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Dear Friends,

Prayer is very powerful. In February, my "lost month," while I was ill, I felt the power of the prayers that were being said on my behalf. While prayer didn't make me recover any faster, it did keep me positive about the situation, and allowed me to relax and allow my body to heal, seek people to lead worship, trust the doctors, and follow

through with what I had to do. Your prayers held me close to God's heart in that time.

One of the blessings that St. Paul's has offered to us in those times of ill health is the ministry of the prayer shawls. I cannot thank you enough for the prayer shawl, made by Shirley Moser, that wrapped me in your prayers. I know from personal experience what a healing force these symbols of prayer are in the recovery process.

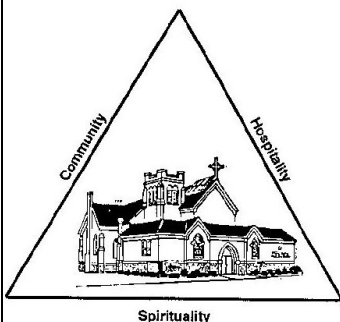
As we pray for people among us who are in need, whether through ill health or loss, let us not forget to continue to pray for St. Paul's Church and our ministry in our community. There is a need to minister to one another, for sure, because that is what keeps us strong in our faith. But, in our caring for each other, we cannot forget that we are called to care for others beyond our church family. As Christians, we are called to emulate Jesus who cared for the "least of these." As United Methodists, we stand on a tradition begun by John Wesley to reach out in love and service to those who are marginalized and suffering in our communities. And, in our global world that is brought home to us so easily through the media and our internet access, we recognize that, truly, "the world is our parish." Our intercessory prayers need to include the suffering and marginalized people throughout the world, along with our families, friends, and faith community.

As we continue our journey to ReFocus our ministries in the future, my prayer is that we will see opportunities to reach out in the name of Christ in prayer and service.

See you in church.  
*Peace,*  
*Pastor Ruth Solo*

**Thought for the Month:**  
Try your best to make  
goodness attractive.  
That's one of the  
toughest assignments  
you'll ever be given.

~ Fred Rogers



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**Molly Fessler** received a **\$1,000 Educational Fund Grant** award from the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge 54. She also received an additional **\$1,000** from the state organization. Molly will be attending UNOH in the fall to study Medical Assistance Technology.



**Reggie McAdams** was selected as the **Player of the Year** on the All-Western Buckeye League Basketball Team. He was also named on the 2010 Associated Press Division II special mention list. Reggie, a sophomore, helped the Elida Bulldogs reach the District Finals.

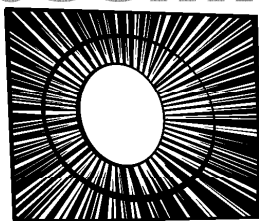


**April Youth Calendar**

April 4, 2010	TBA
April 11, 2010	TBA
April 18, 2010	TBA
April 25, 2010	TBA



**Upcoming Events for St. Paul's**



Early on the first day of the week.

**Coming April 19 and 20**

**It is time for St. Paul's to update our church directory. Family photos will be taken On Monday and Tuesday, April 19th and 20th 2:30-9:00 PM.**

**Please call the church office to set up a time for your family's photograph to be taken.**



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## Northwest Plains District Mission Trip Sierra Linda in El Cercado July 24 — 31, 2010

You can be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ to children at a youth camp in Mexico, this summer as part of a District mission team. The Northwest Plains District is partnering with the Oriental Conference to host 80 poor children at a youth camp at Sierra Linda in El Cercado.

Just \$4,000 is necessary to sponsor 80 children at the camp.

To date, the District has received \$2,153 toward this amount. Will you or your church prayerfully consider participating in this opportunity to offer the love of Christ to children? You can participate by joining the team or by sending an offering designated for —Camp Sierra Linda, payable to the Northwest Plains District.

The mission experience is planned for July 24 through 31. After worship and orientation on Sunday, July 25, the children will arrive and participate Monday through Thursday. Our Oriental Conference hosts will provide some bilingual team members to

help deal with the language difference, so Spanish language knowledge is not required. The team will have time to tour Monterrey on Friday and will return to Ohio on Saturday, July 31. The only cost to team members is \$600 for an airline ticket; all other costs are covered by the District.

