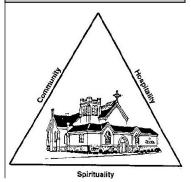
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July is the middle of summer, and there are a lot of things that occupy our time. July is the middle of summer, and there Church is not usually a summertime task, but, this summer there are a lot of things

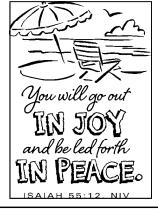
going around the church. Our electrical service has been upgraded which means we are ready to move forward with heating and cooling for the sanctuary (more information in the months ahead). EACC is meeting to get ready for another exciting year of Elida After School Youth programing. The choir is working on new robes thanks to some very generous gifts and seniors continue to meet for Senior Day Out. And we are just a few months away from Charge Conference time when we determine the leadership for the church.

Which brings me to Nominations meetings that will need to happen in the next few weeks, so be prepared. One of the big pushes for this year's Nomination Committee will be the Mission Committee, and especially leadership for that group. Tim Piper has moved on to run AD Council, which means we are in need of someone to help organize our missions around the church. Many of the events are already in place we just need someone to keep us up to date and on task. I hope you will prayerfully consider any position you are asked to fill by nominations when they give vou a call.

Finally, I am excited about how well worship has been going over the last year. The Worship Team has been hard at work putting our services together. I have also enjoyed putting together all the different series over the last year. I am especially enjoying preaching on some popular stories from the Bible and I look forward to Daniel, Noah and Gideon in the weeks ahead. I hope to see you around, on Sunday mornings, throughout our busy summer.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

May we think of freedom not as the right to do as we please but as the opportunity to do what is right.

—Peter Marshall

Five Loaves Food Pantry at The Church at Allentown

> **Food Pantry Sunday is** July 16, 2017



SENIORS DAY OUT July 18 12:00 Noon In the Fellowship Hall

All seniors welcome!



Book Club Saturday, August 5th At 9:00 AM

Book discussion will be A Man Called Ove By Fredrik Backman



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Christian Symbol

Sparrow

Birds in general symbolize God's presence. **Sparrows** represent God's concern and care even for those thought insignificant. In Jesus' words, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ... So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:29, 31, NIV).



Newsletter deadline: the 16th of each month



THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH MEMORIAL FUND



MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



Saturday, July 8, 2017
Tee Time: 9:00 AM
Hot Dogs at the turn
Games/Contests all day

Colonial Golfers Club 10985 Harding Hwy. Harrod, OH 45850 419-649-3350

July 2, 2017
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit the **Brad Joseph Memorial Fund**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

ጀ Thank you to Choir Director, ጀ Judy Chaffins, Pianist, Lois Cook, and Organist, Linda Holman, and all choir members who gave of their time and talents this past year suppling beautiful music for the Sunday worship service. The choir, their 🖁 spouses and other church 🖁 members shared an end of the The s season celebration at Jameson Manor, in Lima. Norm 🖁 Grigsby read the story of the hymn "God Be with You till We 🖁 Meet Again", by Jeremiah 🖁 🖁 Rankin.





2017 Annual Conference

2017 Conference Report

West Ohio Conference met June 4-7 at Lakeside with Bishop Gregory Palmer presiding. This year's theme was "Be Not Afraid, Facing the Future." The Bishop challenged the conference with these words: "My friends we've got to shorten the list, in all our relationships, about what are the deal breakers and decide what are the things that will hold us together. This is the United Methodist way. We always begin with what we hold in common with other Christians." Bishop Palmer spoke candidly about gun violence and opiate addiction in the U. S. He encouraged attendees to have conversation inside the church and with community leaders. The Bishop reminded us that we are the light and to walk in the light so as to pierce the darkness.

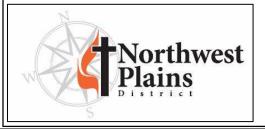
The Rev. Dr. Elaine Heath, Dean of the Duke Divinity School led two learning sessions. Her history lesson began with the Ancient Celts and how this group of people invited other people without causing suspicion to come and see our new thing or way of being in community. She gave us many examples of anxious times in history when new Prophets arose including Martin Luther and John Wesley. She explained that old systems don't go away but they are pruned by new leaders. She invited us to put anxiety aside, to open our hearts and minds to the possibilities and to accept that this is the right time to try new ways of listening and reaching people for Christ. Her suggestions to us were to take all the time you need to build relationships, show up (in church), pay attention, cooperate, be obedient to God, and to be God's beloved by being true and authentic.

