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Pastor's Post

Roadtrip! Great for some of us, terrifying for others. I thought with all the people in my family traveling all over the world it was a good summer to break out the travelers sermon series. I am calling it "On Vacation" but it is really about being on the road. I have always enjoyed my time on the road: new places, new people and adventure at every stop along the way. It also has its share of potholes, breakdowns, scary hotel rooms, bad weather and car breakdowns. We are going to look at how we can take God with us as we hit the road.

This summer every Sunday we are going to hit the road with the people of the Bible. There will be big adventure when we move a family across country. There will nearly be war when we fight for our freedom. Hard work happens when you open the cabin before everybody shows up for the party. We will look at roadside assistance in the first century and how it changed the world. Lost children go off on their own adventure and just forget to tell us they are going. Sorry, mom. Refugees who are fleeing for their lives are definitely not on vacation. And finally that person who you just don't want to travel with, you know the one: bad luck Charlie or whiny Wendy.

Well, I hope by the time you read this we will all have most of the cleanup complete from all the water damage over the last few weeks. Thanks to the trustees who continue to care for our properties. I look forward to seeing you around church and remember to enjoy your travel time when you are "On Vacation".

Yours in Christ,

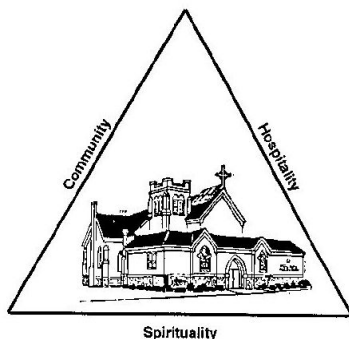
Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

"Life is like a ten-speed bicycle. Most of us have gears we never use."

—Charles M. Schulz



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American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

SPECIAL MUSIC:

**Pianist
Alsbrooks Smith, Jr.**

will once again bless us with his musical ability on a Sunday in July or August. Watch the bulletins for the date.

The Elida FFA and American Red Cross are conducting a blood drive at Elida High School on July 14th from 2:15 pm till 5:30 pm. Anyone donating blood will receive a free Cedar Point ticket. To make a reservation email Dennis Pohlman at dpohlman@elida.k12.oh.us.



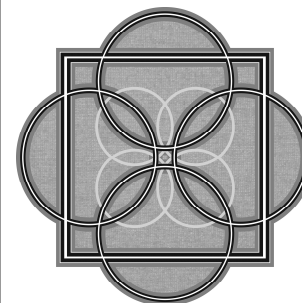
Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

July's
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit the
Brad Joseph Memorial Fund

Christian Symbol

Quatrefoil

The word quatrefoil comes from the Latin for "four leaves." A quatrefoil in art or architecture is the outline of four partially overlapping circles of the same diameter. In Christian tradition, it represents the writers of the four gospels — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — which overlap one another partially but not entirely, and are equally important to our understanding of Jesus.



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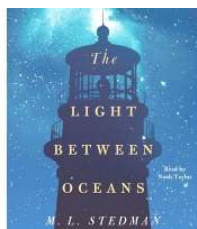
Secretary:	Gail Fessler
Secretary:	Jone Lane
Organist:	Linda Holman
Pianist:	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian:	Dave Decker



SENIORS DAY OUT
July 21, 2015
12:00 Noon
Guest Speaker from
Waste Management
All seniors welcome!



The Book Club will meet on Saturday, August 1st, to discuss The Light Between Oceans by M. L. Stedman. See Janet Grigg if you are interested in getting a book.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Allen County Fair Chair's

St. Paul's Church will once again be engaged in setting up and taking down chairs for the concert in the grandstands at the Allen County Fair, Saturday, August 29, 2015. This year we will be setting up about 3,000 chairs, so everyone's help is needed. If you can't lift chairs, there are stickers to place on the chairs and chairs to straighten. Or you can just come and give moral support to the workers. Age isn't a factor. Contact Art Holman for more information. Come and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of your friends at St. Paul's.



See You At The Fair!



