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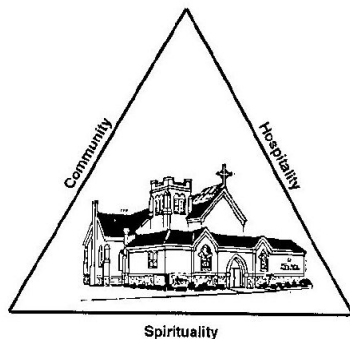
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Happy New Year! Wow, another year gone. How time flies when you are having fun. First let me take a moment to say thank you to everyone who sent a card or gift to my family. We appreciate all that we receive and give thanks for our wonderful church family.

Have you packed it all away? Are you singing Christmas Carols? As you read this newsletter it is the first week of January and a new year has begun, but really we are in the midst of the 12 days of Christmas leading up to Epiphany. Christmas comes to the Mall a little sooner each year and disappears so quickly we often forget what we are in the midst of remembering. The 12 days of Christmas that we sing about all through December is really about the 12 days after Christmas leading up to the visit of the Wise Men.

I want to purpose to you that we keep the Advent Conspiracy going not only through Epiphany but on through to the Lenten Season. Imagine a world where loving all became the norm and not just a Christmas season oddity. Continue to give more of yourself to those around you even as Christ did for us. Someone talked to me about worshipping fully after church on the 21st and I have thought about what it all means.

Worship of course can happen anywhere but we talked about what church every Sunday means. How from week to week it changes as our hearts and needs change. We should fully worship God every time we step into worship but it also is a time of support (caring for each other), recharging our God battery (reconnect our spirit with God's Spirit), giving ourselves to others (using our gifts and talents for God) and many other things to each of you. So don't look at worship as only a flat piece of glass, but see it as a many faceted diamond giving light and life to all who see it.

I hope you will continue the conspiracy with me; you can pack up the ornaments, tree and lights but don't pack up the Spirit of Christmas this year. Keep the Spirit alive and well by Loving All, Giving More and Worshipping Fully.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

The mind is not a vessel
to be filled but a fire to
be kindled.

— Plutarch

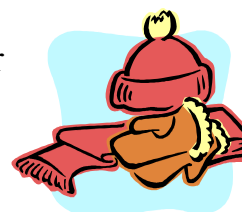
Thank You

Thank you to everyone for making **The Cookie and Treats Walk** a great success. Whether you donated items, helped during the walk, or purchased items, we thank you. The proceeds earned from this event was **\$561.00** which goes to the "Crafty Creatures" small group, to purchase batting, flannel material and thread, for the comfort quilts that are taken to area nursing homes.



Thank you to those who placed items, on the special hat and mitten Christmas tree. The tree was overflowing with many hand made and boughten items, for children at Elida Elementary School, the adults and children at Lima Samaritan House and men in need at the Lima Rescue mission.

Thank you for your generosity!



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Sunday, January 11, 2015

January Coins for Communion will benefit The Hope Visitation and Exchange Center of Lima.



NO Seniors Day Out In January

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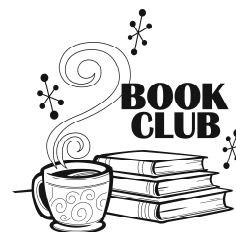
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Secretary:	Gail Fessler
Secretary:	Jone Lane
Organist:	Linda Holman
Pianist:	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian:	Dave Decker

St. Paul's Book Club

Saturday, January 3, 2015
At 9:00 AM

Join the group for some interesting conversation about
Yellow Rose Bride
by Lori Copeland



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

LIMA AREA METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

St. Paul's will host the Lima Area Methodist Men's breakfast on Saturday, January 10th at 8 AM. Corinne Piper will give an update on the E.A.S.Y. Program and Jamie Wyant will give a presentation on the 2015 Camp Wesley Mission. We will be passing around a sign-up sheet on Sunday, January 4th, for people to help with the breakfast by volunteering to bring food and drinks. We hope all of our St. Paul's men can make it to the breakfast.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Five Loaves Food Pantry at The Church at Allentown

**Food Pantry Sunday is
January 11, 2015**

**Please place non-perishable food
items or paper products in the
bins at the church entrances.**

Food collections continue to be strong and the number of needy families, who are blessed by receiving the food continues to grow.



