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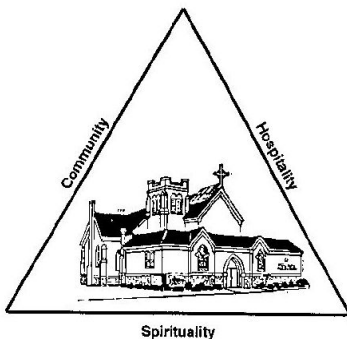
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It seems as though time is flying by. Fall is here and before you know it the leaves will be changing and snow will be falling. It is the time of year that I spend as much time as I can spare preparing for or actually out in the woods hunting. I know some people do not understand those of us who hunt and why we would want to kill a beautiful animal. If the last couple of years are any indication, the deer have very little to fear, but I go hunting for more than just the few seconds it takes to shoot my bow. I get to spend time outdoors in God's creation. I take my kids shooting in the summer when I am practicing, and it gets me away from everything that is happening. A time away is something we all need to recharge our batteries. Where and when is your time to recharge and prepare for the challenges of your daily life? Do you take long trips to exotic places, do you curl up in a chair and read a good book? Perhaps resting for you is falling asleep while you are watching the BIG game. Whatever it is you do it is important that we all take a time to rest and recharge our physical body.

It is also important for us to spend some time working on our relationship with God. No, I am not talking about attending another meeting at church but about really spending time studying what God has to say about your life. Rest recharges our body, God's Word recharges our spirit so we can face the spiritual upheaval that occurs in everyone's life. A Bible Study, Sunday School, Daily Devotionals, or just reading the Bible every day will benefit your relationship with God. I know this is the kind of newsletter article I should write before Lent in the Spring, but I am just not that normal. Think of this as your 6 month reminder. Kind of like Christmas in July but Lent in October just doesn't have the same ring to it, but you can rekindle or find for the first time a love of hearing what God can say to you through studying the Word.

If you are into technology I am sure there is an App for that. If you like books there is a best seller. We have devotions "The Upper Room" and "Our Daily Bread" or you could just use the daily readings found in this very newsletter. So before I head for the woods to scare all the deer away just remember rest is essential to your body's wellbeing and God is essential to your Spiritual wellbeing. A balanced life creates a great you and God wants you to be GREAT.

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Friendship is a way in which God reveals the beauty of one person to another.



October 6, 2013

A special offering will be collected to support World Communion Scholarships, administered by the General Board of Global Ministries.

World Communion Sunday

World Communion Sunday is celebrated on the first Sunday in October in several denominations throughout the world. On this day, some churches use breads from different traditions and cultures as a way of remembering that we are all connected. It can be a way to imagine that the church around the world is sitting down at one table in celebration.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**October
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit
Family Promise**



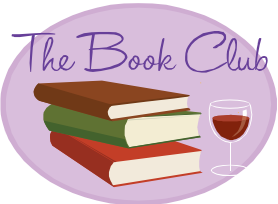
**Seniors Day Out
Tuesday, October 15th
Octoberfest Celebration
All seniors welcome!**

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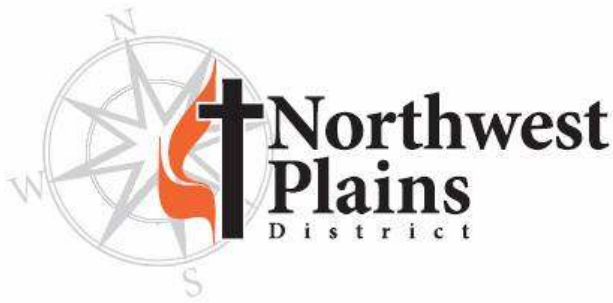
**St. Paul's Book Club
October 5, 2013
At 9:00 AM**

**Join us for a book discussion on
The Way We Played the Game
By John Armstrong**

Please bring your own breakfast.



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



CHARGE CONFERENCE

October 6, 2013
Immanuel UMC, Elida
2:30 PM with PPR Committee
Chairpersons.
3:00 PM Regular Meeting.

