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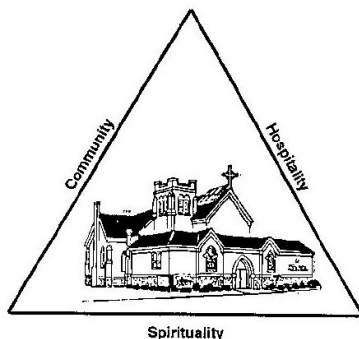
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Dear Friends,

Alleluia! Christ is risen! What a joyful season we are now in as we begin to live into what it means to be resurrected people. We got there this year by taking an intense look at the last 24 hours of Jesus' life. There were many people involved in making the Lenten worship experiences meaningful to everyone. Let me take this opportunity to thank those who were involved behind the scenes:

First Sunday in Lent: The Worship Team put together a triclinium, a table that looked like the one that was used in the days of Jesus, and was likely like the one used for the Last Supper. Thank you to the worship team for your creativity, time, and efforts throughout the season.

Second Sunday in Lent: Rich Solo created 'rocks' so that we could get a sense of where Jesus prayed that night. Kathy White set up the greenery used so that we could feel like we were in the garden as we heard about Jesus' journey to Gethsemane.

Third Sunday in Lent: Rich once again used his artistic ability to create a fire so that we could feel like we were in the courtyard with Peter during Jesus' trial.

Fourth Sunday in Lent: While communion is central for first Sundays, Rich created a scene that gave the impression of Pilate's seat of judgment by using one of the chairs from the chancel, an old table top, and a carpet runner.

Fifth Sunday in Lent: Rich Solo, Larry Moser, and Jamie Wyant brought a large log into the chancel and created a whipping post to represent the place where Jesus was beaten. A flagellum was made with leather strips to demonstrate the horror of that moment in Jesus' life. Kathy White and Myrna Metzger gave us a sense of the royalty with the long purple cloth to represent the robe put on Jesus during the mocking, and a wreath made of thorns gave us a sense of the crown put on Jesus.

Palm/Passion Sunday: Jamie Wyant crafted an authentic cross from barn wood, and Rich Solo, Larry Moser, Scott Fessler, Marty White, and Tony Shoup brought it in during the choir's anthem and assembled it for us. Myrna fashioned a crown of thorns for us to experience the crucifixion first hand.

The visual settings for worship this Lenten season allowed us to journey to the cross and understand all that God did for us in Jesus to atone for our human condition and bring us back into a joyful relationship with the God who loves each one of us.

This season ended as we celebrated a Seder meal on Maundy Thursday that included the institution of the Lord's Supper in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to the Nurture Committee for your work to make it a special evening.

Finally, I want to thank our fairly new technical team, who prepared the visuals each week, including power points and film clips to help us put the story in context.

All of this prepared us to truly celebrate the Alleluias of Easter. I pray that each of you will continue to find life, joy, and grace throughout this joyful season.

*See you in church,
Pastor Ruth Solo*

Thought for the Month:

*Even if there is
nothing to laugh about,
laugh on credit.*

Youth News

Schedule of activities and events:

May — No youth activities because of Mother's Day, Prom, and preparations for graduation.

June — Community youth prepare for trip to Lakeside.



Congratulations to Our St. Paul's Youth:

Joshua Guess and the Elida 5th-grade **Quiz Bowl Team** finished 1st Runner-up in the county-wide Quiz Bowl competition this year.

Michele Theodore was in the cast of the Elida High School play "**Twelve Angry Persons**".

Torie McAdams was named Elida High School **Student of the Month** for April.

Aric Thompson was named Elida High School **Student of the Month** for March.

Congratulations!

High School graduates and their families will be recognized at a breakfast in their honor and during the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, May 22, 2010.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

May 15th will be the last Sunday for the Children and Youth Ministry. They will not meet during the summer.