Our conference launched the Light the Way Campaign, which is a plan to develop new faith communities and to increase the number of highly vital existing congregations. I was happy to place our church's check into the offering during Tuesday worship. Written intentions to give and cash received totaled \$1.1 million.

Conference business included the following:

- Voted on 5 amendments to our Constitution. Results will be announced after all U.M.'s vote.
- Approved apportioning \$22.3 million for 2018-no change from 2017.
- Passed Conference Board of Pension and Health Benefits.
- Passed limiting the maximum number of years of eligibility for all Equitable Compensations grants to five years per pastor or church.
- Affirmed the human rights of all migrants, immigrants, refugees, foreign students and others on extended visas to the USA.
- Announcements concerning declines from previous years-membership down 3%, worship attendance down 4%, church school down 7% and professions or reaffirmations down 3%.
- Fourteen elders and five deacons were ordained; 22 provisional elders and 5 provisional deacons were commissioned; 35 clergy retired, one of which was the Rev. Eric McGlade.
- West Ohio is leading the denomination in mission giving. George Howard of U. M. General Board of Global Ministries presented the conference with two top awards: 2016 Highest Total amount given to U.M. Committee on Relief and 2016 Highest Total Amount of Giving to the Advance totaling \$1,889,495.

Lay Delegate to Annual Conference, Linda Craft



Missions



Mission Work at Camp Wesley Saturday, May 20. Thank you to those who helped with this mission. Alex McAdams, Dennis Bowsher, Jamie Wyant, Jeff Gast, Brady Emmons, Phil White (Camp Director) and Tim and Corinne Piper.













Ramp Mission

Building a Ramp on N. Collet St. in Lima for Mary Lause. Thank you to the volunteers, Dennis Bowsher, Gene Craft, Alex McAdams, Tim Piper, Greg Schade, and leader, Jamie Wyant.





Faith In Action

Worship Attendance: May 28, 2107 96 June 4, 2017 111 June 11, 2017 86 June 18, 2017 96 Father's Day 96 June 25, 2017 92

Sunday School Attendance			
May 28, 2017	11		
June 4, 2107	6		
June 11, 2017	4		
June 18, 2017	6		
June 25, 2017	6		

Flower	Calendar
July 2, 2017	Gerald & Wanda Strayer
July 9, 2017	Dennis & Shara Bowsher
July 16, 2017	Lois Cook
July 23, 2017	Tim & Corinne Piper
July 30, 2017	Jone Lane

Financial Giving Weekly Need for Unified Ministry Budget \$3,466.00

Unified Mini	Other:	
May 28, 2017	\$2,257.75	\$539.27
June 4, 2017	\$5,131.00	\$496.50
June 11, 2017	\$1,653.00	\$302.53
June 18, 2017	\$2,207.00	\$273.00
June 25, 2017	\$2,563.00	\$562.00

Greeters			
July 2, 2017	Marla Scannell		
July 9, 2017	Bev Nesbitt		
July 16, 2017	Steve & Tracy Sdao		
July 23, 2017	OPEN		
July 30, 2017	OPEN		

Hospitality Cart				
July 2, 2017	OPEN			
July 9, 2017	OPEN			
July 16, 2017	OPEN			
July 23, 2017	Choir			
July 30, 2017	OPEN			

Daily Bible Readings

Saturday 7/1

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1 Acts 7:30-43, Luke 22:39-51

Sunday 7/2

Psalm 118, 145, 1 Samuel 10:1-16 Romans 4:13-25 Matthew 21:23-32

Monday 7/3

Psalm 106, 1 Samuel 10:17-27 Acts 7:44-8:1a, Luke 22:52-62

Tuesday 7/4

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 1 Samuel 11:1-15 Acts 8:1-13, Luke 22:63-71

Wednesday 7/5

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130 1 Samuel 12:1-6, 16-25 Acts 8:14-25, Luke 23:1-12

Thursday 7/6

Psalm 131, 132, 134, 135 1 Samuel 13:5-18 Acts 8:26-40, Luke 23:13-25

Friday 7/7

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143 1 Samuel 13:19-14:15 Acts 9:1-9, Luke 23:26-31

