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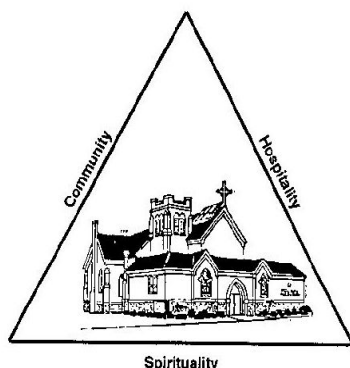
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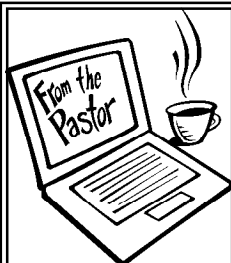
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I want to thank you all for the wonderful responses you have had with the current sermon series. I am impressed with how involved you have been in helping me with the pictures you have posted online. We have a few more weeks of the Wilderness Lenten series as we head to Easter Sunday. I invite you to continue to experience God in the wilderness of life and keep posting those pictures.

This Easter Sunday we will use our offering to support two missions in the church: 50% will be used internationally and 50% will stay here in Ohio. Mission Possible of Findlay is a ministry in Haiti which includes seven Christian schools (pre-K through 13th grade), a church at each school, discipleship classes, a Bible Training Center, and a Vocational School. We currently have schools in the communities of Montrouis, St. Marc, Degeance, LaHatte, Lanzac, Dupin, and Chardene. On the Dominican side of the island, they have a thriving Spanish church and Haitian Creole church, as well as a modern educational facility in Barahona serving students in pre-K through 8th grade. Light the Way is a West Ohio Conference focused plan to develop new faith communities and increase the number of highly vital existing faith communities throughout West Ohio. This is the plan Bishop Palmer is calling the entire Conference to support at Annual Conference this year.

April is also our Chicken BBQ. Be ready to help out or just come and enjoy a good meal. Remember the Dish-It-Out Café is your chance to deliver meals to people in the community once a month. If you have someone who needs a meal, please contact Linda Holman or the office. Finally, Easter breakfast will be served between services again this year and you are invited to come have breakfast with us Easter morning.

I'll see you in the mission field,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

April ... hath put a
spirit of youth in
everything.

—William Shakespeare

Book Club

Saturday, April 6
At 9:00 AM

Book discussion will be about
"Before We Were Yours"
By Lisa Wingate



Coins for Communion

April 7

Will benefit the 5 Loaves Food Pantry
at The Church at Allentown



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

Food Pantry Sunday

April 14

All proceeds go to the
5 Loaves Food Pantry
at the Church At Allentown

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

Our Biblical Purpose Statement:
*Elida St. Paul's United Methodist
Church exists as God's people embracing
His grace through humble service to all.*

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St. Paul's Vision Statement:
*Is for the Elida community to be led
to Christ through words and deeds
enabling youth to have purpose,
families to be nurtured and
supported, and senior citizens to
feel valued.*

Dish-It-Out Café
Tuesday, April 16
12:00 Noon
In the Fellowship Hall
All retirees welcome!

See page 5 for more details.



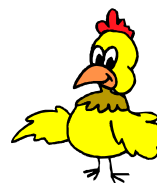
Koinonia Chicken Barbeque April 27

5:00 to 7:00 PM
Tickets are \$8.00

Menu:
 1/2 Chicken (Harlan's),
 homemade potato salad, applesauce,
 roll and homemade dessert

Walk-in, dine-in, or carry-out

**Tickets available from Koinonia
 members or from the church office.**



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Palm Sunday
April 14
10:00 AM



Easter Early Service
April 21
8:00 AM

Breakfast to follow
 Prepared by the
 Nurture Committee

Easter
sunrise service

Holy Thursday
April 18
7:00 PM

The Special Easter offering
 will be divided between:

Light the Way—mission of
 the West Ohio Conference.
 and
Mission Possible—mission
 of the Northwest Plains
 District



Easter Worship
10:00 AM

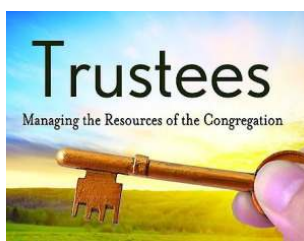


Trustees

The Trustees have been meeting regularly and have a busy year of projects planned:

- * We are in the process of obtaining bids to remodel the restrooms in the education wing.
- * With financial help from the Koinonia class, the old Pepsi cooler has been replaced with a new commercial refrigerator.
- * Handicap parking spaces have been added to give a total of 4 spaces at the East parking lot.
- * The water fountain in the atrium of the main entrance had a new pump put in.
- * Have a contract with a landscaping company to mulch the flower beds and spray for weeds.
- * Roofing repairs made to a leak over the East entrance by Lawson Brothers.

