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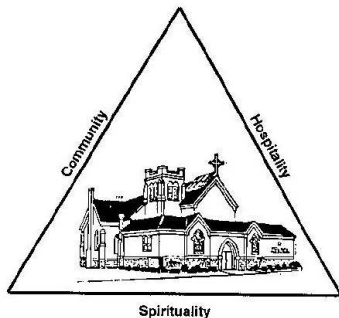
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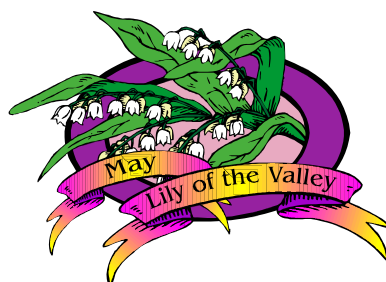
Dear Friends,

While our granddaughter, Grace, was visiting us on Easter weekend, on the way home from the Good Friday service in Gomer, she asked us, "Is God's grace God's cousin, or something?" We laughed, and then explained to her that God's grace is God's gift of love and forgiveness and mercy. We told her that all of that is free, that we don't have to do anything to earn God's grace. We get it because of Jesus.

We are now in the season of the church known as Eastertide. Easter isn't over, but rather, it's just begun. We will continue to sing resurrection songs, and we will be reading the Biblical texts that tell us about the appearances of Jesus leading up to his ascension, and then to Pentecost. During this season, we will be thinking of how we may encounter the Risen Christ in our daily lives. We will be looking for how we may experience God's grace in our own lives, and how we can make that same grace known to others along the way.

When we live as people who have been given that free gift of God's grace, others will come to experience that grace in us. To live in such a way that others see Christ in us is to live in God's grace. During this Eastertide, may we each know God's free gift of grace in our own lives, and make that gift be made known to others in the way we live in love with one another. Of course, some of us may have the wonderful privilege of having God's grace, and a loved one named after that grace in our lives. The granddaughter, Grace, reminds us everyday of God's wonderful gifts.

See you in church.
Pastor Ruth Solo



Thought for the Month:

And everyone who calls on
the name of the Lord will
be liberated into God's
freedom and peace.

— Acts 2:21, *The Voice*




May Youth Calendar	
May 3, 2009	Picnic at the Park
May 10, 2009	No Youth
May 17, 2009	Pastor Todd O'Neil in Criddersville
May 24, 2009	No Youth
May 31, 2009	No Youth

Did You Know?

Tahler Sdao is playing for a club volleyball team called **Bean City Volleyball Club**. She plays with girls in the sixteen year-old age group from different schools in the area.

At tournaments they do a pool play in the morning and after each team in their pool plays each other, they put the teams in a tournament bracket with 8 teams total. The 4 teams with the most games won play for gold and the bottom 4 teams play for silver. There are many different clubs in the surrounding area. This is Tahler's third year playing for the Bean City Volleyball Club.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Relay for Life Walk Coming June 12-13

This year's walk will be held June 12-13 at the Allen County Airport on Hanthorn Road. The festivities begin Friday at 6:00 PM and go to 6:00 PM on Saturday. Those include Survivor's Walk, luminary ceremony, auction, BINGO, contests, line dancing, and children's activities.

Someone from each team will be walking the track during this 24-hour period. This could be you! Non-walkers are needed to sell drinks for our team.

During the month of May, moons and stars can be purchased for \$1. These will stay in the church hallway for the entire summer.

The Relay Team wishes to thank St. Paul's UMC for continued support for this mission project. See you at the Allen Co. Airport June 12-13!

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FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS MAY 17TH!

May 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
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Mission Outreach



Afghanistan: Millions facing possible starvation

"Life continues to be difficult for all Afghans, but the tens of thousands of displaced Afghans and returnees are particularly at risk," says CWS staffer Marvin Parvez. As millions face food shortages and possible starvation in the drought- and conflict-stricken country, CWS is working to help families build greater and sustainable food production, increase the efficiency of existing irrigation systems, gain clean water, and strengthen their livelihoods.

Photo: Chris Herlinger/CWS

Honor your mother!

Now through Mother's Day, when you make an [online gift](#) to Church World Service, you can send your mom, aunt, sister, daughter or other special women in your life Mother's Day e-cards, or you can print out mail-able (or hand-deliverable) cards and tell them how they inspire you. You can [preview the printable cards](#) and send those, or send e-cards as you make your gift.