2015 Annual Conference

46th Session of the West Ohio Conference

Annual Conference was held Sunday, June 7, through Wednesday, June 10, at Lakeside Chautauqua on Lake Erie. The theme, "*Becoming the Beloved Community: Taken, Blessed, Broken and Given*" used the third word *Broken* to shape our direction this year.

After registration Sunday afternoon at South Auditorium, lay members headed to Hoover Auditorium for the laity session where business began after Bishop Gregory V. Palmer convened the Annual Conference and described the tasks, which are to set policy, direction and rules and to elect leaders who will inform the direction and rules of the larger denomination.

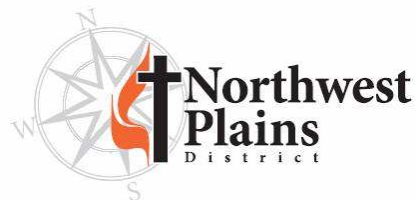
On Monday morning following worship the Bishop reconvened the Annual Conference. The three days' events consisted of the following:

- ◆ Reports—lots of them
- ◆ Fixing of appointments beginning July 1
- ◆ Imagine No Malaria Report-- \$3.5 million goal reached and probably surpassed
- ◆ Election of 8 lay, 8 clergy and 8 alternates to both General and Jurisdictional Conferences
- ◆ Voting on 11 recommendations—10 adopted and 1 tabled
- ◆ Special guests and recognitions
- ◆ Powerful, joyful and spirit-filled worship
- ◆ Honoring retirees
- ◆ Remembering those clergy and family members who have passed
- ◆ Commissioning 5 provisional deacons and 16 provisional elders
- ◆ Ordaining 3 deacons and 21 elders
- ◆ Teaching lessons from Dr. Thomas Long, Professor at Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta (Pastor Paul and I both would like to attend his class.)
- ◆ Special lunch meetings with speakers. (I attended the annual Laity Luncheon with speaker Rev. Tony Miltenberger and received his book UnBreakable.)
- ◆ Special Events—baptism in Lake Erie, 5 K Run
- ◆ Family Fun—movies, crafts, games and worship for kids

Business concluded on Wednesday close to 8 p.m. This was a very long day. To see more details and video presentations visit westohioumc.org/ac/2015/week-review. It was a very busy three and a half days filled with information and inspirational preaching and teaching.

Linda Craft

Lay delegate to Annual Conference



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This website offers book reviews, music reviews, and web ministry information among other relevant and interesting links.

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Missions

PARTICIPATE IN THE 8th ANNUAL BRADLEY JOSEPH MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING SATURDAY, JULY 11TH

Brad Joseph was a member of Elida St. Paul's United Methodist serving as our youth director, computer technician, a member of the choir, and a participant for many years at the Nuevo Progreso Mexico Medical Mission as a Pharmacist. The **Bradley Joseph Memorial Fund** was established in 2007 shortly after his death. The purpose of the Memorial Fund is to provide scholarships to Pharmacy Students from Ohio or Michigan to go on Medical Mission trips. The fund has funded scholarship winners from Ohio Northern and Findlay Universities who have gone to Kenya, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Uganda, Kenya, Pakistan and Brad's favorite place, Mexico. There is a plaque in Brad's name at the clinic in Nuevo Progreso.

The Memorial Fund has been built up over the years since his death with donations and the proceeds of the **BRADLEY JOSEPH MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING** that is held annually in his name. The assets of the Memorial Fund are held at the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation. Additional information on the Bradley Joseph Memorial Fund and the scholarship application process is located at <http://www.community-foundation.com>.

DONATIONS TO B. J. MEMORIAL FUND MAY BE SENT DIRECTLY TO:

Bradley Joseph Memorial Fund
The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation
101 West Sandusky Street – Suite 207
Findlay, OH 45840

VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT THE GOLF OUTING:

The 8th Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing will be held on **Saturday, July 11th at the Colonial Golfers Club, Harrod, Ohio.** **CONTACT TIM PIPER IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP WITH THE OUTING (8:30 AM to 3:30 PM approximately).** We have 4 volunteers but could always use more.

