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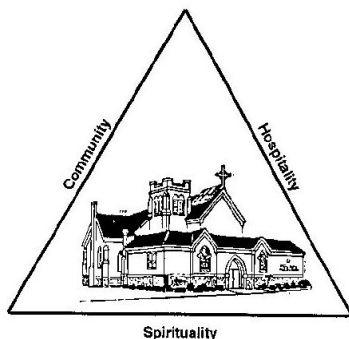
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October, already; that can mean only one thing. At Worship Committee meeting this month someone is going to ask about Christmas! I will worry about that later because there are a lot of things to talk about this month. First a BIG thank you, thank you, thank you! Wow! I am overwhelmed by your willingness to step up and pledge not only for the heating and air conditioning but also for what you gave to our regular budget. Way to go team. St. Paul's, you're the BEST. I must admit something. I did not expect the upfront amount to be that high and you have taken a lot of the pressure off the Finance Committee having to worry about mortgage or no mortgage. Good job everyone; no mortgage it is.

October also means the beginning of the EASY (Elida After School Youth) program here at St Paul's sponsored by the EACC (Elida Area Community Center). For those of you who are new, EASY is an after school program for kids in grades 5 through 8 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3 to 5 pm. We eat (of course), we help with homework (I still don't like it), and we work on life skills. Sometimes the life skills are as simple as making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or as complicated as an internal combustion engine and everything in between. It is our chance to build relationships with the kids, with their families, with our school, and with our community and building relationships changes lives. Their lives and our lives are never the same after a season of EASY and I want to invite you to be a part of that transformation in whatever way you can help.

Finally, at the end of this month EACC is going to have a Trunk or Treat event here at St. Paul's in our parking lot. It will happen on the night Elida does trick or treating and you are invited to come on down and hand out candy by your car in the parking lot of the church. I believe my wife and I have our costumes started and I am sure I will decorate around my car. Brittany has said she is handing out candy, so I can go around and trunk or treat with the kids. Come hand out candy and show the community that we are not just another building in Elida but that we care about our community and love them like Jesus loves them.

Besides, it is the perfect chance to come laugh at your pastor in his silly costume.

See you in the mission field,

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.

—Jim Bishop

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'Coins for Communion'
October 1
To benefit Family Promise



Seniors Day Out

Tuesday, October 17

12:00 noon
 in the Fellowship Hall

All Seniors welcome

St. Paul's Book Club

Saturday, October 7, 2017
 9:00 AM

Book discussion about

Girl Runner

By Carrie Snyder

Bring your own breakfast.



Food Pantry Sunday October 15

Donations are taken to
 the Church at
 Allentown



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

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

October is

**PASTOR
 APPRECIATION**
Month

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EASY Elida After School Youth

The Easy program starts up the
 2017/2018 school year on **October 2nd.**

EASY meets Monday and Wednesday,
 3:00 to 5:00 PM., in the fellowship hall.
 Volunteer's are needed to work in all
 sorts of capacity. Contact the church
 office or see Corinne Piper or Marla
 Scannell if interested in volunteering.

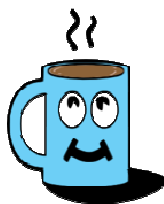




Join Us In Mission to Our Neighborhood

**October 26
Trick or Treat in Elida
5 to 7 PM**

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



**EACC Trunk or Treat
October 26 from 5-7 PM
St. Paul's Church parking lot**

EACC and St. Paul will be hosting the first annual Trunk or Treat on Elida's trick or treat night. We are looking for people who do not have trick-or-treaters coming to their homes to come and open their trunks and pass out goodies. Candy donations are needed. Please pray about participating in this new adventure.

If interested see or call Marla Scannell at
419-909-9419

Thank you in advance for your help!



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Christian Symbol

**October 29, 2017
Reformation Sunday**

Our confidence in Christ does not make us lazy, negligent or careless, but on the contrary it awakens us, urges us on and makes us active in living righteous lives and doing good. There is no self-confidence to compare with this.

—Ulrich Zwingli,
Swiss leader of early Reformation
movements

Cornerstone

A cornerstone harkens back to God's pronouncement in Isaiah 28:16 that he "has laid as a foundation in Zion ... a precious cornerstone." Ephesians 2:20 declares that Jesus is the cornerstone of the household of God. The letters IHC and XP are abbreviations for "Jesus" and "Christ" in ancient Greek.



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 shoeboxes on **Sunday, October 22. National Collection week is November 13 to 20.** In those weeks, information will be presented 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 over 160 boxes.