St. Paul's Book Club

will meet **Saturday, May 7,** at **9 a.m.** in the Elementary Classroom beside the main office. The book, **Little Bee** will be discussed. Bring your breakfast if you wish and join the group for some interesting conversation.

All are welcome.



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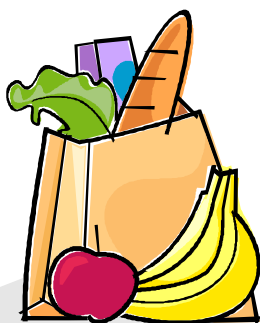
The 4th Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing has been set for **Saturday, July 23, 2011,** **new location** – Colonial Golfers Club, S.R. 309, Harrod, OH. Please mark your calendars and look for more information as it becomes available, per John Fleming, Brad's Uncle and Event Coordinator.



Newsletter
deadline:
the **16th**
of each month

Lima Area Methodist Men's Breakfast at Trinity UMC

The next Lima Area Methodist Men's (LAMM) breakfast will be at Trinity UMC at 301 West Market Street in Lima on **Saturday, May 7th at 8 AM**. Dan Bucher of Trinity will give a presentation about the recently completed mission trip to Haiti. The men of St. Paul's are invited to come to Trinity to join in fellowship and find out about mission work being done by churches in our area. Hope to see you there.



Food Pantry Needs Our Help

The 5-loaves Food Pantry at Allentown is now serving over 200 families in the Elida area. Our help at St. Paul's supporting the food pantry is needed now more than ever. Prayerfully consider giving canned food **on Food Pantry Sunday, May 15th**. Thank you for those of you that continue to give sacrificially to the food pantry to help feed those needing our assistance!

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Remember Mother's Day on May 8, 2011

Honor your mothers on that Sunday
and every day!

All women will be honored at the
worship service that day.

SUMMER WORSHIP

The Summer of 2011 will be a little different than in the recent past. This year, we will stay with our regular worship time of 10:30 am on Sunday mornings. The decision was made because of several people who have told the pastor that they have difficulty getting up earlier to head out to church. Keeping with our normal schedule will allow you to have a more relaxing Sunday morning before you come to church. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Ruth.

A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that "individuality" is the key to success.

- Robert Orben

The Heart of Church

Greeters

May 1, 2011	Open
May 8, 2011	Bill & Esther McKinney
May 15, 2011	Open
May 22, 2011	Open
May 29, 2011	Open



We are in great need of nursery volunteers. Please prayerfully consider serving in this way



Praying Together

Thank you for toast and jam.
Thank you for eggs and ham.
We thank you, Lord.
(da, da, da, da).

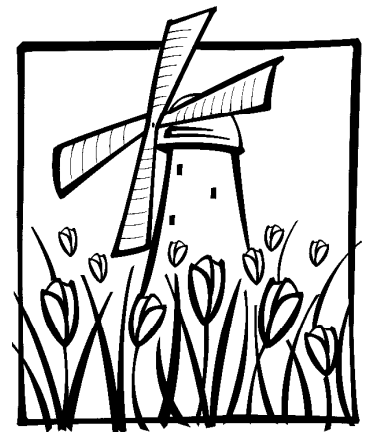
Thank you for beans and spam.
Thank you for all I am.
Thanking you best we can.
We thank you, Lord



Sing to the tune of "God Save the Queen"

Committee Chairs

PPR Chair	Linda Craft
Trustees Chair	Tim Theodore
Finance Chair	Art Holman
Physical Plant Chair	Ron Steiner
Treasurer	Gene Craft
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Education Chair	TBA
Administrative Council Chair	Scott Fessler
Worship Team	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Martha Vazquez
Stewardship	Tim Piper
Missions	Marty White, Maedene Holmes



Faith In Action

ST. PAUL'S MISSIONS ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, April 9, 2011, St. Paul's completed another Ramps 'n Roofs mission project. An approximate 60' long handicap ramp constructed at a residence on S. Scott St. in Lima included three transition decks and three sections of boardwalk. It serves two wheelchair bound children living at this residence.