PLAY GOLF WITH A FOURSOME AT THE OUTING:

If you would like to play golf at the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing on July 11th, contact Tim Piper or pick up a Golfer Registration Form on the Missions bulletin board at St. Paul's Church and send it in.



Heifer International gratefully recognizes St. Paul's United Methodist Church for your contribution of healthy animals and training in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty.

Diene Ferrari,
President and CEO



Thank you so much for your gift of \$55 for 5th Sunday Offering. You are making a difference by bringing care, nurture, and treatment for hurting children and their families. Our agency is grateful that you made the decision to invest in a bright future for some of Ohio's neediest children.

Sean Reilly,
Executive Director,
UMCH Family Services,

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
May 31, 2015	99
June 7, 2015	87
June 14, 2015	102
June 21, 2015	94

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
May 31, 2015	\$2,647.50	\$331.64
June 7, 2015	\$4,549.00	\$715.38
June 14, 2015	\$2,591.36	\$300.00
June 21, 2015	\$1,926.00	\$182.48

Adult Sunday School / Children's Church Attendance

May 31, 2015	A- 6 C- 12
June 7, 2015	A-5 C- 10
June 14, 2015	A-4 C-6
June 21, 2015	A- 5 C- 12

Greeters

July 5, 2015	OPEN
July 12, 2015	Susan Nartker
July 19, 2015	Phyllis Hines & Dee Johnson
July 26, 2015	Lois Rabley

Flower Calendar

July 5, 2015	Scott & Beth Warris
July 12, 2015	Dottie Jennell
July 19, 2015	Tim & Corinne Piper
July 26, 2015	Lois Cook & Family

Communion Servers July 5

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

Daily Bible Readings

Wednesday 7/1

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Numbers 22:41-23:12
Romans 7:13-25
Matthew 21:33-46

Thursday 7/2

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135
Numbers 23:11-26
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 22:1-14

Friday 7/3

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Numbers 24:1-13
Romans 8:12-17
Matthew 22:15-22

Saturday 7/4

Psalm 104, 137:1-6(7-9), 144
Numbers 24:12-25
Romans 8:18-25
Matthew 22:23-40

Sunday 7/5

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
1 Samuel 14:36-45
Romans 5:1-11, Matthew 22:1-14

Monday 7/6

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23
Acts 9:19b-31, Luke 23:44-56a

Tuesday 7/7

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
1 Samuel 15:24-35
Acts 9:32-43, Luke 23:56b-24:11

Wednesday 7/8

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
1 Samuel 16:1-13
Acts 10:1-16, Luke 24:13-35

Thursday 7/9

Psalm 18, 1 Samuel 16:14-17:11
Acts 10:17-33, Luke 24:36-53

Friday 7/10

Psalm 16, 17, 22
1 Samuel 17:17-30
Acts 10:34-48, Mark 1:1-13

Saturday 7/11

Psalm 20, 21, 110:1-5(6-7), 116, 117
1 Samuel 17:31-49
Acts 11:1-18, Mark 1:14-28

Sunday 7/12

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
1 Samuel 17:50-18:4
Romans 10:4-17
Matthew 23:29-39

Monday 7/13

Psalm 9, 15, 25
1 Samuel 18:5-16, 27b-30
Acts 11:19-30, Mark 1:29-45

Tuesday 7/14

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
1 Samuel 19:1-18
Acts 12:1-17, Mark 2:1-12

Wednesday 7/15

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
1 Samuel 20:1-23
Acts 12:18-25, Mark 2:13-22

Thursday 7/16

Psalm 37, 1 Samuel 20:24-42
Acts 13:1-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

Friday 7/17

Psalm 31, 35, 1 Samuel 21:1-15
Acts 13:13-25, Mark 3:7-19a

Saturday 7/18

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
1 Samuel 22:1-23
Acts 13:26-43, Mark 3:19b-35

Sunday 7/19

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Numbers 27:12-23
Acts 19:11-20, Mark 1:14-20

Monday 7/20

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Numbers 32:1-6, 16-27
Romans 8:26-30, Matthew 23:1-12

Tuesday 7/21

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
Numbers 35:1-3, 9-15, 30-34
Romans 8:31-39, Matthew 23:13-26