OCC Coordinator,
Jamie Wyant

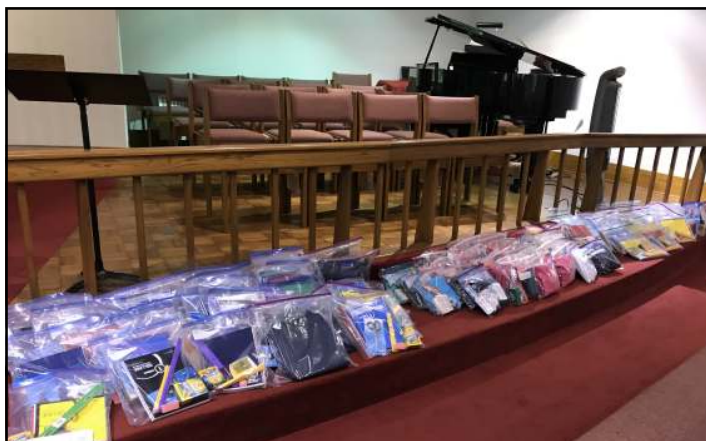


Thank You to everyone who donated School and Health kits!

Thank you to **Maedene Holmes** for heading up this missions project. The kits were assembled on Tuesday, September 12, by **Maedene Holmes, Bev Nesbitt, and Martha Vazquez.** **Pastor Paul** delivered the kits to Lima Westside UMC 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 = 100
Health Kits = 50



Capital Campaign

Financial Update

The Finance committee would like to thank everyone who pledged during this fall's Stewardship drive. The campaign's two different areas were a complete success and your generosity shows your love of St. Paul's and support of the work of the church.

The unified budget as of September 14th was pledged to \$120,928.

The Capital Campaign total pledged is \$68,908 with \$41,330 pledged upfront (2017) and \$27,578 over the next 2 years.

The Finance Committee



thank
you

Thank you to Ron Steiner and the Trustees Committee for getting the quotes and total cost of this heating and cooling project. To all the volunteers who worked diligently under some very dirty conditions tearing out the ceiling, pressure washing and painting the old basement to prepare for the renovations to accommodate the new heating and cooling system. To Art Holman and Finance Committee, Tim Piper and the Ad Council Committee and Pastor Paul for coming together to present this Capital Campaign and Stewardship drive to the congregation.



Can you guess who this is??

He worked in the old basement tearing out the ceiling.

See page 12 for answer

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

September 3, 2017	79
September 10, 2017	86
September 17, 2017	95
September 24, 2017	79

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
September 3, 2017	\$3,564.00	\$10,675.54
September 10, 2017	\$2,140.00	\$8,198.87
September 17, 2017	\$2,777.00	\$10,161.00
September 24, 2017	\$2,623.00	\$5,261.50

Sunday School Attendance

September 3, 2017	7
September 10, 2017	11
September 17, 2017	11
September 24, 2017	10

Greeters

October 1, 2017	Jerry & Becky Bean
October 8, 2017	Evelyn Sarber
October 15, 2017	OPEN
October 22, 2017	Marty & Kathy White
October 29 2017	OPEN

Flower Calendar



October 1, 2017	Don & Maedene Holmes
October 8, 2017	Dillon & Helen Staas
October 15, 2017	Scott & Gail Fessler
October 22, 2017	Jean Thomas
October 29, 2017	Larry & Shirley Moser

Hospitality Cart

October 1, 2017	Janet Grigg
October 8, 2017	OPEN
October 15, 2017	OPEN
October 22, 2017	Choir
October 29, 2017	Scannell Family

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday 10/1

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
2 Kings 17:1-18
Acts 9:36-43, Luke 5:1-11

Monday 10/2

Psalm 89, 2 Kings 17:24-41
1 Corinthians 7:25-31
Matthew 6:25-34

Tuesday 10/3

Psalm 95, 100, 2 Chronicles 29:1-3
1 Corinthians 7:32-40
Matthew 7:1-12

Wednesday 10/4

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
2 Kings 18:9-25
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Matthew 7:13-21

Thursday 10/5

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

Friday 10/6

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

Saturday 10/7

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

Sunday 10/8

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

Monday 10/9

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

Tuesday 10/10

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126
2 Kings 22:1-13
1 Corinthians 11:2, 17-22
Matthew 9:1-8

Wednesday 10/11

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

Thursday 10/12

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

Friday 10/13

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

Saturday 10/14

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

Sunday 10/15

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

Monday 10/16

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

Tuesday 10/17

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

Wednesday 10/18

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

Thursday 10/19

Psalm 18, Jeremiah 38:1-13
1 Corinthians 14:26-33a, 37-40
Matthew 10:34-42

Friday 10/20

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

Saturday 10/21

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

Sunday 10/22

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

Monday 10/23

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

Tuesday 10/24

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

Wednesday 10/25

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

Thursday 10/26

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

Friday 10/27

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

Saturday 10/28

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

Sunday 10/29

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

Monday 10/30

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

Tuesday 10/31

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

Brad Joseph Memorial



THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH
MEMORIAL FUND

On Sunday, September 17th, John Fleming presented Pastor Paul with the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing winners plaque, to be permanently displayed at St. Paul's Church between outings. Brad Joseph, a vital member of St. Paul's church was tragically killed in an auto accident ten years ago. Brad was a youth director, sang in our choir and went on medical mission trips each year. The annual memorial golf outing raises funds each year to provide up to three scholarships for students to go on medical mission trips around the world. Elida St. Paul's church is a supporter and participant in this outing. John Fleming also presented a check to Pastor Paul to be used to establish a Brad Joseph Scholarship Fund at St. Paul's church to help sponsor children to attend church camp/events and for adults to pursue events that will enhance St. Paul's mission field. We wish to thank John Fleming for his ongoing efforts to keep Brad's heart-for-mission alive and make a difference in the lives of people all over the world.

Presentation of Golf Outing Plaque.



Presentation of Camp Scholarship check.



Church History

In April, 1999, the youth group began renovating their meeting room in the old basement. They worked very hard on this project and had some good times along the way. That was followed by a Bowl-A-Thon and then Lakeside in the summer. Eight youth – Megan Gossard, Sara Matlock, Chris Myers, Mike Myers, Erin Peters, Aaron Piper, Jim Thomas, and Jordan Wyant – and four adults – Brad Joseph, Todd Hanes, Jan Wyant, and Coninne Piper - enjoyed their busy time at Lakeside. They attended the candlelight service at the end of the week.

A group of adults and youth went on the Red Bird Mission Trip to Clarksville, TN, in the summer. They worked hard and accomplished many tasks, but took time out to play volleyball!

Later in the summer the Youth Group went water skiing on Lake Erie. All returned safe and sound. The year ended with a Christmas Party for the Youth Group.

St. Paul United Methodist Church received a certificate for participating in the 1999 Festival of Sharing from the Lima District Festival of Sharing Committee.

In March, 2000, the congregation celebrated Rev. Heck's 50th birthday with a cake and punch reception after the service. Ruth Shaw got a picture of Rev. Heck at a younger age with very long hair, had it enlarged to poster size, and presented it to her. Rev. Heck now has very short hair.

Eight youth were confirmed on April 23, 2000: Amanda Crates, Chris Myers, Ashley Reiff, Mallory Rentz, David Segovia, Troy Selover, Tyler Smith and Tim White. Gene Craft and Martha Vazquez assisted Rev. Heck with the confirmation class.

In May, 2000, Rev. Heck and Kate Holman participated with 21 people from other churches in a mission trip to Mexico.

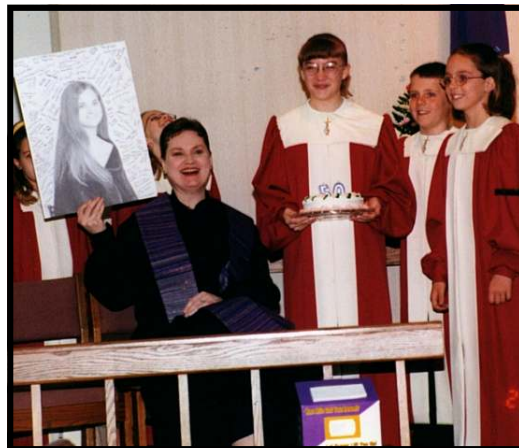
Bible School in 2000 was done with Immanuel United Methodist Church and held at Elida Middle School. There were many children and adults participating from both churches.

That August, once again the Koinonia Class led the way with one of their annual fundraisers: setting up and taking down the chairs for the Allen Co. Fair grandstand concert. Church members of every age, in addition to the Koinonia members, helped with this project, as the money earned benefits the whole church.

In 2000, St. Paul received a certificate "In Recognition of Your Contribution to the 2000 Festival of Sharing" from the Lima District Festival of Sharing Committee.



July, 1999
Youth Room Renovation



March, 2000
Rev. Heck's 50th Birthday

Remember When...

October, 1991

The Youth prepared a haunted basement as a fundraiser. For a 50 cent donation you could go in the haunted basement and may or may not be scared!



October, 1994

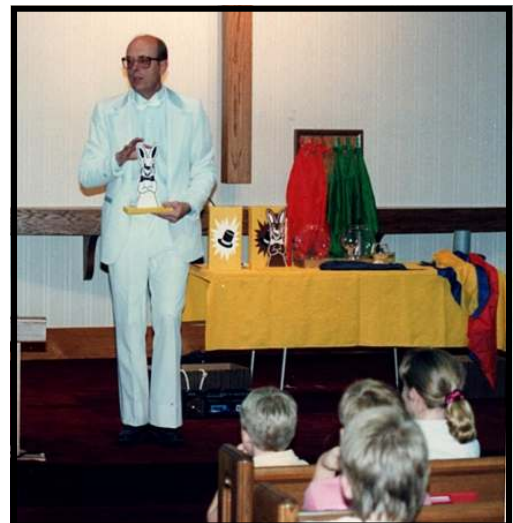
Koinonia Halloween Party

Jan and Jamie Wyant came dressed in costumes.



October, 1989

Gene Craft performing magic at Fun Festival



Connecting With ...



Congratulations to Samantha Myers, David Scannell's fiancée on her graduation from Michigan University, Dearborn campus. Samantha received her certificate for Pharmacy Technician and is looking for a job where she can prepare special IV bags for patients in a hospital setting.

An Ice cream social was held on Sunday, September 10, following the worship service. Thank you to the Nurture Committee for organizing this event.



Below: Seniors Day Out, September 19. Guest speaker, Joel Mengerink, Elida Schools Superintendent.



Thank you to Myrna Metzger for refreshing the looks of the east entryway, and to Larry and Shirley Moser for cleaning the carpets.



The People of St. Paul's

Thank You

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the
prayers for my
granddaughter, Josephine,
who was born 5 weeks early
with heart issues. She is
doing very well. A chubby
little chatterbox who's
always smiling. She is
doted on by her three
siblings as well as all of us.
Hopefully she will be able
to stop her meds, after her
first birthday!*

*May God bless all of you
in Prayer,
Tom Schlagbaum*

*Thank you very much to my
church family for all the
cards, phone calls, flowers,
and quilt. Thank you to
Pastor Paul for his hospital
visit. It is wonderful to have
the support from the church
and know how much you
all care.*

*Thank you,
Mary Irvin*

*Thinking how much your
kindness and caring mean.
Thank you for the building of
the ramp for David.*

*May God bless you all, richly,
David Wyant Family*



Happy 98th Birthday

To Hazel Dunn and Evelyn Sarber
Hazel on October 13,
and Evelyn on October 16.

Answer to page 5: Scott Fessler

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Tony Matlock
Ray Trigg
Martha Vazquez

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Jan Soddors

In the Military

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart



Our deepest sympathy to Jamie and Jan Wyant family on the death of Jamie's brother, David Wyant, on September 19th. A service officiated by Pastor Paul was held on Friday, September 22. Cards may reach the Wyants at 220 E. Main St. Elida, OH 45807.

Meetings

October 2, 2017
PPR...7:00 PM

October 3, 2017
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 4, 2017
Worship Mtg...6:00 PM

October 9, 2017
Finance ...7:00 PM

No Ad Council


October 19, 2017
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

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Robert Bice Brent McAdams	2 Reed Chambers Carter Craft	3 Beth warris	4 Kim White	5 Corinne Piper	6 Molly Przekora	7 Denny Thompson Brogan Wyant
8	9 Paysen Wyant	10 Ray Trigg	11 Slone Whetstone	12 Bill McKinney	13 Hazel Dunn	14 Samuel Kinney
15	16 Evelyn Sarber	17	18 Brad Whetstone Ayva Wyant	19 Kelsey Smith Ryleigh Warris	20 Stacy McAdams	21
22	23	24 Kim Holmes Nick White	25 Chris Bowsher Phyllis Hines	26 Tonya Craft	27	28
29 John Fletcher Shirley Moser	30 Michael Matlock	31 Jerry Bean	 OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS			

Anniversaries

Dillon & Helen Staas
October 6; 65 yrs.

Barry & Cyndi Smith
October 8

Gary & Shirley Adams
October 10; 65 yrs.

Zack & Katie White
October 10

Scott & Gail Fessler
October 15

Ron & Ann Stewart
October 19

Nick & Jacinda Perry
October 20

Nate & Tonya Craft
October 27

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Applesauce Muffins

By Mary Holmes

Ingredients		Instructions
1 cup	Flour	Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine first 5 ingredients in bowl. Add mixture of shortening, applesauce and egg; mix well. Lightly spray muffin cups with cooking spray. (do not use cup cake liners). Fill greased muffins cups 2/3 full. Bake for 20 minutes
2/3 cup	Brown sugar, packed	
1 tsp.	Baking soda	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1 tsp.	Pumpkin pie spice	
1/4 cup	Shortening, melted	
1 cup	Applesauce	
1	Egg	



Fruit Cobbler

By Mary Irvin

Ingredients		Instructions
3 cups	Apples, peaches or other desired fruit	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix fruit with sugar and cinnamon. Put in greased 9 x 11 baking dish.
3/4 cup	Sugar	
1 tsp.	Cinnamon	
Topping:		Topping: Mix together flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt. Add beaten egg and mix with fork until crumbly. Spread over fruit in baking dish. Drizzle margarine over topping. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes.
1 tsp.	Baking powder	
1 cup	Flour	
1 cup	Sugar	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1	Egg, beaten	
1/3 cup	Margarine, melted	



KIDZ KORNER

Sign of grace

Make this sign to hang on your wall as a daily reminder of God's amazing gift of grace.

What you need:

- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter's tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers



What you do:

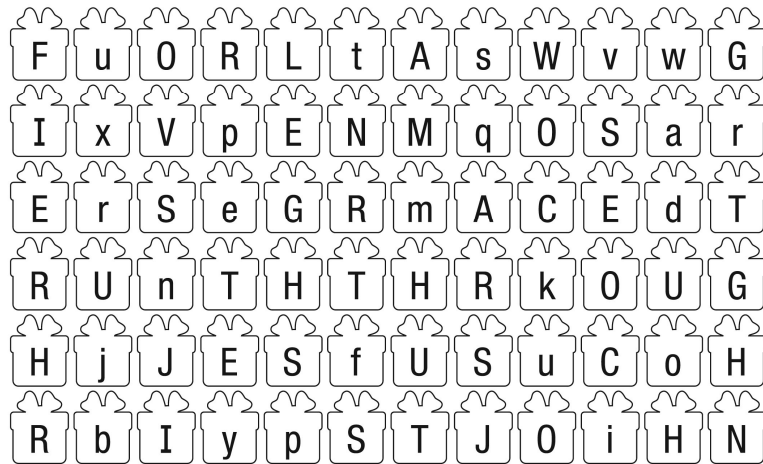
1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.



The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.



“ _____ the _____ was _____
through _____ ; _____ and
_____ came _____
_____ .”
_____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: “For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17, NIV

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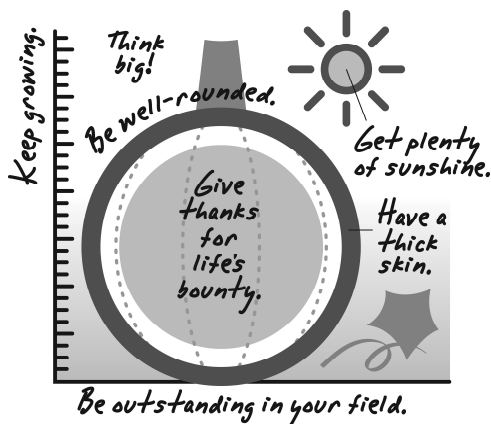


Living Our Faith

Advice From a Pumpkin

Be well-rounded.
 Get plenty of sunshine.
 Give thanks for life's bounty.
 Have a thick skin.
 Keep growing.
 Be outstanding in your field.
 Think big!

—Ilan Shamir



A Prayer for Neighborliness

O God, we pray for a broader vision of the needs of humanity, and a deeper compassion to fill those needs; for a planting of the seeds of concern for all humanity in our hearts; for a tapping of the wells of generosity. May we live together as people who have been forgiven a great debt. May we be gentle, walking softly with one another. May we be understanding, lest we shall add to the world's sorrow or cause to flow needless tears. May we be as anxious for the rights of others as we are for our own. May we be as eager to forgive as we are to seek forgiveness. May we know no barriers of creed or race or sex, that our love may be like Yours — a love that sees all people as Your children and our kin. May we be ministers of humanity.

—Peter Marshall