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

Friday, January 30th

**To help prepare and serve
the noon meal.**

**Please let Tim Piper know
if you can help.**



Personnel Report for 2015

Lay Leadership and Personnel Report All positions are effective beginning January 1, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

Chairperson Administrative Council	Art Holman	(15)
Church Conf./Church Council Secretary	Janet Grigg	(15)
Chair of Finance	_____	(17)
Christian Education	_____	(17)
Church Historian	Jone Lane	(16)
Financial Secretary	Carole Grapner	(16)
Higher Education	Jan Wyant	(17)
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(16)
Lay Member to Annual Conf.	Linda Craft	(16)
Members-at-large	Norm Grigsby	
Membership	Lavonne Segovia	(15)
Missions	Tim Piper	(17)
Nurture	Linda Holman	(16)
Chairperson Pastor/Parish Relations	Shirley Shoup	(17)
Small Group Leader	Corinne Piper	(17)
Chair of Trustees	Ron Steiner	(15)
Treasurer	Margie Best	(16)
Pastor	Paul Scannell	

LAY LEADERSHIP

Chairperson	Paul Scannell	
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(16)
Bill McKinney	(15) Kathy White	(15)
Norm Grigsby	(16) Susan Nartker	(16)
Deb Hurd	(17) Don Irvin	(17)

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Shirley Shoup	(17)
Lay Member	Linda Craft	(16)
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(17)
John Fletcher	(15) Norm Grigsby	(15)
Mary Irvin	(16)	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Ron Steiner	(15)
Vice-Chair of Trustees	Larry Moser	(16)
Finance Chair	_____	(17)
Travis Bok	(15) Mike Ellinger	(15)
Jaime Wyant	(16) Scott Fessler	(16)
Margie Best	(17)	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	_____	(17)
Chairperson Admin. Council	Art Holman	(15)
Financial Secretary	Carole Grapner	(16)
Lay Leader	Dan Best	(16)
Lay Member of Annual Conf.	Linda Craft	(16)
Member-at-large	Norm Grigsby	(15)
PPRC Chair or Rep.	Shirley Shoup	(17)
Pastor	Paul Scannell	
Permanent Endowment Rep.	Dwain Metzger	(14)
Treasurer	Margie Best	(16)
Trustee Chair or Rep.	Ron Steiner	(15)

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Dwain Metzger	(15)
Trustee Rep.	Ron Steiner	(15)
Finance Rep.	_____	(17)
Treasurer	Margie Best	(16)
Pastor	Paul Scannell	

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/Sound	Scott Fessler
Tech Team/Sound	Tim Theodore
Tech Team	Tim Piper
Tech Team	Tony Shoup
Tech Team	Jamie Wyant

The Business of Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Chairperson _____
 Pastor Paul Scannell

Linda Matlock Marla Scannell
 Shirley Moser Shirley Shoup

MISSIONS

Chairperson Tim Piper (17)
 Pastor Paul Scannell

Maedene Holmes (15) Dennis Bowsher (16)
 Shara Bowsher (16) Cari Metzger (16)
 Dillon Staas (16) Martha Vazquez (16)
 Jamie Wyant (17)

NURTURE

Chairperson Linda Holman (15)
 Pastor Paul Scannell

Becky Bean Linda Holman Ginny Doseck
 Becky Ellinger Lynda Evans Janet Grigg
 Shirley Moser Susan Nartker Barb Schade
 Sue Theodore

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.*

Our Biblical Purpose Statement:

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

A Well-Balanced Church

The owner of a new puppy got a good laugh when the little dog, out for a walk, had an itch. The trouble was that the itchy spot was accessible only to a hind leg. So, while still walking, the pup tried to scratch and tumbled over, rolling a couple of times before coming to rest.

In several places throughout Scripture, the apostle Paul writes about the church as the body of Christ, and of the importance of each member. Just as the dog needed each leg to stay balanced while walking, so the church needs all the different God-given gifts of its members: preachers and teachers, friendly visitors, generous givers, musicians and singers, wise parents and imaginative children, people to produce and distribute meals, newsletters, lesson materials, and on and on.

When we start thinking that some part of Christ's body isn't necessary, we risk taking quite a tumble!

