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September is the month when summer is not quite over, but fall is definitely on its way. We enjoy the warm days, but the cold mornings remind us winter is just around the corner. The kids are back in school, your schedule is settling down into a routine, and life is feeling settled. Maybe you are looking to take one last small trip before the weather turns cold, glad to be settled into your routine, or excited about the coming cool weather and the change in seasons. Wherever you are at or whatever you are doing, there is no doubt things are changing. You may have already turned in your pledge card for the stewardship drive, and if that is the case, I want to thank you for your support of what God is doing with us here at St. Paul's. If you have not seen it yet, look for the big thermometer that will tell us how we are giving toward the completion of the heating and cooling project.

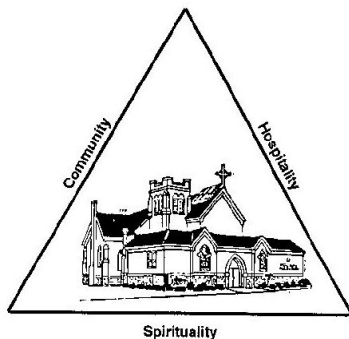
I want to invite you to the Ice Cream Social on the 10th of this month for a celebration of everything St. Paul's and all you have done over the last year. We will have some numbers for the pledge drive so you can know how we are doing financially, and we can fellowship together sharing stories from years past and dreaming of new adventures for years to come. If you are very brave, you can go look at some of the work that has been done in the old basement and maybe ask a trustee a question or two about where things will go and how they will work.

A couple more things for the months to come: invite a friend to Senior's Day Out. I think this is a ministry we can grow in our community if you will invite a friend. Second, Elida After School Youth will be starting up soon. Some of you have already been hard at work preparing and some of you will be asked to help in the days to come. I thank you for all your support and hard work.

I'll see you around the mission field,

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



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Thought for the Month:

Don't worry about failures.
Worry about the chances
you miss when you
don't even try.

—Jack Canfield

SING SONGS OF PRAISE
James 5:13

CHANCEL CHOIR:

Choir practice will begin **Wednesday, August 30**
7:00 PM — 8:00 PM

Anyone who loves music and desires fellowship are invited to attend. You don't have to be able to read music, just have a desire to sing with a group.

All voices are needed and welcome!

September 3
Coins for Communion to benefit The Samaritan House

Food Pantry Sunday September 17
Thank you to all who have been donating

Seniors Day Out
September 19
12:00 noon
Guest Speaker:
Joel Mengerink
Superintendent of Elida Schools

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

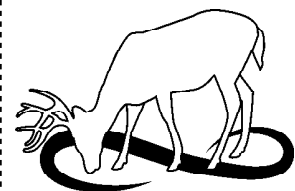
September 4
Labor Day
Office Closed



Christian Symbol

Deer

The deer symbolizes safety in God's care, as seen in David's praise of God for delivery from enemies: "[The Lord] makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights" (2 Samuel 22:34; Psalm 18:33, NIV). The deer also represents faithfulness and eager devotion: "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God" (Psalm 42:1, NIV).



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SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK!

Sunday School will be back in session.
Starting **September 10**

- ◆ **Preschool children** will continue with class time during the worship service.
- ◆ **The adult class** lead by Pastor Paul meets at 9:00 AM in the classroom by the office.

More information to come on all other age groups



Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 10

following the worship service.
Please bring chips, cookies **or** a side dish, other items will be provided by the Nurture committee.

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 10**

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.



EACC

Elida Area Community Center National Night Out

National Night Out is observed annually on the first Tuesday in August each year around the country. National Night Out was created to increase awareness about police programs in communities and to support our police officers.

This year the Elida Area Community Center group sponsored their first ever National Night Out. Our Elida police chief invited other police officers from the area to join him in this community celebration. We also invited our fire department to join in.

Along with the our police officers and our fire department we had 35 other groups and businesses from Elida join us in the celebration. Immanuel, St. Paul and New Creation were all there enjoying the night.

500 hot dogs, chips and bags of popcorn were handed out to our community as they wandered around the Field House parking lot enjoying the fun and fellowship.

The night ended with a community glow stick walk. The purpose of this walk was to come together as a community and show our support for those who keep us safe and for each other. If you did not have a chance to join us this year, put the first Tuesday in August on your calendar for next year. We will be there!



