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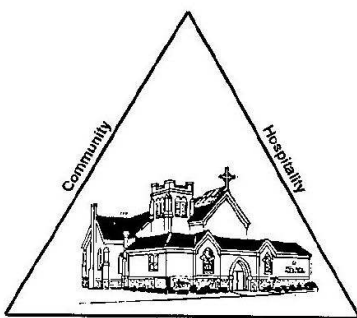
HAPPY NEW YEAR! What a wonderful time it is when we can think of sweeping out the old – old wrappings and ribbons left from Christmas, old dust collected behind decorations, old clothes which we've replaced with new gifts, old habits of excesses (eating, working, worrying, complaining, etc) A new opportunity for a new way of life.

And what better time to start new habits as we continue to reflect on God's coming to us in Jesus, and what it means to have that light living among us. We move into the season of Epiphany where we will remember our baptism and reflect on what that means to us in our daily lives and in the life of the church. Could it mean a new opportunity of ordering the life of the church: Putting away old habits of how we've always done things, and taking risks that would have us put on a new way of our life together?

"God with us" is the beginning for some, and a renewal for most of us. What does it mean for God to be with you? In our personal lives, we can give God a priority every day as we remember the words of the psalmist, "New every morning is your love, great God of light." If God's love is new every morning, then we are new every morning too, and we can eat healthy so that our bodies are healthy. We can exercise so that we are strong. We can read and spend time pondering the wonder of God in our life so that our souls are nurtured. We can learn new things and explore new ideas so that our minds are sharp. We can become new people, because God came to live among us and show us how to live in harmony with God and one another.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! May God bless you each and every day of 2008, and may you find new directions and opportunities that God will open you to as you remain faithful.

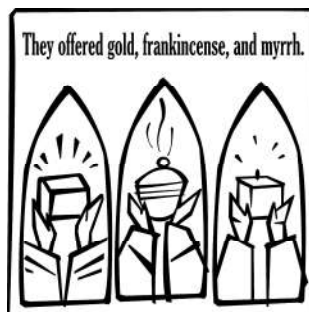
See you in church.
Peace be with you.
~ Pastor Ruth Solo



Spirituality

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Thought for the Month:
We were called to be
witnesses,
not lawyers.

~ Unknown



December 11th was a very special day for **John Segovia**. On his 18th birthday, he earned his Eagle Scout Award, the Boy Scout's highest award. John is a member of Elida Troop 243. John had to choose a project, discuss it with the adult leaders, have it approved by the scouting board and the recipient's board. His project was landscaping for the back entrance of Westside UMC. John was responsible for getting materials and money donated, scheduling the work time of his troop members and volunteers, and documenting all of this time during the duration of this project, which took about 9 months. The idea was John's, but he enlisted his dad to help with the drawing. John said drawing is not his strong point. John is a senior at Elida High School who participates in football, swimming, band, choir, and musicals while maintaining honor roll grades. John is the son of **Bruce and Tammy** and the grandson of **Rudy and Lavonne**. *We are very proud of John!*

January Youth Calendar

January 6, 2008	Youth: 5-7 PM
January 13, 2008	Pastor Todd at Immanuel—6 PM
January 20, 2008	Youth: 5-7PM
January 27, 2008	Youth: 5-7 PM

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

January 2008

New Committee Members:

Don't forget to save your new committee meeting dates to your calendar! The new year marks new areas of service to St. Paul's and new opportunities for growth. Thank you for your dedication to serving the Lord in this capacity!

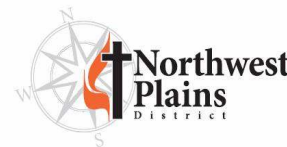


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January 2008						
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27	28	29	30	31		

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

Northwest Plains District News



Mega-Worship Explosion "New Beginning" to be held at Immanuel UMC

Who: Everyone who loves dynamic worship

What: Worship with Pastor Todd O'Neal & Broken Yoke

When: Sunday, January 13, 2008 (time to be announced)

Where: Immanuel UMC, 699 Sunnydale Ave., Elida, OH 45807

Come and bring your friends for this truly dynamic time of worship and strengthening your relationship with Christ.

Walk Where Jesus Walked!

"The Church" @ Allentown is sponsoring a trip to the "Holy Land" November 10-19, 2008. On Sunday, January 13, 2008 at 4 PM there will be a meeting for anyone interested in going to the Holy Land.

A PowerPoint presentation on the trip is available at <http://www.atumc.com>.

Mark Center United Methodist Church presents the music special "A Carol to The King"

Sunday, December 23, 2007 at 7 PM

Join us for a night of worship and praise to our Savior and King, Jesus Christ.

