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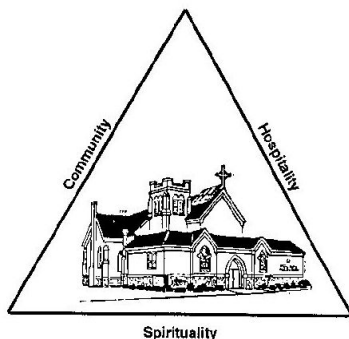
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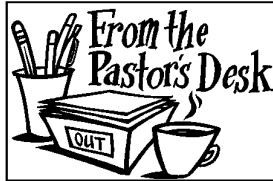
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Fall has officially begun no matter what the weather says, and the harvest is under way. This is the time of year when God's creation seems to know to prepare for the coming cold. We will begin October with consecration Sunday and a new series asking what your life would be like if it was being managed by God. I want to thank you in advance for your support of the regular church budget and the beginning of the final year of the capital campaign.

Speaking of capital campaign, what a wonderful job we have all done in completing the task we set for ourselves just one year ago and how comfortable it was this summer when it was hot outside. It was also wonderful to see some of the possible future projects, including some that as I write are currently underway: a new concrete approach to the back parking lot off North Street, tuck point work around a section of the church including repair to the bell tower, and completely tuck pointing the parsonage. Also, some of the projects we look forward to in the future, including but not limited to and in no particular order: remodel of the education wing bathrooms, air conditioning in the basement, resurfacing the back parking lot, or getting a new sign out front, just to name a few. A big thanks goes to everyone on Trustees who have worked so hard to wisely use what God has provided through your gifts.

October also brings Halloween and Trunk or Treat sponsored by the Elida Area Community Center with hot chocolate and pencils handed out by the Mission Committee. This year we are in need of two or three people who would be willing to serve and clean up hot chocolate to all the kids and their parents from the neighborhood. Also, if you like handing out candy to kids but there aren't as many coming to your neighborhood anymore, come to church and hand out candy in the parking lot. If the weather holds you will see over 200 children and enjoy the fellowship with the people of Elida.

See you all in the mission field,

Pastor Paul



Happy Fall

Thought for the Month:

Change always comes
bearing gifts.

-Price Pritchett

St. Paul's Book Club
Saturday, October 6
9:00 AM

Join the group for conversation about
"Grandma Gatewood's Walk"
 By Ben Montgomery

Please bring your own breakfast.



World Communion Sunday
October 7, 2018



World Communion Sunday



Stewardship Sunday
October 7, 2018

'Coins for Communion'
October 7
to benefit Family Promise of Lima

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

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| Secretary: | Gail Fessler |
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| Pianist: | Lois Cook |
| Choir Director: | Judy Chaffins |
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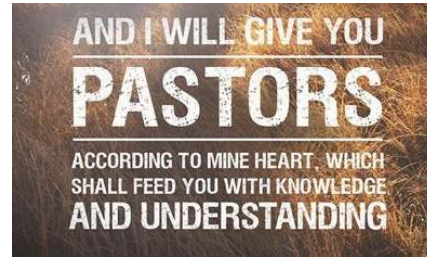
Christian Symbol

Plumb Line



In the writings of the prophets Isaiah and Amos, a plumb line is a symbol of God's judgment of Israel: "I will make justice the measuring line and righteousness the plumb line" (Isaiah 28:17, NIV); The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. ... Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer" (Amos 7:7-8, NIV). When Jesus is portrayed as Judge of the world, he is sometimes shown holding a plumb line.

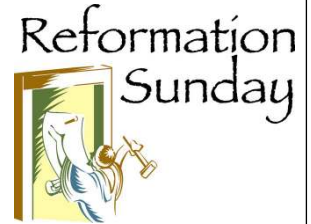
**October is Pastor
Appreciation Month**



**Food Pantry Sunday
October 14**

Donations are taken to
the Church at
Allentown

**Reformation Sunday
October 28**



Seniors Day Out

Tuesday, October 16
12:00 noon
In the fellowship Hall

Charge Conference

Sunday, October 28
3:00 PM

At Immanuel UMC, in Elida

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Neighborhood Trick or Treat Mission

Thursday, October 25
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
St. Paul's Church parking lot**

EACC and St. Paul will be hosting the 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 adventure. If interested see or call Marla Scannell at 419-909-9419

Thank you in advance for your help!

