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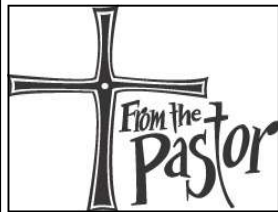
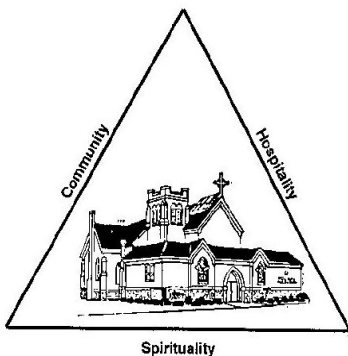
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May is here, the flowers are blooming, and if you are like me your thoughts have turned to summer. A few things are winding down here at church. First, the after school program is finished for the school year and I want to thank everyone who has helped change the lives of these kids. Some donated money and food, others donated a little time and some were regular fixtures week after week. All of you changed the lives of kids in our community and some of you have been changed by the experience of being the hands and feet of Christ. Thanks for all your hard work. Sunday School is also coming to an end for the summer and I want to say thanks to all who taught classes this year.

Just because summer is here and a few things are ending does not mean it is time to close up shop for the summer. Senior's Day Out continues to provide fun, fellowship and food every month on the 3rd Tuesday, so invite a friend to come. Summer cleanup around the church will be happening soon, so get your rakes and shovels ready. Also, I look forward to information about what mission we will be working on at Camp Wesley and how that project will allow more kids to meet Christ through our UM Camps. Speaking of camps, if you have kids who want to go to camp this summer we will again be offering help for those who want to experience fun in the sun at camp this summer.

Finally, thanks go out to all of you who have had your picture taken for the church directory and I want to encourage you to sign up for the May 12th date if you have not had your picture taken yet. I know for some of you getting your picture taken is the last thing you want to do, but it helps us stay connected as a church and we have evidence to blackmail our children with when they have grown up and have children of their own. Also a reminder that the front entrance to the church will be closed for a couple of weeks as we finish drywall and paint.

Enjoy the flowers and God Bless You,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

The sweetest sounds
to mortals given
are heard in Mother,
Home and Heaven.

—William Goldsmith Brown

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**Lima Area Methodist
Men's breakfast**

Will meet on Saturday, May 2nd at Trinity UMC at 8 AM. We hope all of our St. Paul's men can make it to the breakfast.



**Our Daily Bread Soup
Kitchen Volunteers**
(St. Paul's 5th Friday Mission)

Friday, May 29th

To help prepare and serve the noon meal.

Please let Tim Piper know if you can help.

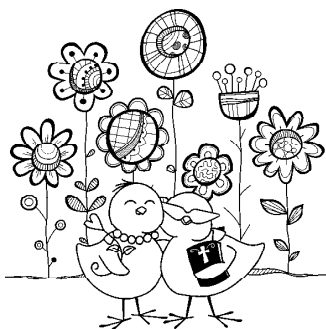
St. Paul's Book Club

Saturday, May 2, 2015
9:00 AM

Book discussion about Wish You Well by David Baldacci
Bring your own breakfast.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Christian Symbol

Vine

A vine symbolizes Christ, the foundation of life and nourishment of all people, who, in turn, are like branches. When separated from the vine, we branches can't survive — at least not spiritually. "Apart from me," says Jesus, "you can do nothing" (John 15:5, NIV). But as God the gardener tends this relationship, we branches grow stronger and more mature in Jesus and alongside one another.



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of each month

May 3, 2015

Coins for Communion
to benefit
West Ohio Conference United
Methodist Church Camps

Camp Wesley, Camp Otterbein,
Camp Wide Water



May 10, 2015

Celebrating Pentecost



May 24, 2015



He was taken
up to **heaven.**

ACTS 1:2

Ascension Sunday
May 17, 2015



Memorial Day is May
30, but observed this
year on May 25, 2015.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

DIRECTORY PHOTOS

Tuesday
May 12, 2015

2:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Due to the great response in April,
we added another photo day to be
sure no one misses out.

You may schedule your appointment
on the website

www.elidastpaulschurch.org

or call the church office
419-339-3801

Photos by Life Touch



May 17th is the last Sunday for
St. Paul's Chancel Choir.
They will return in the Fall
after summer break.

Anyone interested in doing special music
for the summer contact Judy Chaffins
or the church office.

Seniors Day Out

May 19, 2015
12:00 Noon

Pattraporn Nooprasit,
our exchange student, will be
speaking about her native
Thailand.

