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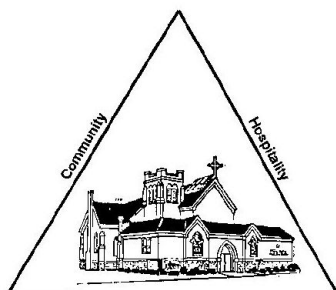
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Dear Friends,

Have you ever been angry or upset with someone? I know I have. Even God became disappointed, frustrated, and angry with the children of Israel, with Moses and with some of the prophets. We read that Jesus became angry when he saw the money changers in the Temple. Anger is a God given emotion. Sometimes we don't call it anger. We call it being upset or disappointed, or having issues or concerns. But anger can cause problems in relationships. Even the small disappointments in others or a little disagreement, if not resolved, can lead to hurtful anger.

The Bible says, "Be angry, but do not sin." [Eph. 4:26] Sometimes the sin in anger is not forgiving. Sometimes it is in telling everyone else what we are angry about, turning the event that led to our anger into gossip about the one with whom we are angry. Disappointment and anger comes from disagreeing with another person, or feeling that we have been wronged in some way.

Jesus said in Matthew 18:15-20: "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

My friends, this goes for the times you feel the pastor has disappointed you or caused you to feel angry. I encourage you to come to me if there is anything you feel I have done that has hurt you. If we cannot come to agreement, then the PPRC is there as that mediator, the 'one or two listeners' as the scripture says.

In a conversation with another pastor recently, he said that people seeking churches are wanting to be loved and to feel grace. When we have disagreements and unresolved anger seething underneath our Sunday morning smiles, visitors pick up on that. Let us resolve to love one another as Christ has loved us, so that those who are watching us may say, "See how they love one another."

*See you in church,
Pastor Ruth Solo*



Thought for the Month:

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

Youth News

AEGMA Youth
July 24, 2011 Picnic



I find it interesting that the meanest life, the poorest existence, is attributed to God's will, but as human beings become more affluent, as their living standard and style begin to ascend the material scale, God descends the scale of responsibility at commensurate speed.
- Maya Angelou, I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings

Coins at Communion
Coins at Communion on July 3, 2011, will benefit the Brad Joseph Memorial Fund.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

JULY 31st.
\$5 on the 5th

Remember...
Sunday morning worship service now starts at 10:00 AM



Table with 2 columns: Role and Name. Includes St. Paul's Epistle details and staff list.

The 4th Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing
Saturday, July 23, 2011, new location - Colonial Golfers Club, S.R. 309, Harrod, OH. Please mark your calendars. Registration forms may be picked up in the window sills in the sanctuary. Coins at communion will go to the Brad Joseph Memorial Fund.



Newsletter deadline: the 16th of each month



WEEKLY BULLETIN

Friday, June 17, 2011
 910 E. Third St., Ottawa, OH 45875
 Telephone: 419.523.9901 / 800.589.7828
 Fax: 419.523.3479
 Email nwplains@wocumc.org

Upcoming District Events...

- July 30 - Lay Speakers' Network, 8:30-11:30 AM, Trinity UMC, Ottawa Register
- August 14 - District Clergy Family Picnic, 3:00 PM, Ottawa Metro Park, Lima, Ohio (Wyandot Shelter)
- August 20 - Older Adult Trip to Bearcreek Farms
- August 20 - Local Church Lay Leaders' workshop, 8:30-11:30 AM, Trinity UMC, Ottawa
- September 18 - Bishop's Day on the District
- October 3 - Starting Well Part II, St. Marks UMC, Findlay
- October 15 & 22 - Lay Speaker training sessions, Basic & Advanced
- October 23-28 - Fall mission trip to Midwest Distribution Center, Chatham, Illinois
- October 28-29 - West Ohio Conference Clergy Spouses' Retreat, Deer Creek State Park Lodge
- October 29 - United Methodist Women Annual Meeting, 10:00 AM, Montpelier St. Paul's UMC
- December 2 - Clergy & Spouses Christmas Party, Gathering at 6 PM; Dinner at 6:30 pm, Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio
- December 10 - Older Adult Christmas Outing to LaComedia Theatre, Springboro, Ohio

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

PASTOR'S SCHEDULE

The pastor's schedule for July is:

Sat. July 9: out of town but available by phone; returning in the evening.

