

# St. Paul's Epistle

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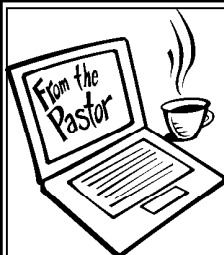
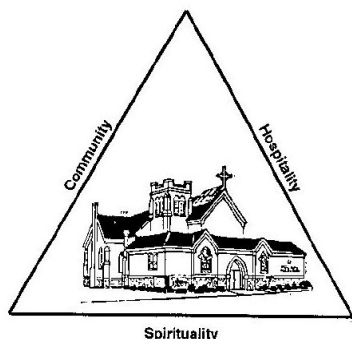
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Summer officially begins this month and we will be starting a new series for the summer on Father's Day: Sunday School stories or children's stories from the Bible. David and Goliath, Daniel and the Lion's Den, and Jonah and the Whale are just a few. These sermons will stand alone so whenever you are around I hope to see you in church. Seniors

Day Out continues and if you have not attended in the past I want to invite you this month for food, fellowship, fun and even education every now and then. A group of hardy workers spent some time at Camp Wesley last month completing a project and a ramp was built to help someone have easier access to their home. Contact Jamie Wyant if you would like to be on the list of people who are contacted for these construction projects.

Speaking of construction, I hope by the time you read this our electrical upgrade will be complete. Lead by Ron Steiner, our Trustees continue to not only maintain our church but improve it. All the electrical work is something that needed to be done for us to be ready for heating and COOLING in our sanctuary. This summer, I hope, will be the last without A/C in the sanctuary and more information will come before you about this project in the next few months.

We also have the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing coming July 8<sup>th</sup> at Colonial Golf Course in Harrod. They will need volunteers and we need golfers to bring back the trophy to St Paul's. Contact information will be available at church and flyers are available. See Tim Piper.

Enjoy the sunshine (wear sunscreen), ball games, picnics, family reunions, and all there is to do during the summer because I know I will be. I'll see you at church and around the community sharing God's Love.

## Pastor Paul



### Thought for the Month:

All the beauty  
in nature is  
God's greeting card.

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Congratulations to Emma Scannell for being on the Dean's list at Hope College for Spring, 2017.



Cody Scannell received his Webelo award, his arrow of light and many activity badges at his cross over ceremony. Cody now continues on to the boy scout troop in Gomer. He will begin working on his tenderfoot badge as the first award in his new troop.



# Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**JUNE 4**  
 Coins for Communion  
 to benefit U.M.C.O.R

Save Your Coins

**West Ohio United Methodist Church  
 Annual Conference  
 Lakeside, Ohio  
 June 4 to June 7**

**Pentecost Sunday  
 June 4, 2017  
 Wear RED**



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**Food Pantry Sunday  
 June 11**  
 Donations are taken to  
 the Church at  
 Allentown

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

**Pastor Paul and the entire St. Paul's Family,**

*I grew up in Elida, more specifically at LaRue's Flowers and Greenhouse. I am one of Mary LaRue's granddaughters. I also grew up at St. Paul's UMC. I walked the streets of East Main Street and spent numerous hours with my best friend, Angie Puffenberger, in the orange pastor's house. I graduated from Elida High School in 1989.*

*I just returned to Elida for 2 funerals this year: Mary LaRue and Fran Hall. Both helped raise me and were more to me than a grandmother and great aunt. The congregation of St. Paul's UMC helped raise me.*

*I was so impressed with the way St. Paul's still feels like a small town church with great people. Pastor Paul and his wife did such a great job welcoming and comforting us, and the congregation members that helped with the luncheons so we could spend time together.*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you did to help our families through some difficult times.*

*Jodi Gladfelter Skrovan*



# Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

## Christian symbol



### Bee

The bee symbolizes various traits across cultures and faiths, including community, industry and resurrection. Its sting may represent judgment, while its honey calls to mind the sweetness of divine riches. Multiple times in the Old Testament, the Promised Land is described as "flowing with milk and honey" (e.g., Exodus 3:8), and the Psalms declare God's words "sweeter than honey" (19:10; 119:103).

