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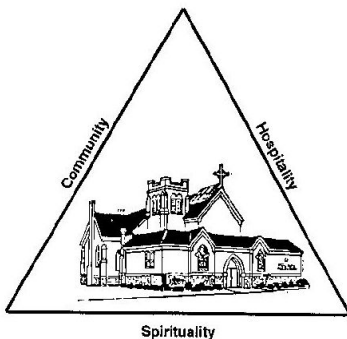
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Summer, oh summer, where did you go? The kids are back at school so please drive carefully. Football, soccer, volleyball and all the other fall sports are underway. The marching band can be heard every afternoon getting ready for Friday night so although it is not officially fall, it definitely feels like it. Fall means it is time to gear up for the E.A.S.Y program so be prepared to help any way you can, both here and at Immanuel. I am excited to see the cooperation with all the different churches in Elida and how that benefits the local community. Ice cream is also something I am looking forward to in September at our ice cream social. I can hardly wait.

Starting the Sunday after Labor Day we will be embarking on something a little different on Sunday morning. Don't panic, we are not changing style or time or location, but the order of worship will be different. Go with the flow and I think after a couple of Sundays you will see what I am trying to convey. The series is called "What Is Your Priority?" and we will look at everything that is fighting for our attention. Over six weeks we will not only look at what it is we make a priority, we will also look at how that changes over time as our lives change and as we mature in our faith.

I look forward to seeing you around the church and around the community being active wherever you are for God. Stop, say hi, and let me know where you see the church doing well, falling short or new places we can grow, and I'll see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul

Back to School



Thought for the Month:

God made you as you
are in order to use you
as he planned.

—J.C. Macauley

SING SONGS OF PRAISE

James 5:13

CHANCEL CHOIR:

Choir practice will begin
Wednesday,
September 2, 2015
7:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Anyone interested in choir is
welcome to attend.

**All voices are needed
and welcome!**

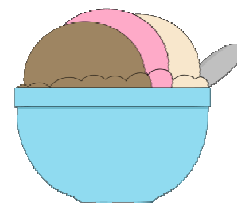
SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Sunday School will be back in session.
Starting **September 13th**, classes will
begin at 9:00 AM and finish @ 9:45 AM.

- ♦ **Preschool children** will continue with class time during the worship service.
- ♦ **Kindergarten through eighth graders** "One Room School House" will meet in the fellowship hall.
- ♦ **High school kids (grade 9—12)** will meet in the classroom by the office.
- ♦ **The adult class** lead by Pastor Paul, meet in the blue room.



Kick-Off Gathering
September 13th following the worship service.
Bring 1 or 2 covered dishes to share.
Hotdogs and ice cream provided.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

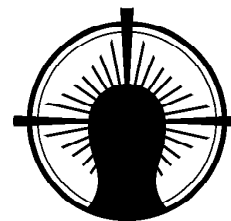
Seniors Day Out

September 15
12:00 noon

Christian Symbol

Nimbus

The nimbus is a halo of light often shown in art behind the head of a religious figure such as Mary, Joseph, the disciples, the four evangelists and so forth. Though often just a simple circle, one with three rays symbolizes the Trinity, so this style of nimbus — or a triangular one — may be seen behind Christ.



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

September 6

Coins for Communion
to benefit
The Samaritan House



September 7
Labor Day
Office Closed

Food Pantry Sunday
September 13

Thank you to all who
have been donating

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on
Saturday, October 10, 2015, at 9:00 AM
in the room beside the office.

They will discuss
The First Phone Call from Heaven
By Mitch Albom.



See Janet Grigg if you
would like to purchase a
book and join our
book discussion.

Koinonia Meeting

Sunday, September 20th
5:00 PM

At the home of Bill and Bev Nesbitt
3719 Cherokee Dr.
Elida, OH 45807

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

SCHOOL KITS

- One pair blunt point scissors
(Round Tip)
- Three **70 count** spiral notebooks
(Wide Ruled)
 - One ruler (12" – metric)
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
 - One large eraser (2 1/2")
- Six new #2 pencil with erasers
(unsharpened)
- One box **Crayola** crayons (24 ct.)

Canvas Tote Bag (12x14 to 14x17 in.)
Can be purchased at Hobby Lobby

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Pack kit in a **2 gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.



Deadline for collecting kits is
Sunday, September 20th

HEALTH KITS

- One hand towel (@16" x 28")
 - One washcloth
 - One wide-tooth comb
 - One metal nail file or clipper
- One bar of soap (**bath size in wrapper**)
 - One adult size toothbrush
(in original packaging)
 - Six adhesive Band-aids

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Seal kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag**
and place at the altar.



