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Dear Friends,

Summer will arrive later this month, and with it vacations and lazy days. While on vacation, I encourage you to not forget to attend a church wherever you go. When I was young, they put the bulletins that people brought back from the different places on vacation on a bulletin board so that everyone could see where people were going, different ways of worship, and learn more about other places.

So, this summer, as you travel, and attend churches in the places you go, bring back the bulletins and put on the two black bulletin boards at the top of the stairs in the east entrance. That way, we can all share one another's experiences of other churches and connect with other Christian communities.

This is the last time I will write "The Pastor's Corner" for St. Paul's Epistle. I have enjoyed sharing my thoughts with you in the newsletter these last five years, and I hope that at least some of the time you have been inspired by those thoughts.

Being your pastor has been a blessing for me and for Rich. We have become close to many people here, and have really enjoyed the beautiful home you provided for us. We have also become very "settled" in the Elida community, and will miss not only you all, but also the community and the schools. It has been a good ministry, and we will miss you all.

I leave you in good hands as Paul Scannell comes in to be your pastor. Please accept him and call upon him for your pastoral care and celebrations. I will not be available to return to officiate weddings or funerals because your new pastor is very capable.

Our new address will be: Rev. Ruth and Rich Solo, 1025 Rathmell Road, Columbus, OH 43207. We will welcome notes letting us know how you are, and visits from you when you are in the Columbus area--just call to let us know you are coming at 614-491-8161 (church phone).

May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

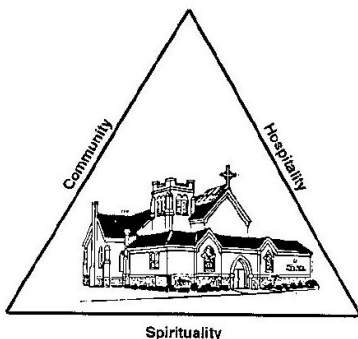
Blessings,
Pastor Ruth and Rich



Thought for the Month:

Almost saved
is the same as
totally lost.

-Anonymous



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**Farewell Lunch for
Pastor Ruth and Rich Solo**

Sunday June 24, 2012

Carry-in Dinner

Bring the following if your last name begins with

A-G: potato dish or macaroni and cheese

H-R: salad or relishes

S-Z: desserts (no cake)

Nurture Committee
will furnish the
meat and drink.

* *St. Paul's Book Club* *
* will read *
* *The Art of Racing in the* *
* *Rain by Garth Stein* *
* *this summer. We will meet* *
* *on August 4th to discuss this* *
* *book. If you would like a* *
* *copy of this book, please see* *
* *Janet Grigg or notify the* *
* *church office.* *



**June 17, 2012
Food Pantry Sunday**



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**Camp Wesley
Mission Week
June 11 -15**



JUNE
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit
**Lima Allen County Chapter
American Cancer Society
Relay for Life**



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The 5th Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing
Saturday, July 14, 2012
Colonial Hills Golf Course
S.R. 309, Harrod, OH.
Please mark your calendars.
July's Coins for Communion will go to the Brad Joseph Memorial Fund.



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

**Welcome Lunch for
Pastor Paul and Marla Scannell,
David, Emma, Steven, Brittany,
and Cody**

Sunday, July 8, 2012

Picnic-style Lunch
Food will be provided.

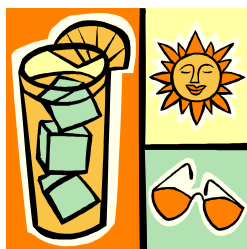


**JUNE 12, 2012
SENIORS DAY OUT**

Picnic at
Kendricks Woods
Meet at the church at
12:00 noon to carpool

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**West Ohio Annual Conference
Lakeside, Ohio
June 10-13**



Praying Together
I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One and One in Three.

