

St. Paul's Epistle

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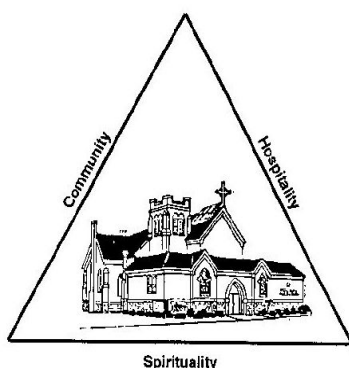
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I sat down to write this just a day after one of the best Sundays I have had in ministry. I know I will have other great Sundays as I continue on in ministry, but I will always remember this Sunday. Not only for the wonderful choice my son made for Christ and the baptism of 3 other infants, but for how a Community of Faith fulfilled the Great Commission and showed how we are all children of God. As we navigate through Lent on our way to Easter, I invite you to continue to seek how we can be the body of Christ.

By the time you read this we will be past "Taken" and "Blessed" and headed toward "Broken" and "Given", four sermons that remind us of Communion and a remembrance of Christ's sacrifice for our salvation. These are the basic outlines of the sermons Bishop Palmer has used for the past 3 years at Annual Conference and will use this year to finish a 4 year cycle of themes at Lakeside. So if these sermons sound even better than what you are used to, all the credit goes to Bishop Palmer.

Easter is all about remembering the sacrifice of Christ and I hope as we journey through Lent, it helps you remember or discover for the 1st time Christ's sacrificial love for you. As Spring blooms around us over the next few weeks and life renews itself again, I hope this series of sermons will give us the courage to seek renewal not only in our personal lives but also in the continued renewal of our church's life.

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Alleluia, Christ is Lord!

Happy Easter

Pastor Paul

*"I am the
resurrection
and the life."*
JOHN 11:25



Thought for the Month:

"Nothing can dim the
light that shines
from within."

- Maya Angelou

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP

Gomer Congregational Church
St. David's Day Dinner

March 5, 2016
Serving 4:30 to 6:30 PM

Advance tickets \$8.00
At the door \$8.50

For tickets call
Gomer Congregational Church
office: 419-642-2681

St. David's Day Musical Program
7:00 PM

Mark your calendars for an
evening of music and
community fellowship.

St. Paul's Book Club
March 5, 2016
At 9:00 AM

We will be discussing
Leave Tomorrow Behind
by Judy Clemons.



March 6
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit
Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen

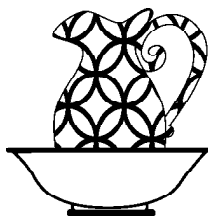


The Easter offering will be
divided between the UMC
Miracle offering and Camp
Sierra Linda Campers
Sponsorship

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

Christian Symbol



Ewer and Basin

The ewer (a vase-shaped pitcher) and basin, which symbolize cleansing, are related to two biblical events from Holy Week: when Jesus washed his disciples' feet (John 13:1-17), and when Pilate "washed his hands of" Jesus' blood before the crucifixion (Matthew 27:24). Because of the foot-washing, the ewer and basin have become a symbol of service ministry.

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REMINDER:

Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 13, 2016
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



March 20
SPRING BEGINS!!

**Seniors Day Out**

March 15, 2016

Video; "Visit to the Holy Land"

Bring items related to the
Holy Lands to share.

All seniors welcome!

**St. Paul's Chicken Barbeque**

April 23, 2016

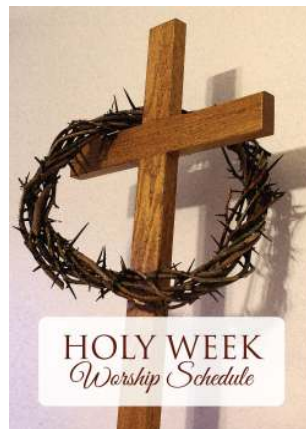
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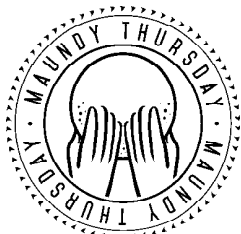
Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Palm Sunday
March 20, 2016



Easter Early Service
March 27, 2016
8:00 AM



Maundy Thursday
March 24, 2016
7:00 PM



Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016
10:00 AM



March 27
Easter breakfast served
following the Early
Service



Join Us For
Breakfast

Missions

We want to thank you for your blessings this year. We look forward to continued blessing next year as we continue to grow.

