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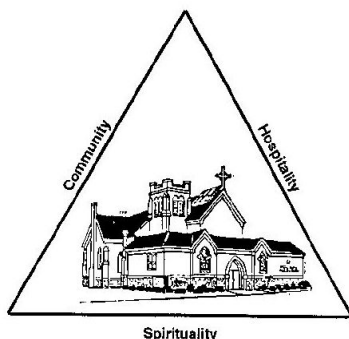
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The Special Days of February: President's Day and Valentine's Day everyone knows those but did you know about Ballet Day, Hippo Day and even Chocolate Mint Day just to name a few of the 83 unofficially named days in February (who knows who keeps the official list)? February, also known as Cherry month, is missing a couple of days, like Stay Warm Day and Remember Your Wife's Birthday Day (at least for me). The huge number of special days begs the question, how special are they? I really don't know where I am going with this. It just seemed like an interesting start.



A couple of things for this newsletter: closing the church. We are working on a better way to get information out to you when we need to close on a Sunday. In February we will be gathering your cell phone number and carrier information so we can create a text alert system to keep you informed of things happening here at St Paul. For any who do not have texting we are looking for solutions on how to get the word out to you. If you have any suggestions, please let the office know and they will pass that along to me.

The other thing I want to talk about is how excited I am to see volunteers and kids working in the E.A.S.Y. program here at St Paul UMC Monday and Wednesday afternoon. Both children and adults are enthusiastic to be here and I know God will use their hard work for His Kingdom. Keep reaching out and sharing God's love with the Elida community.

Looking ahead, it is time to start thinking about Chicken BBQ, preparing kids and adults for camp (volunteering to work and signing up to go) and thinking about warmer weather. Lent will soon be upon us (Ash Wednesday is March 5th) and that means several special days in the life of God's Church. So if you are feeling blue because it is too much like winter outside, cheer up! It could be Hippo Day and everyone knows Hippo Day will always bring a smile to your face. But just in case it doesn't remember, every day is special because the Creator has had a hand in it and as a part of God's creation you are special to the One who created you. So celebrate this special day, your day as a child of God.

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Some minds are like
concrete;
thoroughly mixed up
and permanently set.

FEBRUARY MISSIONS CALENDAR

February 2nd — Coins For Communion

February 9th — Food Pantry Sunday

February 18th — 7 PM Mission Committee

Meeting at St. Paul's



Save Your Coins

February
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit
Heartbeat of Lima

Lima Area Methodist Men's Breakfast

Saturday, February 1, 2014
8:00 AM

Hosted by Trinity UMC

A free-will offering will be collected
at the breakfast, which is free and
open to all men.

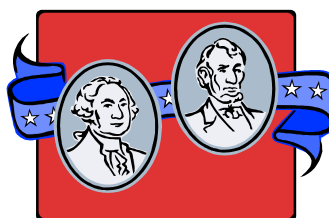


Men's Fellowship

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Presidents' Day
February 17, 2014



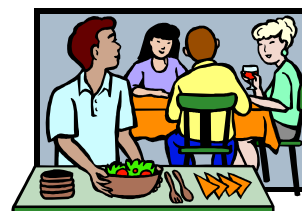
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| Choir Director: | Judy Chaffins |
| Custodian: | Dave Decker |

Seniors Day Out
February 18, 2014
12:00 Noon
All seniors welcome!



Newsletter
deadline:
the 16th
of each month



February 14 is Valentine's Day
Remember our shut-ins with a card
to let them know you are thinking of them.



Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs 2014

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| PPR Chair | Dwain Metzger |
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| Nurture | Linda Holman |
| Missions | Tim Piper |

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESSES

St. Paul's UMC New E-Mail Addresses:

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Pastor Paul e-mail : pastorespc@gmail.com

St. Paul's Treasurer (Margie Best): treasurerespc@gmail.com



Missions Report

ST. PAUL'S MISSION ACTIVITIES YEAR-END REPORT

The St. Paul's Missions Committee holds as its Mission Statement:

'We are called to be of service to others in the name of Christ Jesus and, therefore, we shall offer our time, talent, and offerings as our commitment to mission at St. Paul's Church'

ST. PAUL'S CONGREGATION AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE EFFORTS DURING 2013:

- St. Paul's and three other UMC churches hosted quarterly meetings of the **Lima Area Methodist Men's group** (L.A.M.M.), to listen to presentations on local mission work. Over \$500 was donated by LAMM to mission projects, both local and in the Ohio Conference;
- Jesus said to "feed my sheep." Donations of food for the Allentown UMC **Five Loaves Food Pantry** continued to be strong in 2013 with St. Paul's individuals faithfully filling the food bins every month. Thank you to all who donate food to feed those families who are in need in our Elida community;
- St. Paul's has monetarily supported the **Meals 'til Monday** mission which provides weekend meals to children from various elementary schools in and around Allen County;
- St. Paul's continued to serve the needy at the Central Ave., Lima **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** on every fifth Friday that occurred during the year. Numerous individuals represented St. Paul's as volunteers at the soup kitchen during the four 2013 dates, serving 100 to 200 persons at each gathering;
- Maedene Holmes, and her band of workers assembled **school kits (74) and health kits (22)** donated by numerous members of our congregation as part of this annual November mission effort. Pastor Paul delivered the kits to the local collection point for the West Ohio Conference **Festival of Sharing**;
- The small group, **Crafty Creatures** continues to bless our congregation and our community with their work of **prayer shawls, blankets, and quilts**. They also made significant contributions to our annual **Mission Christmas Tree of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves** which are donated to the Samaritan House, Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, and the Elida Elementary School;
- **June 2nd was "Mission's Sunday"** at St. Paul's. A PowerPoint presentation was given by the Mission's Committee and Pastor Paul's message was about our missions at St. Paul's. Jamie Wyant, Maedene Holmes, Dennis & Shara Bowsher, Norm Grigsby and Tim & Corinne Piper from the Mission's Committee helped with the service. After the service there was a meal to raise funds for the Camp Wesley summer mission project.
- St. Paul's donated \$100 to the annual **Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing** in July. Larry & Shirley Moser, Tim Theodore, and Margie Best formed the St. Paul's golf foursome with their golf fees going to the memorial fund. Dan Best, Tim Piper, Jamie Wyant, Sue Theodore and Norm Grigsby assisted with tournament-day administrative duties. The BJ Memorial Fund has given out scholarships for Medical Mission trips to Kenya, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico & Uganda in the past five years;
- Check out our **Missions Committee bulletin board** located on the wall of the education wing hallway outside the Pastor's office on which are posted **'thank-you' letters and upcoming mission opportunities**; Jamie Wyant led a team from St. Paul's (and other local churches) on several weekends on a "summer mission project" to **the U.M.C. Camp Wesley** near Bellefontaine during June, July and August. Volunteers included Art Holman, Jamie Wyant, Dennis & Shara Bowsher, Larry and Shirley Mosier, Paul Scannell, Maedene Holmes, Norm Grigsby, and Tim & Corinne Piper. Volunteers completed work on all four porches; steps and railings on the dining hall and either replaced or repaired them. Boardwalks were built and a small bridge rebuilt on the path leading around the lake;
- October 31ST was **trick-or-treat night in Elida** and St. Paul's was ready to serve hot chocolate and coffee to parents and hand out pencils with our name and time of service. Except trick-or-treat was cancelled due to bad weather and rescheduled for Saturday, November 2. So on November 2 our intrepid missionaries showed up again and started handing out cups of hot drinks and special pencils with St. Paul's info. They kept handing them out until they ran out of hot chocolate. So, instead of shutting down, they went to Dollar General and

Missions Report

bought **8 boxes of chocolate mix** and **raided the Scannell's kitchen** for all of their chocolate (and marshmallows). In the end, around **360 cups of drinks were shared**, although a few were exchanged for hot dogs from Elida Immanuel UMC. Many thanks to those who shared in the work and the joy of this mission project: **Vicki and Torie McAdams, Deb and Gary Hurd, Mary Williams, Cari Metzger, Shirley Shoup and Marla Scannell.**

- **Jamie Wyant** went on a mission trip to **Haiti** at the end of October with **Living Hope Ministries** to help repair water wells. With 9.7 million people, Haiti has no centralized water system so thousands of wells supply clean, safe water to many people. Many wells fall in disrepair and need to be fixed. Jamie gave a presentation about his trip to Haiti on November 17th and gave insight as to the conditions in Haiti;

- **The St. Paul's Book Club** donated \$856.95 to missions designating it to be distributed evenly between the Lima Area Food Bank, The Samaritan House, Meals-til-Monday and Our Daily Bread soup kitchen. Thank you to the Book Club for their generous donation.