Trinity Sunday  
June 11, 2017



June 18, 2017



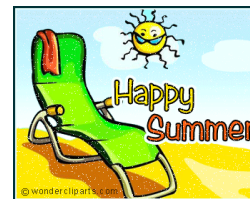
Flag Day  
June 14, 2017



### Seniors Day Out

Tuesday, June 20, 2017  
At 12:00 Noon  
at the Lima Public Library  
Box lunch provided  
All seniors are welcome!

First Day of Summer  
June 21, 2017



# Missions



## THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH MEMORIAL FUND



### MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



#### Schedule of Events:

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

#### Event Location:

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

#### Activity Highlights:

Award Luncheon & Ceremony  
Team Prizes  
18 Holes of Golf with Cart  
Shot Gun Start  
Four Person Scramble

If interested in being on a team, sponsoring a hole, or helping with the golf outing, contact Tim Piper.

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

## Thank You!

Dear Staff and Congregation,  
We thank you so much for the kind and generous donation. We appreciate the support we get from all over the area and to be a ministry all churches can be proud to support.

God Bless,  
Our Daily Bread



### Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen June 30, 2017

Volunteers needed to help  
serve the noon meal



# The Business of Church

## 2017 CHICKEN BBQ

April 22, 2017 was the date St. Paul's had our Annual Chicken BBQ Fundraiser and what a great day it was. We made a profit of \$1,407.00!!!! CONGRATULATIONS! The Koinonia members worked hard the night before making the "World Famous" potato salad, preparing cups of applesauce, peeling and dicing potatoes, chopping onions and celery, setting up tables, and wrapping silverware. Thanks to all who helped with that and with serving. We also want to thank EVERYONE for agreeing to donating items when asked, such as the ingredients for the potato salad and all of the delicious desserts. This is really a church wide effort and we thank each and every one of you for helping to make it such a huge success. A special thank you goes out to Norm Grigsby who really outdid himself this year as he sold 126 tickets for the dinner!!!! Make sure you give him a pat on the back to let him know we appreciate him for all he does. The delicious food and the wonderful Christian fellowship is still being talked about. Way to go St. Paul's members!!!! So until next year.....start making a list of who to sell tickets to. God bless you all!



Potatoes, potatoes, and more potatoes.



## Ramp Project

A ramp was built for the Steve and Elizabeth Conrad Family for their son, Troy. Thank you to all who helped with this important mission.



# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

April 30, 2017	91
May 7, 2017	96
May 14, 2017	123
May 21, 2017	102

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00



	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
April 30, 2017	\$3,262.00	\$1,289.63
May 7, 2017	\$5,183.00	\$560.81
May 14, 2017	\$2,680.00	\$244.00
May 21, 2017	\$1,688.00	\$889.00

## Sunday School Attendance

April 30, 2017	15
May 7, 2017	11
May 14, 2017	12
May 21, 2017	11

## Greeters

June 4, 2017	Don and Mary Irvin
June 11, 2017	Denny and Carole Grapner
June 18, 2017	OPEN
June 25, 2017	Mary and Norm Grigsby

## Flower Calendar

June 4, 2017	Denny and Janna Thompson
June 11, 2017	Marty and Kathy White
June 18, 2017	Art and Linda Holman
June 25, 2017	Don and Judy Chaffins

## Hospitality Cart

June 4, 2017	Scannell Family
June 11, 2017	OPEN
June 18, 2017	OPEN
June 25, 2017	Choir

# Daily Bible Readings

## Thursday 6/1

Psalm 105, Ezekiel 18:1-32  
Hebrews 7:18-28, Luke 10:25-37

## Friday 6/2

Psalm 102, 107:1-32  
Ezekiel 34:17-31  
Hebrews 8:1-13  
Luke 10:38-42

## Saturday 6/3

Psalm 107:33-43, 108  
Ezekiel 43:1-12  
Hebrews 9:1-14, Luke 11:14-23

## Sunday 6/4

Psalm 118, 145, Isaiah 11:1-9  
1 Corinthians 2:1-13  
John 14:21-29

## Monday 6/5

Psalm 106, Isaiah 63:7-14  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 11:24-36

