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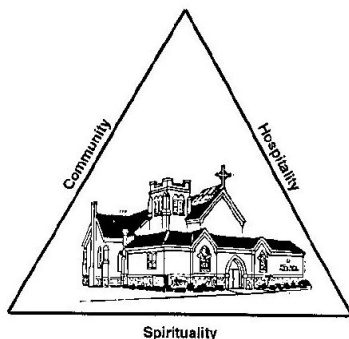
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July has arrived and the heat is on, or at least it is as I write this in mid-June. So I am asking you to remember last winter and how cold it was and the wish you made about it being summer again and hot outside.

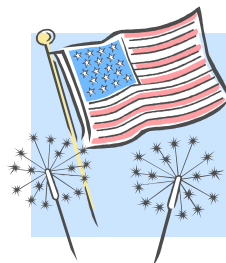
Well in honor of that memory we are going to make it Christmas in July, on July 13th I want you all to come to the hymn sing portion of church with your favorite Christmas carols. Also, this is the time of year when food banks are beginning to run low on food and they could use a boost from us. Please bring food as though the Holidays were here and let's help replenish supplies at the food bank.

July is also the month my family abandons me for the pursuit of church camp. Emma will be at Blue lake for 12 days and then on Grand Island in the U. P. of Michigan for a week kayaking in Lake Superior. Brittany will be going Wacky with water at Camp Wesley for a week and Cody will get to be an Explorer at Camp Wesley for a few days at the end of the month. It is always interesting to hear the stories about camp and new friends afterwards. If you have a child or grandchild who would like to go to camp please get ahold of me and we will get them registered for an adventure with God at camp.

Keep cool in the heat wave and look forward to some upcoming events in and around St. Paul. Immanuel is having their VBS July 20-23 from 6:30-8:15pm for ages 3 yrs. old to 5th grade. Let's support our brothers and sisters in Christ as they reach out to Elida with the love of Christ. Fair chairs will be coming at us before we know it so be ready to set it up and tear it down. So as you are enjoying this hot weather or dreaming about Christmas and snow, remember keep looking for places where you can experience the presence of God and be his hands and feet.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

If you are not
praying,
Then you are
straying.

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THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH
MEMORIAL FUND



7th Annual Golf Outing

Schedule of Events:

Saturday, July 12, 2014
Tee Time: 9:00 AM
Hot Dogs at the turn
Games/Contests all day

Activity Highlights:

Award Luncheon & Ceremony
Team Prizes
18 Holes of Golf with Cart
Shot Gun Start
Four Person Scramble

Event Location:

Colonial Golfers Club
10985 Harding Hwy
Harrod, OH 45850
419-649-3350

Golf Fees:

Registration
\$45.00 /Golfer
*Registration Deadline
July 3rd.*

For more information
contact Tim Piper or
Church office for
registration forms

July's
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit the
**Brad Joseph Memorial
Fund**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Pianist
Alsbrooks Smith, Jr.
Sunday, July 20

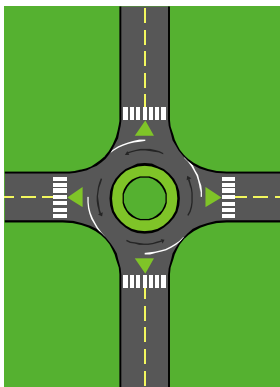


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SENIORS DAY OUT
July 15, 2014

Guest Speaker: Tim Piper
Allen County Engineer

All seniors welcome!

Lady Liberty

By Dillon Staas

Good fortune has fallen upon us we know
 For there in the harbor her figure we see,
 Raised high in her hand, freedom's light all aglow,
 A symbol to all who seek liberty.

We come to escape the oppression and strife.
 Those shattered illusions, suffered before
 Turn into a dream of joyous new life
 Awaiting us as we set foot on this shore.

With hope we go forth, our future to build
 With family and friends to help on the way
 Through God's holy graces, our lives will be filled
 With joy and contentment and peace every day.



July 4th Independence Day



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Allen County Fair Chair Challenge 2014!

