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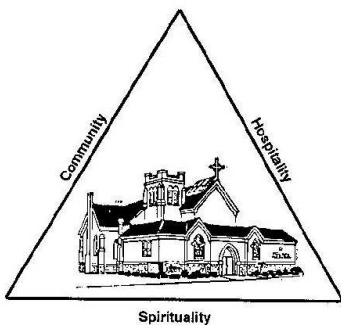
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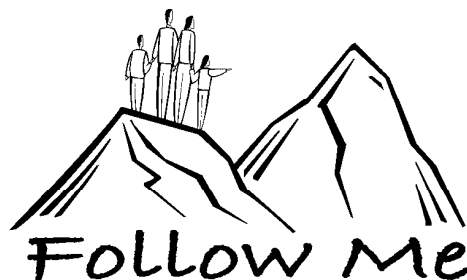
## SAINTS AND SINNERS

Among the saints whose feast days are celebrated in the month of July, a couple stand out in particular – St. Thomas (July 3) and St. Mary Magdalene (July 22) – and remind me of a poem I learned years ago. The words are a bit corny, and the rhymes are forced, but the message is strong:

St. Matthew was a taxman;  
St. Dismas was a thief;  
Mary Magdalene had demons;  
Tom was without belief.  
Yet there they are in heaven,  
looking down upon us now,  
holding up their holy hands  
to their tired and weary brow.  
So the sins of all us sinners  
don't necessarily condemn:  
your wasness doesn't matter,  
if your isness really am.

It can be easy to think of saints only as those people who get to wear haloes in ancient paintings, or whose faces appear in stained glass windows or icons, or who merit special days on the church calendar on the anniversaries of their birth or martyrdom. But the truth is, we all qualify.

The saints are the holy ones, set apart to be the people of God. When St. Paul wrote his letters, he addressed them to "the saints" in each place, meaning all of the people in the church. We are all saints: blessed, set apart, called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Our wasness doesn't matter if our isness really am.



## Thought for the Month:


"There are two kinds of people in the pews at Church. The pew renters who have their special spot and are most often there and the pew time-share people who though not there as regularly, are still seeking. Both are important."

Tom Hanover



## July Youth Calendar

July 6, 2008	TBA
July 13, 2008	TBA
July 20, 2008	TBA
July 27, 2008	TBA

 **Megan Bible** is a junior at **Ohio State University**, Columbus. She was recently accepted into the school of Art Education. She had to write some lengthy papers with regard to Art Education in general, and her desire to help children understand the connection between the arts and real life. In addition, she had to present a portfolio of her own artwork, and complete an interview. Megan also received a college scholarship from Topmark Credit Union, after submitting a paper about the importance of budgeting. The awards banquet was held at The Old Barn Out Back on May 14th. She was chosen, after a lengthy interview process, to be a Summer Orientation Assistant. **Congratulations!**

## *Upcoming Events for St. Paul's*



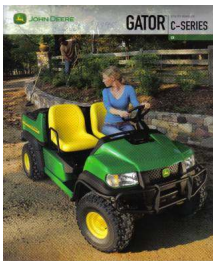
**REMINDER:**  
**Summer Worship hours have begun**  
**Worship is now at 9:30 AM.**

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*Pastor Ruth will hold a 5 week study this summer on Wed. evenings, 6:30-7:30 PM, beginning July 9 and going through Aug. 6. The study will be "Three Simple Rules" by Bishop Reuben Job, and is on the General Rules Pastor Ruth spoke of in her sermon on May 25. If you are interested, please call the office.*

July 2008						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31		

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



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**“GATORS” NEEDED**

A request has been issued by Henderson Settlement for John Deere Gators. The Settlement covers over 1600 acres. These all terrain vehicles could be used much more effectively than automobiles or trucks for errands, repair work and other tasks providing huge savings in gas costs and increase personnel effectiveness.

Several members at Delphos Trinity UMC who have served at Henderson Settlement are beginning a campaign to fill this need. One Gator could cost \$4,000 to \$11,000. If you wish to donate to help raise funds please contact Ellen Ditto, [ditto@im3.com](mailto:ditto@im3.com) or Rev. Sharron Twining, [mrtath-erev@embarqmail.com](mailto:mrtath-erev@embarqmail.com) phone 419.695.0535.

