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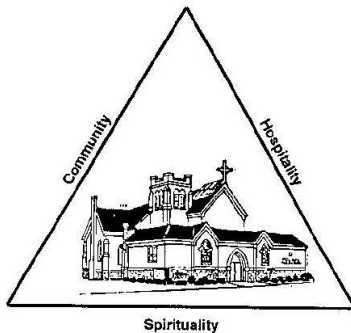
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Dear Friends,

We enter into the season of Lent as the month of February closes out. March begins the first Sunday in Lent. Traditionally, Lent is a season to prepare. In the early church, new Christians prepared for their baptism with classes to learn the Church's doctrine. All Christians used the time in Lent to reflect on their lives, acknowledge where they had strayed from God's intention, then repent and return to their faith. They practiced the Lenten Disciplines as outlined in the scriptures: giving to the poor, praying, and fasting. Through the Lenten Disciplines, they moved back into a holy relationship with God.

As we enter Lent, let us be reminded that we, too, stray from the people God desires us to be. We get caught up in the things of life, and forget to spend time with the one who gives us life. It would be good to repent, that is, to turn back around to God, and reclaim the holiness that God intended for us. Jesus showed us the way: giving generously to the poor that they may be lifted up; praying, both privately, when we can listen for God to speak to us individually, and publicly, when we seek God as a people; and fasting to discipline ourselves sacrificially for the benefit of our souls.

Giving involves giving of our resources, to the church, to a special mission or ministry, or to the fund to help those who are in need. Praying involves spending time with God alone to sit and listen as well as lifting up people we know who are in need of God's presence. Fasting involves giving up something that is meaningful to us, usually a meal or a day of meals, but in our technologically driven society, we can fast from any of the conveniences that make our lives easier. Through giving, praying, and sacrifice, we move closer to the Christ-like image, which we seek as Christians.

I wish you a holy Lenten season of self-reflection and self-discovery as you become Other-focused.



Peace,
Pastor Ruth Solo

Thought for the Month:

It is very easy to forgive others their mistakes; it takes more grit and gumption to forgive them for having witnessed your own.


— Jessamyn West

Youth News

March Youth Calendar	
March 1, 2009	No Youth
March 8, 2009	Youth 5-7 PM
March 15, 2009	Youth 5-7 PM
March 22, 2009	AM—Service PM—No Youth
March 29, 2009	No Youth

Youth Group

The month of March will bring a different focus for the youth. We will be planning and practicing for a Youth Sunday on March 22. Come and be inspired by the way God is working in the lives of the young people.



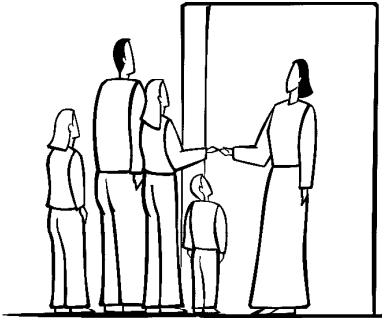
Confirmation

The Confirmation class planned for this spring has been postponed due to scheduling conflicts. Be watching for dates to begin in the fall.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 8
Remember to Spring Forward!



Join us for worship



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March 2009						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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



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*Do you know my Jesus, do you know my friend?
 Have you heard He loves you,
 And that he will abide till the end?
 What a great song, a reminder that we have an eternal
 friend to be with us, to bear our burdens. How
 can anyone live a peaceful life without that?
 We in NOMADS know the sorrows, see the burdens
 to be borne. The family that lost so much in
 Katrina, the old grandmother whose home was falling
 down because of termites, the churches falling
 in disrepair and losing membership. We try to be
 there to offer help, physical help to rebuild, to remodel,
 to refurbish, to renew the spirit.
 But we need help. We need more members as we
 lose too many each year. We need constant prayer.
 We need your financial support....no amount is too
 small (or too large). We are part of your UM body.
 Help us put this Lifeline in every church in your
 district.*



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



**FOOD PANTRY
 SUNDAY
 MARCH 15**



**ALL are invited by St. Paul's Journey
 Class to Family Fun Night
 March 20, 2009
 6:00 PM**

**Preschool Sunday
 School Class!!!**
 Beginning in March, Shirley Moser & Linda Matlock will conduct a Preschool Sunday School Class in the Fellowship Hall beside the Elementary Class. Welcome little ones!