## Tuesday 6/6

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125,  
126, Isaiah 63:15-64:9  
2 Timothy 1:15-2:13  
Luke 11:37-52

## Wednesday 6/7

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130  
Isaiah 65:1-12  
2 Timothy 2:14-26  
Luke 11:53-12:12

## Thursday 6/8

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
2 Timothy 3:1-17, Luke 12:13-31

## Friday 6/9

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143  
Isaiah 66:1-6  
2 Timothy 4:1-8, Luke 12:32-48

## Saturday 6/10

Psalm 104, 137, 144  
Isaiah 66:7-14  
2 Timothy 4:9-22, Luke 12:49-59

## Sunday 6/11

Ezekiel 47:1-12  
1 John 3:11-18  
Matthew 10:34-42

## Monday 6/12

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Ruth 1:1-18  
1 Timothy 1:1-17, Luke 13:1-9

## Tuesday 6/13

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11  
Ruth 1:19-2:13  
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8  
Luke 13:10-17

## Wednesday 6/14

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24  
Ruth 2:14-23  
1 Timothy 3:1-16  
Luke 13:18-30

## Thursday 6/15

Psalm 18, Ruth 3:1-18  
1 Timothy 4:1-16, Luke 13:31-35

## Friday 6/16

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Ruth 4:1-17  
1 Timothy 5:17-22 (23-25)  
Luke 14:1-11

## Saturday 6/17

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117  
Deuteronomy 1:1-8  
1 Timothy 6:6-21  
Luke 14:12-24

## Sunday 6/18

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150  
Deuteronomy 4:1-9  
Revelations 7:1-4, 9-17  
Matthew 12:33-45

## Monday 6/19

Psalm 9, 15, 25  
Deuteronomy 4:9-14  
2 Corinthians 1:1-11  
Luke 14:25-35

## Tuesday 6/20

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39  
Deuteronomy 4:15-24  
2 Corinthians 1:12-22  
Luke 15:1-10

## Wednesday 6/21

Psalm 38, 119:25-48  
Deuteronomy 4:25-31  
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17  
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

## Thursday 6/22

Psalm 37, Deuteronomy 4:32-40  
2 Corinthians 3:1-18, Luke 16:1-9

## Friday 6/23

Psalm 31, 35, Deuteronomy 5:1-22  
2 Corinthians 4:1-12  
Luke 16:10-17 (18)

## Saturday 6/24

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43  
Deuteronomy 5:22-33  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10  
Luke 16:19-31

## Sunday 6/25

Psalm 63, 98, 103  
Deuteronomy 11:1-12  
Revelation 10:1-11  
Matthew 13:44-58

## Monday 6/26

Psalm 41, 44, 52  
Deuteronomy 11:13-19  
2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2  
Luke 17:1-10

## Tuesday 6/27

Psalm 45, 47, 48  
Deuteronomy 12:1-12  
2 Corinthians 6:3-13 (14-7:1)  
Luke 17:11-19

## Wednesday 6/28

Psalm 49, 119:49-72  
Deuteronomy 13:1-11  
2 Corinthians 7:2-16  
Luke 17:20-37

## Thursday 6/29

Psalm 8, 84  
Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 17:14-20  
2 Corinthians 8:1-16, Luke 18:1-8

## Friday 6/30

Psalm 40, 51, 54  
Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
2 Corinthians 8:16-24  
Luke 18:9-14



# Spotlight on Seniors



You're never too old to volunteer. Take it from cousins Evelyn (left) and Hazel (right) who are both 97 years old. The two grew up on farms right outside of Lima. Evelyn is an active volunteer who enjoys meeting others, and loves giving back to a place that is close to home. Hazel is a past volunteer and volunteered alongside Evelyn up until a few years ago.

Evelyn began volunteering 20 years ago at the age of 77, and to date, she has logged in a total of 5,700 volunteer hours - serving our medical center and helping to provide exceptional patient experiences. She says that she will continue to volunteer at our hospital and will do so for as long as she can. We want to thank these two for their years of service to our Mission, and to all of our volunteers who devote their time and efforts to helping serve our community. It may be National Volunteer Week, but their service goes noticed always.

