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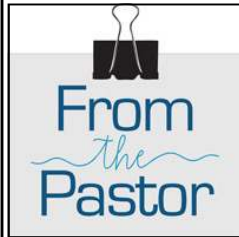
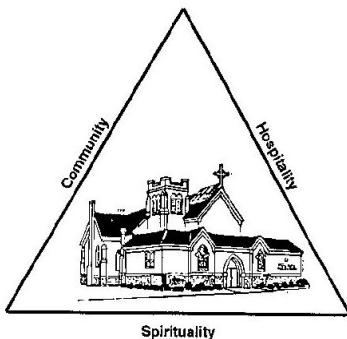
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September is upon us, the kids are back at school, whatever type of school that happens to be this year. The dog days of summers are leaving us for Autumn harvest season. We have learned to adapt to a new style of living in a world where Covid-19 has changed everything. It changed a mission we have been doing for years, well before my arrival at Elida. Festival of Sharing has been postponed until a later date and we have decided to continue to take in health and school kits. We will keep them in storage until they are needed or Festival of Sharing is rescheduled. Your hard work will not go to waste as we will make sure they get where they need to as soon as we are allowed.

God has provided us a way to help school kids right here in Elida throughout the school year. We will be gathering school supplies for local kids in the high school, which will be handed out as kids have a need. It is our chance to make a difference today. In the newsletter you will find a list of supplies for Elida. When you bring them we will make sure they get to the high school to be given out to kids who need them. When your initial offering is used up we will be asking for more to refill the shelves so keep looking here for more information. Thanks in advance for your help.

We are back at church as a community and it has been good to see people in the church on Sunday mornings. I know some of you have not been able to come to church because of safety concerns and that is all right. I want to encourage you to keep watching on Facebook Live or later on YouTube as our service will continue to be broadcast every week. Remember, you can continue to contribute to the church by dropping off your offering during the week or mailing it to the church.

I look forward to a time when we can say that Covid-19 is a part of our past. In fact, I look forward to seeing how this event is described by history. We all share a small part in the history that is occurring right in front of us every day, which is always true, but now seems to be one of those special times in history that will be remembered and talked about. I know this historical event will not have the staying power of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, but I think I have gotten a small glimpse into what it is like to be alive at a time that will not soon be forgotten. Jesus' transformation of our world helps us to see how the life of one person can make a huge impact. I hope, like all of you, to be a part of an impact that continues Christ's change in our world today. Let God's Love shine through your life today.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

Strength is found in weakness.
Control is found in dependency.
Power is found in surrender.

Dan Allender

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September 6

**Coins for Communion
to benefit The Samaritan House**

Due to the uncertainty of in-person worship, you may include your donation to this mission by marking your offering envelope or your check to designate Coins for Communion and the amount.

**September 7
Labor Day
Office Closed**



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

***St. Paul's Vision Statement:
Is for the Elida community to be led
to Christ through words and deeds
enabling youth to have purpose,
families to be nurtured and
supported, and senior citizens to
feel valued.***

***Our Biblical Purpose Statement:
Elida St. Paul's United Methodist
Church exists as God's people embracing
His grace through humble service to all.***

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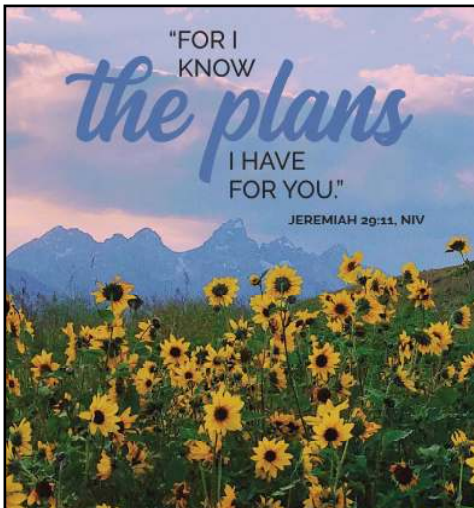


**Food Pantry Sunday
September 13**

Thank you to all who have been donating to the 5 Loaves Food Pantry at The Church at Allentown. Please continue to donate non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies and paper products.