All seniors welcome!

Congratulations College Graduates



Jenni Jankovsky, daughter of Tim and Sue Theodore, will graduate from The Ohio State University in Columbus on Sunday, May 10, 2015. She will receive a Doctor of Pharmacy Degree from The Ohio State University School of Pharmacy. The Doctoral Hooding Ceremony will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015. Following graduation, Jenni and her husband, Zac, will move to Akron where Jenni will have a residency in the pharmacy at Akron General Hospital. Their new address will be:

Jenni and Zac Jankovsky
 1237 Weathervane Lane
 Apt #2B
 Akron, OH 44313



Michele Theodore, daughter of Tim and Sue Theodore, will graduate from The Ohio State University in Columbus on Sunday, May 10, 2015. She will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism and Spanish from the Ohio State University College of Arts and Sciences. Following graduation, Michele will move to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where she has an internship in the copy editing department of the Minneapolis Star Tribune .



Stacy Alexander and **Alex McAdams** will both be graduating Saturday, May 2, from Ohio University. Stacy will graduate with a Bachelor of Social Work and Alex will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering. Stacy is planning to attend the University of Toledo next fall and will be in a one year program to get her Masters of Social Work. Alex will start work at Honda Engineering, starting in May, located in Anna, Ohio. They are both planning to stay in the Elida area for the foreseeable future.

Tahler Sdao, daughter of Steve and Tracy Sdao, will graduate from James A. Rhodes State College this May with an associate degree in Applied Business Administration. Tahler is going to attend Franklin University in the fall to pursue a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. She will graduate from Franklin University in March of 2017. While going to school full time at night, she has also worked full time at Superior Federal Credit Union as a consumer loan officer. Her office is at the Allentown Rd. location. This October will be three years with the credit union!



Congratulations

Congratulations to **Ginny Doseck** and **Roger and Jackie Henderson** for becoming members of Elida St. Paul's UMC on Sunday, April 19th.

Ginny Doseck transferred her membership from Cartecley United Methodist Church in Ellijay, Georgia.

Roger and Jackie Henderson transferred their membership from Trinity United Methodist Church in Plymouth, Indiana.

WELCOME

New Members



Congratulations to Oliver Fessler and the Elida FFA Agricultural Engineering Team for placing 3rd out of 41 schools who participated in the State FFA Contest. Congrats to Oliver for placing 26th out of 314 contestants. Way to go, Oliver!



Committee Chairs	2015
PPR Chair	Shirley Shoup
Trustees Chair	Ron Steiner
Finance Chair	OPEN
Treasurer	Margie Best
Education Chair	Jan Wyant
Administrative Council	Art Holman
Worship	Pastor Paul Scannell
Nurture	Linda Holman
Missions	Tim Piper

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
March 29, 2015	138
April 5, 2015 -Sunrise	62
April 5, 2015-10 AM	115
April 12, 2015	95
April 19, 2015	97
April 26, 2015	97

Financial Giving
 Weekly Need for
 Unified Ministry Budget
 \$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
March 29, 2015	\$2,256.00	\$367.56
April 5, 2015	\$5,326.00	\$1,405.58
April 12, 2015	\$2,637.00	\$247.00
April 19, 2015	\$2,281.25	\$227.00
April 26, 2015	\$2,448.00	\$609.50

Sunday School Attendance	
March 29, 2015	18
April 5, 2015	16
April 12, 2015	17
April 19, 2015	20
April 26, 2015	18

Greeters	
May 3, 2015	Gene Craft
May 10, 2015	Susan Nartker
May 17, 2015	Cody & Marla Scannell
May 24, 2015	Ray & Phyllis Trigg
May 31, 2015	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia

Flower Calendar	
May 3, 2015	Bill & Joyce Nichols
May 10, 2015	Steve & Tracy Sdao
May 17, 2015	Don & Mary Irvin
May 24, 2015	Dan & Margie Best
May 31, 2015	Ruth Burgoon

Communion Servers	
MAY 3	
Station #1	Marty & Kathy White
Station #2	Jamie & Jan Wyant
Station #3	Gary & Deb Hurd

Daily Bible Readings

Friday 5/1

Psalm 40, 54, 51, Exodus 34:18-35
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13
Matthew 5:27-37

Saturday 5/2

Psalm 138, 139, 55
Exodus 40:18-38
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12
Matthew 5:38-48

Sunday 5/3

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36
Hebrews 12:1-14, Luke 4:16-30