Photo: Paul Jeffrey/ACT-CWS



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

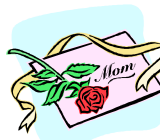
MAY HAPPENINGS



May 3—Heritage Sunday; Rev. Cean Willson guests as Susanna Wesley Coins at Communion to benefit UMCH



May 10—Mother's Day; Mothers Recognized
2009 Graduates Recognized
Food Pantry Sunday



May 16—All Church Clean-up



May 17—Choir Anthem Sunday
Thank Our Choirs

May 24—Memorial Sunday; Veterans Recognized
Ascension Sunday



May 31—Pentecost Sunday; wear **Red**
Bring a Potted Red Geranium

The Heart of Church

Greeters

May 3	Denny & Carole Grapner
May 10	Eileen Slade & Dottie Foster
May 17	Slone Nagy & Brad Whetstone
May 24	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
May 31	Marty & Kathy White

Nursery Volunteers

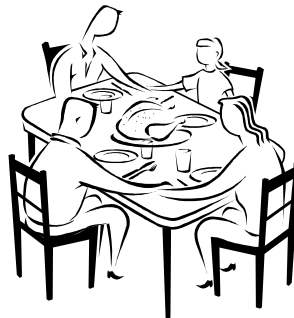
May 3	Slone Nagy
May 10	Corinne Piper
May 17	Open
May 24	Open
May 31	Open

When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.

— Rebecca, age 8

Table Grace

We thank you, God,
for milk and bread
and all our daily food.
These gifts remind us
day by day,
that you, O God,
are good.
Amen.



Purportedly found in various church bulletins:

- The third verse of "Blessed Assurance" will be sung without musical accomplishment.
- Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The service will close with "Little Drops of Water." One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

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

Pentecost Sunday May 31, 2009

We are asking that all wear **red** for Pentecost Sunday, May 31. We invite all to bring a four-inch potted **red geranium** for the rail on that Sunday. They will then be planted around the church for the summer.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!

CODY WARRIS will graduate from **Elida High School** on Saturday, May 30, 2009. Cody, son of Scott and Beth Warris, 3443 Musser Drive, Lima, Ohio 45807, has plans to attend The Ohio State University at the Lima Branch this fall in a course of study yet to be determined.

KIMBERLY (BOWSHER) GORDON will graduate in July from **Chatham College, Pittsburgh, PA** upon completion of the Masters of Physician Assistant Studies Program. Parents are Dennis and Shara Bowsher, 2655 Franks Drive, Elida, OH 45807.

JENESSA FLETCHER will graduate August 28, 2009, from the **University of Northwestern Ohio** with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Parents are John and Joy Fletcher, 103 Weger Avenue, Elida, OH 45807.

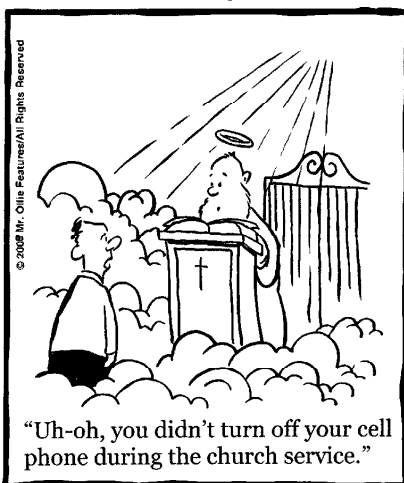
AARON PIPER will receive a degree in Photo Journalism on June 13, 2009, from **Ohio University**. Parents are Tim and Corrine Piper, 3003 Freyer Road, Elida, OH 45807.

ASHLEY REIFF officially graduated in February but will participate in the commencement ceremony at **Ohio Northern University** with her class on May 24, 2009. Ashley will receive her degree in Education-High School Social Studies. Parents are Jeff and Shelly Reiff, 2470 Irvin Road, Elida, OH 45807.

TIM WHITE is graduating from **Ohio Northern University** on May 24, 2009 and will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance and Management. Parents are Marty and Kathy White, 5756 Clover Ridge Drive, Elida, OH 45807.



Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs

PPR Chair	Linda Craft
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Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

March 29, 2009	93
April 5, 2009	126
April 12, 2009	212
April 19, 2009	94
April 26, 2009	92

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
March 29, 2009	\$2,237.30	\$805.00
April 5, 2009	\$4,236.00	\$867.38
April 12, 2009	\$3,416.00	\$1,741.50
April 19, 2009	\$1,964.30	\$869.95
April 26, 2009	\$2,300.00	\$12,688.83

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When someone sings his own praises, he
always gets the tune too high.