Wednesday 7/22

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Deuteronomy 1:1-18
Romans 9:1-18, Matthew 23:27-39

Thursday 7/23

Psalm 18, Deuteronomy 3:18-28
Romans 9:19-23, Matthew 24:1-14

Friday 7/24

Psalm 16, 17, 22
Deuteronomy 31:7-13, 24-32:4
Romans 10:1-13
Matthew 24:15-31

Saturday 7/25

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Romans 10:14-21
Matthew 24:32-51

Sunday 7/26

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Joshua 1:1-18
Acts 21:3-15, Mark 1:21-27

Monday 7/27

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Joshua 2:1-14
Romans 11:1-12, Matthew 25:1-13

Tuesday 7/28

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Joshua 2:15-24
Romans 11:13-24
Matthew 25:14-30

Wednesday 7/29

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Joshua 3:1-13
Romans 11:25-36
Matthew 25:31-46

Thursday 7/30

Psalm 37, Joshua 3:14-4:7
Romans 12:1-8, Matthew 26:1-16

Friday 7/31

Psalm 31, 35
Joshua 4:19-5:1, 10-15
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 26:17-25

Crafty Creatures

Crafty Creatures is a group of ladies from St. Paul UMC who have been meeting weekly on Wednesday evening since September, 2010. We enjoy fellowship, fun, food, Bible study, and creating. We are knitters, crocheters and quilters. Our hands are busy making prayer shawls, mittens, gloves, scarves, and lap quilts for our church family, our community, and beyond. We present a prayer shawl or lap quilt to members of our congregation who need special healing. At Christmas time the mittens, scarves, and gloves are placed on the mitten tree in the sanctuary. Throughout the year the lap quilts we make are taken to area nursing homes and given to residents who need a warm quilt.

To date we have donated 281 lap quilts to area nursing homes, 40 prayer shawls and quilts to people who need healing, 68 ambu bags to Sunshine Children's Home in Toledo, and 55 comfort squares to Lima Memorial Hospital Women's Health Center. **We very much appreciate everyone who has donated fabric and money to our group's mission and supported our cookie walk in December.** We enjoy doing for others!



Thank You



St. Paul's Church,
Thank you so much for your donation to Vancrest . The residents, as well as the staff, greatly appreciate the time and effort you put into the blankets. The residents really enjoy them!

Vancrest Activity Department

Thank you so much for the beautiful handmade quilts you donated to our residents. Your giving of your time to make them is awesome. I know you enjoy making them by your describing to me the origin of the fabric pieces and I could just feel the love that was used in every stitch. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! May God continue to bless you and your work.

Thanks again,
Cindy Kimmet,
The Orchards of Lima

Poem

America, We Love You

By Dillon Staas Jr

*O'er this land of milk and honey
Flies a banner tried and true.
We call it by it's colors,
It's our own red, white and blue.*

*What pride it gives to fly it.
Yes, what beauty waving there..
The envy of all others,
Lighted by the rockets' glare.*

*Give thanks to all those heroes,
For their horrid battles fought,
For without their blood and courage
All our hopes would come to naught.*

*Some gave their "last full measure",
All gave what they had to give,
That those of us who later, come,
Have such a place to live.*

*So take pride now, all you citizens,
In nation and its flag.
Given all our country's glories
We have every right to brag.*

*Hold high this flag of freedom;
This symbol of our land.
Let each of us protect it
With our heart and with our hand.*

*Pay homage to Old Glory,
All you sons and daughters, true,
For she represents America
And America, we love you!*



Freedom under God

Our status of dominion [over creation] derives from God's delegated authority. We do not exist as autonomous persons at liberty to do as we please. Our privilege of dominion does not mean freedom from God; it means freedom under God.

Our commission to be subrulers under God carries with it enormous responsibilities.... He intends for us to rise above the rest of the created order and to participate rationally and responsibly in his divine purposes.

—Kenneth Cain Kinghorn,
Christ Can Make You Fully Human

*I*N HIM AND
THROUGH FAITH IN HIM
WE MAY APPROACH GOD
WITH FREEDOM
AND CONFIDENCE.

