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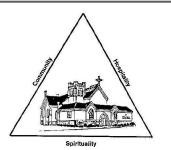
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Dear Friends,

I love to see and be greeted by my grandchildren. Rich and I were truly blessed when our daughter and family from St. Louis came to visit at the end of June. When they came into the house, we didn't know what to expect, since we see them only about once a year. But, to my delight, the grandsons, Michael and Joshua, ages 16 and 10, came and gave me a big hug. I love being greeted with those hugs.

The grandson who lives closer, Kyle, always comes up to us to give us a hug when we see him. And, whenever the "grand-girls," Karla and Grace, see us, they run and throw their arms about us, holding on as though they'll never see us again. Even little Jayden is learning to greet us with lingering hugs at 18 months old. Those hugs warm my soul and give me a feeling of being valued and loved unconditionally.

Greeting those we love with affection makes us feel wanted and affirmed. God greets us with affection every day. We may not feel it as a hug, but we can feel the effects of God's hugs in our soul. God's hugs come in a scripture reading, in a note from someone saying "job well done", in a phone call or visit seeking or offering forgiveness, and in many other forms. We know God through the people of God, and through God's communication with us in scripture and prayer.

This summer, I've noticed I haven't been feeling the powerful explosion of the Holy Spirit's presence. I've searched and prayed for that wonderful empowering feeling to return, but instead, I have started to hear the "still small voice" of God inside telling me that sometimes, I just need to be hugged, and reaffirmed, and gently loved unconditionally, without the need to go do. God knows what we need most, when we need it.

I hope you enjoy all the hugs from grandchildren, children, friends, and relatives as you travel and receive guests in this season of travel and visiting. And I pray that you will open yourself up to a hug from the God who loves you and affirms you in gentle quiet ways, and lets you know you are loved unconditionally, which will prepare you to soar with eagles.

God bless you, and see you in church.

Pastor Ruth Solo



Thought for the Month:

Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar.

– William Wordsworth, 1798



August Youth Calendar

August 3, 2008 No Youth

August 10, 2008 Ft. Wayne

Laser tag

August 17, 2008 Fair chairs- 10 PM

August 24, 2008 Youth 5—7 PM

August 31. 2008 No Youth

Skillet @ the Allen County Fair Christian Concert in the Grandstands

7:00 PM— Monday, August 18th.

Also Featuring: "This Beautiful Republic" and "John Rueben" See Doug Fox for more information



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



A New Year of Study and Worship Begins

(Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church!)

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SEPTEMBER 7TH

9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

(Look for more details in the September newsletter.)

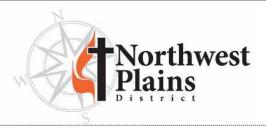
10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

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17	18	19	20	21	22	23					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30					
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Bring a friend

Newsletter deadline: the **20th** of each month



World's Longest Yard Sale

You can find the World's Longest Yard Sale
August 7th-10th on Highway 127. 630 miles of fun and
excitement - from Defiance, Ohio
to Gadsden, Alabama!

Growing Disciple Makers

910 E. Third St., Ottawa, OH 45875 Telephone: 419.523.9901/800.589.7828 Fax: 419.523.3479

Email nwplains@wocumc.org

Tally Taker Needed

The Northwest Plains District is in need of a Tally Taker for the Festival of Sharing. If you're interested in helping out, please call the district office at 800.589.7828 / 419.523.9901.

Anti-Gambling Training for Laity and Clergy to be held in Northwest Plains District

Wednesday, August 13, 10:00-Noon at Findlay St. Marks UMC (located at 800 S. Main St., Findlay, Ohio)

Contacts for the Northwest Plains District are David Chivington and Nola Heilman.

David can be reached at dchivington@wocumc.org and

Nola can be reached at hheilman@woh.rr.com.

You can register online at <u>www.westohioumc.org</u> and click on the Defeat Gambling in Ohio NOW! tab

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Our annual Allen County Fair Chair Retreat will be:

Set Up: Saturday:

August 16th at 8:00 AM

Take Down: Sunday:

August 17th at 10:00 PM

The more hands, the lighter the work. We need laborers of all kinds. Please join the fun!