EASY Program

Elida After School Youth Program (EASY)

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

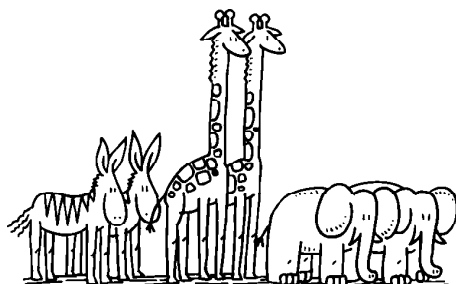
Several volunteers, Marla Scannell and I have been meeting all summer making plans for kids in grades five through eight getting ready for a new year of the Elida After School Program (EASY). Members at both St. Paul and Immanuel United Methodist Churches are making arrangements for using both churches for the programs. Elida Middle School administration has been working with us as team members.

Each year we watch the EASY students mature and grow up. I have also watched the EASY adults grow younger! Energy begets more energy. Within a few minutes of the students' arrivals the volunteers perk up and smiles appear. We learn together as we share questions on homework and participate in small groups on new projects. We may breathe a sigh of relief when the kids are gone but we share stories and make plans to do it all again the next day. Everyone grows together and finds new strengths and interests, no matter what their ages.

I encourage you to become part of this ministry. We need volunteers on the Homework and Activities teams. We have several other teams you could be part of whether or not you can be on-site: Snack Team, Check In Team, Supplies Team, Media/Promotion Team, Volunteer Support Team, Building Care Team, Free Time Team, Funding and Grants Team and our Prayer Team.

Please contact Marla Scannell or Corinne Piper at 419.339.3801 to join us as we start the 2015-16 EASY Program.

Oh, and HAPPY NEW YEAR!
Corinne Piper



AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Business of Church

Thank You

Many thanks to volunteers, Larry Moser, Deb Hurd, Dillon and Helen Staas, Margie Best, and Bill and Bev Nesbitt for volunteering to serve at Our Daily Bread soup kitchen. Your faithfulness in helping with this St. Paul's mission is appreciated.

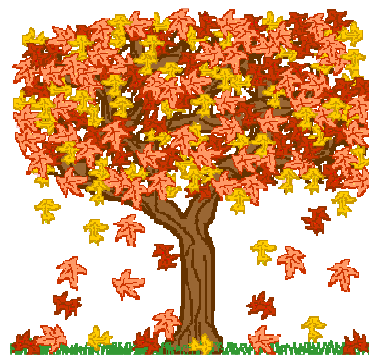
Thank you for your support of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Your gift on 7/14/15 of \$451.71 is responding quickly to meet emergency needs around the world. This gift will bring hope to those who need it most.

Grace and Peace,
Roland Fernandes, Treasurer;
Emily Miller, Assoc. Gen. Secretary,
UMCOR.



Thank you to all those who blessed the congregation with Special Music throughout the summer.

Pictured is the trio of Jan Wyant, Linda Holman, and Anne Laman, who sang "The Majesty of Creation" arranged by T. Fettke. Lois Cook, our pianist, accompanies our soloists. Thank you, Lois!



Autumn Song

Now's the time when children's noses
All become as red as roses
And the color of their faces
Makes me think of orchard places
Where the juicy apples grow,
And tomatoes in a row.

Come then, find your ball and racket,
Pop into your winter jacket,
With the lovely bear-skin lining.
While the sun is brightly shining,
Let us run and play together
And just love the autumn weather.

—Katherine Mansfield

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

August 2, 2015	88
August 9, 2015	106
August 16, 2015	103
August 23, 2015	93

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
August 2, 2015	\$5,249.90	\$684.87
August 9, 2015	\$3,830.34	\$253.08
August 16, 2015	\$2,672.86	\$976.59
August 23, 2015	\$1,793.10	\$242.00

Adult Sunday School / Children's Church Attendance

August 2, 2015	A - 6
August 9, 2015	A- 5 C- 6
August 16, 2015	A- 7 C-5
August 23, 2015	A- 6 C-6

Greeters

September 6, 2015	Norm & Mary Grigsby
September 13, 2015	Margie Best & Jone Lane
September 20, 2015	Marty & Kathy White
September 27, 2015	Ray & Phyllis Trigg

Flower Calendar

September 6, 2015	Dwain & Myrna Metzger
September 13, 2015	Dan Banks Family
September 20, 2015	Don & Judy Chaffins
September 27, 2015	Don & Maedene Holmes