Thank you to our Trustees for their time and hard work in continuing to keep St. Paul's church structure up to date.



New motor in the fountain



New refrigerator cooler



Dish-It-Out Cafe

MENU

Dish -It-Out Café

Our first DOC (Dish-It-Out Café) got off to a splendid start! Five “cooks”, Margie Best, Gloria Brunk, Linda Holman, Polly McPheron, and Corinne Piper, served a delicious Irish meal to 22 guests in the Fellowship Hall on March 19. Some then took meals to 16 members and friends of our congregation so they could also enjoy a home cooked meal prepared with love. Thank you to Gene and Linda Craft, Gail Fessler, Janet Grigg, Don Holmes, Deb Hurd, Larry and Shirley Moser, Tim Piper, Paul Scannell, Lavonne Segovia, and Kathy and AJ White for being Christ's hands and feet through this ministry. If you are interested in having a meal delivered to you on the third Tuesday of each month please contact the church office at 419-339-3801 or Linda Holman at 419-339-1742. If you would like to join us for a meal and fellowship, the next Dish-It-Out Café will be Tuesday, April 16, at noon in the fellowship hall.

All are welcome to attend!!



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

March 3, 2019	86
March 6, 2019 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	37
March 10, 2019	96
March 17, 2019	89
March 24, 2019	92

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
March 3, 2019	\$5,086.00	\$547.84
March 10, 2019	\$3,888.00	\$1,435.00
March 17, 2019	\$2,742.00	\$586.94
March 24, 2019	\$2,385.00	\$752.00

Sunday School Attendance

March 3, 2019	6
March 10, 2019	4
March 17, 2019	6
March 24, 2019	6

Greeters

April 7, 2019	Steve & Tracy Sdao
April 14, 2019	Marty & Kathy White
April 21, 2019	Larry & Gloria Brunk
April 28, 2019	OPEN

Altar Flowers

April 7, 2019	Scott & Beth Warris
April 14, 2019	Brent & Vicki McAdams
April 21, 2019	Easter Lilies
April 28, 2019	Jerry Crates

Hospitality Cart

April 7, 2019	Book Club/ Janet Grigg
April 14, 2019	OPEN
April 21, 2019	Marty & Kathy White
April 28, 2019	Choir/ Lois Cook & Linda Holman

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 4/1

Psalms 89, Jeremiah 16:10-21
Romans 7:1-12, John 6:1-15

Tuesday 4/2

Psalms 94, 97, 99
Jeremiah 17:19-27
Romans 7:13-25, John 6:16-27

Wednesday 4/3

Psalms 101, 109, 119:121-144
Jeremiah 18:1-11
Romans 8:1-11, John 6:27-40

Thursday 4/4

Psalms 69, 73, Jeremiah 22:13-23
Romans 8:12-27, John 6:41-51

Friday 4/5

Psalms 95, 102, 107:1-32
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Romans 8:28-39, John 6:52-59

Saturday 4/6

Psalms 33, 107:33-43, 108
Jeremiah 23:9-15
Romans 9:1-18, John 6:60-71

Sunday 4/7

Psalms 118, 145,
Jeremiah 23:16-32
1 Corinthians 9:19-27
Mark 8:31-9:1

Monday 4/8

Psalms 31, 35, Jeremiah 24:1-10
Romans 9:19-33, John 9:1-17

Tuesday 4/9

Psalms 120, 127, Jeremiah 25:8-17
Romans 10:1-13, John 9:18-41

Wednesday 4/10

Psalms 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Jeremiah 25:30-38
Romans 10:14-21, John 10:1-18

Thursday 4/11

Psalms 131, 132, 140, 142
Jeremiah 26:1-16
Romans 11:1-12, John 10:19-42

Friday 4/12

Psalms 22, 141, 143
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-13
Romans 11:13-24, John 11:1-27

Saturday 4/13

Psalms 42, 43, 137, 144
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Romans 11:25-36, John 11:28-44