EASY

Elida After School Youth Program

The Elida After School Program (E.A.S.Y) is a program where we have the opportunity to make disciples for Christ. BUT: not through preaching or Sunday school classes or even bible studies.

At E.A.S.Y we have the chance to support, encourage and teach basic knowledge with kids in grades five through eighth. In this program, volunteers provide an after school snack, help and support students with homework and teach them new skills. Skills such as art, sewing, cooking, carpentry, science, working together as a group and many more.

Does this work? Yes! By developing relationships with the kids we have had the privilege of watching students grow in confidence, skills and improve their grades. We even have students who have returned to us in high school to become volunteers.

How does this program create disciples? Instead of teaching and preaching this program shows Christ's love through action. We plant the seed, water it and pray for its growth.

If you are interested in being part of this action, here are some suggestions:

1. Come volunteer on Mondays and Wednesdays starting in October. DON'T say, "I don't know how to do the homework these kids get." Neither do many of us, but God has blessed us with those who can explain it.
2. Offer to teach your hobby to a group of kids.
3. Offer to purchase, cook, and bring in a light meal for one week, (Monday and Wednesday), and serve it to the students. We have the light meal plans already; all you have to do is the put the plan into action.

If you have an interest in E.A.S.Y send Marla Scannell email at pmscanclan@yahoo.com


Making Disciples for Christ,
Marla Scannell



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
July 30, 2017	87
August 6, 2017	98
August 13, 2017	75
August 20, 2017	103
August 27, 2017	84

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



	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
July 30, 2017	\$1,692.00	\$174.00
August 6, 2017	\$4,120.00	\$519.68
August 13, 2017	\$2,344.00	\$162.00
August 20, 2017	\$2,985.00	\$374.00
August 27, 2017	\$2,148.79	\$478.00

Sunday School Attendance	
July 30, 2017	6
August 6, 2017	5
August 13, 2017	4
August 20, 2017	4
August 27, 2017	4

Greeters	
September 3, 2017	Lois Cook
September 10, 2017	OPEN
September 17, 2017	Margie Best & Jone Lane
September 24, 2017	Corinne Piper

Flower Calendar	
September 3, 2017	Greg & Barb Schade
September 10, 2017	Dwain & Myrna Metzger
September 17, 2017	Lynda Evans
September 24, 2017	Don & Mary Irvin

Hospitality Cart	
September 3, 2017	Cari Metzger & Julie Bok
September 10, 2017	Greg & Barb Schade and Brittany Scannell
September 17, 2017	Crafty Creatures
September 24, 2017	Choir

Daily Bible Readings

Friday 9/1

Psalm 16, 17, 22
1 Kings 5:1-6:1,7
Acts 28:1-16, Mark 14:27-42

Saturday 9/2

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
1 Kings 7:51-8:21
Acts 28:17-31, Mark 14:43-52

Sunday 9/3

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
1 Kings 8:22-30(31-40)
1 Timothy 4:7b-16
John 8:47-59

Monday 9/4

Psalm 9, 15, 25
2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7
James 2:1-13, Mark 14:53-65

Tuesday 9/5

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
1 Kings 8:65-9:9
James 2:14-26, Mark 14:66-72

Wednesday 9/6

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
1 Kings 9:24-10:13
James 3:1-12, Mark 15:1-11

Thursday 9/7

Psalm 37, 1 Kings 11:1-13
James 3:13-4:12, Mark 15:12-21

Friday 9/8

Psalm 31, 35, 1 Kings 11:26-43
James 4:13-5:6, Mark 15:22-32

Saturday 9/9

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
1 Kings 12:1-20
James 5:7-12, 19-20
Mark 15:33-39

Sunday 9/10

Psalm 63, 98, 103
1 Kings 12:21-33
Acts 4:18-31, John 10:31-42

Monday 9/11

Psalm 41, 44, 52
1 Kings 13:1-10
Philippians 1:1-11
Mark 15:40-47

Tuesday 9/12

Psalm 45, 47, 48
1 Kings 16:23-34
Philippians 1:12-30
Mark 16:1-8(9-20)

Wednesday 9/13

Psalm 49, 53, 119:49-72
1 Kings 17:1-24
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 2:1-12