August 10th August Sunday Food Pantry





The Heart of Church

Greeters

August 3	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 10	Brian & Angie Nartker
August 17	Susan Nartker & Ruth Burgoon
August 24	Lynda Evans & Kris Wade
August 31	Ruth Hardy & Maedene Holmes

Nurse	ry Volunteers
August 3	Open
August 10	Open
August 17	Jacinda Fletcher & Jone Lane
August 24	Open
August 31	Jacinda Fletcher

Have you changed your phone number?
Do you no longer have a land-line phone and now use only a cell phone?
Please call the church office if your phone number has changed.
We need to keep our records up-to-date. Thank you!



Samaritan House

Donations for the Samaritan House Anniversary Fundraising Dinner/Auction are now being solicited.

Date: September 24th

Support this organization that will be celebrating over 20 years of serving homeless and/or abused women and children. All items will be greatly appreciated. Be conservative or be creative.

Contact Marilyn Cipollone, Executive Director 419-222-HOME (4663)

Table grace

For all your many
gifts to us
we offer thanks this day.
Help us, God,
reach out in love
to all the world,
we pray.
Amen.

One of life's greatest mysteries is how the boy who wasn't good enough to marry your daughter can be the father of the smartest grandchild in the world.

- Jewish proverb

1st Sunday of Each Pastor Ruth—Story Month 2nd Sunday of Each **Steve Moser—Story** Month Slone Nagy—Children's Church 3rd Sunday of Each **Pastor Ruth—Story** Month Angie & Brian Nartker— Children's Church 4th Sunday of Each Corinne Piper—Story & Children's church Month

Children's Worship

(Conducted During the Worship Hour)

The Business of Church

Help Support the Furnishing for the Fellowship Hall and Sunday School Classrooms

Items to Purchase	Cost of Items	Amount Supported to Date
Classroom Dividers	2 @ \$1,224.95	\$2,275
Markerboards	3 @ \$74.95	
Double-Sided Markerboard	\$386.90	
Remodeling of Adult S. S. Room	\$850	\$250
Remodeling of Choir Room	\$500	\$500
Remodeling of Nursery	\$550	\$50 †
Video Projector	\$2,210	^ ~
Round Tables (10 @ \$110)	\$1,100	\$220
Podium w/Sound System (F/Hall)	\$880	\$50

Christian Humor

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs	
PPR Chair	Linda Craft
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Finance Chair	Art Holman
Physical Plant Chair	Ron Steiner
Treasurer	Gene Craft
Education Chair	Corinne Piper
Administrative Council Chair	Tim Piper
Worship	Ruth Solo
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Missions	Ruth Solo

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

June 29, 2008 105

July 6, 2008 77

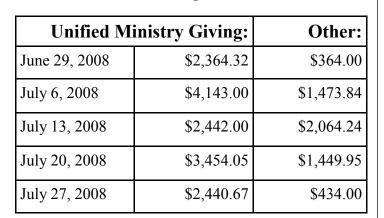
July 13, 2008 78

July 20, 2008 95

July 27, 2008

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for Unified Ministry Budget \$2,991.00



Worship does not exist for God's sake but for ours. God has no need of human worship. It is we who need to demonstrate our gratitude for what we have received.

- St. Thomas Aquinas

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Flowers:

August 3, 2008 Steve & Tracy Sdao

August 10, 2008 Jamie & Jan Wyant

August 17, 2008 David & Susan Nartker

August 24, 2008 Gary & Janet Grigg

August 31, 2008 Open

Sunday School Attendance						
June 29, 2008	Keenagers-4					
July 6, 2008	Keenagers-4					
July 13, 2008	Keenagers—3					
July 20, 2008	Keenagers –3					
July 27, 2008	Keenagers—4					

Visit The United Methodist Website at: www.umw.org

Consulting the Manual



Bible Readings for August

Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

Week of August 3

Color: Green Old Testament:
Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 17:1-7, 15
New Testament:
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

Week of August 10

Color: Green
Old Testament:
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
New Testament:
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Week of August 17

Color: Green
Old Testament
Genesis 45:1-15
Psalm 133
New Testament
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

Week of August 24

Color: Green
Old Testament:
Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 124
New Testament:
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Week of August 31

Color: Green
Old Testament:
Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
New Testament:
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

For more detailed information on the Revised Common Lectionary, please visit: www.gbod.org



Committee Reports



Do no harm.