- attributed to St. Patrick

**HOSPITALITY CART
SUNDAY MORNINGS
9:30 AM**

- 1st Sunday—Volunteers Needed
- 2nd Sunday—Healthy Living Small Group
- 3rd Sunday—Crafty Creatures Quilt Group
- 4th Sunday—Chancel Choir
- 5th Sunday—Volunteers Needed



The Heart of Church

MISSION ACTIVITIES AT ST. PAUL UMC – SPRING OF 2012

April and May have been busy months for mission work at St. Paul's Church. On April 14th men and women from Allentown UMC, Union Chapel Missionary Church, Lima First Missionary Church and Elida St. Paul's helped in the **re-roofing of a house and garage** owned by Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Green and his wife Lacy on Pioneer Road across from Elida Elementary School. Chief Warrant Officer Andrew Green is currently deployed with the 37th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in Afghanistan. On April 29th there was a **\$5 on the 5th** collection to benefit the **United Methodist Children's Home** foster programs.

On May 5th there was a **Lima Area Methodist Men's Breakfast** hosted by the men at Shawnee United Methodist Church. Dan Bucher spoke about a February **mission trip to Haiti** and gave a slide presentation. Our LAMM group voted to donate \$100 to the Shawnee UMC Haiti relief fund. On May 8th there was a **senior's blood screening day** in our fellowship hall and around 25 seniors came to have a blood screen done and four persons were referred for consultation with a doctor. This was in cooperation with the **Lima Area Lions Club**. Thanks to Corinne Piper for organizing and helping with the event.

On May 11th, 12th and 15th about 12 persons helped **build a ramp** in Bluffton at the corner of Riley and Garmatter Streets for Chad and Melissa Weaver for their child, Owen, who is handicapped. Our thanks to everyone at St. Paul's, Immanuel and Trinity churches for helping with the needed project. May 13th was **Food Pantry Sunday**. Food collected was delivered to the **5-Loaves Food Pantry** at Allentown. Giving of food to the food pantry remains very strong from our St. Paul's UMC parishioners.

We will need lots of help for upcoming mission projects in June and July. On June 11th through the 15th we will join 5 or 6 other churches to do mission work at **United Methodist Camp Wesley** north of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Work includes repairing two roofs, replacing the camp entry sign, doing landscaping and work on other projects. To date, around 10 persons from the Elida area have signed up to participate. There are signup sheets on the hall bulletin board if you would like to join us to help keep our United Methodist church camp a special place where our youth may experience Christ's love. Sunday, June 17th will be **Food Pantry Sunday** for June. On Friday, June 29th from 9:30 AM 'til noon, we will again need St. Paul's volunteers to help again at **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen**.

On Saturday, July 14th, the **5th Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing** will be held at **Colonial Hills Golf Course**. Our Administrative Council voted to again donate \$100 from our mission fund to be a sponsor of a hole at the outing. Just as we did last year, we will need volunteers to help with the outing and will see if we can get a foursome from St. Paul's people to play golf. Watch for more information about this outing on the visuals on Sunday morning.

The mission committee would like to thank **Pastor Ruth Solo** for her support and help in the missions taken on by St. Paul's church these past few years. Her vision and support has helped us realize our mission to become "Christ's hands and feet" in our Elida Community. Her leadership through the ReFocus program has provided us the vision for the Elida Community Center, and has sown the seeds for us to serve the needs of our youth and our seniors in our community. We also wish to thank **Rich** for his help with various projects. The pastor's spouse is usually a "bonus" for a congregation and Rich is no exception. His help with plumbing, electronics and his talent in building props for special worship services will be missed. We love you both and wish you the best as you continue to serve our Lord and Savior in your callings.