Communion Servers September 6

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

Daily Bible Readings

Tuesday 9/1

Psalm 78, 2 Samuel 7:18-29
Acts 18:12-28, Mark 8:22-33

Wednesday 9/2

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
2 Samuel 9:1-13
Acts 19:1-10, Mark 8:34-9:1

Thursday 9/3

Psalm 85, 86, 145
2 Samuel 11:1-27
Acts 19:11-20, Mark 9:2-13

Friday 9/4

Psalm 88, 91, 92
2 Samuel 12:1-14
Acts 9:21-41, Mark 9:14-29

Saturday 9/5

Psalm 87, 90, 136
2 Samuel 12:15-31
Acts 20:1-16, Mark 9:30-41

Sunday 9/6

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
2 Samuel 13:1-22
Romans 15:1-13, John 3:22-36

Monday 9/7

Psalm 89, 2 Samuel 13:23-39
Acts 20:17-38, Mark 9:42-50

Tuesday 9/8

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99
2 Samuel 14:1-20
Acts 21:1-14, Mark 10:1-16

Wednesday 9/9

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
2 Samuel 14:21-33
Acts 21:15-26, Mark 10:17-31

Thursday 9/10

Psalm 105, 2 Samuel 15:1-18
Acts 21:27-36, Mark 10:32-45

Friday 9/11

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
2 Samuel 15:19-37
Acts 21:37-22:16, Mark 10:46-52

Saturday 9/12

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
2 Samuel 16:1-23
Acts 22:17-29, Mark 11:1-11

Sunday 9/13

Psalm 34, 93, 96, Judges 6:1-24
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Mark 3:20-30

Monday 9/14

Psalm 77, 79, 80, Judges 6:25-40
Acts 2:37-47, John 1:1-18

Tuesday 9/15

Psalm 78, Judges 7:1-18
Acts 3:1-11, John 1:19-28

Wednesday 9/16

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
Judges 7:19-8:12
Acts 3:12-26, John 1:29-42

Thursday 9/17

Psalm 85, 86, 145, Judges 8:22-35
Acts 4:1-12, John 1:43-51

Friday 9/18

Psalm 88, 91, 92
Judges 9:1-16, 19-21
Acts 4:13-31, John 2:1-12

Saturday 9/19

Psalm 87, 90, 136
Judges 9:22-25, 50-57
Acts 4:32-5:11, John 2:13-25

Sunday 9/20

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Judges 11:1-11, 29-40
2 Corinthians 11:21b-31
Mark 4:35-41

Monday 9/21

Psalm 89, Judges 12:1-7
Acts 5:12-26, John 3:1-21

Tuesday 9/22

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 100
Judges 13:1-15
Acts 5:27-42, John 3:22-36

Wednesday 9/23

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Judges 12:15-24
Acts 6:1-15, John 4:1-26

Thursday 9/24

Psalm 105, Judges 14:1-19
Acts 6:15-7:16, John 4:27-42

Friday 9/25

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Judges 14:20-15:20
Acts 7:17-29, John 4:43-54

Saturday 9/26

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108
Judges 16:1-14
Acts 7:30-43, John 5:1-18

Sunday 9/27

Psalm 118, 145
2 Samuel 17:1-23
Galatians 3:6-14, John 5:30-47

Monday 9/28

Psalm 106, 2 Samuel 17:24-18:8
Acts 22:30-23:11
Mark 11:12-26

Tuesday 9/29

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126
2 Samuel 18:9-18
Acts 23:12-24
Mark 11:27-12:12

Wednesday 9/30

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
2 Samuel 18:19-33
Acts 23:23-35, Mark 12:13-27



Seniors Day Out

Seniors Day Out
August 18, 2015

Judy Chaffins and Joel Hatfield,
Guest Speakers



Spotlight On Seniors



Meet Mary LaRue, member of St. Paul's since March 28, 1948. Mary was born in Jackson Twp., Allen Co., on December 3, 1919. She was one of 4 children: 2 sisters and her brother, Basil Hall. They lived on a farm in Jackson Twp. near Lafayette. She was raised in a very strict home by her mother and father. Mary attended two one-room country schools, Halltown and Fieldstown, before attending Lafayette School. She graduated from Lafayette-Jackson High School in 1937. She was one of 28 students and she was the salutatorian. When she was 17 years old she was hired to work in a 5 and 10 cent store, but was fired after only one day because she was not yet 18!