**Visit The United Methodist
 Communications website :
www.umcom.org**

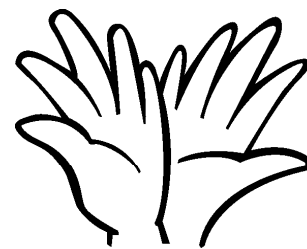
This website offers book reviews, music reviews, and web ministry information among other relevant and interesting links.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Halloween

October 31, 2013
Trick or Treat in Elida

Join us in mission to our neighborhood as we give out hot chocolate and coffee to parents of trick-or-treaters. We will need people to help get the drinks ready and to serve on Trick-or-Treat Night. If you would like to be part of this, call the church office and leave your name. Someone will be in contact with you! It's a fun evening activity to meet St. Paul's neighbors.



Please help out!



Missions Fall Report

Thank-you letters were received for our donations to **Meals 'til Monday** and to the **Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing**. John Fleming reported that **\$3,810** was raised this year to bring the six year total to **\$24,856** in the **Brad Joseph Memorial Scholarship Fund**. St. Paul's donated **\$270.81** and a member of our church was a hole-sponsor.

Six individuals from St. Paul's helped serve at **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen on August 30th**. Thank you to **Deb Hurd, Margie Best, Mary Williams, Lavonne Segovia and Shara and Dennis Bowsher** for serving those in need.

Thank you to those individuals who provided food and helped with the **LAMM breakfast** on September 7th at St. Paul's. Your help made the breakfast a memorable day for those attending. **Joe Earl**, Executive Director of **Meals 'til Monday**, gave an excellent presentation about **Meals 'til Monday** and the LAMM group made a donation of **\$150** to **Meals 'til Monday**.

The first two weekend mission trips to **Camp Wesley** have been completed with all four porches, steps and railings on the dining hall being replaced or repaired. We are planning to go back to **Camp Wesley** on **Saturday, September 21st** to work one day on the trail around the lake and to rebuild a footbridge that collapsed. Everyone is welcome to come and help. In 2013, St. Paul's collected **\$2,171** for **Camp Wesley** and for camp meals.

Jesus said to "feed my sheep." Donations of food for the **Five Loaves Food Pantry** continues to be strong with St. Paul's individuals faithfully filling the food bins every month. The next **Food Pantry Sunday** is **October 13th**. Thank you to all who donate food to feed those in need in our Elida community.

The coins-for-communion collection in **July** went to the **Brad Joseph Memorial Fund** in the amount of **\$170.81**. In **August**, the coins-for-communion collection went to **Meals-'til-Monday** in the amount of **\$91.21**. The coins-for-communion collection in **September** in the amount of **\$87.18** went to the **Samaritan House**. The coins-for-communion collection in **October** will be for **Family Promise of Lima**.

Collections for **health and school kits** began in August and went through **September 15th**. A list of needed items appeared in the August newsletter and in the bulletins. Maedene and her army of helpers will check out the kits during the week of September 15th so the kits may be delivered by September 21st by Pastor Paul for the West Ohio Conference's **Festival of Sharing** to be held at Otterbein College on September 28th.

The next collection for **\$5 on the Fifth** to benefit the **United Methodist Children's Home Family Services** will be on Sunday, **September 29th**. Support of this program to help children in foster homes remains strong. UMCH Family Services is asking that each member of our congregation give \$5 every fifth Sunday to serve the children.

Meals 'til Monday will host a **5K and ½ marathon** called "**Keeping Hunger On the Run**" on Saturday, **October 26, 2013**, at 9 AM, starting and finishing at **Elida Elementary School**. See flyer on **Missions bulletin board** if you are interested in participating or helping.

At **Halloween** we plan on asking for volunteers to help handout free coffee to parents and hot chocolate to **Trick-or-Treat** children in front of our church. Possibly we will also give out pencils with St. Paul's name on it.

At least one person at St. Paul's plans on going to **Haiti** with **Living Waters International** yet this year to help repair wells. With 9.7 million people, Haiti has no centralized water system. The trip will cost around \$1,800 per person.

Praise God for all of you who donated food, contributed funds and volunteered to work on missions in 2013!

Missions



Haiti Mission Trip

Jamie Wyant will be going on a mission trip to Haiti at the end of October with Living Waters International to help repair water wells. With 9.7 million people, Haiti has no centralized water system so thousands of wells supply clean, safe water to many people. At any one time, up to one-third of the wells are broken and need repair by volunteers from Living Waters International. The trip will cost around \$1,800 per person. Our St. Paul's Mission Fund is almost depleted so we are asking that individuals wanting to help fund this mission to put donations in a pew envelope and mark it for "Haiti Mission Fund". Your donations, thoughts and prayers for Jamie will be extremely appreciated.