Tim Piper, Mission Comm. Chair

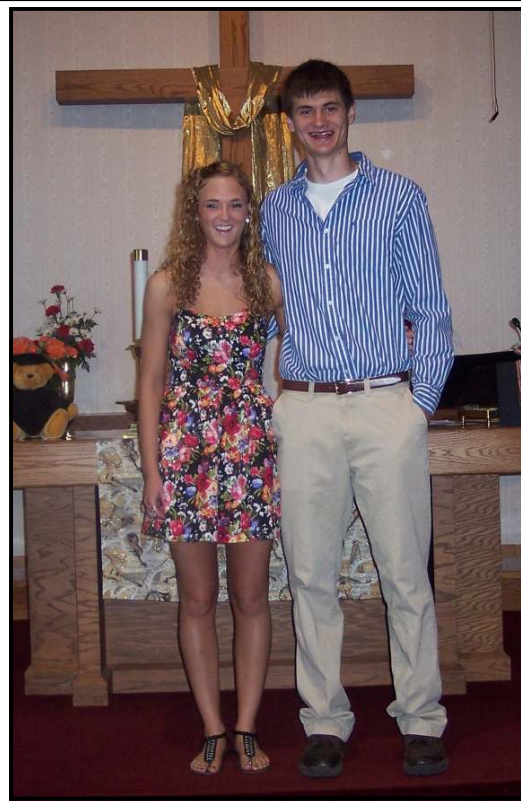
2012 Graduates



2012
High School
Graduates

Reggie McAdams
and Kelsey Smith

Left: with Pastor
Ruth



A delicious breakfast was prepared by Sue Theodore and served to the graduates and their families. Lois Cook, Higher Education Chair, planned the event and presented the graduates with a book and gift during the worship service.

L- R:
Kelsey Smith, Cody Smith,
Tyler Smith—recent college
graduate, Alex McAdams,
Reggie McAdams



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
April 29, 2012	71
May 6, 2012	90
May 13, 2012	103
May 20, 2012	94

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



	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
April 29, 2012	\$1,659.00	\$192.00
May 6, 2012	\$4,112.00	\$593.00
May 13, 2012	\$3,935.00	\$538.00
May 20, 2012	\$2,206.65	\$1,161.88



Greeters	
May 27, 2012	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
June 3, 2012	Mary LaRue & Fran Hall
June 10, 2012	Travis & Julia Bok
June 17, 2012	OPEN
June 24, 2012	Marty & Kathy White

Flowers:	
May 27, 2012	Dan & Margie Best
June 3, 2012	Marty & Kathy White
June 10, 2012	Don & Judy Chaffins
June 17, 2012	Ruth Hardy
June 24, 2012	Ruth Burgoon



Consulting the Manual



Bible Readings for
Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

Week of June 3
Trinity Sunday

Color: White
Old Testament:
Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29
New Testament:
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

Week of June 10

Color: Green
Old Testament:
1 Samuel 8:4-11, 15-20
Psalm 138
New Testament:
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35



Week of June 17

Father's Day

Color: Green
Old Testament:
1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
New Testament:
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

Week of June 24

Color: Green
Old Testament:
1 Samuel 17:32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
New Testament:
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

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

Disturbing Comfort



Preaching master Fred Craddock tells a story of a young minister who was visiting a senior member of the congregation in the hospital. He entered the room to discover a very sick woman, struggling for her breath. He thought he would make his visit a brief one. He asked the woman if she would like him to say a prayer. She responded that she would be glad if he would do so. He asked what she wanted him to ask from God. She said she wanted the minister to ask God to heal her; to make her better. The young man swallowed hard and offered a prayer. He offered words to this effect: "God, if it would please you to make our sister well again, we ask you to restore her health. But whether you heal her or not, please may we know your presence in suffering."

When the pastor finished his prayer, the woman sat up in her bed. She moved to the side of the bed and hung her legs over the edge. She stood on her feet. She spoke to the minister. "I feel better. I feel a great deal better. In fact, I feel like I've been healed." She went out the door, heading for the nurse's station, shouting,

"I think I'm healed!" The young preacher staggered out, went down the stairs, out the door of the hospital, and into the parking lot. As he stood at his car, before opening the door, the young preacher looked up again and said, "Don't you ever do that to me again!"

This story is very much like the story we read from Mark's Gospel. It begins with turbulence and ends with turbulence, and so does Mark's story of the stilling of the storm. Of course, the church has not always read the story of Jesus stilling the storm as turbulence inducing. More often than not we have read the passage as a comfort story.

Life is filled with storms. We are buffeted by circumstances beyond our control and contrary winds blow. Personal tragedy threatens us, illness and death loom large, the church faces an uncertain future. We are tempted to believe with the disciples that Jesus is asleep in the ark of his church, while we are holding on for our lives . . .

