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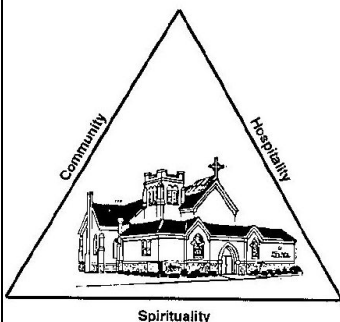
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Dear Friends,

As I recuperated at home, I had an opportunity to look at many good articles promoted by friends on Facebook. The article below by Dan Dick is one that I felt is particularly relevant to my more recent foci. Please read on.

A large number of United Methodist congregations are struggling with money, members, commitment and leadership. Many of these churches aren't doing anything wrong—in fact, they aren't doing much at all. And that's the trouble.

For years, I have been curious about the large number of United Methodist congregations that do essentially nothing beyond their walls. This is *not* in any way to ignore the incredible mission work the United Methodist Church does at all levels. Missional outreach and Christian service is in our DNA and helps define us as "United Methodist." But that's the point. About one-in-five (20 percent) of our churches do nothing, or next to nothing, for those outside the church. Another 20-30 percent limit their missional focus to whatever is done through apportionments. And a significant number support mission work passively-giving money so that other people might do it.

Our healthiest congregations, however, are those with active and committed engagement from a large number of people in a large number of good works. The outward and visible signs of our inward and spiritual graces is not merely a nice poetic turn—it is evidence that we are truly engaged in the will of God and the work of Christ. Yet for years, I have received resistance to the idea.

When I wrote the Bible study *FaithQuest* in 1996, based on Luke, Acts, Ephesians, the teachings of John Wesley and the United Methodist theological task and Social Principles, I received angry e-mails challenging my reading of Scripture.

The thesis of *FaithQuest* is that we are formed in the faith, equipped to be disciples of Jesus Christ, that we become through the empowerment of God's Holy Spirit the body of Christ, and then continue to serve and function as Christ for the whole world. This is the sweep from Jesus' invitation to "Follow me," through the formation of the "church" to Wesley's vision of the world as our parish.

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Thought for the Month:

**God gives the gifts
where He finds the
vessel empty enough to
receive them.**

~ C. S. Lewis



March Youth Calendar

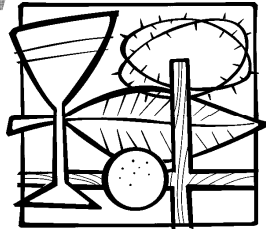
March 7, 2010	TBA
March 14, 2010	TBA
March 21, 2010	TBA
March 28, 2010	TBA

Congratulations to St. Paul's Youth for "Making the Grade"

- Grade 6: Oliver Fessler—Elida Middle School
- Grade 8: Torie McAdams—Elida Middle School
- Grade 9: Aric Thompson—Elida High School
- Grade 10: Reggie McAdams—Elida High School
Kelsey Smith—Elida High School
- Grade 11: Audrey Fox—Elida High School
Sylvia Hay—Elida High School
Alex McAdams—Elida High School
Michele Theodore—Elida High School
- Grade 12: Derek Bible—Elida High School
Jacinda Fletcher—Elida High School
Ashly Fox—Elida High School
Cody Smith—Shawnee High School
- College: Megan Bible—The Ohio State University
Jenni Theodore—The Ohio State University



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



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Next Lima Area Methodist Men's Breakfast is Saturday, MARCH 6th at Elida St. Paul UMC

The next quarterly Lima Area Methodist's Men's (LAMM) breakfast will be at Elida St. Paul United Methodist Church, 105 E. Main Street in Elida on Saturday, MARCH 6th, at 8:00 AM. Our program will be about the 2009 Mission Week at the United Methodist Children's Home in Worthington. Many of the men in our church participated in the work done at the children's home. Come and enjoy a hearty breakfast, enjoy the fellowship of other Christian men and listen to what we can do in mission work around Lima. Bring a friend with you. We hope to see you at the breakfast.



Newsletter deadline: the 20th of each month



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Scholarship Opportunities for Undergraduates

The West Ohio Conference offers three different scholarship opportunities for undergraduates attending institutions of higher learning. I hope you'll share these funding resources with undergraduates in your congregation.

These scholarships are awarded by Connectional Ministries: Next Generations Leadership, from the connectional giving of our local churches and the General Board of Higher Education Student Day Offering. Please visit www.westohioumc.org/scholarships for details about each scholarship and to begin the application process. Applications are due **April 1, 2010**, so please act quickly!

Lenten Offerings at Trinity UMC

for the congregation of Trinity and for the community ---

Sacred Spaces

Quiet spaces in which to connect more closely with God during Lent using meditation and reflection – beginning Friday, February 19 and ending Friday, March 26.



Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – noon to 1:00 p.m.

Contemplative instrumental music (some live), candles, and prayer sheets available in the chapel
Artwork by Caravaggio around the crucifixion along with guided meditations

Wednesday evenings – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Same offerings as at noontime, plus
Communion offered at 6:00 in the sanctuary
Labyrinth on 2 Wednesday evenings: March 3 and 10

Please note: if your group would like to schedule a special time for using the labyrinth, please contact Pastor Phyllis Fetzer @ 419-227-0800 or by email @ pfetzer@limatrinityumc.org

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

March 14, 2010

One Great Hour of Sharing

Your gift supports UMCOR

(United Methodist Committee on

Relief) as we minister to the world in the name of Jesus Christ.



March 28, 2010

10:30 AM

Palm Sunday Worship Service

April 1, 2010

Maundy Thursday Service

7:00 PM

April 2, 2010

Community Good Friday Service

Sponsored by Allentown, Elida,
Gomer Ministerial Assoc.

7:00 PM

April 4, 2010

Easter Sunrise Service—8:00 AM

Easter Breakfast—9:00 AM

Easter Worship—10:30 AM



April 17, 2010

St. Paul's Chicken Barbeque

5-7:00 PM

Tickets are \$7.00

Don't miss this annual event!



The Heart of Church

Greeters

March 7, 2010	Steve & Tracy Sdao
March 14, 2010	Bill & Joyce Nichols
March 21, 2010	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
March 28, 2010	Gary & Dee Johnson

Nursery Volunteers

March 7	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
March 14	Corinne Piper
March 21	Slone Whetstone
March 28	Open



Daylight Savings
Time Begins
March 14
Remember to
Spring Forward!



Thanks to the generous people of St. Paul's UMC, the Relay for Life Fundraising Luncheon was a success. Postponed a week due to bad weather, everyone enjoyed a meal of homemade soups, relishes, chips, and homemade cakes and cookies. So far we have collected **\$376** for our **Relay for Life Team!**



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

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's Church, please contact the office or Pastor Ruth. A membership class will be held during the Sunday School hour from 9:30-10:15am from March 7-28, and reception into membership on Easter Sunday, April 4, during the 10:30am worship.

The Business of Church

ACTS 434

What is Allen County Transitional Services?

ACTS 434 is a non-profit organization serving the families of Allen County.

Our purpose

To centralize efforts of Allen County religious and non-profit organizations so that persons needing help with basic needs or financial assistance may receive aid quickly and efficiently. The goal is to avoid duplication of efforts and create unity in our desire to offer a step up to those who can find help no where else. This assistance is limited to one time per 12 month period.

Our Mission Statement

“Christians binding together to serve others.”

ACTS 434 NEEDS COMMUNITY SUPPORT!

Volunteers

People who are willing to serve from participating churches will be an integral part of ACTS 434. For ACTS to be as effective as possible, many Volunteers will be needed to assist in various ways such as helping individual obtain needed household items and clothing. Preparing and providing free hot meals. Helping families relocate. There will be more and more opportunities to serve and become involved as ACTS evolves and grows.

Financial

Monetary contributions from participating churches, organizations and the community are always welcome.

Examples of how donations will be used:

- \$20.00 can buy a gas voucher
- \$25.00 can buy a food voucher
- \$50.00 can keep a utility turned on
- \$50.00 can help pay for a prescription
- \$100.00 can keep a family in their home

There will be no funds distributed to individuals.

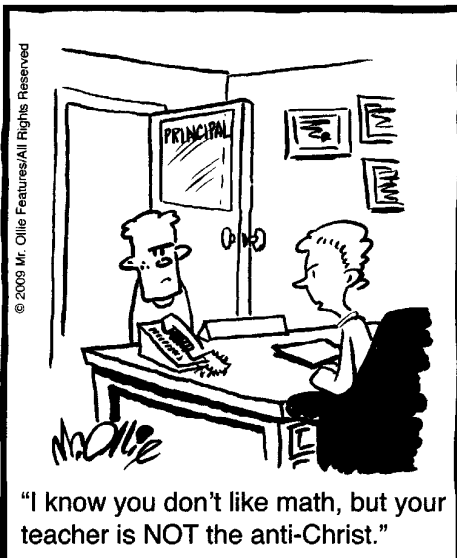
(Any assistance will be paid directly to the agency or retail establishment as needed)

For more information

Phone—419-230-6727 or
Email—acts434@wcoil.com



Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs

PPR Chair	Linda Craft
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Nurture	Martha Vazquez
Stewardship	Tim Piper
Missions	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

January 31, 2010	92
February 7, 2010	78
February 14, 2010	103
February 21, 2010	92

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
January 31, 2010	\$3,058.00	\$462.95
February 7, 2010	\$4,878.00	\$574.23
February 14, 2010	\$3,398.05	\$731.00
February 21, 2010	\$2,884.00	\$1,071.95

A Daily Reminder

Help me to prioritize
All I see before my eyes,
All the things I have yet to do.
Help me, Lord, to realize
All the days I minimize
The time I should be spending with You.

-Jenessa Fletcher

Our offering from the Ash Wednesday service went to benefit St. Paul's Special Needs Fund. We were able to add \$80 to this fund to help people in need in Elida. Thank you!

Sunday School Attendance

January 31, 2010	35
February 7, 2010	27
February 14, 2010	28
February 21, 2010	35

Flowers:

March 7, 2010	Dan & Margie Best
March 14, 2010	Gene & Linda Craft
March 21, 2010	Fran Hall
March 28, 2010	Ruth Hardy

Visit The United
Methodist Website at:
www.umw.org

Consulting the Manual



No test has overtaken you but what is common to all people. You can be confident that God is faithful and will not let you be tested beyond your means. And with any trial God will provide you with a way out of it, as well as the strength to bear the trial.

— 1 Corinthians 10:13, *The Inclusive Bible*



Bible Readings for March

Revised Common Lectionary
Year C

Week of March 7

Third Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Old Testament:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

New Testament:

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

Week of March 14

Fourth Sunday in Lent

One Great Hour of Sharing

Color: Purple

Old Testament:

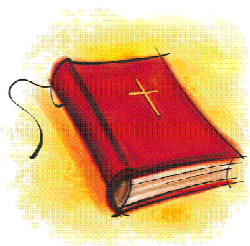
Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32

New Testament:

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



Week of March 21 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Color: Purple

Old Testament:

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm 126

New Testament:

Philippians 3:4b-14

John 12:1-8

Week of March 28

Palm Sunday

Color: Purple or Red

Old Testament:

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm 31:9-16

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

New Testament:

Philippians 2:5-11

Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Luke 19:28-40

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

Pastor's Notes con't.

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To this day, I don't believe I imposed much of an interpretation on the biblical and theological materials (beyond selecting books that illustrate the servant/service nature of the church), yet many were angry.

One pastor from Michigan wrote: "How dare you imply that it is not enough that we take care of one another in the church. Our world is a hostile and dangerous place. There is a reason we call our places of worship 'sanctuaries.' It is all we can do to cope with the sin and corruption of our modern age. We welcome people to come in out of the darkness and trouble for comfort and security. It is unfair of you to place a burden of guilt on us because we don't share your liberal agenda."

It always breaks my heart when I hear people link the notions of kindness, healing and helping to a political agenda. I feel this woman's pain. Life is indeed difficult and the world can be a scary place. We do need a faith that protects and defends, but that alone is an incomplete faith. We're not the only ones hurting, and we do not have the luxury of receiving the blessings of Christ and holding onto them for ourselves. What we have received, we are expected to share with others—whether we think they are deserving or not.

Churches that do for others tend to be healthier churches. Giving is higher. Levels of participation and engagement tend to be higher. Morale and spirit tend to be higher. A few years ago, I visited one of the poorest congregations I have ever seen. They lacked funds for paying a full-time pastor or paying their apportionments in full, but just about every member served in some mission-focused capacity in the community. The spirit and energy in that congregation was infectious: a congregation with constant money worries, yet every person was smiling and singing and sharing stories of the power of Christ to touch and change lives. It was refreshing.

I often liken congregational life to breathing and ask, "Which is most important—breathing out or breathing in?" (Answer: depends on which you did last). Health depends on balance—inhaling (inward practices that develop us in our faith and abilities to serve) and exhaling (applying what we learn in service to others). Evangelism isn't just about the words we say to get others to come to us. True evangelism is the integral message of our entire lives—what we say and do (faith without works is dead).

A number of years ago, I met with a church that was considering closing its doors. The once-thriving congregation of more than 400 had dwindled to less than 50. They could no longer afford a full-time pastor and struggled to pay bills month-to-month. In all their discussions, not once did church leaders talk about the mission of the church or the work they could do. They had no vision of the present, let alone the future. Yet they were located in a community struggling with high unemployment, low-income families, a high percentage of older adults and a large, poor Native American population within just a few miles. The leaders decided that they would work to close the church—but in three years' time. During that period, they would select one ministry to focus on: They would offer help to the Native Americans; they would open the fellowship hall to mothers with young children; they would work to help the elderly and the homebound. They began this plan in 1995—and the church still functions today. Though still small, they are strong, stable and making a difference in the lives of hundreds of people.

We all need reminders that the church isn't ours, it's God's. And it exists to fulfill God's will and purpose, not our own. When the church really takes off, it's because what we do is a clean match for what God wants done.

We often talk about sin as an individual act, but throughout the history of the Hebrew people and the earliest Christian history, "sin" was the "missing the mark" of the whole community. When we are not engaged beyond our own needs and desires, we are missing the mark. But when our life together bears fruit that feeds a starving and struggling world, we are right on target.

*The Rev. Dick is director of connectional ministries for the Wisconsin Conference.
Excerpted from his blog, doroteos2.wordpress.com.*

Celebrating...



Puppet Ministry
 January 31, 2010
 "Love"

L-R:
 Steve Moser, Steve Sdao, Gene Craft,
 Oliver Fessler, Tracy Sdao, Joshua
 Guess, Shirley Moser, Corinne Piper



Relay for Life
 Fundraiser Luncheon
 February 14, 2010

Homemade soups, relishes, chips,
 and homemade cakes and cookies
 were enjoyed by all.

This fundraiser raised \$376
 toward the team's goal.



Remember When...



September, 1984
 Sunday Morning
 Worship Services at
 Allen Co. Farm Park
 with
 Rev. Allen Puffenberger

DEDICATION OF GRAND PIANO,
 GIFT OF CANDACE VAN HORN

L-R:
 W. E. Allman (nephew of Mrs.
 Van Horn), Candace Van Horn,
 Adrienne Hoghe (great grand-
 daughter of Mrs. Van Horn),
 Rev. Eric McGlade



September, 1995
 St. Paul's UMC Honors
 Lenore Strayer, Organist

L-R:
 Rev. James Kuhn, Lenore Strayer,
 Rev. Eric McGlade

Lenore played the piano at St.
 Paul's for 20 years before she
 began playing the organ in 1937.
 She retired in early 1995, after
 playing the organ for 57 years!



Connecting With ...



*We extend our sympathy to **Ruth Burgoon** on the death of her sister, **Isabel Lewis**, who died January 31, 2010. Cards may reach Ruth at **108 Roger St., Elida, OH***

Help Needed for Family Promise at Immanuel UMC March 14-21

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 March 14th through the 21st. St. Paul's role is to provide persons to stay with the families for 3 hours at a time and/or to provide prepared meals for the families. Please prayerfully consider your role in being a part of Family Promise at Immanuel UMC the week of March 14th. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hall beginning March 1st, 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 or food with these families is greatly appreciated.

Family Promise Weeks at Immanuel UMC in 2010:

March 14 th	June 20 th
October 10 th	December 12 th

FEBRUARY'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION IS BEST EVER

The people of St. Paul's have reached a new level in giving to the food pantry. In February, we collected **115 food items** for the Five Loaves Food Pantry at Allentown. This is our best effort to date. We collected 24 cans of soup, 14 cans of vegetables, 12 cans of spaghetti & meatballs, 9 boxes of tissues, 8 boxes of cereal, 7 cans of lasagna & ravioli, 4 cans of salmon, 4 bags of popcorn, 4 boxes of elbow spaghetti, 4 boxes of thin spaghetti, 4 boxes of muffin mix, 3 cans of canned meat, 3 boxes of pudding or jello, 3 boxes of Mac & cheese, 2 jars of peanut butter, 2 boxes of cake mix, 2 bags of dry noodle mix, 2 rolls of paper towels, 1 can of fruit, 1 bottle of dishwasher soap, and 1 can of BBQ sauce. Each month the Five Loaves Food Pantry serves over **200 families**. Thank you, St. Paul's people, for continuing to help feed God's children! The next Food Pantry Sunday will be on March 14th.



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Jim Hines
Wilbur Hurd
Caroline Smith

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

Jason Stanley

**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.

The People of St. Paul's

Does anybody know a more loving and caring church than St. Paul's? I don't! The following were things done for me during/after my heart attack:

*Flowers from the church and Ruth Hardy;
Food from Judy Chaffins, Lois Cook, Linda Craft, Janet Grigg, Linda Holman, Corinne Piper, Martha Vazquez, Kathy White, and Jan and Jamie Wyant;
Visits from Pastor Ruth, Jerry Crates, and Molly Fessler;
Prayer shaw from Shirley Moser that had been prayed over by numerous boys and girls with Pastor Ruth;
Snow shoveling by Steve, Tracy, and Tahler Sdao;
Many cards from the congregation.
I not only gained some weight due to the food that was delivered, but realized what a church my wife and I had joined.
Love you all,
Wilbur Hurd*

*To St. Paul's UMC,
Thank you so much for your donation of \$78.54. We are very appreciative of your thinking of us and this donation will be very helpful to us in these tough economic times. We have many supplies to buy for our families who visit here and this money will be very helpful!*

**Linda Parish, Ex. Dir.
Hope Center of Lima**

*To the Congregation of St. Paul's,
I would like to thank you for the prayers, cards and flowers during my recent hospital stays.
Sincerely,
Jim Hines*

*I want to thank St. Paul's for the lovely flowers during my recent illness. Thank you to all who sent cards and kept me in prayer. I also want to thank Jone and Gail for "holding down the fort" while I was out of commission, and to all who helped with worship services. God is truly at work here. I am so blessed to have a congregation like you.
Pastor Ruth Solo*

*Dear St. Paul's UMC,
Thank you for the flowers and prayers for my shoulder surgery in January. It was a nice surprise to receive the flowers while I was recovering at home.*

*Best Wishes,
Doug Guess*

*Dear St. Paul's,
Thank you very much for the beautiful flowers I received during my recent hospital visit. I appreciate all your thoughts and prayers.
John Lane*



**Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**



Meetings

March 2010

February 2010						
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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March 2, 2010
Trustees...7:00 PM

March 8, 2010
Finance...7:00 PM

March 8, 2010
Ad Council...8:00 PM

March 9, 2010
PPR...7:30 PM

March 16, 2010
Missions...7:00 PM

March 24, 2010
Christian Ed...7:00 PM

Sundays
Prayer...9:00 AM

Thursdays
Bell Choir...6:15 PM
Chancel Choir...7:30

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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7 Tim Theodore	8 Finance Ad Council	9 Trustees PPR	10 Jim Phillips	11	12 Linda Holman Ethan Lewis	13 Carol Lee 88 yrs.																																																	
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Anniversaries



Wilbur & Jo Hurd
 March 8
 57 yrs.

Jim & Carolyn Michael
 March 12

Jeff & Shelly Reiff
 March 12

*Brent & Vicki
 McAdams*
 March 21

*Ivan & Martha
 Vazquez*
 March 26

Jordan & Amy Wyant
 March 28

Great Recipes from St. Paul's Cooks

Cobbler Recipe

by Shirley Moser

Ingredients		Instructions
2 sticks	butter (not margarine)	Use a 13x9 baking dish. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place 2 sticks butter in bottom of baking dish or pan until melted. While butter is melting, mix together self-rising flour, 2 cups sugar, and milk. Pour over hot melted butter. Spoon fruit or berries over batter. Sprinkle 3/4 to 1 cup sugar over the top. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes till cobbler is golden colored.
2 cups	self-rising flour	
2 cups	sugar	
1 1/2 cups	milk	
4 cups	fruit or berries of choice	
3/4 to 1 cup	sugar	



Baked Swiss Chicken

by Mary Irvin

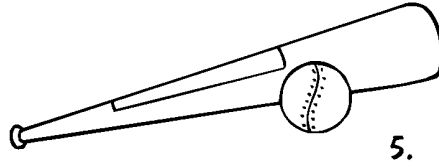
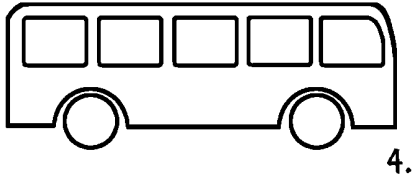
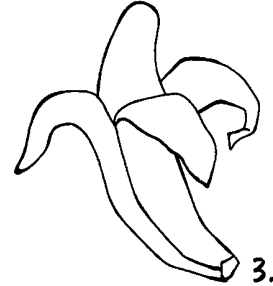
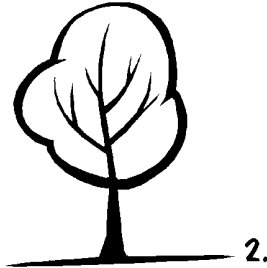
Ingredients		Instructions
6 halves	boneless skinless chicken breast	Place chicken in a greased 13in. X 9in. baking dish. In a small bowl, combine the soup and wine or broth; pour over chicken. Top with cheese and sprinkle with crushed croutons. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes or until chicken juices run clear. Serves 6. I use wine. It gives it a wonderful flavor and all the alcohol cooks out.
1 can (10 3/4 oz.)	condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted	
1/2 cup	white wine or chicken broth	
6 slices	Swiss cheese	
1 cup	crushed seasoned croutons	



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Letters

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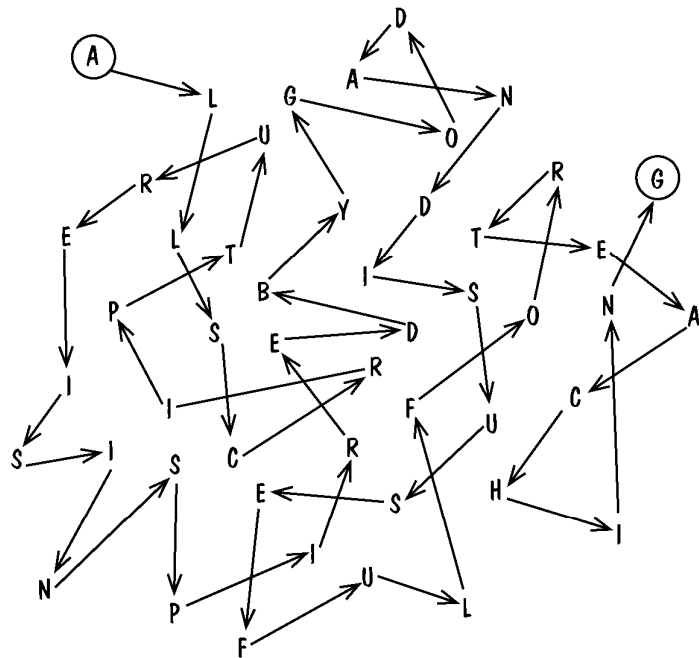
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A cheerful heart has a continual _____ . Proverbs 15:15b

Answer: feast

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Answer: All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching.

. 2 Timothy 3:16

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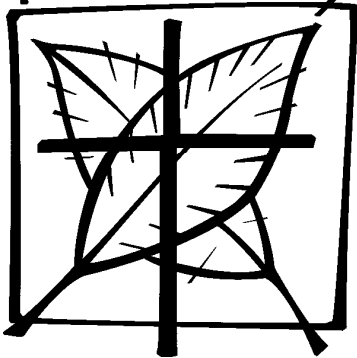
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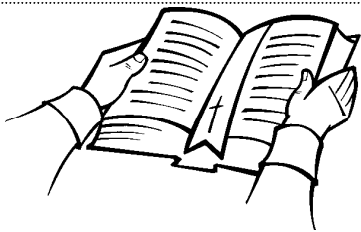
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Arguably the book with the greatest influence on modern English is the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible. Since its appearance in 1611 this book has set a standard for the use of numerous English words and phrases. For over three centuries it has been far and above the most popular and familiar version of the Bible. Even people who have never been to church can often recite portions of this renowned volume.

Contrary to an often-held opinion,

it was not the first English translation. Some 900 years earlier, portions of scripture were translated into Old English, and later translations were also done in Middle English. The key thing about the King James Version, however, was its ready availability. It was the only English language Bible to be printed and made available to huge numbers of people.

Dozens of different translations followed over the next several hundred years. The next major step in translation was the American Standard Version in 1901 and then the Revised Standard Version in 1952. Both of these were editions of the KJV that had been updated for modern English. They also took advantage of the discovery of hundreds of ancient manuscripts that simply were not available to the KJV's

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