Thank You



Thank You to everyone who donated School and Health kits. We had a record number of kits donated this year.

Total :
School Kits = 74
Health Kits = 22

Thank you to Maedene Holmes and her helpers Shara Bowsher, Lynda Evans, Ruth Hardy, Don Holmes, Wanda Strayer, Mary Williams and Jamie Wyant for putting the kits together. They were delivered by Pastor Paul for the West Ohio Conference Festival of Sharing that was held at Otterbein College on September 28th.

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

September 1, 2013	96
September 8, 2013	87
September 15, 2013	102
September 22, 2013	73

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
September 1, 2013	\$3,695.00	\$577.18
September 8, 2013	\$3,670.00	\$557.00
September 15, 2013	\$3,509.50	\$441.00
September 22, 2013	\$2,099.00	\$828.00

Sunday School Attendance

September 1, 2013	N/A
September 8, 2013	21
September 15, 2013	23
September 22, 2013	19

Greeters

October 6, 2013	Don & Mary Irvin
October 13, 2013	Marty & Kathy White
October 20, 2013	Susan Nartker & Ruth Burgoon
October 27, 2013	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia

Flower Calendar



October 6, 2013	Don & Maedene Holmes
October 13, 2013	Scott & Gail Fessler
October 20, 2013	Crafty Creatures
October 27, 2013	Tim & Corinne Piper

Communion Servers

October 6

Station #1	Dan & Margie Best
Station #2	Steve & Tracy Sdao
Station #3	Gary Adams & Tahler Sdao

Bible Readings for October

Tuesday 10/1

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99, 100
Hosea 4:1-10
Acts 21:1-14, Luke 5:12-26

Wednesday 10/2

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Hosea 4:11-19
Acts 21:15-26, Luke 5:27-39

Thursday 10/3

Psalm 105, Hosea 5:8-6:6
Acts 21:27-36, Luke 6:1-11

Friday 10/4

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Hosea 10:1-15
Acts 21:37-22:16, Luke 6:12-26

Saturday 10/5

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Hosea 11:1-9
Acts 22:17-29, Luke 6:27-38

Sunday 10/6

Psalm 118, 145, Hosea 13:4-14
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Matthew 14:1-12

Monday 10/7

Psalm 106, Hosea 14:1-9
Acts 22:30-23:11, Luke 6:39-49

Tuesday 10/8

Psalm 120, 121, 122, 123, 124,
125, 126, 127, Micah 1:1-9
Acts 23:12-24, Luke 7:1-17

Wednesday 10/9

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Micah 2:1-13
Acts 23:23-35, Luke 7:18-35

Thursday 10/10

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135
Micah 3:1-8
Acts 24:1-23, Luke 7:36-50

Friday 10/11

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Micah 3:9-4:5
Acts 24:24-25:12, Luke 8:1-15

Saturday 10/12

Psalm 101, 137, 144
Micah 5:1-4, 10-15
Acts 25:13-27, Luke 8:16-25

Sunday 10/13

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday 10/14

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Micah 7:1-7
Acts 26:1-23, Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday 10/15

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Jonah 1:1-17a
Acts 26:24-27:8, Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday 10/16

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Acts 27:9-26, Luke 9:1-17

Thursday 10/17

Psalm 18, Jonah 3:1-4:11
Acts 27:27-44, Luke 9:18-27

Friday 10/18

Psalm 16, 17, 22
Ecclesiastes 1:1-27
Acts 28:1-16
Luke 9:28-36

Saturday 10/19

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Ecclesiastes 3:17-31
Acts 28:17-31
Luke 9:37-50

Sunday 10/20

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Ecclesiastes 4:1-10
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday 10/21

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Ecclesiastes 4:20-5:7
Revelation 7:1-8
Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday 10/22

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Ecclesiastes 6:5-17
Revelation 7:9-17
Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday 10/23

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Ecclesiastes 7:4-14
Revelation 8:1-13
Luke 10:17-24

Thursday 10/24

Psalm 37, Ecclesiastes 10:1-18
Revelation 9:1-12, Luke 10:25-37

Friday 10/25

Psalm 31, 35, Ecclesiastes 11:2-20
Rev. 9:13-21, Luke 10:38-42

Saturday 10/26

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Ecclesiastes 15:9-20
Revelations 10:1-11, Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 10/27

