

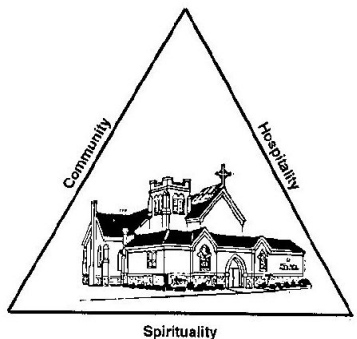
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February 7th we are celebrating Scout Sunday, a day to honor scouts and scout leaders. We are blessed to have Girl Scout troops who meet in our building and we have several boys who are in Cub Scouts. I have had many good experiences with Scouting throughout the years, starting in Mary Ann Adams' basement with pack #188 when I was seven years old. I remember the fun and activities as I made my way through scouts: pinewood derbies, camping, klondikes, merit badges, and many life lessons. Then with my kids in both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts: cookies, popcorn, troop meetings, honor courts and some great leaders who helped my children mature. I am proud to say scouting has always been important in my family. Although I may not always agree with some of the policies of scouting on a national level, I am proud to say on a local level, scouting is growing mature young men and women of honor. So as we honor scouting this Sunday, I think we need to help these children see the importance of following the Girl Scout law and Boy Scout oath that calls for scouts to honor God. While doing that, we have invited those who have no church to come celebrate Scout Sunday with us. Please be your friendly self, be patient and continue to show Christ's love.

February also has continuing EASY program, crafty creatures quilting along, Ash Wednesday Service February 10th, Lent through the month of February and many more things I have forgotten to include.

Stay warm and I will see you out in the mission field.

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

The difference between flattery and a compliment is sincerity.

Scout Sunday
February 7th
 During Worship Service

We will be honoring the Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops in the Elida area. The scouts will be participating in our worship service.

Come and support these young people.



Save Your Coins

February
'Coins for Communion'
 to benefit
Elida Community Center/
E.A.S.Y Program

February 14
Food Pantry Sunday
 Items are taken to The
 Church at Allentown

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Lent Begins
 Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Service
February 10, 2016
at 7:00 PM.

Ash Wednesday special offering to benefit the St. Paul's Special Needs Fund.



Presidents' Day
February 15, 2016

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Seniors Day Out
February 16th
12:00 Noon
If you would like, bring a visual art piece to share.
All seniors welcome!



BAPTISM TOWEL

In last month's bulletin, the symbol was the scallop shell, pointing down with three drops of water falling from it to symbolize the baptism. The water droplets stand for the Trinity: Father, Son, & Holy Spirit. Several years ago, Joanna Hurd started cross stitching towels for the baptisms at St. Paul's. Deb Hurd is continuing this tradition for Joanna. The towels have the scallop shell and the water droplets (blue for boys and pink for girls) and then it has the church name, child's complete name, and the date of the baptism on it. This is a special time in the life of that person and the towel is given to them as a good reminder of that special day.



**Thank you , Deb Hurd,
for continuing this
special ministry!**

*Thank!
YOU!*

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Book Club
Saturday, March 6, at 9:00 AM

We will be discussing
Leave Tomorrow Behind
 by Judy Clemons.

Please let Janet Grigg know
 if you wish to purchase a book
 for \$7.00.

3rd thru 7th Grade Sunday School Class
Volunteers Needed:

Marla is looking for 4 people willing to give of their time and love, to share with the Sunday school class
 1 of the 3 topics:

1. A story of yours of forgiveness.
2. A favorite Bible story.
3. A time when you heard God call on you to do something.

Marla is also looking for 7 people, (5 men and 2 women) willing to be a mentor for each of her Sunday school students. It would include spending time with them monthly, remembering their birthdays, speaking to them in church, or any other way to enrich their Christian journey.