- Thank you to everyone who got online and voted for **Owen Weaver**, the handicapped young man from Bluffton, to help his family to try to win a Van with a wheel-chair lift. With your help, he garnered 18,710 votes and was a semi-finalist. He made it into the top 5% and was a finalist, however he did not win one of the two vans being awarded. Thank-you for all of you who took time to vote for Owen.

The people of St. Paul's United Methodist Church **donated over \$11,000** to special missions, coins-for-communion, United Methodist Special Sundays, special designated Sundays and other missions and ministries of our church. See "2013 ST. PAUL'S SPECIAL MISSIONS GIVING SUMMARY", found elsewhere in the newsletter. Thank you to all who donated to these missions.

Many thanks to the members of the Mission Committee for 2013: Jamie Wyant, Norm Grigby, Maedene Holmes, Dennis & Shara Bowsher, Tim Piper and Pastor Paul Scannell. Also, many thanks to members of our congregation who faithfully volunteered at Our Daily Bread soup kitchen; worked on quilts, hats & mittens; assembled health and school kits; worked or played golf at the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing; helped with LAMM breakfasts; donated food faithfully to 5 Loaves Food Pantry; worked on ramps; volunteered at Camp Wesley church camp and donated to special missions, projects and funds. You are truly a blessing to the many people who have been served by the sweat and generous donations of our congregation at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Tim Piper, Missions Chair

2013 ST. PAUL'S MISSIONS GIVING SUMMARY

1/8/2014

2013 AMOUNT GIVEN

COINS AT COMMUNION GIVING:

| | | |
|--|-------------|-------------------|
| Hope Visitation Center | (January) | \$ 58.69 |
| Heartbeat of Lima | (February) | \$ 73.01 |
| Our Daily Bread | (March) | \$ 40.54 |
| 5 Loaves Food Pantry - Allentown | (April) | \$ 75.05 |
| UMCH Family Services | (May) | \$ 87.41 |
| United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) | (June) | \$ 71.25 |
| Brad Joseph Memorial Fund | (July) | \$170.81 |
| Meals 'til Monday | (August) | \$ 91.21 |
| Samaritan House | (September) | \$ 87.18 |
| Family Promise | (October) | \$ 61.88 |
| Lima Rescue Mission | (November) | \$ 80.89 |
| Salvation Army | (December) | \$ 52.34 |
| TOTAL: | | \$ 9 50.26 |

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Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| December 24, 2013 5:00 PM | 28 |
| December 24, 2013 10:00 PM | 98 |
| December 29, 2013 | 88 |
| January 5, 2014 | 87 |
| January 12, 2014 | 109 |
| January 19, 2014 | 89 |

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

| Unified Ministry Giving: | | Other: |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| December 24, 2013 | \$3,490.00 | \$1,869.30 |
| December 29, 2013 | \$2,666.00 | \$975.00 |
| January 5, 2014 | \$6,132.00 | \$1,054.73 |
| January 12, 2014 | \$5,479.00 | \$2,814.55 |
| January 19, 2014 | \$947.00 | \$141.00 |

Communion Servers February 2

| | |
|------------|------------------------|
| Station #1 | Norm & Mary Grigsby |
| Station #2 | Scott and Gail Fessler |
| Station #3 | OPEN |

Greeters

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| February 2, 2014 | Cari Metzger & Kayla Bok |
| February 9, 2014 | Jerry & Becky Bean |
| February 16, 2014 | Phyllis Hines & Dee Johnson |
| February 23, 2014 | Gary & Janet Grigg |

Flower Calendar

| | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| February 2, 2014 | OPEN |
| February 9, 2014 | Ruth Hardy |
| February 16, 2014 | Ron & Mary Steiner |
| February 23, 2014 | Jim & Phyllis Hines |

Sunday School Attendance

| | |
|-------------------|----|
| December 29, 2013 | 5 |
| January 5, 2014 | 15 |
| January 12, 2014 | 28 |
| January 19, 2014 | 22 |

Daily Bible Readings

Saturday 2/1

Psalm 55, 138, 139:1-23
Isaiah 51:1-8
Galatians 3:23-29, Mark 7:1-23

Sunday 2/2

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Isaiah 51:9-16
Hebrews 11:8-16, John 7:14-31

Monday 2/3

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65
Isaiah 51:17-23
Galatians 4:1-11, Mark 7:24-37

