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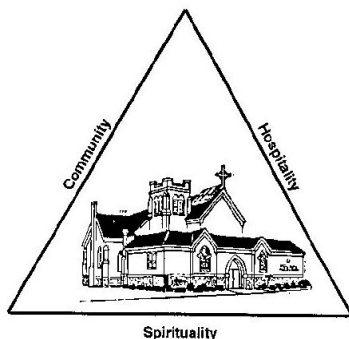
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Story telling is one of those things that shapes who we are. If you don't believe me, then ask yourself a few questions. What was your favorite story growing up as a child? Mine was Winnie the Pooh. I remember reading to each of my children and all of them loved different stories at different times in their lives. Dr Seuss, If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, Barney, any book about horses, Brown Bear Brown Bear What Do You See? and the list goes on. Later the story changes to Nancy Drew, Harry Potter, Artemis Fowl and still later to Othello, The Iliad and The Odyssey. What is it about stories that capture our attention? Jesus knew how important story telling was. In just 3 years with 12 men he told stories that changed the world. I want to invite you over the next several weeks to come here the stories that turned the world upside down. The stories that saved us from our sin and teach us the love of God that sets us free from sin and death.

February is going to be cold if January is any indication. I know things slow down and even get canceled at times because of the weather, but I want to encourage you to stay active in and outside of church. Senior Day Out will be back in February, EASY continues to touch kids with God's love through your hard work, and this month we are trying something new. Worship Team is going to be meeting on a Wednesday morning instead of the evening and when we have finished planning your worship for the next few weeks, we are going to be talking about what we can do to try to reach more people with the good news of Jesus Christ. I don't know what it will look like or how it will go, but my hope is to slowly begin to make additions to what we already do that may reach a more diversified group of people with St Paul's unique way of expressing God to the world.

Finally, I want to say thank you to everyone who has been praying for Emma over the past few months. Please continue to pray for healing for her as she goes through therapy for her concussion. I cannot answer the question of how she is doing because I am not supposed to ask her how she is doing. Doctors' orders; so I will have another update after the 21st of February when we return to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center for her first follow up appointment. I am confident this is the place for her to get the help she needs to heal and get back to dancing at 100% and until then I am doing what the doctor has asked and not asking, which is harder than it sounds.

I'll see you in the mission field.

Pastor Paul

**Thought for the
Month:**

**Keep exercising...
Walk with God!**



February 2, 2019

February 3
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit

Elida Area Community Center
After School Youth Program (EASY)

BOOK CLUB

Saturday, February 9
9:00 AM

The book for discussion is
"I Love You, Miss Huddleston"
by Philip Gulley



Food Pantry Sunday
February 10

Non-perishable food items and
cleaning supplies

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

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Secretary	Gail Fessler
Newsletter	Jone Lane
Organist	Linda Holman
Pianist	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian	Dave Decker

THE PERFECT CHURCH

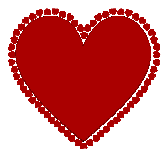
If you could find the perfect church
Without one fault or smear,
For goodness sake, don't join that church.
You'd spoil the atmosphere.

But since no perfect church exists
Where people never sin,
Let's cease looking for that church
And love the one we're n!

- Author Unknown



Happy Valentine's Day
February 14



Presidents Day
February 18



Got love?

Love asks nothing in return but seeks those who need it. And who needs our love more than those who are consumed with hatred and are utterly devoid of love?

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Seniors Day Out
Tuesday,
February 19

All seniors welcome!

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



The Elida After School Youth (EASY) program is in GREAT need of volunteers! Our staff has been hard hit with personal and family illnesses this year. If you have time on Monday or Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to sit with students while home work is being done, play a board game, help in the kitchen, or be an extra set of hands during interest groups please contact Corinne Piper at pipercc@woh.rr.com.

Christian Symbol



CHI RHO

"Chi" and "rho" are the first two letters in the Greek spelling for Christ (XPICTOC, pronounced "Christos"). The blending of these two letters into one symbol formed a "sacred monogram." Early Christians created many such symbols as codes to indicate their discipleship while avoiding detection by Roman persecutors. Many variations of the Chi Rho symbol exist, incorporating a cross, a shepherd's crook, the Greek letters alpha and omega, an anchor and other images.