*Our Daily Bread
Soup Kitchen, Inc.*

Thank You

As we begin 2016, we would like to thank you for your financial support in 2015. Your gifts assisted us in reaching out and providing hope, education and resources to those that were facing unplanned pregnancies. Thank you for making all of this possible through your support, prayers, and generous donations!

*Patti Kennedy,
Heartbeat of Lima, Inc.*

Thank you for your gift (\$759.50) to the ministry of **Samaritan's Purse**. Through our discipleship, The Greatest Journey, children who receive **Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts** are learning what it means to follow Christ and how to share their faith with family and friends. "*Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yes, our God is merciful*" (Psalm 116:5). Thank you again for your partnership.

*May God bless you.
Franklin Graham,
Samaritan's Purse*

Thank you for your generous support (\$152.99).

*Meals 'til
Monday, Inc.*

Thank you for your gift of \$370 to the **Imagine No Malaria** campaign through *The Advance*. **100 percent** of your contribution will go towards eliminating one of the world's most deadly diseases. **Imagine No Malaria** has already distributed 1.2 million insecticide-treated bed nets throughout Africa. Today, because of the dedicated and generous support of people like you, **malaria impact has been cut in half!** May God grant you a sense of hope and joy as you continue your support for mission and as we advance towards a day of no malaria.

UMCOR

On behalf of **Northwest Plains District**, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$370 to be used for Camperships at **Camp Sierra Linda**. Thanks again for your support of our efforts to bring the Word of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the young children attending summer camp at Sierra Linda.

**Barry Burns,
District Superintendent**

The Business of Church

Heating Project Update

We have installed a small furnace in the pastor's study. There were heat ducts run over to the church office and the meeting room. We have installed a drop ceiling in all of the three rooms, we have installed new T-8 lighting and Art Holman painted the rooms.

This is the first of the three furnaces that will be installed in the upper floor of the Ed. wing. Then we can unhook the boiler from the whole Ed. wing. This will let us have zone heating, just heating where we are using the space. The furnaces also will have air condition on them.

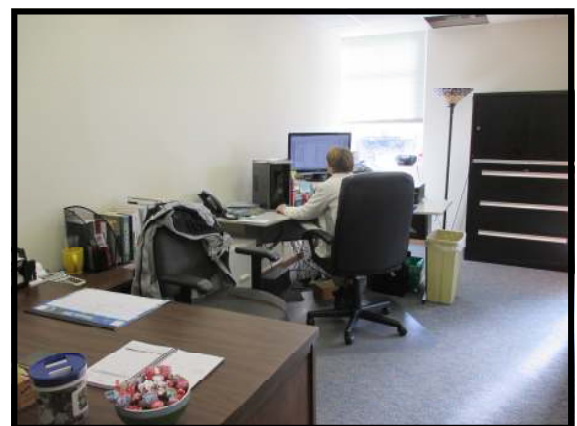
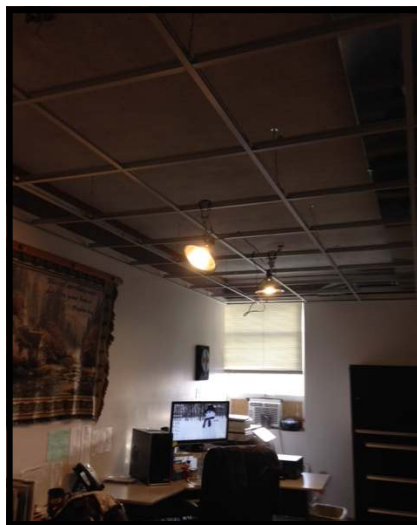
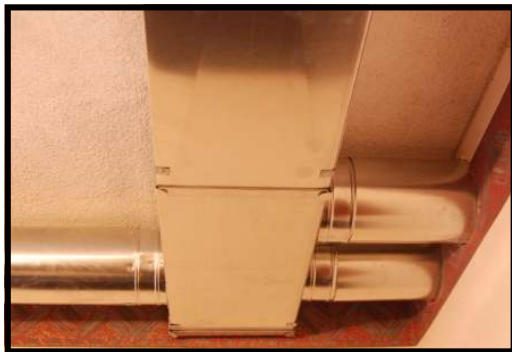
All this is done from the giving to the building fund. The trustees thank you all for supporting the fund and the trustees.