She met her future husband, Weldon LaRue, when they both attended a family reunion at the same park. Weldon was 4 years older than Mary and they married on June 19, 1938. They moved to an apartment on Catalpa Ave. in Lima and paid \$15 a month in rent. Weldon got a job at a hamburger shop and was paid \$15 per week. After he left the hamburger shop, Weldon began working for the state highway department. He and Mary had 1 son, Ron, and 3 daughters, Myrna, Carol, and Elaine.

They started their own greenhouse in Elida, known as LaRue's Flowers and Greenhouse. They first sold only vegetables and then added flowers. Myrna and Elaine worked with the flowers and Carol took care of the books along with their niece, Lois Cook. Mary and the girls eventually did the flowers for many weddings, often busy with the weddings on the weekends. They had LaRue's Flowers and Greenhouse for 55 years.

Mary said just getting away from their business whenever they could was a vacation for them. They traveled to Florida and did a lot of camping in Tennessee, Kentucky and New York state. Weldon passed away in 2007, 10 days before their 69th wedding anniversary. Mary now lives at Elmcroft of Lima, but you can find her in the last pew on the left almost every Sunday.

By the Campfire

We sat around the campfire on a chilly night
Telling spooky stories in the pale moonlight.

Then we added some more logs to make the fire bright
And sang some favorite camp songs together with all our might.

And when the fire flickered and embers began to form
We snuggled in our sleeping bags all cozy, tired, and warm.



Remember When...



Worship Service at
Allen County
Farm Park

September, 1984



St. Paul's Honors
Lenore Strayer,
Retiring Organist

September, 1995



Carry-in Lunch
at St. Paul's

September, 2005



Connecting With ...

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Helen Scholfield who passed away on July 30, 2015. Helen was 93 and had been a member of St. Paul's since November, 1987.

Our condolences to the family and friends of Jonathon Yarger, who, at the age of 58, passed away suddenly on August 15, 2015. He is the son of the late Gerald and Virginia Yarger, who were long time members of St. Paul's.



Our sympathy to the Ron and Karen Bible family, on the death of their daughter, Megan, and 2 days later, the death of Karen's mother, Pauline Kowalczyk. Cards of sympathy may be sent to the Bible family at:
5055 Daisy Lane
Elida, OH 45807

Megan Bible-Tostado

Corinne Piper

Megan Bible came to St. Paul's in high school at the invitation of Jenni Theodore. Megan grew into a deep commitment with God and was part of our youth group as well as Trinity UMC. She was an active leader in the Chrysalis program, the student version of "Walk to Emmaus" program. Her mother, Karen's attendance with us, also blessed us as a church.

Megan moved to The Ohio State University campus where she followed her mother's vocation, and studied art education. She was a Residence Assistant for four years at OSU. On graduation, she became a middle school art teacher at London, Ohio, schools. During that time she continued her faith journey at Rock City Church, Hilliard, OH, with her finance, Sergio Tostado.

Two years ago, Megan was diagnosed with cancer and underwent various treatments. She continued to be active at church and school, with running and enjoying life. But the treatments were not enough to heal her completely. She went into hospice care in early August, shortly after marrying Sergio, and passed away August 8.

The memorials to Megan on social media sites reflected Megan's impact on so many people. The warmth and love she shared, along with her strong faith, made lives better. Her love of art and of children affected how they see the beauty of the world and helped them use their gifts. Her laughter and fun lightened the grief of her family and friends.

I share the tears of Megan's family, her parents, Karen, and Ron, and her brother, Derek, and her husband, Sergio, and her friends. I cherish the shining thread that represents Megan in the tapestry of my life. It will always brighten the dark areas and reflect God's love. Rest in peace, Megan

The People of St. Paul's

*Thank you for the thoughts,
words of sympathy and
prayers given to our my family
during this difficult time with
the loss of Tammy's father,
Walter Owen Red'Eads, Jr. We
are comforted in knowing he is
without pain and his legacy of
Christian love lives on. When
he was in good health, he
enjoyed visiting St. Paul's
Church with us. We appreciate
your condolences...*

*In Love,
Bruce & Tammy Segovia
and family.*

Thank You!

*Thank you so much for the
planter you sent to our mother's
"Celebration of Life".
We have many fond memories
from our years at St. Paul's.
The Family of Helen Scholfield,
Ralph, Cathy, Brett & Jodi
Knauer.
Mike & Lynn Scholfield,
Lori Fricks, Jen Smith,
Debi Scholfield*

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Greg Schade

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn

Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd

Glenna Kohli

In the Military

Dani Milke

Thank you to everyone who has supported me as County Engineer for the past 10 years. Corinne and I appreciate your friendship, time and monetary support for not only my election in 2006 but the years since which at times were very stressful. We particularly appreciate your prayers which have sustained us. Your cards and best wishes for my retirement are very thoughtful. The people at St. Paul's will always have a special place in our hearts.

