

# St. Paul's Epistle

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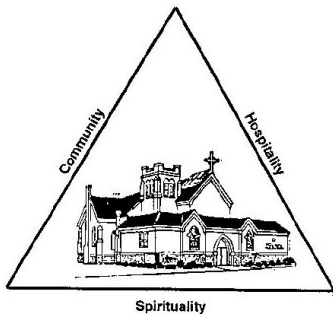
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Dear Friends,

I have heard from some of the folks on the ReFocus Team that many of you still don't know what ReFocus is, and how it involves you. Following is a "Cliff Notes" version of an explanation of ReFocus, and where we are in the process. I will be giving you regular updates and will offer some more cliff notes in the coming months.

## WHAT IS REFOCUS?

Over the past two years, you have been hearing me talk about something called "ReFocus" in the newsletter, in sermons, and in conversations and meetings. ReFocus is a process that prepares leaders in the church, beginning with the pastor, then with the rest of the congregation, to claim God's vision for their lives by focusing the leader on four core commitments:

- Personal growth through God's Word.
- Spiritual power through intercessory prayer.
- Integrity through accountable relationship.
- Strategic mission through God's unique call.

## PHASE I

In the first phase of ReFocus, we are seeking to address God's mission call to leaders in the church. The first year of the process concentrated on me as your pastoral leader, and began to offer the Focused Living Retreats to you, the congregation, as a means for you to understand yourselves as leaders in God's mission to our community. St. Paul called this the "priesthood of all believers." ReFocus is NOT just for the pastor and Administrative Council. It is for every one who is a Christian and wants to see Christ's church thrive and grow. The Focused Living Retreats were offered several times last fall, and eleven people attended all together where they answered for themselves the questions:

- Where have I been?
- Where am I now?
- What is God calling me to become?

In those retreats the persons present discovered their personal Biblical purpose, which is their personal mission statement; thought about and claimed their personal values, both positive and negative, out of which they live day to day; and wrote a personal vision statement. All of these documents together make up the individual personal calling statement, which is a best understanding to date of what the individual believes God is calling him or her to do to fulfill God's call on their life. By understanding what God's calling on your individual life is, together, we can begin to understand God's call to us as a congregation, as our calls are put together and we shape our missional ministries for the future.

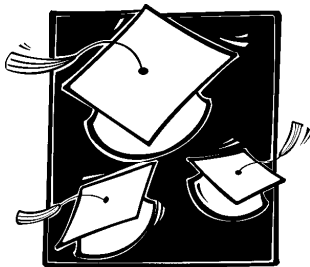
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Thought for the Month:

The one who kneels  
before God can stand  
before anyone.

~ Unknown



## Congratulations Higher Education Graduates!

**MEGAN BIBLE** will graduate June 13, 2010, from The Ohio State University, Columbus, upon completion of an Art Education Degree for grades K-12. Megan will continue her education at OSU for a fifth year, pursuing a Master's Degree in Art Education. Parents are Ron and Karen Bible, 5055 Daisy Lane, Elida, OH 45807.

### GRADUATION

**JENESSA FLETCHER** will graduate summa cum laude on June 13, 2010, with a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Northwestern Ohio. Jenessa finished her course work in August, 2009. In February, she became employed at Kohl's as an associate in the shoe department. You may find her there or throughout the store helping customers. Parents are John and Joy Fletcher, 103 Weger Ave., Elida, OH 45807-1123.

**TYLER SMITH** graduated May 23, 2010, from Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, with a Bachelor of Exercise Science and a Teaching Degree K-12 in Health and Physical Education. Tyler plans to continue his education at Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana, in graduate school pursuing a Master's Degree in Strength and Conditioning. Parents are Barry and Cyndi Smith, 2872 Sherwood Drive, Lima, OH 45805.

**AARON THOMPSON** received a bachelor's degree in Finance and Accounting from the University of Washington in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 21, 2010. After a very successful four years of basketball at Wash U, Aaron is considering playing more basketball this summer, but in the meantime, he is following all job leads and interviews for employment. Parents are Dennis and Janna Thompson, 1050 E. Buckskin Trail, Elida, OH 45807.

## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

June 6th—9:30 AM

Summer Worship service begins

### Five Loaves Food Pantry

We will be collecting during the summer for the Five Loaves Food Pantry.

All non-perishable items are needed, especially cereal, soup, pasta, and tissues.

Food Pantry Sunday—June 13



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### YOUTH AT LAKESIDE

June 20-26, 2010

### RELAY FOR LIFE

June 11-12, 2010

Allen Co. Airport  
4:30 PM Friday-3:00 PM Saturday



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



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Dear Beloved in Christ:

For it is God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"  
 who has shone in our hearts  
 to give the light of the knowledge of  
 the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 4:6

May the "light that shines out of darkness" bless you with grace and peace.

The theme for the June 7 -10, 2010 Annual Conference session is ***Love in Action: Building Bridges Out of Poverty***. Ministry with the poor is one of the four missional foci affirmed by the 2008 General Conference. As we gather at Lakeside, we will be celebrating the multiple ways the congregations of the West Ohio Conference are engaged in ministry with those living in poverty. In a variety of teaching sessions we will learn how we can help sisters and brothers build bridges out of poverty.

In keeping with our theme, we will once again receive a **Love First Miracle Offering** at the 2010 Annual Conference Session for people who are poor. I invite each of our nearly 1,200 congregations to begin preparing, even now, to participate in this miraculous expression of our love in action. The needs are overwhelming, but God's grace is sufficient. Our state's economy continues to languish, but God's economy overflows with abundant life. Alone our impact is minimal, but **together we can** be used by God to accomplish a miracle.

Our **Love First Miracle Offering** goal is \$350,000 and 10,000 pounds of potatoes. The cash offering will be used to support impoverished children being treated at Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti and at our own United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington. Seventy per cent (70%) of the cash offering will support Grace Children's Hospital; the other thirty percent (30%) will go to the United Methodist Children's Home. Designated gifts will be honored. The potatoes will be distributed through the Society of St. Andrew to feed hungry people in the West Ohio Conference.

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# Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

## SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Ruth will be offering a casual summer Bible study on Monday mornings from 9 – 11:30 am, beginning June 14 and going through July 19. It will be week to week, to accommodate vacations, with little to no preparation for the participants. If you would like to have some spiritual formation around the Bible, please call the office, or sign on the pew pads on Sunday morning so there will be enough hand outs for those attending.



## CINCINNATI REDS GAME

**Bus Trip from St. Paul's to Cincinnati**  
**August 1, 2010**  
**Worship will be at 9:00 AM this day**  
**See Brian Nartker for details.**

## UMCH MISSION WEEK

**July 12-16, 2010**  
**Work will be done on the**  
**United Methodist Children's Home**  
**in Columbus, OH**

**Pray for our mission team**  
**this week.**

**LINDA CRAFT**  
**will be joining a mission team**  
**to Samara, Russia**

**July 29-August 9, 2010**

**Pray for Linda as she travels**  
**this week to spread the**  
**Word of God.**

# The Heart of Church

## Greeters

June 6, 2010	Jamie & Jan Wyant
June 13, 2010	Ruth Hardy
June 20, 2010	Volunteer Needed
June 27, 2010	Tony & Shirley Shoup

## Nursery Volunteers

June 6	Slone Whetstone
June 13	Corinne Piper
June 20	Slone Whetstone
June 27	Brian & Angie Nartker

### Upcoming Emmaus Walk

June 10-13

The Sidney Area Emmaus Women's Walk #51

Contact anyone in our Emmaus Group if you may be interested in attending.

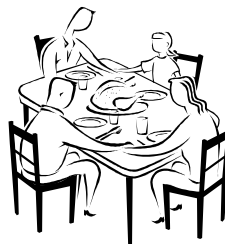
### Table Grace

Thank you, God, for loving me.

Thank you for my family.