Newsletter
 deadline:
 the **16th**
 of each month

Missions Year-End Report

ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE EFFORTS DURING 2015:

St. Paul's and other UMC churches hosted quarterly meetings of the **Lima Area Methodist Men's group** (L.A.M.M.), to listen to presentations on local mission work. The LAMM group donated \$150 to the **Camp Wesley Cabin Project**, \$150 to **Lima Family Promise** and \$150 to the **Lima Rescue Mission**. Thank you to everyone at St. Paul's who donated food, helped serve breakfast and attended the breakfasts;

Jesus said to "feed my sheep." Donations of food for the Allentown UMC **Five Loaves Food Pantry** continued to be strong in 2015 with St. Paul's individuals faithfully filling the food bins every month. An estimated \$1,500 worth of food was donated to the food pantry by St. Paul's in 2015! Thank you to all who donated food to feed those families who are in need in our Elida community;

St. Paul's has monetarily supported the **Meals 'til Monday** mission which provides weekend meals to children from various elementary schools in and around Allen County, including Elida Elementary;

St. Paul's continued to serve the needy at the Central Avenue, Lima, **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** on every fifth Friday that occurred during the year. Numerous individuals represented St. Paul's as volunteers at the soup kitchen during the four 2015 dates, serving 150 to 200 persons at each gathering. Thank you for your service in this important mission;

Maedene Holmes and her band of workers assembled **school kits (116) and health kits (36)** donated by numerous members of our congregation as part of this annual September mission effort. This exceeded St. Paul's effort of 78 school kits and 25 health kits in 2014. Pastor Paul delivered the kits to the local collection point for the West Ohio Conference **Festival of Sharing**;

The small group, **Crafty Creatures**, continues to bless our congregation and our community with their mission of **prayer shawls, blankets, and quilts**. They also made significant contributions to our annual mission, **Christmas Tree of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves** which were donated to Our Daily Bread, Lima Rescue Mission and Samaritan House;

St. Paul's donated \$166 to the **8th Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing** in July. St. Paul's had a golf foursome with their golf fees going to the memorial fund. Also, four of our members assisted with running the outing. The **Brad Joseph Memorial Fund** has given out scholarships for medical mission trips to Kenya, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico & Uganda in the past seven years;

Jamie Wyant led a team from St. Paul's (and other local churches) on a mission to **the U.M.C. Camp Wesley** near Bellefontaine. Volunteers completed work to put shutters on cabins, putting an extension on the boat dock and replacing half of the roof on the crafts building. A **2016 Camp Wesley mission** is planned to finish the roof, work on the boardwalks and the small bridge on the path around the lake and to do some of the carpentry work on the new all-weather cabins which will be built by contractors;

On Thursday, October 29, members of St. Paul's Church handed out coffee, hot chocolate and pencils to parents and their children at the church for our **Trick-or-Treat Night Mission**. Over 350 cups of hot beverages were distributed along with pencils with St. Paul's name and website on them. Parents and children were very appreciative of the hot beverages and the break from trick-or-treating;

St. Paul designates a special offering every year to the **Camp Sierra Linda U. M. Church Camp** in Monterrey, Mexico this year we contributed \$370 to the camp to sponsor intercity youth from Monterrey, Mexico to attend the camp and **learn the Gospel of Jesus Christ**;

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Missions Year-End Report Continued

St. Paul designated a special offering for the **Miracle Offering**, which went to **No More Malaria**. Our donation of \$370 will go towards the worthy effort to eradicate Malaria worldwide in our lifetime;

Our youth and a few adults left over \$300 on “the cow” in the hallway to send to **Heifer International** to purchase items for families around the world. Thank you to our youth for their generous donations;

Money was given to **UMCOR** for disaster relief here in the U.S. and for disasters around the world;

St. Paul's Church again participated in a worldwide mission by **Samaritan's Purse** called **Operation Christmas Child**. Jamie Wyant headed up the collection of 163 shoeboxes, surpassing last year's collection of 104 boxes. The shoeboxes were filled with gifts for boys or girls, and given to **Samaritan's Purse** to distribute to children worldwide. Thank you to all who filled boxes with gifts for these children;

The people of St. Paul's United Methodist Church **donated over \$17,700** to special missions, coins-for-communion, United Methodist Special Sundays, special designated Sundays and other missions and ministries of our church. See “2015 ST. PAUL'S SPECIAL MISSIONS GIVING SUMMARY”, for a complete listing. Thank you to all who donated to these missions.