Psalm 63, 98, 103
Ecclesiastes 18:19-33
1 Corinthians 10:15-24
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday 10/28

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Ecclesiastes 19:4-17
Revelations 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26

Tuesday 10/29

Psalm 45, 47, 48
Ecclesiastes 24:1-12
Revelations 12:1-6, Luke 11:27-36

Wednesday 10/30

Psalm 49, 53, 119:49-72
Ecclesiastes 28:14-26
Revelations 12:1-6, Luke 11:37-52

Thursday 10/31

Psalm 50, 59, 60
Ecclesiastes 31:12-18, 25-32:2
Revelations 12:7-17
Luke 11:53-12:12

Youth News



Top:
Ribbon cutting ceremony
for the Teen Spot lounge.

Right:
Teen Spot Lounge.



The Lima Public Library has opened a new Teen Spot Lounge. The lounge was designed and created by **Steve Moser**, Teen Librarian, and Jackson Donley, Teen Advisory Group Member. The project was spearheaded by **Jackson Donley** as his Eagle Scout Project during the summer of 2013. The lounge provides a safe place for teens to come hang out with friends, use computers, play video or board games, and create arts and crafts projects. This new space was funded through grants and donations from our community. The work was completed using volunteers who provided well over 300 hours of service. The Teen Spot Lounge officially opened on Thursday, August 29, 2013.

One Out of Ten



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee" (Lk 17:11). The Talmud refers to Galilee as "Galilee of the Gentiles." Galilee had been part of Israel - the northern kingdom that was invaded by the Assyrians in 722 BC. Its people had been scattered; those that remained had intermarried with Gentiles. In spite of the beauty of Galilee, the people of Jerusalem and the south looked down on it because in their view, it was unclean and contaminated. The Samaritans were even worse than the Galileans. They followed only the five books of Moses and rejected the writings of the prophets. They worshiped on Mt. Gerizim rather than at the temple on Mt. Zion. They, too, had intermarried with Gentiles.

But this was the neighborhood in which Jesus liked to spend his time. He seems to have loved the beautiful region of the Galilee with its high hills and blue lakes. Although a devout Jew, Jesus welcomed into his fellowship Samaritans and Gentiles, thieves and prostitutes, those who were crippled and leprous.

As Jesus made his long, slow, tragic journey toward crucifixion in Jerusalem, he passed along between Galilee and Samaria. Spying Jesus, who by now had a reputation as a wandering miracle worker, a group of lepers called out, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" A poignant request - not "heal us" but simply "have mercy."

What did Jesus do? First, he was careful to keep his distance - no sense in risking ritual uncleanness.

After all, he was planning to attend Passover services at the temple when he arrived in Jerusalem. Then, he asked whether they were Jews, or Gentiles, or Samaritans. If they were Jews he would certainly heal them; if they were the right kind of Gentiles he might heal them; if they were Samaritans he would tell them to get lost. Finally, Jesus asked what kind of medical insurance they had - can't heal everybody. Pretty soon Jesus wouldn't have time for himself!

Of course, that's not what happened. The text says that the men with leprosy kept their distance from Jesus, not that Jesus kept his distance from them. Jesus made no inquiry about their ethnic or religious background, and, of course, he did not heal for money.

What is wrong with this picture? Jesus was in the wrong place - between "Galilee of the Gentiles" and Samaria. He was dealing with the wrong people - lepers.

Without any inquiry or demand, Jesus healed them and sent them off to a priest so that they could be certified as clean and once again take their place in society. The men did just as Jesus said; all except one Samaritan. Instead of going to a priest, he returned to Jesus, fell at his feet, and thanked him. The other nine did nothing wrong; they carried out Jesus' command to the letter. But only the Samaritan went beyond the literal command and followed a higher law.

We are a lot like the nine lepers. We have a great deal to be thankful for, but how often do we really show our gratitude? Even on the worst of days, we have blood coursing through our veins and air to fill our lungs. The blue sky is full of white clouds and a bright sun warms us and gives us light. We have purpose, and above all, there is God who created us, sustains us, and loves us, who came among us as one of us, who showed us that we are not alone in our deepest pain and suffering, and who promises to raise us from death to life eternal.

