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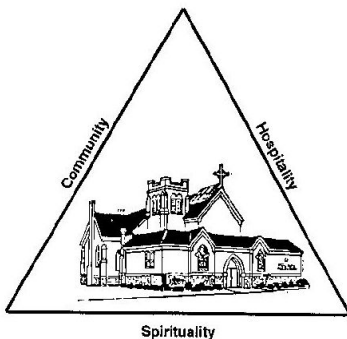
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I have good news and bad news. Which do you want first? Well since you can't answer I will choose for you. The Good News is in August we are going to have a party celebrating the payoff of our loan on the building. Thanks to your faithfulness we are paying off the loan 3 months earlier than expected. Your faithful giving has created this joyous occasion in the life of the church. So you will be debt free, paying 100% apportionments, and fulfilling nearly all the budget here at St Paul's. Stand up and cheer, give yourselves a round of applause and let's have a party. Food, friends, and fun, a carry in dinner, maybe even a BBQ so we can burn the mortgage after the food is cooked. This is REALLY BIG. St. Paul's is on the fast track to financial security for years to come.

Now the bad news, whenever people are doing what God has called them to do there are inevitably road blocks to test your resolve for God. Well here it comes, the roof is leaking over the library and there is the potential for this repair to cost a lot of money. We don't even know how much yet as the trustees are working on getting estimates for the job. The hope here is to find the right company to get the job done correctly and then we won't have to worry about it for years to come. Be in prayer that the right contractor will be found.

Going along with your financial stewardship I want to tell you over \$400 was raised for fighting malaria in Africa (Conference Miracle Offering) and over \$400 was raised to send children to church camp in Mexico (District Mission). You continue to support local and international missions with a heart like Christ's. Sunday, June 2nd, is Mission Sunday where we will find out what is being planned for the next 12 months and you will have a chance to volunteer to help others by being in mission to the world.

I have a few miscellaneous things to mention before I let you go. First, I am looking forward to Annual Conference in June where I will be able to brag to all my minister friends about the GREAT new church I am serving in Elida. I don't normally look forward to Annual Conference. Second, Immanuel will be getting a new minister in July, Rev. Bruce Tumblin, who comes from St. Paul's in Montepelier, OH. I have worked with Bruce a little and we were in the same cluster group in Williams County, so I look forward to all the opportunities we may have to be in ministry together. If you see him or his wife, Kim, extend to them a warm welcome to Elida. Finally, summer is here, get out and enjoy the weather, have a BBQ, eat ice cream or whatever else you do for fun in the summer. God's creation is so wonderful and it is not complete without your presents.

God Bless You All,

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

When a father gives to his
son, both laugh; when a
son gives to his father,
both cry.

— William Shakespeare



Summer Children's Church

Starting June 9th
Following the Children's Moments
2 year olds through 10 year olds.

Teachers - Shirley Moser
and helpers

Musicians Needed

We are looking for people to do special music for the Sundays in summer. If you or anyone you know would be interested in singing or playing a musical instrument for the worship service, please call Judy Chaffins or the church office and get your name on the schedule.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Father's Day
June 16, 2013



Save Your Coins

JUNE

Coins for Communion
to benefit U.M.C.O.R
*Designated for Hurricane
Sandy Relief*

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Pianist:	Lois Cook
Choir Director:	Judy Chaffins
Custodian:	Dave Decker

First Day of Summer
Friday, June 21st



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

A **Big Thank You** to the following people who worked very hard cleaning the outside and inside of the church on Saturday, May 18:

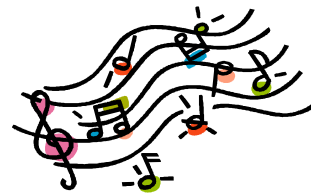
Margie Best, Avery & Macy Chambers, Becky, Sherilyn, and Adrianna Ellinger, Shirley Moser, Corinne Piper, Dan Best, Travis, Makayla, and Anika Bok, Mike Ellinger, Norm Grigsby, Art Holman, Larry Moser, Tim Piper, Ron Steiner, and Tim Theodore.