Easter Holy Week:**Sunday 4/14 Palm Sunday**

Psalms 24, 29, 103
1 Timothy 6:12-16
Matthew 21:12-17

Monday 4/15

Psalms 51, 69, Jeremiah 12:1-16
Philippians 3:1-14
John 12:9-19

Tuesday 4/16

Psalms 6, 12, 94
Jeremiah 15:10-21
Philippians 3:15-21, John 12:20-26

Wednesday 4/17

Psalms 55, 74,
Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17
Philippians 4:1-13, John 12:27-36

Thursday 4/18 Holy Thursday

Psalms 102, 142, 143
Jeremiah 20:7-11
1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32
John 17:1-26

Friday 4/19 Good Friday

Psalms 40, 54, 1 Peter 1:10-20
John 13:36-38
Genesis 22:1-14

Saturday 4/20

Psalms 27, 88, Job 19:21-27
Hebrews 4:1-16, Romans 8:1-11

Sunday 4/21 Easter

Psalms 118, 148, 149, 150
Exodus 12:1-14
John 1:1-18

Monday 4/22

Psalms 66, 93, 98, Jonah 2:1-9
Acts 2:14-32, John 14:1-14

Tuesday 4/23

Psalms 103, 111, 114
Isaiah 30:18-21
Acts 2:26-47, John 14:51-31

Wednesday 4/24

Psalms 97, 99, 115, Micah 7:7-15
Acts 3:1-10, John 15:1-11

Thursday 4/25

Psalms 146, 147, 148, 149
Ezekiel 37:1-14
Acts 3:11-26, John 15:12-27

Friday 4/26

Psalms 118, 136, Daniel 12:1-13
Acts 4:1-12, John 16:1-15

Saturday 4/27

Psalms 104, 145, Isaiah 25:1-9
Acts 4:13-31, John 16:16-33

Sunday 4/28

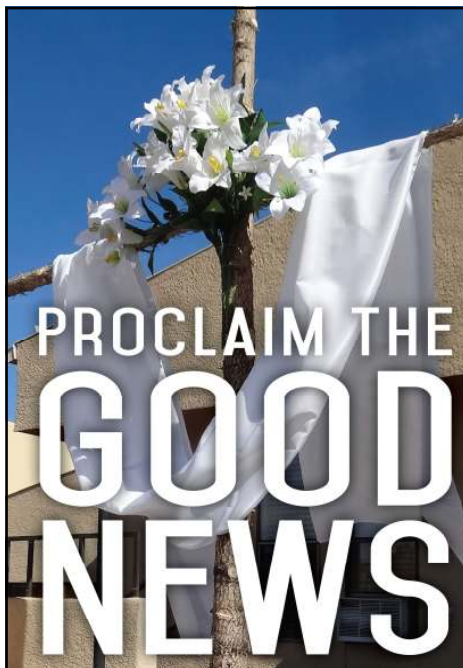
Psalms 111, 112, 113
Isaiah 43:8-13
1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-7

Monday 4/29

Psalms 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Daniel 1:1-21
1 John 1:1-10, John 17:1-11

Tuesday 4/30

Psalms 5, 6, 10, 11 Daniel 2:1-16
1 John 2:1-11, John 17:12-19



Remember When...

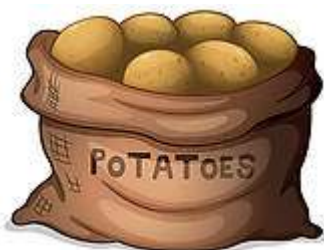
Koinonia Chicken Barbeque,
April, 1998



Chancel Choir, Easter Sunday
"A Never Ending Alleluia"
April 24, 2011



Koinonia Preparing for Chicken
BBQ
April 22, 2016



Church History

On June 3, 2012, twenty-two lap quilts were blessed by Pastor Ruth and the youth. These lap quilts were taken to Otterbein and Putnam Acres the following week. Jean Redd, a member of St. Paul's and a resident of Otterbein, was presented a lap quilt.

In June, several people from the congregation went on a mission trip to Camp Wesley at Bellefontaine, Ohio. A ramp and railings were built on one of the cabins, a roof was replaced on another and a floor beam was replaced on another.

Pastor Ruth's last Sunday at St. Paul's was June 24, 2012. Judy Chaffins sang a solo, "Let Me Be Your Servant" during the service. Dan Best, lay leader, presented Ruth with gifts from the congregation: a hair barrette and photo book of her time here. The Crafty Creatures Quilt Group presented Pastor Ruth with a quilt. A carry-in dinner was held after the service in the fellowship hall. During the dinner, the Chancel Choir sang "May the Road Rise Up," which was also on the decorated cake that was served.