The Heart of Church

Greeters

March 1	Gary & Janet Grigg
March 8	Marty & Kathy White
March 15	Brian & Angie Nartker
March 22	Dan & Margie Best
March 29	Dennis & Shara Bowsher

Nursery Volunteers

March 1	Open
March 8	Open
March 15	Slone Nagy
March 22	Open
March 29	Open

You ask me why I do not write something . . . I think one's feelings waste themselves in words.

They ought all to be distilled into actions and into actions which bring results.

— Florence Nightingale

Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ...But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.



Table Grace
For health and strength and daily food we give you thanks, O God.

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

Give with thanks in your heart



The Business of Church

YOUTH LEADERS

Pastor Ruth is in need of some folks to call on to help with the youth. If you feel called to help in any way, please let her know. In rebuilding a team to support our youth ministry, consider volunteering in one or more of the following ways:

Youth Ministry Developer: This person becomes the coordinator for all of our youth ministry, doing the planning, recruiting the volunteers, contacting facilities, keeping track of budget, creating new opportunities for our youth to be ministered to and to be in ministry. Works with the pastor and the other volunteers for youth ministry, and reports to the Administrative Council. This person would relieve Pastor Ruth. May or may not be directly involved with youth meetings, but would be available.

Youth Group Facilitator: One to three persons who meet with the youth for the regular meetings for activities, learning opportunities, and discussion. Works closely with the developer.

Snack Supper: This would be any number of people who would be willing to provide sandwiches, tacos, or pizza for the regular weekly Sunday evening meetings. The group begins each Sunday sharing at the table before beginning the scheduled activity.

Drivers: These are people who would be willing to drive the youth to various events such as Mega Worship with Pastor Todd O'Neal, concerts, Lakeside (if needed), field trips, picnics, etc.

Chaperones: These are folks who are willing to accompany the youth to above mentioned events. May or may not be a driver, but is willing to come along side the youth for these events, and be responsible for their safety while at the events.

Mission Project Coordinator: This person searches for opportunities for the youth to be in mission, either on a short term local level, or a full week of mission work as a team in the summer. Coordinates with the Youth Ministry Developer and the missions committee.

Remember: Youth Ministry is a call. We do it because we believe that the young people among us are valuable to God, and God has called us to love, nurture, support, and guide them in the way that leads to life in Christ as disciples.

Spotted in a church
worship bulletin:

**We welcome you. May
this hour be a journey
of the heart, a renewal
of the spirit, a pause in
our lies as we worship
God together.**

Committee Chairs	
PPR Chair	Linda Craft
Trustees Chair	Jamie Wyant
Finance Chair	Art Holman
Physical Plant Chair	Ron Steiner
Treasurer	Gene Craft
Education Chair	Steve Moser
Admin. Council Chair	Scott Fessler
Worship Setting	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Martha Vazquez
Stewardship	Bill McKinney
Missions	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

February 1, 2009	101
February 8, 2009	114
February 15, 2009	96
February 22, 2009	82

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
Feb. 1, 2009	\$3,686.05	\$1,746.12
Feb. 8, 2009	\$2,869.00	\$403.00
Feb. 15, 2009	\$2,615.00	\$538.63
Feb. 22, 2009	\$2,738.63	\$415.00

My understanding of Christianity is that it underlies all progressive moves to implement more justice, get at a higher degree of peace in the world. The impulse to love God and neighbor, that impulse is at the heart of Judaism, Islam, and Christianity. No question about it – we have much more in common than we have in conflict.

– The Rev. William Sloane Coffin



I live and love in God's peculiar light.