July 26 - Aug 1: Vacation days. Out of town. An available pastor in the area will be available through the office.

The pastor will continue to use Thursday for writing the sermons. Please call only if there are emergencies such as a sudden hospitalization or death.



IF IT'S AUGUST, IT'S TIME TO SET ALLEN COUNTY FAIR CHAIRS!

Please join us for this annual church wide fund raising event Sunday, August 21 immediately following the morning's church service. There will not be any chairs set on the track or infield for Saturday's concert August 20; consequently, we will set and takedown concert seating on the track as part of the Sunday concert only. This is a great opportunity to raise substantial funds all in one day's work! Hope to see you at the Fair for fun, fellowship, and fund raising on August 21. More details to follow.

*Missions:
 We will be
 collecting for
 the school kits
 and health
 kits. Watch
 bulletins for
 the supply list.*

The Heart of Church

This Earth-ward Word

The Sea of Galilee looks a bit like any other beautiful lake wherever you live. Crystal blue, this body of water is surrounded by rolling hills, some of which are wooded and some farmland. Jesus was sitting by this magnificent body of water unraveling the mysteries of the universe when his listeners seemed to multiply. His ever-faithful disciples sought to make the most of this occasion, so they borrowed a fishing boat, invited the crowds closer to the shore, and Jesus used the boat as his pulpit.

His words about God's rule were lofty, but also down to earth. Maybe he was pointing to the west where the crowds could make out far on the hillside a speck of a man planting his crop. They were all familiar with the motion. Walking on the firm earth (they planted first and plowed later), the farmer made broad sweeps with his arm and a quick flick of his wrist. He was planting the crop. The breeze cooled the crowd and gently lifted the seeds, scattering them.

"See," said Jesus. "That's the kingdom. That's how God rules in peoples' lives. Watch the farmer. See the seeds." Jesus spoke in language that the crowds understood.

Farmers work with the earth in a unique kind of partnership. They tend the earth, break it up, kill the weeds, water the soil. Whatever the crop, they all do the same thing. They take part in a great mystery placing a seed in the ground, covering it up, and watching it grow. The information they work with has multiplied over the decades, but they still take part in a great mystery.

God farms the universe. If the very nature of God is radiant holiness and love, blinding forgiveness and compassion, those good things are hurled into the galaxies with an explosive power. Sent earthward, this living word of God falls in a variety of places. In some it grows, and in some it dies. But God insists on continuing to send out this word. For it is God's nature. God is restless until the seed is sown. God will not hoard this living word, but will continue to scatter it. You and I occupy the place where this seed falls,

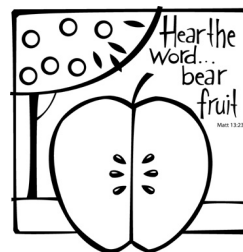
and this seed that God plants is a living word that has power. As the soil must be receptive for the seed to grow, so the human ear must be responsive for this word to accomplish its purpose.

Sometimes we sit here as though chiseled in stone, buffering and protecting ourselves with a hardened exterior. We don't want to hear! We don't want that life from God to get next to us.

On other occasions we are completely surprised and caught off guard by the power of this word. The kindly glance of a friend warms us; singing a hymn chokes us up; we hear a prayer aimed straight at our heart; bread and wine for some reason indeed is Christ broken and shed for us; and we wonder why? It's such a mystery. But sometimes we hear. It makes sense. There is something new, and we are glad.

Dear sisters and brothers, the power of God is in great simplicity. God's word is being spread with a broad sweep of the arm and quick flick of the wrist. Some falls on the path, some on the rocks, and some in the thorns. But sometimes it's right on target, and we hear. If you dare, we pray for a receptive soul. Then stand back and watch as this word brings forth great fruit in the world.