*Article from St. Rita's Mercy Health Facebook page.*

Thanks to everyone who sent me a card or attended the evening reception for my Honor Flight Bus Trip. I appreciate all of your support and gratefulness that you expressed for my time in the U. S. Navy. Our trip to Washington D. C. was very meaningful and rewarding.



Gene Craft



## Seniors Day Out , April 18, 2017

The guest speaker was Linda Holman's brother, Dave and Donna Gratz, who did a presentation on Wild Flowers





# Church History

In the summer, Vacation Bible School was again held at St. Paul's. It was a huge success and a program was presented to the congregation. VBS would not be possible without the tireless help from all of our dedicated volunteers.

Early in 1994, St. Paul's held their first Family "Y" Night at the Lima YMCA. Numerous events and activities, including swimming, volleyball, basketball, and using the track, were open for our parishioners.

In April, Candace Van Horn donated a new Howard grand piano to St. Paul's. This donation was made in memory of her husband, Herbert Paul Van Horn, and her parents, Henry and Hannah Desenberg. A special dedication service was held on April 10, 1994. W.E. Allman, nephew of Candace, and Adrienne Hoghe, great-granddaughter of Candace, played the piano for the congregation.

The Koinonia Chicken Barbeque was held in April. It was deemed a success, thanks to the Koinonia members' hard work, and much cooperation and help from the congregation.

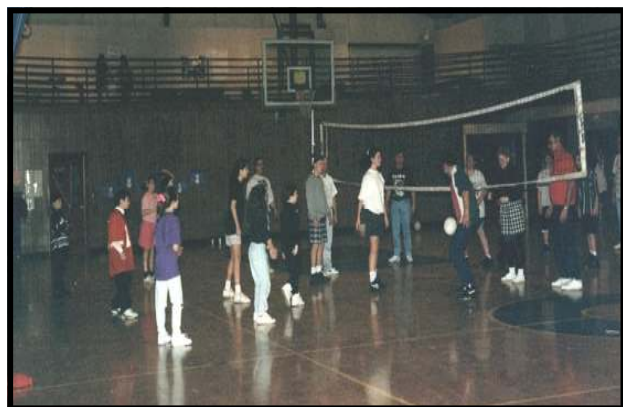
Vacation Bible School was held in August and was very well-attended and successful. God's Family Tree was made on the wall with each child's picture. Weldon LaRue was the storyteller.

The Koinonia Class again had a Halloween party in October, with several members coming in costumes. They are quite an imaginative, creative group.

In 1995 the remodeling of the church office began. Also in January, the Joy Singers helped Lois Cook, their pianist, celebrate her birthday. Many musical "noisemakers" were used.

In April, 1995, our Chancel Choir director, Todd Hanes, became the Elida Schools Superintendent. The choir helped him celebrate with cake and punch after choir rehearsal. The beautiful and delicious cake was made by Myrna Metzger.

A gift given in memory of Gary Cook from the village of Elida was dedicated on June 2, 1995. At the end of the service on that day, everyone moved to the front walk of the church, where three trees had been planted in Gary's honor. The mayor, Robert E. Willet, read a Proclamation and the gift was accepted by the President of the Board of Trustees, Jamie Wyant. Rev. McGlade consecrated the gift with a prayer followed by a responsive prayer read by the congregation.