You probably noticed that the atrium, sanctuary, refrigerators in the kitchen and the outside landscaping look very nice! We appreciate all your hard work!

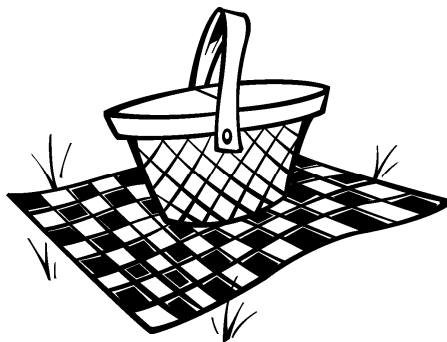


Thank You

Thank you to the Choir members and director Judy Chaffins for another season of beautiful music. Your anthem each Sunday adds so much to the worship service. We appreciate your faithful dedication to our church.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



St. Paul's Book Club

St. Paul's Book Club will meet again on Saturday, **August 3, 2013, at 9:00 AM** in the classroom next to the church office. We are currently reading

Proof of Heaven by Eben Alexander, M. D.

Books are available in the library on Sunday mornings or by contacting Janet Grigg. The cost of the book is **\$8.00**.

Seniors Day Out

Tuesday, June 18, 2013

Meet at the church at noon

Picnic at Children's Garden

**Rudy Segovia will speak
about his trip with the
Freedom Flight**

All seniors welcome!



Missions

MAY 2013 ST. PAUL'S MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

Thank you to everyone who got online and voted for Owen Weaver, the handicapped young man from Bluffton, to help his family try to win a Van with a wheel-chair lift. With your help, he garnered 18,710 votes and is a semi-finalist. He made it into the top 5%, so a panel of judges will review his story and other finalists to pick the three winners on May 31st who will receive the wheel-chair van. Thank-you for your help.

On **May 4th** The Church at Allentown hosted the Lima Area Methodist Men's breakfast. Reed Nutt and Brooke Sauer of Allentown gave a PowerPoint presentation and narrative of the mission trip to Camp Sierra Linda last March. Work continues to install shower facilities, build soccer fields and repair buildings. Neal Whitney (Allentown), Dave Burkhart (Perry UMC) and Jim Lawrence (Immanuel) were on the trip too. The LAMM group donated \$200 towards materials for the 2013 mission to the camp for ongoing repairs of the camp facilities.

Correspondence was received from the United Methodist Family Services for St. Paul's \$120 donation to the children and families that they serve. A thank-you card was received from the Samaritan House for our recent donation to their women's shelter. The letter and card are on the Mission's bulletin board.

The St. Paul's Book Club donated \$856.95 to Missions designating it to be distributed evenly between the Lima Area Food Bank, The Samaritan House, Meals-til-Monday and Our Daily Bread soup kitchen. Thank you to the Book Club for their generous donation.

On **April 29th** an organizational meeting at St. Paul's was held for the Camp Wesley summer mission. The meeting was well attended and Jamie Wyant gave a PowerPoint about the camp and the expected work to be done. On **May 11th** Jamie Wyant met with Todd Hanes and the new staff and camp director for Camp Wesley. Todd stated that he was encouraged by their commitment and buy-in to the mission project and the vision of the Camp for our kids. Jamie relayed that the projects for this year will be to replace decking, ramp and steps on the dining hall entrances and to clear trails and install sections of boardwalk around the lake. The mission project will happen over several weekends in June and July, which are yet to be determined. More planning will happen at our next Missions Committee meeting.

The Ash Wednesday offering of \$106 was divided equally between the Allentown, Elida and Gomer Ministerial Association (AEGMA) and St. Paul's Special Needs fund. The Easter offering of \$857 was divided equally between the Camp Sierra Linda project to send campers from Monterey to camp and the Miracle Offering. \$52.00 was collected for One Great Hour of Sharing and \$5 was collected for Native American Sunday.