To serve on the District mission team to Sierra Linda, please contact Pastor Neal Whitney at 419.231.0226. To support our District's mission outreach this summer, send your offering to the District Office at 910 E. Third St., Ottawa, OH 45875.



## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**April 1, 2010**  
Maundy Thursday Service  
Featuring our Chancel Choir  
7:00 PM

**April 2, 2010**  
Community Good Friday Service  
Sponsored by Allentown, Elida, Gomer  
Ministerial Association  
Hosted by St. Paul's UMC  
Featuring choirs and music from all churches  
7:00 PM

**April 17, 2010**  
St. Paul's Chicken Barbeque  
5-7:00 PM  
Tickets are \$7.00  
Menu: half chicken, homemade  
potato salad, applesauce, roll, and  
homemade desserts  
Walk-in, dine-in, or carry-out



**April 4, 2010**  
Easter Sunrise Service  
Featuring our youth  
and  
puppet ministry  
8:00 AM  
Breakfast provided by the  
Nurture Committee  
9:00 AM  
Easter Worship Service  
Featuring our Chancel Choir  
10:30 AM



**April 11, 2010**  
The congregation is invited for cake  
and punch after the service to celebrate  
the 50th anniversary of  
Ray and Phyllis Trigg



# The Heart of Church

## Greeters

April 4, 2010	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
April 11, 2010	Don & Mary Irvin
April 18, 2010	Eileen Slade & Mary LaRue
April 25, 2010	Open



The joyful news that He is risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice. But the fact of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline, and make the sacrifice.

— Henry Knox Sherrill

## Nursery Volunteers

April 4	Volunteer Needed
April 11	Corinne Piper
April 18	Volunteer Needed
April 25	Janna & Aric Thompson

### WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are **DOWN** to nothing...**God** is **UP** to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! **Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!**



## Children's Worship (Conducted During the Worship Hour)

1st Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth— story No Children's Church
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Steve Moser—Story Slone Whetstone—Children's Church
3rd Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Shirley Moser— Children's Church
4th Sunday of Each Month	Corinne Piper—Story & Children's Church
5th Sunday of the Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Steve Moser—Children's Church

# The Business of Church

## REFOCUS OUR MINISTRIES

At the Administrative Council meeting in March, the ReFocus Team was approved unanimously. The team members are: Dan Best, Team Administrator; Jamie Wyant, Team Facilitator; Marty White, Team Communications Coordinator; Lavonne Segovia, Team Prayer Coordinator; and at large members: Linda Craft, Corinne and Tim Piper, and Jan Wyant.

These team members will be attending a training in the next two months. They will then be working closely with Pastor Ruth to prepare for and facilitate the three summits during this year which will help the congregation answer the questions: **Where have we been? Where are we now? Where is God calling us to be in the future?** They will also work closely with the Administrative Council as we look at our current administrative structure to make it more efficient for our missions and ministry and develop our final three year strategic plan.

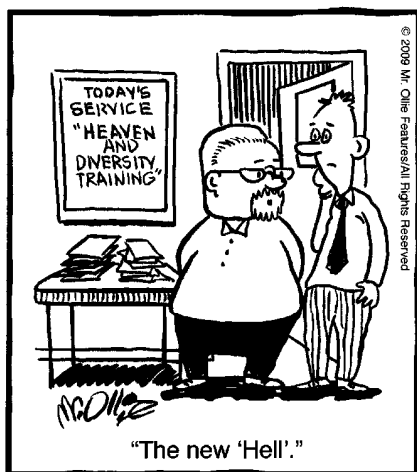
Be watching for more information about the upcoming summits so that you can take an active part in listening for God's call for St. Paul's and taking an active part in designing a plan according to that call.

## LIMA AREA METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Lima Area Methodist Men's Group held a breakfast at Elida St. Paul United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 6th. A good number of men were present representing the following churches: St. Paul UMC, Immanuel UMC, Trinity UMC, Shawnee UMC, Allentown UMC and Forest Park UMC. We wish to thank the persons at St. Paul UMC who donated egg casseroles, fruit, pastries, biscuits and gravy, coffee cake, juice and coffee for the breakfast. Everything tasted great and we had plenty of food and refreshments. We received two comments from those attending: what good cooks we have at St. Paul's and how nice our Fellowship Hall is to host the event. Praise God for all of our food providers and for those responsible for the Fellowship Hall renovation. Special thanks to Corinne Piper and Susan Nartker for staying to help prepare and serve the food to our group.

