



Akron Eastwood Church of the Brethren October, 2009

by Pastor Paul....

## *The Cost In Following Christ*

In Matthew 16:24, Jesus gives us the formula to faithfully follow Him. First, He summons us to surrender our wills to His ways. In verse 24, we read:

***Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any [man] will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.***

It is interesting to note that the word deny when defined means to *affirm that one has no acquaintance or connection with someone and to forget one's self, lose sight of one's self and one's own interests.*

Not only must we surrender our wills to His ways, but we are also schooled to live sacrificially. Notice, if you will, that Jesus instructs us ***to take up our cross, and follow him.*** Though the cross came to symbolize the crude and cruel punishment inflicted upon the common criminal, here it comes to signify our identity with Christ's shame and sufferings—sufferings that ultimately gives way to God's grace and glory.

It sounds simple, doesn't it? Yet it is a great challenge for anyone who responds to Christ's call to come and follow. To do so would require that we relinquish control of our lives and rest it in the hands of our Lord.

What then would preclude and prevent us from resigning ourselves to the Lord? I believe the answer is found in Matthew 6:21 where Jesus declares: ***For where your treasure is, there will be your heart also.*** The treasures that Christ refers to are those things that are important to us and for us, such as our peers (family and friends), our professions (future), our purses (finances), and our possessions (fortunes). The pitfall that many of us fall into is when we allow the treasures of this earth to take precedence over our time with God.

Before closing, let me draw your attention as to the consequences if we choose not to ***deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Christ.*** In verse 25 we read:

***For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.***

As a family of God, if we are to be successful in following in Jesus' footsteps, we must be willing to set aside any and all selfish ambitions, and submit ourselves to a life of sacrifice and service to the Father and for the Father through Christ Jesus our Lord

## **IT'S TIME FOR THE CROP WALK**

The annual CROP Walk is October 11th at Goodyear Hts. Metro Park. If you would like to get sponsors and walk, please see Edith K for sponsor sheet. If you would like to sponsor someone, Richard Tobias and Edith are walking. We are always glad for donations, but never short-change your regular Sunday offering, in favor of us. If you can't walk on Oct 11th, but like to walk other times, please use that opportunity to raise \$\$ for CROP. The money raised goes to international needs as well as local agencies, such as Good Neighbors and Open M in Akron.

**Neil Lavy Benefit Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, October 10, 2009.** Neil was injured in a motorcycle accident on June 9<sup>th</sup> and remains in a nursing facility. Proceeds will go to help with hospital bills and taking care of Neil's home:  
Serving at 4:30-7:00 pm – cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 13 and under. Center Church of the Brethren, 2811 Ravenna Ave., NE, Louisville (half way between Louisville and East Canton on Route 44).

Communion and Love Feast Sun, Oct 4—Reflections begin at 6:30 pm As is custom we will be celebrating the Lord's covenant with a dinner, a foot washing service and breaking of bread.



Prayer, 9 am  
Worship 9:30 am  
Sunday School 11 am  
Every Sunday!

# October 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			30 Quilting, 9-2 Memorial Service for Peggy Gardner, 7:00 pm Visiting Hours 6-7 pm.	1  <b>October 3-4, District Women's Rally, Inspiration Hills</b>	2  Debbie Brown BD	3  Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 am Deacon's Retreat, 9 am
	4 Communion and Love Feast Reflections 6:30 pm	5  Karen Warnick BD	6 Deacon's Meeting, 7 pm	7 Quilting, 9-2 Women Weigh Down, 6 pm Women's Bible Study, 7-8:30 pm	8  <b>October 10-11, Youth Sr. High Rally, Inspiration Hills</b>	9
11 Crop Walk 1:30 pm Goodyear Metro Park Brian and Jill Swain Anniv.	12  Ron Adhikari BD	13	14 Quilting, 9-2 Women Weigh Down, 6 pm Women's Bible Study, 7-8:30 pm Judy Markland BD	15  Jean Poling & Pearl Spencer BD	16  Adam LeBarre BD	17
18 Pastor's Appreciation Sunday, Covered Dish Diner	19	20  Dale Brown BD	21 Quilting, 9-2 Women Weigh Down, 6 pm Women's Bible Study, 7-8:30 pm Linda Fuller BD	22 Deadline Evangel Material	23 Movie Night 6 pm	24 Board Retreat, 9 am Hajba's  Rebecca Eble BD
25	26  Angela Brautigam, Edith Kieffaber BD	27	28 Quilting, 9-2 pm Women Weigh Down, 6 pm Jill Swain, Jina BrightonBD	29  Mike Fuller BD	30  <b>Happy Halloween!</b>	31 Spring of Living Water, Inspiration Hills 9-3:30 pm Free Meal 11:30-12:30 pm David LeBarre BD

## Bulletin Board

### Reserving the Church:

If anyone wishes to use the church facility for an occasion, please check with our church secretary, Dottie Jenkins.