Mark Center United Methodist Church is located at 10398 Farmer-Mark Rd., Mark Center, OH 43536.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

January 8, 2008
Trustees...7:00 PM
Jamie Wyant, Chair
419-339-3591



January 14, 2008
Finance...7:00 PM
Art Holman, Chair
419-339-1742

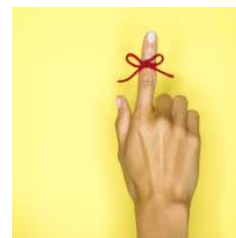
January 8, 2008
Worship...5:-7:00 PM
Pastor Ruth Solo,
Chair
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Book Club Reminder:

The book club will meet on January 5, 2008, to continue the discussion of the **Poisonwood Bible** for those who were not finished reading it in November.

January 14, 2008
Ad Council...8:00 PM
Tim Piper, Chair
419-331-6796

January 9, 2008
PPR...7:00 PM
Linda Craft, Chair
419-339-2933



The Heart of Church

Greeters

January 6	Gloria Brunk & Jone Lane
January 13	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
January 20	Brent & Vicki McAdams
January 27	Jeff & Shelly Reiff

Nursery Volunteers

January 6	Slone Nagy & Molly Fessler
January 13	Dennis & Shara Bowsher
January 20	Corinne Piper
January 27	Marty & Kathy White

My grandfather told me that there were two kinds of people: those who did the work and those who took credit for it. He urged me to try to be among the first group; it was much less likely to be crowded there.

*– Indira Gandhi,
former Indian prime minister*



“And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.”

2 Chronicles 31:21

Through every star, through every blade of grass, God is made visible if we will open our minds and our eyes.

– Thomas Carlyle



Table grace

God, we thank you for our food, and the gift of this new year.

Open our hearts that we might share with friends both far and near.

Amen.

Children's Worship

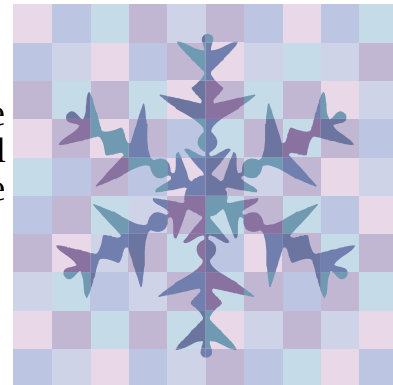
(Conducted During the Worship Hour)

1st Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Sue Theodore—Story Slone Nagy—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

The Business of Church

“O THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL.....”

And what will we do about church? Just in case we have another snow or ice storm, you might want to know how and when decisions are made about whether there will be church. Here's the way we've worked it out for this year:



1. Pastor Ruth will consult with Tim Piper, our Administrative Council Chair (and it helps that he's also the County Engineer!) at around **8:00 am** on the Sunday morning in question.
2. Tim will be able to give the pastor an update on road conditions and the county's ability to clear roads because of his professional status.
3. Together, Pastor Ruth and Tim will make a decision based on Tim's information.
4. If we decide to close, Tim will contact all committee chairs and persons related to Administrative Council. Ruth will contact the Music Director, Youth Director, the head of the ushers, and the secretarial staff.
5. The committee chairs will contact persons on their committees. The Music Director will contact all music staff and choir members. The Youth director will contact youth. Sunday school teachers will be notified by the Education Committee chair.
6. Everyone who has been notified is asked to contact their own family members who attend St. Paul's, and at least two other persons who attend the church. Think of who sits near you in church and call them.

Thanks for your patience on December 16, and let's all pray that we won't need to cancel worship again this year.



Committee Chairs	
PPR Chair	Linda Craft
Trustees Chair	Jamie Wyant
Finance Chair	Art Holman
Physical Plant Chair	Ron Steiner
Treasurer	Gene Craft
Education Chair	Corinne Piper
Administrative Council Chair	Tim Piper
Worship	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Gail Fessler
Stewardship	Wilbur Hurd
Missions	Dennis Bowsher & Jamie Wyant

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

December 2, 2007	105
December 9, 2007	90
December 16, 2007	Church Cancelled
December 23, 2007	156
December 24, 2007	141
December 30, 2007	103

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$2,991.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
Dec. 2, 2007	\$5,117.00	\$983.94
Dec. 9, 2007	\$4,438.00	\$574.00
Dec. 16, 2007	N/A	N/A
Dec. 23, 2007	\$6,710.00	\$3,067.27
Dec. 30, 2007	\$2,028.00	\$1,889.00



If someone thinks that love and peace is a cliché that must have been left behind in the 1960s, that's his problem. Love and peace are eternal.