Your help is needed for the annual fair chairs setup and takedown. At the end of the Allen County Fair, Saturday, August 23, St. Paul's Church will again be engaged in setting up and taking down chairs for the concert in the grandstands. This year we will be setting up 1,000 more chairs, so everyone's help is needed. If you can't lift chairs, there are stickers to place on the chairs and chairs to straighten. Or you can just come and give moral support to the workers. A sign up sheet will be available in July to commit yourself, your family and anyone else willing to help. Age isn't a factor. Contact Art Holman for more information. Come and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of your friends at St. Paul's.

See You At The Fair!



2014 Annual Conference

Sunday, June 8-Wednesday, June 11, 1,034 clergy and 1,108 lay members gathered on the shores of Lake Erie at Lakeside for the 45th annual conference. Bishop Gregory Palmer presided over the sessions and preached at the Monday morning traditional worship service. This year's focus was on being blessed. Much like Pastor Paul's Father's Day message about happiness, Bishop Palmer stated that, "We have gotten caught up in the commodity and materials of blessings instead of the spirituality of blessing." He further added, "We need to chase the blesser, not the blessing."

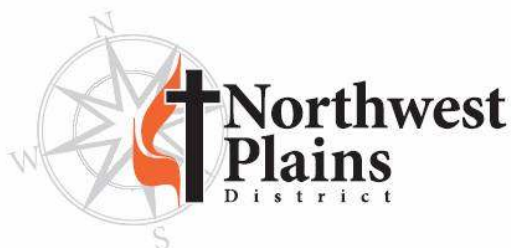
The Rev. Eric H. F. Law, author of Holy Currencies: Six Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries led training sessions on Holy Currencies at various times throughout the week. The six currencies are Money, Time and Place, Gracious Leadership, Relationship, Truth, and Wellness. Rev. Law reviewed the different currencies and how they flow in the cycle of blessings.

In Bishop Palmer's Episcopal Address, the focus was on the hope for change. He also pointed out a few challenges and concerns. One major concern is in our 1,038 churches, 454 of the churches baptized no one in 2013 and 528 of these had zero professions of faith. Churches will not be sustainable with "none"; but the greater worry is about lives needing Jesus Christ. The Bishop said, "I accept the zeroes as a fact but I do not accept them as our future. We have a great deal of work to do, don't we?"

Throughout the week, West Ohio's commitment to Imagine No Malaria was interwoven in services. I was proud to place St. Paul's check in Tuesday morning's collection basket to help with this cause. By the end of the conference contributions and commitments totaled \$395,429.57. Two and a half million dollars was collected before Annual Conference, so we may surpass the three and a half million dollar goal before the third year. By the way, we were told that Northwest Plains District is the second highest giving district. West Ohio Conference gave 1.1 million dollars to UMCOR and is the largest donator in the jurisdiction and second top giver in the nation.

Numerous other events, lessons, celebrations and the business of the church were conducted. If you would like to view more information, summaries, photos and videos, go to westohio.umc.org/2014weekreview.

Linda Craft,
Lay Delegate



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www.umw.org**

This website offers book reviews, music reviews, and web ministry information among other relevant and interesting links.

Missions

St. Paul's Missions Underway

At **Camp Wesley**, a small group of missionaries have completed the summer mission project to remove the old boat ramp and replace it with a new, larger ramp. The ramp is used by campers to launch canoes and for other water sports for campers. A special thanks to **Jamie Wyant** for heading up a team, which also included people from **Lima Trinity UMC**, and **Elida Immanuel UMC**. \$1,039 was collected by our congregation for the mission project at Camp Wesley. The remainder of our \$2,000 pledge to the Camp Wesley mission will be paid from our Mission's fund. Thanks to all who are helping with the work and to our parishioners who have generously donated funds to make this mission project possible. Also, our **Coins-for-Communion** collection of **\$94.54** for May was donated to the West Ohio Conference UM Church Camps fund.

Friday, May 30th, was St. Paul's opportunity to volunteer our services at **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** to serve meals to individuals in our community who are in need of help. 'Thank you' to all volunteers who helped serve at Our Daily Bread, for being part of this '**Fifth Friday**' mission work.