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Our imitation of God in this life . . . must be an imitation of God incarnate: our model is the Jesus, not only of Calvary, but of the workshop, the roads, the crowds, the clamorous demands and surly oppositions, the lack of all peace and privacy, the interruptions. For this, so strangely unlike anything we can attribute to the Divine life in itself, is apparently not only like, but is, the Divine life operating under human conditions.

– C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*



THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH MEMORIAL FUND

4th Annual Golf Outing

PROCEEDS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNITED METHODIST MEDICAL MISSIONS FOR PHARMACY STUDENTS.

PAST RECIPIENTS INCLUDE:

REBECCA CAREY (KENYA)



KELLY HITESHEW (UGANDA)



ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS:

AWARD LUNCHEON & CEREMONY

GOODY BAGS

TEAM PRIZES

18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART

SHOT GUN START

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

EVENT LOCATION:

COLONIAL GOLFERS CLUB

10985 HARDING HIGHWAY

HARROD, OH 45850

419-649-3350

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011

TEE TIME: 9:00AM

HOT DOGS @ THE TURN

GAMES/CONTESTS ALL DAY

SEND PAYMENT & REGISTRATION TO:

JOHN FLEMING

PO Box 819

GARDEN CITY, MI 48136

GOLF FEES:

REGISTRATION - \$45 PER GOLFER

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOHN FLEMING AT 734-604-0227 OR JOHN@FLEMINGFINANCIALSVCS.COM

PICTURES FROM PREVIOUS OUTINGS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.FLEMINGFINANCIALSVCS.COM

PLAYER 1: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PLAYER 3: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

REGISTRATION: \$45 PER GOLFER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JULY 9TH

PLAYER 2: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PLAYER 4: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Serving through Sharing

Many of the Bible stories you'll hear in church during July talk about food in one way or another. First, in Matthew 13, Jesus tells how God's word is like a seed, and then explains how joyful God is at harvest time when those seeds have taken root and become fruitful in our lives. Next Jesus tells us that God's kingdom is like a net filled with fish. And finally in Matthew 14:16 Jesus challenges us with these words: "You give them something to eat." So how do we do that? These activities suggest some ways you can work with family and friends to give others the things they might need – like food, time, and friendship.

What Can I Give?

Talk with your friends or family about things you could do at home or at church to show how Jesus loved and served others. Here are some ideas, but you can add more of your own. Pick out one thing to try each week and talk or write about how it felt to give in this way.

- o Donate items to a food shelf
- o Give your time for a project
- o Clean a room in your house other than your bedroom
- o Share a skill or talent
- o Smile and introduce yourself
- o Help at church by handing out bulletins or other tasks
- o Other ideas

Remembrance Magnets

When Jesus saw the hungry crowds he didn't just feel sorry for the people – he challenged the disciples to do something so that they would no longer be hungry. We don't know exactly how over 5000 people were able to be fed by just five loaves of bread and two fish, but we do know that it began by sharing what they had.

In addition to making regular donations to food shelves in your community, take some time to think about how you make use of food at home. How often do you snack or fill up on food that isn't really good for you?

Does your family make use of leftover food items or are they most-often wasted? When you pray at mealtime, do you remember to give thanks for all who worked to grow, harvest, and prepare this food?

One way you can commit to being more careful about how you use and share food is to make a remembrance magnet for your refrigerator. This way, each time you reach for food you will be reminded to first be thankful and second, be generous.

To begin, find an index card or a piece of recycled cardboard about 3 x 5-inches and cut it into a shape – perhaps the first letter of your name. Next, look through picture magazines for small pictures or words that remind you of things like giving thanks, sharing with others, and being generous. Glue these pictures into your cardboard, then add strips of magnetic tape to the back of the cardboard, or simply tape it to your refrigerator. Each time you see the magnet, give thanks!

Clean-up Time!

Most of us have more toys and clothes than we actually use. Ask a parent to help you learn about places where you could donate gently used games, toys, books, and clothing and locate some bags or boxes. Then take time together going through closets and storage areas, washing and packing up items you would like to donate and putting away things you will keep.