**St. Paul's Men**

**Book of Timothy**



## Committee Chairs

<b>PPR Chair</b>	Linda Craft
<b>Trustees Chair</b>	Larry Moser
<b>Finance Chair</b>	Art Holman
<b>Physical Plant Chair</b>	Ron Steiner
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gene Craft
<b>Education Chair</b>	Steve Moser
<b>Administrative Council Chair</b>	Scott Fessler
<b>Worship</b>	Ruth Solo
<b>Nurture</b>	Martha Vazquez
<b>Stewardship</b>	Tim Piper
<b>Missions</b>	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

February 28, 2010	86
March 7, 2010	93
March 14, 2010	86
March 21, 2010	90

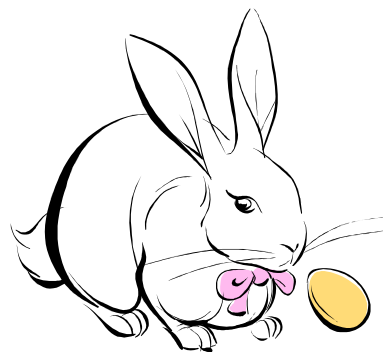
## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
February 28, 2010	\$2,034.01	\$334.00
March 7, 2010	\$4,616.00	\$789.58
March 14, 2010	\$3,051.00	\$594.00
March 21, 2010	\$2,277.00	\$805.50

Table Grace  
(Hold hands for this grace. During the last line, everyone lifts their hands together as an act of praise.)

**Rub-a-dub-dub,  
Thanks for the grub.  
Yeah, God! Amen.**



## Flowers:

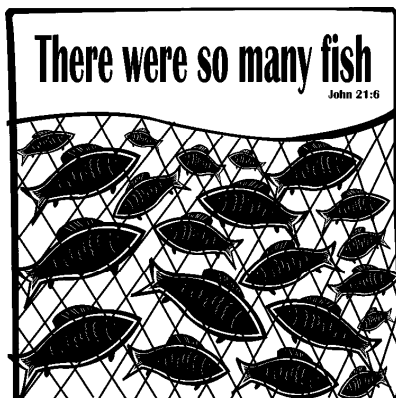
April 4, 2010	Chris Bowsher
April 11, 2010	Denny & Carole Grapner
April 18, 2010	Susan Nartker
April 25, 2010	Virginia Hollar

## Sunday School Attendance

February 28, 2010	30
March 7, 2010	35
March 14, 2010	37
March 21, 2010	31

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# Consulting the Manual



She said to them,  
 “They have taken  
 away my Lord, and  
 I do not know where  
 they have laid him.”  
 When she had said  
 this, she turned  
 around and saw  
 Jesus standing there.  
 ~ John 20: 12-14



## Bible Readings for April

Revised Common Lectionary  
 Year C

### Week of April 4 Easter Sunday

Color: White or Gold  
*Old Testament:*  
 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
*New Testament:*  
 Acts 10:34-43  
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
 John 20:1-18

### Week of April 11 Second Sunday of Easter

Color: White or Gold  
*Old Testament:*  
 Psalm 150  
*New Testament:*  
 Acts 5:27-32  
 Revelation 1:4-8  
 John 20:19-31



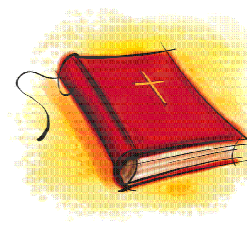
### Week of April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

Color: White or Gold  
*Old Testament:*  
 Psalm 30  
*New Testament:*  
 Acts 9:1-6  
 Revelation 5:11-14  
 John 21:1-19

### Week of April 25 Native American Ministries Day

Color: White or Gold  
*Old Testament:*  
 Psalm 23  
*New Testament:*  
 Acts 9:36-43  
 Revelation 7:9-17  
 John 10:22-30

For more detailed information on the  
 Revised Common Lectionary,  
 please visit:  
[www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)



# St. Paul's Mission Work

## MISSION UPDATES

January's Coins for Communion were in support of Lima's Hope Visitation & Exchange Center (formerly Grampy's House) in the amount of **\$78.54**.