**September 22
First Day of Fall**



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Calling All Ladies

LADIES - EXCITING NEWS! We will begin meeting in the Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's beginning, September 3, 2020

We will be sharing about our sabbatical projects during this meeting. Missed That! Come and hear what others have done on their own during the month of August!

We will have plenty of seating so we can "self distance" ourselves! Please, wear a mask if it makes you more comfortable!

We will begin our study of the book of Romans on Thursday, September 10th. Fellowship 6:00-6:30; Study 6:30-7:30; Prayer needs, Card signing 7:30-8:00

Come join us for all or part of this wonderful experience!!

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Waldick at 419-604-0299 or Judy Chaffins at 419-230-3134

Festival of Sharing

Dear Friends,

After much prayerful consideration, the Festival of Sharing Committee has decided to immediately postpone the kit collection for 2020.

We realize that people and churches are dedicated to this mission of sharing and want to honor their desire to serve others. The committee believes that postponing the event until next spring, instead of cancelling the event all together, will allow all of us to live out our call of serving others, even during these uncertain times. Your commitment to serving others by providing kits for the Festival of Sharing is an important testimony of your love of your neighbors.

The Committee has decided to only host one event next year, so we won't be asking you to make kits twice in 2021. We promise to keep you updated during this transitional time. Thanks again for partnering in ministry with the Festival of Sharing. Together, we can serve our neighbors

With Gratitude,

Rev. David Maze and Matthew Stevens
On behalf of the Festival of Sharing Committee



Here at St. Paul's we will assemble the kits on September 8, as planned, then will box them up for storage, until Festival of Sharing collects them in Spring of 2021.

Thank you to Bev Nesbitt
for taking charge of this mission
project, and to all who made kits
or donated funds for Bev to
purchase supplies for kits.



Hymn History

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

"Then Sings My Soul" Book 2, By Robert J. Morgan

1843

Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Psalm 100:2

Many of our "adult" hymns were originally written for children. "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us," is a good example. So is Isaac Watts' great hymn, "I Sing the Mighty Power of God," which first appeared in his *Divine and Moral Songs for Children*. The rousing "Onward, Christian Soldiers" was written for the youngsters of Horbury, England, to sing on a Monday morning in 1865 as they marched to a nearby village to establish a Sunday School. Even the great anthem "All Creatures of Our God and King," by St. Francis of Assisi, was first translated into English and set to music for a 1919 children's festival in Leeds, England.

Here's another instance: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" first appeared in *Sacred Melodies for Children*, published in Edinburgh in 1843. The original words said, "Come, Children, Join to Sing..."

Its author, Christian Henry Bateman, a pastor in Edinburgh, was committed to developing a Sunday School in which children sang the great truths of the Christian faith. Bateman had begun his ministry as a Moravian pastor, but moved to Edinburgh and became a Congregational minister and the pastor of Richmond Place Congregational Church, where he was serving when he wrote "Come, Christians, Join to Sing." He was later ordained in the Church of England and ministered in that communion until his retirement in 1884. He passed away 5 years later.

"Come, Christians, join to Sing" originally had 5 stanzas, but Bateman reduced the hymn to its present form in the 1854 edition of his hymnal, *Sacred Melodies for Sabbath Schools and Families*. This book became one of the best-selling songbooks in Scottish history, selling more than six million copies by 1881 and becoming the standard hymn book for Scottish Sunday schools for a generation.

The true, MADRID, was a popular Spanish folk melody arranged for this hymn by Benjamin Carr, who was born in London in 1769, and died in Philadelphia in 1831. In England, Carr was a well-known singer with the London Ancient Concerts. Immigrating to America, he joined his father and brother in a music publishing enterprise, with stores in Philadelphia, New York, and Baltimore. He also served as a church organist and music director in Philadelphia for many years. Benjamin Carr is best known as the first American Publisher of "Yankee Doodle" - and for arranging the music to "come, Christians, Join to Sing."