Before you donate anything, make sure that any games or toys have all their parts and are still in working order. Recycle or throw away anything that is broken. All clothes should be freshly washed and only lightly worn. Don't donate anything you would be embarrassed to wear.

Talk with your family about the things you learned about yourself as you did this. Remember that the items you share will make a big difference in someone else's life, and in yours too! When we remember that everything is a gift from God, it makes it easier to let go share with others, and harder to feel greedy and selfish about our possessions.

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The Business of Church



PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

You may have already noticed that we now have prayer request cards in the pew pockets. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card to be turned in with the offering plates, and the ushers will see that the pastor gets them before the Prayers of the People. We will continue to receive Joys and Concerns, but because of the difficulty hearing in the sanctuary, the information isn't always clearly heard and understood. The cards have a place to check if you want the request kept confidential and if it is only for the pastor to see. We hope that communication about your prayer concerns and the needed follow-up will be more timely with the use of these request cards.

Type in the following address to gain access to pictures, issues, videos, and much more about our annual conference at Lakeside.

<http://www.westhioumc.org/>

God is something so simple:
always to live for others, never
to seek one's own advantage.

– Dag Hammarskjöld, *Markings*

Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs	
PPR Chair	Linda Craft
Trustees Chair	Tim Theodore
Finance Chair	Art Holman
Physical Plant Chair	Ron Steiner
Treasurer	Gene Craft
Assistant Treasurer	Jenessa Fletcher
Education Chair	TBA
Administrative Council Chair	Scott Fessler
Worship	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Martha Vazquez
Stewardship	Tim Piper
Missions	Marty White, Maedene Holmes

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
May 29, 2011	59
June 5, 2011	72
June 12, 2011	64
June 19, 2011	71
June 26, 2011	66

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



	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
May 29, 2011	\$1,434.00	\$466.00
June 5, 2011	\$4,124.00	\$838.00
June 12, 2011	\$1,478.00	\$269.62
June 19, 2011	\$2,925.00	\$303.62
June 26, 2011	\$2,743.00	\$348.00

Greeters

July 3, 2011	Jamie & Jan Wyant
July 10, 2011	Steve & Tracy Sdao
July 17, 2011	Ruth Hardy & Maedene Holmes
July 24, 2011	Denny & Carole Grapner
July 31, 2011	John & Jenessa Fletcher

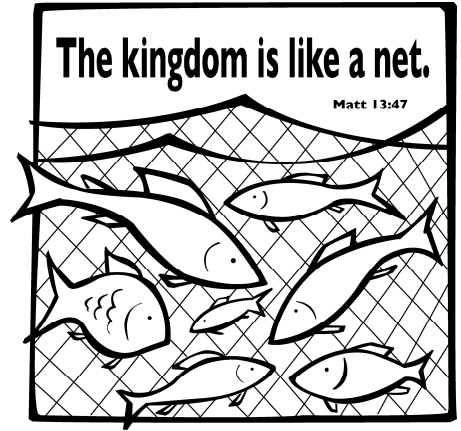


Flowers:

July 3, 2011	Ruth Hardy
July 10, 2011	Tim & Corinne Piper
July 17, 2011	Dorothy Banks
July 24, 2011	Lois Cook
July 31, 2011	Bill & Joyce Nichols

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Methodist Website at:
www.umw.org**

Consulting the Manual



Bible Readings for
Revised Common Lectionary
Year A

Week of July 3

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
 Psalm 45:10-17
New Testament:
 Romans:7:15-24a
 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Week of July 10

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 25:19-34
 Psalm 119:105-112
New Testament:
 Romans 8:1-11
 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Week of July 17

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 28:10-19a
 Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
New Testament:
 Romans 8:12-25
 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

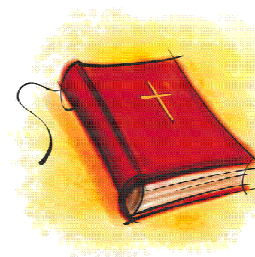
Week of July 24

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 29:15-28
 Psalm 105:1-11, 25b
New Testament:
 Romans 8:26-39
 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Week of July 31

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

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



West Ohio Conference Report

Unleashing New Life was the theme of the 2011 West Ohio Annual Conference

Music from the Marty Ford Experience opened Sunday night session. Introduction to themes , what was coming up in the following days, and some business of church completed the evening.