February and March Coins for Communion totaled **\$168.81** in support of the United Methodist Children's Home.

January's '\$5 on the 5<sup>th</sup>' Sunday United Methodist Children's Home campaign raised **\$202.00**.

St. Paul's February Haiti disaster relief effort raised **\$701.00** and was sent to U.M.C.O.R. (the United Methodist Council on Relief) on March 12, 2010. This is in addition to the **\$500** designated for Haiti by the Missions Committee during January.

**Thanks to all people of St. Paul's for your spirit of mission and contribution to our community and to our world!**

## 2010 ST. PAUL'S UMCH SUMMER MISSION KICK-OFF

The Missions Committee will host a carry-in lunch on Sunday, April 18, 2010, in the fellowship hall following the Sunday worship service. Please plan to join us for lunch and for a presentation by persons leading this year's mission project. St. Paul's has pledged \$2,000 toward the overall project materials expense budget. The Children's Home has fallen upon hard times financially and cannot provide any substantial funds for materials and supplies needed for this summer's mission work.

There will be an organizational meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Paul's fellowship hall for those attending or considering attending the July 12-16, 2010 U.M.C.H. mission project in Worthington, OH. Work scheduled for this year includes:

- Administrative filing/sorting/digitizing records;
- Significant sorting/organizing/redistributing items in Bldg. 109;
- Inside painting of cottages;
- Sanding/sealing wood cottage furniture;
- Roof repairs;
- Pavement sealing and striping;
- New gutters for school and Bldg. 147;
- Chipping a large brush pile for use w/landscape activities;
- Repair/replace damaged siding on cottages;
- Wood & window work on dining hall second story.

Attendees are asked to contribute \$100/individual or \$150/couple for incidental lodging and meal expenses at the discretion of Scioto Ridge U.M.C., our host church and headquarters. Also this year there will be a \$30/week/person meal expense as reimbursement to the Children's Home for the daily lunch break. Please plan to join us April 18 and 21 to learn more about this particular St. Paul's mission project.

## A ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY!

**Linda Craft** will participate in a mission trip to **Samara, Russia, July 29 to August 9, 2010**. She will be part of a Volunteer in Mission team that will instruct approximately 35 Russians in their Volga District about the United Methodist Church and, specifically, John Wesley and our U.M. heritage. She will also discuss our St. Paul's church, our laity, and how we share our church mission throughout the surrounding communities. There will be some physical work applied to an orphanage building as well. There will not be any involvement with the children of the orphanage as they will be away at a camp outing.

Linda's Team must provide for \$6,000 worth of teaching and project supplies. In addition, she must pay her own travel and materials expense. Linda will be attending a Team meeting March 21 in Dayton to learn more about the logistics, itinerary, and expenses of her trip. We expect to hear more from Linda in the weeks leading up to her departure.

**April 11, 2010  
FORO Presentation  
during Worship Service.  
Goodwill Offering  
will be taken.**



# Celebrating...

## Did you help save my life?



**American Red Cross**

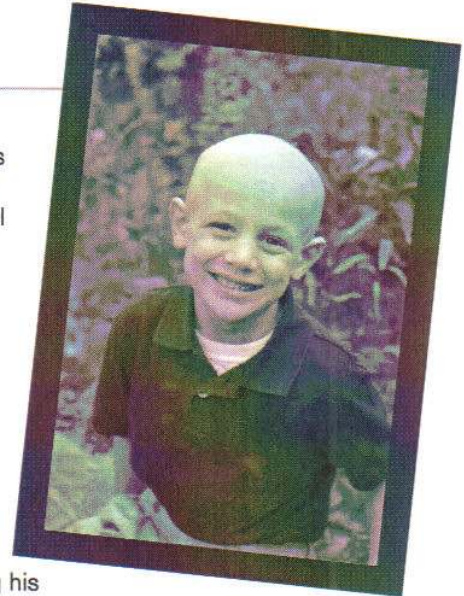
The need is constant.  
The gratification is instant.  
Give blood.

