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Dear Friends,

Have you ever been in a place in life where you asked the question, "What am I doing here?" Most of us eventually ask that question. Many of us ask that question several times in life, usually when one chapter of life ends, and another begins.

When my youngest daughter was a junior in high school, and the Mental Health Board was beginning to require that all persons working in Mental Health have masters degrees, I began to ask, "What am I here for?" I had seen myself as a mom and as a mental health case worker. Those were my roles. But things were changing in my professional and my personal life. I would no longer be the mom of a kid in school. I would no longer be a case worker unless I got further education. I was in crisis. I had decisions to make. I began to pray. You know the rest of the story, because I am here as your pastor today.

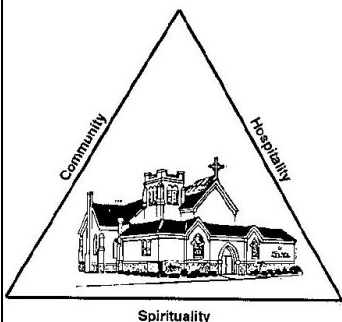
My mother used to say, "Nothing is so permanent as change." I don't know who the original quote came from, but I do know that it has played out true throughout my life. And it plays out true in everybody's life. Change is a natural part of life. Yet, we resist change. We resist change because it's uncomfortable, it challenges our assumptions about how life is 'supposed' to be, it makes us face realities we would rather not deal with.

So, we resist change until it is absolutely necessary. We all know the stories of the addict who resists treatment, or the abuse victim who resists leaving. Their real resistance is to change. Even if what they know is terrible, at least they know it, and they don't know what the future would hold if they changed themselves or their situation.

The church is also a victim to fear of change. We fear that if we change, we would lose the comfort level we have. We might not know some of the people who would be among us. We might not know the songs, we might need to do things differently, we might get bigger than we want to be.

For instance, St. Paul's has evolved in the last 20 years to a point where we like to identify ourselves as a 'family' church. If we were to grow to a larger worshipping congregation again, we might lose that sense of family,

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Thought for the Month:

The true measure of a man is how he treats someone who can do him absolutely no good.

~ Samuel Johnson



Congratulations 2010 Graduates

We have four graduates this year from St. Paul's.

Derek Bible, Molly Fessler, Jacinda Fletcher, and Cory Stewart will graduate from Elida High School on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

Cody Smith will graduate from Shawnee High School also on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

May Youth Calendar

May 2, 2010	TBA
May 9, 2010	TBA
May 16, 2010	TBA
May 23, 2010	TBA
May 30, 2010	TBA

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Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

May 23
Wear RED
Pentecost Sunday



June 6th
9:30 AM
Summer Worship service begins



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SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Ruth will be offering a casual summer Bible study on Monday mornings from 9 – 11:30 am, beginning June 14 and going through July 19. It will be week to week, to accommodate vacations, with little to no preparation for the participants. If you would like to have some spiritual formation around the Bible, please call the office, or sign on the pew pads on Sunday morning so there will be enough hand outs for those attending.

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



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Northwest Plains District Older Adult Outing Trip to Ohio's Amish Country (Holmes County) Wednesday, May 12, 2010

Join us on **Wednesday, May 12**, as we journey to Holmes County, Ohio, by Buckeye Charter Service. We will enjoy a family-style meal at Der Dutchman Restaurant, Walnut Creek, and then go on to Dover, Ohio to The Warther Carving Museum & Knife Factory and also to the Original Warther Home. **Cost is \$60.00 per person** which includes Buckeye Charter transportation, noon meal, all admission fees, taxes and tips. Coach will begin loading at 6:45 AM at Wapakoneta Wal-Mart (Please park by the gas station.) The bus will depart from Wapakoneta Wal-Mart promptly at 7:00 AM. Coach will stop for pick-up at 7:20 AM at Lima's Super Wal-Mart (Please park within the white lines by the gas station.)

PLEASE PLAN TO ARRIVE EARLY AT YOUR PICK-UP LOCATIONS.

There is an absolute limit of 45 spaces for this trip.

Reservation Deadline is May 3, 2010.

Full payment must accompany your reservation(s).