**Election Day** The social hall will be used for voting on election days beginning this fall (Nov 3).

### Disaster Kits for Children

Leone Gindlesperger and Joy Croston are working at putting together kits for children to be used in disasters.

### Upper Room Subscriptions

If you would like a yearly subscription to the Upper Room devotional, please see Peggy Tobias. The cost is \$5.70 for the year. If you cannot afford the price, let Peggy know and the quilters will help. Also let her know if you need a large-sized edition.

### Variety Sale

A variety sale planned for fall, has been postponed till this coming spring. It will be a fundraiser for the church. Tables will be rented out at \$20 a table. See Jean Poling.

### Pillows for Christmas

The Auxiliary of West View Manor is requesting help in making pillows for residents at the Manor for Christmas. Pillows should be "plump" Poly-fill material and measure approx. 14" square. Can be a variety of fabrics & textures. Pillows will be given to residents as Christmas presents. Needed by November 10. Call West View Manor for more information. 330-264-8640. [www.westviewmanor.org](http://www.westviewmanor.org).

### New church web page

[www.eastwoodchurch.net](http://www.eastwoodchurch.net). Contact Rebecca Ebie with information & photos! All committees and commissions are strongly encouraged to pass on any information they may have regarding what is happening within the life of our church.

**Disaster Relief How-to Seminar** for those who want to be ready to help in times of disaster. October 3 from 8-3 pm (registration 8-8:30 am) at the Green Campus, The Chapel, 1800 Raber Rd. Uniontown. Speakers from Rapid Response, Billy Graham Assoc, US Disaster Relief, Samaritan's Purse, The Chapel. Representatives from area agencies such as Red Cross, Salvation Army, fire and police. \$20 registration fee includes a box lunch. Call 330-315-5603 for information. (Sept. 19 deadline)

### New Camp Administrator

Shannon Kahler of North Manchester, Indiana has been called as the new Director at Inspiration Hills. She begins on November 10.

### Hartville pastor resigned

Tobin Crenshaw resigned as Senior Pastor effective September 30.

### West View Manor Administrator resigned

Robert Griggs resigned in August. The Board hopes to have a new administrator in place by January. Don and Joyce Parker serve as liaisons to the Board from the District.

### Spring of Living Water

(Spiritual Discernment) Training Event, October 31, 9-3:30, Inspiration Hills.

### Sunday School

The 2nd grade class will be combined with the K-2 class with Cheryl LeBarre teaching. Gary Griffith will be teaching the Junior High Class.

### Guest Minister

On August 23, 2009, we welcomed Pastor Byron Miller, for-

mer pastor of Eastwood (1970's) to speak on the topic of "Awesome Power of Thought." Pastor Byron told of his interest in writing hymns (since he left Eastwood), and with others from our congregation along with Don and Joyce Parker, sang a song he wrote. One of his daughters (Lillian) and a son also visited with him. His wife, Zola, died within the past year, a resident of Timbercrest, Indiana. We enjoyed fellowship with him, his family and Parkers over a covered dish dinner following Sunday School.

### Newly Married

Congratulations to Tony and Erica Moyers who were married Saturday, September 5th!

### Baby Dedication

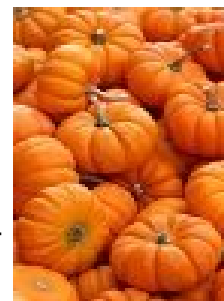
On September 6, 2009 William Steven, born on March 26 was dedicated with Pastor Paul officiating. Parents are Eric and Jennifer Martens of Lexington SC; grandparents are Jim and Julie Shives.

### Congratulations to Angela Beaty

Angela announced Sunday, September 20 that she has landed a teaching job in S. Korea beginning in November. She will be teaching elementary English.

