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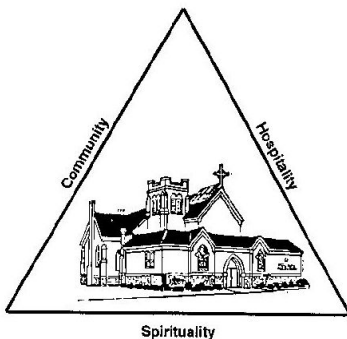
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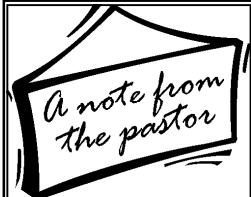
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November is here and that means Christmas can't be far away. But before we talk about Christmas, I am going to take a little time to give thanks for all that St. Paul's has done for me. By the time you get this I should be finished with the Kairos Prison Weekend and I want to thank you all for the support and prayers. You made 221 dozen cookies for the weekend that brought the love and forgiveness of Christ to men who are incarcerated. I also asked you to sign up for the prayer vigil which was 77 hours long, from Thursday night to Sunday evening. St Paul's signed up to cover 71 hours. Thank you for your prayers for the team, staff and especially the residents of the Allen Oakwood Correctional Institution.

I also want to thank everyone who helps support St Paul's United Methodist Church through your time, your talents, and your gifts. Very few people here in Elida show up on Sunday for an hour and do nothing the rest of the year. There are always people coming and going at church as you work on ministries, building maintenance, finances, membership, worship, dinners, teaching, and many more. You are truly the church and help to keep this body of Christ functioning and reaching out into the community. I don't always say thank you but I do notice your hard work and give thanks for all you do.

Operation Christmas Child is in full swing and I invite you to take the time to fill a box for a child. Include your children or grandchildren when you are putting together your box. This is a wonderful opportunity to teach others you know how we can share God's love through a simple gift. I know the Scannell kids really enjoyed putting these together last year and I look forward to how they will personalize them this year. Plus, if you are like me and have a hard time getting those boxes folded correctly, it will be a chance to pass it off to someone younger as a test in patience and perseverance.

I hope you all take some time this month to give thanks for all God has done for you and pass that grace and hope on in all you do and say. Have a great November.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

God doesn't call
the qualified;
He qualifies the called.



Seniors Day Out

Tuesday
November 17, 2015

Andrew and Corinne Piper
will tell you all you ever
wanted to know
about coffee.



All Saints Sunday November 1, 2015

At this time in the church year we think about saints – people who are examples of God's love. We thank God for them and remember saints whose lives enrich our faith.

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

Food Pantry Sunday
November 15th

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 26, 2015
Office Closed



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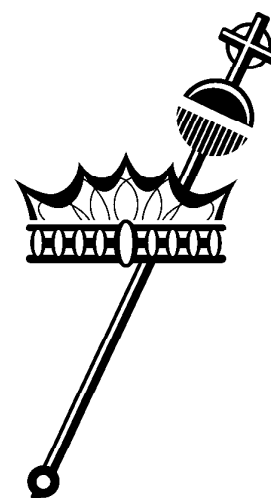
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Secretary:	Gail Fessler
Secretary:	Jone Lane
Organist:	Linda Holman
Pianist:	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian:	Dave Decker

Christian Symbol

Scepter and crown

The scepter and crown are symbols of a king's authority. In Christian tradition, they represent Christ's triumphant rule over all. The final Sunday of the liturgical year — November 22 this year — is Christ the King Sunday, when we celebrate this very thing. Hebrews 1:8 (NIV), echoing the book of Psalms, reads: "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom."



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

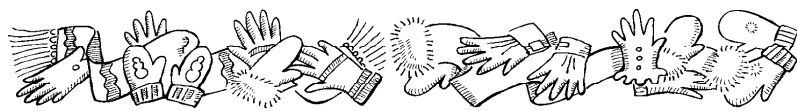
**Special Dates
for November, 2015**

All Saints' Day—November 1
Daylight-Saving Time ends—November 1
Veterans Day—November 11
Christ the King Sunday—November 22
Thanksgiving—November 26
First Sunday of Advent—November 29
UM Student Day—November 29

Daylight Savings Time ends

November 1, 2015

**Remember to turn your
clocks back one hour, and
change the batteries in your
smoke detectors.**



Donate GLOVES & Scarves

**Remember to start making or
buying mittens, scarves, hats
and gloves for our mitten tree.**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



**November 29th
1st Sunday of Advent**

**Anyone interested in doing the
reading and lighting of the Advent
candle, please notify Pastor Paul
or the church office.**

Holiday Home Walk

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

**Light soup supper
in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m.
Home walk to follow.**

**We need volunteers for:
2 to 3 more homes to tour
Door prizes**

**Please contact Sue Theodore
or the church office if interested
in helping.**

Mission Thank-You

Thank you for your generous contribution of \$304.00 to the work of Church World Service – which we appreciate more than ever in these changing times.