– *Mary H. Waldrip*

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

Sunday School Attendance

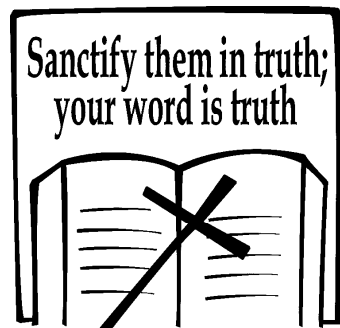
March 29, 2009	34
April 5, 2009	42
April 12, 2009	N/A
April 19, 2009	35
April 26, 2009	29

Flowers:

May 3, 2009	Open
May 10, 2009	Open
May 17, 2009	Dorothy Banks
May 24, 2009	Dwain and Myrna Metzger
May 31, 2009	Dan and Margie Best

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Consulting the Manual



“And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

1 John: 11-12



Bible Readings for May Revised Common Lectionary Year B

Week of May 3 **Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 23

New Testament:

Acts 4:5-12

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

Week of May 10 **Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 22:25-31

New Testament:

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8

Week of May 17 **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 98

New Testament:

Acts 10:44-48

1 John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Week of May 24 **Ascension Sunday**

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 1

New Testament:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Week of May 31 **Pentecost**

Color: Red

Old testament:

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Ezekiel 37:1-14

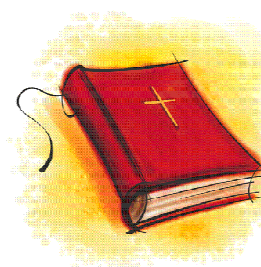
New Testament:

Acts 2:1-21

Romans: 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

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



HONOR FLIGHT

Honor Flight became a quest to take all World War II Veterans to Washington, D.C. to see their newly built memorial with one man asking a World War II veteran if he was going to go and see it. Earl Morse, a physician's assistant at the VA Clinic in Springfield, OH, asked WWII Veteran Mr. Loy that question and Mr. Loy broke down in tears and said he couldn't afford a trip to see it.



The first Honor Flight with Earl, Mr. Loy, and 11 other WWII Veterans flew in six small planes in May, 2005, to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial. The cost for the day for the vets was nothing.

Today, Honor Flight is still charging nothing for the vets to go, and we are flying on commercial airlines, such as Southwest Airline. The vets are taken care of by volunteers called Guardians who pay their own way to go on the flight.

Since that first flight, we have taken 17,165 WWII Veterans, and our goal for 2009 is 25,000 from across the United States. That means, by the end of 2009, Honor Flight will have honored a total of 42,165 WWII Veterans.

We are losing the Greatest Generation at the cost of over 1,200 a day. It is imperative we get as many of them to see their memorial as soon as possible. This is our way to honor them and to thank them for all the freedoms that we have today.

For more information on Honor Flight, check out the national web site at www.honorflight.org, or you can email Gary and Deb Hurd at ganddhurd@woh.rr.com. We have been Guardians on a total of 8 Honor Flights. Thank a vet before it is too late!

Gary and Deb Hurd,
son and daughter-in-law of **Wilbur and Joanna**



May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always
at your back.

May the sun shine warm
upon your face.

May the rains fall softly upon
your fields until
we meet again.

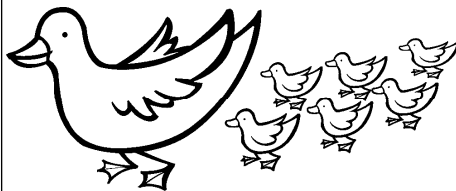
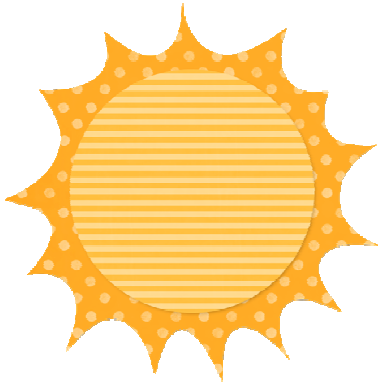
May God hold you in the
Hollow of his hand.

– *Gaelic blessing*



Celebrating...