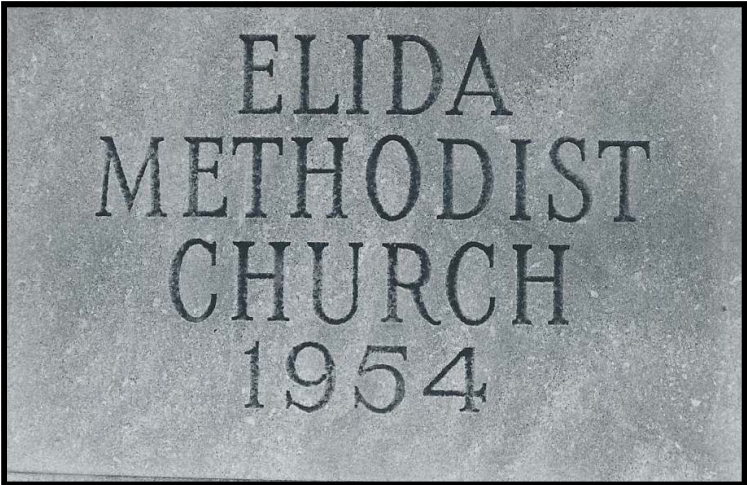
The one leper, the "foreigner," who returned to give thanks had made a breakthrough. Nine lepers were made clean, but the tenth was made whole. Or as William Willimon put it, "Nine lepers got healed; one got saved."

- J. Barry Vaughn, excerpted with permission from *The Clergy Journal*, © Logos Productions.

Remember When...



October, 1954
 Ceremony for laying the
 cornerstone for the
 Educational Building



Connecting With ...

Praying Together:



Without the Way,
there is no going;
without the Truth,
there is no knowing;
without the Life,
there is no living.

Congratulations to **Lindsey Reiff** on her marriage to **Brian Rutter**. They exchanged vows on Saturday, September 21, 2013, at the Allen County Farm Park. Parents of the bride are **Jeff and Shelly Reiff**. **Dwain and Myrna Metzger** are the grandparents and **Mary LaRue** is the great grandmother.



Congratulations to **Jenessa Fletcher** on her marriage to **Jason Peters**. They exchanged vows on Saturday, September 14, 2013, at the Open Door Baptist Church in Lima. Parents of the bride are **John and Joy Fletcher**. Cards of congratulations will reach **Jason and Jenessa Peters** at 1002 Fisher Ave. Wapakoneta, OH 44895

In our Prayers

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Lynda Evans

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

Book of Timothy



The People of St. Paul's

St. Paul's Church,
 Thank you to everyone
 who contributed to
 making the bridal shower
 so special for me.
 I enjoyed the company of
 the church family I grew
 up with and I am
 thankful for all the gifts.
 They will be very helpful
 as Jason and I start our
 lives together. I cherish
 the apron everyone
 signed.
 I hope to see you all at
 the wedding!

Jenessa Fletcher



Thank you all for the
 flowers and prayers
 during my hospital stay.
 It is nice to be back to see
 the people of
 St. Paul's.

**Sincerely,
 Dwain Metzger**

To my church family,
 Thank you for the
 prayers, cards and
 concerns during my
 recent surgery. They
 were greatly
 appreciated. A big
 thank you to Pastor
 Paul for his visit.

Lynda Evans

Dear St. Paul's friends,
 Your thoughtfulness is
 greatly appreciated.
 The flowers are beautiful,
 and Pastor Paul's visit
 much appreciated.

**Sincerely,
 Ed Laman**

*Remembered
 with
 love*



We extend our sympathy to the family and many friends of Dorothy Banks. Dorothy passed away Monday, September 16, 2013. A grave side service and visitation was held on Saturday, September 21st with a meal following at St. Paul's. The meal was served by "The Crafty Creatures" small group in which Dorothy was actively involved. Dorothy was a member of St. Paul's since April 21, 1946. Cards of condolences may be sent to her son Dan and wife Patty Banks at 305 Walmar St. Bay Village, OH 44140

Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

TBA

Trustees...7:00 PM

October 2, 2013

Worship Team..6:00 PM

October 7, 2013

PPR...7:00 PM

October 14, 2013

Finance ... 7:00 PM

October 15, 2013

Missions...7:00 PM

Sundays

Prayer...8:45AM

Sunday Sch...9:00 AM

Fellowship...9:30 AM

Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays

Chancel Choir...7:00

October

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Brent McAdams	2 Reed Chambers Carter Craft Kay McAdams	3 Beth Warris	4	5 Corinne Piper Blake Selover
6 Molly Fessler	7 Denny Thompson Brogan Wyant	8	9 Paysen Wyant	10 Marty Hannah Cory Stewarrt Ray Trigg	11 Slone Whetstone	12 Bill McKinney
13 Hazel Dunn	14	15	16 Evelyn Sarber	17	18 Brad Whetstone Avya Wyant	19 Kelsey Smith
20	21	22	23	24 Nick White	25 Chris Bowsher Phyllis Hines	26 Tonya Craft
27 Travis Williams	28	29 John Fletcher Shirley Moser	30 Mike Matlock	31 Jerry Bean		

Anniversaries

Dillon & Helen Staas
October 6; 61 yrs.

Barry & Cyndi Smith
October 8

Travis & Amanda
Cummins
October 9

Gary & Shirley Adams
October 10; 61 yrs.

Zack & Katie White
October 10

Scott & Gail Fessler
October 15

Ed & Anne Laman
October 19

Ron & Ann Stewarrt
October 19

Nick & Jacinda Perry
October 20

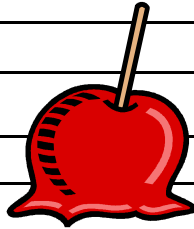
Nate & Tonya Craft
October 27

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Double-Dipped Gourmet Caramel Apples

By Mary Steiner

Ingredients		Instructions
4 or 5	Medium apples	Wash and dry apples; insert stick into stem end of each apple. Microwave 1 pkg. of caramels and 2Tbl. of water on high 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 minutes until smooth, stirring every minute. Dip apples into hot caramel sauce; turn until coated. Scrape excess sauce from bottom of apples. Place on greased wax paper. Refrigerate 1 to 2 hrs. After refrigerating, repeat microwaving and dipping directions with remaining caramels and water for second caramel layer. Refrigerate 1 to 2 hrs; decorate as desired after refrigeration. Store in refrigerator. Let stand at room temperature 15 min. before serving.
2 pkgs.	Kraft caramels, divided	
4 Tbl.	Water, divided	
	Wooden sticks	



Apple Sauce Muffins

By Mary Holmes

Ingredients		Instructions
1 cup	Flour	Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Combine first 5 ingredients in bowl. Add mixture of shortening, applesauce and egg; mix well. Lightly spray 12 muffin cups with cooking spray. Do not use cup cake liners as the muffins will stick. Pour batter into greased muffin cups 2/3 full. Bake for 20 minutes. If made into mini muffins check after 10 minutes of baking.
2/3 cup	Packed brown sugar	
1 tsp.	Baking soda	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1 tsp.	Pumpkin pie spice	
1/4 cup	Shortening (melted)	
1 cup	Applesauce	
1	Egg	



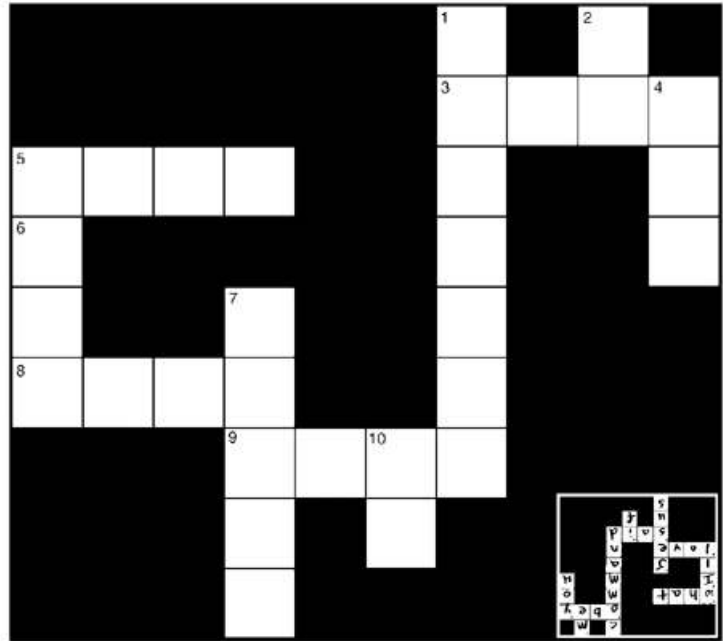
KIDZ KORNER

Jesus' Words to Us

In the Bible, Jesus asks his followers to do certain things. Choose words from the Word List to fill spaces in the crossword puzzle. Then use the crossword numbers to arrange the words to reveal Jesus' words to us.

Word List

- I
- if
- me
- you
- said
- obey
- love
- will
- what
- Jesus
- command



Answer: Jesus said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

(7) _____

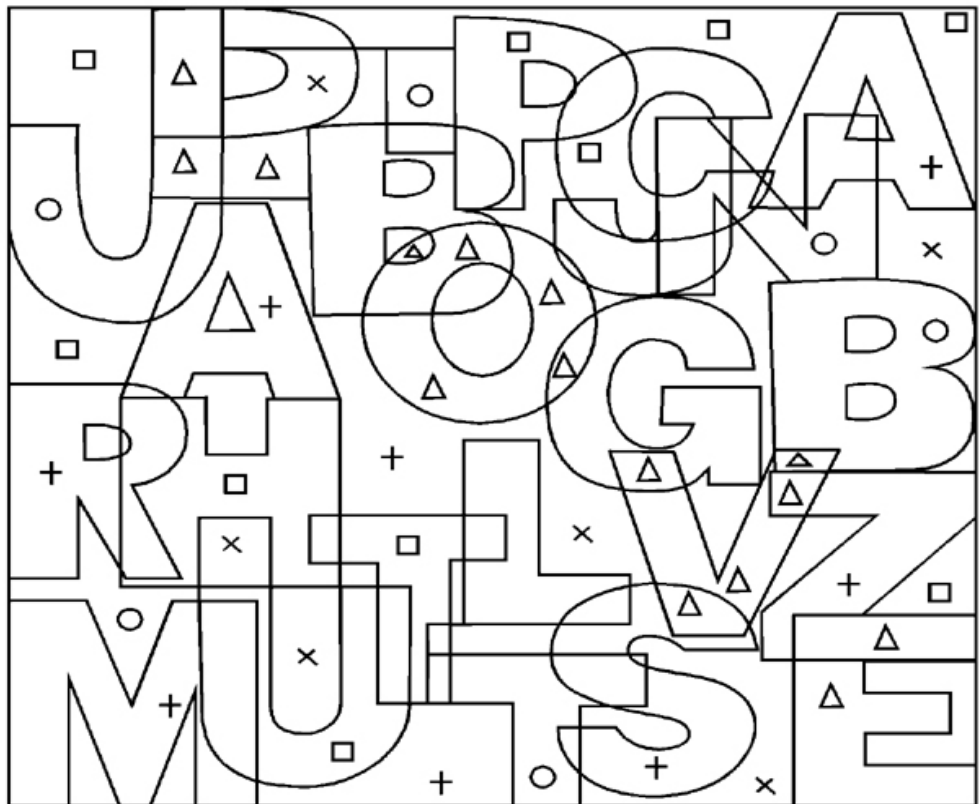
(9) _____, " (10) _____ (4) _____

(8) _____ (2) _____, (4) _____

(5 down) _____ (3) _____ (5 across) _____ (6) _____ (1) _____."

A Very Important Word

This puzzle hides an important word. Jesus says it is the most important thing we can do. Shade in the Δ spaces to find the word.



Answer: LOVE

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Living Our Faith

Who Brews the Coffee?

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it because you get up first; then we don't have to wait as long to get our coffee."

The husband said, "You are in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because that is your job, and I can just wait for my coffee."

The wife replied, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee."

The husband replied, "I can't believe that, show me."

So she fetched the Bible,

opened to the New Testament, and showed him at the top of several pages that it indeed says,

"HEBREWS."



History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived, but if faced with courage, need not be lived again.

Maya Angelou

We do not strive for spectacular actions. What counts is the gift of yourself, the degree of love you put into each of your deeds.

Mother Teresa

Trick or Treat

Trick-or-treating at Halloween may come from customs related to the Celtic festivals of Samhain and Calan Gaeaf (October 31 - November 1), or from customs related to the Christian holy days of All Saints' (November 1) and All Souls (November 2).

Samhain was a time when fairies and spirits were said to be active, some of whom were harmful. People took steps to ward off these harmful spirits, fairies, witches, and warlocks. Wearing costumes may have been a way to disguise oneself from them.