Tuesday 2/4

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Isaiah 52:1-12
Galatians 4:12-20, Mark 8:1-10

Wednesday 2/5

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Isaiah 54:1-10(11-17)
Galatians 4:21-31, Mark 8:11-26

Thursday 2/6

Psalm 70, 71, 74, Isaiah 55:1-13
Galatians 5:1-15, Mark 8:27-9:1

Friday 2/7

Psalm 69, 73, Isaiah 56:1-8
Galatians 5:16-24, Mark 9:2-13

Saturday 2/8

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Isaiah 57:3-13
Galatians 5:25-6:10
Mark 9:14-29

Sunday 2/9

Psalm 34, 93, 96
Isaiah 57:14-21
Hebrews 12:1-6, John 7:37-46

Monday 2/10

Psalm 77, 79, 80, Isaiah 58:1-12
Galatians 6:11-18, Mark 9:30-41

Tuesday 2/11

Psalm 78, Isaiah 59:1-15a
2 Timothy 1:1-14, Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday 2/12

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
Isaiah 59:15b-21
2 Timothy 1:15-2:13
Mark 10:1-16

Thursday 2/13

Psalm 85, 86, 146, 147
Isaiah 60:1-17
2 Timothy 2:14-26, Mark 10:17-31

Friday 2/14

Psalm 88, 91, 92, Isaiah 61:1-9
2 Timothy 3:1-17, Mark 10:32-45

Saturday 2/15

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Isaiah 61:10-62:5
2 Timothy 4:1-8, Mark 10:46-52

Sunday 2/16

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Isaiah 62:6-12
1 John 2:3-11, John 8:12-19

Monday 2/17

Psalm 89, Isaiah 63:1-6
1 Timothy 1:1-17, Mark 11:1-11

Tuesday 2/18

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99, 100
Isaiah 63:7-14
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8
Mark 11:12-26

Wednesday 2/19

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Isaiah 63:15-64:9
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Mark 11:27-12:12

Thursday 2/20

Psalm 105, Isaiah 65:1-12
1 Timothy 4:1-16, Mark 12:13-27

Friday 2/21

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Isaiah 65:17-25
1 Timothy 5:17-22 (23-25)
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday 2/22

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108
Isaiah 66:1-6
1 Timothy 6:6-21, Mark 12:35-44

Sunday 2/23

Psalm 118, 145
Isaiah 66:7-14
1 John 3:4-10, John 10:7-16

Monday 2/24

Psalm 106, Ruth 1:1-14
2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Matthew 5:1-12

Tuesday 2/25

Psalm 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126
Ruth 1:15-22
2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Matthew 5:13-20

Wednesday 2/26

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Ruth 2:1-13
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
Matthew 5:21-26

Thursday 2/27

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135
Ruth 2:14-23
2 Corinthians 3:1-18
Matthew 5:27-37

Friday 2/28

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Ruth 3:1-18
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Matthew 5:38-48



Missions Giving Summary

2013 ST. PAUL'S MISSIONS GIVING SUMMARY

1/8/2014

2013 AMOUNT GIVEN

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPECIAL SUNDAYS GIVINGS:

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Human Relations Day | (January) | \$ 23.00 |
| One Great Hour of Sharing | (March) | \$ 52.00 |
| Native Amer. Awareness Day | (April) | \$ 5 .00 |
| Peace with Justice Day | (June) | \$ 28.00 |
| Health & School Kits (\$2 in ea. Kit) | (September) | \$192.00 |
| World Communion Sunday | (October) | \$ 25.00 |
| Student Day | (November) | \$ 64.00 |

OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS/GIVINGS:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| UMCOR Disaster Relief (2012 Hurricane Relief & Tornado Relief, US) | \$ 200.00 |
| Heifer International (\$'s left on cow) | \$ 234.00 |
| UMCH \$5 on the 5th (4 Sundays) | \$ 432.41 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 1,255.41 |

SPECIAL SERVICES GIVING (Designated Use of \$'s):

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Ash Wednesday (Special Needs Fund) | \$ 106.00 |
| Easter (Miracle Offering-No More Malaria) | \$ 578.50 |
| Easter- (Camp Sierra Linda) | \$ 428.50 |
| Christmas Offering-Elida Community Ctr/Elida After School Youth Prog. | \$ 388.19 |
| Christmas Offering-Living Hope Ministries (Haiti wells) | \$ 388.18 |
| Christmas Offering-UMCOR Phillipines & Asia Typhoon Relief | \$ 388.18 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 2,277.55 |

