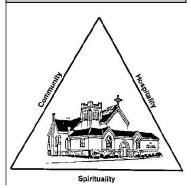
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August is upon us, the last full month of summer, time for children to get ready for school, time to take final vacations, and time for the fair. Just a few things to talk about this month as we wrap up another summer in Ohio. Thank you to everyone who helped with construction at Camp Wesley in June and July. Your

work is essential to the ministry at Camp Wesley and my hope is that next year we will have a few kids who are campers at Wesley and will be able to report directly on how camp changed their lives. Keep looking for more opportunities for mission work in the months ahead.

The fair is quickly approaching and that can only mean one thing for all of us. No, not elephant ears and carnival rides, although those are fun. No, not 4H projects and walking through the merchant's area. No, not concerts and tractor pulls. No, it is time again for fair chairs and that means we need your muscles and the muscles of your friends and neighbors. Many hands will make light work of setting up and tearing down. Come join the fellowship and witness to the county how a church can be active in the community.

Charge Conference will be upon us before we know it, which means the committee for lay leadership will be meeting to set the leadership of the church for the next calendar year. If you are on the committee formerly known as nominations, be ready to meet this month so we can get an early start. If not, please be praying about what it is you would like to do in the life of the church as an active member of St. Paul's.

One last thing before I close this letter for the month. Over the next few weeks I would like you to pray for a group of people who are meeting to discuss the finances of the church as it applies to the building fund. I mentioned last year during stewardship that we needed to be debt free and establish an emergency fund to help deal with trouble when it occurs. Well that dream is moving forward and we need to be prepared for all the blessings God is bestowing upon us. So pray for us as we set up the plan and bring it to you for approval.

Have a great August and I will see you in the mission field!

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Any fool can count the seeds in an apple. Only God can count all the apples in one seed.

– Robert H. Schuller

Allen County Fair Concert Chairs

Set Up: Saturday August 17, 2013 @ 8:00AM Take Down:
Sunday
August 18, 2013
@ 9:00PM
after concert

Please help out!

al

Please join us for this annual church wide fund raising event.

This is a great opportunity to raise substantial funds all in one weekend's work!

Hope to see you at the Fair for fun, fellowship, and fund raising.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Seniors Day Out:

Tuesday, August 20

The presentation will be about Hobbies

All seniors welcome!



August
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit
Meals 'till Monday

| St. Paul's Epistle | | | |
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| Pianist: | Lois Cook | | |
| Choir Director: | Judy Chaffins | | |
| Custodian: | Dave Decker | | |

St. Paul's Book Club

will meet Saturday, August 3rd at 9:00AM

in the Classroom beside the main office.

They will be discussing

Proof of Heaven by Eben Alexander, M. D.

Bring your breakfast if you wish and join the group for some interesting conversation.

All are welcome.

Summer Children's Church

During Worship
Following the Children's
Moments
2 yr. olds through 10 yr. olds
Teacher - Shirley Moser
and helpers



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Collecting thru September 22nd

SCHOOL KITS

- One pair blunt point scissors (Round Tip)
- Three 70 count spiral notebooks (Wide Ruled)
 - One ruler (12" **metric**)
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
 - One large eraser (2 1/2")
- Six new #2 pencil with erasers
- One box <u>Crayola</u> crayons (24 ct.)
 \$2.00 for processing and shipping kits
- \$2.00 for processing and snipping kit Canvas Tote Bag (12x14 to 14x17 in.)

Can be purchased at Hobby Lobby

Pack kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.



HEALTH KITS

- One <u>hand</u> towel (@16" x 28")
 - One washcloth
 - One wide-tooth comb
- One metal nail file or clipper
 - One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
 - One adult size toothbrush (in original packaging)
 - Six adhesive Band-aids

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Seal kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.









Missions

Certificates of Appreciation were received from the United Methodist Family Services and Heifer International for donations made by St. Paul's Church. Thank-you letters were also received from Meals 'til Monday and West Ohio Food Bank for contributions made to those organizations.