Missions

I am glad to report that we sent 81 items to the Samaritan House from our Mitten tree. When asked what was their biggest need in the near future she indicated copy paper and stamps.

Bev Nesbitt



Thank you so much for your gift in support of Lima's Samaritan House.

God Bless You,
Samaritan House Staff

MISSIONS THANK YOU!



Thanks for your commitment and dedication to support the ministry of operation Christmas Child. It was an honor to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Operation Christmas Child with St. Paul's United Methodist Church. With the support of churches, student groups, and individuals, the Lima Area Operation Christmas Child collected 20,435 shoebox gifts. These shoebox gifts are now on their way to Ecuador, Malawi, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Ukraine, Uruguay, and Zimbabwe.

Mike and Bonnie Condry
Lima Are Coordinators for Operation Christmas Child

Ripples of Kindness

"I drop kindness pebbles in still water every day, and I watch the effect they have on other people's lives. My favorite kindness pebbles are compliments. Drop a compliment and watch the ripple effect that it has in your life."

Remarkably, these cheery words come from a father who has faced many dark, difficult days. In *6 Minutes Wrestling With Life*, John Passaro tells of his daughter's heart-wrenching battle with meningitis. The struggles didn't make him bitter; rather, he frequently offers uplifting words on social media.

What if we followed Passaro's example and complimented people regularly? Philippians 4:8 (NIV) instructs us to think about things that are noble, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. By extension, turning those positive thoughts into words causes "kindness pebbles" to spread God's light in ripples throughout someone's day — and, doubtless, through ours.

Hymn History

Jesus Loves Me 1860

That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Ephesians 3:17-19

Anna and Susan Warner lived in a lovely townhouse in New York City where their father, Henry Whiting Warner, was a successful lawyer. But the “Panic of 1837” wrecked the family’s finances, forcing them to move into a ramshackle Revolutionary War-era home on Constitution Island on the Hudson, right across from the Military Academy at West Point.

Needing to contribute to the family income, Anna and Susan began writing poems and stories for publication. Anna wrote “Robinson Crusoe’s Farmyard,” and Susan wrote “The Wide, Wide World.” The girls thus launched parallel literary careers which resulted in 106 publications, eighteen of them co-authored.

One of their most successful joint projects was a novel titled *Say and Seal* in which a little boy named Johnny Fox is dying. His Sunday School teacher, John Linden, comforts him by taking him in his arms, rocking him, and making up a little song: “Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so....”

The novel became a best-seller, second only to *Uncle Tom’s Cabin*; and when hymnwriter William Bradbury read the words of John Linden’s little song (written by Anna), he composed a childlike musical score to go along with them. “Jesus Loves Me,” soon became the best-known children’s hymn on earth.

Despite their success, the Warner sisters never seemed able to recover from the staggering financial reverses of 1836. Years later a friend wrote, “One day when sitting with Miss Anna in the old living room she took from one of the cases a shell so delicate that it looked like lace work and holding it in her hand, with eyes dimmed with tears, she said, ‘There was a time when I was very perplexed, bills were unpaid, necessities must be had, and someone sent me this exquisite thing. As I held it I realized that if God could make this beautiful home for a little creature. He would take care of me.’”

For forty years, Susan and Anna conducted Bible classes for cadets at West Point, and both were buried with full military honors. They are the only civilians buried in the military cemetery at West Point. To this day, their home on Constitution Island is maintained by West Point as a museum to their memory.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

December 30, 2018	76
January 6, 2019	94
January 13, 2019	58
January 20, 2019	Cancelled
January 27, 2019	66

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
December 30, 2018	\$2,729.00	\$549.00
January 6, 2019	\$4,173.00	\$1,886.24
January 13, 2019	\$2,233.00	\$572.00
January 20, 2019	Cancelled	
January 27, 2019	\$3,978.69	\$1,263.00

Sunday School Attendance

December 30, 2018	3
January 6, 2019	4
January 13, 2019	4
January 20, 2019	Cancelled
January 27, 2019	5