We expect storms on the unpredictable Sea of Galilee, and we have some experience of managing madness and even death. But "who then is this, that even the wind, and the sea obey him" (Mark 4:41)? We want the familiar world to be more manageable, and God in Jesus reorders it. But it is disorienting, frightening, amazing. The gospel of Jesus Christ is breathtaking.

It might unsettle us just a little to know that it is this same

gospel that collects us together. The good news - Jesus Christ - is the attractive center of the life and work of the church. What lies at the heart of the life of the people of God is not settled routine, predictable pattern, or agreed-upon tradition, but disruptive amazement. God's power to reorder the world and undo the enemies of human flourishing is set before us in the drama of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This person has power to challenge the winds and the seas of our lives, and it is amazing.

In a sermon I heard in 1980, Dr. E. V. Hill of Zion Baptist Church in Los Angeles told of a hospital visit he made to a senior member of his congregation. Sister Bertrand was her name. He came to her bedside and asked her how she was, and she answered that she was not too bad. Then he volunteered a prayer on her behalf. She told Dr. Hill that she would very much like him to pray for her, but before he could begin, she interrupted him. "Don't ask God to heal me." This caught Pastor Hill by surprise. He asked her why she didn't want him to pray for healing. Everywhere he went, people asked him to pray for their healing. Her response: "Don't pray that I'll get better. I've lived a long life, and God and I are all right. So just let me go."

The calm that the gospel of Jesus Christ brings to our world is awesome.

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Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing



THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH
MEMORIAL FUND

5th Annual Golf Outing

PROCEEDS SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 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

SEND PAYMENT & REGISTRATION TO:

JOHN FLEMING

PO BOX 819

GARDEN CITY, MI 48136

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

SATURDAY, JULY 14, 2012

TEE TIME: 9:00AM

HOT DOGS @ THE TURN

GAMES/CONTESTS ALL DAY

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

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to volunteer to help with this golf outing, please contact Tim Piper.

Golf Foursome

If you would like to play golf in a foursome from St. Paul's UMC, please contact Tim Piper.

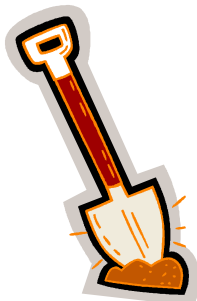
Remember When...



June, 1981
Ice Cream Social
L-R: Irene Plumb,
Evelyn Broshes, Jane
Brown, Mary Steiner



June, 1986
Vacation Bible School
L-R: Todd Chaffins, Linda Matlock,
Sara Matlock, Shirley Moser,
Jordan Wyant



June, 1987
Groundbreaking Ceremony
for new sanctuary
L-R: Ron Steiner, Warren
Flick, Tom Tozer, Irene
Plumb, Hope Mathwig, Bob
Holmes, Will Brown



Connecting With ...

Congratulations

Alex McAdams and **Stacy Alexander**, students at Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, have both earned a Dean's scholarship for next year. **Alex** also received 3 other scholarships in his engineering field and **Stacy** earned a scholarship in social work.
Way to go!

Congratulations

Jenni Theodore, a student at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, recently participated in the White Coat ceremony for 5th year pharmacy students. It is the formal welcome into the profession of pharmacy as they become a student pharmacist.

Lindsey Reiff, a 5th year student at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio, participated in her white coat ceremony earlier in the year.
We're proud of you!



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Joanna Hurd
 Tony Matlock

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
 Edna Osman
 Jean Redd
 Helen Scholfield
 Gladys Sherrick

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
 Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Jason Stanley

Committee Chairs

PPR Chair	Dwain Metzger
Trustees Chair	Ron Steiner
Finance Chair	Marty White
Treasurer	Jenessa Fletcher
Education Chair	Jan Wyant
Administrative Council Chair	Scott Fessler
Worship	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Linda Holman
Missions	Tim Piper

Book of Timothy



The People of St. Paul's

*Dear St. Paul's Friends,
I want to thank everyone for
their prayers, cards and
flowers before and after my
neck surgery and to Pastor
Ruth for her visit. Linda and
I both appreciate them.*

Tony Matlock



*Your kindness and caring
play such a big part in lifting
the spirit and touching
the heart, the warmest of
thank-yous can't even begin
to express what a wonderful
blessing you've been.*