Monday 5/4

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65
Leviticus 16:1-19
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Tuesday 5/5

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Leviticus 16:20-34
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday 5/6

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Leviticus 19:1-18
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28
Matthew 6:19-24

Thursday 5/7

Psalm 70, 71, 74
Leviticus 19:26-37
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12
Matthew 6:25-34

Friday 5/8

Psalm 106, Leviticus 23:1-22
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17
Matthew 7:1-12

Saturday 5/9

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Leviticus 23:23-44
2 Thessalonians 3:1-18
Matthew 7:13-21

Sunday 5/10

Psalm 34, 93, 96, Leviticus 25:1-17
James 1:2-8, 16-18, Luke 12:13-21

Monday 5/11

Psalm 77, 79, 80
Leviticus 25:35-55
Colossians 1:9-14
Matthew 13:1-16

Tuesday 5/12

Psalm 78, Leviticus 26:1-20
1 Timothy 2:1-6
Matthew 13:18-23

Wednesday 5/13

Psalm 119:97-120
Leviticus 26:27-42
Ephesians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:41-46

Thursday 5/14

Psalm 68:1-20, 2 Kings 2:1-15
Revelations 5:1-14

Friday 5/15

Psalm 85, 86, 91, 92
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 7:22-27

Saturday 5/16

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Numbers 11:16-29
Ephesians 2:11-22
Matthew 7:28-8:4

Sunday 5/17

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Exodus 3:1-12
Hebrew 12:18-29, Luke 10:17-24

Monday 5/18

Psalm 89, Joshua 1:1-9
Ephesians 3:1-13, Matthew 8:5-17

Tuesday 5/19

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99, 100
1 Samuel 16:1-13a
Ephesians 3:14-21
Matthew 8:18-27

Wednesday 5/20

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Isaiah 4:2-6
Ephesians 4:1-16
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday 5/21

Psalm 105, Zechariah 4:1-14
Ephesians 4:17-32, Matthew 9:1-8

Friday 5/22

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Ephesians 5:1-20, Matthew 9:9-17

Saturday 5/23

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Ezekiel 36:22-27
Ephesians 6:10-24
Matthew 9:18-26

Sunday 5/24

Psalm 118, 145
Deuteronomy 16:9-12
Acts 4:18-21, 23-33, John 4:19-26

Monday 5/25

Psalm 106, Ezekiel 33:1-11
1 John 1:1-10, Matthew 9:27-34

Tuesday 5/26

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125,
126, Ezekiel 33:21-33
1 John 2:1-11, Matthew 9:35-10:4

Wednesday 5/27

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Ezekiel 34:1-16
1 John 2:12-17, Matthew 10:5-15

Thursday 5/28

Psalm 131, 132, 134, 135
Ezekiel 37:21b-28
1 John 2:18-29
Matthew 10:16-23

Friday 5/29

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Ezekiel 39:21-29
1 John 3:1-10, Matthew 10:24-33

Saturday 5/30

Psalm 137, 144, Ezekiel 47:1-12
1 John 3:11-18, Matthew 10:34-42

Sunday 5/31

Psalm 111, 112, 113
Job 38:1-11, 42:1-5
Revelation 19:4-16, John 1:29-34

Easter Sunday—2015



Easter Sunday—2015



Remember When...



May, 1998
St. Paul's Youth Group
Bike-A-Thon



May, 2000
Mission Trip to Mexico with Rev. Terry Heck (standing 8th from right) and Kate Holman (standing 5th from right).



May 20, 2007
Graduate Breakfast served by the Nurture Committee
L-R: Lynda Evans, Mary Grigsby, Gail Fessler, Martha Vazquez, Maedene Holmes

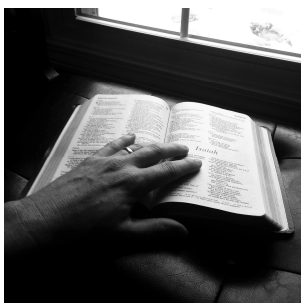


Connecting With ...

Word + Spirit

We must not be content to have the Spirit without the Word or the Word without the Spirit. Our lives must travel along these two, as the locomotive travels along parallel rails. It is only by our devout contact with the Bible that we shall be able to detect the Holy Spirit's voice. It is by the Word that the Spirit will enter our hearts, as the heat of the sun passes into our homes when its beams of light enter the open windows.

- F. B. Meyer



A Hymn for Pentecost

Eighteenth-century brothers John and Charles Wesley, co-founders of the Methodist Church, were prolific hymn writers. At one point, they made a concerted effort to increase the number of Pentecost-related hymns available to worshipers.

