First ADVENTURES <b>Holy COW (Church On Wednesday)</b> – Dinner, Youth Choirs, Bible Study, classes and activities for preschool through adult <b>HS</b> – High School <b>UMW</b> – United Methodist Women			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
9:15 a Arise! Worship 10:00 a Angelus Choir 11:00 a Worship & CS 12:30 p Choir Council 3:00 p Faith & Church Exp 7:00 p Debtors Anon	9:30 a Crafty Ladies 11:00 a Underearners An 6:30 p Celebration Ringers 7:00 p Boy Scouts 7:00 p Trustees 7:00 p Soul Stretch Yoga 8:00 p Music Guild	10:00 a Adult Study 12:00 p AA 1:15 p Library Comm 7:00 p Bldg Mgmt 7:00 p Ig Min/Mem Care 7:00 p Men's Basketball	10:00 a Program Staff Mtg 12:00 p Full Staff Mtg 4:30 p PreCOW Study 5:30 p Holy COW 6:30 p Soul Stretch Yoga 7:00 p Education Wk Area 7:30 p Stewardship Comm	9:30 a UMW Exec Comm 12:15 p UMW Luncheon 5:30 p AA 6:30 p Carillon Ringers 7:30 p Sanctus Choir 8:00 p Teen AI-Anon	6:30 p Dinner Concert	9-noon Scrap Metal Collect 5:30 p Sat Night Worship 6:30 p Dinner Concert
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# February Birthdays

- 1- Alaina Weathers  
Dona Wells
- 2- Kathleen Gregory  
Heather Scott
- 3- Robert Mann  
Dolly Oberdier
- 4- Ruby Hawkins  
Patti Koerner
- 5- Emily Berry  
Carolyn Gabler  
Sandi Poirier
- 6- Athena Milewski  
Colin Walbridge
- 7- Emily Baker  
Katie Dunstan  
Mike Hemmingsen

- 8- Cathy Fall  
Neal Harris  
Savanna Malinowski  
Charlie McDaniel
- 9- Doug Brown
- 11- Charles Halsig  
Brian LaRose  
Marlene Yago
- 12- Darlene Dyer
- 13- John Marsh  
Paul Perkins  
Riley Provost  
Joe Wichers
- 14- Sally Yago
- 15- Dennis Cole  
Matthew Gilbert  
Linda Spahr-Lyons
- 16- Christine Hall
- 17- Morgan Kempf  
Josh Simms
- 18- Marcia Armstrong  
Rick Vincent
- 19- Mary Lou Mann  
Sarah Rogers  
Kristy Watkins  
Bev Wright

- 20- Chris Baker  
Betty Greco  
Ben Standing
- 21- Mackenzie Grow  
Nancy Hartrick  
Ann Moser  
Aidan Munzinger
- 22- Michaela Garrett  
Stevan Garrett  
Sharon Sperow  
Ashley Watkins  
Sophie Willis
- 23- Travis Sperow
- 24- Theophil Bratta  
Laura Cummings  
Adalyn Sluss
- 25- Emily Aeillo  
Stephanie Cole  
Travis Walls  
Hannah Wiechec
- 26- Brian Cook
- 27- Harry Arterburn  
Anne Hartrick-Cook  
Janet Standing  
Brian Zryd
- 28- Kristin Budnar  
Nancy Matson  
Joyce Russell



Please note: If you don't see your name on our birthday list, please let us know! We may not have your birthday in our data base.



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# FORGIVENESS Game

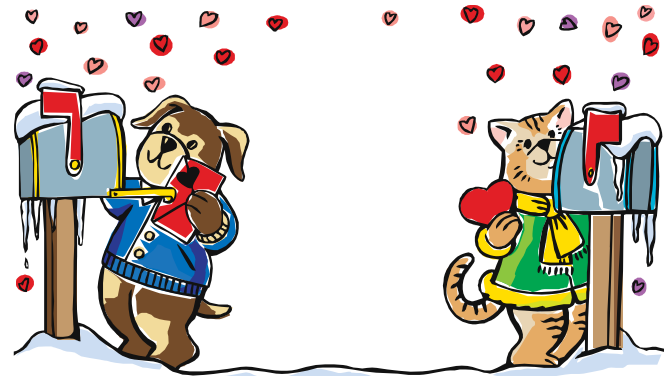
Try this twist on musical chairs.

**What you need:**

- 28 large index cards
- Black marker
- Two teams of people
- Radio or CD player

**What you do:**

1. On index cards, write out *forgiveness*, one letter per card. Make two sets (two F's, two O's, etc.).
2. Mix up the cards and form them face up in a circle on the floor. (You'll have six blanks mixed in.)
3. Have teams mix themselves up and stand in a circle around the cards. Ask an extra person to turn the music on and off.
4. As the music plays, teams walk around the circle. When the music stops, players each pick up the card nearest them.
5. Team members take their cards to a designated area and try to spell forgiveness. Any double letters or blanks go back to the "music person," who reorganizes remaining cards, spacing them evenly into a fresh circle.
6. Play continues until one team spells *forgiveness*.




## FOLLOW GOD'S EXAMPLE

In a letter to the church in Colossae, the apostle Paul wrote about the importance of forgiveness.

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To complete Colossians 3:13 (NIV), use the smaller words to fill in the larger words.

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COLOSSIANS 3:13, NIV



Answers: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13, NIV

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