Do Good.

Stay in Love with God.

~ John Wesley

5 LOAVES FOOD PANTRY PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, June 15th, was food pantry Sunday at St. Paul U.M. Church. We collected food that was delivered to Allentown's <u>5 Loaves Food Pantry</u>. The people of St. Paul's have given unselfishly to the food bank. In June, we collected 3 boxes of cereal, 7 bars of soap, 16 rolls of toilet paper, 2 bottles of dish soap, 9 cans of fruit, 11 cans of vegetables, 5 cans of soup and numerous other items. <u>Thank you</u> to everyone that donated these items!

Sunday, August 10th, will be our next "Food Pantry Sunday". Food will be disbursed at Allentown on the third and fourth Saturdays from 9-12 A.M. Anyone who is in need of food is welcome to come to the pantry. Items needed are: macaroni and cheese, canned meats, deodorant, and basic school supplies.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NOTES

Administrative Council met in special session on June 30th to discuss some pressing matters. Council will not meet in July but will return in August. Upcoming events were discussed including the July 5th Red's game bus trip, the July 12th United Methodist Men's meeting at Trinity UMC, the July 9th beginning of Pastor Ruth's Bible study, the July 19th Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing and the July 20th Mission Sunday. It was also noted that on August 16th and 17th we will set chairs and take them down at the Allen County Fair.

Pastor Ruth Solo explained the upcoming Elida Neighborhood Survey, which we hope to take this fall. The idea is to survey the households in the Village of Elida, north of railroad tracks to get an idea of how St. Paul's Church can serve and reach out to those families that are literally in our backyards. By knowing the ages of household members in Elida, we will know if we need to focus our mission work towards youth, teenagers, young families, baby-boomers or senior citizens. To be Christ's hands and feet, we must first know how we can best serve our neighbors. There will be more development of this survey during July and August before we ask for our members to help in completing this task.

Discussion then centered on how to raise funds for finishing our fellowship hall to outfit it for use by our youth Sunday school classes. Additionally, the whole education wing will be reshuffled to meet Safe Sanctuary requirements to better serve our Adult Sunday School program. This will require funds for remodeling some of the rooms. It was decided to make the needs known to our congregation to allow people to give to these needs, as they are lead by God to do so.

We noted 14 events that happened in the last month of which our church can celebrate and Praise God. Committee reports were given and summaries may be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Pastor Ruth closed the meeting with a prayer.

Tim Piper

Celebrations & Connecting

St. Paul's Members Participate in UMCH Roof Project

During October, 2007, the St. Paul's Missions Committee accepted an invitation presented by Todd Hanes to participate in an outreach project at the United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington, Ohio. This project involved a full replacement of Building 109's shingles, tar paper, and even small portions of the roof itself that had deteriorated over the years. Building 109 is a large two-story administration and infirmary facility which required 90 squares of new shingles (an average home only requires approximately 30 squares of shingles.) Monthly planning conference calls began in December, 2007, so to organize materials and associated finances; arrange volunteer personnel and associated housing and meal provisions; and construction logistics to name a few agenda items. Rev. Steve Putka, one of the lead administrators at the Home, gave two presentations and the sermon before, during, and after a February Sunday worship service at St. Paul's. Our congregation, through 'Coins for Communion' January-June, 2008, raised \$649 for this roofing effort in addition to a \$1,250 contribution by the Administrative Council. Each volunteer/volunteer family paid \$100/\$150, respectively, to cover, at minimum, housing and meal provisions at host Scioto Ridge U.M.C., Hilliard, OH.

