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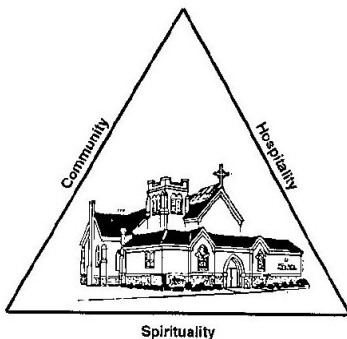
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Newsletter
deadline:
the **16th**
of each month

Thought for the Month:

"Once you choose hope,
any thing is possible."

- Christopher Reeve

St. Paul's Holiday Home Walk

St. Paul's will be having a Holiday Home Walk this year on **Tuesday, December 3, 2013**. All ladies of the church and their friends and family are invited to join us in this holiday kick-off. We will begin with a light soup supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. Three ladies of the church (Jan Wyant, Linda Holman, and Marla Scannell) have graciously agreed to open their homes to us. We will visit each of these homes on Main Street, marvel at the ladies' ability to have decorated their homes so early, and sample some treats at each home. Anyone willing to donate a door prize for the event may drop it off in the church office or contact Sue Theodore at 419-225-8943. We hope you are able to join in the festivities!



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Seniors Day Out

**Tuesday, November 19th
at noon
in the Fellowship Hall**
Norm Grigsby will speak about
the US Navy Seabees



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Secretary:	Gail Fessler
Secretary:	Jone Lane
Organist:	Linda Holman
Pianist:	Lois Cook
Choir Director:	Judy Chaffins
Custodian:	Dave Decker



Children and Youth Sunday School Revamped!

Beginning Sunday, October 27th,
Sunday School for students
will be grouped into smaller classes.

AGES 2-KINDERGARTEN**

during church with

Shirley Moser and Linda Matlock

1ST-3RD

9:00-9:45 in the room
connecting the office with
Shirley Shoup

4TH-6TH

9:00-9:45 in the Fellowship Hall with
Marla Scannell

7TH-12TH

9:00-9:45 in the Fellowship Hall with
Jan Wyant

****A nursery will be provided during the
Sunday School hour.**

Youth News

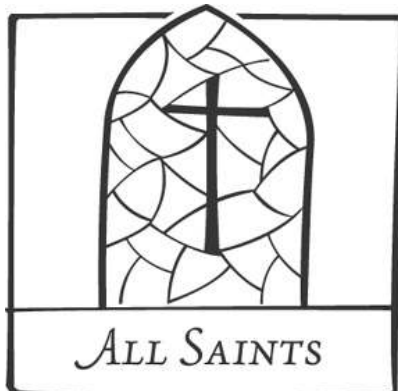


Congratulations Torie!

Elida High School Homecoming

Our **Torie McAdams** was crowned homecoming queen at the homecoming game on September 27, 2013. Dakota Mathias was the king. Elida's football team beat Van Wert 41 to 34. Notice the Elida Band cymbal player in the background.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



All Saints Sunday is a day of remembrance for the saints, with the New Testament meaning of all Christian people of every time and place. We celebrate the communion of saints as we remember the dead, both of the Church universal and of our local congregation. For this reason, during The Celebration of Saints, we speak the names of persons whom we remember as saints.

**All Saints Sunday
November 3, 2013**

Bring a white candle in a holder to place on the altar in memory of loved ones who have passed.



**Daylight Savings Time
ends November 3rd.
Remember to turn
your clocks back
one hour.**

Missions

Thank You

Dear Friends,
Thank you so very much for
your recent donation to our
shelter. Your kindness and
support are truly appreciated.

**Sincerely,
Samaritan House**

Dear Friends of the Festival of Sharing,
We are so thankful for your response
to the Festival of Sharing Kit
Collection. Your kind donations helped
us to fill a 53' semi-truck. The
congregations were so generous that we
had to rent an additional truck to ship all
of the donations. This is amazing! We
are so pleased to announce that over 1/3
of all Kits collected in the United States
come from Ohio. Thank you!