Thursday 9/14

Psalm 50, 59, 60, 96
1 Kings 18:1-19
Philippians 2:12-30
Matthew 2:13-23

Friday 9/15

Psalm 40, 51, 54
1 Kings 18:20-40
Philippians 3:1-16
Matthew 3:1-12

Saturday 9/16

Psalm 55, 138, 139:1-17
1 Kings 18:41-19:8
Philippians 3:17-4:7
Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday 9/17

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
1 Kings 19:8-21
Acts 5:34-42
John 11:45-47

Monday 9/18

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65
1 Kings 21:1-16
1 Corinthians 1:1-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Tuesday 9/19

Psalm 61, 62, 68
1 Kings 21:17-29
1 Corinthians 1:20-31
Matthew 4:12-17

Wednesday 9/20

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
1 Kings 22:1-28
1 Corinthians 2:1-13
Matthew 4:18-25

Thursday 9/21

Psalm 70, 71, 74
1 Kings 22:29-45
1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15
Matthew 5:1-10

Friday 9/22

Psalm 69, 73, 2 Kings 1:2-17
1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:11-16

Saturday 9/23

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
2 Kings 2:1-18
1 Corinthians 4:1-7
Matthew 5:17-20

Sunday 9/24

Psalm 34, 93, 96
2 Kings 4:8-37
Acts 9:10-31, Luke 3:7-18

Monday 9/25

Psalm 77, 79, 2 Kings 5:1-19
1 Corinthians 4:8-21
Matthew 5:21-26

Tuesday 9/26

Psalm 78, 2 Kings 5:19-27
1 Corinthians 5:1-8
Matthew 5:27-37

Wednesday 9/27

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
2 Kings 6:1-23
1 Corinthians 5:9-6:8
Matthew 5:38-48

Thursday 9/28

Psalm 83, 85, 86
2 Kings 9:1-16
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Friday 9/29

Psalm 88, 91, 92, 2 Kings 9:17-37
1 Corinthians 7:1-9
Matthew 6:7-15

Saturday 9/30

Psalm 87, 90, 136
2 Kings 11:1-20a
1 Corinthians 7:10-24
Matthew 6:19-24

Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing

To All Golfers, Hole Sponsors and Volunteers –

We would like to extend a sincere and hardy thank you to all of you who attended or helped in any way the Tenth Annual Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Golf Outing. It was a wonderful day, beautiful golf course and good fellowship.

We want to congratulate the winning team of Moores (Tom, Bob Jr, John Jr and Nick), who had a winning score of 62!!!! I have attached a picture of the updated plaque to this email. The plaque will be permanently placed in the St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elida, which was Brad's home church.

We also want to thank Daryl and the rest of the staff at Colonial Golfers Club for doing such a great job at hosting our Event. And Mike for that wonderful chicken.

We have contributed **\$3,741** to the Memorial Fund which is held at the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation as a result of your generosity, THANK YOU!!! That brings our ten year Outing total to \$39,400, which will be used to fund future scholarships for Medical Mission Trips.

Please pass this information on to other members of your team and give them a big thank you for being a part of this wonderful event!

There are some "10th Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing" Golf Shirts and T-Shirts available. Please contact me if you would like to purchase one.

The pictures taken at the Outing are on our Facebook page as well as at www.FlemingFinancialSvcs.com.

If you have any comments concerning the Outing, please feel free to pass them along to any one of us.

Thank you again and see you next year at the Eleventh Annual Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Golf Outing which will be held on Saturday, July 14, 2018 at the Colonial Golfers Club.

John Fleming



Church History

On Sunday afternoon, December 21, 1997, the children and youth of St. Paul's, under the direction of Judy Chaffins, presented the musical "Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies," a Christmas musical fantasy, to the congregation. Fifty-seven young people participated in the musical and fifteen adults helped behind the scenes. The following week the children went, in their costumes, to Van Crest Nursing Home in Delphos and performed many of the songs for the residents.

The Lima District Praying Church Task Force presented the P.A.W.S. for Prayer Award to Elida St. Paul's for taking time to pause for prayer in 1997: The Year of the Praying Church. P.A.W.S. stands for **P**rayers **A**re **W**onderfully **S**pecial.

