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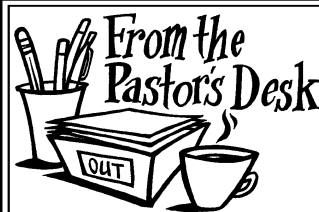
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Another month has slipped by and everyone is getting busy. Some of you are working on getting ready for the charge conference on October 11th, or the start of the EASY program. But I know all of you are very busy. Thank you for taking a few minutes to keep up with what is happening at church.

EASY is starting back this month and the Elida Area Community Center is expanding the program again this year to include 4 grades and up to 40 kids. They will be meeting in 2 places (St Paul's and Immanuel's) on Mondays and Wednesdays throughout the year. This is a great opportunity for all of us to build relationships in the community and share God's love through our actions.

You will have noticed already that some of the kids in church are helping out on Sunday morning with the liturgy. I'm very proud of each child who bravely stands before you each Sunday and I hope you will let them know how well they did and how brave they are.

Speaking of children, by the end of this month we will be filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. So keep an eye out all you bargain shoppers for some good sales to fill up your shoebox. Some of you have asked for an example of what to put into a box. I looked at the website and here is what NOT to get: toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; and aerosol cans. Here are some suggestions of what you CAN get: toys, stuffed animals, school supplies, soap, wash clothes, toothbrush, combs, hair bows and brushes, t-shirts, socks, hats, gloves, outfits, sunglasses, jewelry, watches, flashlights (w/ extra batteries), and handmade crafts just to name a few. I hope you will fill a box or maybe 10 boxes with love and good stuff for a child to experience Jesus' love in a Christmas box.

Finally, I am off to prison at the end of the month to participate in AOCI Kairos #2 here at the Lima Prison. If you have any questions about Kairos and what we do just track me down and ask. Thanks to everyone who is making cookies and praying for me, the team and the inmates. And thanks to all of you for letting me go do crazy stuff for God in the name of the church. I will be asking for a few more things over the next few weeks including coloring place mats and making a poster or two. God willing, hearts will be changed and lives will be saved through your efforts. See you around church and in the mission field.

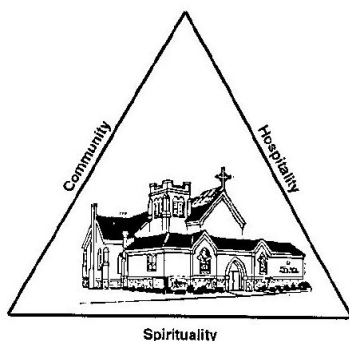
Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Be ye fishers of men;
you catch them...
He'll clean them.



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American Red Cross

Together, we can save a life

**American Red Cross Blood Drive
Immanuel UMC
Wednesday, October 7
2:00 to 6:00 PM**

Please call 1-800-RED Cross or go to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code "immumc" to schedule your blood donation appointment.

**Reformation Sunday
October 25**

**Lima Area Methodist
Men's breakfast**

**Saturday, October 10th
8:00 AM
St. Paul's is hosting**

**We hope all of our St. Paul's men
can make it to the breakfast.**



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

Christian Symbol

Oak

Oak trees are common in Israel, and, according to tradition, Jesus' cross may have been made of oak. In the Old Testament, oaks often symbolize strength and longevity. In Hebrew, the words for oak and providence are related, and some important biblical events take place near, or are marked by, oak trees; for example, "The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre ..." (Genesis 18:1, NRSV).



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'Coins for Communion'
October 4
To benefit Family Promise




**WORLD
 COMMUNION
 SUNDAY**

**Join Us In Mission
 to Our Neighborhood**

October 29, 2015
Trick or Treat in Elida

St. Paul's will once again be giving out hot chocolate and coffee to the parents of trick-or-treaters. We will need volunteers to help get the drinks ready and to serve on Trick-or-Treat Night. If you would like to be part of this, call the church office. or let Tim Piper know.

It's a fun evening activity to meet our neighbors.




Food Pantry Sunday
October 18

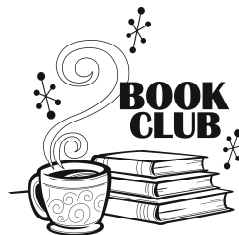
Donations are taken to
 the Church at
 Allentown

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

St. Paul's Book Club
 Saturday, October 10, 2015
 9:00 AM

Book discussion about
The First Phone Call from Heaven
 By Mitch Albom

Bring your own breakfast.



Seniors Day Out
 Tuesday,
 October 20

12:00 noon
 in the Fellowship Hall

All Seniors welcome

Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
Friday, October 30th

**Volunteers needed
 to help prepare and serve
 the noon meal.**

**Please contact Tim Piper
 if you can help.**

Missions

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories. We partner with local churches to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who receive shoebox gifts and offer a 12-lesson discipleship program, The Greatest Journey, that helps boys and girls learn what it means to follow the Lord and share their faith with others.

At St. Paul's, we will begin collecting boxes on **October 25 through November 15**. In those weeks, information will be presented on the four Sundays regarding how to collect items, pack shoeboxes, and how to prepare them for shipment. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this project. Last year we collected 100 boxes. Let's double that this year.

OCC Coordinator,
Jamie Wyant



Thank You to everyone who donated School and Health kits!

Thank you to **Maedene Holmes** for heading up this missions project. The kits were assembled on Wednesday, September 16, by Maedene Holmes, Lynda Evans, Bev Nesbitt, Tim Piper, Pastor Paul Scannell and Jean Thomas. Pastor Paul delivered the kits to the North West Plains District office in Ottawa to be taken to the Festival of Sharing for Church World Services.

We had a record number of kits donated again this year.

Total :
School Kits = 116
Health Kits = 36



Harvest

A Season to Remember

By Bernice Peers

*Today I walked a garden path to feast of harvest scene,
To hold within my heart before winter does convene.*

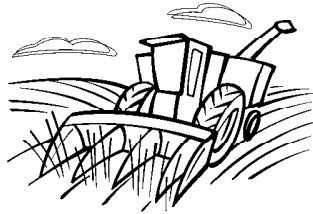
*A tinge of autumn air inspired my treasure quest;
Glorified trees, emblazoned leaf gave first of vision blest.*

*Hither and yon, a rabbit scurried at fast pace
Busy building winter home now that Fall had shown her face.*

*Pumpkin, squash, and melon sparkled in the sun;
Hedge apple, Indian corn, pheasant on the run.*

*A farmer's house, a barn, the glint of golden grain,
Fireplace log, and chestnut gave proof of weathervane.*

*Coming to the end of path restored of autumn's gold,
I thanked God for these gifts and now let winter scene take hold.*



Faith Statement

I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest, who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand;

I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full;

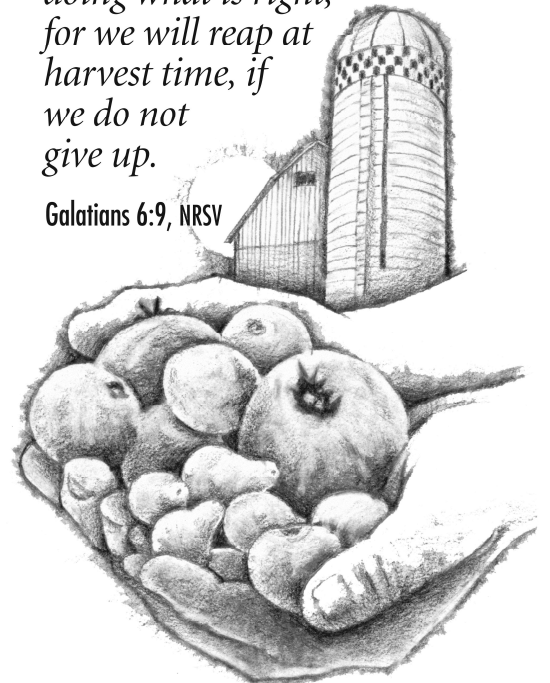
I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver;

I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger; for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

—John Killinger,
Lost in Wonder, Love and Praise

*So let us not grow weary in
doing what is right,
for we will reap at
harvest time, if
we do not
give up.*

Galatians 6:9, NRSV



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

August 30, 2015	95
September 6, 2015	86
September 13, 2015	89
September 20, 2015	81
September 27, 2015	96

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
August 30, 2015	\$3,394.00	\$451.35
September 6, 2015	\$4,782.00	\$508.80
September 13, 2015	\$3,739.43	\$432.86
September 20, 2015	\$1,262.35	\$651.00
September 27, 2015	\$2,320.00	\$438.22

Sunday School Attendance

August 30, 2015	12
September 6, 2015	10
September 13, 2015	16
September 20, 2015	14
September 27, 2015	19

Greeters

October 4, 2105	Evelyn Sarber
October 11, 2015	Bill & Joyce Nichols
October 18, 2015	Dillon & Helen Staas
October 25, 2015	Susan Nartker

Flower Calendar



October 4, 2015	Dillon & Helen Staas
October 11, 2015	Scott & Gail Fessler
October 18, 2015	Jean Thomas
October 25, 2015	Larry & Shirley Moser

Communion Servers October

Station #1	OPEN
Station #2	OPEN
Station #3	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday 10/1

Psalm 105, 2 Kings 18:28-37
1 Corinthians 9:1-15
Matthew 7:22-29

Friday 10/2

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
2 Kings 19:1-20
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday 10/3

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108
2 Kings 19:21-36
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 8:18-27

Sunday 10/4

Psalm 118, 145, 2 Kings 20:1-21
Acts 12:1-17, Luke 7:11-17

Monday 10/5

Psalm 106
2 Kings 21:1-18
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Matthew 8:28-34

Tuesday 10/6

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126
2 Kings 22:1-13
1 Corinthians 11:2-22
Matthew 9:1-8

Wednesday 10/7

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
2 Kings 22:14-23:3
1 Corinthians 11:23-34
Matthew 9:9-17

Thursday 10/8

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135
2 Kings 23:4-25
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Matthew 9:18-26

Friday 10/9

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
2 Kings 23:36-24:17
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Matthew 9:27-34

Saturday 10/10

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Jeremiah 35:1-19
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3
Matthew 9:35-10:4

Sunday 10/11

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Jeremiah 36:1-10
Acts 14:8-18, Luke 7:36-50

Monday 10/12

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Jeremiah 36:11-26
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Matthew 10:5-15

Tuesday 10/13

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
Jeremiah 36:27-37:2
1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Matthew 10:16-23

Wednesday 10/14

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Jeremiah 37:3-21
1 Corinthians 14:13-25
Matthew 10:24-33

Thursday 10/15

Psalm 18, Jeremiah 38:1-13
1 Corinthians 14:26-40
Matthew 10:34-42

Friday 10/16

Psalm 16, 17, 22
Jeremiah 38:14-28
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 11:1-6

Saturday 10/17

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
2 Kings 25:8-12, 22-26
1 Corinthians 15:12-29
Matthew 11:7-15

Sunday 10/18

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
Acts 16:6-15, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Monday 10/19

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Jeremiah 44:1-14
1 Corinthians 15:30-41
Matthew 11:16-24

Tuesday 10/20

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Lamentations 1:1-5(6-9) 10-12
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday 10/21

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Lamentations 2:8-15
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Matthew 12:1-14

Thursday 10/22

Psalm 37, Ezra 1:1-11
1 Corinthians 16:1-9
Matthew 12:15-21

Friday 10/23

Psalm 31, 35, Ezra 3:1-13
1 Corinthians 16:10-24
Matthew 12:22-32

Saturday 10/24

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Ezra 4:7, 11-24
Philemon 1-25, Matthew 12:33-42

Sunday 10/25

Psalm 63, 98, 103, Haggai 1:1-2:9
Acts 18:24-19:7, Luke 10:25-37

Monday 10/26

Psalm 41, 44, 52, Zechariah 1:7-17
Revelations 1:4-20
Matthew 12:43-50

Tuesday 10/27

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Ezra 5:1-17
Revelations 4:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9

Wednesday 10/28

Psalm 49, 119:49-72, Ezra 6:1-22
Revelations 5:1-10
Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday 10/29

Psalm 50, Nehemiah 1-1:11
Revelation 5:11-6:11
Matthew 13:18-23

Friday 10/30

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Nehemiah 2:1-20
Revelations 6:12-7:4
Matthew 13:24-30

Saturday 10/31

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Nehemiah 4:1-23
Revelations 7:4-17
Matthew 13:31-35

Spotlight On Emma Scannell

This summer, through Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp International Program, I had the opportunity to tour Europe with a dance ensemble of twenty-five people. We traveled through four different countries: France, Germany, Czech Republic, and Belgium. Host families from each country opened up their homes to us, and showed us around their city. We went to:

- Berlin, Germany
- Prague, Czech Republic
- Mulhouse, France
- Genk, Belgium
- Maasmechelen, Belgium
- Tullins, France

This was an amazing opportunity to grow both artistically and culturally.
Thank you for all of your support and prayers.



A group of us at the Berlin Wall

My host family from France



Little Venice in France



The Eiffel Tower



Allen County Fair

Fair Chairs 2015

On the 29th of August, St. Pauls church people set up 4,400 labeled chairs, and later took down those same chairs for the concert at the fair. Everything ran smoothly and the last chair went into the truck around 12:10 AM Sunday morning. The church was compensated \$2,240; \$1,800.00 of this money will go towards refurbishing the landscaping in front of the church. Also, the Koinonia class provided \$5,000 as an unrestricted gift to the trustees to be used at their discretion.

The class would like to thank all who participated in setting up and taking down the chairs. Also, a special thank you to Denny Thompson and Kathy White for contacting some high school youth who provided much needed assistance.

Thank!
You!

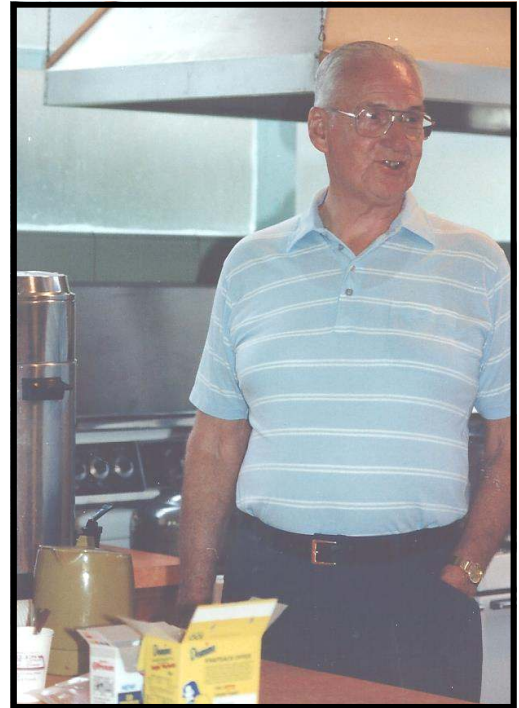


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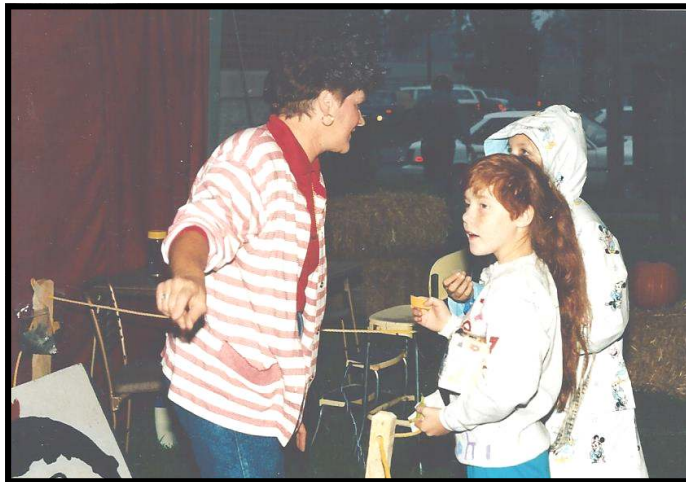
St. Paul's UMC held its first Fun Festival on a Saturday in October, 1989.

The festival included 30 craft booths, a children's tent with carnival games, prizes, and clowns, entertainment, soup and sandwich lunch with homemade pies, spaghetti supper with Italian dessert and a silent auction.

A good time was had by all!



John Reynolds
Master Coffeemaker



Above: Myrna Metzger with Carnival Game

Below: Eddie Mault as Circuit Rider



Below: Clowns
Jaime Koch, Christie Steiner



Connecting With ...



The Children's Choir, consisting of Tara Gaghen, Lena Whetstone, Sherilyn and Adrianna Ellinger, sang "The Caterpillar Song" and the "Happy Day Express" on Sunday, September 13, 2015. Thank you to Shirley Moser for directing the children!



Tony Lozano provided the special music on August 30th. Tony sang "He Touched Me" by W. J. Gaither.

Thank you, Tony!



Blessing of the book bags August 30, to help our school-age children, college students, and teachers get their year off to a good start.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to **Ashley Irvin** who was chosen to be on the 2015 Ohio State Marion Homecoming court. She will represent Ohio State Marion at events on campus, in the community, and during Homecoming festivities on the Columbus campus the week of October 5-10. Ashley is the daughter of **Jerry and Toni Irvin** and granddaughter of **Don and Mary Irvin**.



The People of St. Paul's

thank you

Dear People of St. Paul's,

Thank you so much for everything! I really loved the beautiful flowers you sent to brighten my recovery time. I truly appreciate all the cards filled with good wishes for me. And a special "Thank you" to Pastor Paul for the multiple visits.

Thanks again to my church family,
Love,
Sue Theodore

St. Paul's UMC,

Thank you so much for the beautiful birthday cards. I enjoyed and appreciated every one of them.

God Bless,
Jean Redd

Dear St. Pauls UMC,

Mary and I would like to thank you for all the prayers, support, and the love given to us thru our son's death.

We also thank you all for the meal after the funeral. Special thanks, goes to Pastor Paul for all his love and support.

With love,
Ron & Mary Steiner



Remember in Prayer



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Sue Theodore

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
Glenna Kohli

In the Military

Dani Milke



In Christian Sympathy

Our Sympathy to Ron and Mary Steiner on the death of their son, Brian Steiner, 43, who passed away Monday, September 7th, at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus. Pastor Paul and Rev. John Wooden conducted a memorial service on Thursday, September 10th. Brian is survived by his sister, Christie Lewis and her family, and his aunt and uncle, Shirley and Larry Moser.

Our condolences to Ginny Doseck and her family on the death of her nephew, Mike Garlock who was 32 with a wife and two young children.

Prayer List

Updates

Please Contact

Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

October 6, 2015
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 7, 2015
Worship Team..6:00 PM

October 12, 2015
Finance ...7:00 PM

PPR...TBA

No Ad Council

TBA

Missions...7:00 PM

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

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir..7:00 PM

OCTOBER

2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Anniversaries



Dillon & Helen Staas
October 6; 63 yrs.

Barry & Cyndi Smith
October 8

Zack & Katie White
October 9

Gary & Shirley Adams
October 10; 63 yrs.

Scott & Gail Fessler
October 15

Ron & Ann Stewart
October 19

Nick & Jacinda Perry
October 20

Nate & Tonya Craft
October 27

				1 Brent McAdams	2 Reed Chambers Carter Craft Kay McAdams	3 Beth Warris
4 Kim White	5 Corinne Piper Blake Selover	6 Molly Fessler	7 Denny Thompson Brogan Wyant	8	9 Paysen Wyant	10 Marty Hannah 90 yrs. Ray Trigg
11 Slone Whetstone	12 Bill McKinney	13 Hazel Dunn 96 yrs.	14 Sam Kinney	15	16 Evelyn Sarber 96 yrs.	17
18 Brad Whetstone Ayva Wyant	19 Kelsey Smith	20 Stacy Alexander	21	22	23	24 Kim Holmes Nick White
25 Chris Bowsher Phyllis Hines	26 Tonya Craft	27	28	29 John Fletcher Shirley Moser	30 Mike Matlock	31 Jerry Bean

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Neiman Marcus Dip

Served at the hospitality cart

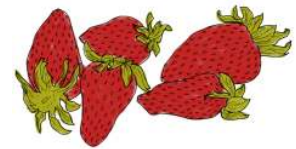
By Jan Wyant

Ingredients		Instructions
5-6	Green onions	Chop the green onions.
8 oz.	Cheddar cheese, shredded	Shred the cheddar cheese.
1 1/2 cups	Mayonnaise or Miracle Whip	Mix the onions, cheese, mayo, bacon bits and slivered almonds together.
1 jar	Hormel Real Bacon bits	Serve with crackers or corn chips.
1 pkg.	Slivered almonds	

Strawberry-Tapioca Pudding

By Shirley Shoup

Ingredients		Instructions
1 (3-oz) box	Strawberry jello	Mix all 3 boxes with 3 cups of hot water. Bring to a boil, then remove from heat and cool.
1 (3-oz) box	Tapioca pudding	Refrigerate overnight if possible.
1 (3-oz) box	Vanilla instant pudding	Stir in Cool Whip and strawberries.
3 cups	Hot water	Refrigerate until ready to serve.
1 (9-oz)	Cool Whip	
1 pint (or more)	Fresh strawberries	



KIDZ KORNER

BLESSING BAGS



Make these practical gifts to share blessings with homeless people and others in need.

What you need:

- Gallon-size zippered baggies
- Clothing (socks, mittens, scarves, rain ponchos)
- Travel-size toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, sunscreen, lip balm, lotion, tissues, bandages)
- Snacks
- Water bottles
- Paper
- Pencil

What you do:

1. Pack baggies with supplies listed above (and more, if desired).
2. Write encouraging notes (including Bible verses), and add them to the baggies.
3. Keep the gifts in your car, and give them to people who are homeless or asking for help.



meeting needs

The Bible emphasizes the importance of giving to people in need. In Matthew 6:1-4, Jesus describes the proper attitude for giving.

*Directions: Starting at the *B and going counterclockwise, write every other letter on the lines below. Continue until you've completed Matthew 6:3, NIV.*



“B _____

_____ g.”

MATTHEW 6:3, NIV

Answer: “But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.” Matthew 6:3, NIV

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Living Our Faith



The Beauty of Growing Old

“How beautifully leaves grow old,” wrote 19th century essayist John Burroughs. “How full of light and color are their last days.”

Society doesn't think highly of old age. Beauty products tout the supposed virtues of maintaining a youthful appearance. Older adults' wisdom, born of much life experience, is often disparaged, ignored or not sought. But God says this about the righteous, whose lives are rooted in him: “In old age they still produce fruit”; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is upright” (Psalm 92:14-15, NRSV).

The aging leaves of autumn can prompt us to look for beauty in the seniors among us, to notice the “light and color” that still abound. From all the fruit they still produce—service, prayer, love—may we learn about living faithfully until our own “last days.”

-Heidi Mann

The B-I-B-L-E

I have worked at the Bible, prayed over the Bible, lived by the Bible for more than 60 years, and I tell you there is no book like the Bible. It is a miracle of literature, a perennial spring of wisdom, a wonder-book of surprises, a revelation of mystery, an infallible guide of conduct and an unspeakable source of comfort.

Give no heed to people who discredit it, for they speak without knowledge. It is the Word of God in the inspired speech of humanity. Read it for yourself. Read it thoroughly. Study it according to its own directions. Live by its principles. Believe its message. Follow its precepts.

No man is uneducated who knows the Bible, and no man is wise who is ignorant of its teachings. Every day is begun at its open page. It lies close at hand in all my work. I never go anywhere without it, and it is my chief joy.

-Samuel Chadwick