Morning's at seven;
The hill-side's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in his Heaven –
All's right with the world!"
– *Robert Browning*



Earth teach me to forget
myself as melted snow
forgets its life.
Earth teach me resignation as
the leaves which die in the fall.
Earth teach me courage as the
tree which stands all alone.
Earth teach me regeneration as
the seed which rises
in the spring.

~ *William Alexander*

Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit

This has been adapted from the traditional "Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit." As you offer this prayer, reflect on the various gifts. How has that gift become manifest in your life? How might you make it stronger?

Christ Jesus,
before ascending into heaven, you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect the work of your grace and love in our lives.

Grant us the spirit of awe,
that we may be filled with a loving reverence toward you;

The spirit of piety,
that we may find peace and fulfillment, serving you while serving others;

The spirit of fortitude,
that we may bear our cross with you and, with courage,
overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation;

The spirit of knowledge,
that we may know you, know ourselves, and grow in holiness;

The spirit of understanding,
to enlighten our minds with the light of your truth;

The spirit of counsel,
that we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first your realm.

Grant us the spirit of wisdom,
that we may aspire to the things that last forever;
Teach us to be your faithful disciples and animate us in every way
with your Spirit. Amen.



Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance.

– *Yoko Ono*

Scripture Lessons

Acts 8:37

Look for Acts 8:37 and you will not find it. Other than the King James Version, most English-language Bibles do not include it.

On the one hand, you could argue that it's a shame. In the context of someone asking if there is any reason why they cannot be baptized the disciple Philip responds – according to verse 37 – by saying “If you believe with all your heart, you may.” The man then responds “I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God” and is baptized – quite nice, when you think about it.

However, translators confess in addition, appear-manuscripts. And

The story from Ethiopia on a brief jaunt to Jerusalem down the roadway, make sense of

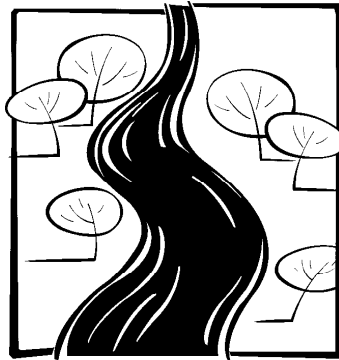
without much luck. Enter Philip, who offers his rendition on the verses, applying them to Jesus.

The man is so impressed with the story of Jesus that, when they come upon some water, he asks if there is any reason why he cannot be baptized. Without giving things a second thought the chariot is stopped, the two men go down to the water, and the man is baptized. Philip then disappears and the man returns to Ethiopia.

All that remains is that additional, short verse.

The original story had no preconditions. It tells the simple tale of an innocent inquiry about faith in Jesus Christ and being met with amazing and unconditional welcome. That verse distracts, because it places some (albeit minimal) conditions on the act of baptism.

The simple point of the story is this: if you think you are ready to be baptized, you are. Period. God loves and welcome us all.



virtually all that the verse is an ing only in later this is a good thing. concerns a eunuch his way home from rusalem. Traveling the man is trying to

Isaiah 53:7-8

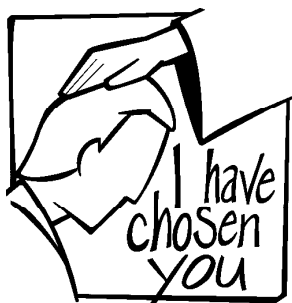
Dem Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14, one of the lectionary readings for Pentecost (May 31, 2009), is a powerful text on its own; reading it in the context of Pentecost brings a whole new richness.

The prophet happens upon a valley of dried bones – not just dead limbs, but bones that are dehydrated beyond comprehension. Asked, “can they live?” the prophet replies rather flippantly, “only you know the answer to that one, God.” In other words, “of course not! Yet...you, God, have more answers than I have.”

God challenges the prophet to confront the people. “These bones are the house of Israel,” God says, “and they believe that they are lifeless, dead, gone. Tell them otherwise.”

This is what Pentecost is all about: tell the dead, the hopeless, the forgotten, and the ones who see no future that there is a future. Tell them that as long as God is around, there is hope – hope that will take lifeless bones and bring them to dancing once again. Or, as Eugene Peterson translates Ezekiel 37:14 in *The Message*, “I’ll breathe my life into you and you’ll live. Then I’ll lead you straight back to your land and you’ll realize that I am God. I’ve said it and I’ll do it. God’s decree.”



Connecting With ...

***Congratulations to
Mike and Becky***

*Ellinger on the birth of their daughter, **Adrianna Madeline**, who was born on January 21, 2009. She weighed 4 lbs. 14 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are **Denny and Kim Metzger**. **June Metzger** is the very proud great-grandmother. Cards will reach Mike and Becky at 44 N. Mulberry St., Chillicothe, OH 45601*



Congratulations to

***Brian and Angie Nartker** on the birth of their daughter, **Chloe Elizabeth**, who was born on April 22, 2009. She weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz. and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are **David and Susan Nartker**.*

***Ruth Burgoon** is the very proud great-grandmother. Cards will reach Brian and Angie at 105 Weger Ave., Elida, OH 45807*

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Don Chaffins
Wilbur Hurd
Reggie McAdams
Curtis Roberts
Ray Waldron

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

Dorothy Foster
Sara House
Don Irvin
June Metzger
Rick Scholfield
Phyllis Trigg

Those in the Military

Jason Stanley

*Our sympathy is extended to **Phyllis Trigg and her family**. Phyllis's sister, **Faye Clark**, passed away in Virginia on April 10, 2009. Cards may be sent to Ray and Phyllis at 2854 Whippoorwill Ave., Elida, OH 45807.*



*Our sympathy is extended to **Karen Bible and her family**. Karen's father, **Charles Kowalczyk**, passed away on March 28, 2009. Karen's parents had moved from the Cleveland area to ElmCroft of Lima. Cards may be sent to Karen at 5055 Daisy Lane, Elida, OH 45807.*

*Our sympathy is extended to **Dorothy Banks**. Dorothy's brother, **Jim Prince**, passed away after a long illness on April 19, 2009. Cards may be sent to Dorothy at 305 Baxter St., Elida, OH 45807*

*Our sympathy is extended to **Bill and Joyce Nichols**. Their granddaughter, **Stacy Moor**, passed away suddenly in New York on April 11, 2009. Stacy was also the granddaughter of the late **Joan Moor**, long-time member of St. Paul's. Cards may be sent to Bill and Joyce at 5129 Willow St., Elida, OH 45807*

*Our sympathy is extended to **Marty and Kathy White**. Kathy's uncle, **Robert Greenbaum**, passed away in Pennsylvania on April 17, 2009. Cards may be sent to Marty and Kathy at 5756 Clover Ridge Dr., Elida, OH 45807*



The People of St. Paul's

To our friends at St. Paul's,
It is my turn to thank you for your caring and for the lovely hyacinths I received the other day. It was a fluke of a fall and as so often happens, it has caused a good deal of pain. However, given time, caring, and prayers, it will clear up. The beauty of the flowers will help.
Thank you.

Joanna Hurd

I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards on the recent death of my brother, **Dick Prince**. These expressions of sympathy are truly appreciated.

Dorothy Banks

I would like to thank Rev. Solo for her hospital visit and my church family for the flowers, cards, prayers, and phone calls I received during my recovery from surgery.

Don Irvin

Thanks to all of you for your thoughts and prayers while our daughter was up at Doctor's West. Today she is a healthy 9 lbs. 9 oz. and is as funny and healthy as ever! God Bless

Mike, Becky, and Adrianna Ellinger



**Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to come visit and share about the new programs currently underway with FORO. Thanks, too, for your wonderful donation of \$341!

Currently, we are making plans for a trip to Russia at the end of May. My daughter, Mary, will accompany me and will be able to witness first hand life in an orphanage. It is a very exciting trip as we will be meeting with representatives of "Deti Nashi", a Russian humanitarian organization with which FORO is now working collaboratively on several new programs, including a very ambitious infant development program called "Arms of Hope". We will also visit a new orphanage in the city of Kolomna and will award the first "Irina Simonova Scholarship" in the city of Arkhangelsk. While there we will also assure that arrangements for our summer "Journeys of Joy" program are also in place. I am pleased to report that eight orphans will be visiting Sylvania this summer, staying with local families, attending Vacation Bible School, and hopefully having the experience of a lifetime!

These new programs would not be possible without the help of friends like you. Thank you so much for your continued faithful support.

Happy Easter and God bless.