Monday morning started for me with a breakfast given for the representatives of churches who supported the UMCH. Due to your generosity Elida St. Paul's was listed among the leadership churches and we were given a certificate in honor of this. Morning worship followed at 9:00 am. Music was led by the team from Ginghamburg UMC and later in the week by the team from Ft. McKinley UMC. This vibrant praise brought a spirit of celebration that continued all week. Scripture reading on Monday was from Galatians 1:11-24 by Rev. Dr. Lois Fortson. It was given in monologue form and I felt like I was back in biblical times, listening directly to Paul speaking. The featured speaker Monday morning was Rev. Vance Ross. He spoke of a day at church when the choir, his daughter and finally himself got moved by the spirit and he was clapping and stepped over the altar rail and later a lady of the church came up and told him 'we don't do that in our church'. Then he said that Paul was an anti-clapper, anti-stepper until he met the Lord and he was changed. "We gotta recognize what it means to say we really met the Lord, he urged, because" God is looking for a people and God is looking for a church that would dare to be unleashed in new life'. He encouraged listeners to take the Message past the altar railing and step out to reach the lives of others, refusing to be bound within the church. He also encouraged daily prayer, weekly prayer meetings and spiritual retreats.

Bishop Ough, in his Episcopal Address Monday afternoon, focused on the impact of a transformed life that comes from giving oneself to Christ. He implored congregants to break free from restraints that would prevent the empowering of believers to share their stories and give new life to others. 'What people want," Bishop Ough expressed," are transformed lives and an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of others. Faith is about transformed lives-and about transforming lives. Communion service was also this morning and was given to all present. The rest of Monday covered reports, voting and resolutions., closing with an Evening Hymn and Prayer.

Tuesday morning started with an 8:30 am Praise and Worship Service. The scripture was told in dialog form by Richard Green and Roberta Longfellow. from Matthew 28:16-20 and Philippians 3:13b-14. The first Miracle Offering was taken this morning. At this time I put in the contribution from Elida St. Paul's, of your designated giving. The Miracle Offering "helping to create the settings for unleashing new life, " starting new congregations in each of the West Ohio Conference's four global missions partners, as well as three churches within West Ohio. The contributions by the end of the week totaled more than \$150,000.00. Included in this were several challenge contributions as well as an auctioning off of the Bishop's tie. The message Tuesday morning was Unbinding the Gospel by Rev. Martha Grace Reese She pointed out that many churches need to make a focus outside church walls a priority, as well as expressing a close and personal love for Jesus, and talking about their faith and lives with others. "The really fascinating thing," Reese said of successful churches she had researched, was that they " have this immense motivation. They care. They have a sense of how powerful, and majestic, and real, and glorious God is," which drives them to take steps to impact their communities for Jesus Christ. She also told of taking little steps and practicing saying words of faith and praying for those outside the church. After morning worship there was more business, recommendations, voting and reports.

On Tuesday evening there were "Summer Shorts". which were eleven one hour groups that you could join. Am I called; Making Your Church Office Contagious; Implementing "unbinding the Gospel"; Radical Hospitality in the Lobby; Safe Sanctuaries; Christian Lay Ministry Academy; Deeper Ministry Preparation; Cross Trainer; Creating a Children's Discipleship Path; Breakthrough, Beginning a Prayer Initiative; Getting your Church Unstuck; Starting a Project Neighborhood; Considering a Church Merger? I chose and went to "Breakthrough; Beginning a Prayer Initiative. It was Lead by Rev. Sue Nilson Kibby, West Ohio Conference Connectional and Missional Church Initiatives Director.

Some of the things I learned:

Prayer—the greatest untapped potential in the church today.
Every prayer is a request for a miracle.

West Ohio Conference Report

There are Three types of prayer:

1. **Threshold prayer** - we get right to the door but not through it. Example stating "God be with us" not stating need.
2. **Healing prayer** - usually health or spiritual need. Good and necessary but can go further.
3. **Breakthrough prayer** - sweeps through and over the threshold. It is asking without limits, according to your best will, despite me, transform me, through us and our church.