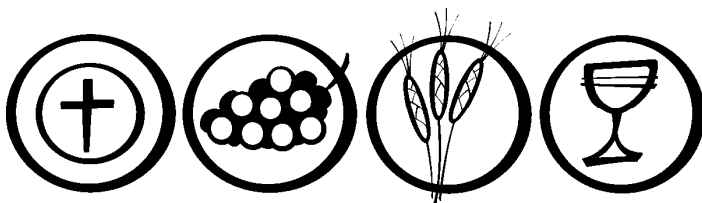
Help me to learn more each day

To be kind at work and play. Amen.



### Graduation Open House in honor of Jacinda Fletcher

Please join us as we celebrate the graduation of Jacinda from Elida High School on Saturday, June 12th from 12:00-4:00 PM in the church Fellowship Hall.



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

1st Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth— story No Children's Church
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Steve Moser—Story Slone Whetstone—Children's Church
3rd Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Shirley Moser— Children's Church
4th Sunday of Each Month	Corinne Piper—Story & Children's Church
5th Sunday of the Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Steve Moser—Children's Church

June 20-27

Family Promise Week at Immanuel UMC

Volunteers are needed

Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board

Family Promise dates for 2010:

June 20  
October 10  
December 12

# Relay for Life News

## FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR JUNE 11-12, 2010 RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT BY ST. PAUL'S TEAM

The St. Paul's Allen County Cancer Society Relay for Life Team is concluding preparations for the June 11-12, 2010 event. To date, the Team has raised \$1,270 toward its goal of \$2,000. Moons and Stars can still be purchased for \$1 each; luminaries are available for \$10 each – see Team Captain Linda Holman for details.

On Friday, June 11, 2010, at the Allen County Airport on Hanthorn Rd., Perry Township, a survivors' reception kicks off the weekend's events at 4:30 p.m. At 6:00 p.m., a survivors' lap of the relay track begins the formal walk/run event through 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2010. At dusk on Friday, Pastor Doug Adams will lead a luminary lighting ceremony (the luminaries form the outline of the relay track). Throughout the night, activities such as a cake auction, bingo, a scavenger hunt, sock hop, and donated items auction help keep attendees awake and occupied until sun-up Saturday.

Walkers are still needed for the St. Paul's team as well as persons to sell pop, water, and chips at our track-side tent. Contact Linda to donate your time to the Team. We all know of persons afflicted by cancer who are alive today to tell their amazing recovery stories. These stories are made possible only through research and education – and such research and education are made possible, in part, through fund raising efforts such as this June 11-12 relay event. Please support the St. Paul's Team.



### Book of Timothy



### Committee Chairs

<b>PPR Chair</b>	Linda Craft
<b>Trustees Chair</b>	Larry Moser
<b>Finance Chair</b>	Art Holman
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<b>Administrative Council Chair</b>	Scott Fessler
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<b>Nurture</b>	Martha Vazquez
<b>Stewardship</b>	Tim Piper
<b>Missions</b>	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

May 2, 2010	86
May 9, 2010	125
May 16, 2010	90
May 23, 2010	94

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
May 2, 2010	\$4,561.00	\$1,876.34
May 9, 2010	\$3,509.00	\$648.00
May 16, 2010	\$2,453.00	\$745.00
May 23, 2010	\$1,611.99	\$647.00

Supposedly from church worship bulletins:

- The music for today's service was all composed by George Friedrich Handel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of his birth.
- On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: GOD IS GOOD, Dr. Hargreaves is better.

Sainthood emerges when you can  
listen to someone's tale of woe  
and not respond with a description  
of your own.

– Andrew V. Mason



As you are doing your spring cleaning and you come upon unused yarn, instead of tossing it out, would you consider donating it to the "Prayer Shawl Group"? Contact Joanna Hurd or Shirley Moser.