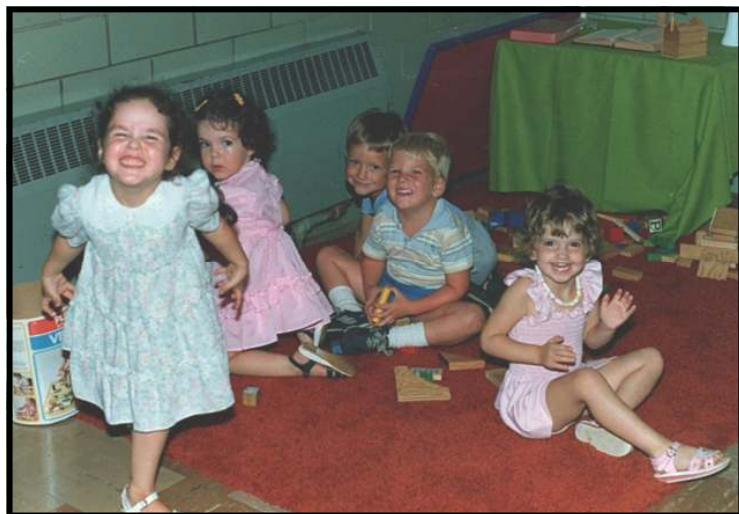


Family "Y" Night  
1994



June 2, 1995  
Dedicating trees in memory  
of Gary Cook

# Remember When... NEW



June, 1986  
Vacation Bible School



June, 1989  
Children perform in  
"Fat, Fat., Jehoshephat"  
Directed by Judy Chaffins



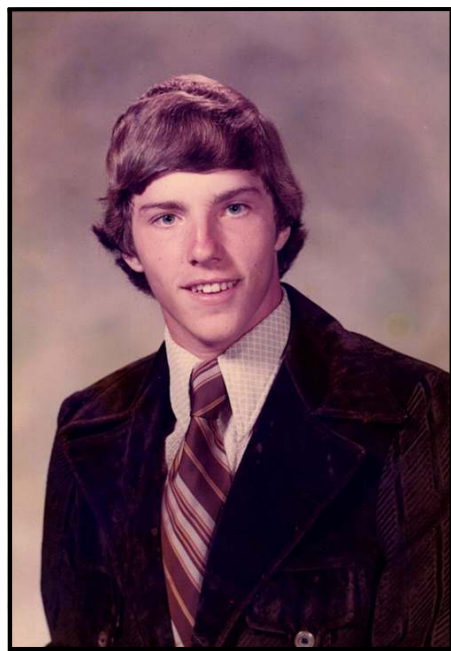
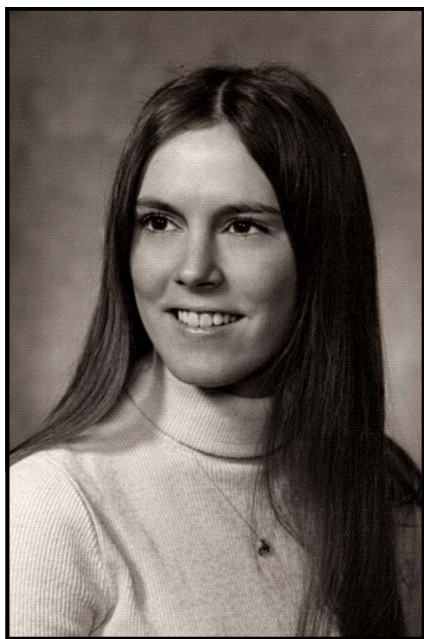
June, 1990  
Saying good-bye to the  
Puffenberger Family



## Connecting With ...

**WHAT DO DENNY THOMPSON AND KATHY WHITE HAVE IN COMMON?  
THEY WERE BOTH OFFICERS OF THE E.H.S. CLASS OF 1974....  
AND BOTH ARE RETIRING END OF 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR!**

.....Elida High School and Emmaus (PA) High School, respectively, that is.



**Kathy White** is retiring from Elida Local Schools after 22 years in district volunteer and administrative support positions. She was class treasurer during her four years at Emmaus High School, attended Penn State Allentown campus for one year before graduating from Lehigh County Community College with an Associate Degree in Business Administration. Kathy began her vocational career at Buckeye Pipe Line Company near Allentown, PA (somebody had to open the back door for Marty!) in 1976. She moved to Stanley-Vidmar, Inc., a division of The Stanley Works (tools, etc.), in 1979 before temporarily leaving the employment world upon son Tim's arrival in 1987. Buckeye moved Marty & Family to Lima in 1992. Kathy began her Elida Local Schools career in 1994 as a middle school volunteer followed by lunch-room monitor in 1997. She became secretary to the District Technology Coordinator in 1999 and with added responsibilities became a member of Elida's Central Office staff a few years later. In 2010, Kathy succeeded Sandy Schwartzengraber as secretary to the Principal of E.H.S. Because of SERS retirement plan reform, Kathy has decided 'all good things come to an end' when the EHS Class of 2017 takes a bow June 1.