Blessings,
Festival of Sharing Chair,
Rev. David Maze
Regional Director, Matthew Stevens

Friends,

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts
for your faithful support of the children who attended
Camp Sierra Linda. We are pleased to send you a few
thank you notes from the children of the Sierra Linda
Camp (posted on Missions bulletin board in hallway).
Please picture in your "mind's eye", 78 kids, in the
dining hall, working hard on letters of appreciation to
"Ohio". Campers were given paper, pencils, colors
and markers to do their best in letting you know
how much they appreciate the opportunity to spend a
week at Camp Sierra Linda! Words can never fully
express our appreciation for your help as we journey
to Mexico as a team (you and us). *We are making a
difference!*

Pastor Neal Whitney and the many missionaries
who serve in Mexico.

St.Pauls UMC,

Thank you for your payment (\$2,246) toward the
2013 bridge and deck project at Camp Wesley, as
well as the food reimbursement that was I
ncluded. Support from the friends of the Outdoor
and Retreat ministry of the West Ohio Conference
helps to keep our sites attractive and useful to our
guests.

James Nothstine,
Finance Office of the West Ohio Conference



Business of the Church

As sure as the sun rises and sets every day, so comes our annual Stewardship season at St. Paul's. Stewardship at St. Paul's is interpreted differently by each of us making this aspect of behavior a personal choice involving our relationship with God. It's how we live our lives and how we define and implement accountability and responsibility with our family, with our work associates, with our neighbors and community members, with our habits of spirituality and generosity.

We see many forms of stewardship in action at St. Paul's:

- ♦ We tend to the integrity of God's house by fixing, improving, modifying, and maintaining our buildings and grounds;
- ♦ We invest in Christian education as evidenced by our renewed curriculum beginning October 27 for children and adults;
- ♦ We worship in song and liturgy through the time and talents offered by our choir, by our musicians, and by our Worship Committee;
- ♦ We reach out to our neighbors, to our community, to our nation, and to the world through the efforts and initiatives of our Missions Committee;
- ♦ We celebrate one another and our community through events prepared by our Nurture Committee, by our ReFocus Seniors Group, and by our ReFocus Youth Center initiative.

St. Paul's Mission Statement is 'An Inviting Community of Christ's Disciples.' Stewardship is discipleship in action! In addition to spirituality, it is the habit of giving to God our time, our talents, and our tithe. The day will come when God asks, 'What have you done with all I've given you?' How will you respond?

During the five Sundays of Stewardship season 2013 beginning October 27, Pastor Paul will be examining the **'Five Pillars of Methodism':**

October 27 – 'Passionate Worship'

November 3 – 'Radical Hospitality'

November 10 – 'Intentional Faith Development'

November 17 – 'Risk-taking Mission and Service'

November 24 – 'Extravagant Generosity' (Consecration [Pledge] Sun. & Lunch Carry-In)

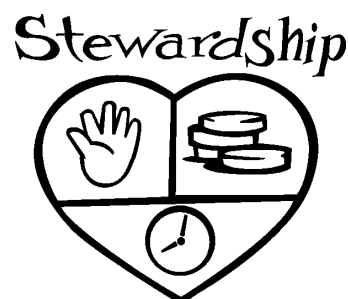
These pillars help support stewardship in our faith community we call St. Paul's U.M.C. We act upon our faith and act as good stewards by the examples we set for ourselves and for our community (five such examples are listed above.) We also energize our stewardship responsibility by asking the question, 'What does God need us to do at this time and in this place'.....and then act upon the answers to this question.