June 2nd was "Mission's Sunday" at St. Paul's. A PowerPoint presentation was given by the Mission's Committee and Pastor Paul's message was about our missions at St. Paul's. Jamie Wyant, Maedene Holmes, Dennis & Shara Bowsher, Norm Grigsby and Tim & Corinne Piper from the Mission's Committee helped with the service. After the service there was a meal to raise funds for the Camp Wesley summer mission project.

On Sunday, June 9th, Brad Joseph's uncle, John Fleming, gave a presentation during our service regarding the mission work around the world being funded by the **Brad Joseph Memorial Scholarship Fund.** He explained that the **6th Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing** on July 13th is a fundraiser for the scholarship fund.

The first two weekend mission trips to Camp Wesley have been completed with all four porches, steps and railings on the dining hall being replaced or repaired. Representation by St. Paul's church on the mission weekends was good with the following individuals participating: Art Holman, Jamie Wyant, Dennis & Shara Bowsher, Larry and Shirley Moser, Paul Scannell, Maedene Holmes, Norm Grigsby, and Tim & Corinne Piper. Volunteers from Immanuel UMC, Trinity UMC, Amblin UMC and Scioto Ridge UMC churches also helped.

June 30th was \$5 on the 5th collection for the UMCH Family Services. \$87.41 was collected and sent to UMCH Family Services for use in their foster care programs.

St. Paul's had a golf foursome made up of **Tim Theodore**, **Margie Best and Shirley & Larry Moser** who played golf at the 6th **Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing** on July 13th. Portions of the greens fees went to the **Brad Joseph Memorial Scholarship Fund**. St. Paul's volunteers who helped with the outing included **Jamie Wyant**, **Sue Theodore**, **Norm Grigsby**, **Dan Best and Tim Piper**. St. Paul's was a \$100 hole-sponsor for the event as well as collecting other funds for the memorial fund. Thank you to **Bill McKinney** for sponsoring a hole at the Golf Outing.

The program committee for **the Elida Youth Center** is meeting regularly and continues planning for a youth center at the New Creation Lutheran Church, Elida building.

Donations of food for **the Five Loaves Food Pantry** continues to be strong with St. Paul's individuals faithfully filling the food bins every month. Thank you to all who donate food to feed the needy in our Elida community.

The coins-for-communion collection in *June* went to U.M.C.O.R for 2012 Atlantic Hurricane Relief and the U.S. Disaster Relief including recent tornado relief. In *July* the coins-for-communion collection was for the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing. In *August*, the coins-for-communion collection will be for Meals-'til-Monday.

Collections for **health and school kits** will begin in August. A list of needed items are on page 3. The collection will be during the months of August and September and will culminate with the delivery of the kits to Westside UMC, our local collection point, by September 27th. The kits will then be delivered on September 28th to the West Ohio Conference's **Festival of Sharing** at Otterbein College.

Three persons at St. Paul's have shown interest in going to Haiti with **Living Waters International** to help repair wells. Preparations for that trip are pending.

Praise God for all who donated food, contributed funds and volunteered to work on missions this summer!

Camp Wesley Mission













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Faith In Action



| Worship Attendance: | | |
|---------------------|-----|--|
| June 30, 2013 | 87 | |
| July 7, 2013 | 88 | |
| July 14, 2013 | 98 | |
| July 21, 2013 | 109 | |

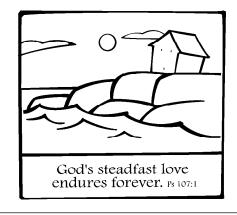
| Financial Giving |
|-------------------------|
| Weekly Need for |
| Unified Ministry Budget |



| Unified Mini | Other: | |
|---------------|------------|----------|
| June 30, 2013 | \$2,205.00 | \$819.00 |
| July 7, 2013 | \$6,035.00 | \$896.81 |
| July 14, 2013 | \$2,490.38 | \$293.00 |
| July 21, 2013 | \$2,291.00 | \$653.00 |