— John Lennon

Sunday School Attendance

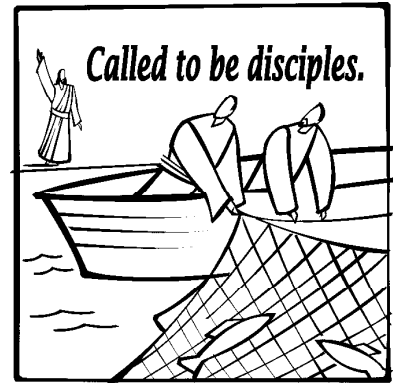
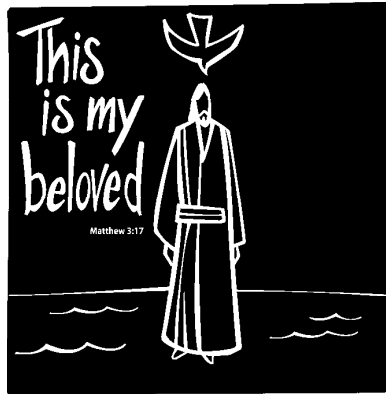
December 2, 2007	33
December 9, 2007	36
December 16, 2007	Cancelled
December 23, 2007	31
December 30, 2007	25

Flowers:

January 6, 2008	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
January 13, 2008	Ruth Hardy
January 20, 2008	Open
January 27, 2008	Open

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www.umw.org

Consulting the Manual



Bible Readings for January Revised Common Lectionary Year B

Week of January 6 **Epiphany of the Lord**

Old Testament:

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

New Testament:

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

Week of January 13

Old Testament:

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm 29

New Testament:

Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Peter fairly exploded with his good news: "It's God's own truth, nothing could be plainer: God plays no favorites! It makes no difference who you are or where you're from – if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open."

– Acts 10:34-35, *The Message*

Week of January 20 **Human Relations Day**

Old Testament:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm 40:1-11

New Testament:

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

John 1:29-42

Week of January 27

Old Testament:

Isaiah 9:1-4

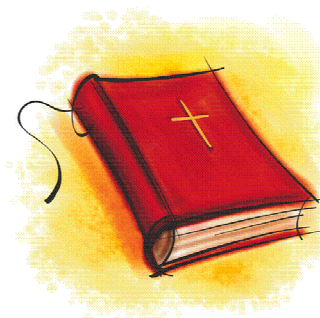
Psalm 27:1, 4-9

New Testament:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Matthew 4:12-23

For more detailed information on the Revised Common Lectionary, please visit:
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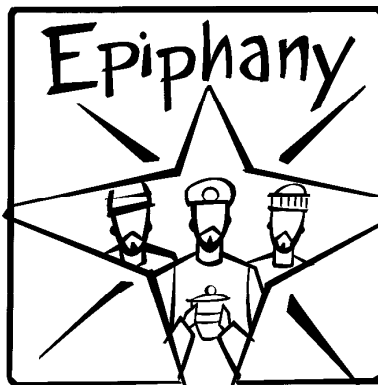
United Methodist Celebrations

Human Relations Day: A Day for All God's Children

No community is exempt from the scourge of drugs and alcohol, homelessness and economic depression. But for 40 years, The United Methodist Church has responded through its Community Developers Program, supported by the Human Relations Day offering.

Congregations across the United Methodist connection are blessed by a network of Christ-centered community developers who nurture local leadership. As the community gains strength, the congregation gains visibility, and people experience the profound love of Jesus Christ.

We can make **January 20, 2008—Human Relations Day**—a day for all God's children. Your offering on January 20 strengthens outreach to communities in the United States and Puerto Rico, encouraging social justice and work with at-risk youth



Another Road

Putting the Christmas decorations away is never as much fun as putting them up. The mood of excitement and anticipation is replaced with a sense of drudgery; what was a joy in December becomes just another chore in January. Sure, the lights might have been tangled when you went to put them on the tree, but there was a wonderful magic when they finally lit up. Now, when you take them off, they tangle again, and the needles fall all over the floor.

More importantly, what happens after the decorations are put away? Does life return to normal? Does the spirit of Christmas get packed away in a box along with the lights and the ornaments and the manger scene, or does it stay to transform you and guide you throughout the new year?

The year begins with the feast of the Epiphany (January 6), celebrating the arrival of the

magi – foreigners who came to worship the Christ child. We are familiar with the exotic gifts they bring and the fact that they follow a star which leads them to Bethlehem. Yet their return journey is no less important.