Missions

School and Health kits!

Thank you to **Maedene Holmes** for heading up this missions project again this year. After many years of heading this mission, Meadene has decided to step down and **Bev Nesbitt** has graciously accepted to take over this very important Mission.

The kits were assembled on Tuesday, September 11, by **Margie Best, Maedene Holmes, Bev Nesbitt, Tim Piper and Lavonne Segovia.**

Pastor Paul delivered the kits to Lima Westside UMC to be taken to

The Festival of Sharing for Church World Services.

Last year's hygiene kits were provided to Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico and Cuba following devastating hurricanes and Students in Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico received school kits.

Total Kits donated :

School Kits = 100

Health Kits = 41

Thank you, to ALL who donated kits!!



Poem

AUTUMN PRAISE

By Bob Hostetler

I praise you, Lord, for Autumn:
For falling temperature and morning chill,
Trees turned gold and red, brown and orange,
falling leaves and blowing leaves,
the smell of burning leaves,
the joys of leaf-pile jumping.

I praise you, Lord, for Autumn:
The interplay of outside temperatures
and inside warmth,
the promise of cider and pumpkin bread,
the blessing of blankets and sweaters.

I praise you, Lord, for Autumn:
What Archibald Macleish called
“The flower-barren fields, the clouds, the tall
unanswering branches where the wind makes sullen noise.”

I praise you, Lord, for Autumn:
The beauty and hope in change of season,
the promise that the coming of Autumn
heralds another ending,
A new beginning,
and the wonder of another Winter,
another Spring,
another Summer,
yet to come.



Faith In Action

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Worship Attendance:

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| September 2, 2018 | 82 |
| September 9, 2018 | 74 |
| September 16, 2018 | 81 |
| September 23, 2018 | 76 |

Unified Ministry Giving:

Other:

| | | |
|--------------------|------------|------------|
| September 2, 2018 | \$2,436.00 | \$420.16 |
| September 9, 2018 | \$3,483.00 | \$408.55 |
| September 16, 2018 | \$2,428.00 | \$1,031.00 |
| September 23, 2018 | \$2,341.00 | \$580.56 |

Sunday School Attendance

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| September 2, 2018 | 5 |
| September 9, 2018 | 8 |
| September 16, 2018 | 8 |
| September 23, 2018 | 7 |

Greeters

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| October 7, 2018 | Bill & Joyce Nichols |
| October 14, 2018 | Lois Rabley |
| October 21, 2018 | OPEN |
| October 28, 2018 | Margie Best & Jone Lane |

Flower Calendar



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|------------------|----------------------|
| October 7, 2018 | Don & Maedene Holmes |
| October 14, 2018 | Scott & Gail Fessler |
| October 21, 2018 | Don & Judy Chaffins |
| October 28, 2018 | Jean Thomas |

Hospitality Cart

| | |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| October 7, 2018 | Martha Vazquez |
| October 14, 2018 | OPEN |
| October 21, 2018 | OPEN |
| October 28, 2018 | Lois Cook & Linda Holman |

Daily Bible Readings

Monday 10/1

Psalm 77, 79, 80, Esther 4:4-17
Acts 18:1-11, Luke 3:1-14

Tuesday 10/2

Psalm 78, Esther 5:1-14
Acts 18:12-28, Luke 3:15-22

Wednesday 10/3

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
Esther 6:1-14
Acts 19:1-10, Luke 4:1-13

Thursday 10/4

Psalm 83, 85, 86, 146, 147
Esther 7:1-10
Acts 19:11-20, Luke 4:14-20

Friday 10/5

Psalm 88, 91, 92, Esther 8:1-17
Acts 19:21-41, Luke 4:31-37

Saturday 10/6

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Hosea 1:1-2:1
Acts 20:1-16, Luke 4:38-44

Sunday 10/7

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67, Hosea 2:2-14
James 3:1-13, Matthew 13:44-52