Thank you to those who have been working on the remodeling with the new heating system in the offices and classroom: **Mike Ellinger**, who installed the ceiling, **Ron Steiner**, for putting in the lights and **Jamie Wyant** and **Larry Moser** assisting where needed. Thank you to **Art Holman and crew** for painting the rooms, and to the Trustees Committee.

Thanks,

Ron Steiner

Thank You!



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

January 31, 2016	98
February 7, 2016	114
February 10, 2016 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	49
February 14, 2016	76
February 21, 2016	128

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
January 31, 2016	\$3,029.00	\$730.58
February 7, 2016	\$3,895.00	\$430.32
February 14, 2016	\$2,685.00	\$128.00
February 21, 2016	\$2,413.00	\$611.74

Sunday School Attendance

January 31, 2016	22
February 7, 2016	17
February 14, 2016	15
February 21, 2016	16

Greeters

March 6, 2016	Dennis & Shara Bowsher
March 13, 2016	Gail & Oliver Fessler
March 20, 2016	Jerry & Becky Bean
March 27, 2016	Ray & Phyllis Trigg

Flower Calendar

March 6, 2016	Larry & Shirley Moser
March 13, 2016	Gene & Linda Craft, & Nancy Gesler
March 20, 2016	Norm & Mary Grigsby
March 27, 2016	Easter Lilies

Communion Servers March 6

Station #1	Contact Church Office
Station #2	Or
Station #3	Sign up on sheet on hall way bulletin board

Daily Bible Readings

Tuesday 3/1

Psalm 78, Genesis 45:1-15
1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Mark 6:1-13

Wednesday 3/2

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
Genesis 45:16-28
1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 6:13-29

Thursday 3/3

Psalm 42, 43, 85, 86
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34
1 Corinthians 9:1-15
Mark 6:30-46

Friday 3/4

Psalm 88, 91, 92, Genesis 47:1-26
1 Corinthians 9:16-27, Mark 6:47-56

Saturday 3/5

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Genesis 47:27-48:7
1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Mark 7:1-23

Sunday 3/6

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Genesis 48:8-22
Romans 8:11-25, John 6:27-40

Monday 3/7

Psalm 89, Genesis 49:1-28
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Mark 7:24-37

Tuesday 3/8

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99
Genesis 49:29-50:14
1 Corinthians 11:17-34
Mark 8:1-10

Wednesday 3/9

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Genesis 50:15-26
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Mark 8:11-26

Thursday 3/10

Psalm 69, 73, Exodus 1:6-22
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Mark 8:27-9:1

Friday 3/11

Psalm 95, 102, 107:1-32
Exodus 2:1-22
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3
Mark 9:2-13

Saturday 3/12

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Exodus 2:23-3:15
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Mark 9:14-29

Sunday 3/13

Psalm 118, 145, Exodus 3:16-4:12
Romans 12:1-21, John 8:46-59

Monday 3/14

Psalm 31, 35
Exodus 4:10-20 (21-26) 27-31
1 Corinthians 14:1-19
Mark 9:30-41

Tuesday 3/15

Psalm 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, Exodus 5:1-6:1
1 Corinthians 14:20-33a, 39-40
Mark 9:42-50

Wednesday 3/16

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Exodus 7:8-24
2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6, Mark 10:1-16

Thursday 3/17

Psalm 131, 132, 140, 142
Exodus 7:25-8:19
2 Corinthians 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31

Friday 3/18

Psalm 22, 141, 143, Exodus 9:13-35
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45

Saturday 3/19

Psalm 42, 43, 137, 144
Exodus 10:21-11:8
2 Corinthians 4:13-18, Mark 10:46-52

Sunday 3/20

Palm Sunday

Psalm 24, 29, 103, Zechariah 9:9-12
1 Timothy 6:12-16, Luke 19:41-48

Monday 3/21

Psalm 51, Lamentations 1:1-12
2 Corinthians 1:1-7, Mark 11:12-25

Tuesday 3/22

Psalm 6, 12, 94
Lamentations 1:17-22
2 Corinthians 1:8-22, Mark 11:27-33

Wednesday 3/23

Psalm 55, 74
Lamentations 2:1-9, 14-17
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11
Mark 12:1-11

Thursday 3/24

Maundy Thursday

Psalm 102, 142, 143
Lamentations 2:10-18
1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32
Mark 14:12-25

Friday 3/25

Psalm 22, 40, 54
Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33
1 Peter 1:10-20, John 13:36-38

Saturday 3/26

Psalm 27, 88
Lamentations 3:37-58
Hebrews 4:1-16, Romans 8:1-11

Sunday 3/27

Easter Sunday

Psalm 113, 114, 148, 149, 150
Exodus 12:1-14
John 1:1-18

Monday 3/28

Psalm 66, 93, 98, Exodus 12:14-27
1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Mark 16:1-8

Tuesday 3/29

Psalm 103, 111, 114
Exodus 12:28-39
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Mark 16:9-20

Wednesday 3/30

Psalm 97, 99, 115
Exodus 12:40-51
1 Corinthians 15:29-41
Matthew 28:1-16

Thursday 3/31

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149
Exodus 13:3-10
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 28:16-20



Special Sundays



St. Paul's celebrated Scout Sunday on Feb. 7th. Scouts from Boy Scout Troop 84, Cub Scout Pack 43, and Daisy Scout Troop 20082 participated in the service that Sunday.



Baptism, Sunday, February 21st

L-R: Terry Isaiah Bok, son of Travis & Julie Bok, Ryleigh Eileen Warris, daughter of Cody & Briana Warris, Cody Jacob Scannell, son of Pastor Paul & Marla Scannell, & Demi Mae DeRose, daughter of Dominic & Kelly DeRose

Congratulations to these children and their families.

Our Church History

In **1848**, a Methodist Episcopal Church was erected at Allentown, Ohio, where formerly a society had formed and met for the public services in the school house. Now the membership of the two groups united in the new church.

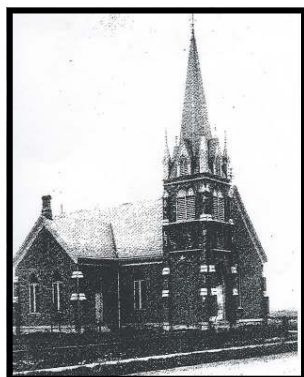
In **1850**, the Rev. A Harmount began preaching at the home of James Peltier, north of Elida. This house was later owned by Noah Sherrick. In 1852, the Village of Elida was laid out and plotted by Griffith John, its founder.

In **1853**, a new organization of Methodists was formed in Elida. The Revs. Harrison Maltbie and N. C. Love were preachers on the circuit. This society was organized in the home of James Kennedy, later owned by S. D. Crites, which is now 114 W. Main St. The following persons formed this fellowship: James Kennedy, Malinda Kennedy, James Peltier, Jane Peltier, Henry Herring, Nancy Herring, Smith Baxter, Mary Baxter, Nathan John, Lucy John, Griffith John, Rachel John, Margaret Cremean, Jesse J. John, Elizabeth Boyer, Fleet Clark, Mary Clark, Elizabeth Priddy, and Catherine Evans.

In **1856**, the society erected the first Methodist Episcopal Church in Elida. It was a frame building, sided with black walnut lumber, and located south of the present Lutheran Church, approximately where Route 309 now passes through Elida. This was also the site of the Elida Cemetery. It was completed in 1856 for a total cost of \$1,000. The Rev. Jason Wilcox attended the new church until Rev. Francis Plumb, the first pastor, took over. He served the church from 1858-1860.

In **1874**, the Elida Charge was formed. This was made up of three churches: Elida, Morris Chapel, and Zion. The deed for Morris Chapel Church was recorded in 1869. The Zion Church deed was recorded in 1875, and the deed for Elida Church was recorded in 1895. The three churches were very closely tied together. Many meetings were held in unison and the congregations had many good times together socially. The membership of the Elida Charge was 280. Rev. Dwight Cook was pastor of the Elida Church, which had a membership of 104.

In **1890**, the existing brick structure was erected at a cost of \$7,500. It had a seating capacity of 500, with membership of 180. It maintained a live Sunday School and a large active Epworth League. The Rev. Walter H. Leatherman was the pastor. The Board of Trustees consisted of J. J. John, Abia John, N. L. Boyer, William Pierson, S. S. Sherrick, Smith Baxter, Noah Sherrick, David Brenneman, S. D. Crites, and G. R. Leist. The old frame church was moved to the Elida elevator lot and used as a warehouse.



Elida Methodist
Episcopal Church
1890

Church Cornerstone



Remember When...



March, 1987

Youth Dinner Theater



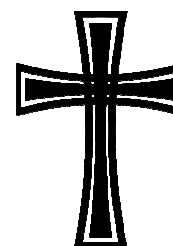
March, 1997

Joy Singers



March, 2008

Reception for
Confirmation Students



Connecting With ...



Congrats to **Emma Scannell** for finishing her 15-year swimming career with strong performances in the OHSAA Girls Division II Sectionals at the Lima YMCA on February 13th. Emma finished 7th (out of 28) in the girls 500 m freestyle with a time of 6:36.78. She also finished 9th (out of 25) in the girls 100 m butterfly with a time of 1:14.56. Emma was also on the Elida girls teams for the 200 m freestyle relay and the 200 m medley relay. Both teams finished 9th. Way to go Emma! Emma is the daughter of Pastor Paul and Marla Scannell .

Congratulations to **Emma Scannell** who was selected as one of 13 dancers chosen to dance with 14 performers of the New York City's Ballets with Twist troupe who performed "Cocktail Hour: The Show" at Ohio Northern University on Saturday, January 30th and Sunday, January 31st. Emma performed in the vignette, "return to Normalcy," an elegant high class scene. Emma has been taking theatre class at ONU for the past 2 years.



Avery Chambers was the special music on Sunday, January 24. Her violin solo was "Adoration" by F. Borowski.



Hospitality Cart
January 17, 2016

Thank you to **Margie Best, Dillon and Helen Staas, Corinne Piper, Deb Hurd and Tim Piper**, for volunteering at **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen** on Friday, January 29th. It is a very worthwhile mission for our church.



The People of St. Paul's



*To the Crafty Creatures:
Dear Friends,
Thank you so much for the
patchwork quilt donated to my
worthy cause.*

*I am so grateful for your
loving thoughts and work.
I have used it every day since
you delivered this lovely
throw. I know your efforts
will bring blessings to many.*

*Blessings to you and your
church,
Lovingly yours,
Laura Mitchell*

*Dear Crafty Creatures,
I heard everything went well
and that the residents really
liked their quilts!
Thank you all so very much.
What an awesome act of
kindness!*

*Sincerely,
Cheri Benroth,
Activity Director at
Baton Rouge Health Services*

*Dear Friends,
I'm so thankful for you
thinking of me and making
me a beautiful throw. It
matches my living room
perfectly. I can not imagine
the time it took to make it.
I'm not a crafty person, but I
wish I was. You have been so
good to welcome us to
St. Paul's. Thanks again for
your kindness and your
prayers!*

Jan Sodders

*St. Paul's UMC,
A big thanks for the beautiful
Christmas church gift bag
and goodies inside,
prepared by the Nurture
Committee, and Janet for our
chat and bringing it to me.*

*Thank you all,
Jean Redd*

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Ruth Hardy
Jan Sodders

Homebound Members

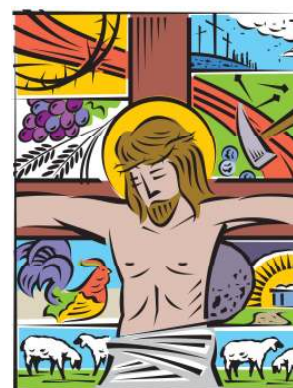
Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Ruth Hardy
Joanna Hurd
Jan Sodders

In the Mission Field

Tim & Corinne Piper



THE LAMB OF GOD

Prayer List Updates

Please Contact

Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

No PPR

March 1, 2016
Trustees..7:00 PM

March 2, 2016
Worship mtg.. 6:00 PM

No Finance

March 14, 2016
Ad Council...7:30 PM

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

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir...7:00 PM

MARCH 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Scott Grapner	2 Joanna Hurd	3	4 Janna Thompson	5 Scott Fessler
6	7 Tim Theodore	8	9	10	11	12 Linda Holman
13 Carol Lee	14 Cody Smith	15	16	17	18	19
20 Tara Strauch	21	22 Nancy Gessler	23	24 Joyce Nichols	25	26
27 Julie Bok	28 Derek Bible	29 Casey Lane	30 Tahler Sdao Julia Thomas	31 Tom Thomas		

Anniversaries

Jim & Carolyn Michael
March 12

Jeff & Shelly Reiff
March 12

Tony & Shirley Shoup
March 20

Brent & Vicki McAdams
March 21

Bruce & Nancy Kizer
March 23; 46 years

Jordan & Amy Wyant
March 28

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Baked Broccoli

By Linda Holman

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 stick	Oleo	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bring to boil water, onion, oleo, celery; add broccoli and rice. Let come to a boil; remove and let stand 5 minutes.
1 T.	Dry onion	
1 1/2 cup	Water	
1/2 cup	Rice	Put in buttered casserole and add soup on top. Sprinkle cheddar cheese on top. Then add bread crumbs.
1/2 cup	Celery, diced	
1 can	Mushroom soup	Bake for 45 minutes.
10 oz.	Chopped broccoli	
8 oz.	Grated cheddar cheese	
	Bread crumbs	



Perfect Mashed Potatoes

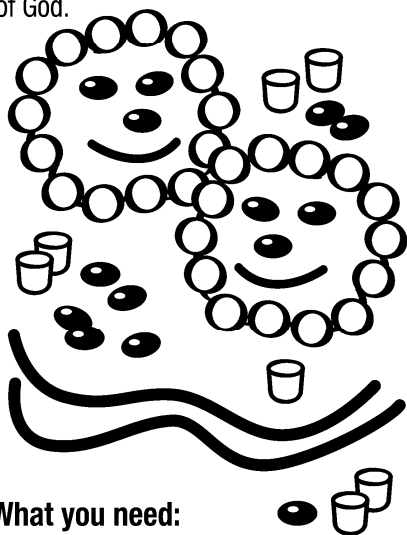
By Ree Drummond

Ingredients		Instructions
5 lb.	Russet potatoes, Peeled and Chopped	Cover potatoes in large pot with water and boil over high heat 20-25 minutes, until fork-tender. Drain, then put back in pot.
1 cup	Butter, cut into pieces, plus more for dish and topping	
1 8oz.	Cream cheese, softened	Over low heat, mash potatoes 2-3 minutes, allowing steam and excess moisture to escape.
1/2 cup	Half and half	
1/2 cup	Heavy cream	Add butter, cream cheese, half-and-half, heavy cream, seasoned salt, salt, and pepper.
1/2 tsp.	Seasoned salt, plus more to taste	
1/2 tsp.	Kosher salt, plus more to taste	Use masher to combine all ingredients until totally smooth. Spread potatoes in a buttered casserole dish, smoothing out surface.
1 tsp.	Pepper, plus more to taste	
		Cover and refrigerate for up to 2 days, or put in freezer and move to refrigerator day before ready to bake.
		When ready to bake, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Dot top of potatoes with more butter. Bake until piping hot and golden brown on top, 25-30 minutes.

KIDZ KORNER

LITTLE LAMBS

Make these cute treats as a reminder that Jesus our Savior is also the Lamb of God.