If churches, individuals or organizations wish to provide a Gator you may contact Henderson Settlement, [mark-lemons@hendersonsettlement.info](mailto:mark-lemons@hendersonsettlement.info), [www.hendersonsettlement.com](http://www.hendersonsettlement.com), phone 606.337.3613.

**Northwest Plains District  
 Fall '08 Mission Trip**

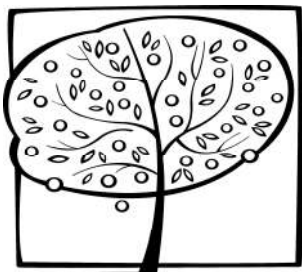
Come join us on a five day mission trip to Church World Service Center in New Windsor, Maryland  
 This is a part of the Brethren Service Center in New Windsor.  
 October 12-17, 2008

Work projects include:  
 -materials that must be packed to send to over 40 countries around the world  
 -pricing the gift shop items received from countries all around the world

Cost is \$250 for the week. This cost includes housing in dormitory rooms at Windsor Hall and meals.  
 Departure is on Sunday, October 12 and the return date is Friday, October 17.

There will be a meeting in September to arrange transportation and finalize details.  
 Questions: Call Phyllis Bidlack at 419.594.2825 or email [gladacrefarm@juno.com](mailto:gladacrefarm@juno.com).

*Upcoming Events for St. Paul's*



**Good soil bears much fruit**  
Matthew 13:23

*From the “Makes You Wonder” department:*

A person was checking in at the airport.

“Has anyone put anything in your baggage without your knowledge?” the agent asked.

The person replied, “If it was without my knowledge, how would I know?”

The agent smiled knowingly and nodded, “That’s why we ask.”

**St. Paul's Bus Trip July 5th**  
*Join us for a day of fun, fellowship, and baseball!*

*What: lunch in the fellowship hall*  
*When: 1:00 PM*

*What: Cincinnati Reds baseball game*  
*When: 7:10 PM*

*Board bus at 2:00 PM*  
*Cost: \$25 per person; includes game ticket and bus fee*

*Church Day and Ken Griffey, Jr. Jersey Day*  
*Seats are in right field*  
*See **Doug Fox** for tickets*  
**All are welcome...Bring a friend**

# The Heart of Church

## Greeters

July 6	Gene & Linda Craft
July 13	Brian & Angie Nartker
July 20	Jerry & Becky Bean
July 27	Gary & Janet Grigg

## Nursery Volunteers

July 6	Open
July 13	Tracy & Tahler Sdao
July 20	Open
July 27	Open

## An Old-Fashioned Love Song

A love song? In the Bible? Gently squeezed in between Ecclesiastes and Isaiah we find the Song of Solomon. This obscure little book provides an optional lectionary reading for July 6, 2008, and is often referred to by its Hebrew title "Song of Songs" or "The Song to End All Songs."

Grab a glass of lemonade, sit in the shade, and give it a read. Try it in a paraphrase such as *The Message* or a readable translation such as *Today's New*

*International Version* or the *New Jerusalem Bible*. Let the romantic poetry take you away to a place of carefree lovers whose passion for each other is boundless.

While not exactly x-rated – certainly not by today's standards – the book is quite erotic in places. The fact that it never mentions God causes some to question its place in the Bible. Yet, through its celebration of the beauty and wholeness of human relationships, it appears to praise God's infinite wisdom in creating the gift of love and intimacy.

Because of this, over the

centuries some have tried to see in this book a symbolism of God's love for humankind, or of Christ's love for the church. In doing so, certainly attempts were made to divert people's attention from the Song's affirmation of human sexuality. Yet in a world where, as one scholar puts it "specializes in loveless sex" a book that reminds us that God created sex as part of loving relationships may be just what we need.

## Children's Worship (Conducted During the Worship Hour)

1st Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Steve Moser—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

**Table grace**  
We thank you, God,  
for happy hearts,  
for rain and sunny  
weather.  
We thank you, God,  
for this our food,  
and that we are together.