Pastor Paul Scannell was appointed to St. Paul United Methodist Church at the West Ohio Annual Conference in June, 2012. His first Sunday to preach at our church was July 1st. Paul and his family, wife Marla and children, David, Emma, Brittany and Cody were welcomed with a carry-in luncheon in the fellowship hall after the worship service. Everyone is pleased to start a new journey with the new pastor.

The Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing was held on July 14, 2012. The golf foursome consisted of Margie Best, Dennis Bowsher, Larry and Shirley Moser. Dan Best, Norm Grigsby, Tim Piper, and Jamie Wyant were volunteers for the event.

Pastor Ruth's Last Sunday
June 24, 2012



Mission Trip to Camp Wesley
June, 2012



March Activities

The Altar beautifully decorated for the season of Lent. Thank you to Marty and Kathy White who prepares our altar for each Service and to Dwain and Mryna Metzger that decorate the sanctuary for each season.



Thank you to Makayla Bok for serving as liturgist for March.



The Choir wearing their green for St. Patrick's Day.



March 17, 2019
Jan Wyant presenting Anika Bok with a Bible.

Connecting With ...

Congratulations to Denny Thompson and the Elida Boy's Basketball Team for a fine season. Elida finished tied for 4th in the WBL with a record of 14-11 and as Sectional Champs. Way to go Dawgs!"

Congratulations



The Wilderness

Lenten Study and Sermon Series

We are in the final weeks of the Lenten study and "The Wilderness" sermon series. Please continue with the devotionals and posting pictures to our church Facebook page (Elida St. Paul's Church) that represents your understanding of the theme of the week. Continue to enjoy this Journey through Lent and may God inspire you.

Week 4 March 31-April 6 Theme: Darkness Scripture: John 12:27-36
Prayer: *Lord, when we find ourselves in the darkness let your light shine, leading us back to you. Amen.*

Week 5 April 7-13 Theme: Hope Scripture: Luke 19:29-40
Prayer: *Lord, lead us into the hope of Palm Sunday and Your coming as our Messiah. Amen.*

Week 6 April 14-20 Theme: Alive Scripture: Matthew 8:23-27
Prayer: *Lord, prepare us to be truly alive through your loving sacrifice that leads us to salvation and life eternal. Amen.*



The People of St. Paul's

THANKS from the HEART

*St. Paul's Congregation,
A heartfelt thank you to
Pastor Paul and our St. Paul's
family for all the prayers,
visits, cards and flowers for
our mother while she was in
the hospital and at The
Springs. We also thank you
for the expressions of
sympathy and wind chimes,
after Mother's passing, and
a very special thank you to the
ladies who prepared the light
lunch for us before the
service.*

Linda Craft and Nancy Gesler

*I would like to thank all of
you that sent get well cards,
offered up a word of prayer,
sent an encouraging text,
and came to visit during my
four times I was in the
hospital. Also two people I
owe a huge thank you to
Larry & Shirley Moser.
They took care of Mary
while I was in the Hospital,
made sure she had food and
clean clothes. I never had to
worry about her.*

**THANK YOU ALL!
RON STEINER**



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Dillon Staas
Ron Steiner
Jack Swihart

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Jan Soddors

In the Military & Missions

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart

Our sympathy to Linda and Gene Craft families and Nancy Gesler family on the death of Linda and Nancy's mother, Carol Lee, who passed away, March 1. Carol would have turned 97 on March 13. Pastor Paul officiated her memorial service on March 4. Cards of condolences may reach Gene and Linda at 5038 Pheasant Dr., Elida, 45807. and Nancy Gesler at 1044 Woodland Dr., Lima, OH 45805

Our sympathy to Esther McKinney on the death of her husband Bill McKinney on March 8. Bill had been a member at St. Paul's since 1950. Bill had served on many committees and as head usher. Pastor Paul officiated his memorial service on March 14. Cards may reach Esther at The Springs of Lima Rm #510, 370 N. Eastown Rd., Lima, OH 45807

Our condolences to Dwain and Myrna Metzger family on the passing of Myrna's brother, Ron LaRure, on March 24. Cards may be sent to Dwain and Myrna at 3794 N. Cable Rd., Elida, OH 45807



Meetings

No PPR

April 2, 2019
Trustees...7:00 PM

April 3, 2019
Worship Mtg.10:30 AM

April 8, 2019
Finance...7:00 PM

No Ad Council Mtg.