The Koinonia Class was busy in 1998. Early in the year the members and their families went for a Weekend Getaway to Piqua, Ohio. They stayed in a hotel and had great family time with snacks and activities, such as playing games, cards, etc. In April they had another successful Chicken BBQ, which raised money to help with projects at the church.

On April 12, 1998, eight young people were confirmed: Jonathan Cook, Megan Gossard, Sara Matlock, Mike Myers, Erin Peters, Aaron Piper, Tara Thompson, and Zack White.

July, 1998, was a busy month for the youth group and some adults in the church. The youth group participated in a Bike-A-Thon. Later that month the youth group and some adults, including Rev. Heck, Brad Joseph, the youth leader, Todd Hanes, Ron Gossard, Jan Neely, Judy Chaffins, Karen Myers, Jamie Wyant, and others went on the Red Bird Mission Trip to Manchester, KY. The trip wasn't all work. They went on side a trip to Cumberland Falls, where they did horseback riding and had a picnic lunch by the water.

On October 25, 1998, St. Paul's Youth group and youth director, Brad Joseph, and the Koinonia Sunday School Class, made a trip to the cornfield maze in Piqua, OH. A good time was had by all and no one got "lost" in the maze! The reward was stopping for ice cream before heading home.

In December, a Christmas party was held for the children, with Santa Claus as the special guest. Everyone had a joyous time.

The year 1999 started out with a ski trip to Boyne, Michigan, for St. Paul's youth group and some adults, including the youth leader, Brad Joseph. It was a successful trip...no one came home with broken bones.



January, 1998
Koinonia Getaway in Piqua



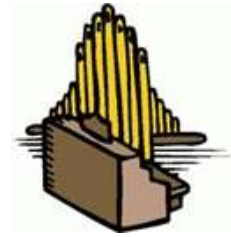
July, 1998
Red Bird Mission Trip to Kentucky

Remember When...



September, 1995

Lenore Strayer honored for 58 years as the organist at St. Paul UMC. Pictured with Rev. James Kuhn and Rev. Eric McGlade



September, 1997

Brad Joseph, youth director, and the youth group play Twister.



September, 2005

Carry - In Dinner

Connecting With ...



Congratulations to Jordan and Amy Wyant on the birth of their daughter, Lux Catherine Wyant, born on July 29, weighing 7 lbs. 5 ozs. 19 1/4 inches. Proud sisters Paysen and Ayva. Grandparents are Jamie and Jan Wyant. Cards may reach the Wyant family at 2983 E. Stroop Rd. Kettering, OH 45440



Thank you to Avery Chambers for providing special music during the August 20th worship service. Avery beautifully played "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by P. Keveren on her Violin with accompaniment by Lois Cook.

Thank you Avery for sharing your talent!



Children's moments story of Noah's Ark was told by puppets on Sunday, August 27th. Thank you to Shirley Moser Makayla Bok, Gene Craft and reader, Linda Craft.

Congratulations to Josh Guess for having a Trumpet feature during the Elida High School Band half-time show on Friday night, August 25.

Way to go Josh!



Congratulations to Isaac McAdams and our Elida Dawgs for a 42-20 win over Tiffin Columbian on Friday, August 25.

Way to go, Dawgs!



The People of St. Paul's

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Linda Matlock, who passed away Wednesday, August 23rd. Linda was a member of St. Paul's for 58 yrs., taught Sunday School in the Preschool class with Shirley Moser for 25 years, sang in the chancel choir and was a member of the Crafty Creatures small group. Cards may reach Tony and Michael Matlock at 831 N. Union St. Lima, OH 45801. Cards may be sent to Sara and Brent Crawford family at 9210 Reservoir Rd. ,Harrod, OH 45850.



Our deepest condolences to Jenson Nagy and her family on the death of Jenson's father, Aaron Nagy, who passed away Monday, August 28. Cards may be sent to Jenson at 21577 Monticello-Spencerville Rd. Spencerville, OH 45887.

Address for Oliver Fessler while deployed:

LCPL Fessler Oliver B
V22 MRF-E DET-2
Unit 80132
FPOAE 09508-3200



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Mary Irvin
Jeannine May
Rudy Segovia

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Lois Rabley
Jan Soddors

In the Military

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart

*Crafty Creatures,
Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt!
I absolutely love it!
It is very cozy as well.
This was very generous of you!*

*Thanks,
Shonda Nelson*

Thank You!