## Sunday School Attendance

May 2, 2010	16
May 9, 2010	19
May 16, 2010	16
May 23, 2010	7

## Flowers:

June 6, 2010	Mary LaRue
June 13, 2010	Art & Linda Holman
June 20, 2010	Gary & Janet Grigg
June 27, 2010	Ruth Burgoon

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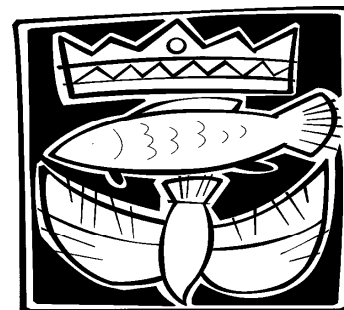


# Consulting the Manual



[God said to Elijah], "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

— 1 Kings 19:11-12, *NRSV*



ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM

## Bible Readings for June

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year C

### Week of June 6

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

1 Kings 17:8-24

Psalm 146

*New Testament:*

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

### Week of June 13

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

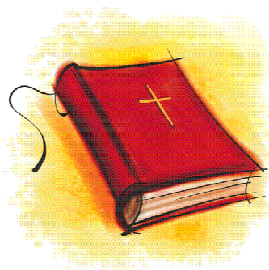
1 Kings 21:1-21a

Psalm 5:1'-8

*New Testament:*

Galatians 2:15-21

Luke 7:36-8:3



### Week of June 20

#### Father's Day

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

1 Kings 19:1-15a

Psalm 42

*New Testament:*

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

### Week of June 27

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

*New Testament:*

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

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

## ReFocus: continued from page 1

### PHASE II

For the last eight months, I, your pastor, have been involved in Phase II of the ReFocus Process to learn the skills and techniques to lead the congregation through a process of discovering God's missional call on us as a community of faith. As I reported in an earlier newsletter, a team has selected to help lead this process, and training for that team will be on June 26.

In the fall, we will start offering three separate days for what is called "Summits," which will be open to everyone in the congregation to attend. There will be a sign up in September for the first one. At Summit #1, we will answer the question, "Where have we been?" and we will develop a "journey wall" where we will remember where we have been, the good and the bad. We will also look at what the values we hold collectively as a congregation. Summit #2 will be held about 6-8 weeks after Summit #1, and we will answer the question, "Where are we now?" and hear a report of the community survey that has been going on for the last 2 years. Out of what we learn about ourselves in Summit #1 and the community report, we will have a realistic understanding of where we are now, our "current reality." In Summit #3, which will likely take place after the first of next year, we will answer the question, "How will we get there?" The work we accomplish at the final summit will inform the ReFocus Team and the Administrative Council in their work at a Leadership Retreat as they develop a Strategic Plan for Missional Ministry in our community, where we will concentrate our ministry and mission resources and energy for the next three to five years.

### WHY REFOCUS?

The urgency of ReFocus for the congregation is clear: If St. Paul's continues in the current mode of operations, and we continue to decline, in 20 years, there will either be no St. Paul's UMC, or we will be yoked in a multiple point charge. In either case, St. Paul's will no longer be a witness for Christ in our community. The old adage is true: "If we always do what we've always done, we'll always be what we've always been." But, in our current day and age, what we've always been is just not enough, especially when we consider that statistics are showing that only about 4% of the millennial generation (those born in 1988 and after) will profess Jesus Christ as Lord, which we do in our vows of membership. God is calling the people of St. Paul's to faithfulness in finding our role in God's kingdom plan, to seek those who are lost, and to create opportunities for everyone to enter into God's presence.

### **What ReFocus Involves**

ReFocus will involve offering the Focused Living Retreats several more times so that you may have an opportunity to participate and learn your personal calling from God. It will also involve your participation in the Summits and in some Pulse groups between each Summit, which can be done in our existing groups in the church.