June 29th is **\$5-on-the-Fifth** offering to support the UMCH Family Services, which provides help to families in need, whether it's putting families together through Adoption and Treatment Foster Care Services or keeping families together through Family Mental Health and Post Adoption Services. Prayerfully consider supporting UMCH Family Services.

Every month we are truly blessed by our parishioners who faithfully fill our **Five Loaves Food Pantry** bins with food. Food collections continue to be strong and the number of needy families, who are blessed by receiving the food at **The Church at Allentown**, continues to grow. The next **Food Pantry Sunday** is **July 13th**.

Saturday, July 12th is the date of the **7th Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf** outing to raise funds for medical mission trips. We are asking for at least **four volunteers** to help with the outing and at least **one foursome of golfers** to play golf in the outing. **Sign-up sheets for golf foursomes** may be found on the Mission bulletin board. St. Paul UMC will again be a **\$100 Hole Sponsor** for the event. On **Sunday, June 1st**, **John Fleming** (Brad's uncle) gave a talk during our service about the mission work being funded by the **Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Fund**. Also, our **July Coins-for-Communion** collection will go to the **Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Fund**.

Collection for **School and Health Kits** is just around the corner and will begin in August. 'Thank-You' for being part of St. Paul UMC's missions work and for being the 'hands and feet' of Christ in our community!



Mike Ellinger getting some help from his daughters, Adrianna and Sherilyn, while working at Camp Wesley.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

June 1, 2014	88
June 8, 2014	85
June 15, 2014	92
June 22, 2014	85

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
June 1, 2014	\$4,441.00	\$892.95
June 8, 2014	\$2,865.37	\$478.75
June 15, 2014	\$3,649.67	\$417.00
June 22, 2014	\$2,092.00	\$578.09

Adult Sunday School / Children's Church Attendance

June 1, 2014	A-5 C-5
June 8, 2014	A-4 C-7
June 15, 2014	A-6 C-5
June 22, 2014	A-6 C-9

Greeters

July 6, 2014	Jerry & Becky Bean
July 13, 2014	Phyllis Hines & Dee Johnson
July 20, 2014	Bev Nesbitt
July 27, 2014	Mike & Becky Ellinger family

Flower Calendar

July 6, 2014	OPEN
July 13, 2014	OPEN
July 20, 2014	Tim & Corinne Piper
July 27, 2014	Lois Cook

Communion Servers July 6

Station #1	Marla & Cody Scannell
Station #2	OPEN
Station #3	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Tuesday 7/1

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126,
1 Samuel 11:1-15
Acts 8:1-13, Luke 22:63-71

Wednesday 7/2

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
1 Samuel 12:1-25
Acts 8:14-25, Luke 23:1-12

Thursday 7/3

Psalm 131, 132, 134, 135
1 Samuel 13:5-18
Acts 8:26-40, Luke 23:13-25

Friday 7/4

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
1 Samuel 13:19-14:15
Acts 9:1-9, Luke 23:26-31

Saturday 7/5

Psalm 104, 137:1-9, 144
1 Samuel 14:16-30
Acts 9:10-19a, Luke 23:32-43

Sunday 7/6

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
1 Samuel 14:36-45
Romans 5:1-11, Matthew 22:1-14

Monday 7/7

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23
Acts 9:19b-31, Luke 23:44-56a

Tuesday 7/8

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
1 Samuel 15:24-35
Acts 9:32-43, Luke 23:56b-24:11

Wednesday 7/9

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Acts 10:1-16, Luke 24:12-35

Thursday 7/10

Psalm 18, 1 Samuel 16:14-17:11
Acts 10:17-33, Luke 24:36-53

Friday 7/11

Psalm 16, 17, 22
1 Samuel 17:17-30
Acts 10:34-48, Mark 1:1-13

Saturday 7/12

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
1 Samuel 17:31-49
Acts 11:1-18, Mark 1:14-28

Sunday 7/13

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
1 Samuel 17:50-18:4
Romans 10:4-17
Matthew 23:29-39