Committee Chairs

2015

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

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

November 30, 2014	121
December 7, 2014	106
December 14, 2014	110
December 21, 2014	122
December 24, 2014 6:00 PM Service	42
December 24, 2014 Candlelight Service	134
December 28, 2014	77

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
November 30, 2014	\$2,111.32	\$333.15
December 7, 2014	\$5,590.48	\$662.70
December 14, 2014	\$2,373.00	\$1,130.60
December 21, 2014	\$5,492.03	\$845.75
December 28, 2014	\$1,522.00	\$500.70

Greeters

January 4, 2015	Steve & Tracy Sdao & Tahler
January 11, 2015	OPEN
January 18, 2015	Susan Nartker
January 25, 2015	OPEN

Sunday School Attendance

November 30, 2014	13
December 7, 2014	28
December 14, 2014	17
December 21, 2014	25
December 28, 2014	N/A

Flower Calendar



January 4, 2015	Tony & Shirley Shoup
January 11, 2015	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
January 18, 2015	Tony & Linda Matlock
January 25, 2015	Brent McAdams Family

Communion Servers January 4

Station #1	OPEN
Station #2	OPEN
Station #3	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday 1/1

Psalm 66, 67, 145
Colossians 3:12-17, John 6:41-47

Friday 1/2

Psalm 33, 34, 1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:1-14

Saturday 1/3

Psalm 68, 72, 1 Kings 19:9-18
Ephesians 4:17-32, John 6:15-27

Sunday 1/4

Psalm 85, 87, 89:1-29
Joshua 3:14-4:7
Ephesians 5:1-20
John 9:1-12, 35-38

Monday 1/5

Psalm 29, 98, Isaiah 66:18-23
Romans 15:7-13

Tuesday 1/6 (*Epiphany*)

Psalm 46, 96, 97, 100
Isaiah 49:1-7
Revelation 21:22-27
Matthew 12:14-21

Wednesday 1/7

Psalm 103, 114, 115
Deuteronomy 8:1-3
Colossians 1:1-14
John 6:30-33, 48-51

Thursday 1/8

Psalm 112, 113, 117, 118
Exodus 17:1-7
Colossians 1:15-23, John 7:37-52

Friday 1/9

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 131, 132
Isaiah 45:14-19
Colossians 1:24-2:7, John 8:12-19

Saturday 1/10

Psalm 138, 139, 147
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Colossians 2:8-23
John 10:7-17

Sunday 1/11

Psalm 91, 92, 148, 150
Isaiah 55:3-9
Colossians 3:1-17, John 14:6-14

Monday 1/12

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Genesis 2:4-25
Hebrews 1:1-14, John 1:1-18

Tuesday 1/13

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Genesis 3:1-24
Hebrews 2:1-10, John 1:19-28

Wednesday 1/14

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Genesis 4:1-16
Hebrews 2:11-18
John 1:(29-34) 35-42

Thursday 1/15

Psalm 18, Genesis 4:17-26
Hebrews 3:1-11, John 1:43-51

Friday 1/16

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Genesis 6:1-8
Hebrews 3:12-19, John 2:1-12

Saturday 1/17

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Genesis 6:9-22
Hebrews 4:1-13, John 2:13-22

Sunday 1/18

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Genesis 7:1-23
Ephesians 4:1-16, Mark 3:7-19

Monday 1/19

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Genesis 8:6-22
Hebrews 4:14-5:6
John 2:23-3:15

Tuesday 1/20

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Genesis 9:1-17
Hebrews 5:7-14
John 3:16-21

Wednesday 1/21

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Genesis 9:18-29
Hebrews 6:1-12, John 3:22-36

Thursday 1/22

Psalm 37, Genesis 11:1-9
Hebrews 6:13-20, John 4:1-15

Friday 1/23

Psalm 31, 35, Genesis 11:27-12:8
Hebrews 7:1-17, John 4:16-26

Saturday 1/24

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Genesis 12:9-13:1
Hebrews 7:18-28, John 4:27-42

Sunday 1/25

Psalm 63, 98, 103
Genesis 13:2-18
Galatians 2:1-10, Mark 7:31-37

Monday 1/26

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Genesis 14:(1-7)8-24
Hebrews 8:1-13, John 4:43-54

Tuesday 1/27

Psalm 45, 47, 48
Genesis 15:1-11, 17-21
Hebrews 9:1-14, John 5:1-18

Wednesday 1/28

Psalm 49, 53, 119:49-72
Genesis 16:1-14
Hebrews 9:15-28, John 5:19-29

Thursday 1/29

Psalm 118, Genesis 16:15-17:14
Hebrews 10:1-10, John 5:30-47

Friday 1/30

Psalm 40, 51, 54, Genesis 17:15-27
Hebrews 10:11-25, John 6:1-15

Saturday 1/31

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Genesis 18:1-16
Hebrews 10:26-39, John 6:16-27

Finance

Stewardship REPORT



From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another. John 1:16

During Commitment Sunday on November 23, Pastor Paul spoke about the need to take God's blessings upon us and make a difference in the lives of others and throughout our community. Stewardship season culminated with our individual designations for 2015 estimated giving to God's church and to the congregation of St. Paul's Elida.