Mail registration and full payment to: (check payable to Rev. Kenneth Baker)

Rev. Kenneth L. Baker
 229 East Livingston Street
 Celina, OH 45822-1721

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Calling All Volunteers

**Church-wide Clean-up Day
 May 15, 2010
 8:00 AM**



The outside and the inside of St. Paul's will be cleaned on that Saturday. All people of the church are invited to come and help "spruce up" our church on that day. More hands make the work load lighter.

**St. Paul's Book Club
 Saturday
 May 1, 2010
 9:00 AM
 elementary classroom
 RSVP to Linda Craft
 419-339-2933 or
ecraft@woh.rr.com
 Bring your own breakfast.**



**Lima Area Methodist Men's
 Breakfast
 8:00 AM
 May 1, 2010
 Trinity UMC, Lima, OH**



**May 9, 2010
 Food Pantry Sunday
 Cereal, soup, pasta, tissues needed.**



The Heart of Church

Greeters	
May 2, 2010	Denny & Carole Grapner
May 9, 2010	Gary & Janet Grigg
May 16, 2010	Open
May 23, 2010	Norm & Mary Grigsby
May 30, 2010	Marty & Kathy White

Nursery Volunteers	
May 2	Margie Best & Molly Fessler
May 9	Corinne
May 16	Brian & Angie Nartker
May 23	Volunteer Needed
May 30	Volunteer Needed

Mark Your Calendar

Mark your calendars now for St. Paul's **Cincinnati Reds** game trip. The game is **Sunday, August 1st and starts at 1:10 pm**. This is "**Faith Day**" at the stadium and will be followed by a **1-hour concert** by "**Mercy Me**"! We will again take a charter bus from St. Paul's to the stadium. We will be limited to the first 55 people interested, so please contact **Brian Nartker** in church, or at (419) 222-8976, as soon as you decide to attend. More info will follow soon, as the Nurture Committee is quickly getting details about prices and times – so stay tuned to bulletins, announcements and e-mails.



SOMETHING GOOD

Wouldn't this old world be better
 If the folks we meet would say—
 "I know something good about you!"
 And treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be fine and dandy
 If each handclasp, fond and true,
 Carried with it this assurance—
 "I know something good about you!"

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
 If the good that's in us all
 Were the only thing about us
 That folks bothered to recall?

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
 If we praised the good we see?
 For there's such a lot of goodness
 In the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
 That fine way of thinking, too?
 "You know something good about me;
 I know something good about you."

Author Unknown



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

The Business of Church



ST. PAUL'S 'RELAY FOR LIFE' TEAM UPDATE

Final preparations are being made by the St. Paul's Relay for Life Team for entry in and activity with the American Cancer Society Allen County, OH Chapter's 2010 Relay for Life event **June 11-12** at the **Allen County Airport** off Hanthorn Rd. east of Bowman Rd., Perry Township. St. Paul's has supported this effort for many years at many different venues including the Elida Middle School, Allen County Fairgrounds, and now at the Allen County Airport. Many of our parishioners continue to participate (thanks be to God!) in the survivor's walk during Friday evening's opening ceremony and overall St. Paul's has been a significant contributor to this cancer awareness and prevention event.

As has become customary this time of year, stars and moons appear in the hallways of the church's education wing. Moons honoring those who have succumbed to cancer or Stars acknowledging those who have beaten cancer may be purchased for \$1 following Sunday services in May. A Luminary that also recognizes a cancer victim may be purchased for \$10. The 'Relay' track is lined with these luminaries during the June event. Sales of these items are credited to the St. Paul's Team and its overall fund raising goal of \$2,000.

One goal of our Team is to implement a true relay effort. Beginning at **4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 11 through 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 12**, we would like at least one member or affiliate of St. Paul's church on the track. Walkers (or runners) may sign up in one-hour (or more) increments – see Team Captain Linda Holman for details. There will be a **Team meeting Monday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.**, in the church fellowship hall – all are welcome. [Team members: Linda Holman, Captain; Margie Best; Chris Bowsher, Carole Grapner, Virginia Hollar; Art Holman; Shirley Moser, Steve Moser, Corrine Piper, Rich Solo, Marty White]

Don't Worry

Don't worry about tomorrow,
Just live your life today;
When we ask for daily bread
We ask it only for this day.

Not to say we shouldn't
Make a goal or a plan
And put forth our efforts
To try as best we can,

But when we let worry
Enter those goals,
We are giving the devil
An entrance to our souls.

~ Jenessa Fletcher

God knows all our needs,
And our need He provides,
So we should not worry
About the future of our lives.

Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs

PPR Chair	Linda Craft
Trustees Chair	Larry Moser
Finance Chair	Art Holman
Treasurer	Gene Craft
Education Chair	Steve Moser
Admin. Council Chair	Scott Fessler
Worship Setting	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Martha Vazquez
Stewardship	Tim Piper
Missions	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

March 28, 2010	102
April 4, 2010 Easter Sunrise	71
April 4, 2010 Worship Hour	106
April 11, 2010	97
April 18, 2010	105
April 25, 2010	89

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
March 28, 2010	\$3,271.00	\$624.95
April 4, 2010	\$3,802.00	\$1,497.84
April 11, 2010	\$2,851.00	\$1,112.50
April 18, 2010	\$3,782.00	\$1,065.00
April 25, 2010	\$2,155.80	\$1,100.67

Being a full-time mother is one of the highest salaried jobs in my field, since the payment is pure love.

— Mildred B. Vermont



Flowers:

May 2, 2010	Open
May 9, 2010	Bill & Esther McKinney
May 16, 2010	Dwain & Myrna Metzger
May 23, 2010	Dorothy Banks

Sunday School Attendance

March 28, 2010	26
April 4, 2010	N/A
April 11, 2010	27
April 18, 2010	28
April 25, 2010	27

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Consulting the Manual



Hear what God says: In the last days, I will offer My Spirit to humanity as a libation. Your children will boldly speak the word of the Lord. Young warriors will see visions, and your elders will dream dreams.

— Acts 2:17, *The Voice*



Bible Readings for May Revised Common Lectionary Year C

Week of May 2

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 148

New Testament:

Acts 11:1-18

Revelation 21:1-6

John 13:1-35

Week of May 9

Mother's Day

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 67

New Testament:

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

Week of May 16

Ascension Sunday

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Psalm 97

New Testament:

Acts 16:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 21-21

John 17:20-26

Week of May 23

Pentecost

Color: Red

Old Testament:

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

New Testament:

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

Week of May 30

Peace with Justice Sunday

Color: White

Old Testament:

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

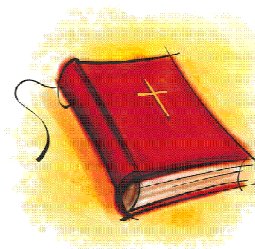
Psalm 8

New Testament:

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

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



Mission to Russia

Dear Friends, Family, and Colleagues,

Spring is in bloom here and our UVMIM (United Methodist Volunteer in Mission) team is in full swing preparing to go to Russia at the end of July. We need your help with prayer support, financial gifts, and networking to everyone you think would want to be involved with this important mission.

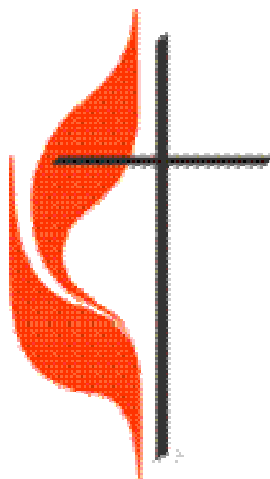
The Church in Russia is young and anything other than Russian Orthodox is considered very second rate by many in that culture. We have a partnership with the United Methodist congregations in the Volga District; and thanks to our ongoing relationship many of these Russian Methodists have become our good friends. They have asked us to teach them what is unique about being United Methodist and how they can share their faith in Jesus Christ with others.

When these fellow Methodists have the opportunity to come to a seminar offered by American Christians, they listen with such concentration and write everything down. They participate with such enthusiasm and their faith statements are so touching that we are honored to be with them. A Russian pastor's annual income is about \$6000. Others in the congregation don't make much more, yet they are so generous with both their money and time.

We are seeking financial help to provide learning opportunities for 35 ministers and members from the Volga District in Russia. A gift of \$150 will cover the cost for one minister to come for the 3-day faith-sharing seminar. What an awesome opportunity this will be for both them and us. We have the opportunity to share our faith and beliefs with them. They will have the opportunity to grow in their faith and provide services for those in Russia who are eager to have a relationship with God. We all benefit by the bond we have as United Methodists and children of God. Please help us fund this seminar. This would be an advantageous chance for small groups to get together to fund a mission service that will support faith growth in Russia. No contribution is too small. The mission team that is going will be doing work on the orphanage and church buildings. Support for this part of the trip will also be greatly appreciated. The orphanage needs to repaint some of the children's rooms. Further funds could replace orphanage flooring and repair floor tiles in the church. Each team member that is going has agreed to provide their time and travel expenses to this project.

