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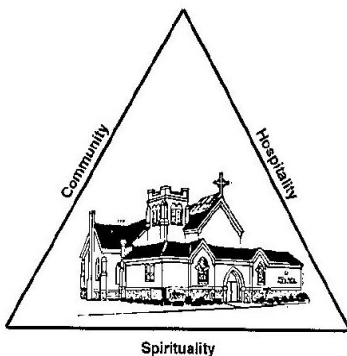
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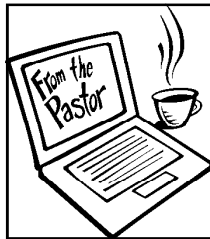
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May is a time to remember and the promise of summer begins to show itself in gardens and flowers throughout the community, young people graduating from high school and college, and the promise of a bright future. We also remember all those who have served their country and paid the ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom.

There are a lot of things going on around the church both with the physical property and in Missions. The Trustees are working hard on several projects that may affect some of the things that are happening in the church. Please be patient as work continues to maintain and improve things around the church.

Also, be looking for opportunities to be in service with the mission committee: at Camp Wesley, Our Daily Bread, The Food Pantry, and if you are even a little crafty, I want to invite you to be involved with our Crafty Creatures who make quilts, shawls, and comfort squares.

Finally, on a personal note, I want to thank all of you for the support and concern as our family has been dealing with several personal issues that have taken up more of my time. Our hope at the Scannell house is that we can settle into a routine even though we will be a little busier than normal. Please continue to pray for us that all things work together for God's good.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Forbidden fruits
create many jams.

Spaghetti Dinner:**May 1, 2016****\$7.00****Dine-in and Carryout available at 12:30****Shawnee Alliance Activity Center
4455 Shawnee Rd., Lima**

All Proceeds go to Freedom to Lead International in support of **Doug and Mary Lu Anthony** to spread God's Word through music and song.

Doug is the president of the EACC organization and a pastor at Shawnee Alliance Church. The Anthony Family lives directly behind St. Paul's church.

May 1, 2016
Coins for Communion to benefit
West Ohio United Methodist
Church Camps
Camp Wesley, Camp Otterbein,
Camp Widewater

Mother's Day
May 8, 2016

"A mother knows what her child's gone through, even if she didn't see it herself."

— Pramoedya Ananta Toer



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**May 15, 2016****Recognition of Graduates****May 15, 2016****St. Paul's Epistle**

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

Seniors Day Out**May 17, 2016
12:00 Noon****Guest Speaker: Doug Anthony**
Freedom to Lead International

*There will be a free will offering
collection to benefit the
Anthony's mission.*

All seniors welcome!



Men's Group

Lima Area Methodist Men's breakfast

May 21st at 8:00 AM

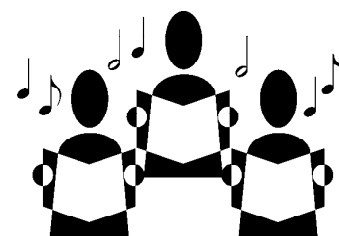
Shawnee United Methodist Church,
Solid Rock Cafe.

Speaker: Dave Belton,
presentation on Haiti Mission Trip.

A goodwill offering will be taken.
All men are invited to the breakfast.

May 22 is the last Sunday for
St. Paul's Chancel Choir.
They will return in the Fall
after summer break.

Anyone interested in doing
Special Music for the summer
contact Judy Chaffins or the
church office.



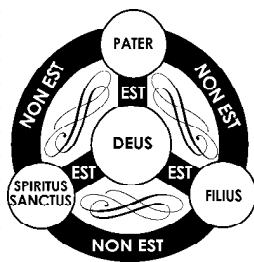
Music Ministry

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Christian Symbol

Trinity Sunday
May 22, 2016

Shield of the Trinity



This symbol consists of a triangle with a circle at each point, labeled in Latin with the three Persons of the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

A circle in the center is labeled God. Six lines show the relationships formed, with inner lines marked "is" and outer lines marked "is not." The resulting sign declares that God is Father, God is Son and God is Spirit, yet the three Persons are not the same.