Financially speaking, our congregation is well on-track to make a difference as Pastor Paul suggested in supporting our Biblical Purpose, Vision, and Mission Statements. As of December 14, 2014, the Finance/Stewardship Committee received 48 pledges to the General Operating Fund totaling \$144,708. This is two more pledges than received in 2014 and an increase of \$5,404 or 3.8% over last year's committed amount of \$139,304.

Building Fund 2, designed to supplement our general operating fund, to provide seed or emergency funds for buildings and grounds, and to provide short term/aesthetically-pleasing building improvements, continues to thrive. As of December 14, 2014, 36 building fund pledges were received – just one less than last year. Comparatively, the pledged amounts 2015 v. 2014 are nearly identical: \$ 23,010 for 2015, \$ 23,220 for 2014. Look or listen for a full status report on the goals and objectives for our building fund during January, 2015.

During its December 8, 2014, meeting, the Finance Committee completed its preliminary expense budget for 2015. Forecasted spending stands at \$ 181,108, 6.2% over 2014 or \$10,541. The seven paid staff members received a 3% salary increase (+\$1,783). Utilities (+\$2,000), maintenance (+\$1,500), liability & health insurances (+\$914), and apportionments (+\$666) are some areas of significant budget increases for 2015.

Our program and committee ministries, in particular Youth Ministries and a new Missions line item, will account for an additional \$4,000 of anticipated spending in 2015. In support of our Youth initiative, \$1,000 is being added for Camp Wesley scholarships. To assist in securing a grant for the E.A.S.Y. program as part of the Elida Area Community Center initiative, \$2,200 is being added to the expense budget for 2015.

At St. Paul's, we budget backwards: we start with the prior year's expense budget, modify it to meet current needs and opportunities, then fall upon faith that weekly cash flow will support it. At this juncture, 2015 Estimated Giving will cover 80% of our anticipated expenses next year. Hopefully, St. Paul's Vision Statement to support our youth, our families, our seniors, and ultimately our community will inspire significant generosity among friends and members of St. Paul's to fully fund our 2015 general expense budget.

Look for a final finance and budget report following the January 2015 meetings of the Finance Committee and Administrative Council. Thank you for your time and financial support of the ministries of St. Paul's Elida.

Spotlight on Youth

Meet **Adrianna Ellinger**, daughter of Mike and Becky. Adrianna will be 6 years old on her birthday, January 21st. She has a younger sister, Sherilyn.

When the weather is nice, Adrianna likes to go outside and swing on her swing set and play with the neighbor kids. She likes to play games and color when she is inside.

During quiet time, Adrianna likes to play with her dolls. She thinks she will like going to school because she will get to play on the playground. What fun!

Adrianna likes to watch TV. Croods and Paw Patrol are her favorites. She would like to go see Uncle Willie, Aunt Tracee, and Westley on vacation. She loves her family and likes to give hugs and have campfires.

Her favorite foods are cookies, pancakes, waffles and potato soup. Yum! She does not like to eat strawberries, bananas and cabbage.

She likes Frozen books read to her. Her brown and white kitty from Uncle Willie and her Anna doll are her favorite toys. Adrianna likes animals. She wants to be a vet someday.



Meet **Anika Bok**, daughter of Travis and Julia. Anika was 5 years old on her birthday last July 1st. Her siblings are Makayla Rose, a 6th grader at Elida Middle School and Title Pickles, an exchange student at Elida High School from Thailand.

When she is outside, Anika likes playing with Bailey, swinging on the tree, playing with Goosey, and likes to play in the fields. When she's inside, she likes to play with her babies, work puzzles, and color.

Anika likes to sit down and read a book during quiet time inside. She thinks she will like going to school when she is older because she will feel like a new person.

Anika likes to watch TV, especially the Avengers, Hulk, and Ninja Turtles. On vacation she would like to go see Grandma Chris and go to Disney World. She loves her family and loves playing with them.

Meatloaf, olives, peas, and baby tomatoes are her favorite foods. She does not like to eat pickles or hot sauce.