Check out our **Missions Committee bulletin board** located on the wall of the education wing hallway outside the Pastor's office on which are posted ‘**thank you**’ letters and **upcoming mission opportunities**.

Many thanks to the members of the Mission Committee for 2015: **Jamie Wyant, Norm Grigsby, Maedene Holmes, Cari Metzger, Dillon Staas, Martha Vazquez, Dennis Bowsher, Shara Bowsher, Tim Piper and Pastor Paul Scannell**.

Also many thanks to members of our congregation who faithfully volunteered at Our Daily Bread soup kitchen, worked on quilts, hats and mittens, assembled health and school kits, filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, worked or played golf at the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing, helped hand out hot chocolate and pencils on Trick-or-Treat night, helped with LAMM breakfasts, donated food faithfully to 5 Loaves Food Pantry, worked on ramps, volunteered at Camp Wesley church camp and donated to special missions, projects and funds.

You are truly a blessing to the many people who have been served by the sweat and generosity of our congregation at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. **Praise God for his blessings upon our efforts to further His Kingdom!**



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

January 3, 2016	114
January 10, 2016	73
January 17, 2016	87
January 24, 2016	103

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



	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
January 3, 2016	\$4,864.00	\$462.04
January 10, 2016	\$2,091.00	\$185.71
January 17, 2016	\$3,819.00	\$414.00
January 24, 2016	\$2,281.00	\$468.00

Sunday School Attendance

January 3, 2016	13
January 10, 2016	22
January 17, 2016	23
January 24, 2016	11

Greeters

February 7, 2016	Boy & Girl Scouts
February 14, 2016	Dillon & Helen Staas
February 21, 2016	Gary & Janet Grigg
February 28, 2016	Mary & Norm Grigsby

Flower Calendar



February 7, 2016	Dillon & Helen Staas
February 14, 2016	Jamie & Jan Wyant
February 21, 2016	Gary & Janet Grigg
February 28, 2016	Scott & Gail Fessler

Communion Servers

February 7

Station #1	Corinne Piper & Dalton Poling
Station #2	Scout & Parent
Station #3	Scout & Leader

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 2/1

Psalm 41, 44, 52
 Genesis 14:(1-7)8-24
 Hebrews 8:1-13, John 4:43-54

Tuesday 2/2

Psalm 45, 47, 48
 Genesis 15:1-11, 17-21
 Hebrews 9:1-14, John 5:1-18

Wednesday 2/3

Psalm 49, 53, 119:49-72
 Genesis 16:1-14
 Hebrews 9:15-28, John 5:19-29

Thursday 2/4

Psalm 50, 59, 60
 Genesis 16:15-17:14
 Hebrews 10:1-10, John 5:30-47

Friday 2/5

Psalm 40, 51, 54
 Genesis 17:15-27
 Hebrews 10:11-25, John 6:1-15

Saturday 2/6

Psalm 55, 138, 139
 Genesis 18:1-16
 Hebrews 10:26-39, John 6:16-27

Sunday 2/7

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
 Genesis 18:16-33
 Galatians 5:13-25, Mark 8:22-30

Monday 2/8

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65
 Genesis 19:1-17(18-23)24-29
 Hebrews 11:1-12, John 6:27-40

Tuesday 2/9

Psalm 61, 62, 68
 Genesis 21:1-21
 Hebrews 11:13-22, John 6:41-51

Wednesday 2/10

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
 Genesis 22:1-18
 Hebrews 11:23-31, John 6:52-59

Thursday 2/11

Psalm 70, 71, 74
 Genesis 23:1-20
 Hebrews 11:32-12:2
 John 6:60-71

Friday 2/12

Psalm 69, 73, Genesis 24:1-27
 Hebrews 12:3-11, John 7:1-13

Saturday 2/13

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
 Genesis 24:28-51
 Hebrews 12:12-29, John 7:14-36

Sunday 2/14

Psalm 34, 93, 96
 Genesis 24:50-67
 2 Timothy 2:14-21
 Mark 10:13-22

Monday 2/15

Psalm 77, 79, 80
 Genesis 25:19-34
 Hebrews 13:1-16, John 7:37-52

Tuesday 2/16

Psalm 78, Genesis 26:1-33
 Hebrews 13:17-25
 John 7:53-8:11

Wednesday 2/17

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
 Genesis 27:1-29
 Romans 12:1-8, John 8:12-20