Sincerely,
Lisa Wurster

Meetings

May 2009

May 4, 2009
PPR...7:15 PM

May 5, 2009
Trustees...7:00 PM

May 11, 2009
Finance...7:00 PM

May 11, 2009
Ad Council...8:00 PM

May 19, 2009
Missions...7:00 PM




May 26, 2009
Christian Ed...7:00 PM

Sundays
Prayer...9:00 AM

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

May 2, 2009
Book Club...9:00 AM

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Lily Bice	2 Paul Scholfield 88 years Bill Nichols 84 years
3	4	5 Shelly Reiff	6 Angie Nartker	7	8	9
	PPR	Trustees				
10 Larry Brunk	11	12	13 Glenna Kohli	14	15 Logan Kinney	16 Mary Irvin Jennifer Kinney
	Finance Ad Council					
17 Martha Vazquez	18	19 Aaron Thompson Marlene Weaver Missions	20 Karen Bible	21	22	23 Wilbur Hurd 80 years
						
24 Isaac McAdams	25	26 Torie McAdams	27 Scott Warris	28	29	30
		Christian Ed				
31	 Memorial Day					

Anniversaries

Pat & Pam Gaghen
May 3

Paul & Helen Scholfield
May 23
63 Years

Rich & Ruth Solo
May 28

Dan & Margie Best
May 28

Ray & Helen Waldron
May 29
61 years

Favorite Recipes from St. Paul's Younger Generation

Chicken Tortellini Casserole

by Mindy Schulz

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 stick	butter	Cook tortellini 5 minutes. Drain. Put in lightly greased 8 1/2 x 11 inch pan. Put 4 oz. cheese over pasta.
1 pkg. (8 oz.)	tortellini	
8 oz.	Monterey Jack cheese	Cut chicken in large cubes, roll in flour, and brown in margarine. Remove chicken. Cook onions in same pan.
4	chicken breasts	
3/4 cup	onion	Add everything, but cheese. Bring to slow boil and cook 5 minutes.
2 cubes	chicken bouillon	
1 can (8 oz.)	chicken broth	Add cheese and cook until melted. Add sour cream and blend.
1 tsp.	sugar	
1/2 tsp.	Tabasco	Place chicken over tortellini. Pour sauce over chicken.
1/2 cup	sour cream	
2 Tbl.	parsley	Cover with foil. Bake 45 minutes at 275-300 degrees.



Seschwan Stir Fry

by Nick White and Kim Holbrook

Ingredients		Instructions
	chopped chicken breast	Chop up the amount you wish of each of the ingredients and stir fry with Seschwan seasoning mix. Serve with white rice.
	broccoli	
	mushrooms	
	water chestnuts	
	red bell pepper	
	Seschwan seasoning mix	
	white rice	



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Find the Letters

To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot and find its corresponding letter along the left. To help you solve the puzzle, read Exodus 20:12.

1	15	18	15	5	16	15	4	5	8	6	3	1	17	5	6	18	7		
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Answer: Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Make a Card for Mom



Fold a piece of heavy paper in half. On the inside – write a poem or just tell Mom how much you love her. On the front – decorate with a picture or a design. You can use ribbon, lace, buttons, sequins, beads, fabric or any trimmings. Markers or crayons can be used as well.

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Living Our Faith Activities for Pentecost May 31, 2009

The Feast of Pentecost falls on the 50th day after Easter (Pentecost comes from the Greek word for "fifty"). In the Christian church, this day commemorates the story in Acts 2:1-21 about God's Spirit coming upon the disciples in a very special way. They realized that even though Jesus was gone, his spirit was with the church that day and forever.

Many different traditions and practices have grown up over the years connected with this special day. As you read about these, think of ways you can celebrate the Spirit of God in your midst at this special time.

In the West, the traditional color for Pentecost is red, based on the images of "tongues of fire"

from the Bible. Many churches use red altar cloths and vestments, and encourage people to wear something red, orange, or yellow to celebrate the fires of the Holy Spirit. Make plans with your family and friends to do this!

In the East, the color associated with Pentecost is green, representing the Holy Spirit. This stems from the idea that the Holy Spirit is the giver of life. In many Eastern churches (Russian and Greek Orthodox, for example) people make a point to decorate graves on the Saturday before Pentecost. If this is not an option for you, look at pictures of those who have died and share stories about them.

In some English churches Pentecost is referred to as

"Whitsunday." The celebration of God's Spirit on this day made it a popular day for confirmation and confirmands would often wear white. If you know someone being confirmed at Pentecost, write them a note encouraging them to live as a witness of Jesus Christ.

As you think of the Pentecost fires, make flames out of red, orange, or yellow paper, and write on them good wishes for others. Try to share these anonymously. Happy Pentecost!