Greeters

February 3, 2019	OPEN
February 10, 2019	Cari Metzger & Anika Bok
February 17, 2019	OPEN
February 24, 2019	Ellinger Family

Flower Calendar



February 3, 2019	Larry & Gloria Brunk
February 10, 2019	Jamie & Jan Wyant
February 17, 2019	Gary & Janet Grigg
February 24, 2019	Scott & Gail Fessler

Hospitality Cart

February 3, 2019	Book Club
February 10, 2019	OPEN
February 17, 2019	Margie Best & Jone Lane
February 24, 2019	Choir/ Janet Grigg & Myrna Metzger

Daily Bible Readings

Friday 2/1

Psalm 40, 51, 54, Isaiah 50:1-11
Galatians 3:15-22, Mark 6:47-56

Saturday 2/2

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

Sunday 2/3

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

Monday 2/4

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

Tuesday 2/5

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

Wednesday 2/6

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

Thursday 2/7

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

Friday 2/8

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

Saturday 2/9

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

Sunday 2/10

Psalm 57:14-21
Hebrews 12:1-6, John 7:37-46

Monday 2/11

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

Tuesday 2/12

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

Wednesday 2/13

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

Thursday 2/14

Psalm 83, 85, 86
Isaiah 60:1-17
2 Timothy 2:14-26
Mark 10:17-31

Friday 2/15

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

Saturday 2/16

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

Sunday 2/17

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

Monday 2/18

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

Tuesday 2/19

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

Wednesday 2/20

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

Thursday 2/21

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

Friday 2/22

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

Saturday 2/23

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

Sunday 2/24

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

Monday 2/25

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

Tuesday 2/26

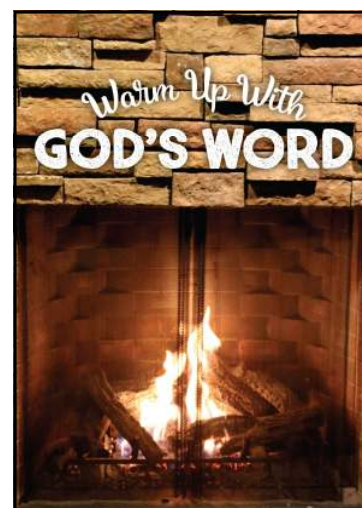
Psalm 120, 127, Ruth 1:15-22
2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Matthew 5:13-20

Wednesday 2/27

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

Thursday 2/28

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



Personnel Report for 2019

Personnel Report for 2019 All positions are effective beginning January 1, 2019

**denotes persons to be elected*

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson Administrative Council	*_____	(19)
Church Conf./Church Council Secretary	Corinne Piper	(19)
Chair of Finance	Art Holman	(19)
Christian Education	*_____	(19)
Church Historian	Jone Lane	
Financial Secretary	Carole Grapner	
Higher Education	Jan Wyant	(19)
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(20)
Lay Member to Annual Conf.	Linda Craft	(19)
Members-at-large	Norm Grigsby	
Membership	Lavonne Segovia	
Missions	Tim Piper	(19)
Nurture	Janet Grigg	(19)
Chairperson Pastor/Parish Relations	Janna Thompson	(19)
Small Group Leader	Corinne Piper	
Chair of Trustees	Scott Fessler	(19)
Treasurer	Margie Best	
Pastor	Paul Scannell	

NOMINATIONS

Chairperson	Paul Scannell	
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(20)
Lynda Evans	(19)	Julie Bok (20) Jan Wyant (21)
Susan Nartker	(19)	Deb Hurd (20)

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Janna Thompson	(19)
Lay Member	Linda Craft	
Lay Leader	Dan Best	
Slone Whetstone	(19)	Norm Grigsby (21)
Mary Irvin	(20)	Susan Nartker (21)
Sue Theodore	(20)	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Scott Fessler	(19)
Vice-Chair of Trustees	Larry Moser	(19)
Finance Chair	Art Holman	(19)
Shirley Shoup	(19)	Mike Ellinger (21)
Dennis Bowsher	(20)	
Lois Cook	(20)	
Jaime Wyant	(20)	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Art Holman	(19)
Chairperson Admin. Council	*_____	(19)
Financial Secretary	Carole Grapner	
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(20)
Lay Member of Annual Conf.	Linda Craft	(19)
Member-at-large	Norm Grigsby	
PPRC Chair or Rep.	Janna Thompson	(19)
Pastor	Paul Scannell	
Treasurer	Margie Best	
Trustee Chair or Rep.	Scott Fessler	(19)