# The Business of Church

## REPORT ON WEST OHIO UMC CONFERENCE — PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS

by Lavonne Segovia

I am glad that I had the opportunity of representing you at annual conference this year. This was a new, enlightening, awesome experience. The worship times were memorable with both the settings and the content. The theme of **Love First** was woven into all of the days. In addition to the teaching times, there were ministry minutes, reports, legislative consideration and voting on the Recommendations, Celebration of Retirement and Credentialing Service, meeting new people, and finding a little time to spend with old friends. (Laity and clergy, such as Rev. Terry Heck)

Before we left, Pastor Ruth had announced the study she is giving, starting in July. Imagine my surprise when on the first full day, Monday, there was a presentation “Three Simple Rules,” by Bishop Rueben Job. So we heard how he came to write this “little” book, his vision, and how he hoped it would help. He wanted to put it in our contemporary language; to be a lean, accessible and able-to-be-read “on the run” book. In a very descriptive illustration, he spoke of the danger of putting a label on another person – how that puts them in a lock and puts a log in our own eyes and we fail to see that person and their God-given gifts and blessings.



**Bishop Rueben P. Job** is a retired bishop of the United Methodist Church and one of the outstanding leaders in spiritual formation within the church. Bishop Job served as a bishop in the Iowa area, as the world editor of the *Upper Room* and as associate general secretary of the board of discipleship -- as well as being a pastor, chaplain, district superintendent, and conference staff person. He is the author of numerous books, including *A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and Other Servants*, *A Guide to Spiritual Discernment*, and *Three Simple Rules*.

One of the churches of the conference provided the funds to purchase enough of Bishop Job’s book, *Three Simple Rules*, for each person present. Bishop Job autographed as many of our books as he was able to do. I was one of the fortunate, and he signed my copy. Since meeting this dedicated man, I am really looking forward to our study on this book in July.

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Lakeside Auditorium

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	Ruth Solo

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

June 1, 2008	114
June 8, 2008	85
June 15, 2008	100
June 22, 2008	94

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$2,991.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
June 1, 2008	\$3,472.00	\$2,101.17
June 8, 2008	\$2,251.08	\$555.70
June 15, 2008	\$2,035.35	\$975.00
June 22, 2008	\$2,591.00	\$709

We can be unspeakably evil,  
but we also have the seeds  
within us for moral good.  
This moral "seed" admits of  
growth. (It can also decline.)

As we grow in it  
we civilize and  
become more human.

One senses that this process is  
precarious and slow. Moral  
concern is a tender shoot.

– Daniel Maguire, Marquette University,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin



*What we really are matters  
more than what other people  
think of us.*

– Former Indian Prime Minister  
Jawaharlal Nehru

## Sunday School Attendance

June 1, 2008	N/A
June 8, 2008	N/A
June 15, 2008	Keenagers –5
June 22, 2008	Keenagers –4

## Flowers:

July 6, 2008	Gary & Janet Grigg
July 13, 2008	Tim & Corinne Piper
July 20, 2008	Lois Cook Family
July 27, 2008	Open

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# Consulting the Manual

## Sowing Seeds



On two of the four Sundays in July, the gospel readings in the lectionary are parables about planting seeds. Both stories carry many meanings.

In Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (July 13) Jesus tells about someone planting seeds that fall on different kinds of soil. Some fall on the path and don't take root; some fall on rocky ground and get scorched by the sun; some get choked by thorns; and some fall on good soil and yield lots of grain. Later on, Jesus explains to the disciples that the different kinds of soil stand for different kinds of people: some hear the word of God and welcome it, and others do not.

The story also reminds us that God's word – the message of God's love – gets spread all around for everyone to hear.

In Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (July 20) Jesus tells another parable about someone planting wheat in a field. Another person came along and planted weeds, and as they grew, no one could tell which were which. The workers wanted to pull the weeds, but the landowner said, "No. We might pull up the wheat by mistake. We need to wait."

This story reminds us that we are not to judge who is a good person and who is not; that is for God to do.

Neither story is really about planting – Jesus simply used that example to teach something else.

### **Bible Readings for July** Revised Common Lectionary Year B

#### **Week of July 6**

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*Old Testament:*

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

*New Testament:*

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

#### **Week of July 13**

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*Old Testament:*

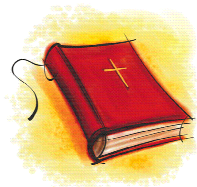
Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

*New Testament:*

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



#### **Week of July 20**

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*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 27**

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b

*New Testament:*

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

For more detailed information on the  
Revised Common Lectionary,  
please visit:  
[www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)

# Report from West Ohio UMC Conference



## Recommendations by *Lavonne Segovia*

The picture above is of Pastor Ruth, on her transport vehicle of choice, between sessions. I used the shuttle golf carts to get to and from Hoover Auditorium. There were approximately 2500-2550 clergy and laity who attended the conference.

The Recommendation, Reports, Nominations and Announcements were worked on and brought to the body of the conference as scheduled and as time allowed during the various sessions of the conference. In total there were 17 recommendations. Each was presented, discussed (for and against) and amended, then sometimes amendments to the amendment and substitutions were made. These were presided over by Bishop Ough. He was admirable in keeping us focused on where we were in the parliamentary rules and just what part we were voting on. Eventually we made our way through each one.

**#1 Recommendation** was on Connectional Ministries Council/Structural Alignment Task Force.

It would bring various ministries, commissions, and concern groups into 6 teams. (1. Let Justice Roll 2. Telling the Story 3. Next Generation Leadership 4. Disciple Making Churches 5. Inclusive Body of Christ 6. Spirit Empowered Leaders.) This was passed with minimal amendment.

**#2 Recommendation** was on Finance and Administration for 2009. This was approved with minimal amendment.

**#3 Recommendation** was on the Episcopacy Residence Committee report; for need of new residence for Bishop and to follow guide lines and standards for residence. This was eventually passed with amendment which lowered the upper limit of spending.

**#4 Recommendation** was concerned with New Church Start/Satellite and calculating parent church and new church/satellite apportionments. This was passed

**#5 Recommendation** was on Equitable Compensation for ministries. This was approved

**#6 Recommendation** was on Care for Creation: Local Church Response. Approved and to be put on agenda of Let Justice Roll Team.

**#7 Resolution** as on Advocacy Regarding Care of Creation. This was approved with minimal changes.

**#8 Resolution** - Against Gambling in Ohio. This was approved as amended

**#9 Recommendation** on Pension and Health Benefits – This was approved.

**#10 Resolution** - on the Central Conference Pension Initiative. This was passed as amended.

**#11 Recommendation** – Words Have Consequences – A lot was discussed and then this was tabled.

**#12 Recommendation** Read, Study, Learn – struggle to find principles for applying traditional teachings to contemporary understandings of human sexuality. The original was not approved, but a substitute was passed.

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## Report from West Ohio UMC Conference

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**#13 Recommendation** - Sexual Relations of all Persons. This was also tabled.

**#14 Recommendation** – is a Vision/Mission Statement on Diversity and Inclusion.

**#15 Recommendation** –Conference-wide Workers Compensation – There are changes in here that help with coverage for pastors and should decrease the local church cost. This was approved.

**#16 Resolution** – Response to Immigration and Customs Enforcement{ICE} Raids and Detention. This was passed.

**#17 Resolution** – Objectionable TV such as Swingtown on CBS. There was a lot of discussion on the best way to confront this. The youth at conference brought and thoughtfully defended a Substitute and the amended Substitute was approved.

The full content of these as amended or substituted should be available later on the web site and in the updated Discipline. Working through these legislative items was time consuming, but I was impressed with the genuine concern for what was God's will and clarification on wording for the best understanding and how individuals brought well thought-out pro and con statements.

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**Pastor Rudy Rasmus** is an urban prophet. For 15 years he has led the St. John's United Methodist Church with his wife Juanita. In this brief span of time, the couple has transformed the spiritual landscape and the face of poverty in Downtown Houston. Beginning with 9 existing members in 1992, St. John's has grown to over 9,000 members (3,000 of the total either are or were formerly homeless) in fifteen years into one of the most culturally diverse congregations in the country where every week people of every social and economic background share the same pew. They attribute the success of the church to a compassionate congregation who has embraced the vision of tearing down the walls of classism, sexism, and racism and building the bridges of unconditional love, and universal recovery.