Jamie Wyant assembled the three decks and three boardwalk frames prior to April 9, then loaded them onto a trailer the morning of April 9 for transport to the job site. Marty White, Rich Solo, and Larry Moser assisted Jamie in assembling all the pre-constructed pieces on-site in addition to finishing the boardwalks and installing wooden railings the entire length of the ramp. The transition area from driveway to ramp required hand excavation of a portion of front yard (anyone call 8-1-1?). What an impressive sight: four people, four shovels – all in motion: no State workers here! Although the sledge hammer never came out, there were a few spur-of-the-moment modifications to plan when connecting the top deck to the front porch or attaching legs to the remaining deck pieces. Attaining proper slope of the ramps is always a challenge. The rain held off and our missionaries completed this task all in a day's work, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.! If you would like to assist 'next time', please notify Marty White or Jamie Wyant now.

On Monday, April 11, 2011, St. Paul's congregation was recognized as an outstanding volunteer church during the annual meeting and appreciation dinner of Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, S. Central St., Lima. Our Daily Bread Board Member and Nurture Committee Chairperson Martha Vasquez and Missions Committee Co-Chairperson Marty White attended on behalf of St. Paul's. Our congregation serves this soup kitchen every fifth Friday of the month or about 4-5 times throughout the year. Many thanks to those from St. Paul's who have assisted with this mission work: Larry & Gloria Brunk; Jamie & Jan Wyant; Larry & Shirley Moser; Becky & Jerry Bean; Norm & Mary Grigsby; Gene & Linda Craft; Phyllis Hines; Shara Bowsher; Linda Holman; Dorothy Hall; Greg & Barb Schade; Pastor Ruth; Martha Vasquez; Corinne Piper; Marty White. If you are interested in this mission work, please see Marty White. Remaining dates for 2011 are April 29, July 29, September 30, and December 30. Volunteers are asked to arrive about 9:30 a.m. for prep work; serving concludes (St. Paul's duties) about Noon-12:30 p.m.



PASTOR'S SCHEDULE:

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Pastor Ruth will be unavailable in May the following dates:

- May 18: Clergy Session of the West Ohio Conference.
- May 23-24: for worship planning days.
- May 25-29: for vacation days. We will have a lay speaker to preach on May 29.
- May 30: Memorial Day holiday.

Please be aware that the pastor writes the sermon on Thursdays. It is helpful to limit your calls on Thursday mornings to emergencies.

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

March 27, 2011	88
April 3, 2011	75
April 10, 2011	85
April 17, 2011	113
April 21, 2011 (Maundy Thursday)	38
April 24, 2011 (Sunrise Service)	72
April 24, 2011	101

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
March 27, 2011	\$2,258.01	\$484.00
April 3, 2011	\$3,770.00	\$805.96
April 10, 2011	\$2,565.00	\$316.00
April 17, 2011	\$3,534.33	\$659.00
April 24, 2011	\$3,702.00	\$1,233.62



Flowers:

May 1, 2011	Denny & Carole Grapner
May 8, 2011	Bill & Esther McKinney
May 15, 2011	Dorothy Banks
May 22, 2011	Dwain & Myrna Metzger
May 29, 2011	Rich & Ruth Solo

Children and Youth Ministry Attendance

March 27, 2011	12
April 3, 2011	7
April 10, 2011	8
April 17, 2011	14
April 24, 2011	7

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Consulting the Manual



Bible Readings for

Revised Common Lectionary
Year A

Week of May 1

Second Sunday of Easter

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 16

New Testament:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Week of May 8

Third Sunday of Easter

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

New Testament:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Week of May 15

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 23

New Testament:

Acts 2:42-47

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Week of May 22

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

New Testament:

Acts 7:55-60

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Week of May 29

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 66

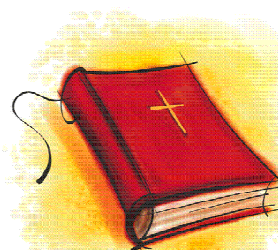
New Testament:

Acts 17:22-31

1 Peter 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

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



GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL..... CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

The following students will be graduating from **Elida High School** on
Sunday, June 5, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Audrey Fox has decided to enter an Internship with Teens for Christ following graduation and then see where that takes her in her life's plans. Audrey is the daughter of Doug and Ginger Fox and cards can reach her at 110 East Main Street, Elida, OH 45807.

