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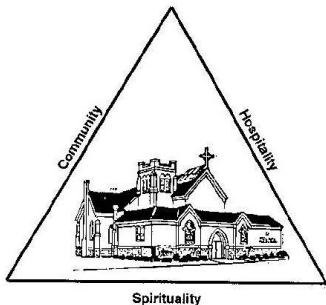
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Dear Friends,

It seems strange that summer is just a few weeks away. For United Methodist pastors, summer begins after Annual Conference. For the children, summer begins when school is out. For churches, summer begins at the change of the worship schedule. But on the calendar, summer begins June 20.

I've heard that it's now popular to speak the noun as a verb. So I should ask, according to the popular vernacular, "How will you summer?"

The seasons always offer assurance and hope. There is the assurance that God has "made everything in it's season," and it will continue to work in somewhat of an orderly fashion. There is assurance that with warmer weather come the crops and produce that provide our food. And there is the hope of renewal in each season as it holds out its own promises of beauty.

Summer makes me think of green grass, deep greening of the leaves, fresh strawberries and peaches, watermelon and corn on the cob. It also makes me think of some of my favorite stories of Jesus. Picnics at a park or beach cause me to think of the feeding of the 5000. Fishing with Rich on his boat gives way to images of Jesus telling the disciples to cast the nets to the other side. Seeing the homeless people on the streets late on hot summer nights reminds me of the Good Samaritan. There are so many ways that we can keep our eyes open for the parables and stories of Jesus to come alive for us as we go through this summer.

Where do you see opportunities to find Jesus? How will you summer?

See you in church.

Pastor Ruth Solo



Thought for the Month:

The important thing is neither your nationality nor the religion you professed, but how your faith translated itself in your life.

— Eleanor Roosevelt

Youth News

June Youth Calendar

June 1, 2008	No Youth Group
June 6, 2008	Party—6:00 PM
June 8, 2008	Youth 5-7 PM
June 15, 2008	No Youth
June 21, 2008	Leave for Lakeside at Noon
June 29, 2008	Youth 5-7 PM



Graduate-Doug Guess, Cindy Guess, Phyllis Trigg, Joshua Guess, Ray Trigg



Rudy Segovia, Bruce Segovia, Graduate-John Segovia, Tammy Segovia, LaVonne Segovia

Congrats, Graduates!



Graduate Doug Guess, Pastor Ruth Solo, Graduate John Segovia

We have committed the Golden Rule to memory/ now let us commit it to life.

- Edwin Markham

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



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Organist:	Linda Holman
Pianist:	Lois Cook
Youth Director:	Doug Fox
Custodian:	Sunny Day Maids

Fellowship Hall Dedication June 1, 2008

*Service of dedication of the
elevator, restored kitchen, and
renovated fellowship hall.*

*Rev. David Chivington,
Assistant to the District
Superintendent will be our
guest.*

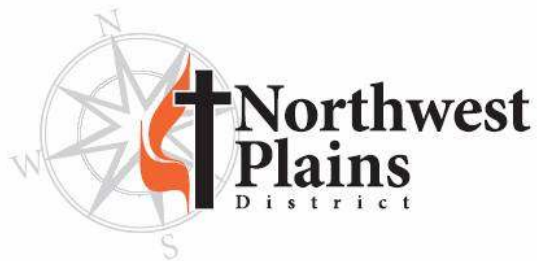
Communion Sunday

*Carry-in luncheon following
the worship service*

**OPEN HOUSE FOR THE PUBLIC
2:00-4:00 PM**



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



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910 E. Third St., Ottawa, OH 45875
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Older Adult Outing

Friday, June 13, 2008
 Bearcreek Farms, Bryant, Indiana
 For registration information please
 call the district office or Rev. Kenny
 Baker at 419.584.0401.

Annual June Jubilee at Delphos Trinity United Methodist Church

Wednesday, June 18, 4-7 PM
 Menu includes: Shredded chicken
 and beef sandwiches, potato
 salad, cole slaw, baked beans,
 strawberries, strawberry shortcake,
 angel food cake, fruit pie, ice cream
 from the Creamery, drinks.
 A free-will offering will be
 accepted.