In his 'Extravagant Generosity' message, Pastor Paul will highlight and describe what a community of good stewards looks like: 'Fruitful congregations thrive because of extraordinary sharing, willing sacrifice, and joyous giving out of love for God and neighbor.' St. Paul's has embodied this spirit and activity of fruitful giving but there are ways to do our best better. Please join us this Stewardship season to learn of ways you can energize and improve your habits of generosity in meeting the needs of St. Paul's and our community in gratitude to God.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2013

Carry-in luncheon to follow worship service
hosted by the Nurture Committee.

Please bring 2 dishes to share.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

September 29, 2013	91
October 6, 2013	101
October 13, 2013	107
October 20, 2013	87

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
September 29, 2013	\$2,281.00	\$964.00
October 6, 2013	\$5,344.00	\$821.88
October 13, 2013	\$4,287.00	\$1,488.58
October 20, 2013	\$1,920.00	\$3,631.00

Sunday School Attendance

September 29, 2013	14
October 6, 2013	22
October 13, 2013	25
October 20, 2013	12

Greeters

November 3, 2013	Lois Rabley
November 10, 2013	Susan Nartker & Ruth Burgoon
November 17, 2013	Don & Mary Irvin
November 24, 2013	Denny & Carole Grapner

Flower Calendar

November 3, 2013	Martha Vazquez
November 10, 2013	Dillon & Helen Staas
November 17, 2013	Gary & Deb Hurd
November 24, 2013	Dennis & Shara Bowsher

Communion Servers

November 3

Station #1	Marty & Kathy White
Station #2	Jamie & Jan Wyant
Station #3	Mary Williams & Linda Craft

Bible Readings for November

Friday 11/1

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Ecclesiastes 34:1-8, 18-22
Revelations 13:1-10
Luke 12:13-31

Saturday 11/2

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Ecclesiastes 35:1-17
Revelation 13:11-18
Luke 12:32-48

Sunday 11/3

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Ecclesiastes 36:1-17
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13
Matthew 18:21-35

Monday 11/4

Psalm 56, 57, 58, 64, 65
Ecclesiastes 38:24-34
Revelations 14:1-13
Luke 12:49-59

Tuesday 11/5

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Ecclesiastes 43:1-22
Revelations 14:14-15:8
Luke 13:1-9

Wednesday 11/6

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Ecclesiastes 43:23-33
Revelations 16:1-11
Luke 13:10-17

Thursday 11/7

Psalm 70, 71, 74
Ecclesiastes 44:1-15
Revelations 16:12-21
Luke 14:18-30

Friday 11/8

Psalm 69, 73
Ecclesiastes 50:1, 11-24
Revelations 17:1-18
Luke 13:31-35

Saturday 11/9

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Ecclesiastes 51:1-12
Revelations 18:1-14, Luke 14:1-11

Sunday 11/10

Psalm 34, 93, 96
Ecclesiastes 51:13-22
1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Matthew 20:1-16

Monday 11/11

Psalm 77, 79, 80, Joel 1:1-13
Revelations 18:15-24
Luke 14:12-24

Tuesday 11/12

Psalm 78, Joel 1:15-2:2 (3-11)
Revelations 19:1-10
Luke 14:25-35

Wednesday 11/13

Psalm 81, 82 119:97-120
Joel 2:12-19
Revelations 19:11-21
Luke 15:1-10

Thursday 11/14

Psalm 23, 27, 85, 86
Joel 2:21-27
James 1:1-15
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Friday 11/15

Psalm 88, 91, 92, Joel 2:28-3:8
James 1:16-27, Luke 16:1-9

Saturday 11/16

Psalm 87, 90, 136, Joel 3:9-17
James 2:1-13
Luke 16:10-17(18)

Sunday 11/17

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Habakkuk 1:1-4(5-11) 12-2:1
Philippians 3:13-4:1
Matthew 23:13-24

Monday 11/18

Psalm 89
Habakkuk 2:1-4, 9-20
James 2:14-26, Luke 16:19-31

Tuesday 11/19

Psalm 94, 97, 99, 100
Habakkuk 3:1-10(11-15) 16-18
James 3:1-12, Luke 17:1-10

Wednesday 11/20

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Malachi 1:1, 6-14
James 3:13-4:12, Luke 17:11-19