– Michelangelo

Flowers:

March 1, 2009	Chris Bowsher
March 8, 2009	Dorothy Banks
March 15, 2009	Ruth Hardy
March 22, 2009	Fran Hall
March 29, 2009	Gene & Linda Craft

Sunday School Attendance

February 1, 2009	37
February 8, 2009	36
February 15, 2009	33
February 22, 2009	31

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Consulting the Manual

This is the brand-new covenant that I will make with Israel when the time comes. I will put my law within them – write it on their hearts! – and be their God. And they will be my people. They will no longer go around setting up schools to teach each other about God. They'll know me first-hand, the dull and the bright, the smart and the slow. I'll wipe the slate clean for each of them. I'll forget they ever sinned!

– Jeremiah 31:33-34a, from *The Message*



Bible Readings for March

Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

Week of March 1

First Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple
Old Testament:
Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
New Testament:
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Week of March 8

Second Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple
Old Testament:
Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
New Testament:
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Week of March 15

Third Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple
Old Testament:
Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
New Testament:
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

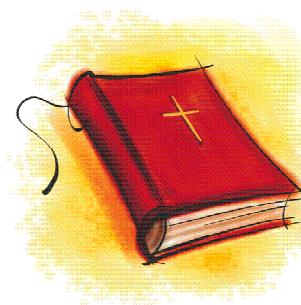
Week of March 22 **Fourth Sunday in Lent**

Color: Purple
Old Testament:
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
New Testament:
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Week of March 29 **Fifth Sunday in Lent**

Color: Purple
Old Testament:
Jeremiah 31:33-34
Psalm 51:1-12
New Testament:
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

For more detailed information on the Revised Common Lectionary, please visit:



ReFocus Update

The ReFocus Network continues to meet monthly at St. Paul's. We are now in the planning stages of our Focused Leader's Retreat to be held March 13-14. Four of you have accepted the invitation to be trained at this retreat to be table facilitators for the Focused Living Retreats to be held over several month's time for anyone who would be interested in ReFocusing your lives, in preparation for the Summits that will bring us into the final stages of ReFocusing the church's ministry.

Those who have agreed to be at the Focused Leader's Retreat are: Dan Best, Lay Leader; Linda Craft, PPR Chair; Tim Piper, former Ad Council Chair, and currently a leader with our Emmaus groups and community, and member of the ad hoc team who will be leading our community survey later in the spring; and Corinne Piper, former Christian Ed Chair, and currently a youth Sunday School teacher and Children's Church teacher, and member of Nurture committee with an interest in helping to develop our Welcome Center.

Be sure to ask these folks about their experiences after the March retreat. And be looking for information about when you can sign up for the experience for yourself. The ReFocus experience transforms lives to transform the church to prepare for God's harvest.

Walking today
along the beach
I felt God's hands
on my shoulders
pulling me
away from myself.

Or towards?
that is my dilemma.

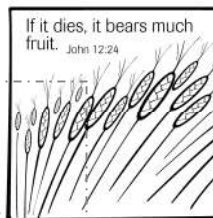
— Donald Schmidt

Men and Women's Share Groups to Meet in March

Beginning in March our St. Paul's men and women's share groups will start meeting weekly on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at the church. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, March 4th. The meetings will be to encourage one another to walk in Christ's path and to discuss upcoming Emmaus events. Anyone who may be interested in attending an Emmaus walk is welcome to come to the meetings and find out more about Emmaus. We currently have 15 persons at St. Paul's Church that have attended an Emmaus walk but we hope to have more individuals attend walks in 2009!

Food Pantry Giving Remains Steady

Praise God for all of you that have been donating food to the 5-Loaves Food Pantry. In February we collected 46 cans of soup, fruit and vegetables, 9 boxes of cereal, 9 boxes of prepared food, 24 rolls of TP, 2 cans of tuna, 5 boxes of Kleenex, 2 boxes of spaghetti, 3 bottles/boxes of detergent, 5 bars of soap, 2 boxes of pudding, 2 containers of spices, 1 mayonnaise jar, and 1 can of spaghetti sauce. The food bank wishes to thank everyone that has donated to help others make it through these tough times. May God bless everyone that has donated food or funds.