We would welcome any brief statements you would like to share on what your faith means to you. If you are United Methodist, we would also like you to tell us why you've chosen to be a United Methodist. We will share these words of love and encouragement as part of the seminar. Wesley, our founder, said, "If your heart is as mine, take my hand." One of our main points will be that all Christians support each other in the name of Jesus Christ; the United Methodist Church is one of many expressions of God's love, so we hope anyone would feel encouraged to participate with us.

Our team leader is Carol Harper. To make a tax deductible donation towards this mission, send a check for any amount, payable to WOCUMC (West Ohio Conference United Methodist Church), write Russia VIM on the check, and give to Linda Craft or put your contribution in the offering plate any Sunday prior to the month of July. To send a message to our Russian friends or ask a question, e-mail Carol at harperc@peoplepc.com. To support us in prayer, just pause and ask God to guide us in this exciting opportunity to talk about Jesus and how we practice our faith in our daily lives.



*Thank you for your help. God bless you.
Linda Craft*

Celebrating...

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



Five high school graduates and their parents will be guests at a breakfast in their honor on Sunday, May 23, 2010. The graduates will also be recognized during church services that day.

Elida High School and Shawnee High School will hold graduation ceremonies on Sunday, June 6. Please send a card or offer these young people your personal congratulations and best wishes on this achievement.

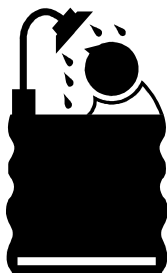
DEREK BIBLE, son of Ron and Karen Bible, 5055 Daisy Lane, Elida, OH 45807, will graduate from Elida High School. Derek is enrolled at Bowling Green State University for the fall quarter. Derek has not committed to a major, but is considering possibilities in the Visual Technology field.

MOLLY FESSLER is enrolled at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima for the fall quarter. Molly plans to pursue a degree in Medical Assisting Technology. Molly is graduating from Elida High School and is the daughter of Scott and Gail Fessler, 206 East Main Street, Elida, OH 45807.

JACINDA FLETCHER will follow her graduation from Elida High School with plans to attend Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio. Jacinda will be pursuing a bachelor's degree in Business Management in the fall. Jacinda is the daughter of John and Joy Fletcher, 103 Weger Ave, Elida, OH 45807.

CODY SMITH will graduate from Shawnee High School and will be heading to Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan. Cody, son of Barry and Cyndi Smith, 2872 Sherwood Drive, Lima, OH 45805, plans to pursue a degree in accounting. Cody is also looking forward to playing basketball for the Hillsdale Chargers.

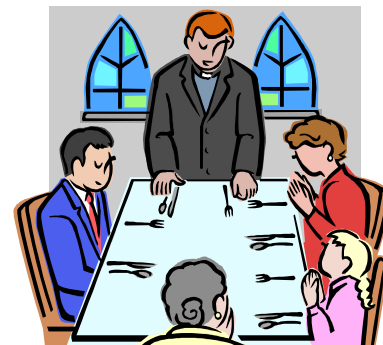
CORY STEWART, son of Ron and Ann Stewart, 2202 Diller Road, Elida, OH 45807, is graduating from Elida High School. Cory would like to pursue training to become a Fire Fighter and EMT and is awaiting word from the Ohio State Fire Academy in Columbus on securing a position in a class this summer.



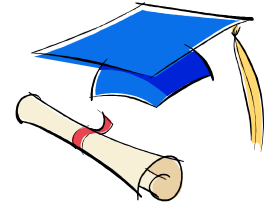
Everyone who has ever taken a shower has had an idea. It's the person who gets out of the shower, dries off, and does something about it that makes a difference.

— Nolan Bushnell

Table Grace
(This is a version of a prayer from Norway.)
 In Jesus' name
 to the table we go
 to eat and drink
 according to God's word.
 To God the honor, us the gain,
 so we have food
 in Jesus' name.
 Amen.



Remember When...