Monday 10/8

Psalm 89, Hosea 2:14-23
Acts 20:17-38, Luke 5:1-11

Tuesday 10/9

Psalm 95, 100, Hosea 4:1-10
Acts 21:1-14, Luke 5:12-26

Wednesday 10/10

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Hosea 4:11-19
Acts 21:15-26, Luke 5:27-39

Thursday 10/11

Psalm 105, Hosea 5:8-6:6
Acts 21:27-36, Luke 6:1-11

Friday 10/12

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Hosea 10:1-15
Acts 21:37-22:16
Luke 6:12-26

Saturday 10/13

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Hosea 11:1-9
Acts 22:17-29, Luke 6:27-38

Sunday 10/14

Psalm 118, 145
Hosea 13:4-14
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Matthew 14:1-12

Monday 10/15

Psalm 106, Hosea 14:1-9
Acts 22:30-23:11
Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday 10/16

Psalm 120, 127, Micha 1:1-9
Acts 23:12-24, Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday 10/17

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Micha 2:1-13
Acts 23:23-35, Luke 7:18-35

Thursday 10/18

Psalm 133, 134, 135
Micha 3:1-8
Acts 24:1-23, Luke 7:36-50

Friday 10/19

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Micha 3:9-4:5
Acts 24:24-25:12, Luke 8:1-15

Saturday 10/20

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Micha 5:1-4, 10-15
Acts 25:13-27, Luke 8:16-25

Sunday 10/21

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Micha 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday 10/22

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Micha 7:1-7
Acts 26:1-23
Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday 10/23

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Jonah 1:1-17a
Acts 26:24-27:8, Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday 10/24

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Acts 27:9-26, Luke 9:1-17

Thursday 10/25

Psalm 18, Jonah 3:1-4:11
Acts 27:27-44, Luke 9:18-27

Friday 10/26

Psalm 16, 17, 22
Acts 28:1-16, Luke 9:28-36

Saturday 10/27

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Acts 28:17-31, Luke 9:37-50

Sunday 10/28

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday 10/29

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Revelation 7:1-8
Luke 9:51-62

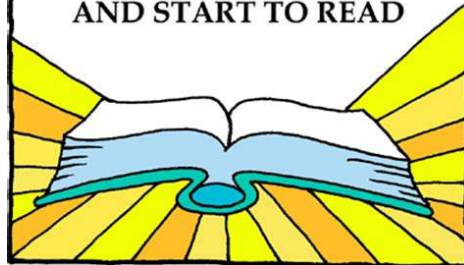
Tuesday 10/30

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Revelation 7:9-17
Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday 10/31

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Revelation 8:1-13
Luke 10:17-24

WISDOM IS EASY TO FIND -
JUST OPEN A BIBLE
AND START TO READ



Seniors Day Out

Seniors Day Out
September 18, 2018

Jamie Wyant spoke
about cars.



Thank you to Linda Holman,
Margie Best, Bev Nesbitt and
Corinne Piper for setting up,
preparing, serving and cleaning
up after the meal.
Your hard work and dedication
to this community mission is
greatly appreciated.

Our Church History

The Community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Allentown, Elida, Gomer Ministerial Assoc. was held on November 23, 2008, at Salem Mennonite Church. St. Paul's Chancel Choir sang "Thanks Be to God" and Pastor Ruth led the Responsive Reading. Participating churches were Allentown UMC, Immanuel UMC, Gomer UCC, New Creation Lutheran, Pike Mennonite, St. Paul UMC, and Salem Mennonite.

On December 14, the Chancel Choir presented the cantata "The Journey of Hope," directed by Mary Kaye Pease with Lois Cook playing the piano.

For the year 2008, St. Paul UMC once again received a certificate as a "One Hundred Percent Achiever Church in recognition and appreciation of meeting in full its apportionments which support United Methodist Ministries across the West Ohio Conference and through the world." Great job, everyone!

The puppeteers performed at the Easter Sunrise Service on April 12, 2009. Puppeteers included Gene Craft, Oliver Fessler, Shirley and Steve Moser, Steve and Tracy Sdao and Michele Theodore. On May 3, Rev. Cean Wilson portrayed Susanna Wesley and spoke to the congregation.

Cody Warris, our only high school graduate in 2009, was honored on May 10. He is the son of Scott and Beth Warris.

A group of volunteers from St. Paul's participated in UMCH Mission Week, July 13-17, 2009, at the United Methodist Children's Home in Columbus, Ohio. Many projects were accomplished that week, including roofing and window projects, washing siding, and re-painting the markings on the parking lot and many others. For this and previous mission projects to UMCH, St. Paul was designated a Leadership Church.



April 12, 2009
Puppeteers perform
at Sunrise Service



May 10, 2009
Cody Warris,
High School Graduate

Remember When...



October, 2000

Display at Mortgage Burning Dinner at Elida Middle School



October, 2012
Seniors Day Out



October, 2014

Volunteers at the
Soup Kitchen



Connecting With ...

Baptism of Holly Anne Cook
on Sunday, September 23.

Holly is the daughter of
Jonathan and Chelsey Cook,
and the grand daughter of
Lois Cook and the late Gary Cook.



Thank you to Deb Hurd for making the special Baptism towel that is given as a reminder of this special day.



The People of St. Paul's

thank you

*Dear St. Paul's Family,
Words can not express the
abundance of thanks I feel
for the people of St. Paul's
during and after my recent
cardiac procedures.*

*Cards, thoughts, prayers,
texts and flowers etc. were
so appreciated.*

*Thank you Pastor Paul for
special counsel during a
very difficult time.*

I Am Alive!

*Peace, Blessings and
Mercy to All,
Lois Rabley*

*Thank you so much for
the lovely flowers.
I so appreciate the
kindness and caring.
I am gradually getting
better.*

*With my Blessing,
I thank you so much,*

Dee Johnson

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Lynda Evans
Dee Johnson
Lois Rabley
Dillon Staas

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Lois Rabley
Dillon Staas

In the Military

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart

Infinite Treasure

The present moment is always full of infinite treasure. It contains far more than you can possibly grasp. Faith is the measure of its riches: what you find in the present moment is according to the measure of your faith. Love also is the measure: the more the heart loves, the more it rejoices in what God provides.

The will of God presents itself at each moment like an immense ocean that the desire of your heart cannot empty; yet you will drink from that ocean according to your faith and love.

—Jean-Pierre de Caussade



Meetings

October 1, 2018
PPR...7:00 PM

October 2, 2018
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 3, 2018
Worship Mtg..6:00 PM

October 8, 2018
Finance ...7:00 PM

No Ad Council

October 11, 2018
Missions...7:00 PM

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

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir..7:00 PM

OCTOBER 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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| | 1 Robert Bice Brent McAdams | 2 Reed Chambers Carter Craft Kay McAdams | 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 Sam 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 Mike Matlock | 31 | | | |
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Anniversaries

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|  | <p><i>Dillon & Helen Staas</i> October 6; 66 yrs.</p> <p><i>Barry & Cyndi Smith</i> October 8</p> <p><i>Gary & Shirley Adams</i> October 10; 66yrs.</p> <p><i>Zack & Katie White</i> October 10</p> <p><i>Scott & Gail Fessler</i> October 15</p> <p><i>Ron & Ann Stewart</i> October 19</p> <p><i>Nick & Jacinda Perry</i> October 20</p> <p><i>Nate & Tonya Craft</i> October 27</p> |
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Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Lemon Surprise Coffee Cake

