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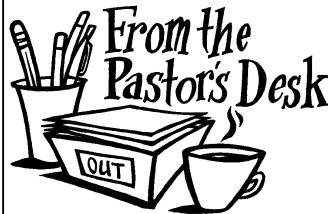
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October brings with it many great events: football, colorful leaves and apples to name just a few. We love apples at the Scannell house and all they have to offer: apple sauce, apple butter, dried apples, apple cider, apple pies just to name a few. I am sure you could

add to the list but I like apples just to eat. Oh sure, we make or buy all the things in the list above but there is nothing better than eating a good apple. But what kind should you have - Delicious, Gala, Fuji, Ida, Paula Red, Empire, Rome, or do you prefer older 18th and 19th century varieties: Baldwin, Granny Smith, Grimes Golden, Jonathon, McIntosh, Winesap or perhaps a designer style: SweeTango, Rubens, Crimson Crisp, Fiesta, Ambrosia, or Pink Pearl?

So many great choices, so little time. We can become overwhelmed with choices and choose nothing and miss a great opportunity to experience something wonderful and new or something old and reliable. Church can be the same way. We sit back and let others do what they have always done or stand on the sidelines as others go out and do new ministries. When really, it is time to get out there ourselves and follow where God is leading us. Like apples, ministries come in many varieties like children's, senior's, camping, construction, cooking, prison, poor, hungry and the list goes on. Some are older, others are always available and still others are so new that you may not even know they exist. All you have to do is find your favorite or favorites and get busy tasting what God has to offer.

October has me headed to prison at the end of the month, EASY program starting up, confirmation continuing and preparations for Charge Conference in full swing. So if you are on Nominations be ready and if you get a call be ready to pray and listen to where God is calling you to do Kingdom work here at St. Paul Church. I will look for you in the grocery store as I look for a new variety of apple and maybe we can sit down and enjoy an apple and discuss where you fit in God's great plan.

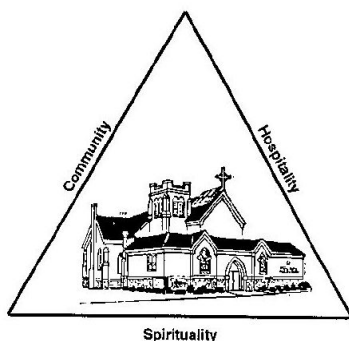
Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

A lot of church members
who are singing
"Standing on the Promises"
are just
sitting on the premises.



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EASY (Elida After School Youth) Program

WOW! Where did the summer go? When you read this, we will be ready to start our first full year of EASY. We have a bumper crop of kids joining us this year, almost double the number from last year.

That means we need double the number of volunteers! We need volunteers to **SUPPORT** us: to pray, make posters, make phone calls, send cards, make sample projects, provide food or help clean up.

We need volunteers to **BE** there: sitting next to kids and encouraging them to keep going on a worksheet; reminding them to listen to the group leader and do just what was asked; cheering a good grade card or sport event; listening to concerns; letting other adults know when more help is needed; being a consistent person in children's lives.

If you want to be part of this mission to **OUR** children please talk with me. If you want to be part of this mission but don't see anything on the list that you think you can do, please talk with me. There is always something to be done and we each have gifts from the Spirit that can be used. Just call me (419.236.2320).

Corinne Piper



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

October 5, 2014

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



'Coins for Communion'

October 5
to benefit
Family Promise



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St. Paul's Book Club

October 4, 2014
At 9:00 AM

Join us for a book discussion on
Mothers & Other Liars
By Amy Bourret

Please bring your own breakfast.



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

"Keeping Hunger On the Run"

Meals 'til Monday will host a 5K and 1/2 marathon on Saturday, October 25, 2014, at 9 AM, starting and finishing at Elida Elementary School. If you are interested in participating or helping with this event, see the flyer on **Missions bulletin board**. St. Pauls parking lot is used as a point for handing out water as the runners pass by.



**October 30, 2014
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!

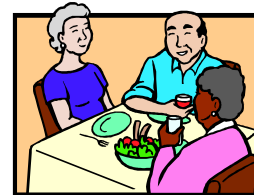
Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



**Food Pantry Sunday
October 12, 2014**

Donations are taken to
the Church at
Allentown

Thank you to all who
have been donating



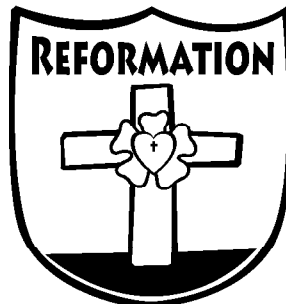
Seniors Day Out

Tuesday,
October 21, 2014

At noon
in the Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker is
Judge Derryberry,
speaking about youth and
the court system.

**Reformation Sunday
October 26, 2014**



Missions

Thank You

To the Congregation at St. Paul's UMC, your continued support of Meals 'Till Monday is an appreciated gift! Thank you for your recent donations. As another school year gets underway, we're grateful for your partnership in ministry to these students. Thank you also for being such a strong presence and representation of Christ in the Elida Community.