Your compassionate support is helping impoverished communities:

- *Develop clean, reliable water sources.*
- *Teach poor farmers sustainable ways to create food security.*
- *Provide food, water, shelter and other necessities to families struggling to rebuild their lives and livelihoods, after natural disasters and civil conflict.*

... I have been deeply moved by the generosity of people like you.

Rev. John McCullough, President and CEO, CWS

**We're
ThankFUL
for
YOU!**

Your gift of \$51.51 in support of our shelter is appreciated more than you know.

*God Bless,
Samaritan House Staff*

Please accept on behalf of the families, volunteers, staff and board, our heartfelt thanks for letting me spread the word about Family Promise this past Saturday to the Allen County Methodist Men's group. support. Thanks, also, for their support and generous gift of \$150.00 you shared with us.

*Chuck Wolfe,
Executive Director,
Family Promise of Lima-Allen County*

*On behalf of the children who receive weekend food through **Meals til Monday**, thank you for your recent donation of \$152.99. Because you give, over 300 local elementary students are having their hunger needs addressed. Your gift and the love you show for our kids is of great value to us.*

*Meals til Monday,
Board of Directors*

*Thank you so much for your gift of \$75.00 for **\$5 on the 5th Sunday** offering donations. You are making a difference by bringing care, nurture, and treatment for hurting children and their families. Thank you for bringing hope and new life to Ohio's children.*

*Sean Reilly,
Executive Director,
UMCH Family Services*

Fall Missions Report

LAMM BREAKFAST

On October 10th, St. Paul's UMC hosted the Lima Area Methodists Men's Breakfast. The food donated by our congregation was enjoyed by all who were present. Extra food was used at the Welcome Center and at the EASY program. Chuck Wolfe, Executive Director of Family Promise of Lima-Allen County did a presentation about Family Promise, the families who are served and how important it is to those families. Jamie Wyant also gave an update on the Camp Wesley Cabin project. The LAMM group decided to donate \$150 to Family Promise and \$150 to the Camp Wesley Cabin project. Thank you to the members of St. Paul UMC who donated food, helped serve the food, and who attended the breakfast. A special thanks to Jamie Wyant for helping with the program. The next LAMM breakfast will be in January or February. Watch the bulletin for further details.



FOOD PANTRY

On October 18th, food was collected at St. Paul's for the 5 Loaves Food Pantry at Allentown. This month's items were canned meats, canned fish or canned chicken. Thank you to all who faithfully provide food for families in the Elida area who are in need of our assistance. You are truly following Jesus' command to "feed my sheep."



TRICK-OR-TREAT NIGHT

On October 29th, St. Paul's participated in a mission to provide hot chocolate and coffee to Elida children who were trick-or-treating, and their parents. This mission helps St. Paul UMC to be a good member of the Elida community. It not only provides us a presence in our community but also allows us to make personal contact with the people who we are serving. Thank you to each person who helped with this mission.

OUR DAILY BREAD

The volunteers at St. Paul's UMC again helped serve food at Our Daily Bread Food Pantry on Friday, October 30th. St. Paul's serves whenever there is a fifth Friday of the month. A small group of people at St. Paul's are very faithful in volunteering to serve at ODB. We thank those individuals for your faithfulness and service. If anyone would like to join in on this mission of our church, feel free to contact Tim Piper or anyone who has served at ODB.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

St. Paul's is again participating in Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. St. Paul's will begin collecting boxes on October 25 through November 15. On Sunday, October 25th, Jamie Wyant provided more information and there will be a flyer about OCC in the bulletin. We hope you will consider helping this year with this important mission. Our goal is to fill 200 boxes to be sent to children around the world, to spread Christ's love. Please help us reach that goal.