A Day for
Remembering

Memorial Day
May 30, 2016

Office Closed

Newsletter
deadline:
the 16th
of each month

Congratulations Graduates

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Oliver Fessler will be graduating from Elida High School on May 29th. Oliver is the son of Scott and Gail Fessler. Oliver has been in the Marines Delayed Entry program this past year and will leave for the Marine Corps Boot Camp on July 5th at Parris Island, South Carolina. Cards may reach Oliver at 206 E. Main St., Elida, OH 45807

Emma Scannell will be graduating through the Home Schooling Program. Emma is the daughter of Pastor Paul and Marla Scannell. Emma plans to continue her education at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Her studies are Dance and Education. Cards may be sent to Emma at 113 E. Main St. Elida, OH 45807

Nathan Stewart will be graduating from Elida High School on May 29th. Nathan is the son of Ron and Ann Stewart and Grandson of Ruth Hardy. Nathan has been in the Army's Delayed Entry Program this past year and will leave for Army Boot Camp on June 12th at Ft. Benning, Georgia. Cards may reach Nathan at 2202 Diller Rd., Elida, OH 45807.



Graduates Sunday
May 15, 2016



COLLEGE GRADUATES

Stacy Alexander graduates May 7th from the University of Toledo with a Masters Degree in Social Work. Stacy is the daughter of Roy Alexander. She will be working at Family Resource Center in Lima as a therapist. She will be getting married October 15, 2016 to Alex McAdams. Cards may reach Stacy at 3 Celia Place, Lima, OH 45801.

Kelsey Smith graduated April 24th with a Nursing Degree from Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. Kelsey is the daughter of Barry and Cyndi Smith. Kelsey plans to take her NCLEX Licensure exam in June. Once passing this, she will have her RN, BSN degree. Her working plans are unknown at this time, but she is Hoping to work at St. Rita's Medical Center. Cards of congratulations may reach her at 2872 Sherwood Dr., Lima, OH 45805.

In the Spotlight



Reggie McAdams and teammate **Jake Kretzer** earned Men's Basketball Academic All-MAC Team honors, the Mid-American Conference announced on April 6th. McAdams and Kretzer were among 13 men's basketball student-athletes to be honored with the award for excelling in the classroom and on the court. To be considered for the Academic All-MAC squad, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum 3.20 cumulative GPA and have participated in at least 50 percent of the contests for that particular sport.

Way to go, Reggie!



Congratulations to FFA member **Oliver Fessler** for placing 4th out of 42 individuals at the District 4 Ag Mechanics Contest held at Parkway on March 31st. The team placed 12th. Way to go, Oliver and the Bulldog Team! Oliver also received the Star Chapter Farmer award at the Elida FFA banquet in March.



Congrats to **Anna Hecht** (granddaughter of Jim & Phyllis Hines), who appeared on the *Today Show* doing some modeling for a fashion segment. Anna is Assistant Editor of *Instyle Magazine* in New York City. Congrats!

Congratulations to **Steve Moser** on his interview on WDTN-TV for the Dayton Metro Library. Steve previews the 'Summer Challenge' that the Dayton Metro Library is holding for teens. Good job, Steve!



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

April 3, 2016	96
April 10, 2016	93
April 17, 2016	100
April 24, 2016	101

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
April 3, 2016	\$6,060.00	\$460.23
April 10, 2016	\$1,870.10	\$665.50
April 17, 2016	\$2,540.00	\$298.28
April 24, 2016	\$2,979.25	\$506.00

Greeters

May 1, 2016	Lois Rabley
May 8, 2016	OPEN
May 15, 2016	OPEN
May 22, 2016	Susan Nartker
May 29, 2016	Jerry & Becky Bean

Sunday School Attendance

April 3, 2016	17
April 10, 2016	14
April 17, 2014	22
April 24, 2016	24

Flower Calendar



May 1, 2016	Denny & Carole Grapner
May 8, 2016	Norm & Mary Grigsby
May 15, 2016	Bill & Bev Nesbitt
May 22, 2016	Ray & Phyllis Trigg
May 29, 2016	Dan & Margie Best

Hospitality Cart

May 1, 2016	Kathy White
May 8, 2016	Bev Nesbitt
May 15, 2016	OPEN
May 22, 2016	Choir
May 29, 2016	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday 5/1

Psalm 34, 93, 96
Leviticus 25:1-17
James 1:2-8, 16-18, Luke 12:13-21

Monday 5/2

Psalm 77, 79, 80
Leviticus 25:35-55
Colossians 1:9-14
Matthew 13:1-16

Tuesday 5/3

Psalm 78, Leviticus 26:1-20
1 Timothy 2:1-6
Matthew 13:18-23

Wednesday 5/4

Psalm 119:97-120
Leviticus 26:27-42
Ephesians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:41-46

Thursday 5/5

Psalm 8, 24, 47, 96, Daniel 7:9-14
Hebrews 2:5-18
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday 5/6

Psalm 85, 86, 91, 92
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Ephesians 2:1-10, Matthew 7:22-27

Saturday 5/7

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29
Ephesians 2:11-22
Matthew 7:28-8:4

Sunday 5/8

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Exodus 3:1-12
Hebrews 12:18-29, Luke 10:17-24

Monday 5/9

Psalm 89, Joshua 1:1-9
Ephesians 3:1-13, Matthew 8:5-17

Tuesday 5/10

Psalm 9, 95, 97, 99
1 Samuel 16:1-13a
Ephesians 3:14-21
Matthew 8:18-27

Wednesday 5/11

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Isaiah 4:2-6
Ephesians 4:1-16
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday 5/12

Psalm 105, Zechariah 4:1-14
Ephesians 4:17-32, Matthew 9:1-8

Friday 5/13

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Ephesians 5:1-20
Matthew 9:9-17

Saturday 5/14

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Ezekiel 36:22-27
Ephesians 6:10-24
Matthew 9:18-26

Sunday 5/15

Psalm 118, 145
Deuteronomy 16:9-12
Acts 4:18-21, 23-33, John 4:19-26

Monday 5/16

Psalm 106, Ezekiel 33:1-11
1 John 1:1-10, Matthew 9:27-34

Tuesday 5/17

Psalm 120, 121, 122, 123, 124,
125, 126, Ezekiel 33:21-33
1 John 2:1-11, Matthew 9:35-10:4

Wednesday 5/18

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130,
Ezekiel 34:1-16
1 John 2:12-17, Matthew 10:5-15

Thursday 5/19

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135
Ezekiel 37:21b-28
1 John 2:18-29
Matthew 10:16-23

Friday 5/20

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Ezekiel 39:21-29
1 John 3:1-10, Matthew 10:24-33

Saturday 5/21

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Ezekiel 47:1-12
1 John 3:11-18, Matthew 10:34-42

Sunday 5/22

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

Monday 5/23

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, Proverbs 3:11-20
1 John 3:18-4:6, Matthew 11:1-6

Tuesday 5/24

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Proverbs 4:1-27
1 John 4:7-21, Matthew 11:7-15

Wednesday 5/25

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Proverbs 6:1-19
1 John 5:1-12, Matthew 11:16-24

Thursday 5/26

Psalm 18, Proverbs 7:1-27
1 John 5:13-21, Matthew 11:25-30

Friday 5/27

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Proverbs 8:1-21
2 John 1-13, Matthew 12:1-14

Saturday 5/28

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Proverbs 8:22-36
3 John 1-15, Matthew 12:15-21

Sunday 5/29

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Proverbs 9:1-12
Acts 8:14-25
Luke 10:25-28, 38-42

Monday 5/30

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Proverbs 10:1-12
1 Timothy 1:1-17
Matthew 12:22-32

Tuesday 5/31

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Proverbs 15:16-33
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8
Matthew 12:33-42

EASY Program

The Way of the Samurai

During the 2015-16 school year at EASY we have explored different countries. We've had speakers from Africa, India, and Sweden. We've prepared and/or tasted ethnic food such as curry, Indian spices, Swedish chocolate and Swedish fish candy, fried plantains, peanut gravy, and chai. Doug Anthony taught a group to play African drums and percussion instruments. Lavonne Segovia and Anne Laman demonstrated different types of art and crafts.

In April, our final month this year, the students explored Japan. One speaker, Aaron Piper, demonstrated a different set of skills than usual: those of the Samurai, or knights. Aaron explained the background of the Japanese feudal system and showed some of the weapons. He explained how they were often developed from farming tools as a means of defense. While demonstrating how they were used, he explained the physics behind the moves and why knowing the scientific principles behind them made them more effective. In telling about his years of practice he highlighted the need for honor, humility, discipline and respect needed to succeed in martial arts or any other endeavor.

The Elida After School Youth program was developed not only to help students with homework but to give them skills and interests which might keep them from getting into trouble and find new activities. Numerous volunteers have taught more than twenty-five activities during the year. It has taken lots of energy to keep up with our kids but we have all learned along the way. Thank you all for making this program possible.

Now, we're ready for a break!



Aaron Piper demonstrates weapons and skills of the Samurai, or Knights to the EASY kids.



The Business of Church



The "Crafty Creatures" small group would like to invite anyone interested to come join us on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM at 703 Sunnydale. If you can tie a knot you have all the talent necessary to help finish our lap quilts. See Carole Grapner or Shirley Moser for more information.

HOSPITALITY CART:

The Sunday morning Hospitality Cart has been provided by the Book Club, Nurture Committee, Crafty Creatures, and Choir members. We would like to give the congregation members an opportunity to aid with this project. Anyone interested in helping to welcome our congregation and guests to our church through this service of Hospitality, before worship on Sunday mornings. There will be a sign up sheet passed around, then posted on the bulletin board. Your consideration is greatly appreciated. Any questions see Becky Ellinger or Janet Grigg.

Duties: Providing any kind of juice, finger snacks and coffee before and after the worship service.

Thank You,
The Nurture Committee



Remember When...

2005 Graduates

L-R: Jason Holmes, Tim White, Tori Holmes, David Segovia, Tyler Smith, Rev. John Tsironis



2006 Graduates

Aaron Thompson, Megan Bible, Jon Blewitt, Rev. John Tsironis, Andrew Piper, Jenessa Fletcher, Logan Smith



2007 Graduates

Todd Hanes (Guest Speaker), A.J. White, Jenni Theodore, Kelly Warris, Lois Cook (Higher Education Coordinator)



Our Church History

In its early years, the church building was normally used only for Sunday School, church worship twice on Sundays, and prayer meeting during a week night. Every winter revival meetings were held. These meetings sometimes ran on for six or eight weeks nightly. The church was strictly a place of worship.

Small weddings were performed in the bride's home or in the home of the Justice of the Peace. Most all of the funerals were held in the church.

There were no fellowship halls: no modern kitchens, no church office or pastor's study. Women brought in the church dinners and ministers made calls to homes for interviews or counseling. Each family was expected to invite the minister and his family for a meal at least twice a year. Very little paperwork or bookkeeping was done.

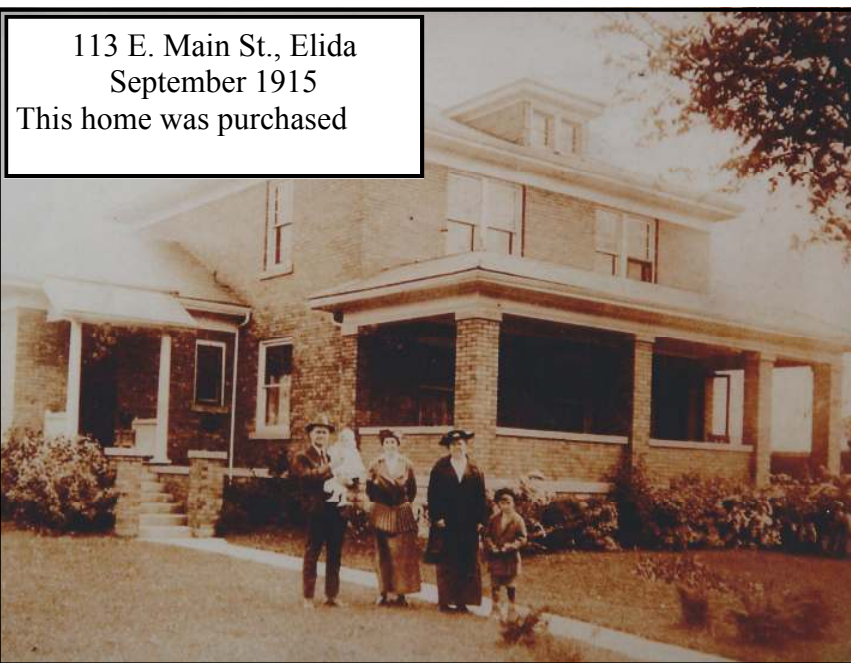
The greatest cost to the congregation was the original cost of the building and its upkeep. A great amount of help of all kinds was volunteer work.

By 1906, the membership was 180. In 1910, the sanctuary was remodeled. Members jacked up the whole building and by hand, dug a basement. Also a new heating system was installed as well as two sets of front steps. The Rev. Charles Baker and the Rev. Aaron Bussard were pastors. The Board of Trustees consisted of S. D. Crites, W. L. Bechtol, A. A. Miller, J. E. John, J. M. John, J. E. Pierson, J. P. Barnt, and Thomas Tibbott.

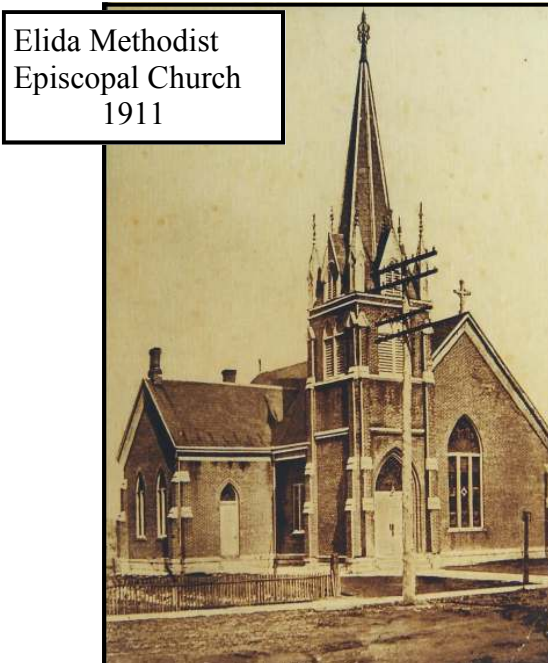
During the period between 1914 and 1920, the churches faced the trials of World War I. No great church movement was in evidence. Status quo seemed to remain both in attendance and giving.

At a meeting held on November 7, 1914, with Rev. Frank Hook presiding, the use of church envelopes for donations was discussed. He was authorized to obtain a necessary secretary's book and envelopes for use after the first quarter of 1915.

About 1920 or 1921, under Rev. Frank Boroff, the Elida charge purchased the home of Dr. Brunk, to be used as a parsonage. The purchase price was \$16,000.



113 E. Main St., Elida
September 1915
This home was purchased



Elida Methodist
Episcopal Church
1911

The People of St. Paul's

A special thank you to our church family for your support and love during this time in the loss of our mother, Arleen Fetter.

The wind chimes will be a nice keepsake. Mom loved wind chimes and had several on her back patio.