Alex McAdams will be working a summer job with Elida Schools before heading to Ohio University in Athens this fall. Alex will be pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering and also hopes to be part of the Bobcat basketball program. Alex's parents are Brent and Vicki McAdams and congrats to him can be sent to 7300 Ridge Road, Elida, OH 45807.

Tahler Sdao is planning to go to Columbus State in Columbus in the fall to study Dental Hygiene. Tahler is the daughter of Steve and Tracy Sdao and congratulations can be sent to her at 1657 Robin Hood Drive, Lima, OH 45805.

Michele Theodore is graduating with a Diploma of Distinction from EHS and has decided to attend The Ohio State University in Columbus to major in Journalism and also be part of the Scholars Program known as the Mount Leadership Society. Michele's parents are Tim and Sue Theodore and cards can be sent to her at 3472 Providence Circle, Lima, OH 45801.



GRADUATING WITH A HIGHER EDUCATION DEGREE.....CONGRATULATIONS!



Megan Bible is completing a Masters Degree in Art Education at The Ohio State University, Columbus. She has completed her student teaching (Pickerington High School) and has summer employment in Columbus. She would like to remain in the Columbus area, so she is hoping to find a teaching position there. Megan is the daughter of Ron and Karen Bible, 5055 Daisy Lane, Elida, OH 45807.

Sarah Dyke will graduate May 15 from Valparaiso University, Indiana, with a Bachelors degree in Elementary and Special Education. In June she will be marrying Kyle Brennenman and will be living in the Van Wert area where she will look for a teaching position. Sarah is the daughter of Carolyn Dyke, 4073 West Lincoln Highway, Gomer, OH 45809.

Jennifer (Piper) Kinney will graduate on June 12 from The Ohio State University, Columbus, as a doctor of veterinary medicine (DVM). She has accepted a position as a large animal veterinarian in Bellevue, Ohio at York Animal Hospital. York Animal Hospital is a mixed animal practice with 2 small animal veterinarians and 2 large animal veterinarians. Jennifer and husband, Brian, and their sons are currently residing at 219 N Chillicothe St., Plain City, OH 43064. She is the daughter of Tim and Corinne Piper, 3003 Freyer Road, Elida, OH 45807.

Logan Smith, as previously reported, graduated from Manchester College, Indiana, in December, 2010, with a Bachelors degree in Education. Logan will participate in Manchester's graduation ceremony May 22. He is currently looking for a teaching (and perhaps coaching) position. Logan is the son of Barry and Cyndi Smith, 2872 Sherwood Drive, Lima, OH 45805.

Jenni Theodore will graduate Cum Laude from The Ohio State University, Columbus, on June 12 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Science. Jenni will continue in the school of pharmacy next fall working on a Doctorate in Pharmacy. She is the daughter of Tim and Sue Theodore, 3472 Providence Circle, Lima, OH 45801.

Kelly Warris will receive a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of Northwestern Ohio, Lima, on June 12. After graduation, she will enter the job market looking for employment. Kelly is the daughter of Scott and Beth Warris, 3443 Musser Drive, Elida, OH 45807.

ReFocus

SUMMARY OF ReFOCUS SUMMIT #3: 'HOW WILL WE GET THERE?'

On March 26, 2011, the ReFocus Team held their last of three ministry summits collectively designed to formulate ideas and methods for our congregation to implement in making disciples of Christ throughout our community. The intent is to develop a ministry structure and people flow process that creates progress out of programs, accomplishment rather than mere activity. Programs and practices that are no longer effective are to be discontinued.