All proceeds go to missions.
 Trinity church is located at 211 E.
 Third St., Delphos, Ohio

Chicken BBQ sponsored by Forest Park United Methodist Church

When: Saturday, June 28,
 11 AM-6 PM
 Where: K-Mart Eastgate parking lot,
 Lima
 Cost: \$6.50 per person
 Menu includes: chicken, baked beans
 and potato salad. Beverages and
 desserts will be available at an
 additional cost.
 Proceeds will go to the church's
 Mission Encounters expenses.

Volunteers Needed!

(Grades K-5) - International Child
 Care is requesting volunteer help
 at the West Ohio Annual
 Conference at Lakeside. They are
 seeking mature teens or adults
 with experience working with
 children to assist with Vacation
 Bible School from Monday, June
 9th to Wednesday, June 11th. VBS
 will be held from 1:00 – 3:00 PM
 each afternoon at the Lakeside
 United Methodist Church. If you
 are interested in volunteering with
 International Child Care please
 contact Rachel Mills at 614.
 447.9952.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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*

(55 tickets are available)

All are welcome...Bring a friend

Reminder:
Summer Worship
hours begin
June 15th

Worship will be at
9:30 AM.

Attention:
St. Paul's congregation is
cordially invited to an
open house to celebrate
the 90th birthday of
June Metzger
on Sunday, June 29th,
2:00-4:00 PM in the
church
fellowship hall.

The Heart of Church

Greeters

June 1	Doug & Ginger Fox
June 8	Brian & Angie Nartker
June 15	Open
June 22	Jerry and Becky Bean
June 29	Open

Nursery Volunteers

June 1	Open
June 8	Open
June 15	Open
June 22	Open
June 29	Open

5 LOAVES FOOD PANTRY PARTNERSHIP

On Sunday, April 6th, St. Paul U.M. Church kicked off its partnership with Immanuel UMC and The Church at Allentown UMC to provide food to local families in need through Allentown's **5 Loaves Food Pantry**. Since that time, the people of St. Paul's have given unselfishly to the food bank. Since April 6th we have collected 18 boxes of cereal, 18 bars of soap, 12 rolls of toilet paper, 13 bottles of shampoo, 24 cans of fruit, 15 cans of vegetables, 13 boxes of spaghetti, 13 cans of ravioli or spaghetti, 7 cans of spaghetti/tomato sauce, 7 boxes of macaroni & cheese and numerous other items. **Thank you** to

everyone that donated these items! Sunday, June 8th will be our next "Food Pantry Sunday". Food will be disbursed at Allentown on the third and fourth Saturdays from 9-12 A.M. Anyone who is in need of food is welcome to come to the pantry. Jesus commands us to "*feed my sheep*" both spiritually and physically. Thank you to all who answer His call.



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

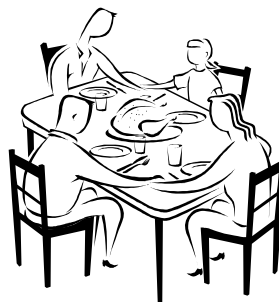


Table Grace
Christ, bread of life,
Come and bless
this food.
Amen.

The Business of Church

St. Paul's Reconciliation Statement					
April 30, 2008		Beginning Balance	Income	Disbursements	Ending Balance
Ministerial Fund		\$16,736.98	\$11,869.97	\$19,453.60	\$9,153.35
Capital Improvement Fund		\$7,895.71	\$583.00	\$202.10	\$8,276.61
Youth Fund		\$1,511.96	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$1,911.96
Total Checking		\$26,144.65	\$12,852.97	\$19,655.70	\$19,341.92
Pastoral Moving Fund		\$317.90	\$50.55	\$0.00	\$368.45
Memorial Fund		\$5,525.62	\$3,006.14	\$0.00	\$8,531.76
Special Needs Fund		\$775.84	\$1.15	\$0.00	\$776.99
Total Savings		\$6,619.36	\$3,057.84	\$0.00	\$9,677.20
Loan Money added to BF	\$115,500.00		\$0.00		\$0.00
Building Fund		\$13,269.41	\$3,294.90	\$3,620.09	\$12,944.22
Permanent Endowment Fund		\$13,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13,250.00
Total All Funds		\$59,283.42	\$19,205.71	\$23,275.79	\$55,213.34
Net Worth		\$59,283.42			\$55,213.34
Lima District Apportionments		\$679.25		\$679.50	\$1,358.75
Conference Apportionments		\$4,890.00		\$1,630.00	\$6,520.00
Total Apportionments					\$7,878.75
Building Fund Loan Balance		\$115,500.00		\$4,772.03	\$110,727.97

Monthly Payments Due

Salaries	\$5500/mo
Apportionments	\$1630/mo
Gas Bill	\$1085/mo
Electric Bill	\$300/mo

The number one holiday for telephone calls in the United States is Mother's Day. The number one holiday for collect calls is Father's Day.