Saturday 7/8

Psalm 104, 137, 144 1 Samuel 14:16-30 Acts 9:10-19a, Luke 23:32-43

Sunday 7/9

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

Monday 7/10

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

Tuesday 7/11

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

Wednesday 7/12

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

Thursday 7/13

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

Friday 7/14

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

Saturday 7/15

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

Sunday 7/16

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

Monday 7/17

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

Tuesday 7/18

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

Wednesday 7/19

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

Thursday 7/20

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

Friday 7/21

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

Saturday 7/22

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

Sunday 7/23

Psalm 63, 98, 103 1 Samuel 23:7-18 Romans 11:33-12:2 Matthew 25:14-30

Monday 7/24

Psalm 41, 44, 52 1 Samuel 24:1-22 Acts 13:44-52, Mark 4:1-20

Tuesday 7/25

Psalm 45, 47, 48 1 Samuel 25:1-22 Acts 14:1-18, Mark 4:21-34

Wednesday 7/26

Psalm 49, 53, 1 Samuel 25:23-44 Acts 14:19-28, Mark 4:35-41

Thursday 7/27

Psalm 50, 66, 67 1 Samuel 28:3-20 Acts 15:1-11, Mark 5:1-20

Friday 7/28

Psalm 40, 51, 54 1 Samuel 31:1-13 Acts 15: 12-21, Mark 5:21-43

Saturday 7/29

Psalm 55, 138, 139 2 Samuel 1:1-16 Acts 15:22-35, Mark 6:1-13

Sunday 7/30

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84 2 Samuel 1:17-27 Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 25:31-46

Monday 7/31

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65 2 Samuel 2:1-11 Acts 15:36-16:5, Mark 6:14-29



Remember When...



July, 1996

Razing of the Fellowship House to make a beautiful green space for outdoor use.

July, 1996

Razing St. Paul's Fellowship House





July, 1998

Red Bird Mission Trip with youth and adults

Church History

On September 17, 1995, St. Paul's Church honored long-time pianist and organist with a special service. At the age of 9 years old, Lenore began playing the piano for our church. She played for almost 20 years. Then, around Epiphany Day in 1937, the church needed someone to play the organ for a funeral. One of the senior members of the church told Lenore, then a young school teacher, that she should get on the organ bench and play the organ. She did, and for the 58 years since, she has faithfully served God and God's people as organist of St. Paul's Church. Lenore retired earlier this year. Jone Lane became the organist at that time. Rev. James Kuhn, pastor of First UM Church, Ada, Ohio, and pastor of St. Paul's Church, 1964-1978, gave the sermon. Rev. Eric McGlade was the liturgist. During the service, the choir room was renamed the "Lenore Strayer Music Room" in loving honor of Lenore for all her faithful service. After the church service, a cake and punch reception was held in her honor.

Twenty-one children and youth of St. Paul's presented the musical, "Three Wise Men and a Baby" on December 17, 1995. The director was Judy Chaffins and Lois Cook was the accompanist. Sixteen adults helped and/or donated items needed. All were invited to a "Cookie Fellowship Time" in the social room after the performance.

The year 1996 began with the Cherub, Joy Singers, and Chancel Choirs again adding beautiful music and meaning to our church services.

Fourteen young people were confirmed on April 7, 1996: Aubrie Adams, Todd Chaffins, Adam Crates, Sophia Diglia, Nathan Dunahay, Adam Foltz, Becky Metzger, Joshua Peters, Jennifer Piper, Jenny Ridenour, Blake Selover, James Thomas, Nick White, and Jordan Wyant.

The Board of Trustees decided that St. Paul's Fellowship House would no longer be used. It was razed in July, 1996. The church now had an area to make a beautiful green space for outdoor use.

Vacation Bible School was held that summer July 29-August 2. A large group of children from the church and the community attended this successful event. Many adults helped coordinate and lead the classes. At the end of the five-day event, a program was held for family and friends and refreshments were served in the basement social room.

That December, a Christmas Greeting Booklet was made as a fundraiser. Any person or family of St. Paul's could buy a space and draw and/or write a Christmas greeting. The proceeds from this greeting booklet went to support the mission work of the church through Church World Service. The project was sponsored by the children's Sunday School classes.