**I CAN RESIST
EVERYTHING EXCEPT
TEMPTATION.**

- OSCAR WILDE

Journey Through Lent

The season of Lent was first created to allow new Christians a time to learn about the faith before being baptized at Easter. Over time, the season has come to be a time of reflection, for letting go of some of the things that keep us from loving God, and to recommit ourselves to faith in Christ.

The first Sunday of Lent is March 1, and the season continues through until Easter. There are six Sundays during this season.

Below is an outline for a Lenten spiritual experience that can be used in almost any setting – adapt it as you wish. Based on the passion or crucifixion story from the Gospel of John, there is a suggestion for each week.

If possible, set up a small worship center or table where you can place the suggested items, adding more each day. The items you will need to gather are:

- a feather
- crown of thorns (grapevine wreaths can often be found at a florist or craft shop, or you can weave something yourself)
- a pair of dice
- a cross or picture of a cross
- some spices – perhaps myrrh essential oil, or even just a cinnamon stick
- a rock – about the size of a fist

Prayer to end each meditation: Jesus, we are sorry when we hurt you and others. Forgive us, and help us to be new people. Amen.



Week 1 – *feather*

Read John 18:1-27. Peter denied knowing Jesus, and a rooster crowed. Look at the feather and think of times when you might have denied being a follower of Jesus. Or, think of a time when you have pretended not to know someone, or allowed people to put someone down. How might you have done things differently? Say the prayer and know that God forgives you.

Week 2 – *crown of thorns*

Read John 18:28—19:7. The soldiers put a purple robe and a crown of thorns on Jesus as a way to make him feel bad. They did not understand that Jesus was showing a different way to be a king or leader, and so they made a joke out of calling him a king. Look at the crown of thorns, and let it remind you of times when you have laughed at others or when you have misunderstood them. Are there ways you can make that right? Say the prayer and know that God forgives you.



Week 3 – *cross*

Read John 19:8-22. Jesus came to show God's love, and would not let anyone stop him from telling the world that God loved everybody. Even when he knew he could be killed for saying this, Jesus knew it was what he had to do. The people who did not like Jesus' message killed him by nailing him on a cross. Look at the cross, and think about how much God loves you. How can you share God's love with others? Say the prayer and know that God loves you – always.



Week 4 – *dice*

Read John 19:23-37. The soldiers who killed Jesus rolled dice to see who got to keep his clothes. It was as if they did not care about Jesus at all as a person; they only wanted his things. Look at the dice. When have you ignored or overlooked someone? Think of that person and how special they are. Say the prayer and know that God forgives you.

Week 5 – *spices*

Read John 19:38-42. After Jesus died, some people who liked what he had to say – but who didn't come to his defense – offered to care for his body. They wrapped it in spices and placed it in a tomb. Imagine for a little while if Jesus had never come back to life. Say the prayer and remember that Jesus' spirit is with you always.



Week 6 – *rock*

Read John 20:1-10. Imagine you are one of the disciples coming to the tomb on Easter morning. What feelings might you have? Read John 20:11-18. Imagine you are Mary, feeling lost and alone. Imagine Jesus calling you by name. How does that make you feel. Say the prayer, and know that Jesus loves you. No matter what.



Lenten Covenants

The lectionary readings from Hebrew Scripture (the Old Testament) for this year's Lenten season all deal with various covenants between God and the people of Israel. As we prepare to commemorate Jesus' death and resurrection (and his establishment of a "new covenant" at the Last Supper) it is good to reflect on some of the covenants of our history and contemplate what they can mean for us today.

Genesis 9:8-17 (March 1) – When Noah, his family, and the animals emerge from the ark, God makes a covenant to never again destroy the earth with a flood, and offers the sign of the rainbow. This symbol is to remind God of the covenant, yet it challenges us as well. The bow referenced here is a weapon, and God seems to be hanging it up and choosing new ways to relate to humankind. What "weapons" might you give up this season?

Genesis 17:1-8, 15-16 (March 8) – God makes a promise to Abram and Sarai that they will become the parents of numerous descendants, despite the fact that they are elderly and childless. God even changes their names to Abraham and Sarah as signs of this covenant. Reflect on times when you have experienced God promising the seemingly impossible.