On June 14, the construction aspect of this project officially began with an on-site strategy session among all crew leaders. Full Project Team work commenced June 16-20, incl., that included: Ron Bowers (Allentown U.M.C.); Dennis & Shara Bowsher; Dan Bucher (Trinity U.M.C.); Lindsay Foust (Immanuel U.M.C.); Audrey Fox; Norm Grigsby; Art Holman; Maedene Holmes; Bill McKinney; Slone Nagy; Tim & Corrine Piper; Rev. Ruth Solo; Dillon Staas; Larry Sworos (St. Mark's U.M.C.); Marty White; and Jamie & Jan Wyant. Also participating were members of the Scioto Ridge U.M.C. (Todd Hanes' church) which, in addition to providing roofing volunteers, hosted all overnight volunteers in their fellowship hall and provided them with breakfast and dinner each day. Lunch was available in the Home's dining hall. Pastor Ruth prepared a six-day devotional guide for use and reference during the morning break/spiritual session each day. And what successful 'aerial' operation is without its supportive ground crew? Whether loading the dumpster with roof tear-off debris, delivering drinks to the roof-top, or performing back-breaking landscape work, many folks on the ground added to the success of this mission.

The size and scope of work were remarkable challenges yet the Team slew them like David slew Goliath (well...the size of building was like a Goliath!) Light hearts and warm fellowship prevailed each and every day from roof top to devotional sessions through to the evening meal and leisure activities. We had a collective vision for mission according to His will...we sowed and we reaped. The mission spirit is alive at St. Paul's, Elida!









Disciple Bible Study

INTRODUCTION TO THE NEW TESTAMENT

Want to know more about the Bible? Wonder what the New Testament is all about? Now's your chance to discover more.

This fall, Pastor Ruth will be teaching **Introduction to the New Testament** on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 pm. There will be an orientation for the study on Sunday, August 24, for anyone interested in finding out more about the Disciple Bible Study program.

You may sign up for the study by indicating on the pew pads, or by attending the orientation. A second orientation will be held on Wednesday, September 3 at 6:30. At that time, those who had signed up and/or attended the first orientation will receive their books and their assignments for the first class. This will not be a long session. Those who had not yet signed up will have the opportunity to sign up and order their books at this second orientation. The study will begin on September 10 and go through November 12, with a break the week of October 8.

If you wish to participate, sign up, and attend the orientation. It

If you wish to participate, sign up, and attend the orientation. It promises to be a good time of learning, praying, and delving into God's Word.

GENESIS FAMILY VALUES

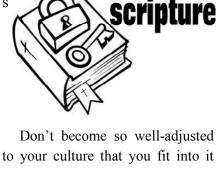
Take a glance at almost any of the lectionary readings from the book of Genesis in June, July, or August of 2008 and you'll discover some pretty shady characters doing some pretty shady things. Read some of the stories that fall in between and things get even worse!

Even allowing for the change in context that a few thousand years (and cultural and language differences) can provide, the fact remains that these families have values and practices that would raise eyebrows and make headlines today:

- A man cheats his brother out of his inheritance and their mother aids in the conspiracy.
- Most of the men have multiple wives. A woman forces her husband to send away another wife and child, abandoning them to an uncertain fate.
- Women and children are treated like property.
- A group of men hate their brother so much they want to kill him, and end up selling him into slavery.

These are not people we might want to emulate! On the other hand, maybe they are just like you and me. Not literally, perhaps, but human – full of faults, and in need of God's grace.

Something else stands out, too, in almost all of these stories: forgiveness and reconciliation. These people tend to recognize their weaknesses and faults, seek forgiveness, and try to get along with the people they have hurt. Maybe that's what matters in the end.



Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

- Romans 12:2, The Message



This website offers book reviews, music reviews, and web ministry information among other relevant and interesting links.

Connecting With ...



Congratulations to **Brent and Tina Brinkman** on the birth of their new daughter, **Claire Ann,** who was born on June 24, 2008.

Claire weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. **Karlyn** is the proud big sister.