WORSHIP TEAM

Pastor	Paul Scannell
Altar Guild	Kathy White
Communion Stewards	Steve & Tracy Sdao
Ushers	Dwain Metzger
Musician	Lois Cook
Musician	Linda Holman
Liturgical Arts	Myrna Metzger
Tech Team/Choir	Judy Chaffins
Tech Team	Tim Piper
Tech Team	Jamie Wyant
Tech Team/Sound	Scott Fessler
Tech Team/Sound	Steve Sdao
Tech Team/Sound	Tim Theodore

NURTURE

Chairperson	Janet Grigg	
Pastor	Paul Scannell	
Becky Ellinger	Lynda Evans	Linda Holman
Shirley Moser	Susan Nartker	Bev Nesbitt
Barb Schade		

Business of the Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairperson *
 Pastor Paul Scannell
 Shirley Moser Corinne Piper Marla Scannell
 Shirley Shoup Slone Whetstone

MISSIONS

Chairperson Tim Piper (19)
 Pastor Paul Scannell
 Dillon Staas (19) Norm Grigsby (21)
 Helen Staas (19) Maedene Holmes (21)
 Martha Vazquez (19) Bev Nesbitt (21)
 Dennis Bowsher (20)
 Jamie Wyant (20)



Thank you to all who have volunteered to give of their time and talents by serving on a committee to keep St. Paul's church running smoothly.

There are a few committees that have positions that still need to be filled. If interested in being on a committee, please contact Pastor Paul or the church office at 419-339-3801.

GET INVOLVED!

Committee Chairs	2019
PPR Chair	Janna Thompson
Trustees Chair	Scott Fessler
Finance Chair	Art Holman
Treasurer	Margie Best
Christian Education	*
Administrative Council	*
Worship	Pastor Paul Scannell
Nurture	
Missions	Tim Piper

Remember When...



Church-wide birthday party;
this table honors the
December birthdays.



Children's choir posing with
Rev. and Mrs. Snyder.



Sing For Joy



Reception in February.
Friend Sunday.

Welcome
FAITH FAMILY FRIENDS

Church History

On September 18, 2011, 30 lap quilts were blessed by Pastor Ruth during the worship service and taken that week to 3 nursing homes: Baton Rouge, Van Crest, and Sarah Jane.

Cantata practice was held on December 5, 2011, for the children of St. Paul's. There were snacks and activities for them in the fellowship hall when they were not practicing their part.

The Chancel Choir outing was dinner in the church fellowship hall, followed by a Kenny G concert at the Niswonger Center in Van Wert. Jerry Crates' birthday was celebrated before going to the concert.

The children's cantata was held on December 18, 2011. The children did a wonderful job that was loved by all!

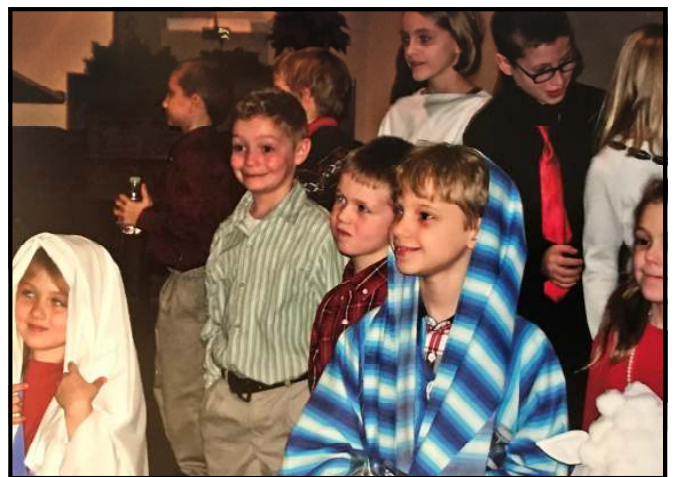
Sherilyn Irene Ellinger and Lina Mae Whetstone were baptized on January 8, 2012. Sherilyn, the daughter of Mike and Becky and sister of Adrianna, was born on February 8, 2011. Lena, daughter of Brad and Slone and sister of Michael, Samantha and Jenson Nagy, was born on December 1, 2011.