Tangled, and Beauty and the Beast are Anika's favorite books that she likes read to her. Hulk and Elsa are her favorite toys.



December Activities



Christmas Cookies
and Treats Walk

Proceeds benefitted
the "Crafty
Creatures"
Mission.



December Seniors Day Out:
Dick Valentine sang Christmas
Carols



(top)
Seniors Day servers take a
break to listen to music.

(Left)
Seniors Enjoying the
Christmas entertainment.

Connecting With ...

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Brian and Jennifer Kinney** on the birth of their daughter, **Piper Rose Corinne Kinney**, born on November 23, 2014. She weighed 7lbs. 9oz. and 20 in. long. Grandparents are **Tim and Corinne Piper**. She was welcomed home by her big brothers **Logan, Caleb and Sam**. Cards may reach them at 6683 County Rd. 191
Bellevue, OH 44811



Congratulations to **Brian and Lindsey (Reiff) Rutter** on the birth of their son **Brayden Allen Rutter**, born December 9, 2014, weighing 8 lbs. 10 oz. and 22 inches long. Proud Grandparents are Jeff and Shelly Reiff, Great-Grandparents are Dwain and Myrna Metzger and Great Great-Grandmother Mary LaRue. Cards may reach Brian and Lindsey at 1703 Sherry Lee Dr. Elida, OH 45807.



Congratulations to **Megan Wyant** who received her B.S. degree in Organizational Management on December 13, 2014 from Wright State University.



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Shara Bowsher
Mary Irvin
Lois Rabley

Homebound Members

Karen Bible
Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Dani Milke

Tara Gaghen
(Grand Daughter of Larry and Shirley Moser)
Admiring the manger scene in front of the fountain.



The People of St. Paul's

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, flowers, cards and visits during my surgery to have my gall bladder removed. I love all my church family. I feel so much better.

*Thanks to all,
Mary Steiner*

Thank You!

Thank you for the wind chimes and gift card. Helping to teach for over 30 years was the most rewarding experiences of my life. The children were wonderful and I truly enjoyed each and every one of them.

*Thank you again,
to my church family,
Linda Matlock*

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so very much for the cards, prayers and bouquet of flowers that were sent during my recent little medical experience. As a church we may be small in numbers but so large in faith, friendship and love. I wouldn't trade this church for anything.*

*Thank You,
Vicki McAdams*

Thanks so much to Pastor Paul for the visit before surgery. It helped pass the time and the prayer eased my nervousness. And thank you to the church for the beautiful flowers!

Shara Bowsher

Thank you for sharing in my surprise birthday party, and for all the card's and gifts.

*Thank you,
Lavonne Segovia*

*Dear St. Paul's Friends,
Thank you for the lovely flowers, cards, prayers and Pastor Paul's phone call. All of those things help with healing following surgery.*

*Peace and Blessings to All,
Lois Rabley*



Merry Christmas to
Everyone!
We think of you often.

Bill and Marlene Weaver



Our Sympathy to Jone Lane and her family on the death of her husband, John, who passed away Saturday, December 27th. Funeral services were held Saturday, January 3rd, at Chiles-Laman Funeral Home, Shawnee Chapel. Pastor Paul conducted the service. Cards of sympathy may reach Jone at 2540 Irvin Rd., Elida, OH 45807.

Meetings

NO PPR

January 6, 2015
Trustees...7:00 PM

January 7, 2015
Worship Com.6:00 PM

January 12, 2015
Finance...7:00 PM

January 12, 2015
Ad Council..7:30 PM

January 21, 2015
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

JANUARY 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



				1 Tim Piper	2	3 Becky Ellinger
4	5 Lois Cook Shara Bowsher	6	7	8 Cynthia Guess Larry Moser Barry Smith	9 Jenessa Peters	10 Larkin Wyant
11 Nate Craft	12 Jamie Chambers	13	14	15	16 Steve Sdao	17 Norm Grigsby
18	19	20	21 Adrianna Ellinger Shirley Shoup	22	23 Joanne Bragg Roger Matlock	24
25	26 Jeff Reiff	27	28	29	30 Wanda Strayer Zachary White	31 Judy Strayer

Anniversaries

Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
January 1; 58 yrs.

Paul & Marla Scannell
January 8

Gerald & Wanda Strayer
January 13; 60 yrs.


Bill & Beverly Nesbitt
January 16

Don & Maedene Holmes
January 25; 55 yrs.