We have been contacted by John Fleming and have arranged that he speak to our congregation on **June 9th** about the 6th Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing in July. More details about the outing later.

May 16th there was a program committee meeting for the Elida Youth Center, with a representative from Delphos Trinity UMC explaining how they run their youth program. Plans continue for the youth ctr.



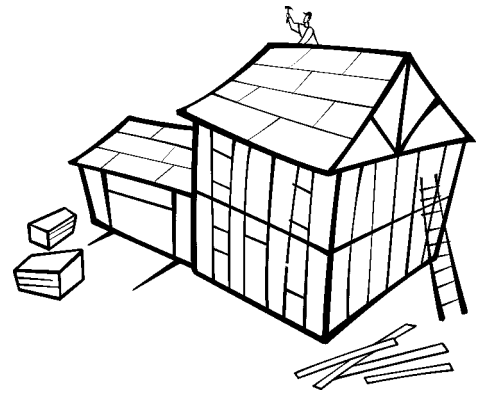
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Missions Continued

June 2nd will be “**Missions Sunday**” with presentations and the message about our missions at St. Paul's. After the service there will be a meal to raise funds for the Camp Wesley summer mission project.

On Saturday, **June 1, 2013**, five relay teams are signed up to participate in the Meals 'til Monday Awareness Run, which will link M.T.M.'s 8 current partner schools by running 83 miles over the course of the day. Volunteers are needed to help with the awareness run. More information will be provided.

Donations of food for the food pantry and volunteers for Our Daily Bread soup kitchen continue to be strong. Three persons at St. Paul's have showed interest in going to Haiti with Living Waters Int'l. to help repair wells.



Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs 2013

PPR Chair	Dwain Metzger
Trustees Chair	Ron Steiner
Finance Chair	Marty White
Treasurer	Margie Best
Education Chair	Jan Wyant
Administrative Council	Art Holman
Worship	Pastor Paul Scannell
Nurture	Linda Holman
Missions	Tim Piper

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

April 28, 2013	93
May 5, 2013	98
May 12, 2013 <i>Mother's Day</i>	119
May 19, 2013	95
May 26, 2013	110

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
April 28, 2013	\$1,732.43	\$423.00
May 5, 2013	\$5,036.31	\$1,426.16
May 12, 2013	\$2,912.82	\$346.00
May 19, 2013	\$2,324.00	\$543.00
May 26, 2013	\$2,258.25	\$434.00

Sunday School Attendance

April 28, 2013	32
May 5, 2013	24
May 12, 2013	34
May 19, 2013	20

Greeters

June 2, 2013	Denny & Carole Grapner
June 9, 2013	Ruth Hardy & Maedene Holmes
June 16, 2013	Jamie & Jan Wyant
June 23, 2013	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
June 30, 2013	Dee Johnson & Phyllis Hines

Flower Calendar



June 2, 2013	Marty & Kathy White
June 9, 2013	Carl & Lois Rabley
June 16, 2013	Don & Judy Chaffins
June 23, 2013	Gary & Janet Grigg
June 30, 2013	Ruth Burgoon

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Daily Bible Reading for June

Saturday 6/1

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Proverbs 25:15-28
1 Timothy 6:6-21
Matthew 13:36-43

Sunday 6/2

Psalm 98, 103
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Acts 8:26-40, Luke 11:1-13

Monday 6/3

Psalm 41, 52, Ecclesiastes 2:1-15
Galatians 1:1-17
Matthew 13:44-52

Tuesday 6/4

Psalm 45, 47, 48
Ecclesiastes 2:16-26
Galatians 1:18-2:10
Matthew 13:53-58

Wednesday 6/5

Psalm 49, 53, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Galatians 2:11-21
Matthew 14:1-12

Thursday 6/6

Psalm 50, 59, 60
Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3
Galatians 3:1-14
Matthew 14:13-21