Sincerely,
Meals 'Till Monday

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$100 for the 5th Sunday offering. You are making a difference by bringing care, nurture, and treatment for hurting children and their families. Our agency is grateful that you made the decision to invest in a bright future for some of Ohio's neediest children.

Sean Reilly,
UMCH Family Services

Thank you to **Denny and Connie Mault** who gave a generous donation to the Missions Wheelchair Ramp Fund. The money will be very helpful when we build our next ramps for someone needing wheelchair access to their house.

Thanks so much,
Missions Committee

Thank you to **Deb Hurd, Jamie Wyant, Margie Best, Lavonne and Rudy Segovia, Helen Staas and Martha Vazquez** for working at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen on August 29th. You have truly been obedient to Jesus when he has asked us to help our fellow man.

Bless you all

On behalf of the Northwest Plains District, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$441.50 to be used for Camperships at Camp Sierra Linda. Thanks for your continued support of our efforts to bring the love and the Word of our Lord, Jesus Christ to the young children attending Vacation Bible School at Camp Sierra Linda.

Steve Bennett,
District Superintendent

Thank You to everyone who donated School and Health kits.

Collections for **health and school kits** began in August through September 14th. We had a record number of kits donated again this year.

Total :
School Kits = 78
Health Kits = 25

Thank you to **Maedene Holmes** and her helpers, **Julie Bok, Anne Laman, Bev Nesbitt, Lavonne Segovia, Helen Staas, Phyllis Trigg and Martha Vazquez** for assembling the kits. Pastor Paul delivered them to Westside UMC which was a local drop location for the West Ohio Conference. They were then taken on to the Festival of Sharing held on September 27th.

The Business of Church



For eight months ending August 31, 2014, our checking account balance was \$91,530 compared to \$65,122 at August 31, 2013. The General Operating Fund at the end of August, 2014 was \$57,675 compared to \$46,195 at August 31, 2013. The Memorial Fund balance has remained steady at \$2,397 today vs. \$2,343 one year ago. Building Fund II stands at \$21,573 up considerably from last year following our mortgage pay-off and a balance of \$4,907. New in 2014 is a seed/emergency fund which represents 40% of Building Fund contributions. At the end of every month, our Treasurer Margie Best transfers 40% of the monthly Building Fund contributions into a separate balance sheet line item. At August 31, 2014, this fund carries a balance of \$2,181. Our Permanent Endowment Fund (restricted) matured recently and was reinvested into same CDs and, with accrued interest, now stands at \$14,576.

You remained faithful givers over the summer months as income over expenses were +\$6,879 for August, 2014 (+\$1,131 August, 2013) and +\$10,771.60 Year-to-Date (+\$12,624 last year at 8/31). **During August, we received an anonymous unrestricted gift to our General Operating Fund of \$3,000.**

The Board of Trustees has engaged in the following projects thus far in 2014:

- ⇒ New carpet in the main sanctuary.
- ⇒ Painted stairs in the Education wing; painted west fire escape off peanut gallery; painted outside moldings/frames of west-side stained glass windows.
- ⇒ Sealed new east-side parking lot and alley.
- ⇒ Installed new water line into Parsonage and new water service and misc. plumbing upgrades in the church building.
- ⇒ Purchased two new air conditioners for the Education wing and cleaned out the old basement.
- ⇒ Replaced damaged ceiling tiles in the new library and inefficient hallway lights in the Education wing.
- ⇒ Purchased new dishwasher for Parsonage.

This activity expended \$5,485 of the \$12,000 budgeted for Capital Expenditures; Parsonage Maintenance; and Building/Equipment/Maintenance Repairs.

Proposed for the remainder of 2014:

- New audio/visual storage cabinet – sanctuary peanut gallery area.
- New cabinet island, fellowship hall kitchen.
- Down spouts and sump pump all tied into main drain – Parsonage.
- West lawn – re-grade area immediately adjacent to sidewalk where former Parsonage stood for easier lawn mowing and snow removal.
- New windows in Parsonage basement.
- Repair drywall in new library area and main entrance area.

Our Strategic Initiatives of Caring for the Elderly and support for the community E.A.S.Y. Program have substantial financial support as do all of our program ministries including Education, Music, Nurture, PPR, Worship, and in-house Youth Ministries. All are within budget and on-target to meet their respective goals for 2014. What these efforts could use, however, are more human resources to make a difference in our community. Being good stewards of our money is challenging and requires substantial effort to spend and invest wisely. Please give freely of your time and talents when the Nominations Committee knocks on your soul this fall.