Thursday 11/21

Psalm 105, Malachi 2:1-16
James 4:13-5:6, Luke 17:20-37

Friday 11/22

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Malachi 3:1-12
James 5:7-12, Luke 18:1-8

Saturday 11/23

Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-13
Malachi 3:13-4:6
James 5:13-20, Luke 18:9-14

Sunday 11/24

Psalm 118, 145, Zechariah 9:9-16
1 Peter 3:13-22, Matthew 21:1-13

Monday 11/25

Psalm 106, Zechariah 10:1-12
Galatians 6:1-10, Luke 18:15-30

Tuesday 11/26

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126
Zechariah 11:4-17
1 Corinthians 3:10-23
Luke 18:31-43

Wednesday 11/27

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Zechariah 12:1-10
Ephesians 1:3-14, Luke 19:1-10

Thursday 11/28

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135
Zechariah 13:1-9
Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 19:11-27

Friday 11/29

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Zechariah 14:1-11
Romans 15:7-13, Luke 19:28-40

Saturday 11/30

Psalm 104, 137:1-9, 144
Zechariah 14:12-21
Philippians 2:1-11, Luke 19:41-48

Mortgage Burning Sunday



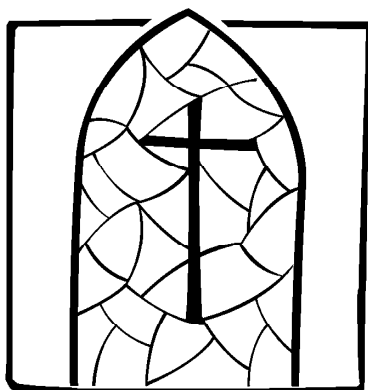
The mountain moved from here to there!

During July, 2013, the final mortgage loan installment was paid.

A mortgage burning and celebration lunch was held on Sunday, September 29, 2013.

Thank you to the **Nurture Committee** for decorating the Fellowship Hall and organizing the luncheon.

All Saints



November 1 is All Saints' Day, a time when we remember and celebrate people we think of as saints. Some saints live among us. They may be friends, teachers, and family. Other saints lived and died long ago. Saints are people God has put into our lives to be our friends in the faith - people who support and guide us. They show us a way to God that we do not have to walk by ourselves.

All Saints' Sunday is a day when the church admits that we do not come to faith on our own; someone had to teach us about Jesus, someone had to tell us the story. All that we have as Christians we have as gift, as grace, an inheritance we have received from and shared with the saints.

If you think for a moment, you can probably name some people in your family or in your church who you think of as saints. These are people who have been there for you, no matter what. They are people you go to when you have questions. They are people you are happy to share your life with, and people you want to pattern your life after.

We can also be friends with saints who lived long ago. Saint Francis of Assisi is one example.

He took joy in God's creation. His life began in a rich Italian family over 800 years ago. He enjoyed his life with fine clothes and expensive foods, until he was taken captive by enemies. He spent a year in prison and became sick while he was there.

When Francis left prison he saw a poor man with leprosy and that moment changed his life. He gave away what he had and started to care for people who were sick. He remembered what it was like to be sick and alone in a jail cell and he wanted to help others in need.

With God's encouragement, Francis found 12 followers who joined him in his work. They gave away all that they had, lived simple lives, and cheerfully cared for all of God's creation - animals as well as people. You may have seen pictures of Francis with birds, but once he made friends with a wolf too! He loved the great outdoors. They traveled from place to place, country to country, helping the people they met. God, and the people they helped took good care of them.

- Try to imagine what it was like for Francis to be shut up in a prison for a whole year. What do you think prison is like? Can you go wherever you want? Can you do anything you want?
- What do you think Francis would say about Jesus' words: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6:31)?
- Why do you think Francis cared so much for animals and creation?
- I wonder what advice Francis would give us today.