Faith In Action

Financial Giving
 Weekly Need for
 Unified Ministry Budget
 \$3,879.00

Worship Attendance:	
August 2, 2020 <i>No in-person Worship</i>	
August 9, 2020 <i>No in-person Worship</i>	
August 16, 2020	38
August 23, 2020	44

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
August 2 & 9, 2020 <i>combined</i>	\$9,247.00	\$719.00
August 16, 2020	\$3,185.00	\$510.00
August 23, 2020	\$2,150.00	\$214.00

Thank you for your support and staying connected to St. Paul's over these last several months of uncertainty; Whether it is by returning to in-person worship or continuing to watch the worship service on line, sending in your offering, buying supplies, or providing funds to purchase supplies for health and school kits, checking on the well being of other parishioners, active on committees who are making the tough decisions of when to close or open for in-person worship. A lot of thought and compromise have gone into planning the best ways to keep everyone safe.

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Flower Calendar</h2>	
September 6, 2020	Lynda Evans
September 13, 2020	Scott & Gail Fessler
September 20, 2020	Don & Mary Irvin
September 27, 2020	Myrna Metzger

There will be **NO Greeters** and **NO Hospitality Cart**. We will reevaluate on a regular basis as the restrictions of this pandemic changes.

Continue to keep up to date with our weekly status e-mail, or for those without e-mail, snail mail.

Daily Bible Readings

Tuesday 9/1

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

Wednesday 9/2

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

Thursday 9/3

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

Friday 9/4

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

Saturday 9/5

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

Sunday 9/6

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

Monday 9/7

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

Tuesday 9/8

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

Wednesday 9/9

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

Thursday 9/10

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

Friday 9/11

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

Saturday 9/12

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

Sunday 9/13

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

Monday 9/14

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

Tuesday 9/15

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

Wednesday 9/16

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

Thursday 9/17

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

Friday 9/18

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

Saturday 9/19

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

Sunday 9/20

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

Monday 9/21

Psalm 79, 80, 2 Kings 5:1-19
1 Corinthians 4:8-21
Matthew 5:21-26

Tuesday 9/22

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

Wednesday 9/23

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

Thursday 9/24

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

Friday 9/25

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

Saturday 9/26

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

Sunday 9/27

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

Monday 9/28

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

Tuesday 9/29

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

Wednesday 9/30

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



Remember When



September, 1984
Sunday Worship
Service
at Allen County
Farm Park



Methodist History

Early Methodist Meetinghouses In Ohio

The next Methodist meetinghouse was the one erected at Hopewell. Rev. William I. Fee, in speaking of his grandfather, says, "in the year 1803, he united with a number of pioneer Methodists who had moved from Maryland and Virginia to Clermont County to erect the third Methodist Episcopal Church edifice in the Northwest Territory. It was named the Hopewell. It stood one mile west of Felicity. It was a hewed log building, two stories high, and a very large edifice for that day."

Ward's meetinghouse was erected that same year. It was located on Duck Creek, Hamilton County, near Madisonville. It was built, as were most of the churches of this day, of rough beech logs. About this time, a log meetinghouse was also erected on Eagle Creek, in Scioto Circuit.



Missions

Camps and Retreats

*West Ohio Conference United Methodist Church
Otterbein/ Wesley/ Widewater*

The Mission of Camping Ministry Needs Your Support.

West Ohio Camping & Retreat Ministries has a mission statement, *“West Ohio Camps provide a spiritual, relational, and recreational environment where everyone can experience the love of Jesus.”* We are part of the West Ohio Conference on a mission to serve United Methodist congregations and families. Our summer camping program was cancelled due to the total safety concerns of all campers and staff. What hasn't stopped are the continual costs to run a mission, utilities, maintenance, taxes, insurance, mowing, painting and Missionaries (Camp Directors), salaries, health insurance and residences. Right now the camp is dependent on lost revenues to cover the less frilly expenses, utilities, maintenance and payroll.

On behalf of the west Ohio Camping and Retreat Ministries, I ask for your prayerful consideration of a one-time or continuous monthly donation to assist the mission, Survive 2020. We stand to lose 64% of our annual income and must turn to the generosity of camp lovers, supporters and those that believe in conference ministry camping for our youth.

Your blessings and/or prayers are much appreciated. No gift is too small. No gift is too large.