*God Bless,
Dave Decker and Deb*



May 6, 2012
The Chancel Choir sings
"Music of the Morning" by P. Chopin

*Our Sympathy to **Dave Decker**
and his family on the death of
his mother, **Jane Decker**,
Sunday, April 29.*

*Pastor Ruth officiated at her
funeral on Thursday, May 3rd,
at Hartman Sons Funeral Home
in Columbus Grove.*

*Cards will reach Dave at
112 E. Main Street,
Elida, OH 45807*



In Sympathy



Prayer List Updates

Please Contact

Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

June 4, 2012
PPR...7:00 PM

June 5, 2012
Trustees...7:00 PM

June 6, 2012
Worship Team..6:00
PM

TBA
Finance...7:00 PM

No June Meeting
Ad Council...8:00 PM

No June Meeting
Missions...7:00 PM

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

June 2012

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Becky Bean	2
						
3 Maureen Rentz	4 Lois Rabley PPR	5 Trustees	6 Ruth Shaw Worship	7	8	9 David Nartker Jamie Wyant
10 Don Chaffins	11 Logan Williams	12	13	14 Rick Evans Evan Motzer	15 Jim Hines Mallory Rentz	16 Judy Chaffins
17 Gwen Woeller	18	19	20 Mindy Kimmet Greg Schade 1st Day of Summer	21 Steve Moser Josh Motzer	22 Kim Metzger Emma Motzer	23
24 Vicki McAdams	25	26 Art Holman	27	28 Linda Matlock	29	30

Anniversaries

Marty & Kathy White
June 2

Bill & Esther McKinney
June 5
47 years

Brad & Stone Whetstone
June 13

Art & Linda Holman
June 17
45 years

Caleb & Krista Slemmons
June 21

Don & Judy Chaffins
June 29

John & Jone Lane
June 30
50 years

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Frosted Spice Cookies

Old Amish Recipe

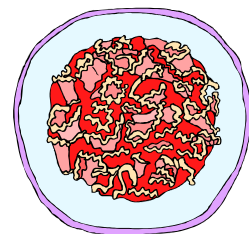
Ingredients		Instructions
1 1/2 cups	Sugar	Mix all ingredients together. Drop by spoonful on cookie sheet. Bake 13 minutes at 350 degrees. Frosting: 1/4 cup margarine 1 cup brown sugar 1/2 cup Half and Half Bring to boil. Cool and add powdered sugar to consistency.
3/4 cup	Crisco	
1	Egg	
3/4 cup	Applesauce	
3/4 cup	Squash (cooked)	
3 1/2 cups	Flour	
1 1/2 tsp.	Baking powder	
1 1/2 tsp.	Baking soda	
1/1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1 1/2 tsp.	Cinnamon	
1 tsp.	Nutmeg	
1/2 tsp.	Ginger	
1/2 tsp.	cloves	



Chicken Casserole (Served at Seniors Day Out Lunch)

By Margie Best

Ingredients		Instructions
1 1/4 cup	Raw spaghetti	Mix all together. Save half of cheese to sprinkle on top. Bake 350 degrees for 45 minutes.
2 cups	Chicken or turkey (already cooked)	
1/4 cup	Green pepper, chopped	
1/4 cup	Pimento (diced)	
1/2 cup or 1 small	Onion (chopped)	
1 can	Cream of chicken, mushroom, or celery soup	
1 cup	Chicken broth	
1/2 pound	Grated sharp cheese (save 1/2)	
	Salt and pepper	