August, 1995 VBS—Lynda Evans, Leader



Christmas, 1995 "Three Wise Men and Baby"



American Independence Day

July 4, 1776 Ten Fun Facts About the declaration of Independence

- 1. John Adams was a leader in pushing for independence, which was passed on July 2, 1776, with no opposing votes.
- 2. Our national birthday, Independence Day, is celebrated on July 4th, the date the Declaration of Independence was signed.
- 3. One of the most famous statements in the history of the United States is the 2nd sentence of the Declaration of Independence.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

- 4. Fifty-six members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence, including Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and John Adams.
- 5. John Hancock, as president of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia, was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence with a large and stylish signature, almost 5 inches long.
- 6. Two signers of the Declaration that later became president of the United States were Thomas Jefferson and John Adams.
- 7. The movie National Treasure says that there is a secret written on the back of the original document. There isn't a secret, but there is some writing. It says "Original Declaration of Independence dated 4th July 1776."
- 8. Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration of Independence.
- 9. Benjamin Franklin was the oldest signer of the Declaration of Independence.
- 10. The colony of Pennsylvania had nine delegates who signed the Declaration, more than any other colony.



Connecting With ...

Lois Cook received a Resolution of Appreciation from the Allen County Commissioners for her service to the County upon her retirement from Allen County Probate Court on June 16. While her career was not all at the same place, her retirement as Electronic Court Reporter / Deputy Clerk caps nearly 50 years of working in secretarial positions which began right out of high school. Her first job was at The Ohio Power Company for a couple of years followed by marriage to Gary, a move to New Mexico and an exciting position with the Air Force (Civil Service) for nearly 3 years. Upon returning to Ohio, Lois, became a legal secretary with a local law firm for the next 12 years, then a year with her family at LaRue's Greenhouse, followed by 20 years service with Elida Community Fire Co., most of that time also working part time for the Elida Schools' Athletic Office selling tickets. There were a few temp jobs and vacation fill-ins during her career, and then she concluded her "paid" employment with 8 ½ years at Probate Court as Court Reporter for Judge Derryberry. Each job change throughout was due to a life change, but all of the positions resulted in some wonderful memories and friendships. Lois notes that while retirement may take some adjustment, she is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and not setting an alarm clock. She would like to convey her thanks for the many cards, gifts and well wishes she has received from her St. Paul's family on her retirement.





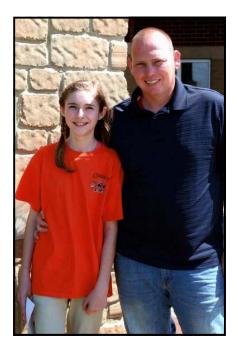


Congratulations to Pastor Eric McGlade and his wife, Susan, and daughter, Caitlin, on Eric's retirement from the ministry. Eric was a Pastor at St. Paul's from 1990 to 1997.

The People of St. Paul's



Congratulations to Jon and Amber Moorman on the birth of their son, Jonathon Joseph, on May 31st. He weighed 7 lbs 11 oz. and 20 3/4" long. Cards will reach the Moorman family at 216 N. Greenlawn Ave. Elida, OH 45807.



Congratulations Makayla Bok for leaving the Elida Middle School in the top 25 of her class, and for being a 4 year member of the Blue Ribbon Breakfast. She is also a National Latin Exam award winner. Continued success you begin your Freshman vear at Elida High School.

Remember in Prayer

<u>Recovering from Surgery</u> <u>or in the Hospital</u>

Cindy Guess Linda Holman

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn Market Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing,
Support, Strength &
Encouragement

Jan Sodders 🗖

In the Military & Missions

Oliver Fessler Nathan Stewart



Thank You!

We would like to thank the people of St. Paul's Church for your cards and presence at our surprise 50th wedding anniversary party at Jameson Manor. You were a part of one of the best memories of our lives.

Gratefully, Art and Linda Holman



Meetings

JULY 2017

No PPR

No Worship Team

Trustees... To be announced

No Finance

July 10, 2017 Ad Council...7:00 PM

July 11, 2017 Nominations..7:00 PM

July 16, 2017 Missions Meeting..

Tue Wed Thu Sun Mon Fri Sat

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Anika Bok Lucy Chaffins

Jenni

Jankovsky

After Worship Service							Jean Thomas
Sundays Prayer9:30 AM Fellowship9:30 AM Worship10:00 AM	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
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ANNIVERSARIES Doug & Ginger Fox July 6	9	10 Don Holmes Tony Matlock	11 Emma White	12	13	14 Gloria Brunk Brady Emmons Hayden McKee Jackson Lane Andrew White	15
Travis I Julia Bok July 17 Tim I Corinne Piper July 17; 41 yrs	16	17	18 Madeline Kuenzli Zachary Loose	19 Macy Chambers	20	21 Savannah Emmons	22 Travis Bok Carole Grapner
Bill L Marlene Weaver July 18; 66 yrs. Tim L Sue Theodore July 20	23	24	25 Ian House	26	27 Ella Motzer Gretchen Woeller	28 Katie White	29
Denny L Carole Grapner July 26; 54 yrs.	00	01					
Bill & Joyce Nichols July 27; 71 yrs.	30 Jonathan Perry	31 Jan Wyant					