Monday 7/14

Psalm 9, 15, 25
1 Samuel 18:5-30
Acts 11:19-30, Mark 1:29-45

Tuesday 7/15

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
1 Samuel 19:1-18
Acts 12:1-17, Mark 2:1-12

Wednesday 7/16

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
1 Samuel 20:1-23
Acts 12:18-25
Mark 2:13-22

Thursday 7/17

Psalm 37, 1 Samuel 20:24-42
Acts 13:1-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

Friday 7/18

Psalm 31, 35, 1 Samuel 21:1-15
Acts 13:13-25, Mark 3:7-19a

Saturday 7/19

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
1 Samuel 22:1-23
Acts 23:26-43, Mark 3:19b-35

Sunday 7/20

Psalm 63, 98, 103
1 Samuel 23:7-18
Romans 11:33-12:2
Matthew 25:14-30

Monday 7/21

Psalm 41, 44, 52
1 Samuel 24:1-22
Acts 13:44-52, Mark 4:1-20

Tuesday 7/22

Psalm 45, 47, 48
1 Samuel 25:1-22
Acts 14:1-18, Mark 4:21-34

Wednesday 7/23

Psalm 49, 53, 119:49-72
1 Samuel 25:23-44
Acts 14:19-28, Mark 4:35-41

Thursday 7/24

Psalm 66, 67
1 Samuel 28:3-20
Acts 15:1-11, Mark 5:1-20

Friday 7/25

Psalm 40, 51, 54
1 Samuel 31:1-13
Acts 15:12-21, Mark 5:21-43

Saturday 7/26

Psalm 55, 138, 139
2 Samuel 1:1-16
Acts 15:22-35, Mark 6:1-13

Sunday 7/27

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
2 Samuel 1:17-27
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 25:31-46

Monday 7/28

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65
2 Samuel 2:1-11
Acts 15:36-16:5, Mark 6:14-29

Tuesday 7/29

Psalm 61, 62, 68
2 Samuel 3:6-21
Acts 16:6-15, Mark 6:30-46

Wednesday 7/30

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
2 Samuel 3:22-39
Acts 16:16-24, Mark 6:47-56

Thursday 7/31

Psalm 70, 71, 74
2 Samuel 4:1-12
Acts 16:25-40, Mark 7:1-23

Spotlight On Youth



Meet **Oliver Fessler**, son of Scott and Gail and a student at Elida High School. Oliver just completed his sophomore year and will enter EHS in the fall as a junior. While at EHS, Oliver has participated in the band, where he is part of the percussion section, FFA, and soccer. He has been playing soccer year round for several years, on the Elida team and also the Ohio Extreme SC. His favorite subject in school is Vo Ag. Seeing his friends every day is his favorite part of school, while doing school work is his least favorite.

Oliver has been attending St. Paul's UMC all of his life. He was part of the Confirmation Class in 2009. He has one sister, Molly, who lives in Michigan. Oliver began working at Masterson's this year after school and on weekends. He

will work more hours in the summer. He also mows a couple of lawns. When not working, he likes hanging out with his friends.

Oliver likes bratwurst and sauerkraut, cars, and sports. The Ohio State Buckeyes are not his favorite team, but if you ask, I'm sure he will tell you which team he likes. He dislikes eating vegetables. His goal is to become a meteorologist. Watch out, Jim Cantore!

Meet **Emma Scannell**, daughter of Paul and Marla and a home schooled student who will be a junior in the fall. Emma loves swimming—she was on the Elida swim team—and dancing. She currently is a teacher helper for preschool dance classes and is on a Dance Competition Team. Her favorite subjects are English and History. Field trips with the family is what she most likes about being home schooled. Not having any snow days is her least favorite part of being home schooled!

Emma moved to Elida in July, 2012, when her father, Pastor Paul, was appointed to St. Paul UMC. She has a sister Brittany and two brothers, David and Cody. David attends college at Eastern Michigan University and is a member of ROTC at the University of Michigan.

Emma's hobby is playing the piano and in her spare time she likes to watch movies and read. She loves ice cream, beating Cody at UNO, skiing, and kayaking. Spiders, itchy costumes, and turning leaps are some of the things Emma dislikes.