Friday 6/7

Psalm 40, 54, Ecclesiastes 5:1-7
Galatians 3:15-22
Matthew 14:22-36

Saturday 6/8

Psalm 55, 138, Ecclesiastes 5:8-20
Galatians 3:23-4:11
Matthew 15:1-20

Sunday 6/9

Psalm 24, 29, Ecclesiastes 6:1-12
Acts 10:9-23, Luke 12:32-40

Monday 6/10

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65
Ecclesiastes 7:1-14
Galatians 4:12-20
Matthew 15:21-28

Tuesday 6/11

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Ecclesiastes 8:14-9:10
Galatians 4:21-31
Matthew 15:29-39

Wednesday 6/12

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Ecclesiastes 9:11-18
Galatians 5:1-15, Matthew 16:1-12

Thursday 6/13

Psalm 70, 71, 74
Ecclesiastes 11:1-8
Galatians 5:16-24
Matthew 16:13-20

Friday 6/14

Psalm 73, Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:14
Galatians 5:25-6:10
Matthew 16:21-28

Saturday 6/15

Psalm 75, 76, Numbers 3:1-13
Galatians 6:11-18
Matthew 17:1-13

Sunday 6/16

Psalm 93, 96, Numbers 6:22-27
Acts 13:1-12, Luke 12:41-48

Monday 6/17

Psalm 77, 80
Numbers 9:15-23, 10:29-36
Romans 1:1-15, Matthew 17:14-21

Tuesday 6/18

Psalm 78, Numbers 11:1-23
Romans 1:16-25
Matthew 17:22-27

Wednesday 6/19

Psalm 81, 82
Numbers 11:24-33 (34-35)
Romans 1:28-2:11
Matthew 18:1-9

Thursday 6/20

Psalm 83, 85, 86
Numbers 12:1-16
Romans 2:12-24
Matthew 18:10-20

Friday 6/21

Psalm 88, 91, 92
Numbers 13:1-3, 21-30
Romans 2:25-3:8
Matthew 18:21-35

Saturday 6/22

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Numbers 13:31-14:25
Romans 3:9-20, Matthew 19:1-12

Sunday 6/23

Psalm 66, 67, Numbers 14:26-45
Acts 15:1-12, Luke 12:49-56

Monday 6/24

Psalm 89, Numbers 16:1-19
Romans 3:21-31
Matthew 19:13-22

Tuesday 6/25

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99
Numbers 16:20-35
Romans 4:1-12
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday 6/26

Psalm 101, 109
Numbers 16:36-50
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday 6/27

Psalm 105, Numbers 17:1-11
Romans 5:1-11
Matthew 20:17-28

Friday 6/28

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Numbers 20:1-13
Romans 5:12-21, Matt. 20:29-34

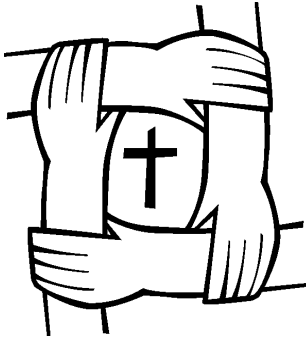
Saturday 6/29

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Numbers 20:14-29
Romans 6:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11

Sunday 6/30

Psalm 118, 145
Numbers 21:4-9, 21-35
Acts 17:(12-21) 22-34
Luke 13:10-17

Spiritual Disciplines Form God's Disciples



Spiritual formation has something to do with the idea of practicing spiritual disciplines. These naturally include spiritual activities such as meditation, prayer, fasting, study, almsgiving, and worship. We all need time and a means to deepen our lives in God so that we can deepen our relationships with other people and ourselves. "Our world is hungry for genuinely changed people," writes Richard Foster.

Paul got it right when he wrote, "The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal 5:22-24). I think this is the worthy goal and object of the Christian life as we live it now.

If you are like me, your life does not always seem full of "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control." Rather, you have your problems and I have mine. Unfortunately, as members of the body of Christ, we sometimes must put on our game faces and go on. Deep in the dark night of the soul, however, we know that we need more of God than we ever manage to shoehorn into our lives. Thus we need the disciplines of the Spirit and the spiritual life just like we need the four major food groups to survive and to thrive.