The Crafty Creatures provided the hospitality cart on January 15, 2012. That day seventeen lap quilts were blessed and taken the next week to Lima Manor and Lima Convalescent Home.

Seniors Day Out was held on February 12, 2012. Thirty-two enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the ladies of St. Paul. Gene Craft, our resident magician, entertained those who attended with his magic. His "volunteer assistant" was John Holmes.



February, 2012 - Seniors Day Out
Magician Gene Craft with assistant
John Holmes



December, 2011
Children's cantata practice

The People of St. Paul's

*St. Paul's Family,
Thank you for the
beautiful wind chimes and
all the visits and cards we
received during our loss.
A very special thank you
for the ladies who
prepared and served the
lunch after the service.*

*Mike and Terri ,
Susan and Dave Nartker*

*Thank
you*



Our Sympathy to Susan and David Nartker and Family, on the passing of Susan's mother, Ruth Burgoon, on January 21. Ruth had been a member of St. Paul's for 51 yrs. Cards may reach Susan and David at 135 Orchard Dr. Elida, OH 45807.

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Jim Hines
Mary Irvin
Ron Steiner

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Jim Hines
Jan Soddors

In the Military & Missions

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart



In the coldest February, as in every
other month in every other year,
the best thing to hold on to in this
world is each other.
—Linda Ellerbee

Meetings

NO PPR

February 5, 2019
Trustees...7:00 PM

February 6, 2019
Worship...10:30 AM

February 11, 2019
Finance ...7:00 PM

No Ad Council

To Be Announced
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

FEBRUARY 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 Barb Schade
						
3	4 Cyndi Smith	5 Don Irvin	6	7 Gary Hurd	8 Cari Metzger	9 Michelle Grapner
10 Channing Poling Marla Scannell Caroline Stengel	11	12	13	14	15 Tara Gaghen William Weaver	16
17	18 Sherilyn Ellinger Sydney Lane	19	20 Ron Steiner	21 Mary Kaye Pease	22 Andrew Piper	23
24	25	26 Addison Chaffins	27	28 Makayla Bok Kate Stengel		

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Gary & Janet Grigg
February 18
53 years

Gene & Linda Craft
February 25
52 years


Larry & Shirley Moser
February 28
48 years



Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cooks

Homemade Hot Chocolate

By Tracy Sdao

Ingredients		Instructions
1 (12 oz.) can	Evaporated milk (Not non-fat)	<p>Makes 15-18 cups, 1/2 batch for 7 to 10 guests</p> <p>Use a slow cooker (6qt. or larger).</p> <p>Add cocoa and hot water to bowl. Whisk until mixed</p> <p>Add Cocoa mixture along with chopped chocolate, milk, heavy cream, evaporated milk, and salt to slow cooker.</p> <p>Cook on high for 4 hours or <u>low for 6 hours</u> (best).</p> <p>Stir every hour to keep chocolate from settling on the bottom.</p> <p>Leftovers can keep in refrigerator for 1 week and warm in microwave.</p>
1/4 cup	Cocoa powder	
1/4 tsp.	Salt	
20 oz.	Semi sweet chocolate (can use bars)	
1/2 cup	Sugar (used 1/4 cup for cocoa bar)	
2 1/2 cups	Heavy cream	
10 cups	Whole milk (nothing less than 2%)	
1/2 cup	Hot water	
		

Caramel Sauce

By Myrna Metzger

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 cup	Brown sugar (packed)	<p>In a saucepan combine sugar, corn syrup, butter, and salt. Stir over medium heat until sugar is dissolved.</p> <p>Remove from heat. Stir in whipping cream and vanilla.</p> <p>Cover and store in refrigerator. Can be reheated.</p>
1/2 cup	Corn syrup (light)	
2 Tbl.	Butter	
1/8 tsp.	Salt	
1/4 cup	Whipping cream	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	

KIDZ KORNER

A MESSAGE OF *Love*

Make this valentine for a family member or friend.

