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Dear Friends,

The season for giving thanks is upon us. We look around us here at St. Paul's and realize that we have so much to be thankful for. With all that has been happening in the world, we have not suffered from the financial crisis, from loss of jobs due to the crisis, we don't have anyone experiencing the death of loved ones in the places at war, and we haven't been hit by major natural disasters. For all of this we can be thankful. We are also thankful for the great leadership in the church, and all of those who work so hard to make St. Paul's a wonderful place to meet God and grow in Christ. We are truly blessed.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, because we just gather to be with family, with no pressure to provide just the right presents. We visit, we talk, and we eat. Table fellowship is as important in our time as it was in Jesus' day. For Jesus and his people, when you gathered at the table, it meant you were acceptable. It was an honor to be invited to share a meal with someone. Even when our meals include just our families, it is an honor to sit down with family and share a meal and conversation and the year's stories.

Yet there are some who will not have someone to gather with this Thanksgiving. If you are staying in town for the holiday, consider inviting someone who will otherwise be alone this year. A lonely person may feel accepted and honored by your invitation. Jesus said, "...when you've done this for anyone in need, you've done this for me." [paraphrase of Matthew 25:40]

And, remember to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for all that you have, for all that you are, and for the person God is continuing to create you to become.

See you in church.

Peace,

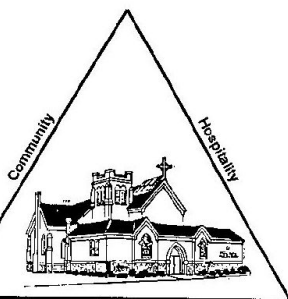
Pastor Ruth Solo



Thought for the Month:

People do not wish to appear foolish; to avoid the appearance of foolishness, they are willing to remain actually fools.

-Alice Walker



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Youth News

You are invited to attend "Musical Mixup", presented by Elida High School on Friday, Nov. 5th and Sunday, Nov. 7th.

Two of our youth, **Michele Theodore** and **Audrey Fox**, are in the musical.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

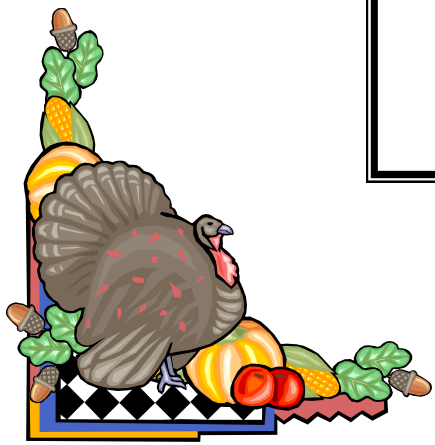
Remember that we "fall back" when Daylight Savings time ends. Turn your clocks back one hour on **November 7th**.



St. Paul's will be hosting a **Tastefully Simple Fundraiser Party** on Monday, November 15, at 7:00 p.m. in the church's fellowship hall. Proceeds raised from this fundraiser will go toward a permanent video system for the sanctuary.

Please plan to attend, bring an appetite for snacks and bring a friend. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. If you are unable to attend, you can still order through Steve Moser or online and our church will still be credited for the sale.

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Wesley Heritage Tour

Bishop Ough and his wife, Char, invite you to join them on a spiritual and educational pilgrimage to the birthplace of Methodism in England. They are excited about this opportunity to explore our Wesleyan Heritage and to grow together in faith and community. The Wesleyan Heritage tour is a nine-day educational and formational encounter with the sites and settings that gave rise to the Methodist revival—a movement that continues to this day to bring new life to persons throughout the world. This pilgrimage has been specifically designed for the West Ohio Conference with several features not typically included in similar Wesley Heritage tours.

The journey begins on March 24, 2011. A brochure on the bulletin board in the hall provides detailed information about the pilgrimage, including itinerary, costs, registration and an optional extension trip to Ireland.

Rev. Ben Lowell is the Northwest Plains Coordinator available to assist anyone who wishes to travel on this trip. He may be reached at 419-299-3447 or pauldingumc@wocumc.org.