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

October 4, 2015	106
October 11, 2015	104
October 18, 2015	102
October 25, 2015	98

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
October 4, 2015	\$5,172.10	\$839.50
October 11, 2015	\$4,334.95	\$1,188.35
October 18, 2015	\$8,783.00	\$259.00
October 25, 2015	\$3,015.45	\$518.45

Sunday School Attendance

October 4, 2015	26
October 11, 2015	26
October 18, 2015	28
October 25, 2015	10

Greeters

November 1, 2015	Ray & Phyllis Trigg
November 8, 2015	Mike & Becky Ellinger Family
November 15, 2015	Gary and Janet Grigg
November 22, 2015	Rudy and Lavonne Segovia
November 29, 2015	Gail Fessler

Flower Calendar

November 1, 2015	Art and Linda Holman
November 8, 2015	Dan Banks Family
November 15, 2015	Don & Judy Chaffins
November 22, 2015	Gary, Deb & Jo Hurd
November 29, 2015	Scott & Beth Warris

Communion Servers November 2

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

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday 11/1

Psalms 8, 24, 29, 84
Nehemiah 5:1-19
Acts 20:7-12, Luke 12:22-31

Monday 11/2

Psalms 56, 57, 64, 65
Nehemiah 6:1-19
Revelation 10:1-11
Matthew 13:36-43

Tuesday 11/3

Psalms 61, 62, 68
Nehemiah 12:27-47
Revelation 11:1-19
Matthew 13:44-52

Wednesday 11/4

Psalms 72, 119:73-96
Nehemiah 13:4-22
Revelation 12:1-12
Matthew 13:53-58

Thursday 11/5

Psalms 70, 71, 74, Ezra 7:1-26
Revelation 14:1-13
Matthew 14:1-12

Friday 11/6

Psalms 69, 73
Ezra 7:27-28, 8:21-36
Revelation 15:1-8
Matthew 14:13-21

Saturday 11/7

Psalms 23, 27, 75, 76, Ezra 9:1-15
Revelation 17:1-14
Matthew 14:22-36

Sunday 11/8

Psalms 34, 93, 96, Ezra 10:1-17
Acts 24:10-21, Luke 14:12-24

Monday 11/9

Psalms 77, 79, 80, Nehemiah 9:1-25
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 15:1-20

Tuesday 11/10

Psalms 78, Nehemiah 9:26-38
Revelation 18:9-20
Matthew 15:21-28

Wednesday 11/11

Psalms 81, 82, 119:97-120
Nehemiah 7:73b-8:18
Revelation 18:21-24
Matthew 15:29-39

Thursday 11/12

Psalms 23, 27, 83, 85, 86
Revelation 19:1-10
Matthew 16:1-12

Friday 11/13

Psalms 88, 91, 92
Revelation 19:11-16
Matthew 16:13-20

Saturday 11/14

Psalms 87, 90, 136
Revelation 20:1-6, Mark 16:21-28

Sunday 11/15

Psalms 19, 46, 66, 67
Acts 28:14b-23, Luke 16:1-13

Monday 11/16

Psalms 89, Revelation 20:7-15
Matthew 17:1-13

Tuesday 11/17

Psalms 94, 95, 97, 99
Revelation 21:1-8
Matthew 17:14-21

Wednesday 11/18

Psalms 101, 109, 119:121-144
Revelation 21:9-21
Matthew 17:22-27

Thursday 11/19

Psalms 105
Revelation 21:22-22:5
Matthew 18:1-9

Friday 11/20

Psalms 102, 107:1-32
Revelation 22:6-13
Matthew 18:10-20

Saturday 11/21

Psalms 33, 107:33-43, 108
Isaiah 65:17-25
Revelation 22:14-21
Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday 11/22

Psalms 118, 145, Isaiah 19:19-25
Romans 15:5-13
Luke 19:11-27

Monday 11/23

Psalms 106
Joel 3:1-2, 9-17
1 Peter 1:1-12, Matthew 19:1-12

Tuesday 11/24

Psalms 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126
Nahum 1:1-13
1 Peter 1:13-25
Matthew 19:13-22

Wednesday 11/25

Psalms 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Obadiah 15-21
1 Peter 2:1-10, Matthew 19:23-30

Thursday 11/26

Psalms 131, 132, 134, 135
Zephaniah 3:1-13
1 Peter 2:11-25, Matthew 20:1-16

Friday 11/27

Psalms 140, 141, 142, 143
Isaiah 24:14-23
1 Peter 3:13-4:6
Matthew 20:17-28

Saturday 11/28

Psalms 104, 137, 144
Micah 7:11-20
1 Peter 4:7-19
Matthew 20:29-34

Sunday 11/29

Psalms 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Amos 1:1-5, 13-2:8
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Luke 21:5-19

Monday 11/30

Psalms 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Amos 2:6-16
2 Peter 1:1-11
Matthew 21:1-11

St. Paul's College Students

2015/2016 COLLEGE STUDENTS

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Toledo, OH 43607

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Tahler Sdao

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Lima, OH 45805

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Goshen, Indiana 46526

Aric Thompson

The Ohio State University - Junior

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222 W. Lane Ave.

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United Methodist Student Day
Sunday, November 29th.

Please keep St. Paul's college students in your prayers.
They also enjoy receiving cards and letters through
out the year.

Blessings

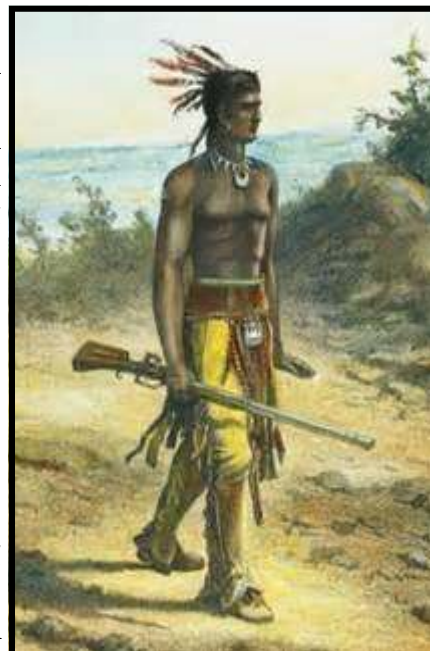
From Harm to Good

Squanto, the Native American who helped the Pilgrims, has a background remarkably similar to that of Joseph in Genesis.

Years before the Pilgrims arrived in America, English traders kidnapped Squanto and other Native Americans and sold them as slaves in Spain. Incredibly, Squanto was bought by monks, who set him free and taught him about Jesus. Later Squanto sailed to England, hoping for passage to America. But he had to wait years, so he worked as a stable hand and learned English. Finally able to travel home, he was devastated to find his tribe wiped out by smallpox.

A couple of years later, the Pilgrims came ashore, tired, sick and having lost many shipmates on the way. Implausibly, they met an English-speaking Native American, who shared his friendship and knowledge. Like Joseph going from his homeland to Egypt and from slave to expert leader, Squanto experienced God's leading — even when the path was littered with misfortune.

Using Squanto, God saved a whole community. What some intended for harm, God turned into good (see Genesis 50:20).



On God's Side

Ever been picked last for a team? Eugene Peterson recounts feeling like a “liability” when this happened to him. *In Run With the Horses* (IVP Books), he says God always wants us on his side — no matter our individual strengths or weaknesses:

“For a long time all Christians called each other ‘saints.’ They were all saints regardless of how well or badly they lived, of how experienced or inexperienced they were. The word saint did not refer to the quality or virtue of their acts, but to the kind of life to which they had been chosen, life on a battlefield. It was not a title given after a spectacular performance, but a mark of whose side they were on.”

Based on its Latin roots, saint is the noun form of the verb consecrate; in other words, Peterson adds, God gave us “spiritual shape” even before we had “biological shape” (see Jeremiah 1:5). Even before forming us, God set us apart, or consecrated us, as saints — and chose us to be on his side.

grat·i·tude

[grat i tood]

noun

the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

—Melody Beattie

Remember When...



November, 2004

Reception to Welcome Mary Kaye Pease and thank Todd Hanes for faithful service.

L-R: Todd Hanes, Judy Chaffins, Mary Kaye Pease



November, 2006
UM Student Day

L-R: Andrew Piper, Tim White, Zack White, Jenessa Fletcher, Tyler Smith, Ashley Reiff, Megan Bible, Kim Bowsher, Jeff Perrin, Jon Cook



Consecration Sunday,
November, 2009

Steve Moser and Mindy Schultz
Singing "Made Me Glad"



Connecting With ...



Congratulations to **Cody and Briana Warris** on the birth of their daughter, **Ryleigh Eileen Warris**, born Monday, October 19th. She weighed 7 lbs. 14oz. Proud grandparents are **Scott and Beth Warris** and great grandmother is **Dottie Jennell**.



Congratulations to **Molly Fessler** on her marriage to **Chris Przekora**. They exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, September 19, at the home of the groom's parents in Howell, Michigan. Rev. Paul Scannell performed the ceremony. Molly is the daughter of **Scott and Gail Fessler**.

Molly and Chris's new address is
3710 Arbor Dr.

Fenton, Michigan, 48430



Congratulations to **Alex McAdams** and **Stacy Alexander** on their recent engagement. They are planning a wedding for fall of 2016. Alex is the son of **Brent and Vicki McAdams**.



Congratulations to the Elida boys varsity soccer team on a great season. Their WBL record was 5-3-1 and ranked 5th. The overall record was 12-5-1. They won their sectional game, and went on to play in districts semifinals. On October 26, Elida won their district semifinal game, beating Wapakoneta 6-0. They will play Celina in the district finals on October 29. Nathan Stewart, grandson of Ruth Hardy, was selected First Team WBL Boys Soccer All League Team and Oliver Fessler was selected Honorable Mention. Congratulations to Coaches Tom Thomas and Scott Warris.



The People of St. Paul's

Thank you to everyone who sent flowers and cards and who prayed for me during my recent stay at the hospital due to my heart attack. I am recovering nicely. A special 'Thank-You' to Pastor Paul who was at the hospital with Corinne during my 3-hour procedure and for visiting me afterwards. Praise God for all of my friends at St. Paul's.

Tim Piper

Thank You

Thank you to Jim Lane, Jone's son, for donating 2 flat screen TVs for various uses in the church.

*Thanks for sending your newsletter!!
You could never guess how much I enjoy a touch with Elida,*

Duane Stemen



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Cindy Guess
Tim Piper

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd

In the Military & Missions

Dani Milke

Tree of Remembrance Service

The holiday season is normally a time of joy, but when someone you love has died, it can be a time of loneliness and pain. If you are experiencing grief, your neighbors at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services will host their 25th Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, December 5, 2015. This community event is held at their Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Road, in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2:00 PM and the service will begin at 3:00 PM, being led by area clergy. Light refreshments will be served following the service at 4:00 PM.

This service is presented as a gift to our community from the Chiles-Laman families. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless of which funeral home provided the services for their loved one.

There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation or for additional information, please do not hesitate to call 419-228-5474.

If your loved one passed away this year, your family is welcome to receive one complimentary personalized crystal ornament. Additional ornaments for loved ones who have passed away in any previous year will be available for \$25 each. To place your order, please call 419-228-5474 prior to November 30th.



Meetings

No PPR Meeting

November 3, 2015
Trustees...7:00 PM

November 4, 2015
Worship Team..6:00 PM

No Finance Meeting

November 9, 2015
Ad Council...7:00 PM

No Missions

Sundays
Prayer...8:45AM
Sunday School.9:00 AM
Fellowship...9:30 AM
Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir..7:00 PM

November 2015

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Margie Best Cody Warris	2	3 Jacinda Perry Dalton Poling	4	5	6	7 Jone Lane Kris Wade
8	9 Jon Cook Joshua Guess	10 Kylee Loose	11 Virginia Hollar Jenson Nagy	12 Logan House	13 Dillon Staas	14
15 John Holmes	16	17	18 Dennis Bowsher	19 Gary Grigg	20 Rudy Segovia Marty White	21
22 Jason Lane Tony Lozano Samantha Whetstone	23 Tony Shoup	24	25	26	27 Happy  Thanksgiving	28
29 First Sunday of Advent 	30					

Anniversaries

Justin & Marisa Kruse
November 4

Bruce & Tammy Segovia
November 16



Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Sausage and Sauerkraut

from Seniors Day Out

Ingredients		Instructions
2 pounds	Sauerkraut, rinsed and drained	Place sauerkraut, caraway seeds, brown sugar and apple into a large saucepan over medium-low heat and bring the mixture to a simmer. Reduce heat to low and cook for 2 hours, stirring occasionally.
1 Tbl.	Caraway seeds (optional)	
1/4 cup	Brown sugar	
1	Apple, diced	
1/2 pound	Bacon, cut into 1-inch pieces	Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease 9x13 baking dish.
1 large	onion	Place bacon and onion into a skillet over medium heat and cook until the bacon is almost crisp and the onion is beginning to brown, about 10 minutes. Stir the bacon mixture into the sauerkraut. In the same skillet, brown sausage until it begins to brown, 10-15 minutes; stir into sauerkraut mixture.
1 1/2 pounds	Kielbasa sausage, cut in half	
		Spoon the sauerkraut/sausage mixture into the prepared baking dish. Bake until bubbling, about 1 hour.



Hot Dog Chili

By Phyllis Trigg

Ingredients		Instructions
3 pounds	Ground beef or sirloin	Mix beef, paprika, chili powder, red pepper and salt together. Stir and cook 45 minutes or until dry.
1/2 tsp.	Paprika	
1/2 tsp.	Chili powder	Add ketchup, chili sauce and hot sauce. Continue to cook and stir until dry.
1/2 tsp.	Red pepper	
1 tsp.	salt	
1 bottle	Ketchup (24 oz.)	
1 jar	Chili sauce (12 oz.)	
4 dashes	Hot sauce	



KIDZ KORNER

Thankful Hearts

Make table decorations that serve as Thanksgiving conversation-starters.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cloth or felt
- Needle and thread
- Sewing machine (optional)
- Fiber fill, cotton balls or rice
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Cut out a heart pattern (any size) on paper. Allow 1/4" for a seam if you'll be using a sewing machine.
2. Cut out material hearts, placing pieces right sides out if sewing by hand and right sides together if using a machine.
3. For hand-sewing, use a running stitch or an overcast stitch. Leave an opening for stuffing.
4. With a machine, sew along a 1/4" seam, allowing a 1" opening so you can turn the heart inside out and insert stuffing. Trim close to seam but don't cut stitching.
5. Fill with stuffing. Sew the opening shut by hand.
6. Put a heart at each place setting. Before dinner, have guests pick theirs up and say why they have a thankful heart.

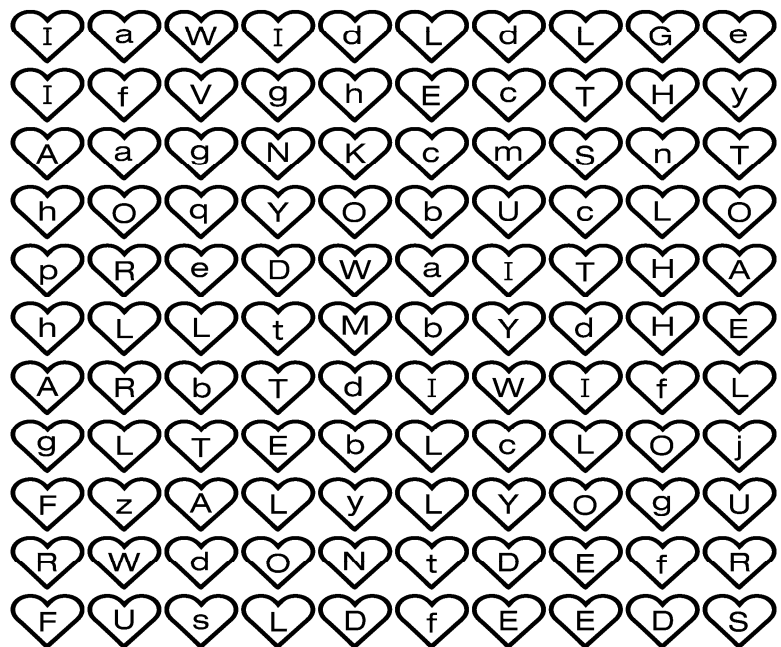


With all my heart



This Thanksgiving — and every day — let's thank our heavenly Father for all he has done.

Directions: Write the capital letters in order on the lines below to complete Psalm 9:1, NIV.



“

_____, _____,

_____;

_____”

PSALM 9:1, NIV

Answer: "I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds." Psalm 9:1, NIV

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Living Our Faith

Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

—Author unknown

The Power of Gratitude

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates a vision for tomorrow.

—Melody Beattie

Transformations

Gratitude can transform common days into thanksgivings, turn routine jobs into joy and change ordinary opportunities into blessings.

—William Arthur Ward