Thursday 2/18

Psalm 85, 86, 146, 147
 Genesis 27:30-45
 Romans 12:9-21, John 8:21-32

Friday 2/19

Psalm 88, 91, 92
 Genesis 27:46-28:4, 10-22
 Romans 13:1-14, John 8:33-47

Saturday 2/20

Psalm 87, 90, 136
 Genesis 29:1-20
 Romans 14:1-23, John 8:47-59

Sunday 2/21

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
 Genesis 29:20-35
 1 Timothy 3:14-4:10
 Mark 10:23-31

Monday 2/22

Psalm 89, Genesis 30:1-24
 1 John 1:1-10, John 9:1-17

Tuesday 2/23

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99
 Genesis 31:1-24
 1 John 2:1-11, John 9:18-41

Wednesday 2/24

Psalm 101, 119:121-144
 Genesis 31:25-50
 1 John 2:12-17, John 10:1-18

Thursday 2/25

Psalm 105, Genesis 32:3-21
 1 John 2:18-29, John 10:19-30

Friday 2/26

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
 Genesis 32:22-33:17
 1 John 3:1-10, John 10:31-42

Saturday 2/27

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
 Genesis 35:1-20
 1 John 3:11-18, John 11:1-16

Sunday 2/28

Psalm 118, 145
 Proverbs 1:20-33
 2 Corinthians 5:11-21
 Mark 10:35-45

Monday 2/29

Psalm 106:1-48
 Proverbs 3:11-20
 1 John 3:18-4:6, John 11:17-29



2015 Missions Giving Summary

<u>COINS AT COMMUNION GIVING:</u>		<u>2015 AMOUNT GIVEN</u>
Hope Visitation Center	(January)	\$ 76.19
Heartbeat of Lima	(February)	\$ 67.13
Our Daily Bread	(March)	\$ 27.16
5 Loaves Food Pantry - Allentown	(April)	\$ 79.68
WOC United Methodist Church Camps	(May)	\$ 110.06
United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR)	(June)	\$ 66.21
Brad Joseph Memorial Fund	(July)	\$ 66.42
Meals 'til Monday	(August)	\$ 152.99
Samaritan House	(September)	\$ 51.51
Family Promise	(October)	\$ 66.50
Lima Rescue Mission	(November)	\$ 68.31
Salvation Army	(December)	<u>\$ 11.21</u>
TOTAL:		\$ 943.37

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPECIAL SUNDAYS GIVINGS:

Human Relations Day	(January)	\$ 15.00
One Great Hour of Sharing	(March)	\$ 45.00
Native Amer. Awareness Day	(April)	\$ 42.00
Peace with Justice Day	(June)	\$ 25.00
Health & School Kits (\$2 in ea. Kit)	(September)	\$304.00
World Communion Sunday	(October)	\$ 35.00
Student Day	(November)	\$ 58.00

OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS/GIVINGS:

Heifer International (\$'s left on cow)	\$ 300.91
UMCH \$5 on the 5th (4 Sundays)	\$ 232.64
UMCOR—Nepal Relief	\$ 385.50
LAMM breakfast—gift to Family Promise	<u>\$ 150.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,593.05

SPECIAL SERVICES GIVING (Designated Use of \$'s):

Ash Wednesday (Special Needs Fund)	\$ 61.01
Easter (Miracle Offering-No More Malaria)	\$ 370.00
Easter- (Camp Sierra Linda)	\$ 370.00
Christmas Offering-Elida Community Ctr/Elida After School Youth Prog.	\$ 957.50
Christmas Offering-Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child	<u>\$ 957.50</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 2,716.01

SPECIAL MISSIONS/DESIGNATED GIVING:

Camp Wesley (includes flow-thru by participants of other local churches)	\$ 1,114.49
Brad Joseph Golf Outing hole sponsorship	\$ 100.00
Health & School Kits (36 Health Kits x \$11; 116 School Kits x \$12)	\$ 1,788.00
Donations to Ramps Fund	\$ 846.33
Donations to General Missions Fund including \$2000 Gen. Fund Budget Item	\$ 2,616.99
Donations to Crafty Creatures (includes Cookie Walk)	\$ 810.00
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (163 boxes x \$32 per box)	<u>\$ 5,216.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$12,491.81

(Separate giving not shown here: FORO, UM double-giving Monday)
(Food pantry items, mittens, hats, scarves - not quantified)

GRAND TOTAL MISSIONS GIVING—2015:

\$ 17,744.2

Methodism in America

The first Methodist Church was organized in London in 1739 by John Wesley. Methodism swept through England, and in time, crossed the Atlantic and was destined to influence the whole American continent.

The first American Society was organized in New York by Philip Emsbury, a local preacher. In 1768, the first Methodist Chapel was built on John Street, New York. In 1771, John Wesley sent Francis Asbury to America. He was destined, under God, to influence and shape the growing connection in America more than any other man.

On Christmas Eve, 1784, in the historic Christmas Conference at Lovely Lane Chapel in Baltimore, MD, Thomas Coke and Francis Asbury were elected, ordained, and consecrated Bishops by this Conference. The liturgy was adopted from John Wesley. The Methodist Episcopal Church in America was formally established on that night.

Francis Asbury (1745-1816) is of course, the most important figure in early American Methodism. His energetic devotion to the principles of Wesleyan theology, ministry, and organization shaped American Methodism in a way matched by no other individual. He set the pace for the itinerant ministry by riding more than 250,000 miles preaching, establishing Methodist societies, and superintending the American work as directed by Wesley.

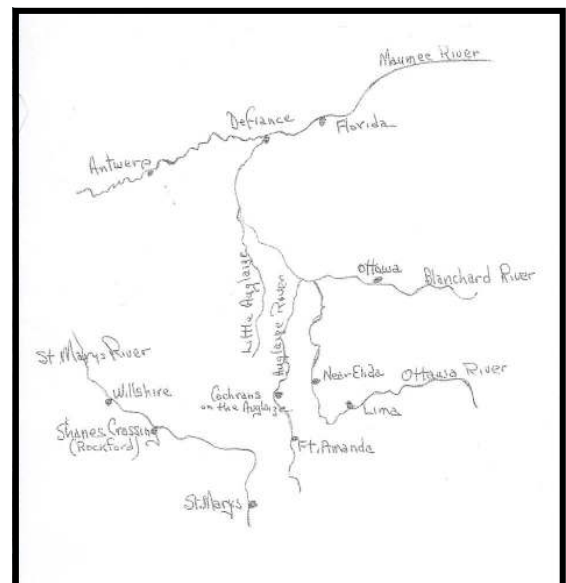
Before the Elida Methodist Church was erected, people of the community found ways of worshipping without the convenience of a church structure. In 1830, Rev. Joseph J. Hill preached in this part of the country. He is listed as the first Methodist Missionary to preach here. He was a Methodist circuit rider. Circuit riders visited the area at irregular times. The circuit consisted of a 300-mile ride made every four weeks. They followed the rivers and streams, covering an area between St. Marys and Defiance, Ohio. For their effort, the riders were paid \$150 per year. Preaching was held for several years in the homes of Griffith John and Isaac Boyer. Circuit preachers visited them at irregular intervals.

In 1831, the first Methodist Society was organized in the home of John Summersett. This house was located on a spot which is now in the village of Elida. The preacher in charge was Jesse Pryor. Twelve persons united with the society: namely John Summersett, Rachel Summersett, Griffith John, Rachel John, Sally John, Rachel Jamieson, Isaac Boyer, Elizabeth Boyer, Smith Cremean, Polly Cremean, William Bryan, and Elizabeth Bryan.



Circuit Rider

Area Served By
Circuit Riders



Remember When...

First Sunday in New Sanctuary

February 7, 1988



CHURCH ATTENDANCE	
ATTENDANCE TODAY	278
ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY	198
ATTENDANCE YEAR AGO	146
OFFERING LAST SUNDAY	2170
OFFERING YEAR AGO	1591



Connecting With ...

Children's Bell Choir at the 6 PM Christmas Eve service. Directed by Judy Chaffins.