### Central Ohio Blood Recipient

On June 21, 2009, 5-year-old Michael Craft was diagnosed with Burkitt's lymphoma, an aggressive form of non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Due to the nature of the cancer and a rapidly growing tumor in his abdomen, Michael began intensive chemotherapy within days of his diagnosis.

Overall, Michael spent 8 weeks in the hospital undergoing 5 chemotherapy treatments and 11 surgical procedures. During his treatments he received several units of platelets and at least 10 units of blood.

Michael has been described as a typical 5-year-old. He loves to watch cartoons, play with his cars and Legos. During his treatments he wasn't allowed to play rough or ride his bike. However, Michael's spirits remained high, even when he was at his worst. His illness also impacted the lives of his entire family, including his younger brother Carter and his parents Kate and Tonya, who spent countless hours at the hospital and cared for him at home.



Tonya is also the director of emergency services for the Red Cross in Central Ohio. Michael, aware of the Red Cross symbol during his transfusions, understood that people were voluntarily spending their time to give blood to help him and others in need.

Though Tonya sees everyday how the Red Cross helps the community for disaster relief, she says when Michael was ill and needed blood transfusions she experienced it from a different point of view, "as a mom, and most as important part of the Red Cross mission."

## What is Apheresis?

Apheresis is a special type of blood donation that allows for the collection of a specific blood part, or component, such as platelets.

Platelets aid in the clotting process to prevent or stop bleeding, and are vital in helping a patient with leukemia or other cancers.

With one apheresis donation, the amount of platelets collected is six to eight times more than a regular blood donation.

During Michael's illness, many people asked Tonya what they could do to help. Her frequent answer was "donate blood in Michael's honor."

In October 2009, scans showed that Michael was cancer free. He is currently in remission and finally learned how to ride his bike without training wheels. Though he still undergoes monthly scans to ensure the cancer doesn't return, he's now adjusting back to his normal childhood and life as a kindergartener.

To those who donate blood regularly, Tonya says, "Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!! I am so grateful to those who give generously to save the lives of others. There are not words that can adequately express my gratitude and that of my family."

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
1-800-RED CROSS

# Remember When...



Koinonia Chicken Barbeque  
1991

Left:  
Preparing Potato Salad: Gene  
Craft, Ron Steiner, Art Holman

Below:  
"Chefs" Dan Best and  
Jamie Wyant



Koinonia Chicken Barbeque  
1997

Above:  
Mary Steiner

Right:  
Michele Theodore, Shirley Moser



**Don't miss the 2010  
BBQ on April 17th!**

# Connecting With ...



Congratulations to **Todd and Jenny Chaffins** on the birth of their daughter, **Addison Elizabeth**, on February 26, 2010, in Ft. Wayne, IN. Addy weighed 7 lbs. 15 oz. and was 21 3/4 in. long. Proud grandparents are **Don and Judy Chaffins**. **Jerry Crates** is the proud great-grandfather.

We extend our sympathy to **Scott and Gail Fessler and family**. Gail's mother, **Marilyn Potter**, passed away on February 25th. Her service was held at First Baptist Church in Lima on March 1st. Cards will reach **Scott and Gail** at **206 E. Main St., Elida, OH 45807**.



We extend our sympathy to **Barry and Cyndi Smith and family**. Barry's mother, **Caroline Smith**, passed away on March 3rd. Her funeral service was held on March 9th. Cards will reach **Barry and Cyndi** at **2872 Sherwood Dr., Lima, OH 45805**.

## Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

- Cindy Guess
- Vicki McAdams
- Shirley Moser
- Mary Kaye Pease
- Mary Steiner
- Kathy White

## Homebound Members

- Hazel Dunn
- Ruth Hurley
- Marie Lee
- Hope Mathwig
- Edna Osman
- Jean Redd
- Gladys Sherrick
- Helen Waldron

## Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

- Sara House
- June Metzger
- Rick Scholfield

## In the Military

- Jason Stanley

## A Different Drug Problem...

An older gentleman reading about a Methamphetamine lab found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county, asked his friend a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me. I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburrs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends, and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place. **God bless the parents who drugged us!**

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## The People of St. Paul's

*Dear St. Paul's,  
Thank you for all your thoughts  
and prayers during mom's  
illness. Thank you for the  
planter and visits to the funeral  
home. Your love and support  
during this trying time is  
greatly appreciated.*

**The Fessler Family**

**Bob Potter**

**Kevin and Teara Potter**

*As has been tradition for  
many years at St. Paul's, our  
church members volunteer to  
park cars on our property  
(and sometimes adjacent  
properties) and work one or  
two post-season high school  
basketball tournament games  
at the Elida Field House. This  
year was no exception. We  
collected \$564 in parking  
receipts March 9-13 and \$260  
for working two March 13  
district and regional  
tournament basketball games.*

*"Working" a game includes  
ticket-taking, rope  
management (keeping  
spectators off the game floor),  
and door-guarding (potentially  
challenging!). Add to this  
\$824 another \$130 from  
working a regular season  
Elida Field House basketball  
game and we generated a total  
of \$954 through volunteers'  
efforts. Many thanks to all  
who braved the elements  
(although March 9-11 were  
unseasonably warm) and/or  
took time out of their schedules  
to assist with these church  
fund raising activities. Thanks  
to Art Holman for organizing  
the parking activity and for  
allowing us the basketball  
game worker opportunities!*

*Dear Friends at St. Paul,  
Thank you so very much for  
faithfully paying 100%  
of your 2009 conference  
apportionments. Your gifts  
are being used to transform  
lives across our conference  
and beyond. Know that we  
deeply appreciate the sacrifice  
you made to make this  
possible. Blessings,*

**Cindi Dietrich  
Council on Finance &  
Administration**

*Dear St. Paul's Members,  
Mary Steiner would like to  
thank you all for the flowers,  
prayers, and words of  
assurance during her time of  
illness. She loves her prayer  
shawl and is very thankful for  
everyone's encouragement. A*

*special thank you to Pastor  
Ruth for her visits in the  
hospital. Mary is healing and  
is looking forward to Spring.*

*Blessings,  
Mary and Ron Steiner*

*A big thank-you to Larry,  
Shirley, and Steve Moser for  
cleaning and organizing the  
kitchen and store room in the  
fellowship hall. It was badly  
needed and now makes it a  
much more pleasant  
place to work.*

**The People of St. Paul's**



**Prayer List  
Updates  
Please Contact  
Lavonne Segovia**

**Meetings**

# April 2010

**No PPR Meeting  
in April.**

April 6, 2010  
**Trustees...7:00 PM**

April 12, 2010  
**Finance...7:00 PM**

**No Ad Council  
Meeting in April**

**No Missions Comm.  
Meeting in April.**

**No Christian Ed  
Meeting in April**

**Sundays  
Prayer...9:00 AM**

**Thursdays  
Bell Choir...6:15PM  
Chancel Choir...7:30  
PM**

March 2010						
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				<b>1</b> Jim Michael	<b>2</b> Mike Crates	<b>3</b> Helen Scholfield 88 yrs.
				<b>Maunder Thursday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>	
<b>4</b> Lynda Evans	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Dan Best	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pam Lozano
Ivan Vazquez						
<b>Easter</b>		<b>Trustees</b>				
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Todd Chaffins	<b>16</b> Denise Thomas	<b>17</b> Doug Guess
	<b>Finance</b>					
<b>18</b> Brent Stemen	<b>19</b> Maedene Holmes	<b>20</b> Lori Motzer	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Chloe Nartker	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
		Aaron Piper				
		Kelly Warris				
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Kim Selover	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Gerald Strayer	<b>30</b>	


*Anniversaries*

- Carl & Lois Rabley  
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46 yrs.*
- Ray & Phyllis Trigg  
April 15  
50 yrs.*
- John & Joy Fletcher  
April 17*
- Tony & Pam Lozano  
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- Brian & Angie Nartker  
April 17*
- Bobby & Jacquie Bice  
April 19*
- Brad & Kim Selover  
April 28*