God bless you,
Tim Piper



Congratulations to Nick and Jacinda (Fletcher) Perry on the birth of their son, Jonathan Edward Perry, born Thursday, July 30th, at 2:08 AM. He weighed 8lb. 12 ozs, and was 21 inches long. The proud grandparents are John and Joy Fletcher and his aunt and uncle, Jenessa and Jason Peters.

Meetings

September 1, 2015

Trustees...7:00 PM

September 2, 2015

Worship...6:00 PM**No Finance**

September 14, 2015

Ad Council...7:00 PM

September 16, 2015

Missions...6:00 PM

September 21, 2015

PPR...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**

September 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Avery Chambers	2 Kathy White	3 Reggie McAdams	4	5 Gene Craft Lindsey Rutter
6 Dwain Metzger	7	8	9 Janet Grigg	10	11	12
13 John Kuenzli	14	15 Ashley Edwards	16	17	18 Bruce Segovia	19 Evan Bowsher Jackson Bowsher Jordan Wyant
20	21 Nathan Stewart	22 Oliver Fessler	23 Amy Wyant	24 Troy Selover	25 Valerie Kuenzli Helen Staas	26 Carl Rabley
27 Ann Stewart Alex McAdams	28	29 Rob Craft	30			

Anniversaries

Brian & Jennifer Kinney
September 4

Chris & Kate Stengel
September 6

Josh & Lori Motzer
September 7

Greg & Barb Schade
September 7

Tim & Katie White
September 8

Dwain & Myrna Metzger
September 10; 54yrs.

Nick & Kim White
September 10

Rick & Kara Woeller
September 17

John & Chelsey Cook
September 20

Norm & Mary Grigsby
September 20; 57yrs.

Don & Mary Irvin
September 22; 53yrs.

Mike & Becky Ellinger
September 25

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Chicken Salad

By Sue Theodore

Ingredients		Instructions
1 can	Brinkman's chicken, drained	Mix all ingredients together. Chill to blend flavors.
1 1/2 cups	Miracle Whip	
1 cup	Chopped apple	
1 cup	Chopped walnuts or pecans	
1 cup	Grapes, halved	



Pecan Pie Bars

By Jeannine May

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cups	Unsifted flour	Preheat oven to 350 degrees (325 for glass dish). In medium bowl, combine flour and sugar; cut in margarine until crumbled. Press firmly on bottom of 13x9 baking pan. Bake 15 minutes.
1/2 cup	Confectioner's sugar	
1 cup	Cold margarine or butter	
1 (14 oz.)	Sweetened condensed milk	Meanwhile, in medium bowl, beat sweetened condensed milk, egg and vanilla. Stir in chips and pecans. Spread evenly over crust.
1	Egg	
1 tsp.	Vanilla extract	
1 (16 oz.)	Almond brickle chips	Bake 25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool. Cut into bars.
1 cup	Chopped pecans	



KIDZ KORNER



Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!



STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."

Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.



Do not be  in your own  ;

 the  and shun .

This will bring  to your .

and nourishment to  bones.

 the LORD  your wealth,

with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

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Living Our Faith

Grandparents are great!

"What a bargain grandchildren are," said comedy writer Gene Perret. "I give them my loose change, and they give me a million dollars' worth of pleasure."

When it comes to family heritage, grandparents are worth their weight in gold. They serve as storehouses of history and wisdom, helping children see how they fit into a family's legacy. Christian grandparents also provide a faith heritage that passes from generation to generation.

The apostle Paul acknowledged this important role of family elders when he wrote to young Timothy: "I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you" (2 Timothy 1:5, NRSV).

Job description for a Christian

As a follower of Jesus, you'll share his love and gospel with everyone. Kindness and humility are vital as you speak about your hope in him. To battle evil, you'll receive a complete set of armor. Use it to defend against attacks by a prowling lion or the temptation to place self above others.

Preferred qualifications:

- complete surrender to God
- a desire to follow his commandments
- a servant heart
- courage to face fiery furnaces or shipwrecks

Everyone's welcome, and training and support are provided. Though you can expect persecution and adversity, the rewards are life-changing — and eternal!

—MaryAnn Sundby