### New Christian Ed Director and Youth Advisors

Gary Griffith is the new Christian Education Director, assisted by Deb Brautigam. He will be teaching the Jr. High class. Gary and Linda Griffith are the new Youth Advisors.



## What's Happening



**Pancake breakfasts** These begin on October 3 from 8-11 am. Regular & Buckwheat pancakes, juice, beverages, for \$6. See Jean Poling.

**Women Weigh In**, meets Wednesday, 6 pm at the church. Contact Angela Beaty at angebeaty@gmail.com

### Bible Study Groups

Women's study groups are meeting the first three Wednesdays each month from 7-8:30 pm at the church. No meeting the fourth week. When there is a month with five Wednesdays, the group will go out to a restaurant. See Deb Brautigam. Gary Griffith is stepping down from leading Men's Study Groups.

**Communion** A communion & Love Feast service will be Sunday, October 4. Reflections begin at 6:30 pm. As is custom we will be celebrating the Lord's covenant with a dinner, a foot washing service and breaking of bread.

### Movie Night

Movie Night returns Friday, Oct 23. Pizza and pop will be available at 6 pm. The movie will start about 6:45. The movie night will be the 4th Fri. of each month. In November the date is Nov 20 and in December, Dec 18, moved a week earlier to avoid the holidays. The movie will be announced early in the month. See Cheryl LeBarre for details.



**Free Meal Program** The deacons are providing free meals. There will be a free lunch Saturday, September 26 from 11:30 to 12:30

pm. The community is invited. Donations of food or money, in addition to helping serve are welcome to help with the costs.



### East Chippewa Fall Renewal

East Chippewa COB will hold its fall renewal services between Sept. 20 and Sept. 23. Rev. Bruce Jacobsen from the Mt. Pleasant Church is the speaker.

### Mt. Pleasant Fall Revival

The fall revival services for Mt. Pleasant COB will be held between Sept. 28 and Sept. 30. Sept 28 time will be 6:30 pm. The other two evening services will begin at 7 pm. Paul Bartholomew will be the speaker.

**Women's Retreat** The Northern Ohio District Women's Rally will be held Fri. eve and Sat. Oct 2-3 at Inspiration Hills. Call Janis Turk for info --419-869-7052. If at the last moment you can come, bring a sack lunch and \$15 for the day on Saturday. Susan Zuercher is the speaker.

### Summer Camp Meeting

We will be meeting between worship and Sunday School, Sunday, Sept. 27 to plan fundraising activities. Bring your calendars and ideas. See Julie Shives.

**Deacons Retreat** Deacons to meet at the church beginning 9 am on Saturday, October 3. Come for a filling breakfast before the retreat begins!

**Sr. High Youth Rally** The Sr High rally will be held Oct. 10-11 at Camp Inspiration Hills. Come Sat. evening, stay overnight and be part of activities on Sunday.

### Pastor's Appreciation Sunday

We will shower our wonderful pastor with even more appreciation than he already receives! Sunday, October 18, we will meet, as part of this celebration, after Sunday School for a covered dish dinner.

### Acme Cash Register Receipts

drive begins Sept 27 and ends Feb 20. Important: do not tear off the bottom of slips with date and cash back amount. Receipts on lobby table.

**Family Night** A Family Night will replace the Kidd's Club beginning this fall. Details to follow.

**Single's Group** Debbie Brautigam is starting up a new Single's Group. Details to follow.

**Mort Curie's wife died Sept. 22.** He is the N. Ohio Disaster Coordinator. Services Sept. 26 at E. Chippewa COB, 11 am. Visitation Fri from 6-8 pm and before services. Donations to Brethren Disaster Service or Central Amer. Med. Outreach, Inc.

### Mark Your Calendar

**November 6-7:** Jr. Hi Rally  
**November 7** Pancake Breakfast, 8-11 am.  
**November 8:** Council Meeting with a light lunch provided  
**November 10** Deacon's Training  
**November 15:** Church Thanksgiving Dinner  
**November 17,** Board Meeting  
**November 22,** Calling of Deacons  
**November 28** Free Meal  
**November 29** Lafiya  
**December 1** Deacons meet at Fuller's 6 pm

## In recognition of Peace



### Eastwood's Observance

Eastwood observed International Day of Prayer for Peace during the Sundays in September.