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:

May 4, 2008	113
May 11, 2008	114
May 18, 2008	118
May 25, 2008	108

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$2,991.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
May 4, 2008	\$3,812.00	\$657.08
May 11, 2008	\$3,101.50	\$597.00
May 18, 2008	\$2,906.00	\$2,967.70
May 25, 2008	\$2,035.50	\$1,011.00

Fellowship Hall Dedication Dinner—June 1st

*The congregation will be divided
alphabetically.*

A-E: bring a meat dish

F-G: bring a vegetable dish

H-K: bring a potato dish

L-R: bring a salad

S-Y: bring a dessert

*Nurture Comm. will provide drinks
and dinner rolls*

Compassion without joy and celebration, without
action and public justice-making, without ideas and
ideals, without passion and caring, without a
consciousness or a way of living, without cosmic and
divine awareness and interaction, is not
compassion at all.

— Matthew Fox, *A Spirituality
Named Compassion*

Sunday School Attendance

May 4, 2008	25
May 11, 2008	30
May 18, 2008	29
May 25, 2008	No Sun. School

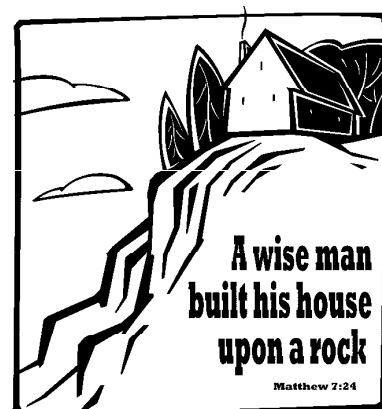
Flowers:

June 1, 2008	Marty & Kathy White
June 8, 2008	Dwain & Myrna Metzger
June 15, 2008	Gary & Janet Grigg
June 22, 2008	Art & Linda Holman
June 29, 2008	Ruth Burgoon

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www.umw.org

Consulting the Manual

*Too much time on his hands?
In the 16th century a priest at Rheims
Cathedral in France summarized the
entire Bible in Latin, and in each of
the 23 chapters omitted a different
letter of the alphabet.*



Bible Readings for June

Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

Week of June 1

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 6:11-27; 7:24; 8:14-19
 Psalm 46
New Testament:
 Romans 1:16-17; 3:22b-28
 Matthew 7:21-29

Week of June 8

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 12:1-9
 Psalm 33:1-12
New Testament:
 Romans 4:13-15
 Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Week of June 15

Father's Day
 Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7
 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
New Testament:
 Romans 5:1-8
 Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

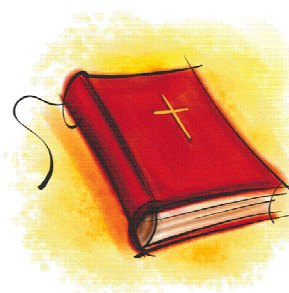
Week of June 22

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 21:8-21
 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
New Testament:
 Romans 6:1b-11
 Matthew 10:24-39

Week of June 29

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Genesis 22:1-14
 Psalm 13
New Testament:
 Romans 6:12-23
 Matthew 10:40-42

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



Pastor Ruth has reFocused!

reFocus

The first week of May, Pastor Ruth traveled to Orlando, FL to participate in a training to become a facilitator for an exciting new process for the church called **reFocus**. The process begins with a network of pastors who go through the ReFocused Living Retreat, which takes several months, where they look at their history and how God has been leading and guiding them through good times and bad. They move into how God continues to be with them in the present, and end up with a personal vision statement, core values, and a final personal calling statement out of which they begin to work toward a more fulfilling and rewarding future.

The pastors then take the process back to their church leadership. The church leadership works on the church's history, answering the key questions: Where have we been? Where are we now? Where are we going? What will it take to get us there?