SPECIAL MISSIONS/DESIGNATED GIVING:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Camp Wesley (includes flow-thru by participants of other local churches) | \$ 2,246.00 |
| Brad Joseph Golf Outing donations (includes private donation from parishioner) | \$ 200.00 |
| Elida Community Center/Elida after-school youth program | \$ 250.00 |
| Donation to keyboard fund | \$ 500.00 |
| General Missions Fund (\$595.57 individuals + \$297.88 from cookie walk) | \$ 893.45 |
| Haiti Mission Trip (\$1,647 by congregation+\$320 by Koinonia Class) | \$ 1,967.00 |
| Book Club Donation - Our Daily Bread | \$ 214.23 |
| Book Club Donation - Samaritan House | \$ 214.24 |
| Book Club Donation - Meals Til Monday | \$ 214.24 |
| Book Club Donation - West Ohio Food Bank | \$ 214.24 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 6,913.40 |

(Separate giving not shown here: FORO, UM double-giving Monday, Meals'til Monday Christmas Cards)
 (Food pantry items, mittens, hats, scarves & health/school kit items - not quantified)

GRAND TOTAL MISSIONS GIVING - 2013: \$ 1 1,396.62

2013 Mission Giving (unbudgeted) as a % of 2013 Church Budget = 7.1%

Finance Report

The Finance Committee, also responsible for issues of Stewardship, met Sept.-Dec., 2013, to address general operating and building fund revenue and expense activities, estimate of giving protocols, and 2014 budget development. An Ad Hoc Committee for Mortgage Burning and Building Fund Perpetuation also met several times over the summer and early fall. Many thanks to Margie Best, Treasurer, and Carole Grapner, Financial Secretary, and Gene Craft, Treasury Consultant, for their diligence and dedication in administrating the financial records, accounts, and ledgers of St. Paul's. The sound financial health of St. Paul's is due, in part, to their commitment to fiscal responsibility.

For 2013, receipts exceeded expenses by \$19,021. Cost containment consistent with our expense budget, above-average winter 2012-2013 temperatures, and early retirement of our mortgage liability are main contributors to this surplus. It should also be noted that St. Paul's received a generous anonymous gift of \$10,000 in 2013. We paid our District and Conference apportionments in full (total \$19,129.) The Board of Trustees enjoyed a very productive year while keeping within their budget limits aided by the Aug.-Dec. building fund surplus. Program Ministries, church mission, and various outreach initiatives had the financial means for attaining their goals for 2013. In general, the entire congregation of St. Paul's should be commended for living our Mission and Vision Statements as indicated by our 2013 fiscal performance.

For 2014, our expense budget increased \$10,966 over 2013 or \$170,567 compared with \$159,601. This increase is due to medical insurance (+\$3,276); pension (+\$800); SS/Medicare (+\$248); church utilities and insurance (+\$1,936); and staff salaries (+\$4,652.) For 2014, the Choir Director's salary was reinstated at \$2,500 as part of the staff salary increases. Pastor Paul received a \$1,500 increase. Staff (5) in general received a 3% salary increase. Copies of the 2014 expense budget are available in the church office or by calling the office and requesting a copy by mail.

Estimates of Giving for 2014 totaled \$139,304 by 46 giving units compared to \$144,724 by 54 giving units in 2013. Theoretically in 2013 Estimated Giving funded 91% of our expense budget; for 2014, Estimated Giving provides for approximately 82% of our expense budget. Non-pledged giving and loose plate offerings significantly fill this funding gap. We don't spend all budgeted expense items, too. Consequently, we usually maintain an adequate working cash balance to sustain our committee work, program ministries, Mission and Vision Statements.

"We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give" Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Thank you for your gifts of time, talent, and financial offerings during 2013 and continued support in the year ahead.

THANK YOU!

Pastor Paul discussed the Five Pillars of Methodism during Stewardship season October 27 – November 24, 2013. 'Stewardship Moments' included a presentation on St. Paul's finances and associated financial budget. Jamie Wyant presented his experiences and impressions of a recent Haiti mission trip. Pastor Paul discussed and gave examples of radical hospitality and worship. In re-energizing our St. Paul's Mission and Vision statements, this season brought to light God's expectation of us: 'What have you done with all I have given you?'