Breakthrough Prayer

- * Pray unlimited possibilities –be excited to see what God might do, what God might show us, how God might answer us.
- * Journal- Listen and see what God tells you, how he directs us. Listen and be open.
- * Begin prayer walking – could be walking or being in a room or sanctuary of church, walking in neighborhood, driving in an area.. pray for unlimited possibilities. God might fill the sanctuary, bless families here and that might come, bless the families in the homes we are walking or driving by, etc.
- * Prayer can be spoken or unspoken.
- * When praying don't omit usual requests but add breakthroughs we want from God- praying without limits.
- * Take time to pray.
- * Spend time in God's word in a committed devotional life, with God. [not counting time preparing for other studies]
- * Don't box God in to a specific result, We can trust God for answers. It is not up to me or us but we trust God for his results.
- * Breakthrough prayer can have a ripple effect. Other thoughts. Where I am today is all right. and OK. If I am saying 'why me' help me to say "why not me." Why or wherever can be a platform that God can use if I let him.

Wednesday morning worship at 8:30 am was lead in praise by the Ft. McKinley Praise Team. The morning message "Presence-Based Church" was led by Rev. Dr. Terry Teykl. "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost," Terry Teykl quoted from Luke 19. Teykl spoke of the need and passion for reaching the lost and unbelieving, Teykl challenged everyone to create a list of ten people who have no relationship with Christ and pray fervently for God to move them to make a decision to believe. He asked to "pray for evangelism to be the passion of the Church again, that we'll win this generation to Him. Again there were reports, more resolutions, and voting.

In the afternoon The Celebration of Life and Ministry began as deacon and elder candidates formed a processional joined by their families behind the vivid, brilliant banners. As the final step in being commissioned and ordained, the candidates are brought forth to acknowledge and affirm God's call to them and their response to that call. Bishop Ough laid hands on each candidate, Offering a blessing to their lives and ministries. The Bishop incited them to hold the heart of the Father with a sense of urgency, extravagant love and relentless searching for the lost. There was an honor memorial for the clergy who had passed away within the last year. There was an honoring for the Retiree. The celebration ended as the symbols of ministry were transferred to new hands, trusting God's grace upon them for service.

Thursday, the final day of Annual Conference began with introduction of pastors from West Ohio receiving new appointments beginning this year. Bishop Ough fixed the appointments and admonished all according to Jesus commissioning of His disciples. Final voting , reports and resolutions were dealt with. Lay delegates elected to General Conference are Bruce Boyd, Sherri Rogers, George Howard, Chris Steiner, Phillip Connolly, Kathy Rohrs, David Edgar, Benis Lutz and Caleb Harper. Clergy Delegates to General Conference are Michael Slaughter, Gregory Stover, Jeff Greenway, Dee Sticklely-Miner, Joon-Sik Park, Calvin Alston Jr., Alice Wolfe, Joseph Bishman and Gloria Brooks. Lay delegates chosen for Jurisdictional Conference include Mary Kercherval-Short, Philip Moots, Sue Stutz, Kenneth Schoon, Robert Imboden, Karen Brantley, Joe Fox, Rebecca Hug and Anthony Carmichael. Clergy delegates to Jurisdictional Conference are Chris Heckaman, Roger Grace, Jocelyn Roper, Dennis Mohler, John Edgar, Rachel Miller, Thomas Tumblin, Darryl Fairchild and David Meredith.

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Remember When...