Congrats to Isaac McAdams for being a starter on the Elida Boys JV basketball team and for getting significant playing time on the varsity squad. Way to go, Isaac!



All Saints Day
November 1, 2015
Acolytes Oliver Fessler and Emma Scannell



November, 2015
Acolytes Adrianna Ellinger and Makayla Bok

Congratulations to Reggie McAdams for having a season-high 21 points on January 12th in a losing effort as Akron fell to Central Michigan 92-81 breaking Akron's 10 game winning streak. Reggie had five 3-point baskets and six rebounds in the game. Akron is 13-3 overall and tied for first in the MAC East Division.



The People of St. Paul's

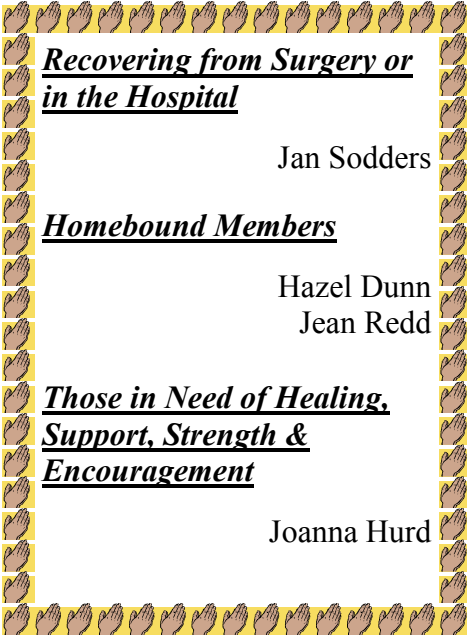
*Thank you for the flowers
I received at the hospital
They brightened up my
stay.*

Shirley Adams

Thank You



Remember in Prayer



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Jan Soddors

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd

*To the people of St. Paul's,
Thank you all so much for the
kind words of condolence.
Your cards, prayers and the
gift of funeral chimes at the
time of the sudden death of
my brother, Jerry McNett.
You are a very supportive
church family.*

Fran Hall

*Dear Community,
Thank you for kindness and
sympathy at a time when it
was deeply appreciated.
Thanks you so much for the
wonderful planter. It was
very nice of you to think of
our family at this time.*

The Metzger Family

*Pastor Paul, Marla and
family want to thank
everyone for their love,
gifts, support and prayers
during this Christmas
season.*



Congratulations to Michele Theodore on her marriage to Andrew Luhn. They exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, January 16 at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Lima. Michele is the daughter of Tim and Sue Theodore. Cards can reach the couple at 8601 Anderson Mill Rd., Apt. 626, Austin Texas, 78729

Our Sympathy to Carol Lee and family on the death of her brother, Loren Lowry. He is also the uncle of Linda Craft and Nancy Gesler.



In Sympathy

Our condolences to Fran Hall and family on the death of her brother, Jerry McNett, on January 4th. Jerry was also the uncle of Lois Cook and Pam Lozano.

Our sympathy to the family of Mason Metzger who passed away Saturday, January 9th. He is survived by his wife, Mary Beth Metzger, sister, Joanne Bragg and brother, Dennis Metzger. His parents, Melvin and June Metzger, were long-time members of St. Paul's.

Our condolences to Gary and Shirley Adams on the death of Gary's brother-in-law, Bill Zickafoose who passed away January 11th., and the passing of his sister, Janice Zickafoose, on January 13th. A double service was held. They are also the uncle and aunt of Tracy Sdao.

Meetings

February 1, 2016
PPR...7:00 PM

February 2, 2016
Trustees...7:00 PM

February 3, 2016
Worship...6:00 PM

February 8, 2016
Finance ...7:00 PM

Ad Council...No Mtg.