Emma wants to study dance in college with the goal of dancing for a company, and also earning a teaching degree. She went to try-outs and has been invited to go to Europe next summer to dance with a fine arts dance camp. Congratulations, Emma!



Dear Church Family,

I have been invited by the Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International program to perform in Europe with their ballet ensemble in the summer of 2015. This is a great opportunity for me to not only dance but also experience the cultures of several countries in Europe. As part of the program, I stay with host families throughout the tour.

I am working hard to raise the whole cost of the trip by myself. If you would like to contribute to my trip I would greatly appreciate it. However, if you are unable to do so, I would also greatly appreciate your prayers.

Thank you for your prayers and support,
Emma Scannell



Growing the Kingdom of God

I want to tell you about one of the most useful plants I know of. It's called taraxacum and has a really pretty yellow flower. Not only is it bright and colorful, but you can also use the flowers to make a classic light wine, or you can use the young leaves to make salad. If that's not enough, you can toast the roots, grind them up, and brew them for decaffeinated coffee. Or, if you don't like coffee, you can use the young shoots for tea to take as a tonic in the spring. You can even use the older leaves for a good laxative that's high in vitamins A and C.

I love this plant. It's one of the few flowers that I can grow successfully. And yet, most people spend a great deal of time, energy, and money trying to get rid of it. Why? Because they think this wonderful miracle of God's creation is a weed.

You see, it's all a matter of perspective. In the mountains of Eastern Kentucky, those flowers - which are also known as dandelions - are put to all sorts of wonderful uses, while in most cities, they're pulled out and tossed aside, judged to be worse than useless. Our standards for judging are not always the same.

In a way, I think that is what Matthew's parable of the weeds is all about: about our perspective being different from God's. About our having different standards for judging - because this is a parable that is all about judging.

There were people who were following Jesus who did not appear to others to be living the kind of life Christ talked about. That's obvious from all the times that the Pharisees accuse Jesus of spending most of his time socializing with sinners and outcasts.

The crowds that followed Jesus were not some idealized group that heard what he said and immediately changed their ways - always doing what was right, always being loving and kind. Those crowds were not made up purely of men and women with strong faith who were seeking to do only the will of God. They also contained liars and cheats, prostitutes and drunks, and people who were out for whatever they could get. It was not a perfect group.

So the problem arose. What should be done with those people who didn't seem to be living the life Jesus described? What should be done about those people who looked, to everyone else, to be unchanged by words of forgiveness and love?

What should be done about those people who were giving Jesus a bad reputation? Shouldn't they be told to leave? Told that there was no place in the kingdom for their kind?

It's a problem that has always faced the church. After all, shouldn't we have some kind of standard? Don't we have the obligation to tell people who we think are really sinful that they need to straighten up or leave the church? Shouldn't we be able to judge those who are in God's kingdom and those who are outside of it and then rid ourselves of those who are out for the sake of the rest of us? Isn't that our job?

No, it is not. That's not our job at all, and Jesus makes that clear in Matthew's parable of the weeds. Our job is not to go about deciding what is a weed and what is a valued plant, for our perspective is frequently faulty. Our judgment is not always fair. Our standards are not always God's.

Jesus makes it clear that if we go about trying to decide who is in the kingdom and who is not, we run the risk of throwing out the good with the bad. The judgment is not ours to make. It is God's, and God's alone.

Our job is not to judge. Our job is to sow good seed, to tell the good news of our God of love and grace, and then to tend to the fields we have planted, nurturing and caring for them. As we do this, we will discover we are really helping each other grow and mature until we produce the good fruit of the kingdom.

*-Patricia Ramsden, excerpted with permission from
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Remember When...



Confirmation Class, 1993

Kris Crates, Mike Matlock, Nicole Dunahay, Steve Moser, Justin Wyant, Tonya Gossard, Denise Foltz, Brian Foltz, Lori Chaffins, David Thomas, Mandy Broshes, Valerie Cook
Rev. Eric McGlade

Confirmation Class, 1996

Adam Crates, Adam Foltz, Jennifer Piper, Aubrie Adams, Becky Metzger, Nathan Dunahay, Jenny Ridenour, Todd Chaffins, Joshua Peters, Jordan Wyant, Sophia Diglia, Nick White, James Thomas, Blake Selover

Rev. Eric McGlade



Confirmation Class, 2001

Logan Smith, Aaron Thompson, Jenessa Fletcher, Andrew Piper, Jonathan Blewitt

Rev. Terry Heck



Connecting With ...