| Adult Sunday School / Children's Church Attendance | | |
|--|----------|--|
| June 30, 2013 | A-9 C-7 | |
| July 7, 2013 | A-8 C-9 | |
| July 14, 2013 | A-9 C-11 | |
| July 21, 2013 | A-9 C-7 | |

| Greeters | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| August 4, 2013 | Marty & Kathy White | | | |
| August 11, 2013 | Tony & Shirley Shoup | | | |
| August 18, 2013 | Ruth Hardy | | | |
| August 25, 2013 | OPEN | | | |



| Flower Calendar | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| August 4, 2013 | Steve & Tracy Sdao | | | |
| August 11, 2013 | Jamie & Jan Wyant | | | |
| August 18, 2013 | Susan Nartker | | | |
| August 25, 2013 | Ruth Hardy | | | |

Bible Reading for August

Thursday 8/1

Psalm 70, 71, 74, Judges 4:4-23 Acts 1:15-26, Matthew 27:55-66

Friday 8/2

Psalm 69, 73, Judges 5:1-18 Acts 2:1-21, Matthew 28:1-10

Saturday 8/3

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76 Judges 5:19-31 Acts 2:22-36, Matthew 28:11-20

Sunday 8/4

Psalm 34, 93, 96, Judges 6:1-24 2 Corinthians 9:6-15,Mark 3:20-30

Monday 8/5

Psalm 77, 79, 80, Judges 6:25-40 Acts 2:37-47, John 1:1-18

Tuesday 8/6

Psalm 78, Judges 7:1-18 Acts 3:1-11, John 1:19-28

Wednesday 8/7

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120 Judges 7:19-8:12 Acts 3:12-26, John 1:29-42

Thursday 8/8

Psalm 83, 85, 86, Judges 8:22-35 Acts 4:1-12, John 1:43-51

Friday 8/9

Psalm 88, 91, 92, Judges 9:1-16, 19-21 Acts 4:13-31, John 2:2-12

Saturday 8/10

Psalm 87, 90, 136 Judges 9:22-25, 50-57 Acts 4:32-5:11, John 2:13-25

Sunday 8/11

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67 Judges 11:1-11, 29-40 2 Corinthians 11:21b-31 Mark 4:35-41

Monday 8/12

Psalm 89, Judges 12:1-7 Acts 5:12-26, John 3:1-21

Tuesday 8/13

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99, 100 Judges 13:1-15 Acts, 5:27-42, John 3:22-36

Wednesday 8/14

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144 Judges 13:15-24 Acts 6:1-15, John 4:1-26

Thursday 8/15

Psalm 105, Judges 14:1-19 Acts 6:15-7:16, John 4:27-42

Friday 8/16

Psalm 102, 107:1-32 Judges 14:20-15:20 Acts 7:17-29, John 4:43-54

Saturday 8/17

Psalm 107:33-43, 108 Judges 16:1-14 Acts 7:30-43, John 5:1-18

Sunday 8/18

Psalm 118, 145, Judges 16:15-31 2 Corinthians 13:1-11 Mark 5:25-34

Monday 8/19

Psalm 106, Judges 17:1-13 Acts 7:44-8:1a, John 5:19-29

Tuesday 8/20

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, Judges 18:1-15 Acts 8:1-13, John 5:30-47

Wednesday 8/21

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130, Judges 18:16-31 Acts 8:14-25, John 6:1-15

Thursday 8/22

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135 Job 1:1-22 Acts 8:26-40, John 6:16-27

Friday 8/23

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143 Job 2:1-13 Acts 9:1-9, John 6:27-40

Saturday 8/24

Psalm 104, 137, 144 Job 3:1-26 Acts 9:10-19a John 6:41-51

Sunday 8/25

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147 Job 4:1-6, 12-21 Revelation 4:1-11, Mark 6:1-6a

Monday 8/26

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 Job 4:1, 5:1-27 Acts 9:19b-31, John 6:52-59