April 17, 2019
Missions...7:00 PM

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

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir...7:00 PM



Carl & Lois Rabley
April 4
55 years

Brent & Sara Crawford
April 8

Ray & Phyllis Trigg
April 15
59 years

John & Joy Fletcher
April 17

Tony & Pam Lozano
April 17

Robert & Jacquie Bice
April 19

APRIL 2019


Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3 Demi DeRose David Scannell	4 Lynda Evans Madelyn Thomas	5 Peyton Przekora	6
7 Dan Best	8	9	10 Pam Lozano	11 Brittany Scannell	12	13
14 Anne White	15 Todd Chaffins	16 Denise Thomas	17 Doug Guess	18 Paul Scannell	19 Thaddeous Strauch	20 Kelly DeRose Lori Motzer Aaron Piper
21 Krista Slemmons	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Gerald Strayer	30				

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Aunt Dorothy's Oatmeal Cake

Bill McKinney's Aunt

Ingredients		Instructions
1 1/4 cups	Boiling water	Mix boiling water and oatmeal. Cool slightly. Add next 8 ingredients with oatmeal mixture. Mix well with mixer. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes.
1 cup	Oatmeal	
1 stick	Butter, real	
1 cup	Brown sugar	
1 1/3 cups	Flour	Topping: Mix all topping ingredients on stove on low heat. Spread topping on cake immediately after it is baked. Place cake under broiler until browned.
1 tsp.	Salt	
1 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 tsp.	Cinnamon	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
	Topping:	
1/4 cup	Butter, real	
1/2 cup	Condensed milk, sweetened	
1 cup	Pecans, chopped	
1 cup	Coconut	
1/2 cup	Brown sugar	

Note: Bill McKinney's family made this and brought it to the funeral dinner. We thank them for sharing this special family recipe with all of us at St. Paul's.

KIDZ KORNER

God so
loved the
world

Remember God's special gift of Jesus by making this craft.

What you need:

- Large piece of blue paper
- Large bowl
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paint (green and red)
- Paintbrush
- Wet wipes
- 3 wooden craft sticks
- Craft glue
- Black marker
- Bible



John
3:16

What you do:

1. On the paper, trace around the bowl. Cut out the circle.
2. Paint your palms green, one at a time, and press them in the circle side by side. (Clean your hands with wet wipes.)
3. Dip a finger in red paint and make a dot on the center of each handprint.
4. Between the handprints, glue two sticks end to end vertically. Glue the third stick horizontally to make a cross.
5. In marker, write the words of John 3:16 around the blue circle.



Jesus gives us life

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus offers the free gift of eternal life.

*Directions: Match each clue from Holy Week with the correct image.
If you get stuck, look up the Bible verses.*

People spread these on the road for Jesus. (Matthew 21:8)

Mary pours this on Jesus' feet. (John 12:3)

Jesus shares this with his disciples. (Matthew 26:26)

This is placed on Jesus' head. (John 19:2)

Soldiers may have used these to compete for Jesus' coat. (John 19:23-24)

Jesus carries this himself for a while. (John 19:17)

Marks caused by these help Thomas identify Jesus. (John 20:25)

While on the cross, Jesus is thirsty and is given this. (John 19:28-29)

This is rolled away from Jesus' tomb. (John 20:1)

These are used to prepare Jesus' body for burial. (Luke 23:55-56)

These remain in the tomb after Jesus rises. (John 20:6-7)

Judas betrays Jesus for this. (Matthew 26:14-15)



Answer: palm branches, perfume, bread, crown of thorns, dice, cross, nails, vinegar on a sponge, stone, spices, linens, silver coins

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Living Our Faith

What Easter Does

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is life-changing and life-giving for his followers. But, as Henry Knox Sherrill notes, Easter's "joyful news ... does not change the contemporary world." On earth, we still must deal with sin, pain, death and brokenness. And "still before us lie work, discipline, sacrifice," Sherrill adds. What Easter does, though, is provide Christians with "the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice."

By defeating the grave, Jesus empowers us to bear our worldly troubles with joy, peace and hope. His resurrection assures us that trials, tears and suffering are only temporary, while eternal victory and life with Jesus are permanent.

Christian Symbol

CALVARY CROSS (GRADED CROSS)



This Latin cross with three steps symbolizes both Jesus' climb up Calvary's mountain and the three gifts of faith, hope and love. Those gifts are intrinsically connected to Jesus' death and resurrection and are ours by sheer grace. "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love" (1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV).