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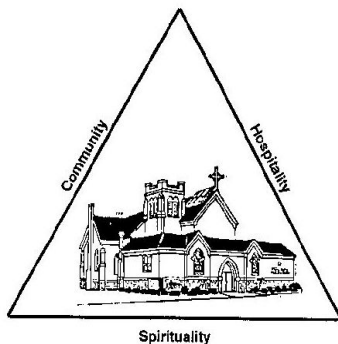
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May is always the time of year around our house when we begin the process of planting the garden and as I drive around the county I see farmers hard at work preparing and planting fields. The garden has always been something of a love/hate relationship for Marla. She does a wonderful job of preparing the soil, choosing the seeds and plants and weeding throughout the year. When gardeners and farmers plant seeds they place their hope in the unseen promise found in each seed. The idea of sowing seeds for a future harvest is fool hardy at best: weeds, insects, flood, drought, wind, all manner of problems will destroy the crops. Yet in faith we plant and it is that promise of rebirth and new life that speaks to our soul through the Story of God in the world. Not all the seeds we plant will bear fruit, but still we plant. Spring renews our hope of rebirth and new life. During this time following resurrection Sunday, we live as people who foolishly have the faith of those who plant with little hope of harvest because we have seen the miracle of the harvest Christ has planned because He Lives.

You may have noticed a little dirt in the side yard of the church. Fear not, we are upgrading our electrical service in preparation for a new heating unit in the sanctuary that could have air conditioning if that is what we decide as a congregation. More information will follow in the months ahead.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to say thank you to everyone who responded with suggestions for future sermon series. They are all very good and many will see their way into the pulpit over the next year. One was so good that it may well be next year's series during Lent. Good job, everyone, and remember, you can always give me ideas, suggestions or questions you would like covered from the pulpit.

See you in the mission field,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the
Month:

*Do not be afraid of
Tomorrow, for God is
already there.*

May 4
National Day of Prayer



Church Clean up Day
Saturday, May 6
at 8:00 AM

May 7
Coins for Communion
to benefit
West Ohio Conference United
Methodist Church Camps
Camp Wesley, Camp Otterbein,
Camp Wide Water

Seniors Day Out
May 16, 2017
12:00 Noon
Hawaiian Theme
All seniors welcome!

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

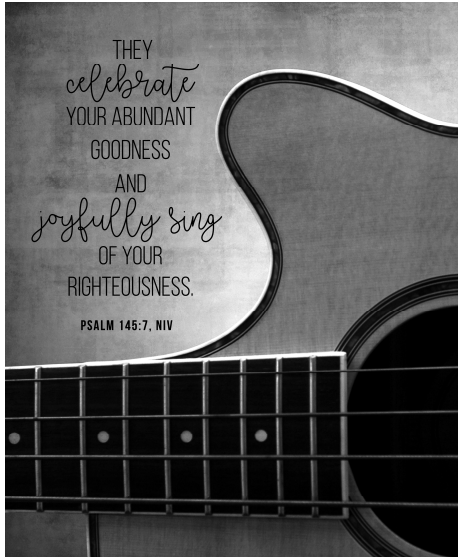
Newsletter
deadline:
the **16th**
of each month

May 14, 2017
Happy Mother's Day

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



Anyone interested in doing special music for the summer contact Judy Chaffins or the church office.

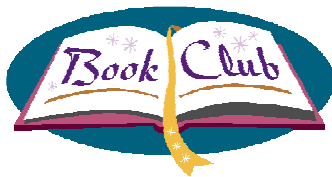


May 20, 2017
Armed Forces Day

May 29, 2017
Memorial Day
Office Closed

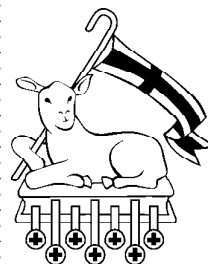


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Christian Symbol

Agnus Dei



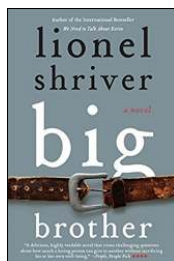
The Agnus Dei — Latin for “Lamb of God” — seated on a book (perhaps the Lamb’s Book of Life, Revelation 13:8), symbolizes the final judgment. The seven seals shown in the image align with the seven attributes that Christ is worthy to receive, according to praises around the heavenly throne: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” (Revelation 5:12, NIV).

St. Paul's Book Club

Saturday, June 3, 2017
 9:00 AM

We will be discussing Big Brother by Lionel Shriver.

Bring your own breakfast.



Congratulations Graduate



Beginning ... and Beginning Again

During the coming weeks, as you or loved ones celebrate graduation, remember it isn't a closed door, an end or a farewell. Instead, it's an entryway threshold, a beginning, a hello — and one of many such opportunities that mark life.

"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings, just as graduations are not terminations but commencements," writes Bernie Siegel. "Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

Of course, we can "create a perfect world" only by letting God guide our actions. So, dear graduates, may you partner with God to meet suffering with love, kindness and compassion through all the new beginnings of your life!

Aric Thompson will graduate in May from The Ohio State University with a degree in Economics. He will remain in Columbus for now. He will complete a part time job as an Economics Research Assistant and work as a valet at a downtown hotel while he is looking for his first post-graduation job. Cards may be sent to Aric at 1050 Buckskin Trl. Elida, OH 45807

Making the Grade

St. Paul's Honor Roll Students

Elida Schools:

- Makayla Bok
- Megan Emmons
- Joshua Guess
- Isaac McAdams

Spencerville Schools:

- Jenson Nagy



**PFC Nathan Stewart
United States Army**

Son of Ron and Ann Stewart
and grandson of Ruth Hardy



**LCpl Oliver Fessler
United States Marine Corps**

Son of Scott and Gail Fessler

Spotlight on Seniors

Meet **Bill and Joyce Nichols**. Bill was born in Lima, OH, on May 2, 1925, and grew up an only child. He attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from South High School. Bill played all kinds of sports in school, but he says he wasn't good at any of them. Somehow, I'm not really sure that is true! He worked at a grocery store for his grandfather and also worked as a caddy at a golf club.

Joyce was born in Lima, OH, on March 24, 1926. She had a younger brother, Jack, and a younger sister, Janet. Joyce also attended Washington Elementary School and graduated from South High School. Bill and Joyce met in school. She played volleyball in school and also volunteered as a candy-striper. Joyce later worked at Madison's Dress Shop and Sears.

Bill was in the U. S. Navy for 4 years. He served in Europe and the Pacific. He contracted malaria during his years in the service. After the service, Bill worked at Lima Meat Packing Co. until 1956, when he began working at the Ford Motor Co. Lima Engine Plant. After 30 years of service to Ford Motor Co., Bill retired in 1986.

Bill and Joyce were married on July 27, 1946, and will celebrate their 71st anniversary this summer. How wonderful for them. Congratulations! Bill and Joyce have 2 children. Their daughter, Cheryl, works at Otterbein in St. Marys and lives in St. Marys, OH. Their son, Craig, retired from the Ford Motor Co. and lives in Whitehouse, OH. They have 4 grandchildren: Karen, Rebecca, Chris and Michael. They also have 6 great-grandchildren.

The most exciting place they have traveled to is our 50th state, Hawaii. Bill and Joyce stay active and enjoy life. You will usually find them at the monthly Seniors Day Out lunches and each Sunday morning in the back pew on the left side of the sanctuary. This couple is absolutely delightful. What a joy it was to interview them for our Spotlight On Seniors page!



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
March 26, 2017	104
April 2, 2017	84
April 9, 2017 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	104
April 13, 2017 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	36
April 16, 2017 <i>Easter Sunrise</i>	75
April 16, 2017 <i>Easter 10 AM</i>	99
April 23, 2017	94

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



	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
March 26, 2017	\$2,497.00	\$1,059.61
April 2, 2017	\$4,802.00	\$369.27
April 9, 2017	\$2,303.01	\$369.81
April 16, 2017	\$2,822.06	\$669.86
April 23, 2017	\$3,095.00	\$387.00

Sunday School Attendance	
March 26, 2017	16
April 2, 2017	9
April 9, 2017	10
April 16, 2017	8
April 23, 2017	12

Greeters	
May 7, 2017	OPEN
May 14, 2017	OPEN
May 21, 2017	Margie Best & Jone Lane
May 28, 2017	OPEN

Hospitality Cart	
May 7, 2017	Deb Hurd & Margie Best
May 14, 2017	Ginny Doseck & Jone Lane
May 21, 2017	Bev Nesbitt
May 28, 2017	Choir

Flower Calendar	
May 7, 2017	Carl & Lois Rabley
May 14, 2017	Ray & Phyllis Trigg
May 21, 2017	Scott & Beth Warris
May 28, 2017	Dan & Margie Best

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 5/1

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Daniel 4:19-27
1 John 3:19-4:6, Luke 4:14-30

Tuesday 5/2

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Daniel 4:28-37
1 John 4:7-21, Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday 5/3

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Daniel 5:1-12
1 John 5:1-12, Luke 4:38-44

Thursday 5/4

Psalm 37, Daniel 5:13-30
1 John 5:13-20(21), Luke 5:1-11

Friday 5/5

Psalm 105, Daniel 6:1-15
2 John 1-13, Luke 5:12-26

Saturday 5/6

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Daniel 6:16-28
3 John 1-15, Luke 5:27-39

Sunday 5/7

Psalm 63, 98, 103
1 Peter 5:1-11, Matthew 7:15-29

Monday 5/8

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Colossians 1:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

Tuesday 5/9

Psalm 45, 47, 48
Colossians 1:15-23, Luke 6:12-26

Wednesday 5/10

Psalm 49, 119:49-72
Colossians 1:24-2:7, Luke 6:27-38

Thursday 5/11

Psalm 114, 115
Colossians 2:8-23, Luke 6:39-49

Friday 5/12

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Colossians 3:1-11, Luke 7:1-17

Saturday 5/13

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 7:18-28(29-30)31-35

Sunday 5/14

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
Matthew 7:7-14

Monday 5/15

Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65
Colossians 3:18-4:1-18
Luke 7:36-50

Tuesday 5/16

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Romans 12:1-21, Luke 8:1-15

Wednesday 5/17

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Romans 13:1-14
Luke 8:16-25

Thursday 5/18

Psalm 70, 71, 74
Romans 14:1-12, Luke 8:26-39

Friday 5/19

Psalm 106
Romans 14:13-23, Luke 8:40-56

Saturday 5/20

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Romans 15:1-13, Luke 9:1-17

Sunday 5/21

Psalm 34, 93, 96
1 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Matthew 13:24-34a

Monday 5/22

Psalm 77, 79, 80
Deuteronomy 8:1-10
James 1:1-15, Luke 9:18-27

Tuesday 5/23

Psalm 78, Deuteronomy 8:11-20
James 1:16-27, Luke 11:1-13

Wednesday 5/24

Psalm 119:97-120
James 5:13-18, Luke 12:22-31

Thursday 5/25

Psalm 8, 24, 47, 96
Ezekiel 1:1-14, 24-28b
Hebrews 2:5-18
Matthew 28:16-20

Friday 5/26

Psalm 85, 86, 91, 92
Ezekiel 1:28-3:3
Hebrews 4:14-5:6
Luke 9:28-36

Saturday 5/27

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Ezekiel 3:4-17
Hebrews 5:7-14
Luke 9:37-50

Sunday 5/28

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Ezekiel 3:16-27
Ephesians 2:1-10
Matthew 10:24-33, 40-42

Monday 5/29

Psalm 89, Ezekiel 4:1-17
Hebrews 6:1-12
Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday 5/30

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99
Ezekiel 7:10-15, 23b-27
Hebrews 6:13-20
Luke 10:1-17

Wednesday 5/31

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Ezekiel 11:14-25
Hebrews 7:1-17, Luke 10:17-24



The
God of all
grace
1 Peter 5:10

Easter Sunday



Easter Sunrise Service:
Lt. Brittany and Cody Scannell performed a duet.
Rt. Pastor Paul giving the Easter Sermon



Children had an Easter Egg hunt in the sanctuary, following the delicious breakfast provided by the Nurture committee.



Children's Bells
Directed by Judy Chaffins
Performed at 10:00 AM
Worship Service.



Choir Cantata at 10:00 Service:
"A Cantata in Three Suites"
By Benjamin Harlan
Directed by: Judy Chaffins
Accompaniment by: Lois Cook
Narrated By:
Pastor Paul Scannell
Sue Theodore
Art Holman



Church History

In June, 1991, the theme of the Vacation Bible School was "Sonward Ho." The children spent the week learning Bible stories, making crafts, playing games, singing songs and having fun with their friends. On June 9, the program was presented to the congregation. Cody Warris, son of Scott and Beth, was also baptized that day.

In October, the youth created a Haunted Basement. On Thursday and Friday evening at Halloween, people could walk through the basement for a 50-cent donation... and may or not be frightened from the experience!

The Cherub Choir, consisting of 12 young singers, sang for the congregation in January, November and December, 1991.

In December, over 20 children of St. Paul's presented the musical, "It's Christmas Around the World." It was directed by Janna Thompson, Jan Wyant, and Lois Cook.

On December 31st, the Koinonia Class had a New Year's Eve party. Everyone came dressed as a TV character. There were several "interesting" characters present.

In March, 1992, 11 young singers of the Cherub Choir sang for the morning worship. The Cherub Choir expanded to 14 singers when they sang again in December.

An Easter egg hunt was held for all the children of St. Paul's in the church with Rev. McGlade. After the eggs were found, games and relay races for the children were held in the basement.

Vacation Bible School was again held in the summer. Thanks to all the many children, and there was a very large number, who came to enjoy the stories, activities and snacks. Thanks, also to the many adults who helped make it all possible.

In February, 1993, the congregation celebrated Rev. McGlade's 41st birthday. Judy Chaffins had a sign announcing the occasion and the acolytes presented him with a balloon bouquet and a cake. The congregation sang a rousing "Happy Birthday."

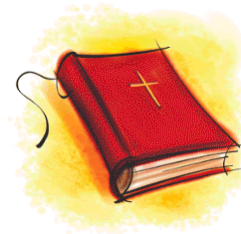
Twelve young people were confirmed on May 30, 1993. They included Mandy Broshe, Lori Chaffins, Valerie Cook, Kris Crates, Nicole Dunahay, Brian Foltz, Denise Foltz, Tonya Gossard, Mike Matlock, Steve Moser, David Thomas and Justin Wyant.



Remember When...



May, 1986
Confirmation Class



May 29, 1988
Service of Rededication
with Bishop & Mrs.
Edsel Ammons and
Rev. Puffenberger



May, 1997
Mother/Daughter Banquet
Ruthie Shaw as
"The Garden Lady"



Connecting With ...

Congratulations to **Chris and Molly (Fessler) Przekora** on the birth of their daughter **Peyton Mae**, born April 5, 2017, at 8:45 AM. She weighed 2 lbs. 15 oz. and was 15 1/4 inches long. Peyton was 7 weeks premature so will be in the NICU 3 to 4 weeks. Grandparents are Scott and Gail Fessler and Uncle Oliver Fessler. Cards may reach the Przekora family at 4458 Grand-lin St. Swartz Creek, Michigan 48473.



Congratulations to **Brian and Lindsey Rutter** on the birth of their son, **Paxton Adam**. He was born April 5, 2017, weighing 9 lbs. 11 oz. and 21 inches long. He was welcomed home by big brother, Brayden, proud grandparents, Jeff and Shelly Reiff and proud great grandparents, Dwain and Myrna Metzger. Cards may reach the Rutter family at 1703 Sherry Lee Dr. Lima, OH 45807



Congratulations



Congratulations to **Brent Crawford and Sara House** who were united in marriage, Saturday, April 8 at St. Paul's. Pastor Randy Pitney, a family friend, officiated the ceremony. Cards of congratulations may reach Brent and Sara at 9210 Reservoir Rd., Harrod, OH 45850.



Barb and Greg shade along with Brittany Scannell made special Australian treats for the kids in the EASY program.



Thank you to the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Volunteers. L to R. Jean Thomas, Corinne Piper, Helen Staas, Shara Bowsher, Dillon Staas, Gloria Brunk, Margie Best, Larry Brunk.

The People of St. Paul's

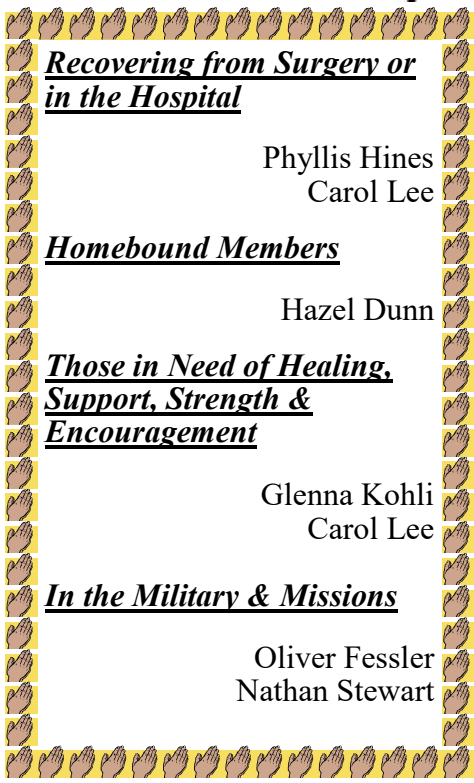
THANKS from the HEART

*To our St. Paul's family,
A very big thank you for the flowers, cards and prayers
our mother received while in the hospital.
You were there for all of us throughout the hospital
stay and subsequent death and funeral with tremendous
support, prayers, visits, cards, food and phone calls.
Thank you for the chimes that were sent to the funeral
and thank you to Pastor Paul for your visits, support
and conducting the funeral service. Many thanks also
to those who gave of their time to assist with the funeral
service. A huge thank you to all who planned, phoned
donated and worked on the wonderful funeral
luncheon. Several guest commented on the delicious
meal and what a testimony it was for the church to do
this. St. Paul's was there throughout the last month
doing the work of God and making a very difficult time
for us a little easier. Mom loved and appreciated her
church and her church was there with her in her last
days.*

*May God Bless this church and its people!
Lois Cook, Pam and Tony Lozano,
Doug and Lisa Hall and Families*



Remember in Prayer



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Phyllis Hines
Carol Lee

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Glenna Kohli
Carol Lee

In the Military & Missions

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart

*Thank you for the Wendy's
gift card. Your kindness,
prayers , and support is
greatly appreciated.*

Oliver Fessler



Sending Our SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy to Lois Cook, Pam Lozano, and Doug Hall and their families, on the passing of their mother, Fran Hall, who passed away, March 29. Fran was a member of St. Paul's for 60 years. Pastor Paul officiated her memorial service on Saturday, April 1.

New Address:

LCpl Oliver Fessler
P.O. Box 8372
Camp Lejeune, NC 28547



Meetings

MAY 2017

May 1, 2017
PPR Mtg...7:00 PM

May 2, 2017
Trustees...7:00 PM

May 3, 2017
Worship Mtg..6:00 PM

No Finance Meeting

May 8, 2017
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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 Lily Bice	2 Bill Nichols	3	4	5 Shelly Reiff	6 Zach Shoup
7	8	9 Michael Whetstone	10 Larry Brunk	11	12	13 Glenna Kohli
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			

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Pat & Pam Gaghan
 May 3

Gary & Deb Hurd
 May 19
 33 years

Rod & Nancy Gesler
 May 27
 45 years

Dan & Margie Best
 May 28

Happy Anniversary



Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Chicken Broccoli Casserole

Served at Seniors Day Out

Ingredients		Instructions
4	Chicken breast, boneless, skinless	<p>Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9x13 baking dish.</p> <p>Place chicken in large pot with water, add salt. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low simmer and cook chicken until tender, about 45 minutes. Drain chicken, cover, refrigerate until cool, then shred.</p> <p>Bring a medium pot of generously salted water to a boil. Add broccoli florets, and boil until crisp-tender, 2 to 3 min.</p> <p>Spread rice in an even layer in the baking dish. Make a second layer with the broccoli.</p> <p>In large bowl, mix chicken soup, sour cream, mayonnaise, lemon juice, shredded chicken, half the cheddar cheese and salt and pepper. Pour mixture over the broccoli and top with remaining cheddar cheese.</p> <p>Bake for 40 minutes. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.</p>
1 medium	Broccoli head, cut into small florets	
2 cups	White rice, cooked	
1 -10 oz. can	Cream of Chicken soup	
1 cup	Sour cream	
1/2 cup	Mayonnaise	
1Tbl.	Lemon juice	
10 oz.	Cheddar cheese, grated	

S'more Bars

By Margie Best

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 cup	Butter, softened	<p>In large bowl, cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in egg and vanilla.</p> <p>Combine flour, cracker crumbs, baking powder and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Set aside 1/2 cup for topping.</p> <p>Press remaining mixture into greased 9 inch square baking pan. Place candy bars over crust, spread with marshmallow crème.</p> <p>Crumble remaining graham cracker mixture over top.</p> <p>Bake at 350 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack. Cut into bars. Store in air tight container.</p>
3/4 cup	Sugar	
1 large	Egg	
1 tsp.	Vanilla extract	
1-1/3 cups	All-purpose flour	
3/4 cup	Graham cracker crumbs	
1 tsp.	Baking powder	
1/8 tsp	Salt	
5 bars	Chocolate candy	
1 cup	Marshmallow crème, melted	

KIDZ KORNER



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

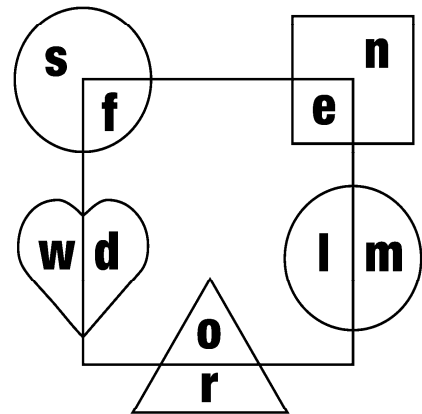


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

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Living Our Faith

Willing Recipients

A young graduate longed for a certain sports car and knew his dad could afford it. So on the big day, he was infuriated to receive instead a leather-bound, embossed Bible. He threw it down and left for good.

Years later, after his father died, the son entered his father's study with sorrow and regret. Sorting through belongings, he found the gift and this highlighted verse: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!" (Matthew 7:11, ESV). Suddenly something dropped from the back of the Bible: a key with a tag from the dealer of the car he'd wanted long ago. On the tag was his graduation date and the words "Paid in Full."

How often we miss out on God's generous gifts because they come "packaged" differently than we expect! At graduation — and throughout life — may we be open to every gift God bestows on us with a Father's deep love.

Restoring the Balance

In Springs in the Valley (Zondervan), pioneer missionary Lettie Cowman tells of a traveler making a trek through an African jungle. Native tribesmen who helped carry loads walked rapidly on day one, covering a great distance. Yet the next morning they refused to move. When the frustrated traveler asked the tribesmen why they were just sitting, they said they'd gone too fast on the first day and "were now waiting for their souls to catch up to their bodies."

Cowman writes, "This whirling rushing life which so many of us live does for us what that march did for those tribesmen. The difference: They knew they needed to restore life's balance; too often we do not."

God promises rest for our soul and body, so don't overlook the importance of physical restoration. Only by taking time to recharge can you be an effective laborer in God's kingdom.