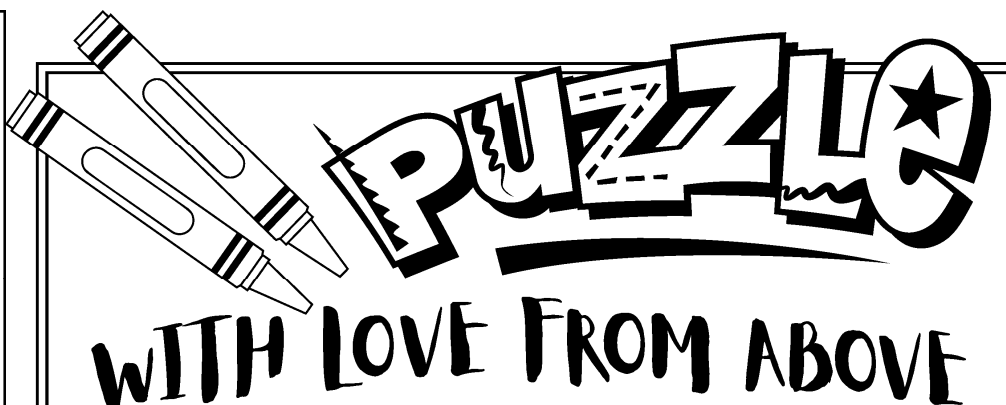


What you need:

- 10 wooden craft sticks
- Painter's tape
- Markers
- A photo and glue (optional)
- Craft knife (and adult help)
- Ribbon or a rubber band

What you do:

1. Set the sticks side by side. Secure with two tape strips.
2. Flip the sticks over. Draw (or glue on) a picture or write a message or Bible verse. If using glue, let dry.
3. Flip the sticks again and remove tape. If you glued on a photo, have an adult help cut the sticks (and photo) apart.
4. Secure the sticks with ribbon or a rubber band.
5. Deliver the gift and invite the recipient to assemble the puzzle.



The Bible is full of special words from our loving God.

Directions: Using the messages on the candy hearts, complete the Bible verses (all NIV) below.



God is our _____ and _____,
an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

"Surely I am with you _____." Matthew 28:20

And the _____ of God ... will guard
your hearts and your minds in
_____. Philippians 4:7

Whoever lives in _____ lives in God,
and God in them. 1 John 4:16

_____ love drives out fear. 1 John 4:18

Answer: refuge, strength, always, Christ Jesus, love, Perfect

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Living Our Faith

The Church as Mosaic

A mosaic consists of thousands of little stones. Some are blue, some are green, some are yellow, some are gold. When we bring our faces close to the mosaic, we can admire the beauty of each stone. But as we step back from it, we can see that all these little stones reveal to us a beautiful picture, telling a story none of these stones can tell by itself.

That is what our life in [the church] is about. Each of us is like a little stone, but together we reveal the face of God to the world. Nobody can say: "I make God visible." But others who see us together can say: "They make God visible." [Christian] community is where humility and glory touch.

—Henri J.M. Nouwen



Neighborly Love

As an ordained minister, Fred Rogers harnessed the power of television to tell children they were loved — and to show them how to love others. In *You Are Special*, he writes, "When we love a person, we accept him or her exactly as is: the lovely with the unlovely, the strong along with the fearful, the true mixed in with the façade, and of course, the only way we can do it is by accepting ourselves that way."

In a review of the touching documentary *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* a writer for *Variety* notes: "Rogers' real secret was ... that the call to love your neighbor as yourself isn't a slogan to hang in your kitchen with flowers around it — it's a decision you make at every moment, to view every man, woman and child on earth as your neighbor. If you don't see and feel that, and act on it, then you're just another narcissist with a kitchen slogan."

Last October, when a synagogue shooting shattered the peace of Rogers' real-life former neighborhood, residents of all religions embraced one another as neighbors. Afterward, the Fred Rogers Center stated, "We long for a day when there is no more tragedy born from hatred."