We started the day with an introduction to a 'People Flow Diagram'. This process outlines how our congregation and its leaders should engage visitors to our church including several stages such as 'Welcome hospitality', follow-up, group involvement, meeting with our Pastor, all leading up to membership at St. Paul's. Each step of this process will have a church worker assigned to it. We next addressed changes to our church's administrative processes or methods of ministry implementation. Going forward, we intend to approach the administration of our ministries as such:

STRATEGIC MINISTRY

Run by

MINISTRY TEAMS

Supported by

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAMS

Held accountable to ministry by

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

Instead of the Administrative Council driving the train and blowing the whistle, control in carrying out our congregation's mission work will lie with specific Ministry Teams. The Administrative Council will lend support and direction but will not offer 'how to' complete any given task, or need to give permission for tasks of ministries to be accomplished.

Next: Strategic initiatives – these are big lever items which produce change and generate momentum. They require the attention of the *entire* congregation. Strategic initiatives define our congregation and represent our values, our mission and vision statements, and our Biblical purpose statement. They describe who we are and what we are about. When someone asks why you belong to St. Paul's U.M.C., or why should they join our church, our work throughout the community as qualified by our strategic initiatives is our answer. It's how we impact our community and how we live out our vision statement.

We then moved into break-out sessions to select and develop said strategic initiatives. By the end of this Summit, participants generated five strategic initiatives:

1. Help establish a community center with emphasis on youth & elderly;
2. Caring for elderly – monthly/quarterly Sr. day out with associated activities and transportation as required;
3. Encouraging parents;
4. Provide community improvements;
5. Outdoor activities.

These five initiatives represent the focus and priorities of ministry at St. Paul's U.M.C. during the next 3-5 years. Each group associated with each particular initiative derived a preliminary set of goals and action steps. Since this Summit 3 session, the ReFocus Team has assigned a Team leader to each initiative with the exception of Initiatives 4 & 5. The thought here is to move these initiatives under the heading of the current Missions Committee.

On Sunday, April 10, 2011, the ReFocus Team made a formal presentation to the congregation which described the Team's work to date culminating with said strategic initiatives. In essence, the Team took a 'pulse check' of the congregation relative to its work and associated results. Consequently, the Team welcomes any questions, comments, or suggestions regarding any aspect of this ReFocus process and the recommendations that will be made to Administrative Council in the near future.

Presently, the ReFocus Team is finalizing its Mission Plan for St. Paul's. This plan summarizes and outlines all results generated during the three Summit sessions culminating with the strategic initiatives.

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall, a Leadership Retreat will be held. The purpose of this retreat is to transfer ownership of the Mission Plan and its execution from the Team to the Administrative Council. This plan will generate an awareness and set priorities for how St. Paul's will impact the community in alignment with the will of God as a result of this ReFocus process.

If you are a church leader, please plan to attend this Retreat on May 14 as we seek your participation during this final phase of the ReFocus process. For the remainder of the congregation, please join one of the newly-formed Ministry Teams that will live out St. Paul's vision for mission work as Christ's disciples throughout our community.

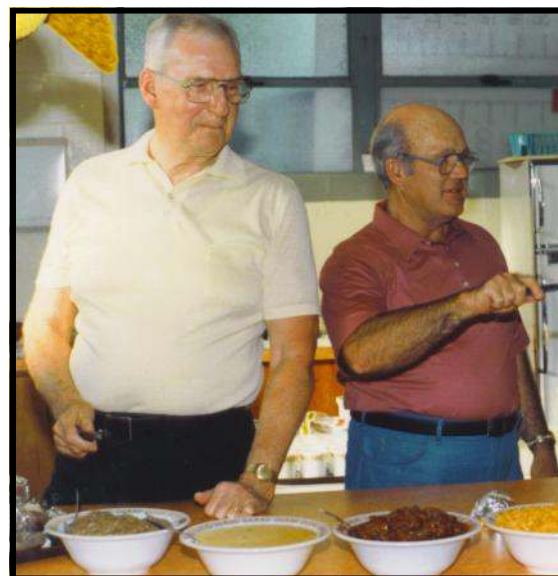
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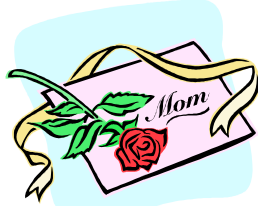
Mother/Daughter Banquet
May, 1985