Proud aunt and uncle are **Don and Maedene Holmes.**

Congratulations to **Kira and Luke Young** on the birth of their son, **Kizer Alan.**He was born on July 1, 2008, and weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz. **Nancy and Bruce Kizer** are the proud grandparents. Proud aunt and cousin are **Slone and Jenson Nagy.**

Congratulations to **John and Valerie Kuenzli** on the birth of their new daughter, **Madeline Ann,** who was born on July 18, 2008, in Columbus, and weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. The proud grandmother is **Lois Cook.**Madeline is named after her great-grandmother, **Fran Hall.**



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

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Molly Fessler
Dorothy Foster
Don Irvin
Hope Mathwig
Shirley Moser

Homebound Members

Rebekah Baxter
Hazel Dunn
Ruth Hurley
Marie Lee
Edna Osman
Jean Redd
Gladys Sherrick
Ray & Helen Waldron

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Sara House
June Metzger
Rick Scholfield
The Ron Strayer Family

Those in the Military

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Jason Stanley

To St. Paul's UMC,
A very **BIG** thank you for all
who attended my 90th birthday
party. I appreciate all the cards,
gifts, and well wishes I received.
I especially thank all my family
for being with me during the
worship service that morning!
I am very blessed.
Love,

June Metzger

The People of St. Paul's

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Ron Strayer.**

Ron passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Pastor Ruth officiated at his funeral service on July 14, 2008



It is a curious thing in human experience but to live through a period of stress and sorrow with another person creates a bond which nothing seems able to break.

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

Pastor Ruth and Friends at St. Paul's, I cannot find enough words to thank you for the flowers, prayers, and cards when Ron was in the hospital with his surgery. Then at Ron's death your prayers, cards, and food brought to the house was overwhelming. Thanks to the ladies for the dinner of delicious food after the service. Last, but not least, Pastor Ruth, your prayers, visits, and the wonderful funeral service was comforting to all of us. With sincere thanks, The Family of Ron Strayer

Dear St. Paul's Friends,
Thank you for your
prayers, cards, flowers,
and concerns during my
stay at the hospital. The
troubles were corrected
and I am feeling much
better.

Hope Mathwig

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the
beautiful flowers! I love
them.. Thank you for
keeping me in your
thoughts and prayers.
Thanks again.
Molly Fessler



Prayer List

Updates

Please Contact

Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

August 2008

Wed

Tue

Thu

Sat

August 4, 2008 **PPR**..7:00 PM

August 5, 2008 Trustees...7:00 PM

August 11, 2008 Finance...7:00 PM

Sun

Anniversaries

Finance7:00 PM	Sun	MOH	Tuc	WCu	IIIu	1.11	Sat
August 11, 2008 Ad Council 8:00 PM							
August 12, 2008 Worship 5:00-7:00 PM						1	2
August 19, 2008 Missions 7:00 PM						Mary Grigsby Tim White	
Christian Ed cancelled until Sept. 69:00 AM							
Sundays Keenagers8:30 AM Prayer Group9:00 AM	3 Ron Bible	4 Joy Fletcher	5	6	7	8 Myrna Metzger	9 Sara House
Worship9:30 AM	Keenagers Prayer Group	PPR	Trustees				
Anniversaries • • • • • • • • •	10 Brian Steiner	11 Nancy Kizer	12	13	14	15 Ella Tweddle	16
Scott & Beth Warris August 1		Michele Theodore					
Jim & Christie Lewis Ron & Mary Steiner August 3	Keenagers Prayer Group	Finance Ad Council	Worship 19	20	21	22	23
Brandon & Jaime Chambers August 4	Keenagers	Tracy Sdao	Jacquie Bice	Austin Lewis Dennis Metzger	Aaron Kimmet	Kim Bowsher	Aric Thompson
Steve & Tracy Sdao	Prayer Group		Missions				
August 4 Jamie L Jan Wyant August 6	24 Gail Fessler	25	26	27	28	29 Brad Selover	30 Kris Crates Cole Lewis
David & Susan Nartker August 16	Keenagers Prayer Group					Justin Wyant	Esther McKinney 82 years
Travis & Lori Williams August 17	31						or years
Tony & Linda Matlock P August 18	J-						
Ron & Kay McAdams August 19; 47 yrs.	Keenagers Prayer Group						

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Chocolate Coconut Topped Cake

by Teresa Grigsby

Ingredient	s	Instructions					
1 regular size	yellow or chocolate cake mix	Prepare cake mix according to package directions. Bake in greased and floured 13x9 inch pan according to box directions.					
4 (1 3/4 oz.)	Snickers bars, finely chopped	While cake is baking, combine chopped candy and butter.					
1/4 cup	melted butter	Heat slowly and stir until candy is melted and evenly blended.					
1/2 cup	flaked coconut	Spread evenly over hot cake and sprinkle with coconut. Makes 1 (13x9 inch) cake.					