### **What Will the Results of ReFocus be?**

The results of ReFocus, through the work of the Summits, the ReFocus Team, and the Administrative Council, will be a Strategic Plan which will likely involve a restructuring of our Administrative Council for mission; some major decisions about our current mission focuses; the development of more intentional purpose in our outreach to seek new members and welcome visitors; development of small group ministries for making disciples; some changes in worship so that people feel they have encountered God when they leave; and increased emphasis on generous giving. In all of this, the greatest result will be an infusion of the Holy Spirit which will energize, excite, and empower the entire congregation. These are the marks, according to The United Methodist Church and the West Ohio Conference of **"a healthy, growing, spiritually vital, risk-taking center for making and equipping disciples of Jesus Christ for the purpose of transforming the world."**

I invite you to enter into the ReFocus process as we seek to discover where God is leading St. Paul's UMC to enlarge God's kingdom (God's presence) in our community and in the world.



# Missions

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

April and May **'Coins for Communion'** to benefit the United Methodist Children's Home totaled \$140.84 (April) and \$69.34 (May).

Linda Craft and her St. Paul's Women's Book Club lead a church wide effort to prepare, collect, and deliver **health kits to benefit the U.M.C.O.R. disaster relief effort in Haiti** following the devastating earthquake. The women collected 14 health kits during March, 2010, and Linda delivered them to Dr. Eddy Bruno, Lima. Dr. Bruno was part of a group traveling to Haiti for Mission work and he delivered them along with other supplies as part of a community wide Haiti support effort. Linda also reported that the Women's Book Club has contributed \$445 to the **Volunteers in Mission** project associated with this summer's July-August mission work in Samara, Russia as part of the United Methodist Church's worldwide outreach.

On April 11, 2010, Lisa and Phil Wurster gave our congregation an update during the Sunday service sermon time on their **F.O.R.O. (Friends of Russian Orphans)** mission work. A freewill offering was taken and Treasurer Gene Craft sent a St. Paul's check to F.O.R.O. on May 5, 2010, in the amount of \$832.00.

On April 18, 2010, Jamie Wyant, Todd Hanes, and the St. Paul's Missions Committee held a kick-off rally for this summer's mission project at the **United Methodist Children's Home** in Worthington, OH. Jamie spoke during Sunday service announcement time, Todd presented a power-point seminar during a carry-in luncheon following the April 18 service, and \$231.00 was donated this date toward the St. Paul's \$2,000 pledge for this 2010 UMCH project. As of May 16, 2010, our congregation has enthusiastically supported St. Paul's commitment to mission with the UMCH as **we have exceeded our \$2,000 goal** that is part of a conference wide goal of \$26,000 for supplies and materials for the July UMCH Mission Week.

On April 30, 2010, Larry and Gloria Brunk; Becky Bean; Denny Grapner; and Bill McKinney donated their time at **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** on Central Ave. in Lima during the Noontime meal. St. Paul's supports ODB every 5<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month.

St. Paul's supports the **medical clinic and pharmacy in Nuevo Progreso, Mexico**, a favorite mission site of the late Brad Joseph. Shara and Kim Bowsher also performed mission work here. Part of our 2009 Easter offering was dedicated to this Mexican clinic and pharmacy. On May 8, 2009, Treasurer Gene Craft sent a check to a Columbus-based liaison agency in the amount of \$375.50 on behalf of our congregation. We recently received a thank-you from the West OH Conference Chairman of the Partnership with the Oriental Conference, Mr. John Keeny, King Avenue U.M.C., Columbus, OH.

**Thanks to all people of St. Paul's for your spirit of mission and contribution to our community and to our world!**

### Help Needed for Family Promise at Immanuel UMC June 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

St. Paul's UM Church partners with Salem Mennonite and Immanuel UM Church in a mission project called **Family Promise**. Immanuel UMC is the host church for two families with children to stay for a week at a time, four times a year. The next Family Promise week to be hosted by Immanuel UMC is **June 20<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>**. St. Paul's role is to provide persons to stay with the families for 3 hours at a time and/or to help setup beforehand and cleanup afterwards. Please **prayerfully consider** your role in being a part of Family Promise at Immanuel UMC the week of June 20<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in our church hallway for you to sign up to help. If you have questions about the program, contact Pastor Ruth or Tim and Corinne Piper. **Your service to God by sharing your time with these families is greatly appreciated.**

## Remember When...



### Koinonia Weekend—1988

How many Koinonia members can fit in one elevator?