Our Condolences to Barb and Greg Schade on the death of Barb's mother, Virginia Latham. Pastor Paul assisted in the memorial service which was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014, in Findlay, Ohio. Cards will reach Barb and Greg at 3033 Morning Sun Drive, Lima, OH 45805.



Our sympathy to the Family of Ruth Shaw who passed away Saturday, June 7, 2014. A memorial service officiated by Pastor Paul, was held, on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at Chiles, Laman Funeral Home. Cards will reach Ruth's son, Travis and Lori Williams at 4883 N. Kemp Rd., Elida, OH 45807.

Our sympathy to Ginny Doseck on the death of her husband Jim Doseck who passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2014, in Gerogia. A private family graveside service was held in Lima on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Cards may reach Ginny at 204 N. Greenlawn Ave., Elida, OH 45807.

Women's Ensemble singing "The Gift of Love" by H. Hopson on Father's Day, June 15th.

Front L-R:
Linda Holman, Anne Laman, Lynda Evans, Linda Craft, and Nancy Gesler.
Back L-R:
Maedene Holmes, Janet Grigg, Judy Chaffins, Deb Hurd, Jan Wyant, and Kim Crates.
Lois Cook, piano accompaniment.



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Sherilyn Ellinger
Ed Laman
Lois Rabley

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Jason Stanley

Thank You

The People of St. Paul's

*St. Paul's UMC Friends,
Thank you so much for remembering our special day! Also for the planter you sent to us for the birth of our daughter, Demi! We are so lucky to be a part of such a wonderful church!*

Dominic, Kelly and Demi DeRose

Thank You!

Words cannot express how grateful we are for the prayers and support of our church family. Whether it was a spoken word in church, a card, and a hug you helped us get thru this difficult time. Pastor Paul went out of his way to be there for Mom and for us. We are at peace, she is no longer in pain. We thank you for the beautiful planter, and once again for all your prayers.

Greg and Barb Schade

*To My Church,
Thank you so much for the book and the cards that were sent to me for graduating. Also, thank you for all of the support that everyone has done for me over the years. I really appreciate it. You guys are a great church family to have.*

**Thank you,
Torie McAdams**

During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

**The family of Ruth Shaw
Travis, Lori and Logan Williams**

I would like to thank Pastor Paul and my church family for their prayers, flowers, cards and concerns when I had my surgery.

**Thank You,
Ruth Burgoon and family**



Congratulations to Cody Warris and Briana Downing who were married at St. Rose Church in Delphos on Saturday, June 14th. Cody is the son of Scott and Beth Warris and grandson of Dottie Jennell.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jim and Phyllis Hines for the recent wedding of their granddaughter, Andrea Rose Hines, and Kevin Williams, who were united in marriage, May 9th in a ceremony at St. John's Mennonite Church, Pandora.

Congratulations to Andrea Rose Hines Williams, granddaughter of Jim and Phyllis Hines. Andrea received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree at Rudolph H. Rabe College of Pharmacy at Ohio Northern University on May 11th. Andrea is the daughter of Jim and Lisa Hines.

Congratulations to Jim and Phyllis Hines on the birth of their first great grandchild born May 6, 2014, to Ashley and Brock DuBry of Rockford. They named him Kroy James. Grandmother is Vicki Dellinger.