Northwest Plains District Older Adult Christmas Outing

La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, Ohio

Irving Berlin's

White Christmas

Saturday, December 11, 2010

Cost \$70 per person

(The cost includes transportation, noon meal at La Comedia Dinner Theatre, matinee show, all tips and taxes.)

Reservation deadline is November 5, 2010
Full payment must accompany your reservation.

Join us on Saturday, December 11, 2010, as we journey by deluxe motor coach to Springboro, Ohio to catch the holiday spirit of "White Christmas".

The motor coach will depart from two locations:

Lima Super Wal-Mart promptly at 9:15 AM
 (Please park within the white lines by the gas station.)

Wapakoneta Wal-Mart promptly at 9:35 AM
 (Please park close to the gas station.)

Please arrive early at your pick up locations.

There is an absolute limit of 50 spaces for this trip.

Questions? Please call Rev. Kenneth Baker at 419.584.0401.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's Holiday Helpers Needed

Elida St. Paul's is once again planning a Holiday Home Walk for **Wednesday, December 8th**. We will meet in the Church Fellowship Hall at **5:30 p.m.** for a light supper of assorted soups. Following supper, we will caravan together to tour the homes of volunteers who wish to share their spirit and holiday decorating ideas. Each home will offer a dessert or snack to help add to the fun. The idea is to enjoy time together, while getting some decorating ideas for the holiday season.

Any one wishing to offer their home is invited to call the church office and let Gail or Jone know as soon as possible. Your home does not need to be a "showcase". We simply want to share your holiday spirit, enjoy good food, and enjoy each other's company!

Not able to offer your home? You can still help us. We also need volunteers to fix soup for the supper and to offer small door prizes for the participants. If you have any questions, you can also contact Sue Theodore at (419) 225 – 8943.



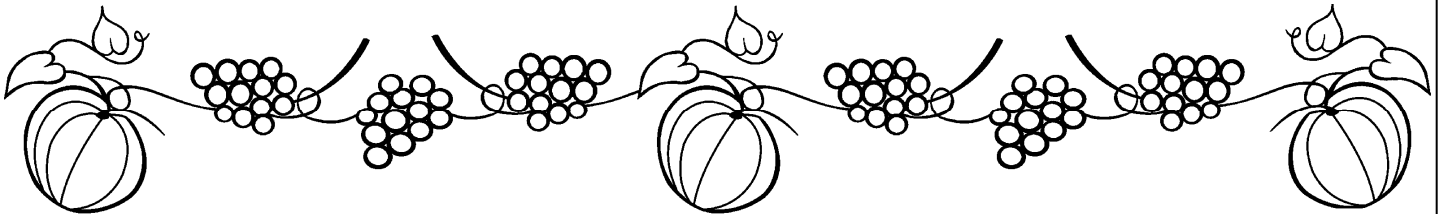
The Heart of Church

Greeters

November 7, 2010	Margie Best & Jone Lane
November 14, 2010	Gary & Janet Grigg
November 21, 2010	Fran Hall & Mary LaRue
November 28, 2010	College Students

Nursery Volunteers

November 7	Corinne Piper
November 14	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
November 21	Volunteer Needed
November 28	Volunteer Needed



An Invitation To A Special Program For Those Who Grieve

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 Homes will host their twentieth annual *Tree of Remembrance* at the Shawnee Chapel, 1170 Shawnee Road, with you in mind.

On **Saturday, December 4, 2010**, beginning at **3:00 PM**, each family will be given a glass engraved ornament with the name of their loved one on it and invited to place it on the *Tree of Remembrance*. At 4:00 PM, area clergy will lead a brief *Memorial Service*. Refreshments will be available after the service.

The *Tree of Remembrance* and *Memorial Service* are presented as a gift to the community by Chiles-Laman Funeral Homes. **All families are welcome, regardless of which funeral home provided the services.**

There is **no charge** to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation, or for more information, call **419-228-5474**. In order to have the name of your loved one engraved, we need to have your reservation by November 15th. Each family will receive one free ornament and additional ornaments may be ordered for \$15.00 each.