L-R:

Ron Steiner, Margie Best, Jan Neely, Linda Craft, Megan Gossard, Mary Steiner, Gene Craft, Lori Chaffins, Don Chaffins, Dan Best

### 2004 "Y" Night

Oliver, Gail, and Scott Fessler

Jensen and Slone Nagy





# Connecting With ...

**Congratulations to Jacinda Fletcher** on achieving Elida High School Class of 2010 co-salutatorian. Jacinda is Student of the Month for May and was also a Leaders of Tomorrow nominee. She received awards for four years of perfect attendance, the four year Honor E award, along with the Accounting academic award. Jacinda will be attending Ohio Northern University in the fall with a major in marketing. She has received the Dean's scholarship from ONU and a scholarship from Burger King's Carrols Corporation.



Graduates: Molly Fletcher, Derek Bible, and Jacinda Fletcher



Pictures of our graduates: 2010 Top: Graduates, families and friends, Lois Cook, Gene and Linda Craft and Dan Best, share stories and a delicious breakfast prepared and served by the Nurture Committee. Top: Lois Cook, Molly Fletcher, Derek Bible, Jacinda Fletcher, and Dan Best

## Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Chris Bowsher  
Jim Hines  
Corinne Piper

## Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn  
Ruth Hurley  
Marie Lee  
Hope Mathwig  
Edna Osman  
Jean Redd  
Gladys Sherrick  
Helen Waldron

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

Sara House  
June Metzger  
Rick Scholfield

## In the Military or Missions

Lesley Parker  
Jason Stanley

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Jesus said, "No procrastination. No backward looks. You can't put God's kingdom off till tomorrow. Seize the day."  
— Luke 9:62, *The Message*

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

# The People of St. Paul's

*To the People of St. Paul's,  
Thank you for the prayers,  
support, and cards I received  
with the passing of my  
husband, Dave. They are  
greatly appreciated.*

**Joanne Bragg and Family**

*Thank you very much for the  
concern, prayers, cards, and  
flowers over the past couple of  
months. Everything is looking  
much better.  
Thank You!*

**Vicki McAdams**

*Thank you to St. Paul's  
congregation for the beautiful  
flowers I received during my  
recent "vacation" at St.  
Rita's. Every person who  
came in the room commented  
on how pretty the arrangement  
was. Fortunately, after having  
a heart catheterization,  
all I needed was a change in  
medicines to keep my arteries  
from constricting. Thanks to  
all who were concerned about  
me.*

**Corinne Piper**

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This is the kind of fast day I'm after:  
to break the chains of injustice,  
get rid of exploitation in the  
workplace, free the oppressed,  
cancel debts.

What I am interested in seeing you  
do is: sharing your food with the  
hungry, inviting the homeless poor  
into your homes, putting clothes  
on the shivering ill-clad, being  
available to your own families.

Do this and the lights will turn on,  
and your lives will turn around at  
once. Your righteousness will  
pave the way. The God of glory  
will secure your passage.  
Then when you pray, God will  
answer.

You'll call out for help and I'll  
say, "Here I am."

*Isaiah 58:6-9,  
The Message*

I believe in the miraculous power  
that is released when we are fully  
available to God. I agree with John

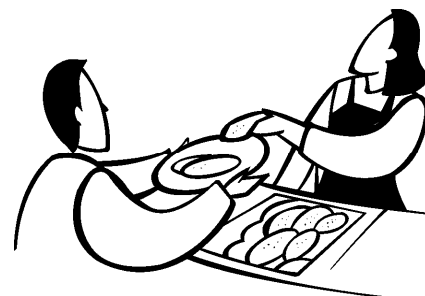
Wesley that love always was and  
always will be the greatest  
miraculous experience and  
expression that one can possess. I  
am convinced that if we prostrate  
ourselves before God in prayer and  
fasting, God's miracle-working  
Spirit-power will be poured out  
upon God's people.