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cooks


Chicken Casserole

by Margie Best

Ingredients		Instructions
1 1/4 Cup	Raw spaghetti	Spread raw spaghetti in bottom of square baking dish. Mix all ingredients together. Save half of cheese to sprinkle over top. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 m 
2 Cup	Cut up chicken or turkey (all ready cooked)	
1/4 Cup	Green Peppers chopped	
1/4 cup	Pimentos (diced)	
1/2 cup or small	Onion	
1 can	Mushroom soup (celery or cream of chicken)	
1 can	Chicken broth	
	Salt and pepper to taste	
1/2 lb.	Grated sharp cheddar cheese (save half)	

Bellybuttons

by Sue Theodorer

Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg.	Seyfert's round pretzels	On waxed paper-lined baking sheet, place a Hershey's Hug in the center of a round pretzel (Seyfert's). Heat in a hot oven (450 degrees) just until the chocolate is soft, about 60 seconds. Immediately press an M & M candy into the center. Place in the freezer for a few minutes to set.
1 pkg.	Hershey's Hugs	
1 pkg.	M & M's	
		

KIDZ KORNER

"ONE" PAINTING

Ephesians 4:4-6 talks a lot about *one*. Create one painting that says it all.



What you need:

- Foam letters or letter stickers
- White painting canvas
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush or sponge
- Water

What you do:

1. Place letters on the canvas to spell out the "ones" in Ephesians 4:4-6 (one body, one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God).
2. Paint over the letters, using various colors.
3. When the paint is dry, peel off the letters to reveal words that explain important Bible truths.
4. If desired, finish by painting some number 1's in any blank spots.



One Baptism

The "one" theme of Ephesians 4:4-6 assures us that we need to be baptized only once. Yet a relationship with God involves approaching him with a humble heart each day.

Directions: Inside the 1, fill in words using the spaces as a guide. Then unscramble the circled and boxed letters to reveal John's message about baptism in Mark 1:4.

hope

Spirit

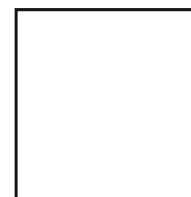
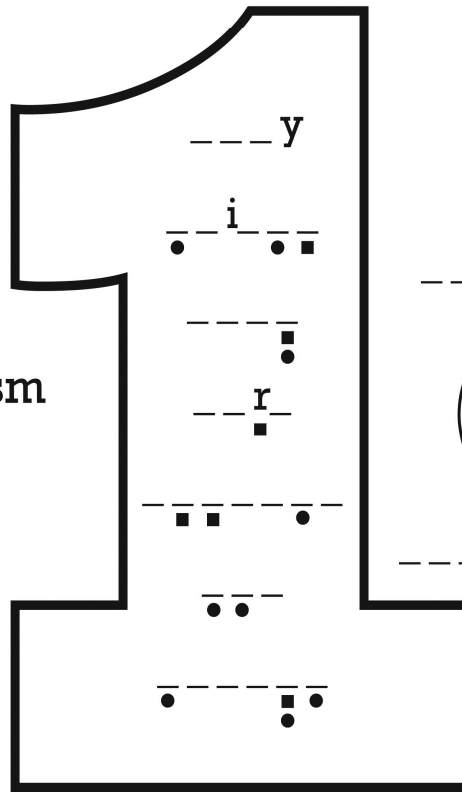
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baptism

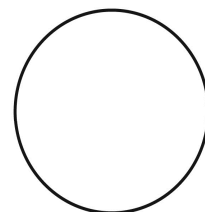
Lord

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Answers: body, Spirit, hope, Lord, baptism, God, Father, repentance, forgiveness

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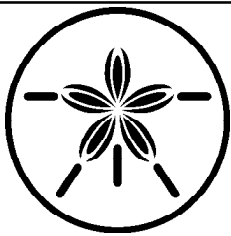
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Living Our Faith



The Legend of the Sand dollar

There's a pretty little legend that I would like to tell of the birth and death of Jesus found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here four nail holes and a fifth hole, made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star that appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia etched on the other side reminds us of his birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release the five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.

This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me to help us spread his Gospel, through all eternity.

The Faith Journey

Faith is better understood as a verb than a noun, as a process than as a possession. It is on-again-off-again rather than once-and-for-all. Faith is not being sure where you're going, but going anyway. A journey without maps.

—Frederick Buechner