Use Charles Wesley's hymn "O Thou Who Camest From Above" as a prayer that the Holy Spirit will burn brightly in your heart and life today:

O Thou who camest from above,
the pure celestial fire to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
upon the mean altar of my heart.

There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.

Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work and speak and think for Thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up thy gift in me.



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital
Kim Crates

Homebound Members
Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement
Karen Bible
Joanna Hurd
Glenna Kohli

In the Military & Missions
Dani Milke

**Prayer List
Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**



The People of St. Paul's

**Thank
You!**

*Dear St. Paul's Church Family,
We want to thank you (time three) for all your prayers, card, support and kind expressions of sympathy that were given to us during Rodney's illness and recent death. We really appreciate all of you and feel blessed to have such a wonderful group of friends. Thank you also to Pastor Paul who prayed with us and for us through this difficult time.*

*Lovingly,
Carol, Nancy and Linda*

*St. Paul's Church Women,
It meant so much.
Thanks for all you have done.
The Foster Family*

*To the Members of St. Paul's Church,
Esther and I would like to thank you for the planter and cards we received due to the death of my brother, Bob McKinney.*

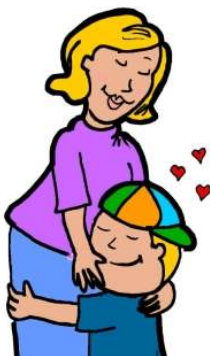
Bill McKinney

*To My St. Paul's Family,
Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and flowers during this time of preparing for surgery and the recovery following.
Having a great support system and having so many praying for me and my family has made this difficult time so much easier.*

*Blessings to all,
Gail Fessler*

*To My Friends At St. Paul's,
I really enjoyed Jone and Margie and their visit. Thanks to all the "Crafty Creatures" for my nice quilt. As the saying goes, "I bent their ears" some but that's because they were good listeners. I attend services here at Elmcroft, but St. Paul's is always my church home.
God Bless You All!*

*Love,
John Holmes*



A Prayer for Mom

A young boy had been misbehaving, so his mother sent him to his room. Sometime later, he came out and told his mom he'd prayed about the matter. "That's good," she replied. "If you ask God for help to not misbehave, he'll help you."

"Oh, I didn't pray for help behaving," said the boy. "I prayed for God to help you put up with me,"

Meetings

May 4, 2015
PPR Mtg...7:00 PM

May 5, 2015
Trustees...7:00 PM

May 6, 2015
Worship Mtg..6:00 PM


No Finance Meeting

May 11, 2015
Ad Council...7:30 PM

No Missions Meeting

Sundays
Prayer...8:45 AM
Sunday sch...9:00 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir...7:00 PM



May 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Lily Bice	2 Bill Nichols 90 yrs.
3	4	5 Shelly Reiff	6 Angie Nartker Zach Shoup	7	8	9 Michael Whetstone
10 Larry Brunk HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	11	12	13 Glenna Kohli 81 yrs.	14	15 Logan Kinney	16 Mary Irvin Jennifer Kinney
17 Martha Vazquez	18	19 Korbin Crates Aaron Thompson Marlene Weaver	20 Karen Bible	21	22	23
24 Isaac McAdams	25 Carter Kuenzli	26 Torie McAdams	27 Scott Warris	28	29	30
31						

Anniversaries

Pat & Pam Gaghan
 May 3

Gary & Deb Hurd
 May 19
 30 years


Rod & Nancy Gesler
 May 27
 42 years

Dan & Margie Best
 May 28
 26 years




Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Canneloni Roma *By Jan Wyant*

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 lb.	Ground beef	<p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees.</p> <p>Cook beef and onion, drain. Stir in Parmesan cheese, egg, and seasonings. Fill manicotti shells; place in greased baking dish.</p> <p>Pour Prego sauce over pasta. Cover and bake 1 hour. Top with Mozzarella cheese. Continue baking until melted.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
1/4 cup	Chopped onion	
1/2 cup	Parmesan cheese	
1	Egg, beaten	
1/2 tsp.	Oregano	
1/2 tsp.	Garlic salt	
1 box	Manicotti shells	
1 large	Prego sauce	
8 oz.	Shredded mozzarella cheese	