Below:
John Reynolds and Bill
McKinney, servers



Connecting With ...



My mother had a great deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.

- Mark Twain



Thanks to modern medical advances such as antibiotics, nasal spray, and Diet Coke, it has become routine for people in the civilized world to pass the age of 40, sometimes more than once.

- Dave Barry

One of the very few reasons I had any respect for my mother when I was thirteen was because she would reach into the sink with her bare hands - bare hands - and pick up that lethal gunk and drop it into the garbage. To top that, I saw her reach into the wet garbage bag and fish around in there looking for a lost teaspoon. Bare hands - a kind of mad courage.

- Robert Fulghum

Book of Timothy



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Jerry Bean
Dorothy Foster
Gary Grigg

Homebound Members

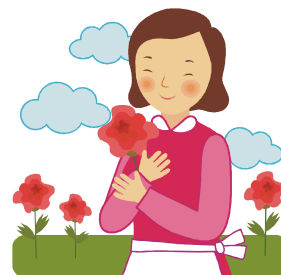
Hazel Dunn
Edna Osman
Jean Redd
Gladys Sherrick

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Lesley Parker
Jason Stanley



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The People of St. Paul's

To Our St. Pauls Family,
We want to thank
each of you for the cards,
thoughts, prayers,
flowers, and **Pastor Ruth**
and Rich's visits. Wilbur's
valentine from Jensen
and Oliver, Jo's special
card from Crafty
Creatures, and all else.

Thank you everyone,
Love,
Wilbur and Joanna



St. Paul's Friends,
Words can not express the
gratitude that we have
for the support that we
received from the St.
Paul's members for the
passing of my mother.
The funeral home
visitations, cards,
thoughts, kind words and
prayers were a great
source of comfort during
this difficult time.

Thank You,
Dan and Margie Best



In Sympathy



We extend our sympathy to the family of
Gary Johnson. Gary passed away
Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at the age of 69
years. His funeral was held Tuesday, April
26th with Pastor Ruth officiating. Cards
may reach **Dee Johnson and her family**
at 4845 Sherrick Road, Elida, OH 45807.

Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

May 2, 2011
PPR...7:15 PM

May 3, 2011
Trustees...7:00 PM

May 5, 2011
Worship Team...6:00 PM

May 9, 2011
Finance...7:00 PM

May 9, 2011
Ad Council...8:00 PM

May 17, 2011
Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays
Prayer...10:00 AM
Fellowship...10:00 AM
Worship...10:30 AM

Thursdays
Chancel Choir...7:30 PM

Anniversaries

Rod & Nancy Gesler
May 27


Rich & Ruth Solo
May 28
40 yrs.

Dan & Margie Best
May 28



May 2011

June 2011						
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Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Kentucky Derby Pie

by Sue Theodore

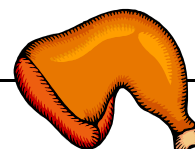
Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 cup	Margarine, melted	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients, in the order given (except pie shell). Mix after each ingredient is added or pie will not layer properly. Pour into pie shell. Bake 30 minute or until knife comes out clean
1 cup	Sugar	
1/2 cup	Flour OR 4T. cornstarch	
2	Eggs, slightly beaten	
1t.	Vanilla	
3/4 cup	Walnuts	
3/4 cup	Chocolate Chips	
1	9" Pie Shell, unbaked	