Matthew 2:12 tells us that “having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.” After our annual encounter with the infant messiah at Christmas time, we have a choice: return to life, normal and unchanged, letting Christmas be just another festival. Or, like the magi, we can return by another road. We can move forward as different people, setting out on a new path of discipleship, guided by the one who came to change the world.

The greatest loss that we all have to deal with is the loss of the image of ourselves as a perfect person.

– Fred Rogers, *Life's Journeys According to Mr. Rogers – Things to Remember along the Way*

Celebrating Jone Lane

ORGANIST JONE LANE ENDS 'TIME ON THE BENCH'

"I played the organ during a worship service for the first time on June 12, 1994. Over the years I have received tremendous support and encouragement from the congregation." Thus began Organist Jone Lane's resignation letter that the Pastor Parish Relations Committee regrettably accepted during its December 11, 2007 meeting. "I would miss playing if I gave it up entirely so I would like to continue as the substitute whenever one is needed," she highlighted.

Jone's dedication and devotion to her position and skills will be missed by our congregation. She earned a lay certificate in organ performance from the United Methodist Theological Seminary in Delaware, Ohio. As our organist, she held an integral position on the Worship Committee in planning and designing the contents of our Sunday and holiday services.



She also presided on the organ bench for wedding and

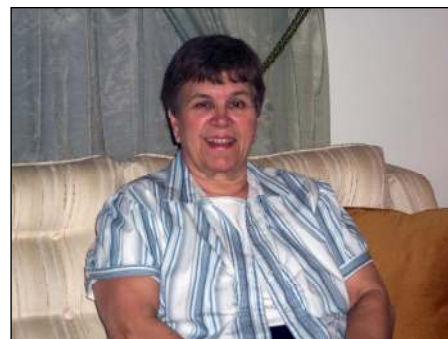
funeral services. Her commitment to task was evidenced by the numerous hours spent in the sanctuary at practice. Combined with her secretarial duties, Jone logged enough time at St. Paul's during any given week to be considered an "assistant pastor."

Despite all of her hard work, she did enjoy the lighter side of things – especially when it came to her beloved Buckeyes. The music for Carmen Ohio, The Ohio State University's Alma Mater, is the same as United Methodist hymn "Come Christians Join to Sing." Given the alma mater's "hymn" status, Jone took great pride in playing this song during her prelude selections in order to aggravate particular Penn State fans usually sitting in the sanctuary's center front pew. When summer Sunday services began with 'hymn sings', Jone was rumored to have "planted" song requestors in various pew locations to ensure she could adequately play any such random hymn request. Each instance constitutes a flagrant violation of organist etiquette but with her wide smile and infectious laugh – who would press charges? Besides, she already 'sits on the bench!'

As we all know, time marches on as indicated by the final commentaries of her letter – "I have given this much prayerful thought. With half of my family living out of the state and with my grandchildren growing up much too fast, I need to be free to



spend time with them. I will always be grateful to the people of St. Paul's for giving me the opportunity to serve them in music, which I love, and for all the love and kindness shown to me." We are grateful to you, Jone, for your love and service to God and his people of St. Paul's U.M.C. and wish you much joy and happiness in the years ahead. We welcome you back in a substitute role when the occasion arises!



St. Paul's Spotlight on Hope Mathwig



Hope Wyant Mathwig was born in Allen County, West of Elida. Her parents were farmers. At age 12 she began playing the piano, including church services, and later taught piano lessons for more than 60 years. In fact, some people at St. Paul's today could have been her student!

Growing up Hope faithfully attended Middleriver Church near Elida where one of the pastors, John Stam, who was a student at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, came by train each weekend to preach at the services. John and his wife, Betty, eventually went to China as missionaries where they were killed by rebels during the Boxer Rebellion. The Stams martyrdom profoundly impacted the church with a home and foreign mission vision.

Hope graduated from Taylor University with a degree in music and married a theological student, Cecil B. Wyant. The newly weds pastored a Methodist Protestant church in Frankfort, Indiana, while Cecil completed graduate studies at Garrett Seminary. Subsequently, they reopened a Methodist church in Iowa, and served several churches in the parish

there.

In 1951, the Wyants received the call to plant a mission church in Alaska. Cecil and Hope with their tiny sons, David and Paul, arrived in Homer, Alaska, on July 5, 1951. Although the Alaska Highway was just completed, the road was strewn with nails. The Wyants went through 7 tires. Cecil was the first pastor assigned to Homer. Twenty-one people attended the first service on July 15. They had rented the American Legion Hall, a rough-hewn building, only 16 x 24 feet. The pulpit was a card table and Hope played a portable organ. Sheets and orange crates concealed slot machines!