Living by the Golden Rule

In Matthew 7:12 you can read these words: "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you." This is sometimes called the golden rule, and it is a good description of how saints choose to live. Different versions of this teaching are found in other books of the Bible: Matthew 22:39b; Luke 6:31; and Romans 13:8, 9b. Read them and then try writing your own version of the golden rule. Why do you think this rule is "golden"?



St. Francis of Assisi

The Patron Saints Index (Saints.sqpn.com) lists 5950 saints, beati (those who have been beatified), and venerables. It is by far the most exhaustive list available online, so it may give you some indication of how many saints have been canonized over the years.

- www.WikiAnswers.com



Remember When...



November, 1986

Church All Collectibles Show

Nathan Craft, Todd Chaffins,
Justin Wyant



1991

Confirmation Class Trip to Cincinnati

Back: Gene Craft, Rev. Eric McGlade,
Roger Matlock, Zach Broshes, Nate Craft
Front: Linda Craft, Jaime Koch, Jennifer
Gossard, Christie Steiner



1992

Chancel Choir Rehearsal
Todd Hanes, Director

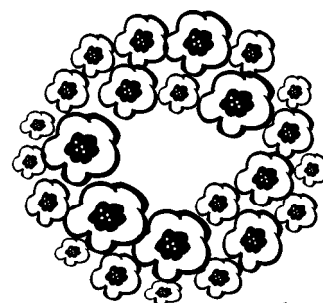


Connecting With ...

The Veteran

Have you ever watched a veteran as the flag goes by?
 With his hand on his heart and a tear in his eye.
 Now bent by the years, still he's handsome and proud,
 With his wife by his side; they stand out in the crowd.
 Have you ever watched a veteran as the men march on?
 He remains at attention 'till the last one's gone.
 With great admiration and respect he'll stand
 While the troops keep cadence with the high school band.
 So at the next parade you may happen to see
 Take a look around the crowd and there well may be
 Some gray haired veterans with hearts so true
 And give a little thought to what they've done for you.
 For somewhere in their past, many, many years ago
 Our country was in need and they were called to go
 To a land filled with terror where death lurked so near;
 Where thoughts turned to home and life seemed so dear.
 Now try to imagine how they face the past;
 How they long for the time those thoughts are gone at last.
 Then say a little prayer that soon these men may find
 A place where those memories are left behind.

By Dillon Staas



**We Honor Their
Service**

VETERANS DAY

**Monday,
November 11, 2013**



Land Of The Morning Calm

Oh gentle, loving people of the land of morning calm,
 Hold sacred your new freedom, and listen to my psalm.
 The seed of many nations came from far across the sea,
 And paid a price on your behalf, for freedom isn't free.
 The gripping fear, the stench of death, no longer fill your mind,
 The horrors of the battlefield have all been left behind.
 Your children, dreaming peaceful dreams, safe in your arms each night,
 Wake with a smile of innocence, to face the morning light.
 Your homes, secure, on quiet streets, bring comfort to the soul.
 From verdant hillside terraces to valleys down below.
 Your mountain streams, now running clear, without a trace of red,
 No sound you hear, no crying, from the dying, and the dead.
 So when good fortune smiles on you and fills your heart with cheer,
 Remember those who fought and died and left their futures here.
 Give thanks to them and make a special place within your heart,
 That you and they, forever friends, shall never drift apart.

By Dillon Staas

The People of St. Paul's

Thank you, to the congregation of St. Paul's for all of the flowers and cards during and after my mom's illness and passing. She sure appreciated the support and will miss all of you dearly. A special thank you from my wife and I on a wonderful meal that was served at the church. Everything was wonderful.

Dan & Patty Banks and family

Thank
You!