EPHESIANS 3:12, NIV



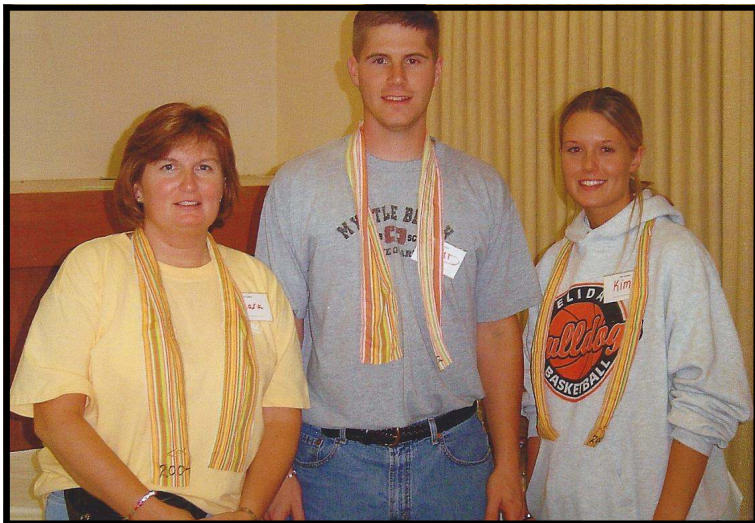
Remember When...



Cherub Choir—December, 1989
Cari Metzger, Megan Gossard, Ashley Reiff, Julie Metzger, Tara Thompson, Sara Matlock, Todd Chaffins, Jon Cook



Children's Singers—1990
Back: Todd Chaffins, Lori Chaffins, Valerie Cook, Nicole Dunahay, Sophia Diglia, Nate Dunahay, Mike Matlock
Front: Jordan Wyant, Brandy Bowsher, Tara Fisher, Jennifer Ridenour, Becky Metzger, Jon Bartels



Medical Mission Trip to Nuevo Progreso, Mexico
October, 2004
Shara Bowsher, Brad Joseph, Kim Bowsher



Connecting With ...



CONGRATULATIONS!

Tim Piper will be retiring as Allen County Engineer after having worked there for 40 years, the last 10 years as county engineer. After graduating from Ohio Northern University with a BS in Civil Engineering, Tim started working at Allen County on July 14, 1975 as a design engineer. In August of 2005, Tim was appointed as county engineer, and was elected to the office in 2006, 2008 and 2012. Tim will now find more time to spend with his grandchildren, to travel with wife, Corinne, and to work on mission projects.

Congrats to Tim on his retirement!



Thank you to all the volunteers who gave up a Saturday in June to beautify the church, inside and out: Margie Best, Shara Bowsher, Macy Chambers, Lois Cook, Mike, Becky, Adrianna & Sherilyn Ellinger, Scott Fessler, Jone Lane, Larry & Shirley Moser, Dwain & Myrna Metzger, Tim & Corinne Piper, Pastor Paul Scannell, Ron Steiner, and Jamie Wyant.



The Women's Ensemble, made up of Maedene Holmes, Judy Chaffins, Linda Holman, Anne Laman, Lynda Evans, Myrna Metzger, Nancy Gesler, Jan Wyant and Linda Craft, sang "The Gift of Love" by Hal Hopson for special music on Sunday, June 21st. They did a wonderful job and the song was perfect for Father's Day. **Thank you, ladies!**

The People of St. Paul's



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Chris Bowsher
Jeannine May
Rudy Segovia
Martha Vazquez

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Karen Bible
Joanna Hurd
Glenna Kohli

In the Military & Missions

Dani Milke

*Dear St. Paul Family,
I wish to thank all my friends
at St. Paul who came to the
surprise birthday celebration
honoring my twin sister and
me. It was a huge surprise.*

*Your presence, cards and
gifts completed a most
memorable day.*

*I am so blessed by my
friendship with you at St. Paul.*

*God Bless you,
Martha Vazquez*

*Thank you for the flowers,
prayers, expressions of
concern, Pastor Paul's visits,
and to Jamie and Jan Wyant,
during my recent
hospitalization.*