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
August 31, 2014	85
September 7, 2014	94
September 14, 2014	84
September 21, 2014	90

Financial Giving
 Weekly Need for
 Unified Ministry Budget
 \$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
August 31, 2014	\$1,175.03	\$388.00
September 7, 2014	\$5,468.00	\$452.19
September 14, 2014	\$2,435.50	\$251.00
September 21, 2014	\$2,354.00	\$641.26

Sunday School Attendance	
August 31, 2014	N/A
September 7, 2014	24
September 14, 2014	29
September 21, 2014	29

Greeters	
October 5, 2014	Jerry & Becky Bean
October 12, 2014	Don & Mary Irvin
October 19, 2014	OPEN
October 26, 2014	Mary & Norm Grigsby

Flower Calendar	
October 5, 2014	Don & Maedene Holmes
October 12, 2014	Scott & Gail Fessler
October 19, 2014	Dillon & Helen Staas
October 26, 2014	Larry & Shirley Moser

Communion Servers October 5	
Station #1	OPEN
Station #2	OPEN
Station #3	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Wednesday 10/1

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

Thursday 10/2

Psalm 105, 2 Kings 18:28-37
1 Corinthians 9:1-15
Matthew 7:22-29

Friday 10/3

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
2 Kings 19:1-20
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday 10/4

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108
2 Kings 19:21-36
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 8:18-27

Sunday 10/5

Psalm 118, 145, 2 Kings 20:1-21
Acts 12:1-17, Luke 7:11-17

Monday 10/6

Psalm 106, 2 Kings 21:1-18
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Matthew 8:28-34

Tuesday 10/7

Psalm 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 2 Kings 22:1-13
1 Corinthians 11:2, 17-22
Matthew 9:1-8

Wednesday 10/8

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
2 Kings 22:14-23:3
1 Corinthians 11:23-34
Matthew 9:9-17

Thursday 10/9

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135
2 Kings 23:4-25
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Matthew 9:18-26

Friday 10/10

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
2 Kings 23:36-24:17
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Matthew 9:27-34

Saturday 10/11

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Jeremiah 35:1-19
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3
Matthew 9:35-10:4

Sunday 10/12

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Jeremiah 36:1-10
Acts 14:8-18, Luke 7:36-50

Monday 10/13

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Jeremiah 36:11-26
1 Corinthians 13:(1-3)4-13
Matthew 10:5-15

Tuesday 10/14

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
Jeremiah 36:27-37:2
1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Matthew 10:16-23

Wednesday 10/15

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119
Jeremiah 37:3-21
1 Corinthians 14:13-25
Matthew 10:24-33

Thursday 10/16

Psalm 18, Jeremiah 38:1-13
1 Corinthians 14:26-33a, 37-40
Matthew 10:34-42

Friday 10/17

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Jeremiah 38:14-28
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 11:1-6

Saturday 10/18

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
2 Kings 25:8-12, 22-26
1 Corinthians 15:12-29
Matthew 11:7-15

Sunday 10/19

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
Acts 16:6-15, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Monday 10/20

Psalm 19, 15, 25, Jeremiah 44:1-14
1 Corinthians 15:30-41
Matthew 11:16-24

Tuesday 10/21

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Lamentations 1:1-5(6-9), 10-12
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 12:1-14

Wednesday 10/22

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Lamentations 2:8-15
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Matthew 12:1-14

Thursday 10/23

Psalm 37, Ezra 1:1-11
1 Corinthians 16:1-9
Matthew 12:15-21

Friday 10/24

Psalm 31, 35, Ezra 3:1-13
1 Corinthians 16:10-24
Matthew 12:22-32

Saturday 10/25

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43, Ezra 4:7, 11-24
Philemon 1-25, Matthew 12:33-42

Sunday 10/26

Psalm 63, 98, 103, Haggai 1:1-2:9
Acts 18:24-19:7, Luke 10:25-37

Monday 10/27

Psalm 41, 44, 52, Zechariah 1:7-17
Revelations 1:4-20
Matthew 12:43-50

Tuesday 10/28

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Ezra 5:1-17
Revelation 4:1-11, Matthew 13:1-9

Wednesday 10/29

Psalm 49, 53, 119:49-72
Ezra 6:1-22
Revelation 5:1-10
Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday 10/30

Psalm 33, 50, Nehemiah 1:1-11
Revelation 5:11-6:11
Matthew 13:24-30

Friday 10/31

Psalm 40, 51, 54, Nehemiah 2:1-20
Revelation 6:12-7:4
Matthew 13:24-30

Spotlight On Youth



Meet **Brittany Scannell**, daughter of Paul and Marla. Brittany is in the 6th grade and is being home schooled at the Scannell Academy.

Brittany moved to Elida in July, 2012, when her father, Pastor Paul, was appointed to St. Paul UMC. She has a sister, Emma, a high school junior, and two brothers. David is a student at Eastern Michigan University and participating in ROTC at the University of Michigan, and Cody is a 3rd grader.

Brittany likes math, science, spelling and piano. Her favorite subject is math, which explains why adding numbers and spelling is what she most likes about school. