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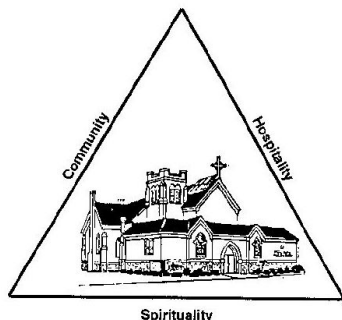
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Dear Friends,

As we enter this last month of summer before school restarts, and vacations come to an end, we also begin to gear up for the coming season of return to church. Did you know that, according to the research behind the United Methodist Church's campaign a few years ago, *Igniting Ministries*, September is one of the three times each year, along with Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter, when previously churched and unchurched people are looking for a place to worship? If you will notice, the ads for the UMC will begin in September, December, and during Lent.

How will we welcome those who come to "check us out" in the coming month? As we prepare for the year ahead, we need to also prepare to offer radical hospitality to those who come to meet us and find out more about us as they seek a place where they can experience the risen Christ. The Nurture Ministry has some ideas about how we can get started, hoping to develop a hospitality center with volunteers to host it, and greeters at each entrance door on Sunday mornings. Each individual can be a part of welcoming the stranger among us with a friendly smile and warm handshake, an offer to show new people around the building, assist with taking children to the new children's Sunday school rooms, and introducing them to others.

Let's extend a Christian welcome to those who seek a church home, so that they will make St. Paul's their church home.

See you in church,

*Pastor Ruth Solo*



Thought for the Month:

God loves each of us  
as if there were only  
one of us.

~ St. Augustine



## August Youth Calendar

August 2, 2009	No Youth
August 9, 2009	No Youth
August 15, 2009	Rummage Sale
August 22, 2009	Fair Chairs
August 30, 2009	No Youth

### News of Our Former Youth

Congratulations to **Aaron Piper** for being hired as a staff photographer for **The Herald Bulletin** newspaper in **Anderson, Indiana!** Aaron was chosen to fill the staff position out of 40+ photographers that applied for the job. Aaron is a recent graduate of the Ohio University School of Communications, a nationally recognized program for photo-journalism. He had been interning with The Lima News with many of his photos being published on its pages. Anderson is a city in Madison County, Indiana, having a population of 60,000 people, and is part of the Indianapolis metropolitan area. Aaron's email address is [aaronpiper@hotmail.com](mailto:aaronpiper@hotmail.com). The link for The Herald Bulletin online is [www.theheraldbulletin.com/homepage](http://www.theheraldbulletin.com/homepage). Aaron's new address is 4304C Wild Turkey Dr., Anderson, IN 46013, and his email address is [aaronpiper@hotmail.com](mailto:aaronpiper@hotmail.com).



## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



### RUMMAGE SALE SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 8 AM—5 PM

Save your trash, treasures, and everything in between, because St. Paul's is having a church-wide rummage sale!

Items will accepted Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 PM, and immediately after church service on Sundays.

**PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. PAUL'S YOUTH!**

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### Coming in September

**SEPTEMBER 13TH**

**9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**



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



**Growing Disciple Makers**

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**Immediate strategies to block gambling**

For 19 years the Ohio Council of Churches, the United Methodist Church and tens of thousands of others in the faith community have successfully stopped predatory gambling from entering the state of Ohio with slot machines and casinos. Some next steps being taken to continue to ensure that slot machines and casinos do not open to prey upon the citizens of Ohio include:

**Ask** the Ohio Supreme Court to declare the current slot machine proposal unconstitutional on several grounds.

**Mobilize** the millions of Ohioans who have voted 4 times against slot machines to engage in a grassroots campaign to block the installation of slot machines at race-tracks.


**Educate** our church members and other citizens about the political cowardice and narrow self interests that led current elected officials to sacrifice the wellbeing of Ohio families to predatory gambling.

**Demand** that the Ohio General Assembly and the Governor enact additional sources of revenue to adequately care for the wellbeing of the citizens of Ohio in this new biennium without slot machines.

**Work** at the municipal and county levels to slow down the installation of slot machines at racetracks until this proposal is overturned by the Supreme Court and/or withdrawn by the governor and General Assembly.

For more information contact: Rev. John Edgar 614.327.5468.

Christian Comedian  
**BRAD STINE**



*Live in Concert*

**NISWONGER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**  
Presented by: Van Wert Ministerial Association & WBCL Radio Network

Brad Stine enjoys shattering pre-conceptions. He's clean and conservative. But he's also a unique comic who proves that clean and cutting edge indeed can come in the same package - and at full speed. Stine's distinctive brand of comedy has brought him standing ovations across the country - as well as praise from the media. He's been seen on NBC's "Nightly News", CNN's "Paula Zahn Now", FOX News' "Hannity & Colmes Show", Tucker Carlson Show, MTV's "Half Hour Comedy Hour", Showtime's "Comedy Club Network" and A&E's "Caroline's Comedy Hour, Evening at the Improv and Comedy on the Road" as well as a 10 page profile in the New Yorker Magazine. Brad is also known for his many appearances at Promise Keepers events across the nation.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD AT 7:30PM**  
**TICKETS \$12.00 & ON SALE AT NPAC BOX OFFICE**  
**OR ONLINE AT [WWW.NPACVW.ORG](http://WWW.NPACVW.ORG) (419)238-6722**

# Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**Our annual Allen County Fair Chair Retreat will be:**

**Set Up:  
Saturday  
August 22nd at  
8:00 AM**

**Take Down:  
August 22nd  
After the concert**

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



## CHANGE IS COMING

Have you noticed how long our announcements have taken on Sunday mornings when we are on our regular worship schedule? While it is wonderful to be an active church family, and we want to offer information about what is going on in the life of the church, it sometimes takes up to 10 minutes or more for all announcements. The Administrative Council discussed how to make announcement time less intrusive on worship and has agreed to begin announcements at 25 minutes after the hour when we return to our regular worship schedule on September 13. That means that announcements will begin at 10:25 AM on Sunday mornings. We hope this will allow us the time we need for worship.

We understand that this decision may cause some anxiety for some groups in the church. However, rather than shorten our worship, we decided to expand our time on the front end of the service. We will assess how this new time is working in December. If you have comments after we begin the new time, please write them down and turn them in to the office to be a part of the assessment.

# The Heart of Church

## Greeters

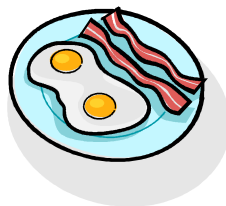
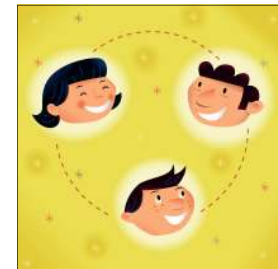
August 2	Denny & Carole Grapner
August 9	John & Jenessa Fletcher
August 16	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
August 23	Lynda Evans & Ruth Hardy
August 30	Greg & Barb Schade

## Nursery Volunteers

August 2	Volunteers Needed
August 9	Volunteers Needed
August 16	Volunteers Needed
August 23	Volunteers Needed
August 30	Volunteers Needed

### Family Promise

Immanuel UMC will be hosting **Family Promise** at Immanuel Church during the week of August 23 - 30. This week may present more of a challenge since this is also Allen County Fair week. Please prayerfully consider your role in being a part of Family Promise this week. There are many opportunities to serve those less fortunate by signing up on the sign up sheet on the family bulletin board in the hall for Family Promise. Thanks to everyone for demonstrating the love of Jesus. If you have any questions, see Tim Piper.



### Lima Area Methodist Men's Breakfast at Lima St. Mark's UMC on August 1st

Men of St. Paul's Church, mark your calendars. The next quarterly **Lima Area Methodist Men's (LAMM) breakfast** will be at **St. Mark's United Methodist Church**, 1110 N. Metcalf Street in Lima on **Saturday, August 1st, at 8:00 AM**. Our speaker will be **Aaron Griffith**, Site Administrator for **Our Daily Bread soup kitchen**, who will speak about the soup kitchen. There will also be a short recap by our **St. Paul's men** of the **United Methodist Children's Home Mission** work completed last week by eleven U. M. churches. Bring your appetites and your Christian love. Also, bring ideas on how we as Christian men can serve God in local mission work. All are welcome.

## Children's Worship

**(Conducted During the Worship Hour)**

1st Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Shirley Moser—children's Church
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Steve Moser—Story Slone Whetstone—Children's Church
3rd Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Angie & Brian Nartker—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

## Community Survey



Over a year ago, a special ad-hoc committee was appointed by Ad Council to conduct a community survey that will help us to determine who our neighbors are and what are their needs. The survey was planned over a year ago, but the amazing (God thing?) is that as we begin to move into the second phase of ReFocus, a community survey is a part of the work that needs to be accomplished in order to develop a strategic plan.

The committee has determined the questions we will use, a brochure is being developed by Judy Chaffins, and a trial survey is scheduled. What we need now are people who will help conduct the survey. Tim Piper has divided the village north of the railroad tracks into thirty sections; see map in the library. We are asking for thirty volunteers to partner with each other and canvass two sections each. One volunteer will be the speaker, the other will be the recorder. So, if you would like to help, but don't feel comfortable talking to people door to door, but can record answers, we can still use your help.

The Community Survey Task Force has the survey, and it was tested on June 13<sup>th</sup> by Pastor Ruth and Linda Craft. We found that people are very willing to talk with us, and share their thoughts and ideas. We are hoping to complete the survey before the weather turns cold and the days become shorter. It is important to do this work as a part of the upcoming tasks for the ReFocus Summits we will be offering this winter. A sample of the survey is in this edition of the newsletter for you to consider. A training will be scheduled for completing the Community Survey when we get some teams of two persons signed up for each section of the village.

If you would like more information about the survey, you may talk with Pastor Ruth, Linda Craft, Tim Piper, or Norm Grigsby.



I would rather walk with  
God in the dark than go  
alone in the light.  
— Mary Gardiner Brainard

<b>Committee Chairs</b>	
<b>PPR Chair</b>	Linda Craft
<b>Trustees Chair</b>	Jamie Wyant
<b>Finance Chair</b>	Art Holman
<b>Physical Plant Chair</b>	Ron Steiner
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gene Craft
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<b>Administrative Council Chair</b>	Scott Fessler
<b>Worship Setting</b>	Ruth Solo
<b>Nurture</b>	Martha Vazquez
<b>Stewardship</b>	To Be Nominated
<b>Missions</b>	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

June 28, 2009	75
July 5, 2009	75
July 12, 2009	87
July 19, 2009	162

**Financial Giving**  
Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00



	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
June 28, 2009	\$1,960.00	\$219.00
July 5, 2009	\$4,257.00	\$763.80
July 12, 2009	\$2,759.00	\$1,662.00
July 19, 2009	\$3,910.35	\$618.95

From a church worship bulletin: Please join us as we show our support for Amy and Alan in preparing for the girth of their first child.  
*— Source unknown*

## Sunday School Attendance

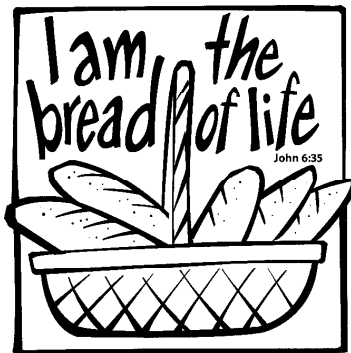
June 28, 2009	N/A
July 5, 2009	N/A
July 12, 2009	N/A
July 19, 2009	N/A

## Flowers:

August 2, 2009	Steve & Tracy Sdao
August 9, 2009	Bill & Esther McKinney
August 16, 2009	David & Susan Nartker
August 23, 2009	Dennis & Shara Bowsher
August 30, 2009	Open

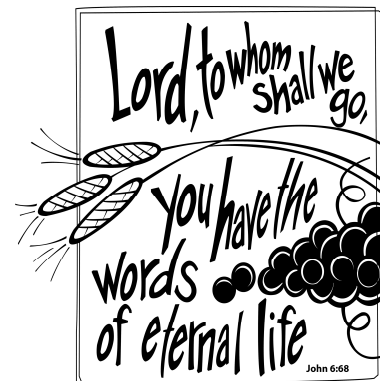
**Visit The United  
Methodist Website at:  
[www.umw.org](http://www.umw.org)**

# Consulting the Manual



When I saw others straining toward God, I did not understand it, for though I may have had him less than they did, there was no one blocking the way between him and me, and I could reach his heart easily. It is up to him, after all, to have us, our part consists of almost solely in letting him grasp us.

— Rainer Maria Rilke



## **Bible Readings for August**

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year B

### **Week of August 2**

#### **Friendship Day**

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

Psalm 51:1-12

*New Testament:*

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

### **Week of August 9**

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Psalm 130

*New Testament:*

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

### **Week of August 16**

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

Psalm 111

*New Testament:*

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

### **Week of August 23**

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

Psalm 84

*New Testament:*

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

### **Week of August 30**

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9

*New Testament:*

James 1:17-27

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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



# Celebrating...



This certificate was presented to me at the Breakfast of Gratitude, June 8, 2009, at Wesley Lodge in Lakeside, Ohio. The breakfast was given by the United Methodist Children's Home.

On the program leaflet was printed: "Thank you for giving us the pleasure of your company today. We are honored to have you with us to celebrate the churches who sustain our shared ministry with recognized levels of financial contributions. On behalf of the children we serve, we extend our deepest appreciation to each and every member here today and to your entire congregations."

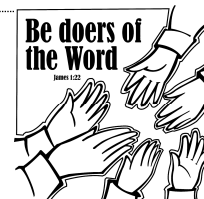
The breakfast was delicious. We were greeted by Sue Stutz, Trustee. Dean Pulliam, Executive Director, gave Ministry News. Rev. Steve Putka, Director of Spiritual Life & Development and Debbie Lewis, Development Office Coordinator spoke and gave out the recognitions. We were grouped according to ratio of giving with church membership numbers. We were among 15 Leadership Churches. The other 135 churches were listed as Henderson Churches.

Thank you for all your generous giving. I was proud to represent all of you at the breakfast. You can check with the office to see where the certificate will be displayed

*Lavonne Segovia*  
Lay Representative to Annual Conference.

## Raisin' Bread for Samaritan House

We are thrilled to announce something new and exciting for our Anniversary Fundraiser Celebration. On August 19, 2009 Samaritan House will commemorate 22 years of serving homeless and/or abused women and children in and around the Lima area. This year's event will be held in the City Club Banquet Room, 144 S. Main St. in Lima. Food will be provided and served by Panera Bread, there will be a cash bar and dueling pianos will entertain with favorite songs from the 70's to the present. Jeff Fitzgerald will serve as Master of Ceremonies. You might even want to wear your dancing shoes! A silent auction will be held throughout the evening. Due to the economic hard times, we have reduced our ticket price from \$35 to \$25. We want our supporters to enjoy an evening of celebration with us at an affordable cost. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of our evening by attending the celebration and/or donating a new item(s) for auction. All items are greatly appreciated and can range anywhere from a can opener or a certificate for a free pedicure to a set of new tires, a weekend retreat, or a basket of gourmet food. Be conservative or let your imagination run wild! For more information, contact Marilyn at 419-222-4663 or [samhouselima@embarqmail.com](mailto:samhouselima@embarqmail.com).





# Community Survey

## COMMUNITY SURVEY

**INTRODUCTION:**

Hello. My name is \_\_[name of talker]\_\_\_\_\_, and this is \_\_[name of recorder]\_\_\_\_\_.  
 We're with St. Paul's UMC on Main Street here in Elida. We're conducting a survey of our community to find out how the church can help to serve your needs. Do you have a few minutes to answer a few questions for us?

- Yes (go to questions)     Come back \_\_\_\_\_(day) at \_\_\_\_\_(time)  
 No (make note at top of page and say: "Thank you, and have a good day/God bless you.")

1. What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. How long have you lived in Elida? \_\_\_\_\_ At this address? \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Who many people live here? \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults : >70 \_\_\_\_; M \_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_  
 # of Children \_\_\_\_ Ages: \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. What are the greatest challenges and hardships you feel residents of Elida face right now?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

5. How do you see our church being more helpful to you and the community?  
**Adults issues:** \_\_\_\_ Community Forums; \_\_\_\_ 12 Step Programs;  
 \_\_\_\_ Sr. Citizen programs: \_\_\_\_ meals; \_\_\_\_ activities; \_\_\_\_ helpers;  
 \_\_\_\_ Bible Studies  
**Children and Family:** \_\_\_\_ Mid-week After-School Program;  
 \_\_\_\_ Summer Fun Program; \_\_\_\_ Vacation Bible School;  
 \_\_\_\_ Parenting Programs/Classes; \_\_\_\_ Special Teen Issues;  
 \_\_\_\_ Support Groups; \_\_\_\_ Financial Management Programs;  
 \_\_\_\_ Other ideas: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

6. Which of the following activities at St. Paul's are you already aware of?  
 \_\_\_\_ Worship on Sunday morning                      \_\_\_\_ Sunday school for all ages  
 \_\_\_\_ Christmas Eve/Easter Sunrise worship        \_\_\_\_ Family Fun Nights  
 \_\_\_\_ Annual Chicken BBQ                                      \_\_\_\_ Relay for Life Team  
 \_\_\_\_ Blessing of the Pets (Oct.)                              \_\_\_\_ Homecoming Float in parade

7. Do you attend a church service at least once a month? Y N Where? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, say, "That's great. We're glad you're connected with a church."  
 If no, say, "Would you like more information about St. Paul's Church?"

8. Would you like to be on our mailing list/email list to be notified when we are having something special at the church? Y N email: \_\_\_\_\_

Say: "God bless you; Thank you for your time, and have a very good day. We hope to see you again."

# Annual Conference

## REPORT FROM 2009 WEST OHIO UM ANNUAL CONFERENCE

At Lakeside Worship and Business were two main parts of the experience of the 2009 West Ohio United Methodist Annual Conference. Monday morning included Communion. One of the featured speakers was Pastor Junius Dotson – Sr. Pastor of Saint Mark UMC. He was featured Monday morning and Tuesday afternoon. He was an inspirational speaker. **Junius Dotson** was ordained to the ministry of the United Methodist Church in June, 1992. In 1996, he responded to the challenge of beginning a new and innovative church in the Silicon Valley, Genesis United Methodist Church. Currently thousands of people, from Wichita and beyond, gather each Sunday to hear the thought provoking, faith-filled messages of Pastor Junius Dotson.



Pastor Dotson is well prepared both spiritually and academically. He is a leader who responds to challenges and opportunities in new and creative ways. Pastor Dotson draws together people who share his vision for the future. He believes that effective ministry is about training, developing, and empowering leaders to establish ministries that address the needs of the “whole” person – body, mind and spirit.

On Tuesday we heard Sue Nilson Kibby – Executive Pastor, Ginghamburg UMC. She was very interesting and included innovative ways in which they had encouraged their membership to become active in many ways at church. **Sue Nilson Kibbey** is an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. As Ginghamburg Church’s Executive Pastor, Sue teams with Senior Pastor Mike Slaughter to create and deploy the vision of the church, coordinates the senior management team, and serves as team leader for all discipleship staff (children, student and adult). Sue also leads human resource initiatives and teams with the senior staff on daily business functions/decisions.



As the creator of “Ministry by Strengths,” which equips churches to deploy staff and unpaid servants into ministry, Sue serves as a trainer, consultant and coach to conferences and clergy gatherings across the country. Her book on the art of leading and managing the church, Ultimately Responsible, was released in Fall, 2006 (Abingdon Press). She has authored Starting a Single Adult Ministry (Cook Communications), named the “Single Adult Ministry Book of the Year” by the National Association of Single Adult Leaders, as well as written for and edited Transformation Journal: Journey Through the Bible in a Year and Transformation Journal: A Daily Walk in the Word (both Abingdon Press).



Co-Teaching Pastor at the Wednesday morning Worship Service was Michael Slaughter. **Michael Slaughter** is Lead Pastor, Ginghamburg UMC. He is the three decade dreamer of Ginghamburg Church and spiritual entrepreneur of ministry marketplace innovations. His life-long passion to reach the lost and set the oppressed free has now made him a tireless and leading advocate for the displaced children, women, and men of Darfur, Sudan, named by the UN as the worst humanitarian crisis in the world today.

Under Mike’s leadership, Ginghamburg Church has become known as an early innovator of small group ministry, the Church “media reformation” and cyber ministry, with the Ginghamburg website averaging 50,000 visits monthly from around the world. Since initiating The Sudan Project in January, 2005, Ginghamburg has invested over \$3.7 million into humanitarian relief in Darfur. The resultant agricultural project, child development program, and safe water initiative are expanding to reach a quarter of a million Sudanese refugees and villagers. As a mentor, Mike travels globally to speak and use his “gift of irritation” to equip ministry leaders to minimize brick and maximize mission to that they may fully

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deploy the mission of Jesus into the world. Mike is also the author of multiple books for church leaders. Visit [www.mikeslaughter.com](http://www.mikeslaughter.com) for more information. These three speakers had inspiring messages.



Featured guest performers were the Hope for Africa Children's Choir. This group was amazing. When they performed there was constant joyful movement and song. They performed several times during different services and on Tuesday evening they were outdoors at the Gazebo. There were also a liturgical dance group, a praise group and other special solo's along with short ministry moments to add to the worship experience.



On the business side were the reports, Constitutional Amendments, and recommendations to be brought to the conference. There were 32 Amendments to the Constitution. These were Voted by the General Conference April-May, 2008. and passed, by 2/3 vote. These proposed changes require further approval at annual conferences the following year. So they were presented to our Annual Conference for vote. The 32 amendments were grouped into 5 groups, for discussion. Group 1 (amendments 4, 10, 23, & 26) are related to the world-wide nature of the UMC. Group 2 (amendments 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, & 32) are also related to the world-wide nature of the church, but deal primarily with a name change, which if approved would need this name change in these related portions of the constitution. Group 3 is a single (amendment #1) proposing a change in the language defining the availability of the ministry of the church to all persons. Group 4 is a single (amendment # 19) related to who is able to vote for delegates to General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Group 5 contains seven (amendments 2, 6, 8, 9, 15, 17, & 22) which are unrelated and were discussed together.

At the end of discussion, ballots were distributed and voted. Before the end of conference we were given the results. Only amendments 8, 9, 17, 19, and 22 were passed. There were some heartfelt disappointments voiced on the failure of our conference to pass amendment #1. We will not know the final outcome on these amendments until all annual UM area conferences are completed and all conference votes counted.

There were 9 recommendations. Recommendation #1 was about Healthcare. Recommendation #2 was for No Casinos in Ohio. Recommendation #3 was concerning program "Strength for Today, Bright Hope for Tomorrow" which involves developing principled Christian leaders for the church and the world. Recommendation #4 concerned Council on Finance and Administration Recommendations. Recommendation #5 concerned the Central Conference Pension Fund. Recommendation #6 was a resolution on Investigation Companies Supporting the Occupation of Palestinian Territories. Recommendation #7 was on the Episcopal Residence Committee Report. Recommendation #8 was on Board of Pension and Health Benefits. Recommendation #9 was about the Commission on Equitable Compensation. (for clergy). After various discussions all were approved. For more information on any of the topics go to the UM conference web site. [www.westohioumc.org](http://www.westohioumc.org)

There were 2615 delegates at conference. There were over 10,000 school kits collected. The Love First Offering by end of conference amounted to \$370, 185.00. The next West Ohio UMC conference will be June 6-10, 2010.

The pictures on page 13 give an idea of all the variety at Lakeside. It was a great experience!

*Lavonne Segovia*

Lay Delegate

# Remember When...



Smorgasbord and Bazaar  
November, 1980

Left to Right:  
Irene Plumb, Jane Brown,  
Esther McKinney, Mary Steiner

St. Paul's Ushers, 1986

Left to Right:  
Harold Metzger, John Reynolds,  
Art Holman, Basil Hall



Sunday School, 1986

Left to Right:  
Todd Chaffins, Becky Metzger,  
Jordan Wyant, unknown,  
Sara Matlock



# Connecting With ...

## Pictures From Annual Conference at Lakeside



Hoover Auditorium—Pastor Terry Heck in front



Hoover stage after school kits presented



Leaders vs. Youth—water volleyball challenge

### Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

- Molly Fessler
- Norm Grigsby
- Cindy Guess
- Don Holmes
- Don Irvin
- Helen Scholfield
- Ray Waldron

### Homebound Members

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

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

- Dorothy Foster
- Sara House
- Mike Matlock
- June Metzger
- Rick Scholfield

### Those in the Military

- Jason Stanley

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# The People of St. Paul's

*To my St. Paul's Family,  
Thank you for all of the  
prayers and cards I  
received during my "stint"  
in the hospital.  
Your special concern  
uplifts one's soul.*

**Norm Grigsby**

*Congratulations to **Julia Adkins and Travis Bok** on the birth of their daughter, **Anika Nichole**, born July 1, 2009. She weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. Proud grandparents are **Dennis and Kim Metzger**. **June Metzger** is the proud great grandmother. Cards will reach Travis, Julia, and big sister Makayla at 2475 N. Kemp Rd., Elida, OH 45807.*



*Congratulations to **Josh and Lori Motzer** on the birth of their daughter, **Emma LeeAnn**, born on June 22, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. Proud grandparents are **Don and Judy Chaffins**. **Jerry Crates** is the proud great grandfather. Cards will reach Josh, Lori, and big brother Evan at 4334 Boulder Creek Dr., Columbus, OH 43230.*

***Hope Mathwig** wishes to thank all those that gave her greetings and good wishes for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. They were enjoyed greatly.*

*I want to thank everyone for the prayers for my mom, **Jane Decker**. Please continue to pray for her.  
**Dave Decker***



*We want to thank **Jamie** and his "crew" for all the hard work and time they gave to put a new roof on our house. What a great team they make!  
Blessings to all,  
**Gerald and Wanda Strayer & Family***

**Prayer List Updates**  
**Please Contact**  
**Lavonne Segovia**

# Meetings

# August 2009

August 3, 2009  
PPR...7:15 PM

August 4, 2009  
Trustees...7:00 PM

August 10, 2009  
Finance...7:00 PM

Ad Council—No Meeting

August 11, 2009  
Missions...7:00 PM

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

# Anniversaries


- Martin & Maureen Rentz  
August 1
- Scott & Beth Warris  
August 1
- A.J. & Tara Strauch  
August 2
- Ron & Mary Steiner  
August 3  
40 yrs.
- Jim & Christie Lewis  
August 3
- Steve & Tracy Sdao  
August 4
- Brandon & Jaime Chambers  
August 4
- Jamie & Jan Wyant  
August 6
- Scott & Michelle Grapner  
August 11
- David & Susan Nartker  
August 16
- Travis & Lori Williams  
August 17
- Tony & Linda Matlock  
August 18
- Ron & Kay McAdams  
August 19  
48 yrs.

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2	3 Ron Bible	4 Joy Fletcher	5	6	7	8 Myrna Metzger
9 Ruth Hardy Sara House	10 Brian Steiner	11 Nancy Kizer Michele Theodore	12	13 Rhett Rabley	14	15 Sharon Perrin Ella Tweddle
16	17	18 Tracy Sdao	19 Jacquie Bice	20 Austin Lewis Dwain Metzger	21 Aaron Kimmet	22
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30 Kris Crates Bev Foster Cole Lewis Esther McKinney	31					

# Favorite Recipes from St. Paul's Younger Generation

## Smoked Sausage Lasagna

*by Slone (Kizer) Whetstone*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg.	skinless smoked sausage (1 large link)	Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Boil water, then add 12 or 16 lasagna noodles, depending on number of people you are serving. Cook as directed. Drain, then rinse in cool water.  While noodles are cooking, spoon just enough spaghetti sauce into a 9x13 baking dish to lightly cover bottom. Cut your smoked sausage into 6 or 8 pieces. Slice each piece lengthwise, so you have a total of either 12 or 16 pieces, so match the number of lasagna noodles. Each piece lasagna of sausage should be about 3 inches wide and half thickness.  Slice cheese to fit the length of your piece of sausage. On counter top lay a lasagna noodle down. Lay piece of sausage on top at one end. Place slice of cheese on sausage. Roll the sausage and cheese up in the noodle. Place in pan. Repeat until done. Pour rest of sauce over top of rolls. Cover with foil and bake for 35 min. Bake uncovered for 15 more minutes.
1 block	Mozzarella cheese	
1 pkg.	Lasagna noodles	
1 jar	Ragu spaghetti sauce	
		

## Bacon Cheeseburger Meatloaf

*by Jennifer (Ridenour) Loose*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 lb.	lean ground chuck	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  In large bowl, combine ground chuck and next 8 ingredients, mixing well.  In small bowl, combine ketchup and mustard. Stir 1/4 cup ketchup mixture into meat mixture, saving remaining ketchup mixture.  Press meat mixture into a 9x5x3 inch loaf pan. Spread remaining ketchup mixture over loaf. Bake 40 minutes.  Top with French fried onion. Bake another 10-15 minutes, or until meat is no longer pink.  Let cool and enjoy!
10 slices	bacon, cooked and crumbled	
1 (8 oz.) pkg.	shredded cheddar cheese	
2 large	eggs, lightly beaten	
1/4 cup	bread crumbs, toasted	
1/4 cup	mayonnaise	
1 Tbl.	Worcestershire sauce	
1/4 tsp.	salt	
1/4 tsp.	black pepper	
1/3 cup	ketchup	
2 Tbl.	mustard	
1 (3 oz.) can	French fried onions	





# KIDZ KORNER

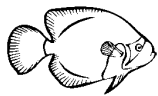
## Symbols

God provides food for all the animals. Here is a crossword puzzle of animals. Can you figure out what the animals are and fill in the names?

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4. Across



6. Across



8. Across



1. Down



2. Down



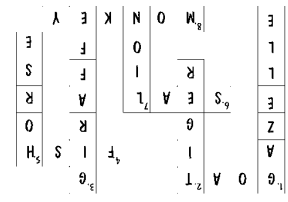
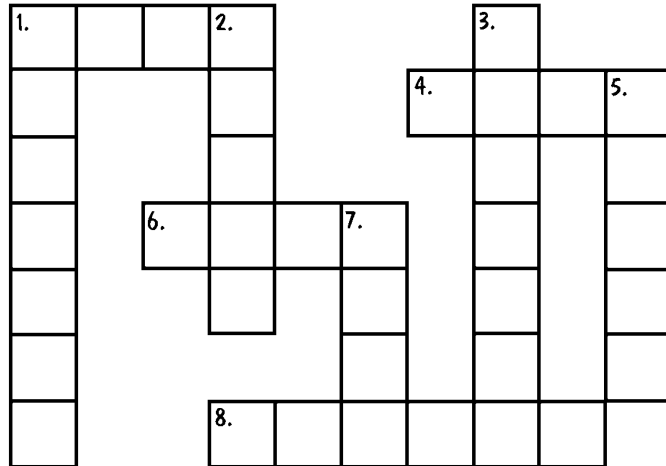
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7. Down



## Recipes

Here is a recipe using different kinds of food that God has given us.

### Applesauce Quesadilla

- 2 flour tortilla (6 inches)
- ½ cup chunky applesauce
- 1 tsp cinnamon sugar

- ¼ cup Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 tsp vanilla yogurt

1. Preheat oven to 400° F.
2. On ungreased baking sheet, spread ¼ cup of the applesauce and ½ tsp of the cinnamon sugar over one tortilla.
3. Sprinkle with cheese and place second tortilla on top.
4. Sprinkle with remaining cinnamon sugar.
5. Bake at 400° F for 6-8 minutes or until golden brown.
6. Cool 2 minutes
7. Cut into quarters and serve with remaining applesauce and yogurt.

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# Living Our Faith

## Don't Fuss

The pastor began the meeting by reading from Luke 12:25-26: "Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"

One of the women started to cry. "If only you knew," she said. "We're having trouble with our mortgage, and Gene's been laid off, and things are really tough. I was crying in my office not half an hour ago; now you remind me that, no matter what, God is somehow with me,

caring for me."

How simple are those words and yet, at the same time, how difficult to live by. Often people will say "consider the lilies" but we can be too busy to do that. Yet when we do stop and open ourselves to God's presence, we can indeed be amazed at how close that presence really is, and the effect it can have in our lives.



Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life.

— James 1:19-20, *The Message*

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