When the work is finished in 18-24 months, the church will have a 5 year strategic plan out of which to work toward the stated vision and callings. This is an exciting process, and an exciting time for St. Paul's to seek God's direction and listen for God's voice in the coming months. Are you ready to **reFocus**?



Did you know that our community has formed a group called **We Care Faith Partners**? Its mission is to assist people of faith in the development of communities that promote prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and to support recovery from addiction. They meet regularly on the third Saturday of each month for the sole purpose of education and support. The education part is to help people realize the dangers of addictions and the support is for those in recovery as well as support for the children and other family members who are affected by those who have addictions. The We Care Faith Partners meetings are generally held at Forest Park United Methodist Church. If you would like to know more about this organization, check out the web page and links at www.wecarepeople.org. You will find many interesting articles as well as a current calendar of events. There are also many opportunities to volunteer. Kids Kamp is a brand new program sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church. Its purpose is to help children from

Celebrating...

May 10, 2008

The Bluffton Golf Club in Bluffton, Ohio will be hosting the First Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing. It will be held on Saturday, July 19, with a tee time of 8:30am.

The proceeds from this Golf Outing will be used to fund Medical Mission Trips for Pharmacy Students, which was one of Brad's passions. These scholarships will assist pharmacy students who wish to participate, as Brad did, in medical mission trips.

Brad was very active as a Medical Missionary in Mexico and also attended mission trips to Tennessee, Kentucky and South Carolina. It is this special part of Brad's life that his family, co-workers and friends have chosen to honor with this scholarship.

Brad died in an auto accident in September of last year. Brad's life can be summarized as having positively impacted many other lives.

Brad received his Doctorate of Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University in 2001, graduating with honors. He was a Pharmacist at Blanchard Valley Regional Health Center in Findlay and Bluffton, where he started the Coumadin Clinic. Brad was also very involved with his Church family. He was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Elida, where he served on various church committees, volunteered in local missions, worked as a Youth Director and was a dedicated member of the Church Choir.

We are offering opportunities to participate in this wonderful event:

- complete the Participant Form if you would like to golf in the Outing
- complete the Hole Sponsor Form if you would like to be a Hole Sponsor
- if you would make a donation to the Memorial Fund, please make your check payable to the Brad Joseph Memorial Fund and send to Becky Paskvan
- if you want to volunteer for the Event please contact Ryan Kruse at 419-348-4516 or rmkruse@hotmail.com

Thank you for your consideration.

John Fleming - 734-604-0227 or john@flemingfinancialsvcs.com

Ryan Kruse - 419-348-4516 or rmkruse@hotmail.com

Brad Joseph Memorial Fund

See Page 14 for further details.

addictive families learn how to cope with these lifestyles. Many volunteers are needed. If you have any questions, contact **Linda Craft.**



Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how Santa Claus turned out. It's probably just your Dad."

Committee Reports

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS PLANS FOR EVENTS

At May's Administrative Council meeting we made plans for many events in the life of our church. In the next few weeks we have the following events: Graduation and "Peace with Justice", Veteran's Appreciation, Fellowship Hall Consecration, New Members Classes, Annual Conference at Lakeside, U. M. Children's Home Mission Trip, and Senior High Lakeside. We are also planning to canvas our Elida neighborhood with a 10-question survey to see how we can best serve our community. We briefly discussed a new concept in church renewal called "Refocus and Natural Church Development" which you will hear more about later this year. Events in the past month for which we can celebrate and truly praise God include: the Chicken BBQ, distributing meals to shut-ins, the Relay-for-Life dinner, Sunday School, finishing the Fellowship Hall, our fine newsletter, the Book Club, the U.M. Men's Breakfast, work day at church, Mother's Day, National Day of Prayer, the Community Addiction

Workshop and how our congregation has come alive in Christ. Praise God! I can't wait to hear our praises for this month! Keep the faith (and pass it on).

Tim Piper



I believe that at the center of the universe there dwells a loving spirit who longs for all that's best in all of creation, a spirit who knows the great potential of each – planet as well as each person, and little by little will love us into being more than we ever dreamed possible. That loving spirit would rather die than give up on any one of us.