By 1953, the congregation had acquired chairs, made two tables and obtained a used projector. A chaplain in Anchorage donated a communion set, baptismal font, offering plates and a Coleman heater.

The Wyants first parsonage was a surprise! They had been told it would be completely furnished but when they walked in, there was only an unconnected water tank sitting in the middle of the kitchen.

Jamie was born and baptized in the Homer church.

Cecil took his family with him to call on every member in the area. "As young adults, we didn't realize there were things we couldn't do," said Hope. "So we went ahead and tried. Although some mistakes were

made, God blessed our efforts and the church has endured. The congregation celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2002." Cecil went to be with the Lord in 1965.

Hope taught in Elida public schools for 28 years.

Three years ago, Hope talked to me about our ministry in Africa. She described her quilting projects that included baby quilts for local care groups. I learned she had been quilting since she was a young girl. When she learned the women's hospital was opening in our home town of Koutiala, in the Republic of Mali, West Africa, she graciously offered to help make quilts for the Women and Children's Hospital.

To date, more than 55 quilts have been sewn by Hope and her friend Marcelle Hefmer, who is Scott Fessler's grandmother and attends Zion Lutheran Church in Lima. These quilts will go in November to Koutiala. So far all packages have safely arrived.

Hope has used her retiree funds to purchase quilting supplies. She has been an untiring giver to St. Paul's and to many beyond its walls through her many efforts. This month, we salute and pay tribute to her gifts and the shining example of Christian service she has shown to all who know her.

~ by Mary Kaye Pease

Sunday School Agenda

Making Love Last a Lifetime

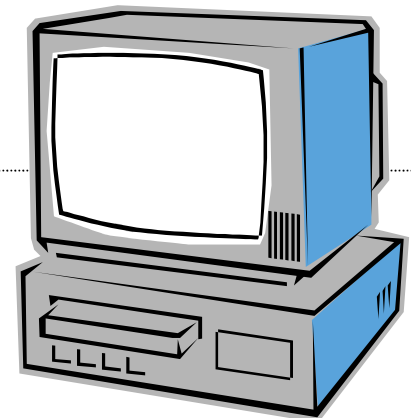
Listed below is a tentative schedule for a Sunday School class beginning in January. The title of this study is ***Making Love Last a Lifetime***. It is a sixteen-week video-based study that offers some keys to helping develop a healthy, satisfying, and successful marriage. The purpose of study is to help you understand God's plan and purpose for love relationships between men and women.

It is appropriate for couples married of all ages as well as singles. Hamilton draws on insights from surveys of over two thousand single and married persons, from experiences shared by couples he interviewed, from reflections based on fifteen years of counseling individuals and couples, and from his own experiences in marriage. Most importantly, he draws on insights from the Bible to help you make love last a lifetime.

- 6 Jan 2008 – Venus and Mars in the Beginning
- 13 Jan 2008 – Venus and Mars in the Beginning
- 20 Jan 2008 – What Women Wish Men Knew About Women
- 27 Jan 2008 – What Women Wish Men Knew About Women
- 3 Feb 2008 – What Men Wish Women Knew About Men
- 10 Feb 2008 – What Men Wish Women Knew About Men
- 17 Feb 2008 – Open
- 24 Feb 2008 – Open
- 2 Mar 2008 – After the Honeymoon Is Over
- 9 Mar 2008 – After the Honeymoon is Over
- 16 Mar 2008 – The Habits of Unhealthy Marriages
- 23 Mar 2008 – Easter - Open
- 30 Mar 2008 – The Habits of Unhealthy Marriages
- 6 Apr 2008 – God's Plan for Sexual Intimacy
- 13 Apr 2008 – God's Plan for Sexual Intimacy
- 20 Apr 2008 – The Ministry and Meaning of Faithfulness
- 27 Apr 2008 – The Ministry and Meaning of Faithfulness
- 4 May 2008 – Making Love Last a Lifetime
- 11 May 2008 – Making Love Last a Lifetime
- 18 May 2008 – Open
- 25 May 2008 – Open



**Consider joining us for an interesting and reflective journey on this topic.
All are welcome!**



Do You Know?

Magi Quiz

Matthew 2:1-12 tells the story of the magi who visited Jesus, and we read this story on January 6. However, many of us are familiar with this story from hymns such as “We Three Kings,” from Christmas cards, and from nativity scenes. Without reading the story, take this short quiz, then read Matthew 2:1-12 and check your answers with the ones below.