Our Peace Month started out with District Executive John Ballinger talking on "Speaking of Peace" September 6, identifying the Church of the Brethren's stance on peace and the importance of peace in today's world.

On September 13, Pastor Paul talked about the "Power of Peace" with Gary Myers testifying about his work in the prison program. On September 20, Pastor Paul talked about the "Power of Peace II" stating again the church's stance on peace and how we can work for peace.

Judy and Dick Turner testified about their volunteer work for Mabel's Clinic in Mexico. This is an association that serves 17 schools and patients from surrounding areas with dental, eye screening & surgery, school supplies and medical service. Also testifying about their volunteer work were Alice & Larry Petry who were part of a BVS Unit for Seniors & served in Japan. Friends from their BVS unit, Paul and Maggie Jonas, from near Bonn, Germany, also talked about peace efforts in their own country as well as with Israel.

The evening of September 20, a group joined in a peace vigil facilitated by Charlotte Ebie. We prayed for ourselves, and people close to us, our communities and our nation and world. This was followed by a reception provided by the Pastor's Study Sunday School Class. There was a sampling of peace materials, books and contacts to write to for state and US political representatives. Candles and special music made it a special and enlightening evening for those attending.



### International Day of Prayer for Peace Today 119 Communities are praying for Peace

#### An Overview of Events

On Earth Peace has organized 119 congregations and other groups in the U.S., Puerto Rico and Nigeria to participate in the International Day of Prayer for Peace. There will be over ninety vigils and observances, many focusing on the effects of the economic crisis on their local communities and are providing neighbors the opportunity to gather to pray for peace and the well-being of their community.

Eight congregations have engaged in listening initiatives to stimulate conversation about pressing issues in their communities, to build relationships and to tap people's energy and passion to seek a solution. Some of the initiatives include, listening to how the recession is affecting people, listening for the causes of youth violence and how to address it, and listening to the concerns people have over the national health care debate.

"I believe that there is power in prayer. To have the opportunity to add our voices to millions of others is too good to pass up." -Jane-Adair Seleski of Friendship Church of the Brethren in Linthicum, Maryland.

#### A Prayer you Can Say Today Prayer for Grace, Mercy, & Courage



**God of all grace and mercy, whose love knows no limits or boundaries, thank you for welcoming us into your presence. Fill our hearts, merciful God, with the graces of your Holy Spirit, with love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, humility, and self-control.**

**Teach us to love those who hate us; to pray for those who despitefully use us; that we might be the children of your love. When adversities strike give us the grace to be patient and in our prosperity keep us humble so that we might always be a witness for you. Give us courage, O Lord, to stand up and be counted, to stand up for others who cannot stand up for themselves, and to stand up for ourselves when we feel we must.**

**excerpt from a prayer by Nick Beam, pastor, Pleasant Hill (OH) Church of the Brethren**

# Missions and Witness: BVS

## Brethren Volunteer Service

What is BVS?

Through BVS, Brethren Volunteer Service, people give their time and skills to help a world in need. Volunteers work at issues greater than themselves, recognizing that their efforts may not immediately solve deep-rooted problems. Yet everyone can be part of the on-going work to advocate for justice, work for peace, serve human need, and care for creation. Sharing God's love through acts of service, volunteers bring hope, offer food and shelter, and build relationships. BVS seeks persons willing to act on their commitment and values. We challenge individuals to offer themselves, their time, and their talents for work that is both demanding and rewarding.

Volunteers receive room, board, medical insurance, transportation to project, and a monthly allowance of \$60-\$80. In most cases, educational loans may be deferred. Depending on the project, volunteers may live alone, with a family, or in a group situation. Each volunteer must bring a willingness to serve. Working towards peace and justice, and meeting the needs of humanity and the environment calls out for persons dedicated to service. Volunteers do make a difference!

(BVS) is a program that gives individuals a chance to advocate for justice, work for peace, serve human needs, and care for creation in a variety of settings in the

United States and other countries. Since 1948, volunteers have served through BVS for a year or more, giving their time and skills to help a world in need. Although volunteers may not immediately solve deep-rooted problems, they can be part of on-going solutions.