Along the way there always seem to be moments of grace or chance or serendipity that help us move on toward God and the relationships that believers claim at their baptism as people of God's reign. Sometimes events occur that remind us of why we do what we do. For example,

a group of lay ministers in my church made visits to an older couple in their home. After one of these weekly visits, a volunteer asked if someone from the missions work group could repair the couple's front door knob; it wouldn't lock. This would be a simple repair, really, probably no more than a 30-minute job.

Upon inspecting the doorknob, it was recommended that the whole doorframe be replaced, and that perhaps a new front door would be nice. When this project was completed, the workers decided to continue inside and partition off a bedroom and then paint the walls. The carpet really needed to be replaced, and how about the kitchen and bathroom – these areas could use a little repair work too.

As workers came by to complete one project, they were dreaming and planning the next project they wanted to do for the couple. The end result was a complete renovation of the inside of the little house. There were new chairs and a couch, a new kitchen stove, new mattresses, some new windows, and a handicapped bathroom. The kitchen floor was leveled so that they did not have to hold the refrigerator door shut with duck tape anymore.

The couple was so excited. All in all, it was a project that started with a doorknob and ended up blessing the lives of all who had a part in it.

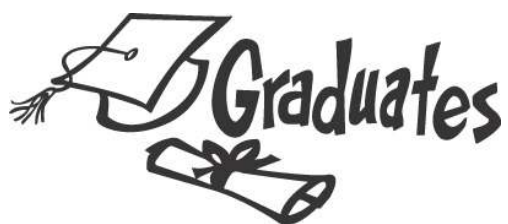
This experience makes me realize that even when life is hard, we are surrounded by a group of dedicated believers. Church folk are people who want to live out the life of Christ in community. They give and live the faith. They take Paul's guidance to heart when they follow Paul's counsel to the church at Galatia: "Through love become slaves to one another" (Gal 5:13).

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2013 Graduates Honored



David Scannell and Aric Thompson, two of our 2013 graduates, were honored at a breakfast and during the worship service on May 19, 2013. Each graduate received a book as a gift from the church.



Left: Janna, Aric and Denny Thompson

Right: Pastor Paul, David, and Marla Scannell



Remember When...

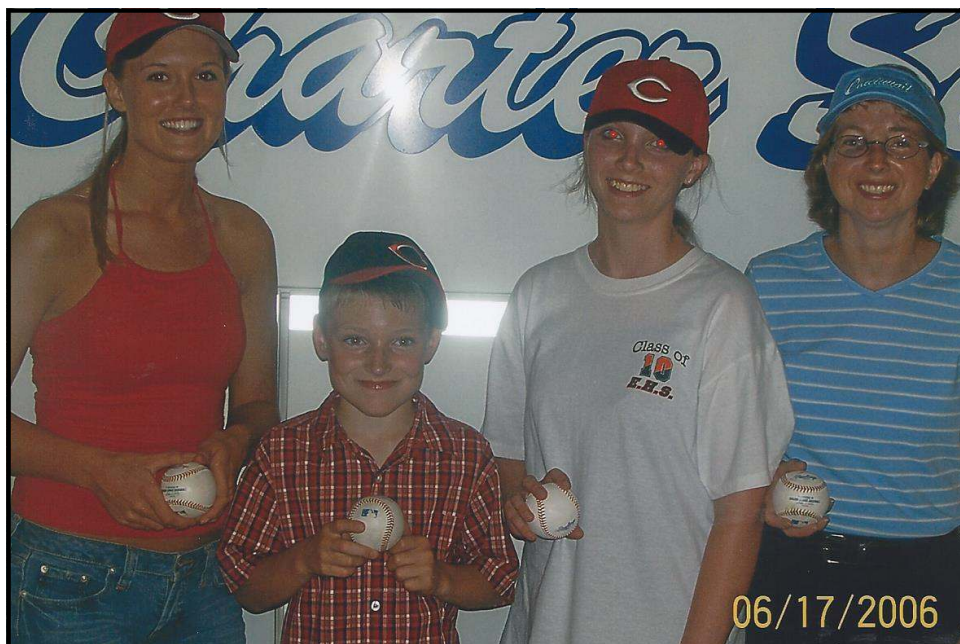


June 1990
Goodbye to Rev. Puffenberger

Sitting: Erik, Angela, Mark, Allan,
and Martha Puffenberger
Standing: Carole Grapner