Thank you again for everything you did to help us, especially to the "Crafty Creatures" members and Pastor Paul for a caring and loving service in her honor.

*Larry & Shirley Moser,
Ron & Mary Steiner*

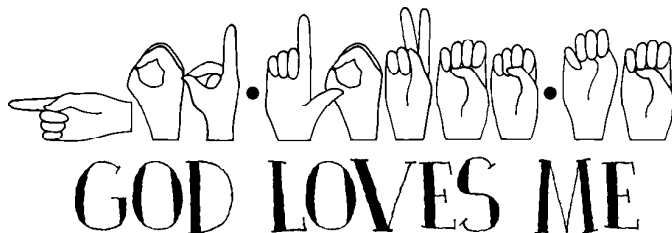
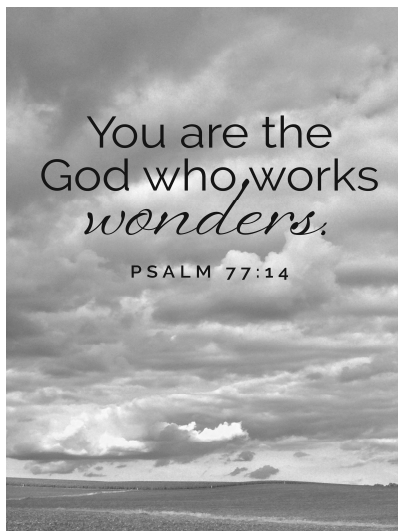


*Dear Small group members,
We have become so close as a group and this really showed in your generous support during this difficult time. Words cannot express how much everything you did was appreciated.*

The Family of Arleen Fetter

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers and for all your concern and prayers, also for the very nice visit from Pastor Paul, I'm so blessed.

Dee Johnson



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Fran Hall
Dee Johnson
Denny Thompson

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
Jan Soddors

In the Military & Missions



Prayer List

Updates

Please Contact

Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

No PPR Mtg.

May 3, 2016
Trustees...7:00 PM

May 4, 2016
Worship Mtg..6:00 PM

No Finance Mtg.

May 9, 2016
Ad Council...7:00 PM

No Missions Meeting

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

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir...7:00 PM

MAY 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Lily Bice	2 Bill Nichols 91 yrs.	3	4	5 Shelly Reiff	6 Zach Shoup	7
8 Happy Mother's Day!	9 Michael Whetstone	10 Larry Brunk	11	12	13 Glenna Kohli 82 yrs.	14
15 Logan Kinney	16 Mary Irvin Jennifer Kinney	17 Martha Vazquez	18	19 Korbin Crates Aaron Thompson Marlene Weaver	20 Karen Bible	21
22	23	24 Isaac McAdams	25 Carter Kuenzli	26 Torie McAdams	27 Scott Warris	28
29	30 	31				

Anniversaries

Pat & Pam Gaghen
May 3

Gary & Deb Hurd
May 19

Rod & Nancy Gesler
May 27
44 years

Dan & Margie Best
May 28



St. Paul's Featured Recipes

Vegetable Pizza

By Kathy White

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cans	Crescent rolls	Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2 -8 oz.	Cream cheese	
2 Tbl.	Mayonnaise	Open can of crescent rolls and press into bottom of jelly roll pan or cookie sheet with sides. No need to tear apart the crescent rolls. Bake for 10-12 minutes. Let cool.
1 pkg.	Hidden Valley Ranch dressing mix	
2 cups	Shredded cheese	Mix rest of ingredients (except cheese and veggies) and spread over baked crescent rolls. Sprinkle shredded cheese over top and garnish with your favorite chopped up veggies.
	Veggies	
		I like to use broccoli, cauliflower, and carrots.



Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts

By Myrna Metzger

Ingredients		Instructions
1 can	Whole water chestnuts	Preheat oven to 325 degrees.
	Bacon (cut in thirds)	
For sauce:		Wrap each chestnut in bacon. Secure with a toothpick. Place in baking dish. Bake 20 minutes. Pour off grease. Add sauce. Bake another 20-25 minutes.
1 cup	Ketchup	
1/2 cup	Brown sugar	Sauce: Mix ketchup and brown sugar. Bring to a light boil. Pour over chestnuts



KIDZ KORNER

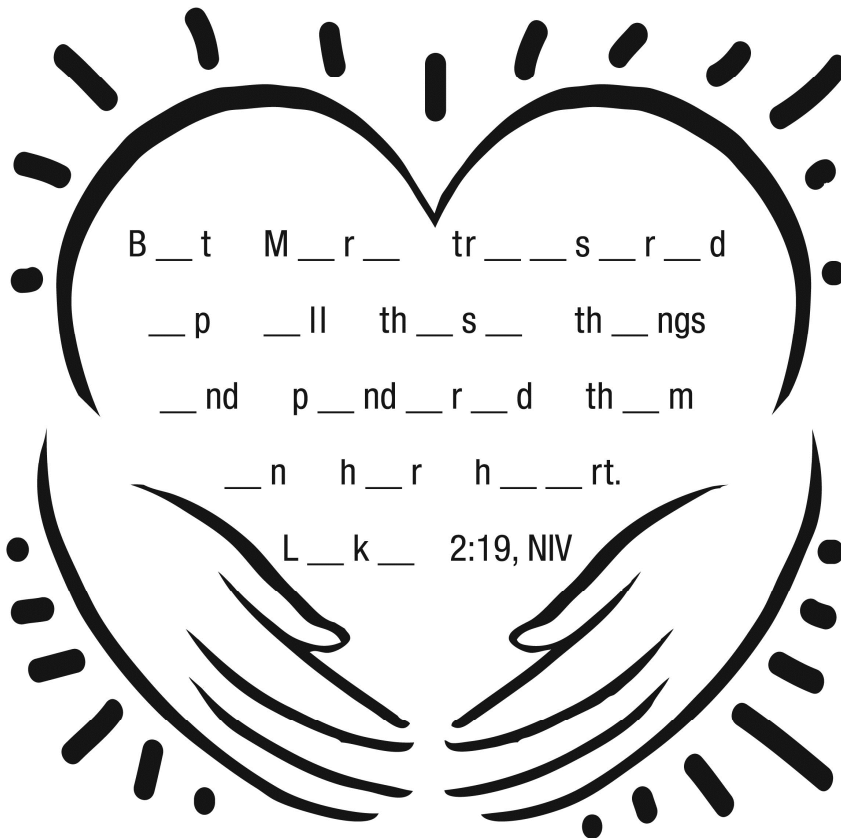


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

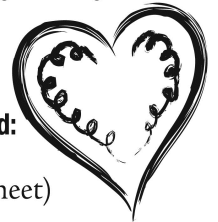
Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y



A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

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Living Our Faith

Just Keep Swimming ...



In Athens, the apostle Paul responded to the people's worship of "an unknown god" by declaring, "[God] is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being'" (Acts 17:23, 27-28, NIV).

Author Diana Butler Bass echoes that sentiment: "If the water is invisible to the fish, is God, as the One in whom we swim, also invisible?" (Grounded: Finding God in the World, Harper One).

I, in turn, am reminded of Dory, the blue tang fish in Finding Nemo. Feeling overwhelmed and alone, she chants to herself, "Just keep swimming, just keep swimming." When we feel alone and can't see God, it's not that he doesn't exist or can't be known; rather, he surrounds us so closely that sometimes we miss the fact. God is the Living Water in which we swim. Sometimes we need to just keep swimming until we become aware of that again.

—Heidi Mann

God Is the Fountain

God is the fountain whence
ten thousand blessings flow;
to him my life, my health and friends,
and every good, I owe.
The comforts he affords
are neither few nor small;
he is the source of fresh delights,
my portion and my all.
He fills my heart with joy,
my lips attunes for praise;
and to his glory I'll devote
the remnant of my days.

—Benjamin Beddome



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