1. How many magi were there?
2. How many kings were there?
3. What does the word *magi* mean?
4. What nationality were the magi?
5. What guided them on their travels?
6. How did they travel to Bethlehem?
7. How did King Herod react when he heard about Jesus' birth?
8. Where did they visit Jesus and his family?
9. What gifts did the magi bring?
10. How did they go home?



Magi Quiz Answers

1. For centuries, people have assumed that there were three, because of the three gifts. However, the Bible does not say; there could have been any number.
2. This is a trick question – the Bible does not call them kings at all! The gifts they bring are quite expensive, and so legends arose suggesting that they must have been kings to afford gifts of such value. Also, some people think it makes the story kind of special to think of rulers of foreign lands coming to recognize Jesus as a king. Despite the popularity of the hymn “We Three Kings,” the magi probably were not royalty.
3. *Magi* is the plural of *magus*, which means “wise person,” “priest,” or “one who studies the stars.”
4. The magi came from “the East” (Matthew 2:1) – probably Persia, although many images tend to portray one of them as being African. This comes from the idea that they represent a variety of different nations and symbolizes that all the nations of the world came to worship Jesus.
5. They followed a star (Matthew 2:2).
6. We do not know how they traveled. It might have been by camel, which is how they are often portrayed, but the Bible does not tell us.
7. Matthew 2:3 states that King Herod was frightened, and so were all of the people of Jerusalem. Herod had good reason to be scared, because he felt threatened by the presence of another “king of the Jews,” which is how the magi referred to Jesus.
8. According to Matthew 2:11, the magi visited Jesus and Mary in a house (not at the stable). This leads some scholars to think that this happened quite some time after Jesus' birth.
9. They brought gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Frankincense was often burned in worship to create a sweet-smelling smoke that was believed to be pleasing to God. Myrrh was a very expensive perfume used for anointing bodies for burial. All three gifts remind us of aspects of Jesus' life.
10. King Herod wanted the magi to come back and tell him where Jesus was. Herod said that he wanted to worship him, but in fact he wanted to harm him. However, the magi were warned about this in a dream not to return to Herod, and so they went back to their



Connecting With ...

Building Project Update

I would like to report that the contract work is complete. Not the case when the elevator was being installed. It was found that when the elevator (lift) was shipped, the locks that control level openings were missing. Also missing was the battery pack. These units have been ordered and are scheduled to be on hand no later than December 26. If this be the case, all contract work should be completed by the end of the year.

The next step in the fellowship hall improvement as mentioned before are wall preparation, tile flooring, drop ceiling, lighting, painting, and final cleaning. This work will progress through the winter and, hopefully, a dedication can be performed in March.



Thank You!



*The second annual **Holiday Home Tour** on December 12th was a great success! Thanks to **Maedene Holmes** for arranging the use of the Springbrook Greens Community Room for our supper before hand. It was decorated beautifully and everyone enjoyed soup, Panera Bread, crackers, and drinks provided by **Margie Best, Jone Lane, and Sue Theodore**. Thanks to all who donated the many door prizes. Joyfully, everyone attending received one. A big thank you to the following people who opened their homes for the tour and provided sweet treats: **Tom Schlagbaum and David Reedy, Maedene Holmes, Shirley Moser, Ruth Solo, Sandra Parker, and Linda Craft**. Each home was beautiful and full of the Christmas spirit. Thirty people attended the event this year. If you were unable to participate, we hope to see you for our third annual home tour in 2008! Thanks to **Mindy Schulz and Judy Chaffins** for their excellent planning. We're sure they al-*

Yes, Jesus, I want to be on your right side or your left side, not for any selfish reason. I want to be on your right or your best side, not in terms of some political kingdom or ambition, but I just want to be there in love and in justice and in truth and in commitment to others, so that we can make of this old world a new world.

– Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., sermon “The Drum Major Instinct”



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The People of St. Paul's

*To my friends at
St. Paul's,
Thank you so much for
all your cards, food, and
prayers following my
recent surgery. They
played an important part
in my recovery and I am
truly grateful.
Blessings to you all,
~ Shara Bowsher*



**St. Pauls' Sanctuary
Christmas 2007**

*Dear St. Paul's,
Thank you for all of the
prayers, concern, and the
beautiful planter during
my surgery on Monday,
December 10th. Special
thanks to Pastor Ruth for
her prayers. I feel blessed
by my church family.
In God's Love,
~ Mary Grigsby*



Epiphany
To journey
not knowing
but trusting
following
searching
seeking
wondering
hoping
daring
believing:
such is the stuff
of faith.



**Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**

Meetings

January 2008

January 8, 2008
Trustees...7:00 PM

January 8, 2008
Worship...5:00-7:00 PM

January 9, 2008
PPR...7:00 PM

January 14, 2008
Finance...7:00 PM

January 14, 2008
Ad Council...8:00 PM

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

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



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Tim Piper Ron Stewart	2	3 Kaitlin Craig Becky Ellinger	4	5 Lois Cook Shara Bowsher
6	7	8 Larry Moser Barry Smith Cindy Guess	9 Don Bowsher Jeff Perrin Jenessa Fletcher	10	11 Nate Craft	12 Eileen Slade 82 years Carolyn Michael Brian Nartker
13	14	15	16 Steve Sdao	17 Norm Grigsby	18	19
20	21	22	23 Joanne Bragg Roger Matlock	24	25	26 Virginia Yarger 80 years Jeff Reiff Ginger Fox
27	28	29	30 Helen Waldron 83 years Wanda Strayer Zack White	31 Judy Strayer		

Anniversaries

<i>Rudy & Lavonne Segovia</i> January 1 52 years
<i>Gerald & Wanda Strayer</i> January 13
<i>Gary & Sue Broshes</i> January 25
<i>Don & Maedene Holmes</i> January 25

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Potato Soup (from Holiday Home Tour)

by Jone Lane

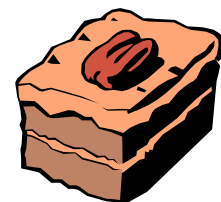
Ingredients		Instructions
6	diced potatoes	Place potatoes, onions, celery, salt, and pepper in a soup pot. Cover with water and cook until tender. Fry bacon, saving 6 Tbl. of drippings. Make a white sauce of drippings, flour, and milk. Add white sauce to soup. Crumble bacon and add to soup. Heat thoroughly.
1/2 cup	chopped onions	
2 stalks	chopped celery	
2 tsp.	salt	
2/3 tsp.	pepper	
8 slices	bacon	
2 Tbl.	flour	
2 cups	milk	



Texas Vanilla Sheet Cake (from youth luncheon)

by Helen Staas

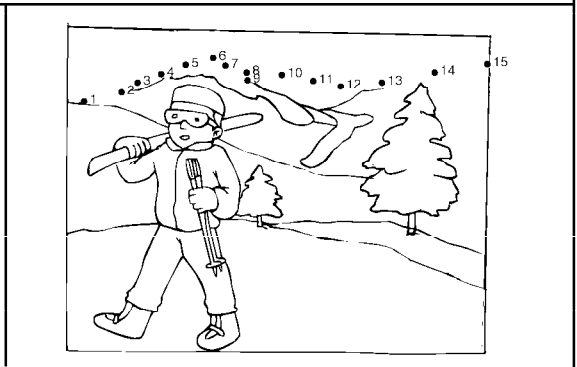
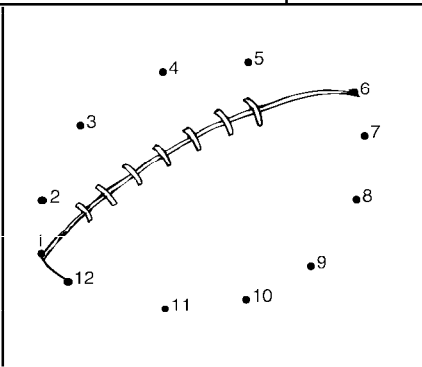
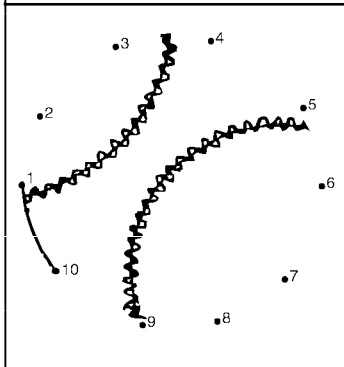
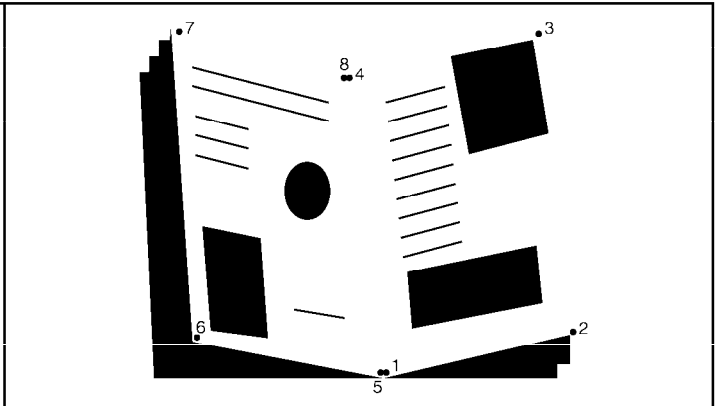
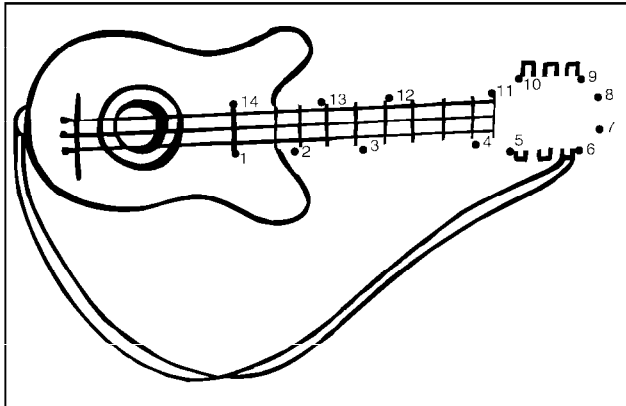
Ingredients		Instructions
2 2/3 cups	flour	Mix together flour and sugar. Boil together oleo, oil, and water. Pour over flour mixture and thoroughly beat in eggs, cinnamon, and baking soda. Pour into greased 17"x11" pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes. Top with cream cheese frosting while cake is warm. <u>Cream Cheese Frosting</u> Beat 1/2 cup margarine, 1 tsp. vanilla, 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, and 1 lb. box powdered sugar. Beat well and spread over warm cake. This cake can be frozen.
2 cups	sugar	
1/2 cup	oleo	
1/2 cup	oil	
1 cup	water	
2	eggs	
1 tsp.	cinnamon	
2/3 cup	buttermilk	
2 tsp.	vanilla	
1 1/2 tsp.	baking soda	
1/2 cup	margarine	
1 tsp.	vanilla	
1—8 oz. pkg.	cream cheese	
1-1 lb. box	powdered sugar	