1994

Evelyn Broshe, Candace Van Horn,
Rev. Eric McGlade



June, 2006
They caught a ball!

Cincinnati Reds Bus Trip
Kim Bowsher, Oliver Fessler,
Jacinda Fletcher, Gail Fessler

Connecting With ...



Congratulations to **Denny Thompson**. Denny will be "partially" retiring after 35 years in education. His semi-retired plans are to teach half days at Elida and he will continue with his coaching positions.

Congratulations to **Jamie Wyant** on his retirement. He worked at Elida Schools for 30 years, teaching all grades from 1-5 and computer. He told the audience at his retirement dinner that if there was ever a day he wasn't excited or happy to come to work, he would get out. He said that never happened. He loved his experiences as a teacher.



As you walk down the fairway
of life you must smell the roses,
for you only get to play one round.

— Ben Hogan



Praying Together

God in heaven hear my prayer,
keep me in thy loving care.

Be my guide in all I do,
Bless all those who love me too.
Amen.

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Lois Rabley

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn

Jean Redd

Helen Scholfield

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Becky Bean

Karen Bible

Joanna Hurd

Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Eddie Mault

Jason Stanley



Everything- praise the Lord!

Ps 150:6

The People of St. Paul's

My heartfelt thanks for all the thoughts, prayers, and cards I have been receiving. It means so much to have so many caring friends. The beautiful, warm prayer shawl has comforted me thru some rather difficult times.

**Thanks so much,
Becky Bean**

**Thank
You!**

The family of William Francis Lowry thanks you for your expression of sympathy, and also the beautiful flowers.

St. Paul's Church Family,
Thank you for the many cards, prayers, flowers and expressions of sympathy, following the death of Carl's sister, Norma Ridenour-Harrod. She had a great life and was ready to join the Heavenly Choir, at age 96. Having lived in Elida all her life, she was well known for her generosity, and always helping someone down on their "luck". She will be missed.

**Peace and Love to All,
Carl and Lois Rabley**

Dear Friends,
Thank you so very much for your recent donation to our shelter. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

**Sincerely,
Samaritan House**



Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for your gift of \$120. You are making a difference by bringing care, nurture, and treatment for hurting children and their families. Our agency is grateful that you made the decision to invest in a bright future for some of Ohio's neediest children.

**Sincerely,
Sean Reilly,
UMCH Family Services
Executive Director**

Our sympathy is extended to Carl and Lois Rabley, on the death of Carl's sister, Norma Ridenour-Harrod. A service was held Saturday, May 4th in Ft. Myers Florida. Cards of sympathy may reach Carl and Lois at 4055 Brookshore Dr., Lima, OH 45801.



**Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**

Meetings

June 3, 2013
PPR...7:00 PM

June 4, 2013
Trustees...7:00 PM

June 10, 2013
Finance ...7:00 PM

TBA
Missions...7:00 PM

June 19, 2013
Worship Team..
6:00 PM

Sundays
Prayer...8:45 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

June 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Anniversaries

♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥
♥ Marty & Kathy White ♥
♥ June 2 ♥
♥ Bill & Esther McKinney ♥
♥ June 5; 48 yrs. ♥
♥ Brad & Slone Whetstone ♥
♥ June 13 ♥
♥ Art & Linda Holman ♥
♥ June 17; 46 yrs. ♥
♥ Jeff & Kim Holmes ♥
♥ June 21 ♥
♥ Caleb & Krista ♥
♥ Slemmons ♥
♥ June 21 ♥
♥ Jim & Sharon Phillips ♥
♥ June 22 ♥
♥ Don & Judy Chaffins ♥
♥ June 29 ♥
♥ John & Jone Lane ♥
♥ June 30 ♥
♥ 51 yrs. ♥
♥ Zac & Jenni Jankovsky ♥
♥ June 30 ♥
♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥

						1 Becky Bean Ed Laman
2	3 Maureen Rentz	4 Gary Adams Lois Rabley	5	6 Ruth Shaw	7	8
9 Jamie Wyant David Nartker	10 Don Chaffins Susan Nartker	11 Logan Williams	12	13	14 Rick Evans Evan Motzer	15 Jim Hines Mallory Rentz
16 Judy Chaffins	17 Gwyneth Woeller	18	19	20 Greg Schade	21 Steve Moser Josh Motzer	22 Kim Metzger Emma Motzer
23	24 Vicki McAdams	25	26 Art Holman	27	28 Linda Matlock	29
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Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Fudge Sundae Pie

By Ginger Fox

Ingredients		Instructions
1/4 cup	Corn syrup	Combine corn syrup, brown sugar, and butter in medium sauce pan. Cook over low heat, stirring occasionally, until it begins to boil. Remove from heat and add cereal. Stir until well coated. Press evenly into 9" pie pan.
2 T.	Brown sugar, packed	
3 T.	Butter	
2 1/2 cup	Rice Krispies	Stir peanut butter, fudge sauce, and corn syrup together. Spread half of mixture over crust. Freeze until firm.
1/4 cup	Fudge ice cream sauce	Allow ice cream to soften slightly. Spoon into frozen crust. Freeze until firm.
1/4 cup	Peanut butter	
3 T.	Corn syrup	Let pie stand at room temperature about 10 minutes before cutting.
1 qt.	Vanilla ice cream	
		Warm remaining peanut butter mixture and drizzle over top.



Orange Sherbet Salad

By Miriam Reynolds

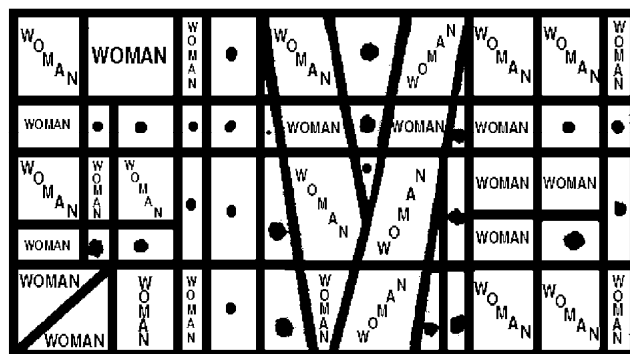
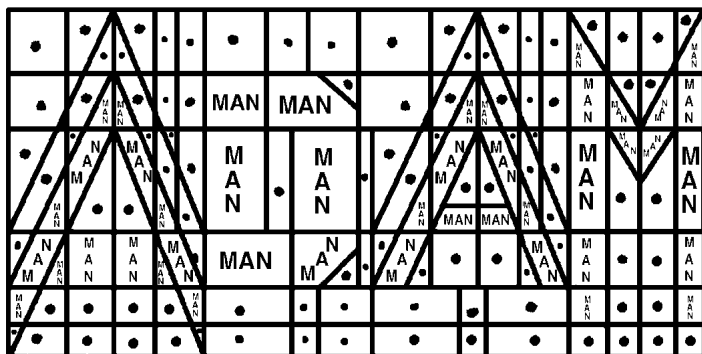
Ingredients		Instructions
2 pkg.	Orange jello	Combine jello and hot water. Stir until dissolved. Add orange sherbet when jello starts to set; add oranges and fold in whipped cream.
1 pint	Orange sherbet	
1 cup	Hot water	
1 can	Mandarin oranges	
1 cup	Whipped cream	