*-Fred Rogers, Life's Journeys
According to Mr. Rogers—Things to Remember along the Way*

TRUSTEE REPORT

Bids Discussed--It was decided that recent bids on the furnishings for the renovated basement are too high. We will pursue pricing individual items on our own.

Roof--The roof over the narthex has been replaced. We will proceed to repair the ceiling that was damaged during the winter.

Backflow Valve--Grothouse Plumbing will soon install automatic backflow valve to alleviate our concerns with the drains backing up and ruining the renovation work. Trustees will apply finishing touches to basement to have it ready for June 1st dedication.

Summer Work--you will see many projects being done over the summer months.

Thank You--Special thanks to all who helped make the spring cleaning day a success. The church looks much better inside and out.

Respectfully submitted,
Jamie Wyant



Committee Reports

OUR MISSIONS COMMITTEE CONTINUES TO WORK

United Methodist Children's Home Project--The Missions Committee continues to work hard planning. Jamie Wyant is coordinating the details for this exciting opportunity for St. Paul's to minister to children who have been displaced from their homes.

Local Outreach Ministries -- The Committee is also gathering information for where we can become more involved in our community. Those missions, agencies, and programs that Coins for Communion supports is now designated by month, with the UMCH project to receive the Coins through June. After that, they will be distributed to those ministries the Committee has chosen to highlight for each month.

The 5 Loaves Food Pantry -- Watch for Tim Piper's updates on what's needed and how much we've collected. With the current trend in the economy, this is a much needed way of helping our neighbors. Missions will focus on the 5 Loaves Pantry in June.

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen -- Be watching for what you can do in July and August for the Soup Kitchen. The Committee is hoping to organize a group to go one day each month beginning this summer to go help serve the people who patronize the Soup Kitchen. We will also bring you opportunities to help in other ways during these summer months.

Samaritan House -- As a member of the board, Pastor Ruth will be bringing us some ideas on how we can participate to lend a helping hand to the mothers and children affected by homelessness due to displacement from family violence. We'll focus on the Samaritan House needs in September.

The Missions Committee is beginning to get organized. If you would like to participate, or have a mission idea you would like to take responsibility for, please let us know. We will put it on the board for the September Missions Day when we look at future missions to support at St. Paul's.



Graduation



Top Picture: Gail Fessler and Sue Theodore, Nurture Committee Members, help prepare breakfast for our graduates.

Bottom Picture: Lois Cook, Higher Education Chair, Pastor Ruth, and the Segovia family fellowship to celebrate our graduates.



Celebrations & Connecting

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST A SUCCESS:

We wish to thank everyone who participated in the United Methodist Men's Fellowship Breakfast hosted by St. Paul's Church in our fellowship hall on May 3rd. We want to thank the ladies who either helped serve, made food or donated food. Servers included Linda Evans, Janet Grigg, Becky Bean, Corinne Piper and Mary Grigsby. Ladies who donated food include those listed above plus Joy Fletcher, Joanna Hurd, Myrna Metzger, Lavonne Segovia, Carole Grapner, Tracy Sdao, and Martha Vasquez. Your help and culinary skills were greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Mary Grigsby for organizing the food donations and serving, Bill McKinney for offering a devotional, Jamie Wyant for offering a prayer, Norm Grigsby for working the sign-in table, Gene Craft for providing a sound-system and Pastor Ruth for offering a welcome. We had around 20-25 men attend (8 from St. Paul's Church) the breakfast who had good fellowship and who began to organize mission work that we can take on as a group this summer. Praise God.

The Men of St. Paul's UMC



Thanks to the generosity of the St. Paul's parishioners through menu contributions and ticket purchases, the Koinonia Class enjoyed another successful chicken bar-b-que during April, 2008. Net proceeds came to \$1,290 – most of which will be used at the class's discretion for various building or missions needs ('fair chair' money goes directly into the church's general fund.) Many thanks go out to our ticket sellers and dessert brokers – this latter group having worked overtime the following Sunday morning to collect contributions for leftover desserts and potato salad.

One unique experience we enjoyed this year was the large number of 'dine-in' customers. At one point we were uncertain whether enough seating was available for the occasion. 'If you build it, they will come' so thanks, again, to our Building Committee for the wonderful basement renovations we enjoyed this day. Now if we can only attract new members through these same doors.....!