I thank God for your faithful  
leadership, bold witness and  
extravagant stewardship, especially  
in these days when so many of  
God's children, in Haiti and at  
home, are in need of help and  
hope. May the light of the world  
continue to shine in your hearts and  
work through you to be a blessing  
to all of God's beloved people.

Yours in Christ's love,

*Bishop Bruce Ough*

*This is an excerpt taken from  
Bishop Ough's Letter. The full text  
may be found on the West Ohio  
Conference's website.*



**Prayer List Updates**

**Please Contact**

**Lavonne Segovia**



***Congratulations to Brent Stemen and Sara Silver on the birth of their son, Jaxson Thomas Stemen. Jaxson was born April 28, 2010, and weighed 7lbs. 10 oz. and was 19 inches long. Proud grandmother is Kris Wade. Lynda Evans is the proud great-grandmother.***

# June 2010

## No Christian Ed

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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## Anniversaries

John & Jone Lane  
June 30  
48 years

# Great Recipes from St. Paul's Good Cooks

## Chocolate Decadance

*by Mary Holmes*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg.	Pillsbury Moist and Fudgy Brownie	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  Mix brownie mix with eggs, melted butter, and water. Stir about 50 strokes. Add the oats and walnuts. Mix well. Spread half of batter in bottom of 13x9 inch cake pan.
1 stick	melted margarine	
1/4 cup	water	
2	eggs	Melt chocolate chips and sweetened condensed milk in microwave for 1 1/2 minutes (or until completely melted). Pour over batter.
2 cups	quick cooking oats	
2 cups	chopped walnuts	
1 can	sweetened condensed milk	Drop remaining batter, by teaspoonfuls, over the chocolate mixture (this isn't supposed to cover the chocolate completely).  Bake for 25-30 minutes (brownie mixture is dry to touch).
1 (12 oz.)	semisweet chocolate chips	
		Cool 2 hours and then place in refrigerator for at least 1 1/2 hours before serving.