## Christmas Cards & Care Packages

A list of all current BVSers is sent to Church of the Brethren congregations. Encourage the members of your church to keep in mind the BVSers that may not be with their family during the holidays (especially those serving in other countries).

## Donate money

Give to BVS! BVS and other programs are supported by the core ministries fund of the Church of the Brethren.

## Affiliation with the Church of the Brethren

The sponsoring denomination, the Church of the Brethren, has a rich heritage of service and emphasizes practicing faith in daily life. In fact, one of the church's founders said that members would be known "by the manner of their living." Founded in 1708, the Church of the Brethren is a historic peace church, along with the Mennonites and Quakers. The Church of the Brethren has special concern for the poor and oppressed, and recognizes the cost and joy of Christian discipleship. BVS was established in 1948 to provide an intentional way to share God's love through acts of service.



## Serving from Eastwood

During the years, many of our people have served in BVS: Richard Tobias, Lois Kieffaber Peterson, Janet Tobias Grossnickle, Miriam Petry Bernhard, Cheryl Schmardebeck, Dean Kieffaber, Edith Kieffaber, Rebecca Ebie, Gary Myers, Bob Klingelheber, Gale Ebie, Anita Miller, Paul Hossler, Jerry Mills, Gloria Gentner and Beth Curtis. Larry and Alice Petry served in BVS in Japan from 1995-1997, and Gene Petry did his 2002 BVS service in Florida.

# The Deacon's Corner

*Please be in prayer for those within our church & community*



## Pray for:

**Iva Teck**, Kent Ridge Assisted Living

**Jeanine Gray**, Maison Aine in Stow

**Dorothy Koval**, health concerns

**Marilyn Gryder**, sciatica pain in legs

**Neil Lavy**, in a cycle accident, & friend of Charlotte Newman

**Mary & John Gindlesperger** (Leone and Dave's son & daughter-in-law) both had gallstone surgery

**Ross Wagner, with stomach pains**, Collin Wagner's (Debbie's son) grandfather

**Merrell Buckles**, hospital for testing

**Evelyn Kaess**, health concerns

**Jaxon Fuller**, continuing to have seizures, will be scheduled for surgery

**Becky Shaffer**, having chemo, Norma Shaffer's daughter

**Jacob Ronca**, paraplegic, Norma Shaffer's grandson

**for the family of Larry Croston's employer** who died, and a co-worker who had surgery

**for family & co-workers of Xinia Tobias** (a

cousin's sister's daughter, Miah, who can't swallow.) Also a cousin (Matt and Heidi) of a fellow teacher at Lake Christian, Brooklynn, 2 yr. who has an inoperable cancer brain tumor.

**Jim and Susi Hanna's mother** who had surgery the week of Sept. 20th.

**Gary Taylor**, CEO of Infocision who had a heart attack with complications

**Madison** (Maxine Belton's granddaughter,) asks for prayers for a friend who took his life

**Richard Tobias** asks for prayers for a college friend, John, with prostate cancer

## Condolences:

**Peggy Gardner was ushered into Heaven September 26. While we rejoice that she is in the presence of our Savior and no longer suffering, we grieve that she is no longer with us. A memorial service is planned for 7:00 p.m., Sept. 30, at the church to celebrate and remember Peggy. Visiting hours are from 6-7 pm.**

*Praying without ceasing is not ritualized, nor are there even words. It is a constant state of awareness of oneness with God.*

*Peace Pilgrim*

## HELPING OTHERS

### The "Witness Bin"

Next to the drinking fountain, is a box for food items. This is an on-going program of collecting canned goods and staples (non-perishables please) which go to our various community soup kitchens. Approximately once a month items are collected and distributed. Please see Leone Gindlesperger.



### Free Meal Program

The deacons are providing free meals. There will be a free lunch Saturday, September 26 from 11:30 to 12:30 pm. The community is invited. Donations of food or money, in addition to helping serve, are welcome to help with the costs.