In Rev. Rasmus's first teaching session he used the story of Jesus and the woman at the well in Samaria. He challenged us to recognize our own "Samaria" – places we do not go; to do as Jesus did and take God's love with us. Despite the circumstances of "someone's" life, they need to know God's Love.

In his second teaching session he used the story of the man at the pool near the Sheep's Gate at Bethesda, who lay by the pool for 38 years trying to be healed, but no one helped him in to the water when it was stirred. He compared the water to truth. We can be around the pool looking at truth, but are unable to get *into* the truth. If we wait for people in need to come to us, instead of going out to look for them, no one will get well.

If you look at Rev Rasmus's picture you will note that he has a beard done in a special way. He first called attention to his beard saying, "You know someone is wondering what in the world is that?" He said it was a filter which helps keep judgmental people at a distance. Think about that explanation!! I could go on, but you get the idea. There were many stimulating talks and much inspirational music.

## Report from West Ohio UMC Conference

### Report on Giving as Lay Delegate to Annual West Ohio UMC Conference in Lakeside.

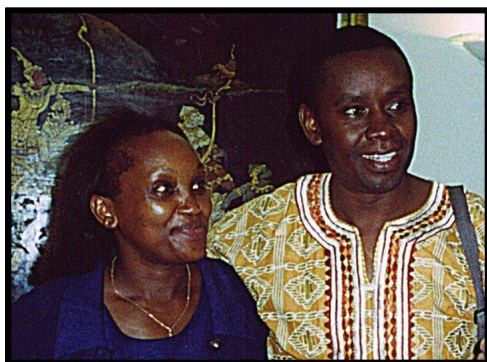


One of my first responsibilities was to deliver the Love offering to conference for the special Miracle Offering. In keeping with the **Love First** theme, there was a **Love First Offering** (Miracle Offering) at the 2008 Annual Conference session. Our church, St. Paul UMC of Elida, sent its Easter Offering, for our part of this offering. The above picture is of this collection, into one of the nets (for Africa), at the Tuesday morning service.

In the fall of 2006, The United Methodist Church formed a partnership with the magazine Sports Illustrated, the National Basketball Foundation, the United Nations Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to form Nothing But Nets – a campaign to eradicate malaria. The primary way to save persons from malaria in poverty stricken areas is to be sure they sleep under a chemically-treated mosquito net during the evening hours when the malaria-bearing mosquitoes are active. The principle behind this campaign is simple and straightforward – “**send a net, save a life.**”

The United Methodist Church is growing rapidly in Southeast Asia, particularly in Cambodia and Vietnam. There are now over 150 congregations in Cambodia and 35 in Vietnam. Our goal is to raise money to support the exciting and life-transforming work underway in Cambodia and Vietnam.

Unless otherwise designated, 1/3 of the offering will be allocated to Nothing But Nets and 2/3 to Cambodia and Vietnam.



The picture above is of Esther & Nicholas Gitobu, who are missionaries to Cambodia. They were at the conference with their family. Based in Cambodia, his responsibilities will include oversight of receipts and disbursements of GBGM funds for projects and personnel. “**My role is to work together with others to correctly interpret policy, and to facilitate and encourage accountability and stewardship which will firmly build the body of Christ—the Church,**” Nicholas explains. “**I truly believe, [this] is God’s way of giving me yet another opportunity to serve Him while serving others.**”

# Celebrations & Connecting



Also at conference were missionaries to Vietnam, Karen & Ut Vo-To. The Rev. Karen Vo-To is a missionary of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church assigned to Southeast Asia, along with her husband, Rev. Ut To, who is also a GBGM missionary.

Karen's work especially focuses on recruiting women to study for pastoral ministry. She is establishing a women's support group to encourage them to **“reach their full potential in Jesus Christ; to promote fellowship among women at the national level; to provide vehicles of communication for women, listening to and offering solutions for the women's needs; and to present the whole gospel to the whole person,”** she says.