Attention: Keenagers

New Sunday School Class

Beginning June 15, 2008

8:30-9:15 AM

Meet in the Bride's Room

**Visit The United Methodist
Communications
website :
www.umcom.org**

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

A rainbow is a rainbow only and precisely because it is made up of different colors. We are placed on earth to discover that we are made for togetherness, for interdependence, for complementarity.

– Archbishop Desmond Tutu

Celebrations & Connecting

Congratulations

During an awards ceremony held April 30, 2008, at Ohio Northern University, Tim White received the DeBow Freed Award for Outstanding Leadership. Two students from each class are honored annually, Tim being one of two Junior Class recipients this year. Ohio State University's Head Football Coach Jim Tressel was the evening's keynote speaker. Afterwards, Tim posed for a picture with the famed coach and had the back of his award autographed by Coach Tressel. Tim couldn't help but mention to the coach that his family's roots are in Pennsylvania and, consequently, has helped make him a Joe Paterno fan. "I am, too," replied Mr. Tressel.

On May 3, 2008, during O.N.U. Honors Day festivities, Tim was inducted into the O.N.U. Chapter of the Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership) Honor Society.

Ashley Reiff was on the Dean's List all 3 quarters at ONU, and Lindsey Reiff was on the Dean's List both semesters at Findlay, and was also awarded an athletic scholarship in volleyball.

Jenessa Fletcher has received the following honors from the University of Northwestern Ohio: President's List, Fall Quarter. Dean's List, Summer and Winter Quarter. She is still completing her Spring Quarter.

Jenni Theodore was on the Dean's List winter quarter at Ohio State and was a part of the Pharmacy Scholars Program. She was also chosen to be a part of the I-Beam Society. In this group, one freshman from each of the 88 counties in Ohio was chosen to represent their county. They all signed a beam used in the construction of the new Ohio Union. This beam will serve as a time capsule for the new union and in the new union, profiles about each student will be displayed. Throughout their 4 years of undergraduate schooling, they will be a part of all of the publicity surrounding the new Union.

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Don Irvin
Curtis Roberts
Mary Steiner
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

Logan Smith received his 2nd varsity letter for basketball at Manchester College.

Tyler Smith received his 3rd varsity letter for football at Manchester College and has received 2 scholarships for his Exercise Science Major.

The People of St. Paul's

We want to thank our church family for all the prayers, visits, cards, flowers, phone calls, and food during Don's illness.

A special thank you to Pastor Ruth for her visits.

We are truly blessed to have a caring church family. God bless all of you.

*With Christ's Love,
Don and Mary Irvin*

Dear St. Paul's UMC Family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during my surgery.

Thank you very much for my flowers.

They are beautiful!

**Thank you once again,
Molly Fessler**

*Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Harold Metzger**, who passed away Monday, May 18th. His funeral service was held at the church on Friday, May 23rd. Harold became a member of St. Paul's in 1962.*

Powerful God, give us the energy to change the world, one small task at a time. Remind us that we can do the work of Jesus because you are with us, every day.

Amen



THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH MEMORIAL FUND

Golf Outing



Schedule of Events:

July 19, 2008

Tee Time: 8:30AM

Hot Dogs @ the Turn

Games / Contest
Throughout the day

Activity Highlights:

AWARD DINNER AND CEREMONY

GOODY BAGS

TEAM PRIZES

18 HOLES OF GOLF WITH CART

SHOT GUN START

FOUR PERSON SCRAMBLE

Mail Payment and Registration to
Becky Paskvan
124 Williams Hall
Dept of Political Science
Bowling Green, OH 43403

Event Location:

Bluffton Golf Club
8575 Dixie Highway
Bluffton, Ohio 45817

(419) 358-6230

Golf Fees:

Registration-
\$40 per golfer

Make Checks Payable to:
"Becky Paskvan"

For More

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Contact church office for further details.