The Business of Church

Consecration Sunday-Nov. 14th

Consecration Sunday is coming to St. Paul's Church.
Below is the list of activities leading up to Consecration Sunday on November 14th:

- Three separate lay speakers will speak the next three Sundays
- Pastor Ruth will deliver a special message on November 7th
- Leadership dinner will be held on Nov. 9th at 6:30 PM in fellowship hall
- Rev. Jeff Motter, Asst. District Supt., will be our speaker for Consecration Sunday – **November 14th**
- Congregation turns in pledge cards on Consecration Sunday
- **Victory Dinner catered** for whole congregation after the service on Consecration Sunday, **November 14th**

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Do I fear being poor, in spirit or otherwise, and prefer to be rich in brains, money, or influence? Is my desire for poverty of spirit congruent with my lifestyle? Do I use the word of God to rationalize my lifestyle, or am I willing to have God's word criticize it? Do I cling to my own ideas, opinions, and judgments sometimes to the point of idolatry?

– Doris Donnelly



Committee Chairs	
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Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

October 3, 2010	73
October 10, 2010	75
October 17, 2010	93
October 24, 2010	86

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
October 3, 2010	\$3,761.00	\$1,142.87
October 10, 2010	\$1,814.00	\$1,755.00
October 17, 2010	\$4,283.00	\$1,370.00
October 24, 2010	\$1,772.00	\$652.00



Children and Youth Ministry Attendance

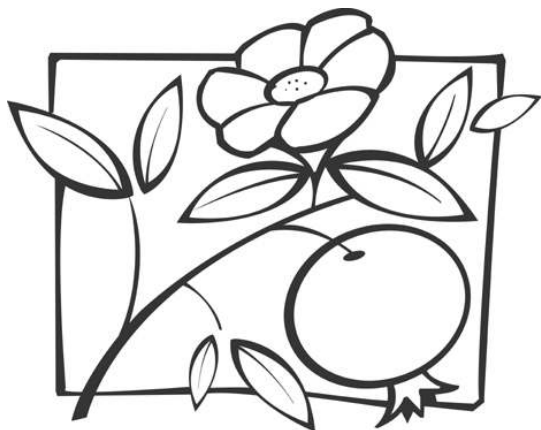
October 3, 2010	4
October 10, 2010	8
October 17, 2010	12
October 24, 2010	16

Flowers:

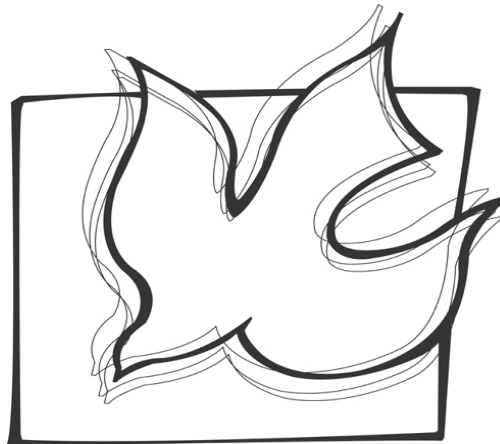
November 7, 2010	Dorothy Banks
November 14, 2010	Gary & Janet Grigg
November 21, 2010	Ray & Phyllis Trigg
November 28, 2010	Rich & Ruth Solo

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Consulting the Manual



They are children of the resurrection.
Luke 20:36



I will give you words and wisdom.
Luke 21:15

Bible Readings for November Revised Common Lectionary Year C

Week of November 7

Color: Green or White

Old Testament:

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

New Testament:

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Week of November 14 **Consecration Sunday**

Color: Green

Old Testament:

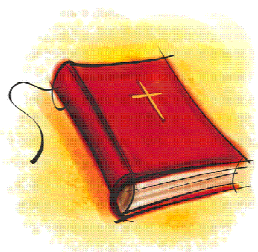
Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 118

New Testament:

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19



Week of November 21

Christ the King Sunday

Color: White or Gold

Old Testament:

Jeremiah 23:1-6

New Testament:

Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Week of November 28

First Sunday of Advent

United Methodist Student Day

Beginning Lectionary cycle A

Color: Purple or Blue

Old Testament:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

New Testament:

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

For more detailed information on the
 Revised Common Lectionary,
 please visit:
www.gbod.org

Advent



Advent – A Season of Preparation

The four weeks leading up to Christmas form the Season of Advent. This year, Advent starts on November 28. Advent is known as a season of preparation, but what are we preparing for? Some people assume that we are preparing for the birth of Jesus. But everyone knows that Jesus was born on Christmas – so do we really need four weeks to get ready for *that*?

Other people think that Advent is a time to get ready for Christmas – baking and shopping and sending cards. Could this be the meaning of Advent preparation?

While neither of these thoughts is really wrong, they kind of miss the mark. If you read the Bible passages for the weeks of Advent you get a very different message. You will read about the reign of God and themes like peace, hope, joy, and love. You will notice that the prophets and gospel writers are telling us to wake up and pay attention to the way God's kingdom is coming among us. This is something we ask each time we say the Lord's prayer: "Your kingdom come, *your will be done on earth* as it is in heaven."

The preparing we do in the Season of Advent is about waking up to God's presence in the world. What will you do in the four weeks of Advent to rejoice and recognize God's presence? Cut on the solid lines and staple or use a paper punch and a ribbon to make a booklet of ideas! Color the pictures, read the Bible stories, and write your own ideas on the back of each page; then share this table prayer with your friends and family.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

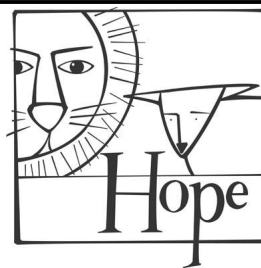
Let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.



Advent 1 November 28, 2010

The theme for the first week of Advent is *peace*. Read Isaiah 2:1-5. What does this passage say about peace? How can we understand these verses during a time when so many wars are going on around the world?

Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44



Advent 2 December 5, 2010

The theme for the second week of Advent is *hope*. Read Isaiah 11:1-10 and notice all the different scenes Isaiah describes. Which scene do you find most interesting? What kinds of things make you feel hopeful?

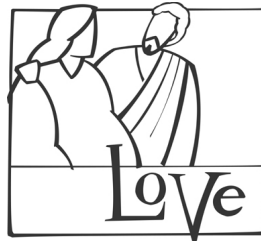
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12



Advent 3 December 12, 2010

The theme for the third week of Advent is *joy*. Read Isaiah 35:1-10. Think of someone who could really use a message of joy this season. How could you help to share joy with him or her?

Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11



Advent 4 December 19, 2010

The theme for the fourth week of Advent is *love*. Read Matthew 1:18-25. In what surprising ways is love at work in this story? How do you think God might be calling you to show love this season?

Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; Romans 1:1-7

Relay for Life /Family Promise

ST. PAUL'S RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM HANGS UP ITS SPIKES



For the past ten years, the St. Paul's Team, originally in association with the Allen County Regional Transit Authority, has been an active participant in the Allen County Chapter, American Cancer Society's Relay for Life awareness/fund raising event. The June, 2010 event marked St. Paul's last direct involvement as a registered participant and going forward Team members will support other teams during this annual Allen County event.

In 2001, Sharon Perrine asked Carole Grapner and Linda Holman to consider an RTA/St. Paul's Team. Carole and Linda agreed to be Team Captains. The Elida varsity track/Elida Middle School venue was the Team's first appearance. Subsequently, the Relay event was held at the Allen County Fairgrounds and at the Allen County Airport on Hanthorn Road, Perry Township.

Although we had a core Team registered with the County, many, many St. Paul's parishioners walked the track on our behalf. Nearly the entire congregation supported the Team's fund raising efforts by attending post-worship luncheons of Cincinnati chili; soup, salad, potato bar; or general carry-ins. The congregation also purchased Pampered Chef and Tastefully Simple party items; homemade candies; 'Gifts-in-a-Jar'; Home & Garden candles; and garage sale items. Finally, the Team sold Moons & Stars and luminaries in honor/memory of loved ones, pop & water at our Team tent, and collected thousands of dollars in direct Team walker pledges.

Under the leadership of Carole Grapner, the Allen County Regional Transit Authority was an active member of the Team for 7 of our ten years of activity. Thanks to our Team Captains Grapner & Holman, Ron Steiner, the Mosers, and Marty White, we usually honored the true spirit of a relay by having someone on the track at all times including the early morning hours of this 24-hour event.

In recent years, our Team earned the designation of 'Silver' participant by raising over \$2,500. A big thank-you to everyone for their support of the St. Paul's/RTA Relay for Life Team these past ten years!

Family Promise in October was a Success

From October 10th through the 17th Immanuel U.M. C. hosted two families at their church on Sunnydale. St. Paul's church helped with providing food and staying with the families in the evenings. We also had an individual who helped with cleanup on the last Sunday. **Thank you to all in our church who helped in this mission work! Praise God!**

Book of Timothy



Remember When...



Joy Singers—1995
 “Kids Under Construction”
 Front (L-R):
 Erin Staley, Amanda Crates, Kayla Evans, Aaron Thompson, Andrew Piper
 Back (L-R):
 Mallory Rentz, Erin Peters, Ashley Reiff, Jennifer Wenger, Tara Thompson, Sara Matlock, _____, Jon Cook



Mortgage Burning Dinner
 October 8, 2000
 District Superintendent,
 Rev. Phillip Brooks,
 attends the dinner.



Bus Trip to
 Arena Football
 Game
 Columbus, OH
 May 25, 2005



Connecting With ...

*Congratulations to **Jordan and Amy Wyant** on the birth of their daughter, **Paysen Maureen**, on October 9, 2010. Paysen weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and was 18 ½ in. long. Proud grandparents are **Jamie and Jan Wyant**. Cards will reach Jordan and Amy at 2983 E. Stroop Rd., Dayton, OH 45440.*



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Marie Lee
Lois Rabley

Homebound Members

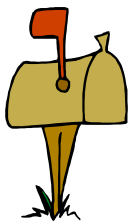
Hazel Dunn
Ruth Hurley
Marie Lee
Edna Osman
Jean Redd
Paul Scholfield
Gladys Sherrick
Helen Waldron

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Rodney Lee
Rick Scholfield
Mary Steiner

In the Military & Missions

Lesley Parker
Jason Stanley



NOTICE

The Post Office is closing the bulk mailing station on Hanthorn Road soon. When they do, the bulk mail will be sent to Toledo and then sent back to Lima for mail delivery. Therefore, we will have to mail the newsletter earlier than we do now so that you will receive it by the first of the month. When that happens, the **16th day of the month will be the deadline. Knowing that many of you are late with your articles, the 20th will be the last day we can accept articles for the newsletter.** We will not be able to print newsletter articles received after that date. **Thank you** for understanding and cooperating.



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The People of St. Paul's

Thank You

We extend a sincere thank you to all of you who attended the Third Annual Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Golf Outing. It was a wonderful day, beautiful golf course and good fellowship. We hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we enjoyed putting it together.

The financial results show we will be contributing about \$3,700 to the Memorial fund which is held at the Findlay-Hancock C. Community Foundation. That brings our three year total to \$12,503. These proceeds will be used to fund scholarships for Medical Mission Trips.

You can find pictures taken at the Outing at www.FlemingFinancialSvc.com

Thank you again and see you next year at the Fourth Annual Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Golf Outing.

John Fleming, Ryan Kruse, Tim Burkart, Becky Paskvan, Ken Joseph, Greg Joseph

St. Paul's Church Family,
Thank you for all your support when I attended Leadership Institute. I had a great time and I continue to sort through everything I learned. I look forward to applying these ideas to help give this church a future with hope.
Jenessa Fletcher



Help me, O Lord, to make a true use of all disappointments and calamities in this life, in such a way that they may unite my heart more closely with you. Cause them to separate my affections from worldly things and inspire my soul with more vigor in the pursuit of true happiness.

— Susanna Wesley

Book of Timothy



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Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

November 2010

December 2010						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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November 1, 2010
PPR...7:15 PM

November 2, 2010
Trustees...7:00 PM

November 8, 2010
Finance...7:00 PM

November 8, 2010
Ad Council...8:00 PM

No Missions Meeting

November 23, 2010
Christian Ed...7:00 PM

Sundays
Prayer...10:00 AM
Fellowship...10:00 AM
Worship...10:30 AM

Thursdays
Bell Choir...6:15 PM
Chancel Choir...7:30 PM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Margie best Cody Warris	2	3 Jacinda Fletcher	4	5	6
	PPR	Trustees				
7 Jone Lane Kris Wade	8	9 Jonathan Cook Joshua Guess	10 Kylee Loose	11 Virginia Hollar Jenson Nagy	12 Logan House	13
Time Changes	Finance Ad Council					
14	15 John Holmes 90 years	16 James Fox	17	18 Dennis Bowsher	19 Gary Grigg Justin Kruse	20 Rudy Segovia 84 years Marty White
Consecration Sunday						
21	22 Tony Lozano Christie Lewis Samantha Whetstone Jason Lane	23 Anthony Shoup	24	25	26	27 Ruth Solo
		Christian Ed				
28	29	30				
First Sunday Of Advent						
UM Student Day						

October 2010						
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Anniversaries



Justin & Marisa Kruse
 November 4

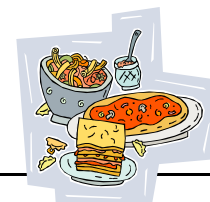
Bruce & Tammy
Segovia
 November 16

Special Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Tamale Casserole

by Susan Nartker

Ingredients		Instructions
1 lb.	lean ground beef	In a large nonstick skillet, cook beef and jalapeno over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain.
1	jalapeno pepper, seeded & diced	
2 cups	frozen corn, thawed	Stir in the corn, tomatoes, milk, cornmeal, chilies, olives, egg whites, and taco seasoning until blended.
1 can (28 oz.)	diced tomatoes, undrained	
1 1/2 cups	fat-free milk	Transfer to 13"x9"x2" baking dish coated with nonstick cooking spray.
1 cup	cornmeal	
1 can (4 oz.)	chopped green chilies, drained	Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 40 minutes.
1 can (2 1/4 oz.)	sliced ripe olives, drained	Sprinkle with cheese. Bake 5 minutes longer or until cheese is melted.
2	egg whites, lightly beaten	
1 envelope	reduced-sodium taco seasoning	Let stand for 10 minutes before cutting.
1 cup (4 oz.)	shredded reduced-fat cheddar cheese	
1 cup	salsa	Serve with salsa.
		Yield: 8 servings



Cherry Delight (served at Wednesday group)

by Carole Grapner

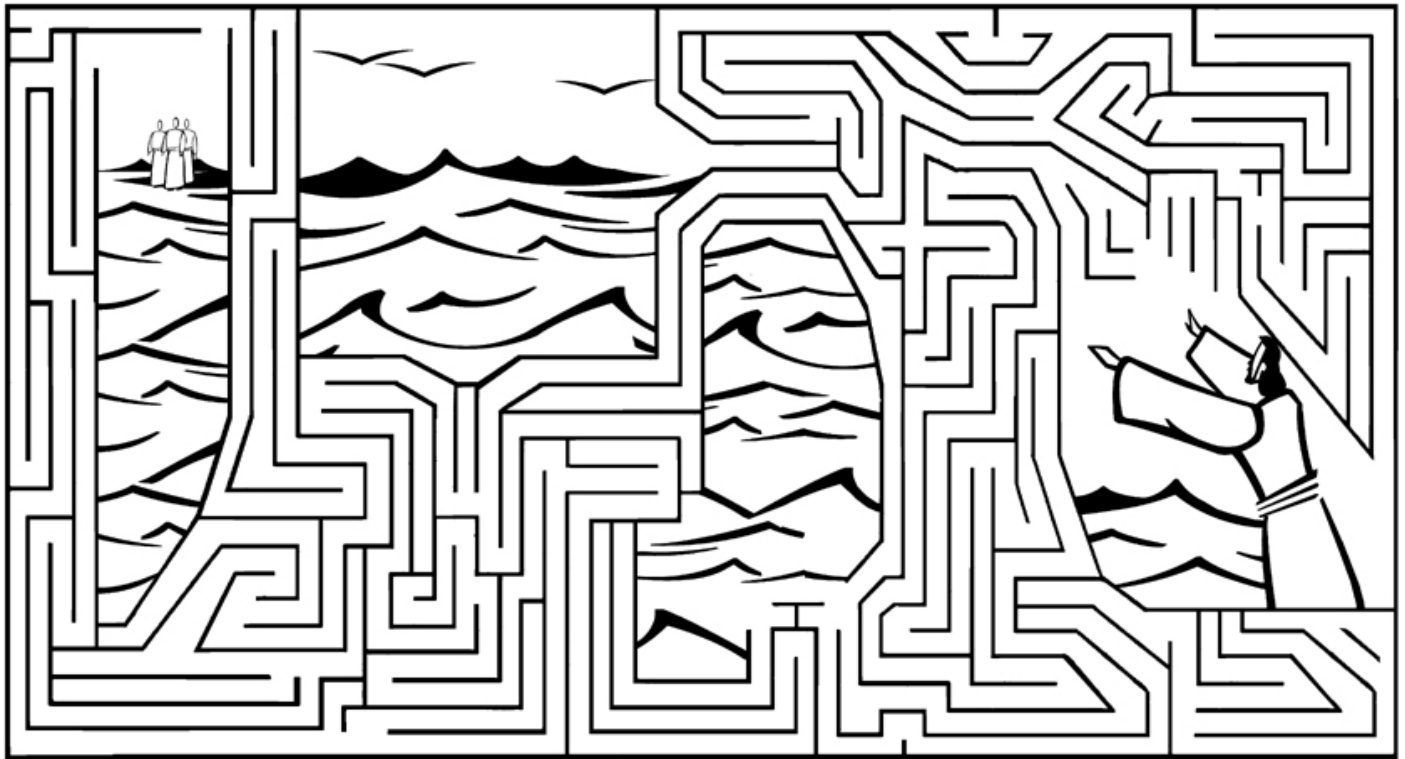
Ingredients		Instructions
2 cups	graham cracker crumbs	Crust: mix first 3 ingredients all together and press in bottom of greased 13"x9" baking pan.
1 stick	butter or oleo, melted	
1/2 cup	sugar	Filling: whip together next 3 ingredients. Then add in cream cheese. Whip again until creamy.
2 envelopes	Dream Whip	Pour mixture on top of crust. Top with Cherry Pie Filling.
1 cup	cold milk	
1 cup	sugar	Refrigerate 6-12 hours before serving. Great to make the night before you need to serve it.
2— 8 oz. pkg.	cream cheese	
1	cherry pie Filling	(You can half everything for a smaller size.)



KIDZ KORNER

Rough seas

Help the disciples get to Jesus at the other side of the lake.



Hidden picture

How many paddles can you find?

ANSWER: 11



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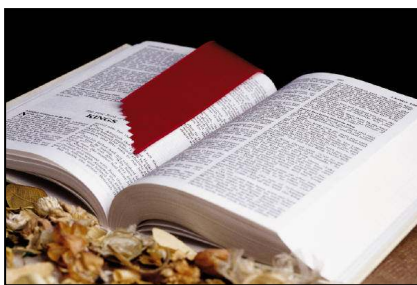
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Living Our Faith

The Bible can be
read aloud in about
70 hours.

- www.cofcnet.org



*May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.
May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving
dinner
Stay off your thighs!*