On Consecration Sunday, November 24, we committed a portion of our incomes for the work of His church as Estimate of Giving cards were collected and summarized. A total of \$139,304 has been pledged to sustain St. Paul's U.M.C. as an inviting community of Christ's disciples. This sum represents approximately 82% of the 2014 general operating budget. Well done!

Despite burning our mortgage in July, 2013, the Administrative Council asked you to perpetuate the Building Fund. The response was overwhelming: \$23,220 has been pledged for 2014 short-term/highly-visible capital improvements within our building and grounds. Look for periodic reports from the Board of Trustees on this endeavor.

Thank you to the Nurture Committee who prepared and hosted our luncheon on Consecration Sunday. They created a card with a mustard seed taped to it and this verse from Matthew 17:20 for each place setting:

For truly I tell you if you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
You will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,'
And it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.

May we continue to embody [t]His spirit throughout 2014!

Remember When...



February, 1993

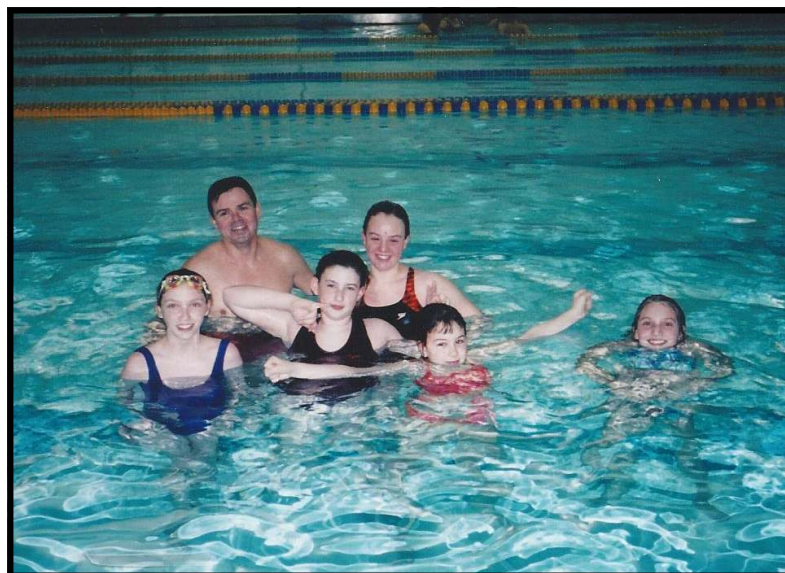
Judy Chaffins leads the congregation in celebrating Rev. Eric McGlade's birthday.



February, 2004

"Y Night"

L-R: Jacinda Fletcher, Tim Theodore, Audrey Fox, Jenni Theodore, Michele Theodore, Molly Fessler



February, 2006

Molloy Fessler provides special music for Friend Sunday



Connecting With ...

EASY (Elida After School Youth) Program

The EASY after school program is off and running and we are having a great time! Opening day was Monday, January 13, 2014. There were six 5th and 6th grade students with one high school student and nine adult volunteers.

The evening went smoothly, even with a bus number change that morning at the middle school. The students arrived at 3:00 and settled in to do A LOT of homework with the adults helping the students (and each other) while having a snack. At 4:00 the schoolwork was put away and the fun started. The students were allowed to choose which group they wanted to attend. Their choices were building a model train set-up, cooking, or a book club with science experiments. The boys chose the train set-up and the girls chose cooking. Both groups learned new skills right off the bat and seemed to have fun doing it. At 5:00 p.m., the train base was started and personal pizzas were ready to eat.

It was fun watching the interactions between the adults and children and the way some of them opened up during the activity time after struggling with schoolwork. The parents were very appreciative of the efforts of the Elida Area Community Center (EACC) to provide this program and St. Paul UMC for providing a place to meet. Thanks to all volunteers; to those who have given money; and to the Elida School administration for helping impact our area children's lives.

Stay tuned for the next set of activities that will start in February and for needed volunteers. New Safe Sanctuary training sessions will be offered soon. Come join us! We expect to grow quickly!

Corinne Piper, secretary EACC



***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.***



The People of St. Paul's

Thank you for the flowers and visits from Pastor Paul while my mother, Virginia Latham was a patient at St. Rita's. We really appreciate all that you have done since she and her pastor are not from the Lima area.