TBA
Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays
Prayer...8:45 AM
Sunday Sch...9:00 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir...7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2 Barb Schade	3	4 Cyndi Smith	5 Don Irvin	6
7 Gary Hurd	8 Cari Metzger	9 Michelle Grapner	10 Channing Poling Marla Scannell Caroline Stengel	11	12	13
14	15 Tara Gaghen Bill Weaver	16	17 Doug Fox	18 Sherilyn Ellinger Sydney Lane	19	20 Fran Hall Ron Steiner
21 Mary Kaye Pease	22 Andrew Piper	23	24	25	26 Addison Chaffins	27
28 Makayla Bok Kate Stengel	29	Leap Day 				

Anniversaries

Jerry & Becky Bean
 February 14
 57 years

Gary & Janet Grigg
 February 18
 50 years

Jim & Phyllis Hines
 February 23
 59 years

Gene & Linda Craft
 February 25
 49 years

Larry & Shirley Moser
 February 28
 45 years

St. Paul's Featured Recipes

Vegetable Casserole by Pam Lozano

Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg.	Frozen mixed vegetables (12 or 16 ounces)	Cook vegetables in salted water for 10 minutes, leaving them crisp. Drain. Put in bowl and add other ingredients and mix. Put in casserole dish and spread crackers on top. Cut butter in slices and put on top of crumbs. Bake 35-40 minutes at 350 degrees.
1/2 cup	Mayonnaise	
1 cup	Grated cheese	
1 small	Chopped onion	
1 cup	Finely diced celery	
1 stack	Ritz crackers, crushed	
1 stick	Margarine	



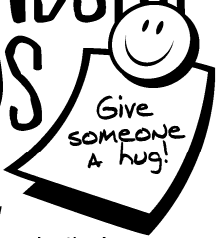
Chocolate Chip Cookies by Shirley Moser

Ingredients		Instructions
2/3 cup	Shortening	Heat oven to 375 degrees. Mix first 6 ingredients thoroughly. Blend in remaining ingredients. Drop by teaspoon on cookie sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes.
2/3 cup	Margarine	
1 cup	Sugar	
1 cup	Brown sugar, packed	
2	Eggs	
2 tsp.	Vanilla	
3 1/2 cups	Flour	
1 tsp.	Soda	
1 tsp.	Salt	
12 oz.	Chocolate chips	
1 cup	Chopped nuts, optional	



KIDZ KORNER

FRIENDSHIP CARDS



This month, don't just *send* valentines; *be* a valentine! Create these Friendship Cards to express love through kind acts for your loved ones — all month long.

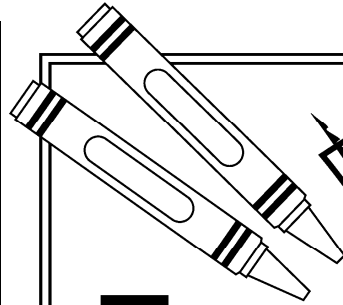


What you need:

- 29 index cards
- A small box or container
- Colored pens or glitter pens
- Stickers

What you do:

1. On each card, write something nice you can do for other people. Ideas include "Give someone a hug," "Clean someone's room," "Read to someone" and so on. You can use colored pens to draw a picture.
2. Decorate the box or container. Place the cards inside.
3. Each day in February, select a card and do that nice thing for someone!



PUZZLE

True Friendship

What makes someone a good friend?
The Bible offers lots of advice about true friendship.

*Directions: Starting at the *, connect the dots clockwise and complete the words using the word bank. Then fill in Proverbs 27:9, NIV.*

WORD BANK:

heart prings ir verbs vice ness end

27:9, NIV

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27:9, NIV

Answer: The pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

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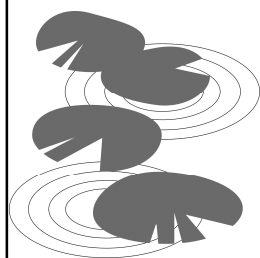
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Living Our Faith

Leaps of Faith



My coming to faith did not start with a leap but rather a series of staggers from what seemed like one safe place to another. Like lily pads, round and green, these places summoned and then held me up while I grew. Each prepared me for the next leaf on which I would land, and in this way I moved across the swamp of doubt and fear ... to the verdant pad of faith on which I somehow stay afloat today.

—Anne Lamott, *Traveling Mercies*

The Greatest Love of All

On Valentine's Day, we remember that God is the source of all love in the world. His perfect love for us has made all human love possible.

For God so loVed the world
thAt He gave His
onLy
begottEn
SoN,
thaT whoever
belIeves
iN Him should not perish
but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)