On behalf of our team Rachel, Ashlee, Scott, Andrew and Lisa
Sincerely,

Ken Overholser, Director of Camping & Retreat Ministries



Christian Symbol



CROSS CROSSLET

This cross is formed of four smaller Latin crosses joined at their overlapping bases. The cross as a whole represents the spreading of the gospel to the four corners of the earth. This cross is often used in connection with missions.

Thank You

Thank you for your gift of \$177.35 to the Bradley Joseph Memorial Scholarship for Medical Missions.

Sincerely,
The Community Foundation

Connecting With ...



Stacy McAdams writing a welcome message on the sidewalk of Elida High school.



Stacy McAdams is the Social Worker for Elida High School. She works with the guidance councilors, students and their families. Stacy is also collecting school supplies to benefit those high schoolers in need.

Supplies Needed:
binders, loose leaf paper, notebooks, mechanical pencils, pens, book covers, tab dividers, folders, 24 pack colored pencils, and highlighters.



Shirley Moser is a long time Elida resident and a dedicated community supporter. She went from quilting to making masks when she found out there was a need. Shirley has made over 1,000 masks for the Elida community and donated some to the Elida Elementary. We are so thankful for her donation and the masks were used for those students who did not have one.

Thank you, Shirley!
Thank you note on Elida Schools Facebook page.

Shirley Moser also supplied masks to those in our congregation. Shirley continues to make quilts for those in need. She keeps the ladies of Crafty Creatures busy tying yarn knots in the quilts.



The People of St. Paul's

Thank you

*St. Paul's "Church Family",
Thank you for the wind chimes you sent for Jennies funeral...As well as all your thoughts and prayers. It touches our hearts!

The family of Jennie Miller*

*Thank you to our church family,
For the beautiful wind chimes in memory of Don's brother, Charles Irvin, who passed July 10. Your prayers and cards were appreciated.
Thanks to the Crafty Creatures for the beautiful lap quilt.

Love in Christ,
Don and Mary Irvin*



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli
Ray Trigg

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

In the Military

Nathan Stewart



Congratulations to Zac and Jenni (Theodore) Jankovsky on the birth of their daughter Juniper Louise on Tuesday, July 28. June weighed 6 lbs. 9 oz. and is 17.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Tim and Sue Theodore, and aunt and uncle Michele and Andrew Luhn.

Alpha & Omega

God created this world,
everything that it holds.
And God still is creating
as each day unfolds.
What we once called the future,
we now call the past.
While the present is fleeting,
God stays — first and last!
—Peggy Ferrell

Meetings

September 1, 2020
Trustees...7:00 PM

September 2, 2020
Worship Mtg..10:00 AM

NO PPR..

September 14, 2020
Ad Council / Finance.. 7:00 PM

TBA
Missions Mtg..

Sundays
Worship...10:00 AM

SEPTEMBER

2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Anniversaries

- Chris & Kate Stengel
September 6
- Josh & Lori Motzer
September 7
- Greg & Barb Schade
September 7: 41 yrs.
- Tim & Katie White
September 8
- Nick & Kim White
September 10
- Rick & Kara Woeller
September 17
- Chris & Molly Przekora
September 19
- Jonathan & Chelsey Cook
September 20
- Norm & Mary Grigsby
September 20; 62 yrs.
- Don & Mary Irvin
September 22; 58 yrs.
- Mike & Becky Ellinger
September 25

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

Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Meatball Stuffed Biscuits

By Deb Hurd

Ingredients		Instructions
1 lb.	Ground pork	<p>Mix all top ingredients together and form them into meatballs (16) and fry until brown.</p> <p>Flatten each biscuit and put 1/2 piece of mozzarella cheese on it , wrap this around the meatball. Place in a sprayed 9x13 dish.</p> <p>Bake according to biscuit directions.</p> <p>When done, mix together some olive oil, butter, garlic and a small amount of crushed red peppers flakes and brush on top of the biscuits. Sprinkle with some parmesan cheese.</p>
1/2 cup	Panko	
1/2 tsp.	Fennel	
1/2 tsp.	Paprika	
1/2 tsp.	Onion powder	
1/2 tsp.	Garlic powder	
	Parsley, fresh	
1	Egg	
1 cup	Parmesan , grated	
2 pkg.	Grand Biscuits	
slices	Mozzarella	