After 39 years, **Denny Thompson** will retire from his career as a high school teacher this May. He will continue, however, to coach Elida golf and basketball. Because Denny spent his high school days at Elida, leaving the 'office' and hallways of E.H.S. will be a strange and new experience for him. Denny graduated from Elida as president of his class; president of the Honor Society; was a member of the basketball, track and tennis teams; was drum major for the band; and was a choir member to list some of his high school activities and accomplishments. After high school, Denny entered Bluffton College (now University) majoring in math education and continuing his basketball career. His first teaching position was in Montpelier, Ohio. After one year in 'God's County' as the locals called their area, he was anxious to move back to Allen County. Consequently, he took a position at Bath High School which lasted five years. With a yearning to return to Bulldog Country, Denny secured a math teaching position at Elida High School in 1984 and the rest, as they say, is history. After 33 years in the classroom teaching geometry, algebra, pre-calculus, and AP calculus, Denny is laying down his chalk and undoubtedly will be missed by students and faculty alike. Fortunately for Elida sports fans, Denny can now focus more time taking the Elida basketball and golf teams to post-seasons that hopefully will end in Columbus.

# The People of St. Paul's



*To the Church Family,  
Thank you again and again  
for your support of the  
E.A.S.Y. (Elida after School  
Youth) program.*

*Dear Church Family,  
Thank you very much for  
the visits to the nursing  
home and to my home for  
my 95th birthday. Also  
thank you for all of the  
cards I received and for the  
flowers before and after my  
arm surgery. It's great to  
be remembered.  
My daughters appreciate  
all of you too.*

*Love,  
Carol Lee*

*Thank you so much for all  
the Easter goodies!!*

*Ruth Hardy*

*Dear Church Friends,  
Just a note to tell you I  
appreciate the blanket you  
people made and gave to  
me! It is just the right  
size.*

*Sincerely,  
Mary Musilek*

*Friends at St. Paul's,  
What better place to be when the storm clouds move in  
than the safe sanctuary of St. Paul's. Thanks for the wind  
chimes and cards of condolence following my father's  
recent passing. The comfort and support provided by  
St. Paul's is most gratifying and much appreciated. You  
helped make these challenging times much more bearable.  
I hope I can continue the same type of legacy left by this  
member of the Greatest generation-My Father!*

*Thanks,  
Marty White*

## Remember in Prayer

### Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Jan Sodders

### Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn  
Glenna Kohli

### Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Jan Sodders

### In the Military & Missions

Oliver Fessler  
Nathan Stewart



## Sending Our SYMPATHY

Our Sympathy to Marty and Kathy White and A. J. on the death of Marty's father, Lester White, who passed away on April 21. The memorial service was held in Pennsylvania.

**Meetings**

June 5, 2017  
**PPR...7:00 PM**

June 6, 2017  
**Trustees...7:00 PM**

June 12, 2017  
**Finance... 7:00 PM**

June 14, 2017  
**Worship...6:00 PM**  
**No Ad Council Mtg.**

June 15, 2017  
**Missions...7:00 PM**

**Sundays**  
**Prayer...8:45 AM**  
**Fellowship...9:30 AM**  
**Worship...10:00 AM**

# JUNE 2017

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

*Anniversaries*

*Dominic & Kelly DeRose  
June 1*

*Marty & Kathy White  
June 2*

*Bill & Esther McKinney  
June 5; 52yrs.*

*Jon & Amber Moorman  
June 11*

*Brad & Slone Whetstone  
June 13*

*Art & Linda Holman  
June 17; 50 yrs.*

*Justin & Megan Wyant  
June 19*

*Caleb & Krista Slemmons  
June 21*

*Jim & Sharon Phillips  
June 22*

*Don & Judy Chaffins  
June 29; 43 years*

*Tom & Denise Thomas  
June 29*


*Zac & Jenni Jankovsky  
June 30*

				1 Becky Bean	2	3 Megan Emmons
4 Gary Adams Lois Rabley	5	6	7	8	9 David Nartker Jamie Wyant	10 Don Chaffins Caleb Kinney Susan Nartker
11	12	13	14 Rick Evans Evan Motzer	15 Jim Hines	16 Judy Chaffins	17 Gwyneth Woeller
18	19	20 Greg Schade	21 Steve Moser Josh Motzer Katie White	22 Kim Metzger Emma Motzer	23	24 Vicki McAdams
25	26 Art Holman	27	28 Linda Matlock	29	30	