I would like to thank St. Paul's for the many gift cards and letters over the years. They have come in handy to get food and for books. It is awesome to have the support from the church.

Aric Thompson

Meetings

No PPR
 TBA
Trustees...7:00 PM
 September 6, 2017
Worship...6:00 PM
No Finance
 September 11, 2017
Ad Council...7:00 PM
No Missions
Sundays
Prayer...8:45AM
Sunday Sch...9:00 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM
Wednesdays
Chancel Choir...7:00

September 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Anniversaries

- 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; 56 rs.
- Nick & Kim White
September 10
- Rick & Kara Woeller
September 17
- Chris & Molly Przekora
September 19
- John & Chelsey Cook
September 20
- Norm & Mary Grigsby
September 20; 59 yrs.
- Don & Mary Irvin
September 22; 55 rs.
- Mike & Becky Ellinger
September 25

					1 Avery Chambers	2 Kathy White
3 Reggie McAdams	4	5 Gene Craft Lindsey Rutter	6 Dwain Metzger	7 Logan Smith	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	25 Valerie Kuenzli Helen Staas	26 Carl Rabley	27 Alex McAdams Ann Stewart	28	29 Rob Craft Bruce Kizer	30

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Mexican Style Zucchini

By Phyllis Trigg

Ingredients		Instructions
2 (8 oz.)	Zucchini	Dice unpeeled zucchini into 1/2 inch cubes. Sauté in oil for 5 minutes or until outer edges begin to look clear. Add onion; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sauté uncovered, stirring gently. Add tomato. Cook for 3 to 4 minutes. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and remove from heat. Let stand 5 minutes. Do not stir. Serve.
1 tsp.	Vegetable oil	
1 small	Onion, chopped	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
to taste	Pepper	
1 large	Tomato, diced	
1/2 cup	American cheese, grated	



Lemon Zucchini Drops

By Mary Holmes

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 cup	Margarine, softened	Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg, zucchini and lemon peel. Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, and salt; gradually add to creamed mixture. Stir in raisins and walnuts. Drop by teaspoonful 3 inches apart onto lightly greased baking sheet. Bake 8-10 minutes or until lightly browned. Glaze: Combine 2 cups confectioner's sugar and 2 Tbl. lemon juice or enough juice to achieve a thin spreading consistency. Spread or drizzle over cooled cookies.
1 cup	Sugar	
1	Egg	
1 cup	Zucchini, shredded	
1 tsp.	Lemon peel, grated	
2 cup	All purpose flour	
1 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 tsp.	Baking powder	
1 tsp.	Cinnamon	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1/2 cup	Raisins	
1/2 cup	Walnuts, chopped	



KIDZ KORNER

APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.



“ _____ ;
 _____ ;
 _____ .”

PSALM 17:8, NIV

Answer: "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 17:8, NIV

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Living Our Faith

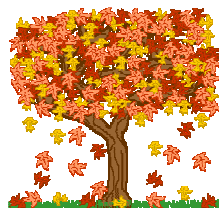
God's Left Hand

A 6-year-old and his grandma went for a walk one autumn day. "Look at the gorgeous leaves!" Grandma exclaimed. "Just think, God painted each one of them just for us!"

"Yep," said her grandson, "and he did it left-handed."

Perplexed, Grandma asked, "Why do you think God used his left hand to create all this beauty?"

"Because," said the boy matter-of-factly, "we learned in Sunday school that Jesus sits on God's right one."



A Taste of Heaven

When an admirer asked renowned pianist Vladimir Horowitz how he could play so beautifully, he's said to have replied that anyone could play the notes, but the true music lay in the pauses between them. The same can be said of life.

Rabbi Evan Moffic (*Shalom for the Heart*) writes, "It is in the pauses — the rests, the spaces in between — that meaning is made and that holiness is felt." Nowadays we keep so busy there's hardly a pause or space in our day.

"But that's not the way God created us [or] the world," Moffic continues. "God worked, then rested. God created, then paused. ... Thus, our Sabbath is the day when we can marvel at the beauty of the world God created. It is the day we enjoy what the ancient sages called 'a taste of heaven.' It is a day when we stop thinking about the *what* of life and remind ourselves of the *why* of life."