Old Fashioned Sugar Cream Pie

By Jone Lane

Ingredients		Instructions
1 -9 in.	Pie crust, baked	<p>Cook ingredients on medium heat. Stir constantly until thick.</p> <p>Pour into baked pie shell. Let cool a little.</p> <p>Sprinkle with nutmeg and /or cinnamon.</p>
1 cup	Sugar	
1 Tbl.	Flour, level	
2 Tbl.	Cornstarch, heaping	
2 1/2 cup	Milk	
1 1/2 tsp.	Vanilla	
1/2 stick	Margarine	



KIDZ KORNER

A BUSHEL OF BOOKS



Design a handy bag to tote your books this fall.

What you need:

- Plain canvas bag
- Cardboard scrap
- Acrylic paints (2 colors)
- 2 small paper plates
- Apple
- Knife (and adult help)
- Foam brush
- Scrap paper

What you do:

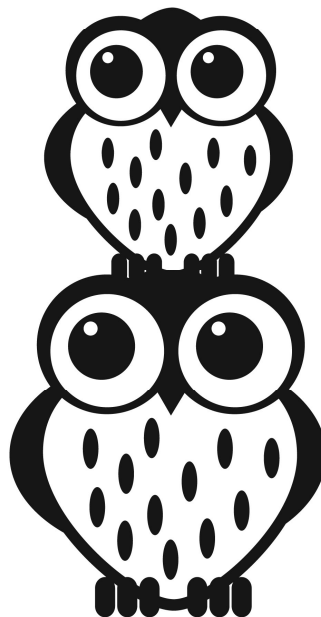
1. Lay the bag flat on a table, and place cardboard inside for protection.
2. Pour a paint dollop on each plate.
3. Slice the apple in half, keeping the core intact.
4. Brush a thin layer of paint on the cut side of an apple half. Practice making stamps on scrap paper. Use the other color on the other apple half.
5. Paint and stamp the bag with your final design. When dry, remove the cardboard.
6. Use the bag for school and Sunday school. Happy reading!



WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



- | | |
|---------|---------------|
| school | — ○ — — — |
| paper | — ○ — |
| wisdom | — — ○ — |
| read | — — — ○ |
| play | — — — — — |
| learn | ○ — — — — |
| grow | — ○ — — — — |
| pencils | — — — — — |
| pray | — ○ — — |
| art | — — — — — |
| student | — — — ○ — — |
| kids | — — ○ — — — — |
| apple | — — ○ — — — |

“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be _____ and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

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Living Our Faith

One All-Important Word

Sometimes one word makes all the difference. In John 14:16, when Jesus promises the disciples that God will send the Holy Spirit, he doesn't say "the" Helper or "a" Helper but "another" Helper. For there to be "another" of something, we must already be familiar with a first of that thing. Jesus has been, for the disciples, their first Helper. They already "know him for he dwells with [them]" (verse 17, ESV).

When my infant son was to start full-time daycare, the transition went quite smoothly. That's because his "new" caregiver wasn't new at all: She was Grandma! The sense that my son would be in the hands of *another* family member he already knew eased the handoff for Mama and baby alike.

Not all parents have access to that type of situation, but the caregiving arrangement Jesus provided his disciples is available to all. Even when Jesus is no longer physically with us, another who loves us just as much — another we already know and whose truth we've seen in Jesus — is here. We're in good hands.

—Heidi Mann

Always Within Reach

As I grow older, I appreciate help getting up from the couch. Often, my husband extends his arm to boost me up. This act of kindness reminds me how the Lord reaches out to me each morning. He is the strength to lift me up so I needn't depend on myself.

Looking back through the years, I can see how the Lord endlessly extended his arm to me. Isaiah 33:2 says, "O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble." Too often I haven't waited for the Lord, and my impatience resulted in no-good results. Waiting for — and accepting — God's guidance isn't always easy, but he always comes through, and we're never out of his reach.

I'm so thankful my heavenly Father graciously extends his arm to help me up, get me "unstuck" and keep me from trouble.

—MaryAnn Sundby