# Great Recipes from St. Paul's Cooks


## “Great for Sunday” Pot Roast

*by Mary LaRue*

Ingredients		Instructions
4-6 lbs.	chuck roast	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  Place roast on a large sheet of heavy duty foil. Cover meat with mushroom soup and dry onion soup mix. Place potatoes, carrots, and onions around and on top.  Bring foil up over the top, making a 6-inch high tent. Seal the top and ends securely, so moisture does not escape.  Bake for 2-3 hours. This can be baked for 5 hours at 275 degrees.  <b>“Put this in the oven as you go to Sunday School and it is ready when you return home.”</b>
1 pkg.	dry onion soup mix	
1 can	cream of mushroom soup	
5	small new potatoes	
4	carrots, cut in chunks	
2	onions, cut in quarters	
		

## Vanilla Coconut Bon-Bons








*By Pastor Ruth Solo*

Ingredients		Instructions
1— 2lb. box	powdered sugar	Sift powdered sugar in large bowl. Add sweetened condensed milk and coconut and mix well. Set aside.  Melt wax in double boiler. Add vanilla chips and stir until melted together.  Wet hands and roll coconut mixture into balls (about 1Tbl. each). Set on wax paper. Do about a dozen at a time.  Insert toothpick into coconut ball; dip into melted candy mixture.  Set on wax paper lined cookie sheet, remove toothpick, and place in freezer immediately.  Let candies set up overnight. Keep refrigerated until time to serve.  Makes about 4 dozen Bon-Bons, depending on size.
1—14oz. pkg.	flaked coconut	
1 can	sweetened condensed milk	
toothpicks	for dipping coconut balls	
1—14oz. pkg.	vanilla chips	
1/4 lb.	household wax	
		

# KIDZ KORNER

## Shape Matching

Draw a line from the first column to the second column to match the shapes.

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| 7.    | g.   |
| 8.    | h.   |
| 9.    | i.   |
| 10.  | j.  |

Answer: 1.g, 2.i, 3.g, 4.a, 5.j, 6.h, 7.c, 8.b, 9.f, 10.d

## Cross dot-to-dot

The cross is a symbol of Christian faith. Christ's victory over death on the cross is the meaning of Easter. There are many kinds of crosses. Here are a few. Connect the dots to find the shapes.

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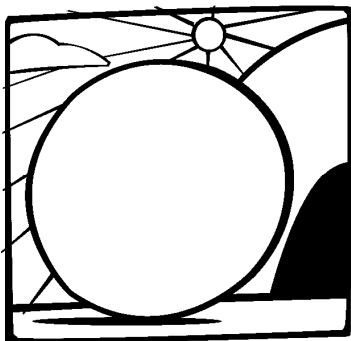
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**Living Our Faith**

**An Idle Tale**

The *New Revised Standard Version* says that when the women rushed from the empty tomb back to tell the other disciples that Jesus could not be found there, the men dismissed it as "an idle tale" (Lk 24:11). It's a curious turn of phrase.

Other versions of the Bible have sought different ways to unfold the text. *The Voice* renders it as "they didn't believe a word of it." *The Message* states that the disciples "thought they were making it all up." *Good As New* dismissed it as "wishful thinking."

What might you think? Some women come in, all out of breath, and with excited voices

tell you that Jesus is risen. It does seem to stretch the believability factor. It is interesting, though, that Peter's curiosity led him to go and check out the tomb and he too returns amazed and wondering.

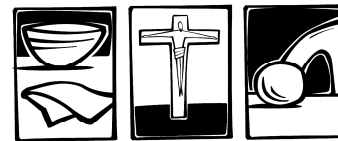
Sometimes stories as out of this world as the resurrection can overwhelm us. They can seem a little too difficult to believe. It's only when I read the Luke story carefully that I find myself connecting.

The women came to believe, it seems, when they remember Jesus' words – his teachings that, no matter what, he would not abandon them/us. It is in many ways the same as the Emmaus story that follows.

Only when they reflect on a long history of the Messiah and the presence of God in their lives do those two disciples come to realize that, however they want to understand it, Jesus is unquestionably traveling with them.

Maybe that's the key. Perhaps the *how* of resurrection does not matter nearly so much as the *awareness* that Jesus has not gone away but is with us now, in each moment, to comfort us and challenge us and inspire us.

Idle tale, indeed.



**HOLY WEEK**