Rudy Segovia

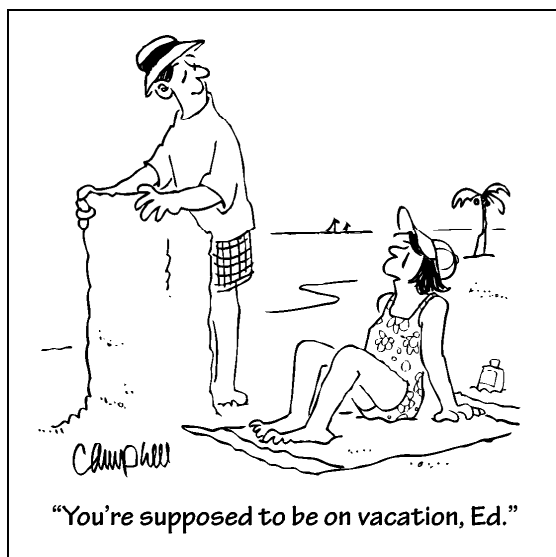


Happy Birthday, Jean Redd

Jean Redd, member of St. Paul UMC since April, 1956, will celebrate her 98th birthday on July 8, making her the oldest member of our church.

Jean lives at Otterbein Retirement Community in Cridersville. We would like to shower Jean with bunches of birthday cards for her special day.

Jean Redd
Otterbein Retirement Community
100 Red Oak Circle, Rm. #414
Cridersville, OH 45806



Meetings

No Worship Team

July 6, 2015
PPR ...7:00 PM

July 7, 2015
Trustees...7:00 PM

No Finance

July 13, 2015
Ad Council...7:00 PM

No Missions Meeting

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

JULY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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			1	2 Anika Bok Lucy Chaffins Jenni Jankovsky	3	4
5 Brian Kinney	6	7	8 Jean Redd 98 years	9	10 Don Holmes 82 yrs. Tony Matlock	11 Emma White
12	13	14 Gloria Brunk Jackson Lane Hayden McKee	15	16 Kim Crates	17	18 Zachary Loose Madeline Kuenzli
19 Macy Chambers	20 Frank Vanhorn 86 yrs.	21	22 Travis Bok Carole Grapner	23 Bryan Craft	24	25 Ian House
26	27 Ella Motzer Gretchen Woeller	28 Katie White	29	30 Ethan Thomas	31 Jan Wyant	

Anniversaries

- Doug & Ginger Fox
July 6*
- Travis & Julia Bok
July 17*
- Tim & Corinne Piper
July 17*
- Bill & Marlene Weaver
July 18; 64yrs.*
- Tim & Sue Theodore
July 20*
- Denny & Carole Grapner
July 26; 52yrs.*
- Bill & Joyce Nichols
July 27; 69yrs.*

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Make-Ahead Shortcake

By Mary Irvin

Ingredients		Instructions
1 loaf shaped	Angel food cake (10 1/2 ounces)	Cut angel food cake into 1/2 in. slices. Arrange slices in ungreased 13x9 in. dish.
1/2 cup	2% milk	
1 pkg. (5.1 oz)	Instant vanilla pudding mix	In large bowl beat milk and pudding mix for 2 minutes or until thickened; beat in ice cream. Pour over cake. Chill.
1 1/2 cup	Vanilla ice cream (softened)	
1 pkg. (6 oz.)	Strawberry gelatin	In large bowl, dissolve gelatin in boiling water; stir in frozen strawberries. Chill until partially set.
1 cup	Boiling water	
2 pkgs.	Strawberries Frozen, sweetened , or fresh sliced	Spoon over pudding mixture. Chill until firm. Garnish with fresh strawberries if desired.
		Makes 12 servings.