Luscious Chocolate Orange Freeze

by Lisa Wurster

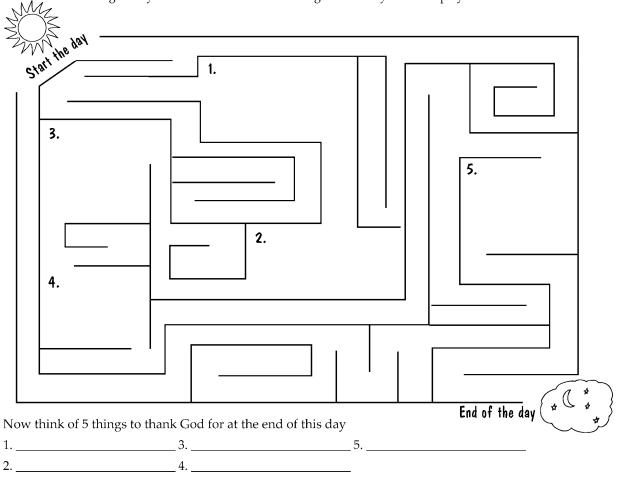
Ingredient	S	Instructions					
1 1/2 cup	vanilla wafer crumbs	Combine crumbs and oleo and press onto bottom and 1 1/2 inches high around sides of springform pan.					
1/3 cup	melted oleo	Combine sherbet and juice. Fold in 1 cup whipped topping.					
1 cup	orange sherbet, softened	Pour over crust. Freeze until firm.					
1/4 cup	orange juice	Heat fudge topping in saucepan over low heat. Stir in milk.					
1 regular size	La Creme whipped topping, thawed	Fold in remaining whipped topping.					
1/4 cup	hot fudge topping	Pour over sherbet layer. Freeze.					
1 Tbl.	milk	Makes 10-12 servings.					

KIDZ KORNER

Maze

Jesus is with us in everything we do. Go through the maze and fill in each station with:

- 1. something fun to do. 2. a way that you can help around the house. 3. your favorite subject at school.
- 4. something nice you could do for someone. 5. a good friend you like to play with.



Fill in the letters

On the spaces write the letters that come before each of the letters below the space.

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Answer: I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

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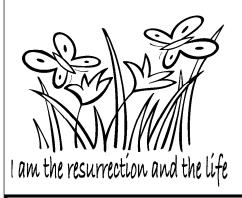
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Living Our Faith MISSIONS PLANNING TAIL-GATE PARTIES

The Missions Committee will be hosting tail-gate parties on the northwest corner of the church's parking lot, at the North Street gate, this fall to raise funds for missions. We will begin with the first home game on August 24th. will be able to purchase a brat or hamburger with condiments of your choice, chips, and a soda; price to be announced. We hope to begin serving at 5:30 pm, so that parents and students who must arrive early for games will be able to get something to eat. We plan to end serving as the games begin.

We hope that the tailgate parties will not only provide a quick meal for families in a hurry, but will also be a means for the church to connect with our greater community as they use our parking lot. And, it will provide needed funds to support our growing mission projects. So, come on out and have a brat or burger as you go over to root for the Bulldogs!

MISSIONS SATURATION SUNDAY

The Missions Committee is making plans to host a mission saturation event on September 24th during the Sunday school hour, with a carry-in luncheon after the worship service that day. We will have displays of the missions you have been supporting this past year and those local missions and agencies who will receive the

Coins for Communion for the rest of this year, through January 4

There will also be displays to look at for other mission opportunities. We will vote on which missionary family we want to support, if we want to continue to support current missions and agencies, and if we want to support new mission opportunities.

As a part of Missions Saturation, we will be collecting items for the health and school kits during September. Please listen for the announcements for items to bring during September. And remember, Jesus said, "Whenever you do this for the least of these, you've done it for me."