Exodus 20:1-17 (March 15) – What the Hebrew tradition has called the Ten Words have come to be understood as commands or rules in Christian tradition. Yet they are perhaps better read as God's statements of what life will be like when we truly see ourselves in God's realm: you will not kill, or steal, or lie. Where do you see signs of the reign of God in your world?

Numbers 21:4-9 (March 22) – When the people are suffering snake bites, God advises Moses to make a bronze snake on a pole as a means of healing. Such a symbol is common in ancient cultures, and is similar to that of modern medicine. When have you found healing by confronting that which challenges or threatens you?

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (March 29) – The prophet Jeremiah speaks of a new covenant written on our hearts. No longer will we have to learn or teach God's ways, for we will know them as part of our very being. Imagine what our world could be if people of faith truly lived God's vision. What can you do to bring this about?

What's in a Rainbow?

As South Africa began in 1994 to transition from the system of apartheid to democracy, Archbishop Desmond Tutu coined the phrase "a rainbow nation." President Nelson Mandela later spoke of the process of reconciliation as that of "a rainbow nation at peace with itself and the world."



The rainbow has long been a symbol of peace and reconciliation, a reminder of God's covenant to never again destroy the world with a flood. The colors of the rainbow, incorporating all the primary and secondary colors, have over the years come to symbolize diversity and tolerance for all people.

As the rainbow reminds God not to destroy the earth, perhaps it will inspire humankind to work towards preserving all creation – including one another.

Connecting With ...

St. Rita's Can Save You Money!

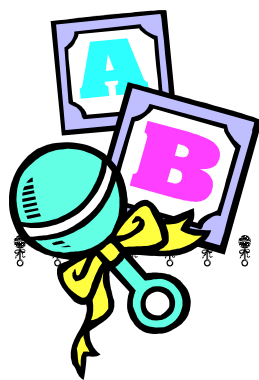
Many of you are very familiar with the national mobile unit that schedules vascular screenings at area churches and clubs. The mobile unit offers testing to identify an individual's risk of stroke, heart attack, and aortic aneurysm. These tests generally cost \$129-\$149. You are assured that you will receive results in approximately 3 weeks.

The Vascular Center at St. Rita's can save you money! **The Center offers vascular ultrasound screenings of the carotid arteries, abdominal aorta, and arteries in the legs for a total price of \$49.** Yes, we do all three tests for one price of \$49. Furthermore, a nurse practitioner will review the results with the patient immediately following the screening. The patient will receive the results the same day! A radiologist reads the screening test and sends the results to your primary care provider.

Testing is painless and takes less than one hour to complete. No physician order is required. Please allow St. Rita's to help start your road to a healthier tomorrow.

Linda Brown, C.N.P

The Henry and Beverly Hawk Heart & Vascular Center at St. Rita's
730 W. Market St.
Lima, OH 45801



You are invited!

There will be a baby shower for Angie and Baby Nartker on Saturday, March 28 at 2 PM in the church fellowship hall. All women in the church are invited to attend! If you plan to attend, please RSVP by calling the church office or Susan Nartker at (419)-339-4719.

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

David Bragg
Dorothy Foster
Cindy Guess
Curt Roberts

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
Mary Kaye Pease
Rick Scholfield

Those in the Military

Jason Stanley

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The People of St. Paul's

To the People of St. Paul's,
 I wish to thank all of you for the cards, phone calls, your inquiries, prayers, and concerns during my recent operation and recovery. Thanks also to everyone who filled in for me on Sunday mornings.
 God bless you all!

~Bill McKinney



Dear St. Paul's
 Thank you for the planter, prayers, and Pastor Ruth's visit. It meant a lot to me.

~Chris Bowsher

St Rita's Hospice, in cooperation with the Appleseed Ridge Girl Scout Council, Inc., will be sponsoring two grief camps for children. There are two different summer camps listed below.

“TRAILS” is in its 12th year and it will be held on June 9-11th 2009. It is for school-aged children up to those who have completed the 7th grade.

“TRAILS for Teens” is for those youth who are currently in the 8th-12th grades and will be held on April 17th and 18th.