Seven-Layer Mexican Salad

By Mary Steiner

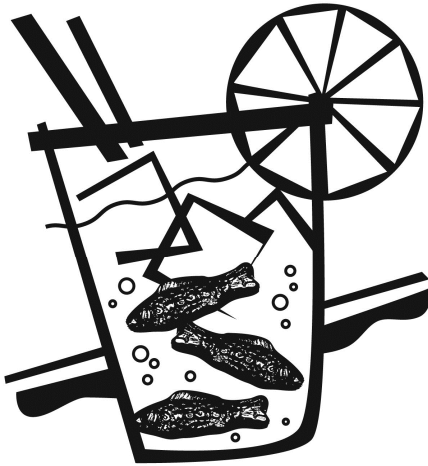
Ingredients		Instructions
4 cups	Chopped lettuce	Layer lettuce, tomato, onions, olives, beans, cheese, and dressing in a 3 quart bowl.
1 cup	Chopped tomato	
1/2 cup	Chopped green onions	
1 (4.5 oz.) can	Sliced pitted ripe olives, drained	Refrigerate.
1 (15.5 oz.) can	Dark red kidney beans, drained	
1 cup	Shredded mild cheddar cheese	Top with crushed chips and toss lightly just before serving.
1 cup	Salsa ranch or zesty garden dressing	
	Crushed tortilla chips, optional	



KIDZ KORNER

OCEAN WATER

After a busy summer day, relax in the shade with this cool drink.



What you need:

- 3 Tablespoons water
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 drops blue food coloring
- 24 oz. (2 cans) lemon-lime soda
- Clear cup or glass
- Ice
- Swedish Fish candy

What you do:

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the water and sugar. Heat for 1 minute. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture into a pitcher. Add coconut extract, food coloring and soda. Stir.
3. Pour into cup. Add ice and fish. Enjoy!



UNDER THE SEA

This summer, consider God's marvelous creation under the sea.



Directions: Write the animal names on the blanks. Then use the circled letters (they may not be in the right order) to create a new word from Psalm 148:7, NIV. Finally, match the words to their numbered blanks below.



○ ○ _____ ○ >>>> _____ d
2



_____ ○ ○ _____ ○ _____ >>>> _____ t _____
4



_____ ○ ○ m _____ ○ _____ >>>> g _____
6



_____ ○ _____ g ○ ○ _____ >>>> p _____ e
1



_____ _____ ○ _____ >>>> _____ o u
5



_____ _____ n _____ >>>> _____ r _____ m
3



s ○ ○ _____ ○ _____ >>>> c _____ ure _____
7

_____ the _____ the _____ ,
1 2 3 4
_____ sea _____ .
5 6 7

PSALM 148:7, NIV

Answers: lobster > Lord, sea horse > earth, hermit crab > great, stingray > praise, jellyfish > you, clownfish > from, sea star > creatures
Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures. Psalm 148:7, NIV

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Living Our Faith

Sign of life

In summer 2003, I received news that my 95-year-old grandmother, a faithful follower of Jesus, had died. Right afterward, my husband and I took our two young girls outside to catch our breath — only to find a special symbol of new life waiting for us.

On the porch railing sat a strange-looking, wriggling lump. Upon closer investigation, we saw a tiger swallowtail emerging from its cocoon — body still plump and wings still wet. Before the huge butterfly tried out its wings and flew away, we had a few moments to take photos of it with our daughters.

We still marvel at the timing. We had named our baby after Grandma, but they hadn't yet met. A stunning creature, sent just when we needed it, reminded us that "baby Carrie" would meet Grandma Carrie someday in heaven, where we'll all be made new.

—Stephanie Martin



St. Anne, Grandmother of Jesus

Though never mentioned in the Bible, St. Anne (or Ann) is traditionally known as the mother of Mary and grandmother of Jesus. Her name comes from the Hebrew Hannah, meaning "grace." Legend holds that she believed herself barren until finally, after 20 years of marriage, she gave birth to the baby who would become Jesus' mother. As the story goes, Anne later had two more daughters, Mary Cleopas and Mary Salome, each of whom gave birth to boys who came to be followers of their cousin Jesus: James the Younger and James the Elder, Simon, Jude and John the Evangelist.

Statues and pictures of Anne often show her teaching Mary to read. Others show her with both her oldest daughter and her grandson Jesus. Commemorated on July 26, Anne is considered the patron saint of grandmothers. In some parts of the world, Roman Catholics consider her their grandmother, too.