September 7, 2013

Lima Area
Methodist Men's
Breakfast



Our Sympathy is extended to **Diane Eagy** on the death of her father, Gerald Eagy, who passed away Sunday, October 6th. His funeral service was held Friday, October 11, at Grace Community Church. Cards may reach Diane at 102 N. Greenlawn, Elida, OH 45807.



We also extend our sympathy to **Rudy and Lavonne Segovia**. Rudy's brother, Victor, passed away on Saturday, October 19th. His funeral service was held on Thursday, October 24. Cards may reach Rudy and Lavonne at 925 N. Fraunfelter Rd., Elida, OH 45807.

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Wanda Strayer
Bev Nesbitt

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Karen Bible
Joanna Hurd
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Jason Stanley



Prayer List Updates

**Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**

Meetings

November 4, 2013

PPR...7:00 PM

November 5, 2013

Trustees...7:00 PM

November 6, 2013

Worship Team..6:00 PM

November 11, 2013

Finance....7:00 PM
Ad Council...7:30 PM

November 19, 2013

Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays

Prayer...8:45 AM

Sunday Sch...9:00 AM

Fellowship...9:30 AM

Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays

Chancel Choir...7:00 PM

November 2013

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1 Margie Best Cody Warrnis	2
3 Jacinda Perry	4	5	6	7 Jone Lane Kris Wade	8	9 Jon Cook Josh Guess
10 Kylee Loose	11 Virginia Hollar Jenson Nagy	12 Logan House	13 Dillon Staas	14	15 John Holmes 93 years	16 James Fox
17	18 Dennis Bowsher	19 Gary Grigg Justin Kruse	20 Rudy Segovia Marty White	21	22 Jason Lane Christie Lewis Tony Lozano Sam Whetstone	23 Tony Shoup
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



Anniversaries



Justin & Marisa Kruse
November 4

Bruce & Tammy Segovia
November 16



Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Good Cooks

Pumpkin Bread

by Tracy Sdao

Ingredients		Instructions
3 1/2 cups	Flour	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix pumpkin, water, oil and eggs together. Mix in dry ingredients. Mix well. Pour into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes or until done. Cool before serving.
2 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 1/2 tsp.	Salt	
2 tsp.	Cinnamon	
2 cups	Pumpkin	
3 cups	Sugar	
1 cup	Vegetable oil	
4	Eggs	
2/3 cup	Water	



Pumpkin Cookies

by Jone Lane

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cups	Sugar	Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix all ingredients together. Bake for 15 minutes. Very good frosted with cream cheese frosting.
2 cups	Shortening	
2	Eggs	
2 tsp.	Vanilla	
2 cups	Pumpkin	
1 tsp.	Nutmeg	
4 cups	Flour	
1 tsp.	Soda	
1 tsp.	Salt	
2 tsp.	Cinnamon	
2 tsp.	Baking powder	
1/2 tsp.	Allspice	



KIDZ KORNER

Bible Word Search

Using an NRSV Bible, look up the verse beside each row of boxes and find a word that fits. The letters in the circles spell today's mystery words.

MYSTERY WORDS

Throughout the year we

for all that God does for us.