Barb and Greg Schade



Thanks so much for the flowers, prayers and well wishes following my recent surgery.

Becky Bean



Congratulations to Tim and Katie White on the birth of their son Jack Martin White, born on Tuesday, December 31, 2013, in Baltimore, MD. Jack weighed in at 7 lbs., 5 oz. and 20 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Marty and Kathy White and equally proud uncle is A.J. White. Cards may reach Tim, Katie and Jack at 303B Charles-Street Ave., Towson MD 21204



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Mary Grigsby
Gary Hurd
Myrna Metzger

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Jason Stanley
Eddie Mault

Prayer List Updates

Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia

Dwain and Myrna Metzger have cancelled their home phone (419-331-0588). Their new contact information is:

Dwain: cell #419-302-0350
e-mail: dmetzger59@woh.rr.com

Myrna: cell #419-234-0571
e-mail: myrnametzger@gmail.com



Meetings

February 3, 2014

PPR...7:00 PM

February 4, 2014

Trustees...7:00 PM

February 5, 2014

Worship...6:00 PM

February 10, 2014

Finance ...7:00 PM

Ad Council...No Mtg.

February 18, 2014

Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays

Prayer...8:45 AM

Sunday Sch...9:00 AM

Fellowship...9:30 AM

Worship...10:00 AM


Wednesdays

Chancel Choir...7:00

PM

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| 2 Megan Bible Barb Schade | 3 Braylon Kimmet | 4 Cyndi Smith | 5 Don Irvin | 6 | 7 Nathan Cummins Gary Hurd | 8 Cari Metzger |
| 9 Michelle Grapner | 10 Marla Scannell | 11 | 12 Ken Strayer | 13 | 14  | 15 Bill Weaver |
| 16 | 17 Doug Fox | 18 Sherilyn Ellinger Sydney Lane | 19 | 20 Fran Hall Ron Steiner | 21 | 22 Andrew Piper |
| 23 | 24 | 25 John Foster | 26 Addison Chaffins | 27 | 28 Makayla Bok Kate Stengel | |

Anniversaries

Jerry & Becky Bean
February 14
55 years

Gary & Janet Grigg
February 18
48 years

Jim & Phyllis Hines
February 23
57 years

Gene & Linda Craft
February 25
47 years

Larry & Shirley Moser
February 28
43 years

St. Paul's Featured Recipes

A Recipe for Hope

| Ingredients | | Instructions |
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| A taste | Faith | <p>Mix all of the ingredients together—but be careful not to let judgment, bad attitude, pride, or bitterness mingle with them.</p> <p>Adjust measurements as needed to get your daily needs, and always have ingredients on hand.</p> <p>Serve abundantly every day, sharing with as many people as you can.</p> |
| A spoonful | Love | |
| 3 cups | Prayer | |
| 1 cup | Trust | |
| 4 ounces | Kindness | |
| 2 cups | Forgiveness | |
| 1 bucketful | Laughter | |
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Cheese Cake

by *Lavonne Segovia*

| Ingredients | | Instructions |
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| 4 | Eggs | <p>Beat 4 eggs well. Add next 7 ingredients. Mix well. (don't turn to butter).</p> <p>Pour into baked crust and bake 1 hr. 5 min. in 350 degree oven. Crack oven door and leave cake in oven until cool.</p> <p>Topping is optional: 1/2 pint sour cream 5 Tbl. or less sugar 1 Tbl. lemon juice (optional) 1/2 tsp. vanilla</p> <p>Blend 4 ingredients and spread over cooled cake. Bake 5 min. at 500 degrees.</p> |
| 1 1/2 - 2lbs. | Sieved creamed cottage cheese | |
| 1 cup | Sugar | |
| 1/2 cup | Sifted flour | |
| 1/2 tsp. | Salt | |
| 2 Tbl. | Lemon juice | |
| 1 tsp. | Vanilla | |
| 1 cup | Coffee cream | |
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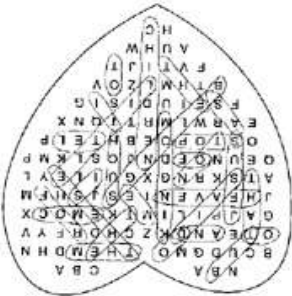


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Word Find

Find the words from Matthew 19:14.

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."