Tuesday 8/27

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11 Job 6:1-4, 8-15, 21 Acts 9:32-43, John 6:60-71

Wednesday 8/28

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24 Job 6:1, 7:1-21 Acts 10:1-16, John 7:1-13

Thursday 8/29

Psalm 18 Acts 10:17-33 John 7:14-36

Friday 8/30

Psalm 16, 17, 22 Job 9:1-15, 32-35 Acts 10:34-48, John 7:37-52

Saturday 8/31

Psalm 20, 21,110, 116, 117 Job 9:1, 10:1-9, 16-22 Acts 11:1-18, John 8:12-20



Report from Annual Conference

Our theme, of the conference this year, "Taken", is the first in a series that focuses on the different steps of the Eucharist, and how they show God's desire for relationship with us in "becoming the beloved community of Christ." "Blessed," "Broken," and "Given" are the remaining three steps to be covered in future annual conference sessions.

We started with Laity session at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 9th. As I reported last month, the speakers of the evening, Jim & Jennifer Cowart, were very interesting. Their book is <u>Start This, Stop That</u>. Jim and Jennifer spoke about different tools for recapturing the passion of Christ, pointing out that it is vital that the Church regain its passion for sharing Christ to non-believers in our communities. They encouraged leaders to think differently about ministry, and find new ways to reach out to others. And most importantly, they encouraged conference members to start now, to take action on the Great Commission. "Jesus, the king of the universe, knows your name and he calls it," Jim said in conclusion, "But he also asks you to call out the name of the people who haven't come to your church, yet".

Monday started with an inspiring Worship Service. Monday's message from our bishop was on being "Called by Name" as God's spirit and work in our lives brings renewal. He showed that God continues to bring a turning point in our lives, from sinfulness, alienation and desolation; to relationship, reconciliation and hope. Using Isaiah 43 as a backdrop, Bishop Palmer voiced the heart of God in this renewal, saying, "I've not only redeemed you, I've called you by name. You are precious. You are mine." Following his message, the bishop held in his arms Aurora Elena Pettingill, newborn daughter to Rev. David and Lindsey Pettingill, and baptized her with the reaffirmation of all conference members present.

As we moved into the business of the Church, there were reports and breakthrough videos (at different times of the days) showing how prayer and prayer walks by congregations, resulted in God's answers in ways that even exceeded their dreams. Members heard reports each day from various ministries from West Ohio and across the denomination, reporting how West Ohio has involved itself in transforming the world.

Here's a quick rundown of the Recommendations voted on by membership: 1. Passed Council on Finance and Administration 2. Passed Camp Sabroski 3. Passed Commission on Equitable Compensation 4. Passed Board of Pension and Health Benefits 5. Passed Resolution To Support Global Maternal/Child Health 6. Passed Resolution for West Ohio Conference Advance Special 7. Defeated Petition Requesting Conference Education and Conversation on the Nature, Role, Authority and Interpretation of Scripture. Recommendation 8. was withdrawn in order that forces all ready in place could be assessed in work to support rural and country churches.

Proposed Constitutional Amendments, voted at General Conference: 1. Acknowledges God's conferring the gift of the Church by including praying for unity among the tasks of the Church. 2. Would allow the General Conference to meet at other times during the calendar year on dates better suited for younger delegates and those with parenting responsibilities. 3. Removes the connotation that leadership training is only about preaching in order to develop skills and enhance the spiritual gifts of the laity. 4. Gives the power of boundary decisions to jurisdictional and central conferences, bodies that include lay persons. These were accepted as voted by our conference. They have to be approved by the majority of all the conferences in American and Central areas to be adopted.

Monday evening we had a choice of workshops: 1. Launching and developing small groups.

- 2. Church Communications. 3. Five questions your visitors are thinking but won't ask. 4. Telling the story.
- 5. Building a discipleship path. 6. Safe sanctuaries. 7. Communicating in a crisis. 8. Christ-like mission.
- **9.** Are you and your church united or un-tied? **10.** Aging as a Spiritual journey. These were lead by various leaders from various churches or positions.

Report from Annual Conference

I attended the small groups workshop. They had a good handout and expanded on preliminary steps, leader development, ongoing support and had questions and answer time. LIFE groups there at Peace Church are all about building community in our Church and in our Community. We were never meant to go through life, especially the Christian life alone. We need to be in community together, learn from each other, study God's Word together, hold each other accountable, and grow together. The groups are designed to do just that; provide a safe place to learn, love, and grow together.

There was a Bishop's Bible Study on Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and Wednesday morning. These were all given by Dr. Elaine Robinson.

Bishop Palmer invited Dr. Elaine Robinson, Academic Dean and Associate Professor of United Methodist Studies and Theology at Saint Paul School of Theology at Oklahoma City University, to speak on the annual conference theme of "Taken." Dr. Robinson taught passionately that the Eucharist is the central image of our faith because at one table, we have both the redemption and the promise of new life, as well as justification and sanctification, forgiveness and restoration to the image of God. "We are taken by God to be taken with God and to be taken with others." Through this sacrament, we become the body of Christ to be sent out into the world, and we see the beginning of becoming the beloved community of Christ. When we are taken with God, it is not about being alone with God, but about being part of the beloved community, for we were made to be in loving relationship with each other. In our sanctified human life, we should experience abundance, perfection and peace. She also pointed out that we often think of salvation as going to heaven, but salvation is being saved from sin, being reconciled to God, and being made whole in the love of God and relationship with God in this life. Robinson also made a clear and crucial connection between personal and social holiness, that being taken with God is to be taken into community with believers, and to love others. Making disciples for the transformation of the world comes through radical relationships.

Celebration of Life and Ministry Service was held on Tuesday afternoon

A processional of bright banners leading the new candidates along with Elders and Deacons, followed by members of the Cabinet and Bishop Palmer, opened the Celebration of Life and Ministry Worship Service. A solemn bell echoed from the stage with the reading of each name from the Roll of the Victorious. Among those on the roll of the victorious were Rev. James Kuhn and Rev. Allen Puffenberger. Those who passed away this year were commended to God's arms and holy peace as a bagpipe played "Flowers of the Forest."

The mission offering was not called the miracle offering this year. Bishop Palmer, along with Rev. George Cooper, Rev. Mike Slaughter, and Rev. Paul Risler announced the launch of West Ohio's commitment over 3 years of \$3.5 M to the **Imagine No Malaria Campaign**. Commitment cards were handed out to members with the opportunity to pledge and/or learn more. Additional information will be forthcoming from the Bishop and Rev. Cooper this summer detailing how to get involved and providing resources. At Conference the giving in cash and checks for the Imagine No Malaria was \$100,211.52. For Clergy development \$6.551.68, Kits and shipping \$2472.59

Next year's annual conference dates are June 8-12, 2014

Resources:

Breakthrough videos, Candidacy Summit video, Imagine No Malaria, and other videos shown at annual conference, are available on the <u>West Ohio Conference YouTube Channel here</u>. We encourage the use of all of these videos in your churches.

Respectively submitted by your lay delegate to conference. Lavonne Segovia

Remember When...



August, 1997
Setting-up Fair chairs

May, 2005

Attending Arena Football Game in Columbus





February, 2007
Church Carry-in Dinner

Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing



Golf Foursome:

Shirley Moser, Margie Best, Tim Theodore, and Larry Moser

Volunteers:

Jamie Wyant, Sue Theodore, Norm Grigsby, Dan Best, and Tim Piper





Dan Best presenting a check in the amount of \$170.81 from our St. Paul's July Coins-for-Communion to John Fleming



June, 26, 2013

St. Paul's UMC has been awarded a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of valuable contributions to **UMCH Family Services** in 2012.

June, 2013

Heifer International gratefully recognizes St. Paul's UMC for your contribution of healthy animals and training in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

The People of St. Paul's

I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending me flowers while in the hospital.

You can't imagine how a gesture of that type helps improve the day. I especially appreciated my visits by Pastor Paul. I feel our church is headed in the right direction under his guidance.

Please keep me in your prayers,
Dorothy Banks



We would like to express our gratitude for the cards and prayers of support. All of your kindness has helped us through this difficult time. It is a blessing to have so many people care.

Justin and Megan Wyant

Dear St. Paul's Church,

Thank you so much for the

reading them as soon as I

have some time off work.

Sincerely,

Zack Shoup

book and CD, I am looking forward to listening to and

Dear St. Paul's Family,

Thank you for all the prayers, support, wonderful cards, and phone calls. Also for the beautiful flowers from the church. These all mean more than you think. Pastor Paul, thank you for being there before my surgery and for your wonderful prayer.

Christ's Love, Mary Irvin

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Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Dorothy Banks 💆

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn Jean Redd Helen Scholfield

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Dorothy Banks
Karen Bible
Megan Bible
Joanna Hurd
Ed Laman
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Ally celly celly

Eddie Mault Jason Stanley

You're Invited

Jenessa Rae Anne Fletcher
And
Jason Dean Peters

Will exchange wedding vows Saturday, September 14, 2013

At 1:30 PM

At Open Door Baptist Church 1812 University Boulevard Lima, OH

Formal Reception to follow Elida High School Commons

Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

No PPR

August 6, 2013 Trustees...7:00 PM

No Worship Team

August 12, 2013

Finance ...7:00 PM

August 20, 2013 **Missions...7:00 PM**

Sundays

Prayer...8:45 AM Adult Class..9:00 AM Fellowship...9:30 AM Worship...10:00 AM

August 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

| | | | | | 1 Mary Grigsby Tim White | 2 | 3 Ron Bible |
|--------------|--|--------------------|---|----|------------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| • | 4 Joy Fletcher Cody Scannell | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Myrna Metzger | 9 Ruth Hardy Sara House | 10 Brian Steiner |
| ************ | 11 Nancy Kizer Emma Scannell Michele Theodore | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Virginia Doseck | 16 Beverly Nesbitt | 17 |
| ********** | 18 Tracy Sdao | 19 Jacquie Bice | 20 Dennis Metzger Austin Lewis | 21 | 22 | 23 Aric Thompson | 24 Gail Fessler |
| | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 Brad Selover Justin Wyant | 30 Kris Crates Bev Foster Cole Lewis Esther McKinney | 31 |

Anniversaries

Martrin & Maureen Rentz August 1

Scott & Beth Warris August 1

AJ & Tara Strauch August 2

Ron & Mary Steiner August 3; 44 yrs.

Jim & Christie Lewis August 3

Steve & Tracy Sdao August 4

Brandon & Jamie Chambers
August 4

Jamie & Jan Wyant August 6

Scott & Michele Grapner
August 11

David & Susan Nartker August 16

James & Virginia Dosek August 17

Tony & Linda Matlock August 18

Ron & Kay McAdams August 19; 52 yrs.

Aaron & Kim Piper August 25

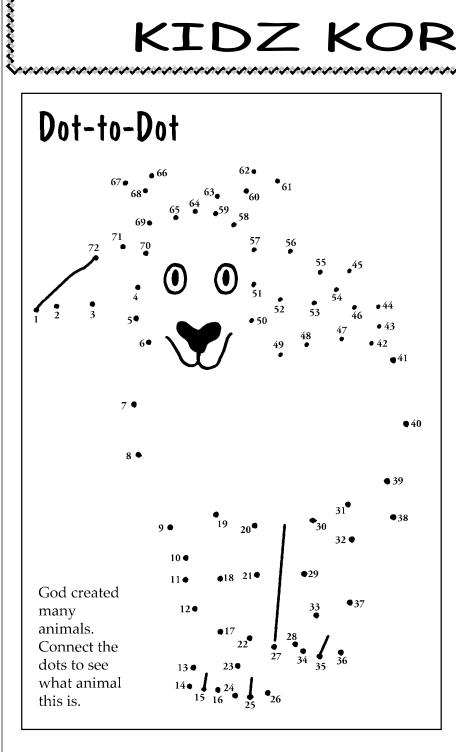
Lemon Zucchini Drops

| Ingredients | | Instructions |
|-------------|---------------------|---|
| 1/2 cup | Margarine, softened | Preheat oven to 375 degrees. |
| 1 cup | Sugar | In mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg, zucchini and |
| 1 | Egg | lemon peel. |
| 1 cup | Shredded Zucchini | Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in raisins and walnuts. |
| 1 tsp. | Grated lemon peel | Drop by teaspoonful 3 inches apart on to lightly greased baking sheet. |
| 2 cups | All-purpose flour | Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. |
| 1 tsp. | Baking Soda | Remove to wire racks to cool. |
| 1 tsp. | Baking powder | For Glaze: Combine 2 cups confectioner's sugar and 2 Tbl. lemon juice |
| 1 tsp. | Cinnamon | or enough juice to achieve a thin spreading consistency. |
| 1/2 tsp. | Salt | Spread or drizzle over cooled cookies. |
| 1/2 cup | Raisins | |
| 1/2 cup | Chopped walnuts | |

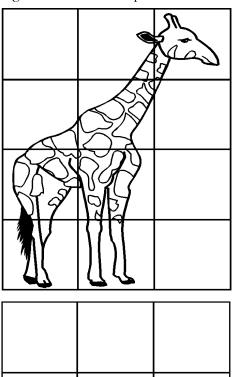
Fruit Salad Dessert

| | | By Myrna Metzger | | |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Ingredient | S | Instructions | | |
| 1/2 cup Sugar | | Stir sugar and cornstarch together in saucepan. Blend in 3/4 cup pineapple juice, lemon juice, orange peel and orange juice. | | |
| 20 oz. can | Pinapple tidbits, reserve juice | | | |
| 1 Tbl. | Lemon juice | Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture thickens and boils. Boil and stir 1 minute. | | |
| 1/3 cup | Orange Juice | While hot, pour over fruit. | | |
| 2 Tbl. | Cornstarch | Refrigerate uncovered several hours or overnight. | | |
| 1 tsp. | Grated orange peel | | | |
| 11 oz. can | Mandarin oranges | | | |
| 2 sliced | Bananas | | | |
| | Marachino cherries | | | |

KIDZ KORNER



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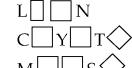
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Answers: Horse, Cow, Kangaroo, Snake, Ciraffe, Bear, Lion, Coyote, Moose, Cat, Gorilla, Goat

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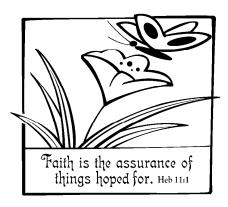
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Living Our Faith

The Adventure of Faith

There is a story about an Episcopal priest who was shopping for a Harley Davidson motorcycle. The salesman talked about speed, acceleration, risk, the women that like to ride on them. Then the salesman found out the guy he was selling to was a minister. Immediately his language and tone of voice changed. He spoke quietly about good mileage, visibility, and how practical is was. The minister wrote this:

Have we told the world that being a Christian is more like riding a lawn mower than a motorcycle? Is the life of faith more safe and sound or dangerous and exciting? The common image of the church is pure lawnmower - slow, deliberate, plodding. Our task is to take the church out on the open road, give it the gas, and see what the old thing will do!

Hebrews has this wonderful line: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" (Heb 11:1).

Acts of faith are a step forward into the great unknown future. But you come alive in those moments. You are connected, tingling a bit from nerves. If you could stand back from the situation and look at the whole picture dispassionately, you probably wouldn't do it. But you can't. You are in the middle of it. You can't think. You have to choose. You just do it.

When you are old, it is moments like that to which you come back. It is moments like that when you were fully engaged spiritually. You were alive. You made a choice. You jumped, and so many other things followed from it that you couldn't anticipate.