Please pass this literature along to anyone you feel would benefit: any child who is grieving the death of a loved one. The camps are held in Lima, at the Girl Scout Camp on Robb Avenue.

Registration is required prior to the camp and space is limited. To confirm reservations, a registration fee of \$30 for one family member, \$45 for two members and \$50 for three or more family members is required. No one is denied due to financial need.

To find out more about “TRAILS” or “TRAILS for Teens”, either fill out and mail the information section of the brochure (in hall bookrack) or phone St. Rita's Hospice at 1-800-332-4724 or 419-226-9064.



**June Metzger has moved to
 Baton Rouge Senior Health Services Community
 2440 Baton Rouge Ave. RM #619
 Lima, OH 45805**



**Prayer List Updates
 Please Contact
 Lavonne Segovia**

Meetings

March 2009

March 2, 2009

PPR...7:15 PM

March 3, 2009

Trustees...7:00 PM

March 9, 2009

Finance...7:00 PM

March 9, 2009

Ad Council...8:00 PM

March 17, 2009

Missions...7:00 PM

March 24, 2009

Christian Ed...7:00 PM

Sundays

Prayer...9:00 AM

Thursdays

Chancel Choir...7:30 PM

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 Joanna Hurd	4 Rich Solo Janna Thompson	5 Scott Fessler	6	7 Tim Theodore
8  Daylight Savings Time Begins	9 Howard Foltz Finance Ad Council	10 Trustees	11	12 Linda Holman Ethan Lewis	13 Carol Lee 87 years	14 Cody Smith
15	16	17 Leslie Parker Missions	18	19	20 Tara Strauch	21 Amber Fox
22	23 Nathan Ross	24 Joyce Nichols 83 years	25 Cory Williams Ash Wednesday	26	27 Julia Adkins Mindy Schulz	28
29	30 Tahler Sdao Julia Thomas	31 Tom Thomas				

Anniversaries

- Wilbur & Joanna Hurd
March 8
56 years*
- Jim & Carolyn Michael
March 12*
- Jeff & Shelly Reiff
March 12*
- Brent & Vicki McAdams
March 21*
- Bruce & Nancy Kizer
March 23
41 years*
- Ivan & Martha Vazquez
March 26*

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Honey Bun Cake

by Hope Mathwig

Ingredients		Instructions
1 box	yellow cake mix	Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
2/3 cup	oil	
4	eggs	Mix together cake mix, oil, eggs, sour cream, and 2 tsp. vanilla. Put in greased 9x13 inch pan.
1 cup	sour cream	
2 tsp.	vanilla	Mix together brown sugar and cinnamon and sprinkle over top of cake. Swirl into batter with a fork.
1 cup	brown sugar	
2 tsp.	cinnamon	Bake for 35-40 minutes.
6 Tbl.	milk	
1 1/2 tsp.	vanilla	Mix together 6 Tbl. milk, 1 1/2 tsp. vanilla, and 2 cups powdered sugar.
2 cups	powdered sugar	
		Pour over cake.



Lasagna

by Phyllis Trigg

Ingredients		Instructions
2 lbs.	ground beef or ground turkey	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
1 cup	chopped onions	
1 clove	garlic	Brown meat, onion, and garlic, breaking meat into small pieces. Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, salt, and oregano. Simmer uncovered for 2 hours or until sauce isn't soupy.
2 1/2 large	tomatoes	
2 (8 oz.) cans	tomato sauce	Cook lasagna noodles according to directions.
1 tsp.	salt	
1/2 tsp.	pepper	Spread meat sauce on bottom of baking dish. Add layer of cottage cheese and then a layer of noodles, then a layer of Mozzarella cheese. Repeat, ending with Mozzarella cheese.
1 tsp.	oregano	
1 (12 oz.) pkg.	lasagna noodles	Bake for 20 minutes or until brown.
12 oz.	Mozzarella cheese	
16 oz.	cottage cheese or Ricotta cheese	