KIDZ KORNER

First Person

In the boxes below, fill in the spaces with the words to find the answers to the following questions

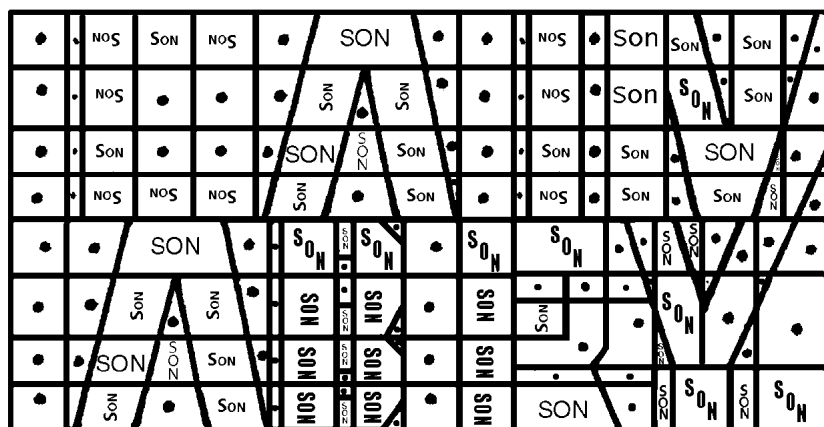


1. This man was the first person that God created.

His name is _____. Genesis 5:1

2. This person was the first woman.

Her name is _____. Genesis 3:20



3. Their first two sons were _____ and _____.

Genesis 4:1, 2

Who Am I?

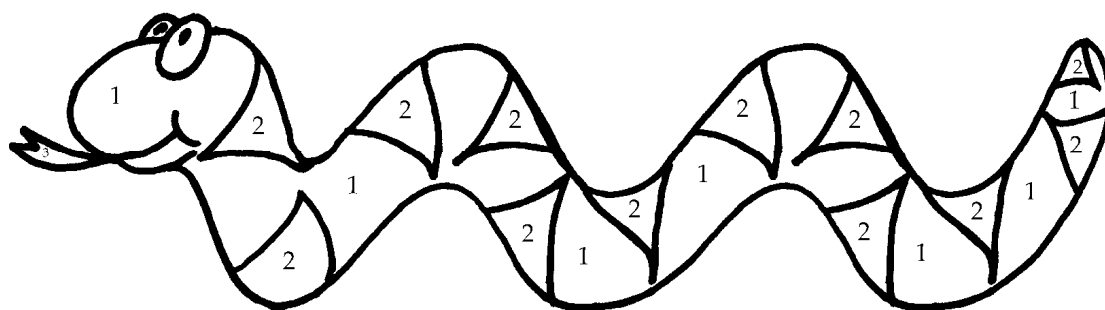
Read Genesis 3:1-5. Unscramble the word below to find out what kind of animal this is. What part did this animal play in the story of the first man and woman?

Color:

1 = green

2 = blue

3 = red



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June 2013



Living Our Faith

Growing as God's Children

During the month of June, many congregations around the world read from the book of Galatians. This is one of the shorter books of the Bible. It has just six chapters, so it is one book that might be easy to read from start to finish.

Galatians is actually a letter that was written to the church in Galatia by the apostle Paul about 20 years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. Galatia was in the area known today as Turkey. Paul's letter was probably read aloud. If you decide to read from Galatians, try

reading it aloud by yourself or with others.

In Paul's time, people paid attention to differences. People had different faith traditions, different customs, different languages, and they felt that certain rules needed to be followed. But Paul reminded the people that Jesus came to help us overlook our differences in order to treat one another with love. Paul said, "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28). Paul says that when God looks at us, God doesn't see the differences. To God

we are all wonderful, and together we make something special.

Maybe sometime you have made beads in art class or summer camp. Then you can string those beads together and make a bracelet or necklace. Even though the beads are different, they are all beads. People are a little bit like beads. We are all individuals. We have different colors of eyes and hair. We like different things. However, even with all our differences, all of us are God's children.