1993
Choir Practice
Todd Hanes, Director



1996
Razing St. Paul's
Fellowship House



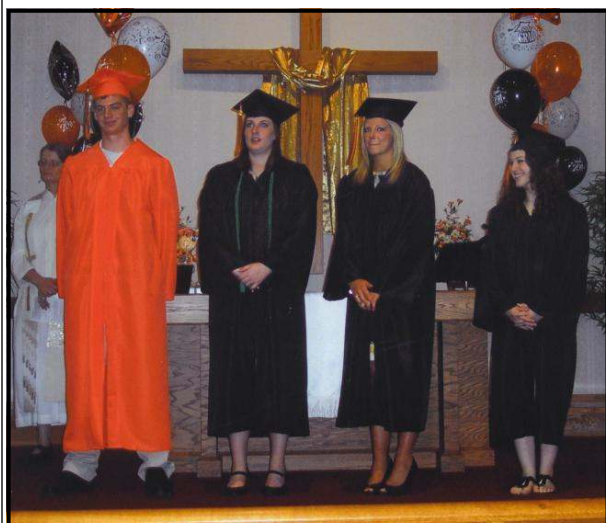
1998
Red Bird Mission Trip
St. Paul UMC
Immanuel UMC

Connecting With ...

The 2011 High School Graduates were honored with a breakfast prepared by Larry and Shirley Moser, for them and their families on May 22. Martha Vazquez helped with decorations. Lois Cook, higher education coordinator, presented each graduate with a book as they were recognized during the morning worship hour.



Pictured Above, L-R: Audrey Fox, Michele Theodore, Tahler Sdao, Alex McAdams



Pictured Above, L-R: Alex McAdams, Audrey Fox, Tahler Sdao, Michele Theodore

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Mary Grigsby

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Edna Osman
Jean Redd
Gladys Sherrick

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
Rodney Lee
Rick Scholfield

In the Military & Missions

Lesley Parker
Jason Stanley



Congratulations to Corinne Piper who retired last week from Logan County Educational Services Center. Corinne has been a teacher of visually impaired students in various school systems in west-central Ohio for 35 years. She taught Braille and assisted dozens of visually impaired students from K to 12th while they remained in their own school systems. Congrates to Corinne!

West Ohio Conference Report

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Recommendation

1. Council on Finance and Administration recommendation Calendar year 2012—passed
2. Commission on Equitable compensation—passed
3. Episcopal residence committee report—passed
4. Board of Pension and Health Benefits—passed
5. Aligning UMC investments with resolutions on Israel/Palestine-passed
6. Encouragement to respond to conviction related to modern times-Open Minds—defeated
7. Guiding principles for the state of Ohio biennium budget passed
8. A wholly inclusive ethics policy for West Ohio Conference Staff—defeated
9. Amendments for General Conference-[amended—passed
10. A call to missional alignment—[amended] passed
11. A call to missional alignment #2—passed



From card from Breakthrough Prayer Movement

Please pray daily for:

- * *The Holy Spirit's breakthrough to renew and revive our church, unleashing new life.*
- * *Our pastor and leaders to be empowered with the contagious, miraculous message of*

Jesus.

- * *The Spirit to transform and use me boldly, without limits, to reach and make new disciples of Jesus Christ and to change the world.*

The People of St. Paul's

Congratulations to John and Valerie Kuenzli
 on the birth of their Son, **Carter Joshua Kuenzli**, born Wednesday, May 25, 2011, at 5:47 AM. He weighed in at 5lb 10 oz. and was 18 in. long. He was brought home to big sister, **Madeline**. The proud Grandmother is **Lois Cook**, Great Grandmother is **Fran Hall**, and his Uncle is **Jon Cook**. Carter surprised everyone by arriving one month early and chose to arrive on the birthday of his **Grandfather, the late Gary Cook**. Cards may be sent to:
**710 Affirmed Ct.
 Gahanna, OH 43230**



*Dear Church Family,
 Thank you for the flowers and for your care and sympathy as we go through the grieving process.
 The Family of Eileen Slade*

**Prayer List Updates
 Please Contact
 Lavonne Segovia**



Meetings

No PPR meeting in July

July 5, 2011
Trustees...7:00 PM

July 7, 2011
Worship Team..6:00 PM

July 11, 2011
Finance...7:00 PM
Ad Council...8:00 PM

July 12, 2011
Stewardship...7:00 PM

July 19, 2011
Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays
Prayer...9:30 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