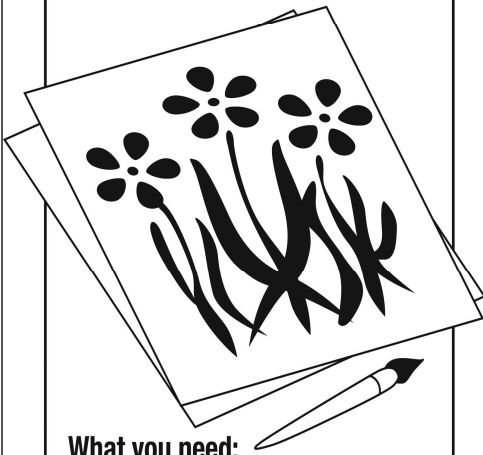
Kentucky Derby Pie *By Sue Theodore*

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 cup	Margarine, melted	<p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees.</p> <p>In the order given, mix all ingredients (except pie shell). Mix after each ingredient is added or pie will not layer properly. Pour into pie shell.</p> <p>Bake 30 minutes or until knife comes out clean.</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">  </div>
1 cup	Sugar	
1/2 cup	Flour OR 4 Tbl. cornstarch	
2	Eggs, slightly beaten	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
3/4 cup	Walnuts	
3/4 cup	Chocolate chips	
1	Unbaked 9" pie shell	

KIDZ KORNER

SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.



What you need:

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- Paper plates
- Paper towels

What you do:

1. With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
2. Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
3. Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
4. Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.



Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.

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the _____



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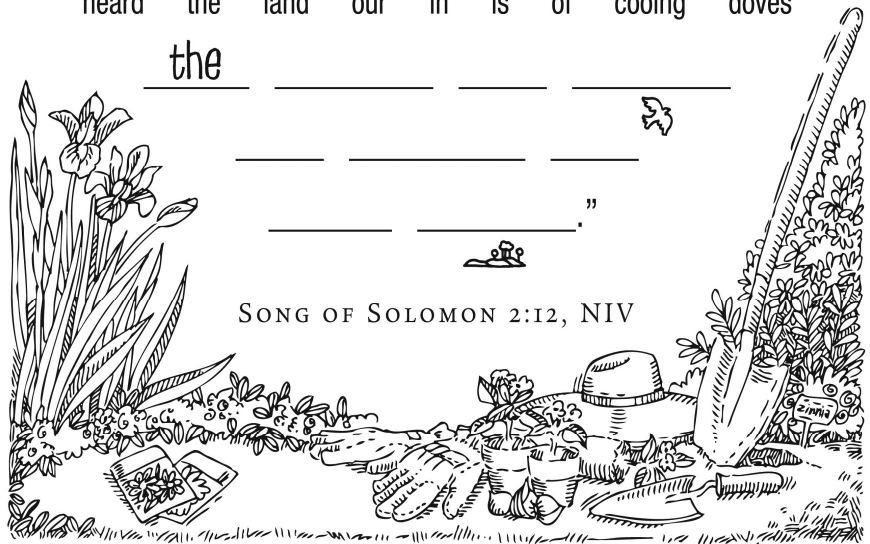
the _____



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SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV



Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."

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Living Our Faith

Who Is Family?

One of the more confronting incidents that appears in all four Gospels is the one where Jesus' mother and brothers arrive while he is busy with the crowds, and demand to see him. Confident in their sense of belonging and the rights this brings, they are taken by surprise when Jesus does not immediately respond to them. (Matt 12:46-50)

Instead he uses the incident as an opportunity to pose some disturbing questions "Who is my mother?" and "Who are my brothers?" And the answer he is looking for is that everyone who seeks to live in tune with God's way is family.

For some people the experience of family is deeply satisfying and conveys identity, meaning and purpose to life. Family is top priority. For others the lack of close or harmonious family relationships feels like walking home on a winter's night and being on the outside of houses full of light, warmth and love.

Churches often use the word "family" to describe who they are, or to indicate the nature of their worship.

We wish to affirm the institution of marriage and family and to be seen as "family friendly" yet many people feel excluded because they cannot attend with a "normal family" in tow.

And as it is in our small family or extended family units, so it is in the larger family of humankind - love, acceptance, and security cannot be guaranteed. We are frail and sometimes wounded human beings, who cannot meet all of each other's needs.

It would seem that Jesus invites us to examine one of our most fundamental values - having a family. And provides us with questions that disturb us and take us deeper and wider until we see that, on his terms, "family" and "belonging" is to do with having a common humanity and a common calling.

It is only by the grace of God that we can hope to live out the call to be "family" - in our family unit, extended family, community, nation, and world. So, who is my family?

- Ann Siddall