2005 High School Graduates
Jason Holmes, Tim White, Tori
Holmes, David Segovia, Tyler Smith



2006 High School Graduates
Aaron Thompson, Megan Bible, John
Blewitt, Pastor John Tsironis, Andrew
Piper, Jenessa Fletcher, Logan Smith



2007 High School Graduates
Todd Hanes, A.J. White, Jenni Theodore,
Kelly Warris, Lois Cook
Absent: Julie Adams, Mallory Adams,
Lindsey Reiff, Kayla Stewart

Connecting With ...

Our sanctuary looked beautiful on Easter for all of our services. Thanks to the youth who presented the play, "The Champion": **Oliver Fessler, Jenson Nagy, Tahler Sdao, Michele Theodore.** and to our puppet ministry team who all participated during Sunrise Service: **Gene Craft, Oliver Fessler, Shirley Moser, Steve Moser, Steve Sdao, Tracy Sdao, and Michele Theodore.**

A delicious breakfast was prepared by **Becky and Jerry Bean, Lynda Evans, Janet and Gary Grigg, and Martha Vazquez.**

Thanks to the **Chancel Choir and Larry Koverman** for their beautiful music during the 10:30 Worship Service.

Special thanks to the following people who donated Easter Lilies: **Dorothy Banks, Lynda Evans, Denny and Carole Grapner, Fran Hall, Dwain and Myrna Metzger, Larry and Shirley Moster, Jeff and Shelly Reiff, Rudy and Lavonne Segovia, Ron and Mary Steiner, Steve and Tracy Sdao, Marty and Kathy White, and Jamie and Jan Wyant.**

We appreciate all of you!



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

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 or Missions

- Lesley Parker
- Jason Stanley

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because we might not know everyone there. We might have people who have different ideas about how we can be church together. We might have to develop a different leadership model, with new people in leadership. Or, we might suddenly have many children among us again, and we would have to come out of retirement to develop ministries to meet their needs. We would have to change the way we currently function as a church. We would have to change our understanding of how to be church.

Yet, God hasn't called us to be comfortable. And God hasn't called us to stay in the family. Jesus said, "Who are my mother or my brothers (or my sisters)?...Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Those who will come because we choose to change the way we are as a church become a part of a larger family of God. This is our call, our reason for existence: To move from comfort to making new disciples for Jesus Christ.

See you in church.

Peace,
Pastor Ruth Solo

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

Dear St. Paul's Family, Words cannot begin to express how blessed I feel to be a part of our nurturing St. Paul's family. From the beautiful flowers, the many encouraging cards, the delicious meals, endless prayers and certainly Pastor Ruth's presence for prayer before my surgery...in all of these—your support has been overwhelming. Thank you so much for your out-pouring of love and care. Marty, A.J., and I are ever grateful for our St. Paul's family.

*Love,
Kathy White*

Forgive Me When I Whine

Today upon a bus, I saw
A lovely maid with golden hair;
I envied her—she seemed
so grand-
And oh, I wished I were so fair.
And suddenly she rose to leave,
I saw her hobble down the aisle;
She had one foot
and wore a crutch,
But as she passed, a smile.
*Oh, God, forgive me
when I whine;
I have two feet-the world is mine.*

And when I stopped
to buy some sweets,
The lad who served me
had such charm.
He seemed to radiate good cheer,
His manner was
so kind and warm.
I said,
“It's nice to deal with you,
Such courtesy I seldom find.”
He turned and said,
“Oh, thank you, sir!”
And then I saw that he was blind.
*Oh, God, forgive me
when I whine,
I have two eyes-the world is mine.*

Then when walking
down the street,
I saw a child with eyes of blue,
He stood and watched
the others play;
It seemed he knew not what to do.
I stopped a moment, then I said;
“Why don't you join
the others, dear?”
He looked ahead without a word,
And then I knew, he could not hear.
*Oh, God, forgive me
when I whine;
I have two ears-the world is mine.*

With feet to take me where I'd go,
With eyes to see the sunset's glow,
With ears to hear
what I would know
I'm blessed indeed,
the world is mine.
*Oh, God, forgive me
when I whine.*

Author Unknown

Our Condolences



We extend our sympathy to **JoAnne Bragg and family**. JoAnne's husband, **David**, passed away on April 3, 2010. Rev. James Kuhn officiated at his funeral service on April 7, 2010. Cards will reach JoAnne at **5000 Mirror Lake Dr., Lima, OH 45801**.