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Hawaiian Wedding Cake

*By Mary Holmes*

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cups	Flour	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  Mix together first 5 ingredients (including juice of pineapple).  Place in ungreased 13x9 baking dish. Bake 35-40 minutes.  Mix together last 4 ingredients and spread over the HOT cake.
2 cups	Sugar	
2	Eggs	
1 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 -20 oz can	Crushed pineapple, in syrup	
	<b>Frosting:</b>	
1 stick	Butter softened	
8 oz.	Cream cheese, softened	
1 1/2 cups	Powdered sugar	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	

## Hawaiian Chicken

*By Sue Masters*

Ingredients		Instructions
4	Chicken Breasts	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  Combine ingredients.  Bake for 45 minutes. Serve with rice.
1 6-8 oz. jar	Apricot preserves	
1 pkg.	Lipton onion soup mix	
1 sm. bottle	Catalina dressing	

# KIDZ KORNER



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

**What you need:**

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



**What you do:**

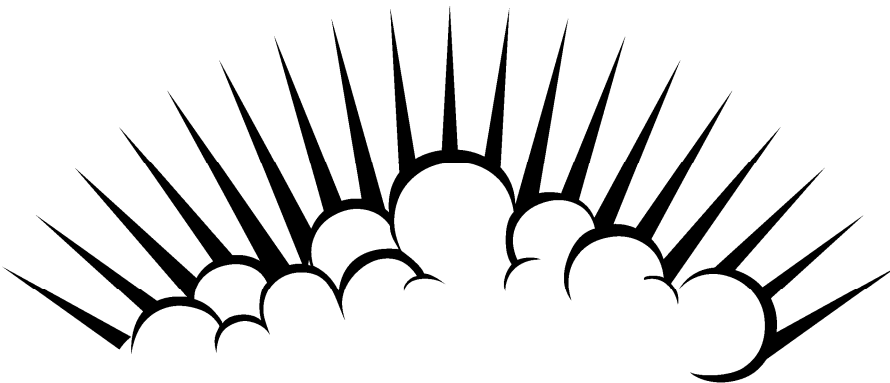
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



## Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

*Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.*



"H\_ w\_ll c\_ll \_ \_ t t\_ m\_ ,

'Y\_ \_ \_ r\_ m\_ F\_th\_r, m\_

G\_d, th\_ R\_ck m\_ S\_v\_ \_r.'" "

Ps\_lm 89:26, N\_V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

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# JUNE

## Living Our Faith

### Summer Flowers

Behold the flowers of June!  
How fair and bright their buds appear,  
as, opening to the summer air,  
our eyes and hearts they cheer!

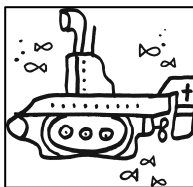
Who would have thought there could abound  
such beauty and delight  
beneath the cold and wintry ground  
that hid those flowers from sight?

That power which made and governs all —  
the mighty power of God —  
alone could life and beauty call  
out of the lifeless sod.

And he, who from the winter's gloom  
can summer thus disclose,  
shall one day make the desert bloom,  
and blossom as the rose.

—Anonymous

### Spiritual Submarines



Author Steve Farrar encourages Christian fathers to be spiritual submarines under the surface of their children's lives. "Through your prayers you have the ability to affect situations where you are not physically present," he writes in *Standing Tall*. "You may be undetected, but that does not mean that you are ineffective."

A man who puts on the armor of God and goes to war on his knees for his children is a force to be reckoned with, Farrar adds. "When it comes to battle ... understand that you have been given awesomely powerful weapons."