What you need:



- Vanilla cupcakes
- Vanilla frosting
- Butter knife
- Mini marshmallows
- Jellybeans
- Red licorice

What you do:

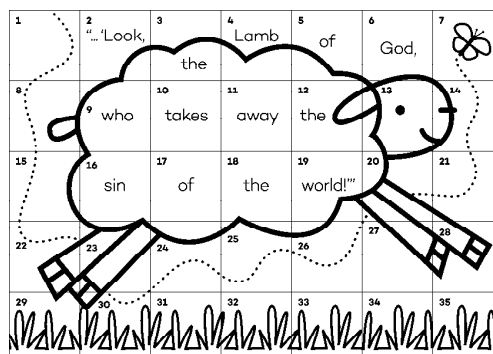
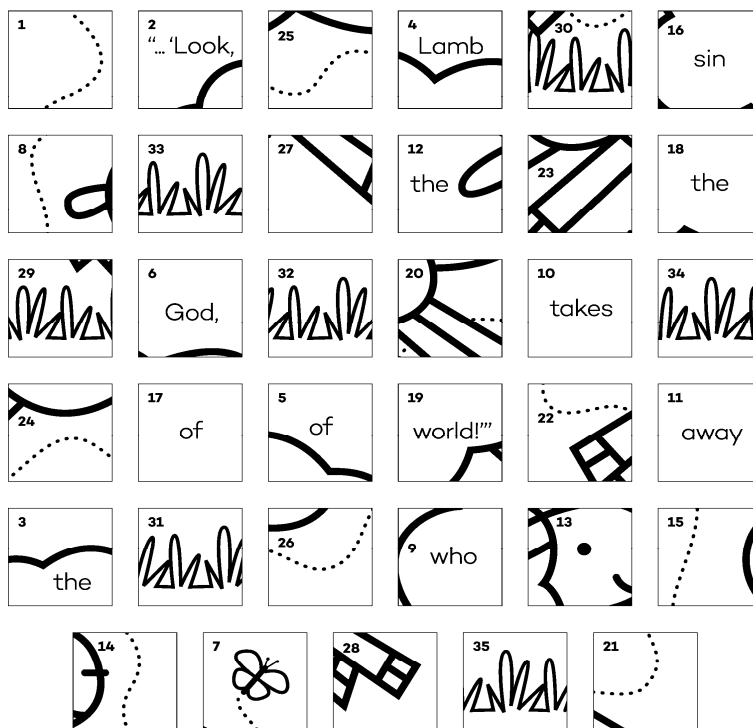
1. Bake and frost the cupcakes.
2. Place marshmallows around the edge of each cupcake.
3. Cut green or blue jellybeans in half and place two on each cupcake as eyes. Cut pink jellybeans in half and place one below each pair of eyes as a nose.
4. Cut thin strips of licorice, and place one on each cupcake as a mouth.
5. Enjoy!



Lamb of God

 John the Baptist knew Jesus was the Messiah —  and offered a special greeting when he saw Jesus.

Directions: Cut apart the squares and arrange them in a rectangle in numerical order, starting with #1 in the top left and going across to #7. Continue building four more rows of seven squares each, to reveal John 1:29, NIV.



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Living Our Faith

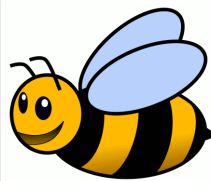
Taking Up the Cross

"That's her cross to bear," it's said of someone's hardship or inconvenience. The challenge might be as serious as poverty or as trivial as crabby neighbors. However, when Jesus called people to "take up their cross," he didn't mean it that way. Nor was he referring to anyone imposing suffering on another.

When Jesus said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me" (Matthew 16:24 and parallels), he spoke of a radical new way to engage a society that more often called people to take up swords and fight for self-preservation. He called people to peace, not violence — and from being self-focused to following him.

That is also Jesus' call today. The cross isn't a euphemism that lets us dismiss someone's suffering. We don't appoint someone else to bear it. When we choose the cross, we do so for ourselves in response to Jesus' invitation that, one way or another, ultimately leads through death to new life.

No More Sting



One spring day, a father and son were driving when a bee flew in the window and buzzed around. Because the boy was deathly allergic to bee stings, he panicked. But the calm father reached out and caught the bee in his hand, holding it tight.

After a few moments, the dad reached over, opened his hand and showed his son the stinger, stuck in his palm. "It's okay," the father said. "I took the sting, so the bee can't hurt you."

Likewise, people who know Jesus as their victorious Savior no longer need to fear the sting of death. "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55, ESV).