Y
A
E
C
H
K
R
A
W
I

Revelation 7:12

Y

A Colossians 2:7

E 1 Corinthians 13:1

Nehemiah 12:27

C

H Romans 1:8

Psalms 100:4

K

R 1 Corinthians 1:4

Psalms 69:30

A

Psalms 100:3

W

Psalms 147:7

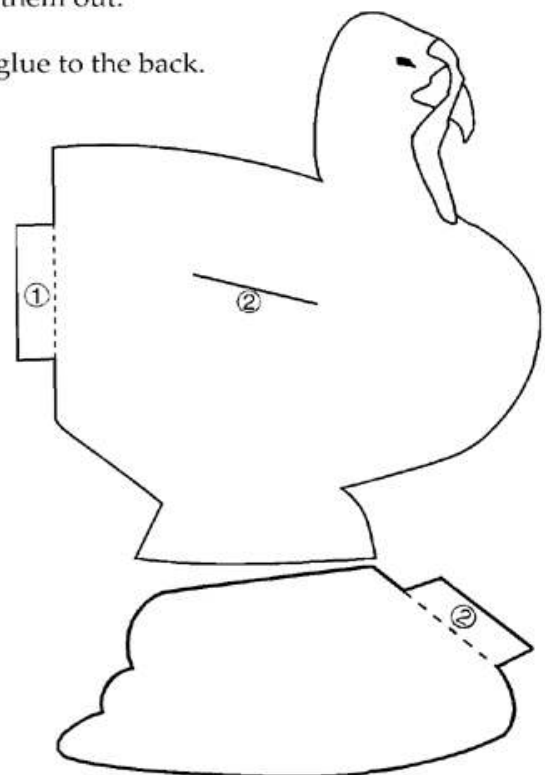
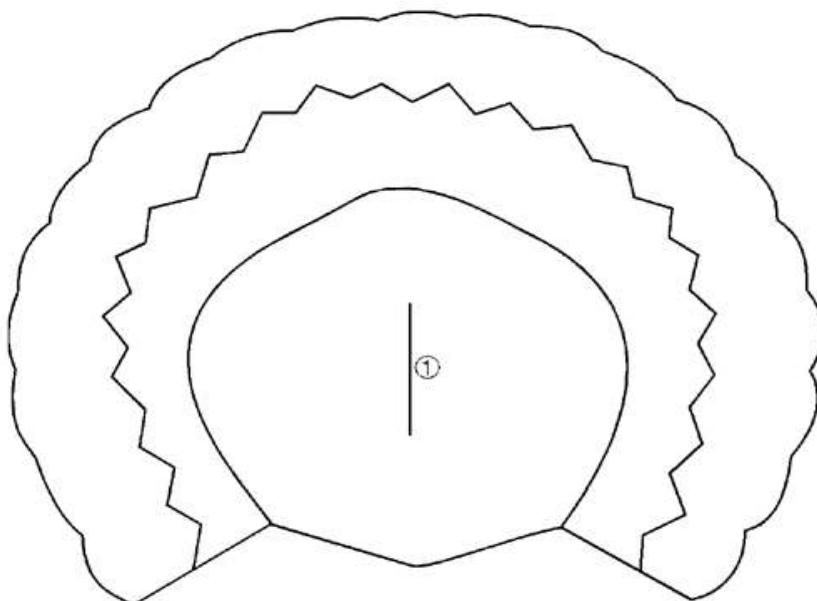
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You Can Create!

We thank God for creation – trees, animals, fish, bugs, everything!

Follow these directions to make a creation of your own; a turkey.

1. Cut out the three pattern pieces.
2. Trace the body, tail, and two wings from brown paper and cut them out.
3. Make markings with white crayon.
4. Cut a slit at ① in tail and insert body tab ①. Bend the tab and glue to the back.
Cut a slit at ② in body and insert a wing tab ② on each side.
Bend tabs (one up and one down) and glue.



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Living Our Faith

The Prayer of St. Francis

This prayer is called the Prayer of St. Francis, but we don't know whether he actually wrote the words. When we pray this prayer, like St. Francis, we are saying to God, "I want to be a peace maker. Please help me every day to share happiness, especially when people need help."

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.

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Jesus Christ Reigns!

What kind of king is Jesus? He holds no scepter for recognition but rather a towel for service. Instead of demanding that people bow before him, Jesus stoops before people in order to wash their feet, cool their fevered brows, touch their sores, and ease their pains. Instead of commanding a well-armed militia to advance his message by might, Jesus commissions a straggly group of common people intoxicated by his love to spread the gospel of peace while respecting people's freedom. Jesus prefers giving away everything that he has to the poor rather than collecting taxes. Oh, yes, and the only throne from which he reigns is a cross.

- C. Welton Gaddy