Meetings

July 2014

July 1, 2014
Trustees...7:00 PM

No Worship Team

No PPR

July 14, 2014
Finance...7:00 PM

July 14, 2014
Ad Council...7:30 PM

No Missions Meeting

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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		1 Anika Bok Lucy Chaffins Jenni Jankovsky	2	3	4	5 Brian Kinney
6	7	8 Jean Redd	9	10 Don Holmes Tony Matlock	11 Emma White	12
13	14 Gloria Brunk Jackson Lane Hayden McKee	15	16 Kim Crates	17	18 Madeline Kuenzli Zach Loose	19 Macy Chambers
20 Frank Van Horn	21	22 Travis Bok Carole Grapner	23 Bryan Craft	24	25 Ian House	26 Travis Cummans
27 Gretchen Woeller	28	29 John Lane	30 Ethan Thomas	31 Jan Wyant		

Anniversaries

*Doug & Ginger Fox
July 6*

*Travis & Julia Bok
July 17*

*Tim & Corinne Piper
July 17; 38 yrs.*

*Bill & Marlene Weaver
July 18; 63 yrs.*

*Tim & Sue Theodore
July 20*

*Denny & Carole Grapner
July 26; 51 yrs.*

*Bill & Joyce Nichols
July 27; 68 yrs.*

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Strawberries & Cream Cake (served at Koinonia BBQ)

By Sue Theodore

Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg.	White cake mix	Prepare cake mix as directed on box for 2 9in. round layers. Cool.
Frosting:		Frosting:
1 16oz. box	Confectioners sugar	In a large bowl, with mixer at medium speed, beat sugar, cream cheese, butter and vanilla until smooth. Chop strawberries. With serrated knife, slice each cake layer in half horizontally. Place 1 thin cake layer on plate, spread with 2/3 cup frosting and top with 1/3 of the strawberries. Repeat 2 more times. Place last layer on top and frost cake with remaining frosting. Garnish with extra strawberries if desired. Store in refrigerator.
2 8 oz. pkgs.	Cream cheese <i>softened</i>	
3/4 cup	Butter or margarine <i>softened</i>	
2 tsp	Vanilla extract	
1 pint	Strawberries	



Pea Salad

By Myrna Metzger

Ingredients		Instructions
1 large package	Frozen peas	Thaw frozen peas. Finely cut up ham. Chop red onion. When peas are thawed, add cheese, ham, and onion. Make a dressing of Miracle Whip and sugar to taste.
2-4	Boiled eggs	
Amt. to taste	Shredded cheddar cheese	
Amt. to taste	Boiled ham	
1 small	Red onion	
	Miracle Whip salad dressing	
	Sugar	



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Word Fun

Circle the word in each square that does not belong.

chair table heart	friend run walk	flower love tree	speech pen pencil	car gracious truck	valley mountain king
2	6	1	4	3	5

In the blanks below, write the word you have circled from each box, matching the numbers.

Those who _____₁ a pure _____₂ and are _____₃

in _____₄ will have the _____₅ as a _____₆.

Proverbs 22:11

Answers: love, heart, gracious, speech, king, friend



Loving Ways

Read each word in Group A. Then look for a word in Group B that is the exact opposite attitude.

1. Draw a line to connect these two words.
2. Circle the word that describes the attitude that is most loving.
3. Cross out the word that is not loving. (The first one is done for you.)

Group A	Group B
rude	mean
selfish	patient
humble	honest
bored	resentful
kind	grumpy
forgiving	flexible
deceitful	generous
lazy	respectful
cheerful	prideful
annoyed	helpful
stubborn	interested

Answers:
rude - respectful
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Living Our Faith



Parables of God's Reign

In Matthew 13, Jesus tells a number of stories to his followers called parables. One of the best-known - the parable of the mustard seed - reminds us that great things come from small beginnings. We also learn that God is always with us and that God's presence gives protection to those who ask for it.

Parables also help us to understand something called the kingdom of God. God's kingdom is not a place - it is a way of living. Like a seed, God's kingdom is often hidden. Like a mustard seed, it comes in surprising ways, and in surprising packages. Like a mustard tree, it can grow large and

offer great protection, like a tree that offers safe nesting for small birds. Like yeast, it can transform everything with which it comes in contact. Like a treasure or great pearl, it is worth more than anything in our lives.

When we ask for God's kingdom to come, we are really asking for God to open us up to recognize and receive the kingdom as it breaks in on us in surprising ways. We also ask that it will come when we feel hidden or lost. Often, the kingdom comes through other people, who show us God's rule and will for our lives.

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