We also extend our sympathy to **Jeff and Shelly Reiff**. Jeff's grandmother, **Bea Miller**, passed away on April 3, 2010. Her funeral was held at Forest Park UMC on April 8, 2010. Cards will reach Jeff and Shelly at **2470 Irvin Rd., Elida, OH 45807**.

Prayer List Updates

Please Contact

Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

May 2010

May 3, 2010
PPR...7:15 PM

May 4, 2010
Trustees...7:00 PM

May 10, 2010
Finance...7:00 PM

May 10, 2010
Ad Council...8:00 PM

May 18, 2010
Missions...7:00 PM

May 25, 2010
Christian Ed...7:00 PM


Sundays
Prayer...9:00 AM

**Spring District
Conference
for NW Plains Dist.**

**Sunday, May 16
3:00 PM
St. John's UMC
Columbus Grove, OH**

**Pastors and Lay
Members welcome**

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Lily Bice
2 Bill Nichols 85 yrs. Paul Scholfield 89 yrs.	3 PPR	4 Trustees	5 Shelly Reiff	6 Angie Nartker Choirs	7	8
9 Michael Whetstone Mother's Day	10 Larry Brunk Finance Ad Council	11	12	13 Glenna Kohli Choirs	14	15 Logan Kinney
16 Mary Irvin Jennifer Kinney Choir Sunday	17 Martha Vazquez	18	19 Korbin Crates Aaron Thompson Bill Weaver	20 Karen Bible	21	22
23 Wilbur Hurd 81 yrs.	24 Issac McAdams	25 Christian Ed	26 Torie McAdams	27 Scott Warris	28	29
30	31					

Anniversaries

*Paul & Helen
Scholfield
May 23
64 yrs.*

*Rich & Ruth Solo
May 28*

*Dan & Margie Best
May 28*

Great Recipes from St. Paul's Good Cooks

Pie Crust

by Linda Holman

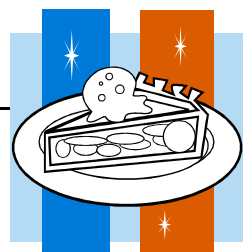
Ingredients		Instructions
4 cups	flour	Blend flour, salt, sugar, and shortening. Add egg, vinegar, and water. Roll on a lightly floured board.
2 1/2 tsp.	salt	
1 Tbl.	sugar	
1 1/2 cups	shortening	
1	egg, whipped	
1 Tbl.	vinegar	
1/2 cup	water	