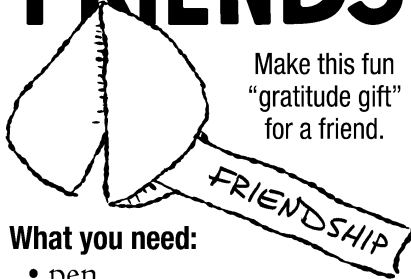
By Susan Nartker

| Ingredients | | Instructions |
|-------------|------------------------------------|---|
| | Streusel: | Heat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour a 10 or 9 inch springform pan. |
| 1/2 cup | Flour (all purpose) | Streusel: In medium bowl, combine flour and sugar; mix well. Cut in butter until mixture is coarse crumbs. Stir in coconut |
| 1/3 cup | Sugar | |
| 3 Tbl. | Butter | |
| 1/2 cup | Coconut | |
| | Coffee Cake: | Coffee Cake: In large bowl combine flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Mix well. Add butter, yogurt, lemon peel, lemon juice, egg and egg yolk. Stir mixture with spoon until well blended. |
| 2 1/4 cups | Flour (all purpose) | |
| 1 cup | Sugar | |
| 1/2 tsp. | Baking powder | |
| 1/2 tsp. | Baking soda | Spread 2 cups of batter in greased and floured pan.; sprinkle with 3/4 cups of streusel. Drop lemon pie filling (or lemon curd) by 1/2 teaspoonfuls over streusel to within 1/2 inch of edge. Spoon remaining batter over lemon pie filling (or lemon curd); sprinkle with remaining streusel. |
| 1/2 tsp. | Salt | |
| 3/4 cup | Butter (softened) | |
| 2/3 cup | Vanilla yogurt | |
| 2 tsp. | Lemon peel (grated) | Bake at 350 degrees for 50 to 60 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes. Remove sides of pan. |
| 1 Tbl. | Lemon juice | |
| 1 | Egg | |
| 1 | Egg yolk | |
| 1/2 cup | Lemon pie filling or Lemon curd | Glaze: In small bowl combine all glaze ingredients; blend until smooth. Drizzle over coffee cake. Cool 1 hour. Serve warm. Makes 12 servings. |
| | Glaze: | |
| 1/2 cup | Powdered sugar | |
| 1 tsp. | Lemon juice | |
| 1 tsp. | Water | |



KIDZ KORNER

Fortunate FRIENDS



Make this fun
"gratitude gift"
for a friend.

What you need:

- pen
- round object to trace
(about 4 inches across)
- lightweight colored paper
- scissors
- ruled notebook paper
- Chinese food takeout box
(or small paper gift bag)
- hot glue gun

What you do:

1. Trace circles onto the colored paper and cut them out.
2. Cut strips of notebook paper and write messages to a friend (or Bible verses about friendship).
3. Fold each circle in half without making a crease. Secure the top center edge with glue.
4. Pull the outside edges together by creating a bend in the center of the paper. Undo the bend and insert the fortune.
5. Re-bend the "cookie" into shape and add glue inside to hold it in place.
6. Put all the "cookies" in a takeout box and give to your friend.



From the heart

We all need people who share godly wisdom with us.

Directions: First, unscramble the bold letters to spell another word for "pal." Write that word in the first empty row. Then move the words under each bold letter to that letter's new column. The result will be Proverbs 27:9, NIV.

| D | E | F | I | R | N |
|-----------------|-------|----------|---------|---------|--------------|
| F | | | | | |
| to | bring | Perfume | incense | and | joy |
| Perfume | | | | | |
| of | the | the | and | heart, | pleasantness |
| the | | | | | |
| advice. | their | a friend | from | springs | heartfelt |
| a friend | | | | | |

Answer: F R I E N D; Perfume and incense bring joy to the heart, and the pleasantness of a friend springs from their heartfelt advice. Proverbs 27:9, NIV

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Living Our Faith

A Well-Shaken Tree

For several years I have read the Bible through twice in 12 months. It is a great and powerful tree, each word of which is a mighty branch. Each of these branches have I well shaken, so desirous was I to know what each one bore and what it would give me. And the shaking of them has never disappointed me.

—Martin Luther



16th-Century Guidance For Today

How can we know whether we're following God's will? Sometimes we act, only to see in hindsight that we caused harm. Or self-righteousness blinds us to the good guidance of others.

St. Ignatius of Loyola pondered the difficulty of aligning our actions to God's ways. He taught the need for "discernment of spirits" — examining Internal thoughts and emotions to see if they originate with and lead to God. Ignatius called it "consolation" when he felt loved by God and eager to care for people in need, and "desolation" when something left him full of darkness and fear that moved him away from God and neighbor.

Think of a time you made a decision and then felt peaceful, full of light, convinced it was "right." And when have you done something despite feeling tangled in knots about it, and perhaps later felt worse? Life isn't always so clear-cut, but the more we practice discernment, the better we will recognize and follow God's will.