## Taffy Apple Salad

*by Joy Fletcher*

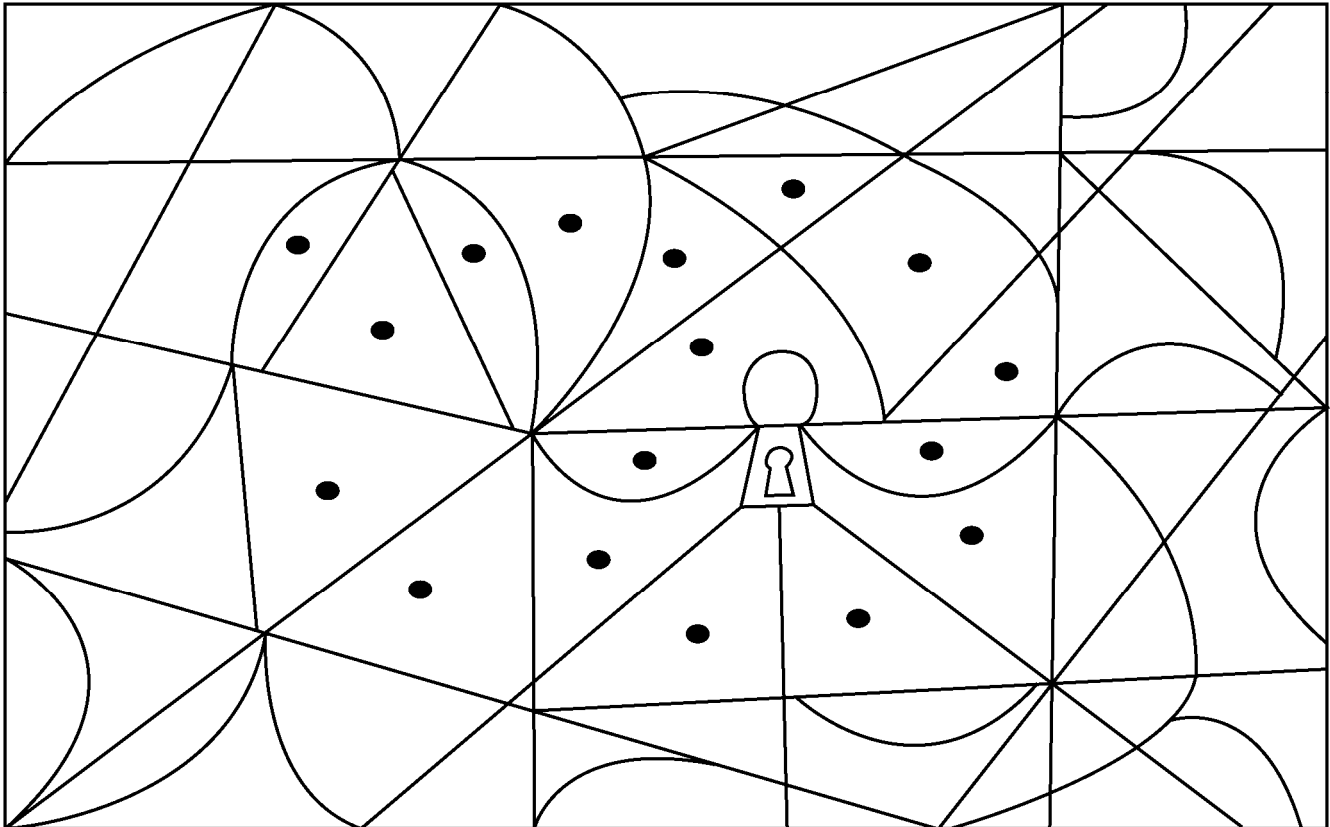
Ingredients		Instructions
1 Tbl.	flour	In small saucepan mix flour and sugar; add vinegar, egg, and 1-2 of the pineapple juice.  Cook over low heat until thick. Cool.
1 cup	sugar	
2 Tbl.	vinegar	
1	egg, beaten	Add Cool Whip to 4 cups apples and rest of drained pineapple and peanuts.  Stir in cooled mixture.
	juice from 8 oz. can pineapple	
4 cups	diced sweet apples	
1 cup	salted peanuts	Pour into large bowl and refrigerate.
1 (8 oz.)	Cool Whip	



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## Coloring Fun!

This is what people might store treasures here on earth in. Choose one color for all the spaces with dots. The other spaces can be colored any color



## Treasure Hunt

Find these treasures in the word search.

Charity  
Cheerfulness  
Gentleness  
Humility  
Joy  
Kindness  
Love  
Peace  
Thankfulness  
Trustworthy

A	R	I	B	S	J	C	T	K	D	U	L	P
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## Living Our Faith

### Listening to the Silence

The reading for June 20 (1 Kings 19:1-15) tells the story of Elijah hearing God's voice in a "still, small voice" (KJV) or "the sound of sheer silence" (NRSV). What an amazing image!

A quick recap of the life of Elijah: he was feeling threatened, and fled for his life. As he found himself hungry he prayed for God to take him, but this did not happen. Finally, he hid in a cave. He did not stay there long – a voice called him outside.

A great wind came, and Elijah looked for God in the wind, but God was not there. This was followed by an earthquake, but

still Elijah could not find God. Last came a great fire – and again, no God.

Elijah paused – probably with a very puzzled look on his face – and listened. It was only then that he heard the "sound of sheer silence" and in that moment he heard the voice of God.

Macrina Wiederkehr in her book *Seven Sacred Pauses* says this about silence:

Silence is like a river of grace inviting us to leap unafraid into its beckoning depths. It is dark and mysterious in the waters of grace. Yet in the silent darkness we are given new eyes. In the heart of the divine we can see more clearly

who we are. We are renewed and cleansed in this river of silence. There are those among you who fear the Great Silence. It is a foreign land to you. Sometimes it is good to leap into the unknown. Practice leaping.

Can we do that? Can we pause long enough in our busy lives to leap into the great silence? Can we let the wind, earthquake, and fire of our busyness lapse away, that we might spend at least a few moments in the silent presence of God?