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Caramel Pecan delight

By Jone Lane

Ingredien	Ingredients		
	Crust:	Preheat oven to Combine cooki	
1 (16oz.) pkg.	Pecan Sandies, crushed	9x13 inch pan.	
1/2 cup	Butter, melted	Beat cream che smooth. Add pt	
	Filling:	Spread over cr	
1-8oz pkg.	Cream cheese	caramel topping	
1-12oz. jar	Caramel ice cream topping		
1 1/2 cups	Milk		
1 lg. pkg	Vanilla pudding, instant	1	
3/4 cup	Chopped pecans]	

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Combine cookie crumbs and butter. Press into greased 9x13 inch pan. Bake 10 Minutes and cool.

Beat cream cheese and 1/2 cup of caramel topping until smooth. Add pudding and milk. Beat until well blended. Spread over crust. Sprinkle with pecans and rest of caramel topping. Chill for several hours before serving.



Snickers Caramel Apple Salad

By Shirley Shoup

Ingredients	
6 small	Apples, cored and chopped (blend of Granny Smith & Red Delicious)
6 bars	Snickers, cut into bite sized pieces
1 (5.1 oz.) box	Instant vanilla pudding mix
1/2 cup	Milk
1 (12 oz.)	Cool whip
1 cup	Marshmallows
1/2 cup	Caramel sauce

Instructions

Whisk together pudding mix and milk in a large bowl. Fold in Cool Whip.

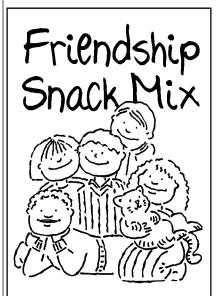
Fold in apples, chopped snickers, marshmallows.

Drizzle caramel sauce on top.

Refrigerate until ready to serve.



KIDZ KORNER



Life is more interesting when you have a diverse "mix" of friends. Show your variety of buddies how much they mean to you by making this snack for (or with!) them.

What you need:

- 1 cup fish-shaped crackers
- 1 cup chocolate Chex
- 1 cup mini pretzels
- 1 cup peanut butter crackers
- ½ cup mini M&M's
- Large bowl
- Snack-sized zippered baggies
- Permanent markers
- Foam stickers

What you do:

- 1. Mix all the food in the bowl.
- 2. Write a personalized message on each baggie. Decorate with stickers.
- 3. Measure some snack mix into each baggie. Seal them shut.
- 4. Share this snack with your friends!



Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

FRIENDSHIP

2-letter words:		
3-letter words		
3-letter words:		
4-letter words:		
5-letter words:		
Words with 6 or more letters:		

hinders, inspired, refinish, finished

Answers include: in, is, hi, he; hip, end, sip, dip, rip, nip, pie, sir, hid; ship, send, ride, dine, find, fine, drip, shed, dish, rind, ripe, hide; fried, pride, siren, fresh, ferns; friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrine, finish, shinier, insider, siren, fresh, ferns; friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrine, finish, shinier, insider, siren, fresh, ferns; friend, fisher, diners, rinsed, shrine, finish, ship, s

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Living Our Faith

Independence Day Lessons for Church Life

- Return to the basics On July 4 we commemorate the origins of our country. In terms of faith, we also periodically need to hear again the foundational stories of Creation, the Israelites and, of course, Jesus.
- Honor the gift of freedom "For freedom Christ has set us free … do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (Galatians 5:1, ESV). We strive as citizens to preserve and live out our national freedom. Likewise, as citizens of God's kingdom we live gladly in the freedom of salvation and share that gift with others.
- Enjoy community July 4 is known for picnics, parades and other community gatherings. Similarly, the church is nourished by coming together for worship, meals and other special events.
- Be light in the darkness As fireworks brighten the sky with light and color, the church is called to display the Gospel's unique light in a dark world. Our word dynamite and the Greek word for power as in, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you" (Acts1:8) share a root. Through God's power in us, we share Jesus dynamically! with others.