KIDZ KORNER

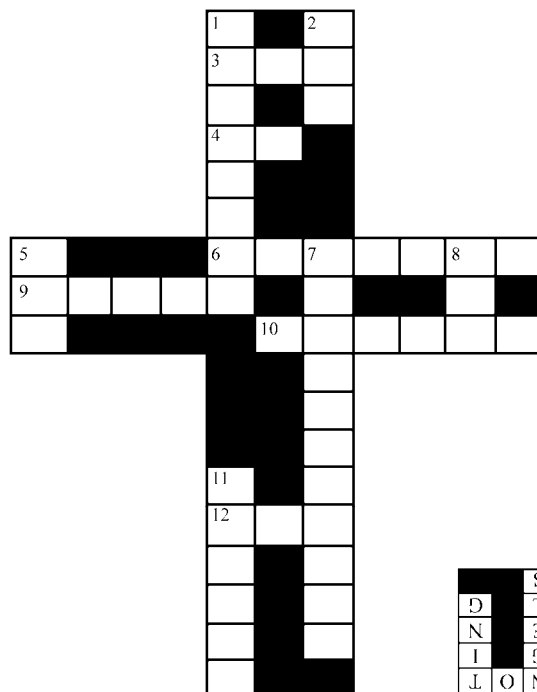
CROSS-word Puzzle

Across

3. The _____ who believes and is baptized will be saved. Mark 16:16
4. _____ into all the world and proclaim the good news. Mark 16:15
6. ... whoever believes in him shall have _____ life. John 3:15
9. ... wrapped the body of Jesus in a _____ cloth. Luke 23:53
10. ... he withdrew from them and was carried up into _____. Luke 24:51
12. Do _____ be afraid. Matthew 28:5

Down

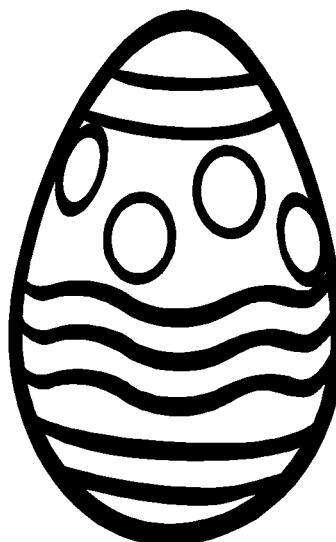
1. Forgive and you will be _____. Luke 6:37
2. Then he _____ them out ... and he blessed them. Luke 24:50
5. repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to _____ nations. Luke 24:47
7. and lead me in the way _____. Psalm 139:24
8. I am with you always, to the end of the _____. Matthew 28:20
11. ... vision of _____ who said that he was alive. Luke 24:23



Easter Eggs

Cut out Easter eggs from colored paper and write a Bible verse on each one. Decorate them with flowers or other designs and give one to family members. Some verses you might use:

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| Matthew 5:9 | Proverbs 15:1 |
| Matthew 5:8 | Proverbs 15:13 |
| Ephesians 6:10 | Psalm 104:31 |
| John 3:16 | Psalm 100:1 |
| Proverbs 15:20 | Psalm 100:5 |
| Ephesians 3:17 | Psalm 92:1 |
| Matthew 6:33 | |



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Living Our Faith

Hold on to what is good
 even if it is a handful of
 earth.

Hold on to what you believe
 even if it is a tree that
 stands by itself.

**Hold on to what you must
 do**
 even if it is a long way
 from here.

Hold on to life
 even if it is easier to let go.

Hold on to my hand
 even if I have gone away
 from you.

– Pueblo Blessing



Humanity is never so
 beautiful as when praying
 for forgiveness, or else
 forgiving another.

– Jean P. F. Richter

For some reason, the most vocal
 Christians among us never
 mention the Beatitudes. But,
 often with tears in their eyes,
 they demand that the Ten
 Commandments be posted in
 public buildings. And of course
 that's Moses, not Jesus. I
 haven't heard one of them
 demand that the Sermon on the
 Mount, the Beatitudes,
 be posted anywhere.
 "Blessed are the merciful" in a
 courtroom? "Blessed are the
 peacemakers" in the Pentagon?

Give me a break!

~ Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.,
A Man without a Country