### Offering A Helping Hand

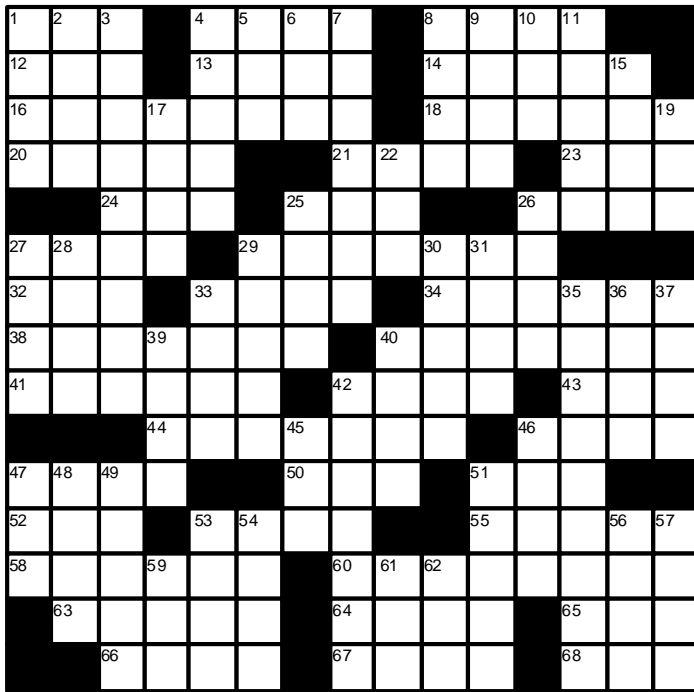
Need help with the little repairs around your home that you just can't do by yourself? The deacons have a special team available to provide you with needed services. Contact Gary Myers, Larry Croston or Pastor Paul about home maintenance & repairs.



### Angel Food Ministries

Signature Box, Senior Meals, various meat, vegetable and allergen-free food boxes available. Low cost meals. Contact: The Tallmadge Church of God 330-633-0107/ [www.angelfoodministries.com/](http://www.angelfoodministries.com/)

# October Puzzle: Duckburg Relatives



RL Turner, Oct, 2009

**ACROSS**

- 1 Jitney
- 4 Daisy Duck's nephew
- 8 Elliptical
- 12 Business abbr.
- 13 Upon
- 14 Daisy Duck's nephew
- 16 Country lane
- 18 OPEC laborer
- 20 Pig pens
- 21 Royalty
- 23 Bullfight cheer
- 24 Bark
- 25 Building addition
- 26 Fresh
- 27 Tides
- 29 Threefold
- 32 Bad (prefix)
- 33 Domestic help
- 34 Prophet
- 38 Repeat
- 40 Chaos
- 41 Lunge
- 42 Pulpit
- 43 Body of water
- 44 Horizon
- 46 Shock
- 47 Daisy Duck's niece
- 50 Chatter

- 51 Legume
- 52 Juin, Juillet, et Aout
- 53 Mind
- 55 Daisy Duck's niece
- 58 Formed a group
- 60 Evening
- 63 Not fresh
- 64 Coin
- 65 Defraud
- 66 Church song
- 67 Observes with eye
- 68 Computer key

**DOWN**

- 1 Offers
- 2 Subdivision
- 3 One who scrawls
- 4 Resembling Trigger
- 5 Card game
- 6 Greek vowel
- 7 Sang from the mountain top
- 8 Aroma
- 9 Bride's headdress
- 10 Leather worker's tool
- 11 Dud
- 15 Eli school
- 17 What Celestial Seasonings makes

- 19 Pristine
- 22 Loose gown worn at mass
- 25 Canal
- 26 Eve's husband
- 27 Discharge
- 28 Tub
- 29 Frayed
- 30 Daisy Duck's nephew
- 31 Goofs
- 33 Disguise
- 35 Central America country
- 36 Place
- 37 Ardor
- 39 Tactic
- 40 Military vehicle
- 42 Jeweled headdresses

- 45 Caustic substance
- 46 Labor day month
- 47 Air commuter's transportation
- 48 Utah Indians
- 49 Under, poetically
- 51 Trousers
- 53 Steering gear
- 54 Paradise
- 56 Movie star
- 57 Fasting season
- 59 Daisy Duck's niece
- 61 Contend
- 62 Suffix of unsaturated hydrocarbons

## October Cryptogram

KTL ILDHZU KTDK HZ BDUM QLIHZUH DIL

UDBLV VASN PH KTDK VASN PH D IDKTLI

SZBBZU UDBL PU VASNCAIE, OPNL HBPKT ZI

RZULH PU DBLIPSD.

## It's Græk to me Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3 x 3 box contains every symbol in the set: α β χ δ ε φ γ η ι

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