July 2011

June 2011						
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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Anika Bok Jenni Theodore	2
3	4 James Matlock Office Closed	5 Brian Kinney Trustees	6	7 Worship Team	8 Jean Redd	9
10 Don Holmes Tony Matlock	11 Finance Ad Council	12 Stewardship	13	14 Gloria Brunk Jackson Lane Hayden McKee	15	16 Kim Crates
17	18 Madeline Kuenzli Zach Loose	19 Macy Chambers Missions	20 Frank VanHorn 82 years	21 Joshua Grapner	22 Travis Bok Carole Grapner	23 Bryan Craft
24	25 Ian House	26	27 Gretchen Woeller	28	29 Jeff Holmes John Lane	30 Ethan Thomas
31 Jan Wyant						

Anniversaries

Doug & Ginger Fox
July 6

Travis & Julia Bok
July 17

Tim & Corinne Piper
July 17

Bill & Marlene Weaver
July 18
60 years

Tim & Sue Theodore
July 20

Denny & Caraole Grapner
July 26

Bill & Joyce Nichols
July 27
65 years

August 2011						
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Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Macaroni Salad

by Weldon LaRue

Ingredients		Instructions
2c.	Dry elbow macaroni	Cook macaroni until tender. Allow to cool. Cook frozen peas until crisp and tender. Allow to cool. Make dressing of remaining ingredients. Toss with macaroni and peas. Add cheese last. Refrigerate
1 c.	Frozen Peas	
1 c.	Shredded Cheddar Cheese	
DRESSING:		
3/4 c.	Mayonnaise	
3/4 c.	Slaw Dressing (Marzetti brand is good)	
1/4 c.	Pickle Relish	
1/2 c.	Sugar	
1/2 t.	Table mustard	
1/2 t.	Worcestershire Sauce	



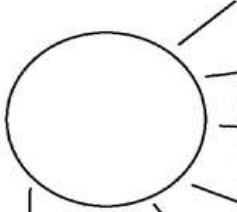
Out-of-this-World Pie

By Mary LaRue

Ingredients		Instructions
1 can	Cherry pie filling	In saucepan, combine cherry pie filling, sugar, pineapple, cornstarch and food coloring. Cook until thick. Remove from heat and add dry jello. Allow to cool. Add bananas and pecans. Pour into 2 baked pie shells. Top with Cool Whip
3/4 cup	Sugar	
1 large can	Crushed pineapple, not drained	
1 Tbl.	Cornstarch	
1 tsp.	Red food coloring	
1 (3 oz.) pkg.	Cherry jello	
4	Bananas, diced	
1 cup	Pecans, chopped	
2	Baked pie shells	
	Cool Whip	



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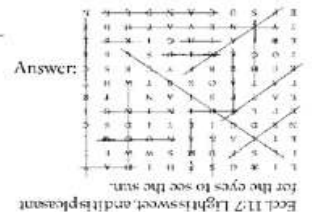


Word Find Plus

Find the words listed below in the puzzle. Cross off the words as you find them. Write the leftover letters on the blank lines.

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| Dim | Light | Sun |
| Electricity | Lightbulb | Window |
| Fire | Moon | |



Color the Sun

- P – purple
- B – blue
- G – green
- R – red
- O – orange
- Y – yellow



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Living Our Faith

Summer Saints

Many churches celebrate saints - a variety of Christians over the centuries who are seen to have lived especially good lives. Of course, you do not need "St." in front of your name to be a saint. The New Testament refers to all Christians as saints. The word simply means "holy" or "set apart for God."

Here are some people that various churches recognize and celebrate in the month of July:

July 3: Thomas - one of the twelve disciples of Jesus. John 20:24-29 tells of Thomas' encounter with the risen Christ.

July 22: Mary Magdalene - This courageous woman was the first person commissioned by the risen Christ to proclaim the good news of Easter to the world (John 20:11-18). More modern stories have tried to paint her as a prostitute to discredit her important ministry, but the scriptures do not support this.

July 25: James and John - Jesus called these two brothers to ministry as one of his first acts (Matthew 4:21-22; Mark 1:19-20; Luke 5:1-11). They were sometimes called the "sons of thunder," presumably because of their temper, yet they were included in Jesus' inner circle of disciples.