KIDZ KORNER

Connect the Dots

Connect the dots to find some things that Dad's like to do with their children.



Fathers in the Bible

Match the clues with the name.

1. David was the youngest of his many sons (Ruth 4:17)
2. He built an ark with his three sons (Gen 6:10)
3. He ruled for 40 years and was the father of King Solomon (2 Sam 5:4)
4. The 1st King of Isreal, Jonathan's father (2 Sam. 9:6)
5. He was asked to sacrificer his son Isaac (Gen 22:1-2)
6. Father of Seth, Cain and Abel (Gen 4:25)
7. His son was Obed (Ruth 4:21)
8. His sons were wicked (1 Sam 2:12)
9. He gave the birthright of Essau to youngest son, Jacob (Gen 27:30)
10. Father of Samuel (1 Sam 1:19-20)
11. Our Lord's Father (Eph 1:3)
12. He had 12 sons (Gen 35:22)
13. His wife Mary, Jesus' mother (Mat 1:20-21)

1. David
2. Abraham
3. Jacob
4. Elkanah
5. Boaz
6. Jesse
7. Noah
8. Isaac
9. God
10. Eli
11. Joseph
12. Adam
13. Saul

1. 6, 2, 7, 3, 1, 4, 13, 5, 2, 6, 12, 7, 5, 8, 10, 9, 8, 10, 4, 11, 9, 12, 3, 13, 11

Answers

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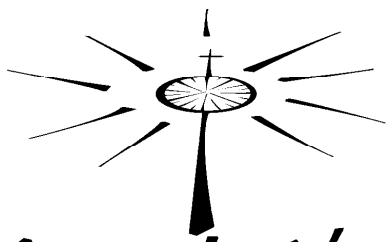
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Calendar Notes –

Who Is Jesus?

This year the Epiphany Season is unusually short – a mere five Sundays. And yet, in those five Sundays a great number of images of Jesus emerge in the Epistle and Gospel readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. They are listed here as they appear in the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible. You might want to explore them in your Bible. Which ones are new to you? Which ones challenge you? With which ones do you resonate the most?

child: Matthew 2:2

king of the Jews: Matthew 2:2

God's beloved Son: Matthew 3:17

preacher of good news: Matthew 4:23

one transfigured: Matthew 17:2

human one/Son of Man: Matthew 17:12

lamb of God: John 1:29

one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit: John 1:33

rabbi/teacher: John 1:38

healer: Acts 10:38

crucified one: Acts 10:39

resurrected one: Acts 10:40

judge of the living and the dead: Acts 10:42

agent of forgiveness: Acts 10:43

giver of grace: 1 Corinthians 1:4

Lord: Ephesians 3:11

one providing access to God: Ephesians 3:12