KIDZ KORNER

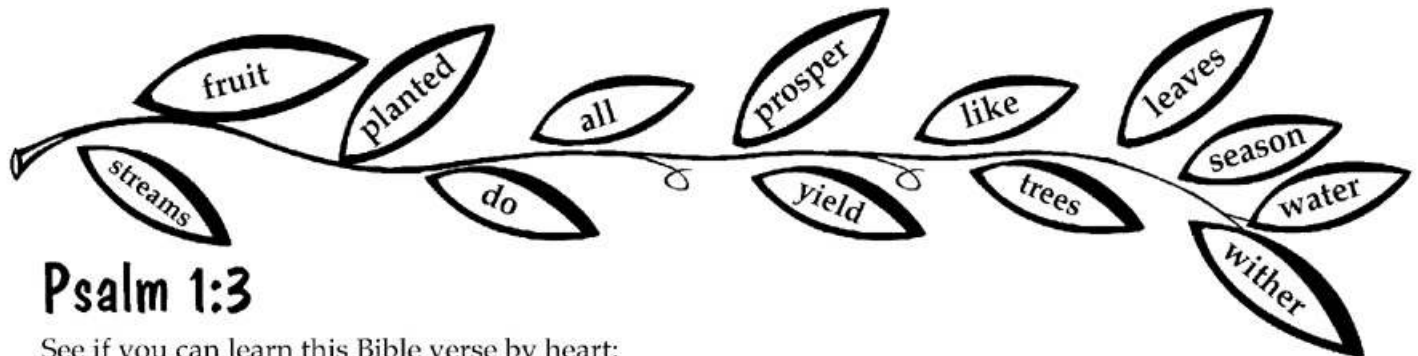
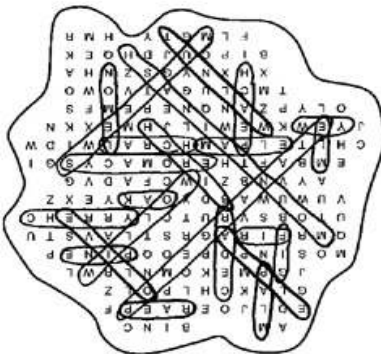
Word Find

Find the names of these trees in the puzzle.

- | | |
|--------------|-------------|
| Apple | Olive |
| Birch | Palm |
| Cedar | Peach |
| Cherry | Pear |
| Elm | Pine |
| Fig | Pomegranate |
| Fir | Sweet gum |
| Larch | Sycamore |
| Lemon | Walnut |
| Maple | Willow |
| Mountain ash | Yew |
| Oak | |

A M B I N C
 E D L J O E R A E P F
 G L A K C H L P O L Z
 J G P M E K Q M N L R W L
 M O S I N P D P E O Q P I N E P
 Q M R F I R A G R S T L A V S T U
 U T O B S V R U T C L Y R R E H C
 V U W U W A B D X O A K Y E X Z
 A Y V N B Z I W C F A D V G
 E M B A F T H E R O M A C Y S G I
 C H L T E L P A M H C R A L W I D W
 J Y E W K W E W I L J H M E X K N
 O L Y P Z A N Q N E R E M F S
 T M C L U G A T V O W O
 X H X N Y G S Z N H A
 B I P C U J D H Q E K
 F L M G T Y H M R

Answer:



Psalm 1:3

See if you can learn this Bible verse by heart:

They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

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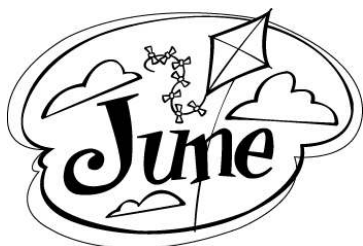
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Living Our Faith



At one time in the mid-1800s, Haili (pronounced HIGH-ly) Congregational Church in Hilo, Hawaii, had a membership of over 10,000 - one of the largest Christian churches in the world. Records claim that over 1700 persons were baptized in one day. The minister filled a large tub with water, dipped a broom in the water, and swung it over the crowd, thus sprinkling them with water.

Early in the history of the church, Christians wrote statements based on the truth in God's Word that people could recite by heart. Those declarations are called creeds, or statements of belief. One often-used creed is called the Apostles' Creed. It has three sections - one to describe the work of each person in the Trinity: creator, savior, and comforter. It is also interesting to see that the Apostles' Creed contains 12 phrases that summarize the most important teachings of the apostles, Jesus' first disciples.



Holiness consists in doing God's will joyfully. Faithfulness makes saints. The spiritual life is a union with Jesus: the divine and the human giving themselves to each other. The only thing Jesus asks of us is to give ourselves to God, in total poverty and total self-forgetfulness.

Mother Teresa, *The Love of Christ*



I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.

- Maya Angelou