Answers

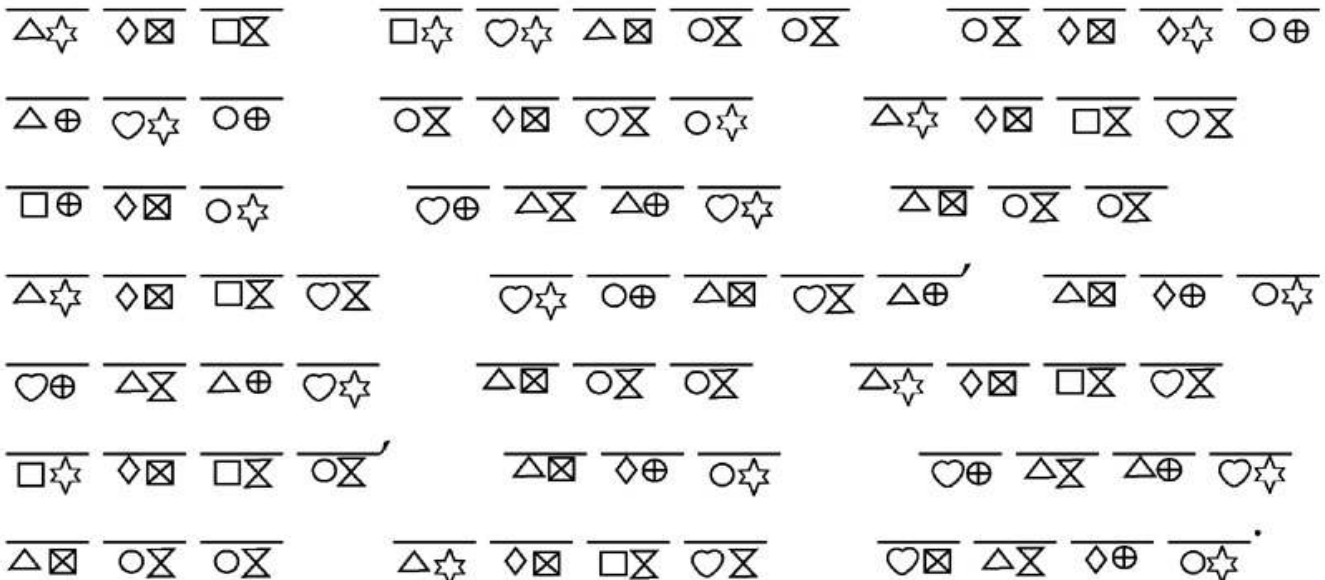


That's What Jesus Said

Jesus was asked which commandment in the law was the greatest. His answer is found in Matthew 22:37. Follow the symbols key across and down to find the letters to fill in the blanks.

Answers: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.

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Living Our Faith

Sharing God's Blessings

In February, many people give valentines to their friends and family. Some valentines are funny and some are sweet. They are one way to tell people "you're important to me!"

Jesus doesn't say anything about valentines, but he does tell people that they are important to him, and to God. In Matthew 5 you can read some of Jesus' words of love and encouragement. Sometimes this passage is called the beatitudes, which means "blessed."

Read Matthew 5:1-12 and think about the blessings Jesus talks about. Notice the people who Jesus is blessing. Try writing beatitudes of blessing and encouragement for people you know.

Notes of Blessings

Think of someone who is or has been a particular blessing to you. Make a valentine or a card of appreciation. Tell what the blessing was, the difference it has made in your life, and how it inspires you.

Blessings Fortune Cookies

Surprise someone by tucking words of blessing inside a fortune cookie! Follow the cookie recipe, but before you start, write words of blessing on a small slip of paper (3 x 1/2-in/7 x 1-cm) or choose something from Matthew 5:1-12.

2 Tbsp/30 mL milk 1/2 tsp/2.5 mL vanilla
3 Tbsp/45 mL sugar 1/3 c/75 mL all-purpose flour
1 egg white glass muffin tin & cookie sheet

Mix together sugar, egg white, and vanilla. Stir in flour until well blended. Drop rounded teaspoonfuls onto a baking sheet greased with butter and spread into a 3-in/7-cm circle with the back of a spoon. Bake at 400°F for 3-4 minutes until edges are brown. Loosen cookie with a spatula and turn over. Place folded fortune in the center. Quickly fold cookie in half, press edges together for several seconds. Grasp ends of cookie, place center over rim of glass and gently press ends down to bend cookie in the middle. Place each cookie in the muffin cup to retain shape until cool.