Tollhouse Pie

by Linda Matlock

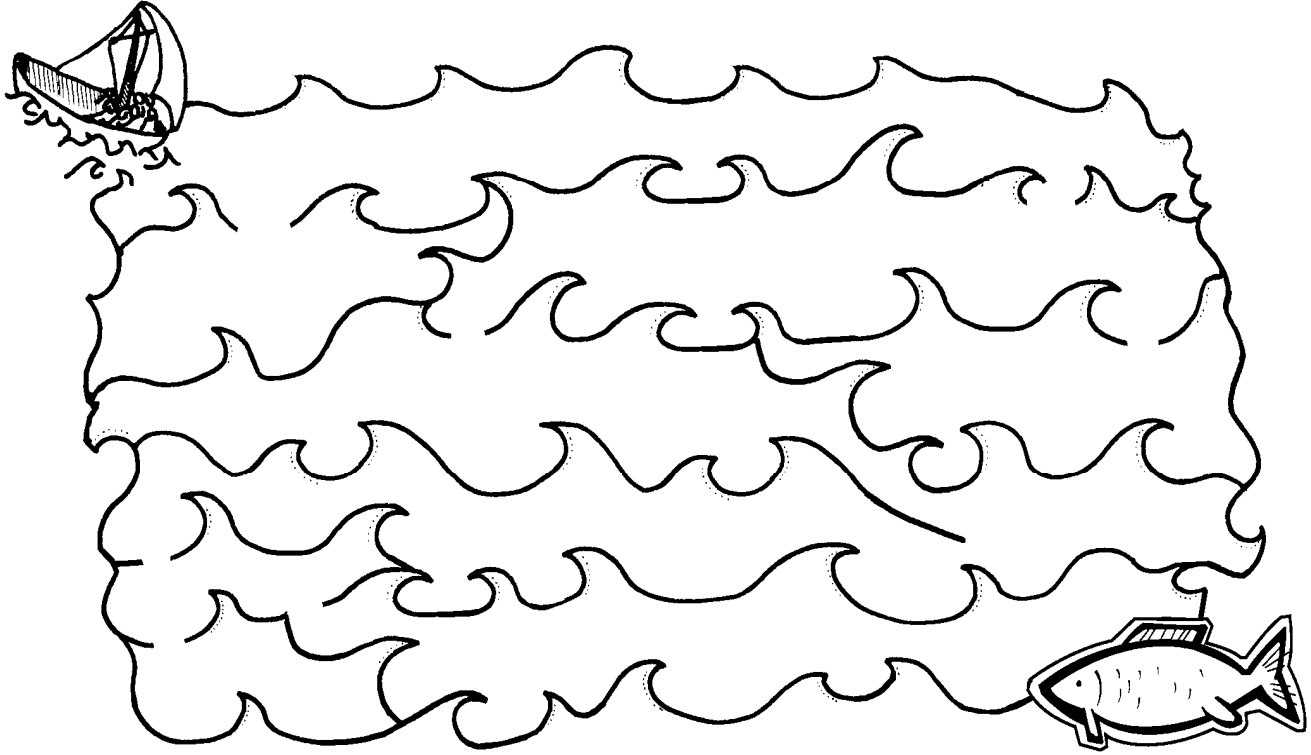
Ingredients		Instructions
2	eggs	Preheat oven to 325 degrees. In large bowl, beat eggs until foamy. Add flour, sugar, and brown sugar; beat until well blended. Blend in melted butter. Stir in chocolate chips and walnuts. Pour into pie shell. Bake for 1 hour. Remove from oven. Serve warm with whipped cream or ice cream.
1/2 cup	flour	
1/2 cup	sugar	
1/2 cup	firmly packed brown sugar	
1 cup	melted butter, cooled to room temperature	
1- 6 oz. pkg.	chocolate chips	
1 cup	chopped walnuts	
1-9 inch	pie shell, unbaked	
	whipped cream or ice cream, optional	



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Find the fish

Some of Jesus' disciples were fishers. Follow the maze to help them find the fish.



Crack the Code

Use this code to learn what Jesus said to the fishers.

a= ❁	f= ❁	k= ●	n= ○	r= ☺	u= ☒
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e= ❁	i= ☞	m= †	p= ⌘	t= ▲	y= ⇨

Answer: "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

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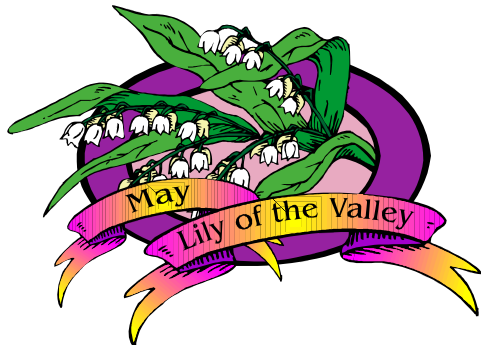
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Living Our Faith

Different Bibles

Sometime around 1820 former U.S. president Thomas Jefferson produced a Bible, although it was never published during his lifetime.

Jefferson's Bible was an intriguing creation. It consisted of sections of the Gospels, with a variety of verses arranged chronologically. There are also significant portions of the traditional text that are missing. In keeping with the rationality of his day, all references to the divinity of Jesus, and to the resurrection, were omitted. In addition, angels along with any miracles are conspicuously absent.

While primarily considered a

curiosity, the text nonetheless reflects much of Jefferson's theology, and a not-uncommon theology of his day.

Others have sought at various times to create edited versions of the scriptures. Recently American conservative Andy Schlafly suggested removing the obscure references about snake handling from the alternative ending to the Gospel of Mark. He also suggests removing the story of men wanting to stone the woman taken in adultery from John 8:1-11. Most scholars would concede that this story is an addition and not part of the original text. However, Schlafly's reason is that he believes it to be "a liberal

addition, put in by people who wanted to undermine the reality of hell and judgment."

Jewish scholar Adele Reinhartz questions some of the more anti-Semitic passages of John's Gospel and challenges Christians to omit them or read them critically.

Parts of the Bible can be difficult to read, accept, and understand. The more important thing, however, is not to base our faith on a verse or two here and there, but on the overall theme of God's unconditional love.