Kentucky BBQ Sauce

by Mary Holmes

Ingredients		Instructions
1 cup	Cider Vinegar	Heat all ingredients together until margarine is melted and salt is dissolved. Baste chicken while grilling. (if you have Harlan's seasoning, sprinkle chicken with that first and use sauce to baste.)
1 stick	Margarine	
5t.	Worcestershire Sauce	
2t.	Salt	
	Chicken	

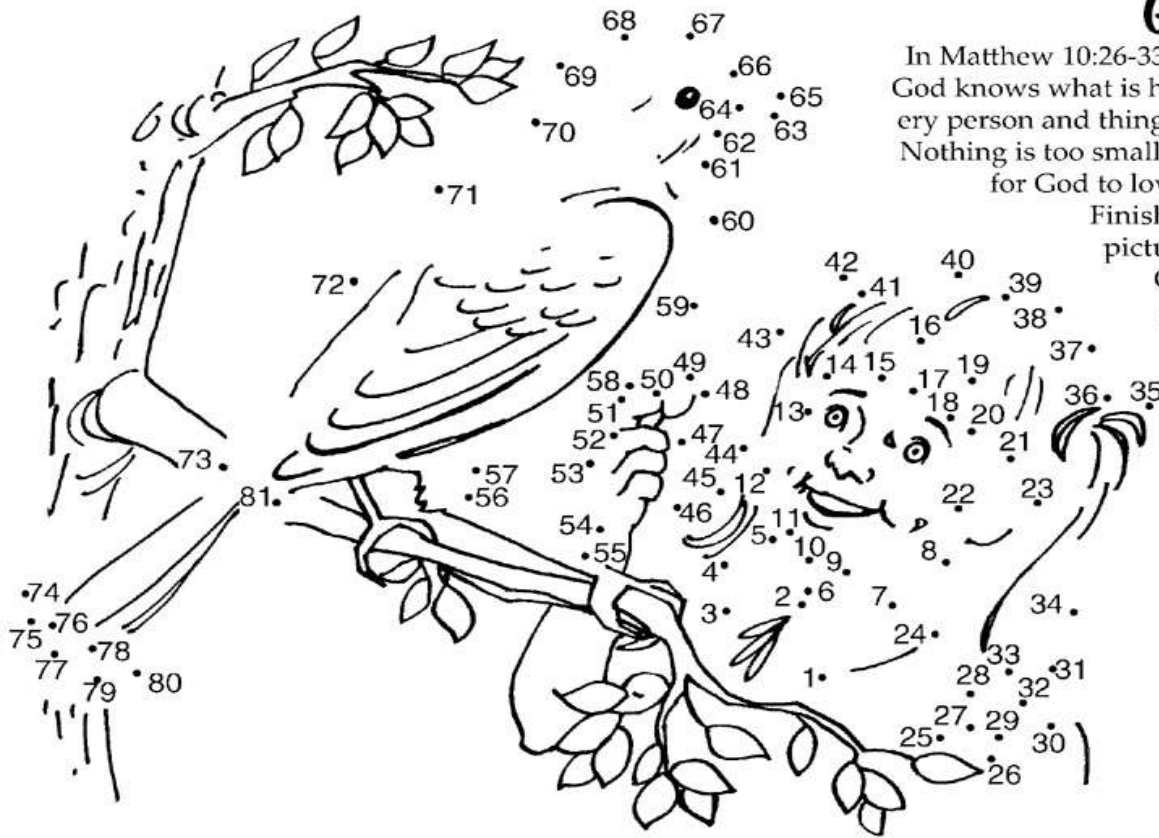


KIDZ KORNER

God Cares

In Matthew 10:26-33, Jesus says that God knows what is happening to every person and thing God has made. Nothing is too small or unimportant for God to love or care about.

Finish this dot-to-dot picture to show that God cares about even very small things.



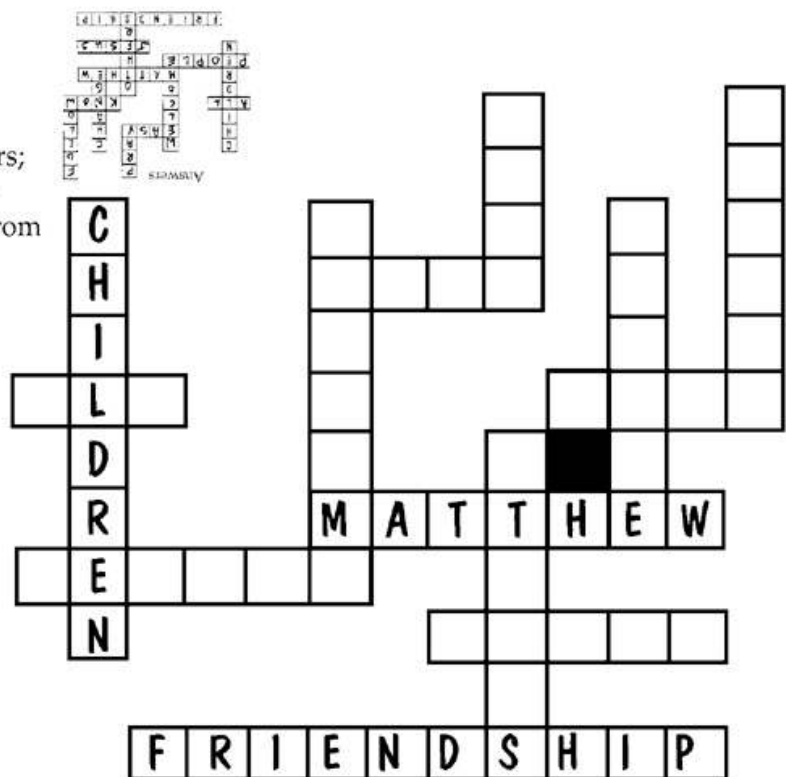
Welcoming Jesus

Read this poem about why we welcome others; then find a place in the crossword puzzle for each of the underlined words. Three words from the poem are already written in for you.

It is not easy to welcome
The people who don't welcome me;
I'd much rather be with the children
Whose friendship is easy to see.

But Matthew was welcomed by Jesus,
To change from his self-centered way;
Could it be that my welcoming others
Would help them know Jesus today?

So let's pray that Jesus will help us
To be welcoming in all that we do,
So that others will hear Jesus calling
And will want to follow him too.



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Honoring Mothers

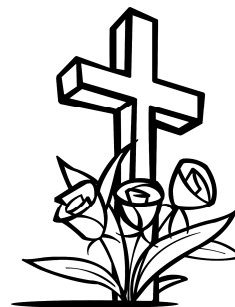
On May 8, millions of people in many countries will remember and honor their mothers, perhaps by sending cards, flowers, and chocolates, or by making visits and taking them out to dinner. Others may cook a meal, give a gift, or do other things to make the day special, while others will visit a grave or other place to remember mothers and grandmothers who have died.

In more recent years, some churches and groups have expanded the observance of the second Sunday of May to "Festival of the Christian Home" or "Christian Family

Sunday."

The modern celebration of Mother's Day on the second Sunday of May goes back to the late 1800s and, while it was a day to honor mothers, its beginnings lie not in the greeting card industry, but in politics. We owe the celebration of Mother's Day to the diligent work of three women: **Anna Jarvis Sr., Anna Jarvis Jr., and Julia Ward Howe.**

In addition to honoring your mother with your regular traditions, consider celebrating mothers and families in other ways as you learn about and reflect upon the legacies of the women who gave us this special day.



My name is...

A teacher had just given her second-grade class a lesson on magnets. Now came the question session, and she asked a little boy, "My name starts with an M and I pick up things. What am I?" The boy replied instantly, "A Mother."

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