Prayer List

Updates

**Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**

Meetings

June 2, 2008
PPR...7:00 PM

June 3, 2008
Trustees...7:00 PM

June 9, 2008
Finance...7:00 PM

June 9, 2008
Ad Council...8:00 PM

June 17, 2008
Worship...5-7:00 PM

Sundays
Prayer...9:00 AM

June 15, 2008
Keenagers Class
8:30-9:15 AM

June 2008

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Becky Bean	2	3 Maureen Rentz	4 Gary Adams Lois Rabley	5 Jon Blewitt	6 Ruth Shaw	7
8	9 David Nartker Jamie Wyant	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 Moeller	18	19	20 Mindy Kimmet Greg Schade Lori Williams	21 Katie Foltz Steve Moser Josh Motzer
22 Kim Metzger Bob Pease	23	24 Vicki McAdams	25 Aubrie Adams Cory Craig Tonya Gossard	26 Art Holman	27	28 Tyler Grapner Linda Matlock
29	30 June Metzger 90 years					

Anniversaries

Marty & Kathy White
June 2

Bill & Esther McKinney
June 5- 43 years

Art & Linda Holman
June 17- 41 years

Jeff & Kim Holmes
June 21

Jim & Sharon Phillips
June 22

Howard & Karen Foltz
June 23

Bob & Mary Kay Pease
June 23-57 years

Don & Judy Chaffins
June 29

Tom & Denise Thomas
June 29

John & Jone Lane
June 30-46 years

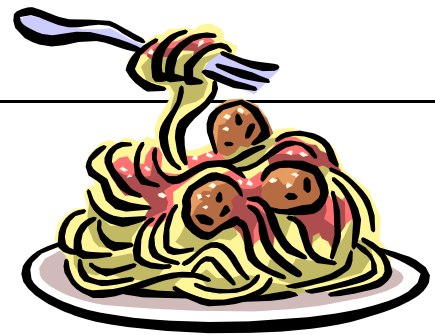


Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

One Dish Spaghetti

by Sandra Parker

Ingredients		Instructions
2 large	onions, chopped	Brown onions and ground beef . Add remaining ingredients in 4 1/2 or 5 quart heavy, covered pan. After it comes to a boil, cover tightly and simmer for 30 minutes. Stir occasionally. Serve with Parmesan cheese.
1 lb.	ground beef	
3 tsp.	salt	
dash	garlic powder	
pepper	to taste	
1 (15 oz.) and 1 (8 oz.)	tomato sauce	
4 cups	water	
2 cups	uncooked elbow spaghetti	



Sticky Buns (served to Sunday School)

by Tracy Sdao

Ingredients		Instructions
1 (24 ct.) bag	frozen dinner roll dough	Arrange rolls in greased 13x9 inch pan. Sprinkle dry pudding mix over rolls. Cook butter, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nuts over low heat until sugar is dissolved and mixture bubbles. Pour over rolls. Cover tightly with foil and let stand overnight. Next morning, bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Immediately flip pan of rolls over onto a platter and serve.
2 (3 3/4 oz.) pkgs.	butterscotch pudding; <u>not instant</u>	
1 cup	butter	
1 1/2 cups	brown sugar	
1 1/2 tsp.	cinnamon	
1 cup	chopped pecans (optional)	



Seven Things

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1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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6. _____
7. _____

Maze

A black and white line drawing of a maze. The maze is rectangular with a 'Start' label on the left and an 'End' label on the right. The maze is surrounded by a landscape with hills, trees, and a body of water at the bottom.

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Living Our Faith

The Rainbow A Reminder

Sometimes people say they prefer the “God of the New Testament” as being much gentler than the “God of the Old Testament.” It’s kind of ironic, when you think about it, seeing as it is, of course, the same God. Beyond that, the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) present many images of God’s gentleness and compassion.

The earliest stories in Genesis and Exodus often portray God trying to form a relationship with the odd creatures that God has

made in the divine image. Like any new relationship, it takes time. God gets angry but often relents.

Case in point: in the story of the flood we are told that God destroys everything except the creatures preserved in the ark. Yet immediately following, God places something in the sky as a reminder not to do this again. Curious thing, this reminder. Firstly, it is a bow. Not the kind of bow with which you might tie up a package, but the kind with which you might shoot arrows. “I’m putting it away,” God says.

“I’m converting a weapon into a Technicolor thing of purest beauty.”

This is first and foremost a reminder to God. Yet we, of course, see the rainbow too and remember God’s promise never to destroy the earth again. The question then becomes, how will we respond here on our side of the rainbow? Will we remember God’s promise and embrace it as our own, or will we carry on with business as usual?