Ut trains Christian leaders in developing new congregations and nurturing Christians in the region. **“I believe that through my teaching and example, I will prepare students for their future work as preachers, teachers, and pastors,”** he says, **“and through my witness many new congregations will be established.”**

It was good to meet and speak to these persons to whom we are giving support and to hear what is being accomplished through our giving. On Thursday, the latest count of the giving was \$284,017 from offerings and challenges. For some of the giving, matching funds were donated; this giving added another \$150,000, for a total of \$434,017, exceeding the pre-conference goal. Updates, final total, and designations of funds are to be posted on the conference web site.

~ Lavonne Segovia

A businessman traveled to a foreign country where he was planning to open a new branch office. The local people were excited about the jobs this might bring to their community, and so they provided a warm welcome. When the businessman came to speak, using an interpreter, the people were very enthused.

At one point the businessman told a rather complicated joke. However, the translator seemed to explain it in only a few words and everyone laughed loudly.

Later, the businessman asked for an explanation. It seems the translator simply said, “The rich man just told a joke. Do what you think is appropriate.”

“So,” the preacher said, “Paul was simply trying to tell us about God’s love. Try to do what you think is appropriate.”

## Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Molly Fessler  
Dorothy Foster  
Don Irvin  
Ron Strayer

## Homebound Members

Rebekah Baxter  
Hazel Dunn  
Ruth Hurley  
Marie Lee  
Edna Osman  
Jean Redd  
Gladys Sherrick  
Ray & Helen Waldron

## Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Sara House  
June Metzger  
Rick Scholfield

## Those in the Military

Jason Stanley

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

# The People of St. Paul's

*Dear St. Paul's  
 UMC Family,  
 A heartfelt thank you for  
 all the prayers, cards,  
 visits, flowers, and the  
 wonderful funeral dinner  
 you prepared for us  
 during our recent loss.  
 We are so appreciative of  
 our caring church family.*

*God's blessings,  
 Dwain and  
 Myrna Metzger*



*Have you seen the  
 beautiful new fern in the  
 sanctuary and the colorful  
 silk flower arrangement in  
 the new fellowship hall?  
 The fern is a gift from  
**Garmann-Miller  
 Architects** for our  
 dedication Sunday. The  
 beautiful silk flower  
 arrangement is from  
**Heyne Construction Co.**  
 for the same event.*



**Our friends, Bill and  
 Marlene Weaver,**  
 have sold their home  
 in Elida and moved  
 permanently to  
 Texas. They will be  
 back for visits, but  
 they will be greatly  
 missed. Their new  
 address is:  
**Bill and Marlene  
 Weaver  
 38 Paseo Encinal  
 Kerrville, TX 78028**

**Pastoral Care:**

Should you have prayer requests needing pastoral care, please call Pastor Ruth (419-339-4621) or the office (419-339-3801). If you are hospitalized, it is necessary to inform the church office with information so that we can care for you, and when discharged, please notify the office so we can continue to care for you.



**Prayer List Updates  
 Please Contact  
 Lavonne Segovia**

**Meetings**

# July 2008

July 1, 2008  
Trustees...7:00 PM

July 7, 2008  
PPR...7:00 PM

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

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

July 14, 2008  
No Ad Council Meeting

July 15, 2008  
Missions...7:00 PM

**Sundays**

Keenagers ...8:30 AM

Prayer...9:00 AM

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

		1 Jenni Theodore	2	3	4 James Matlock	5 Brian Kinney
6	7	8 Jean Redd 91 years	9	10 Don Holmes  Hope Mathwig 89 years  Tony Matlock	11	12 Karen Foltz  Tim Strayer
13	14 Gloria Brunk	15	16 Kim Crates	17	18 Zachary Loose	19 Macy Chambers
20 Ron Strayer  Frank VanHorn	21 Josh Grapner	22 Carole Grapner	23 Bryan Craft	24	25 Ian House	26
27 Gretchen Woeller	28	29 Jeff Holmes  John Lane  Sharla Murphy	30 Ethan Thomas	31 Ruth Hurley 90 years  Jan Wyant		

*Anniversaries*

*Doug & Ginger Fox  
July 6*

*Doug & Candy Adams  
July 15*

*Tim & Corinne Piper  
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*Tim & Sue Theodore  
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*Denny & Carole Grapner  
July 26  
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# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

## Blueberry Salad

*by Martha Puffenberger*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 (6 oz.) pkg.	blackberry jello	Dissolve jello in boiling water.  Drain blueberries and pineapple. Measure liquid. Add enough water to make 1 cup and add to jello.  Stir in drained pineapple and blueberries. Pour into 13x9 inch pan. Cover and refrigerate until firm.
2 cups	boiling water	
1 (15 oz.) can	blueberries, drained	
1 (8 1/4 oz.) can	crushed pineapple, drained	
<b>Topping:</b>		Topping: Combine cream cheese, sugar, sour cream, and vanilla.  Spread on congealed salad.  Sprinkle with chopped pecans. Serves 12.
1 (8 oz.) pkg.	cream cheese	
1/2 cup	sugar	
1/2 pint	sour cream	
1/2 tsp.	vanilla	
1/2 cup	chopped pecans	



## Heath Bar Cake

*by Jacquie Bice*

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cups	packed brown sugar	Crumble brown sugar, flour, and butter together and set aside 1 cup.
2 cups	flour	
1/2 cup	melted butter	To the remainder add soda, salt, buttermilk, egg, and vanilla.
1 tsp.	soda	
1/4 tsp.	salt	Mix with spoon. Pour into greased 13x9 inch pan.
1 cup	buttermilk	
1	egg	Sprinkle top with crumbs, nuts, and 8 Heath bars broken into small pieces.  Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.
1 tsp.	vanilla	
8	Heath bars	
1/2 cup	chopped nuts	



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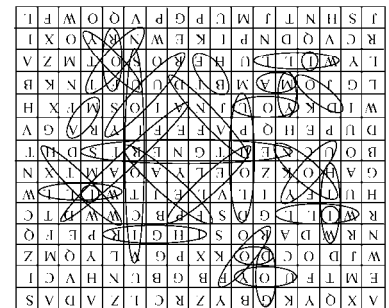
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## Family (and friends) Dream Game

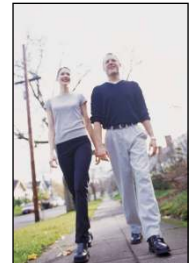
Here's a game for around the fire on a cold winter night or out on the lawn on a warm summer eve. A question is asked. Everyone thinks how they would answer. You can write your answer on a slip of paper if you wish. Then everyone tries to guess how each person answered. You can keep track of who guesses the most answers if you want to.

Here are some ideas for questions.

1. What unusual food would you like to try?
2. What musical instrument do you wish you could play?
3. What sport would you like to be good at?
4. What living person would you like to meet?
5. Name a person no longer living that you would have liked to meet?
6. What famous person would you like to spend a day with?
7. What place would you like to visit?
8. Where would you like to go on your next vacation?

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**espcoffice@embarqmail.com****July 2008****Living Our Faith****MISSION UPDATE: RELAY FOR LIFE**

The St. Paul's/Lima Regional Transit Authority's Relay for Life Team collected a Team-high \$2,945 as a participant in this year's Relay held June 13-14 at the Allen County Fairgrounds. The Team again earned 'Silver' award status (\$2,500-\$5,000.) Many thanks to all who supported our Sunday luncheons, craft sales, purchased 'stars' or 'moons', luminaries, or pledged financial support of any Team member. Thanks to Team Captain Linda Holman and Chief Deputy Carol Grapner for selling refreshments at our "booth" – an RTA bus – and for supplying our Team members with refreshments for the majority of this 24-hour event. And finally, thanks to all who walked the track in honor of cancer survivors or victims and in support of a cure for cancer. Nearly all hourly segments were covered by our Team in completing the 'relay' portion of this event. The Allen County Chapter of the American Cancer Society collected approx. \$134,000 surpassing its 2008 goal of \$130,000.

If you wish to become a Team member for the 2009 Relay for Life event, please see Linda Holman.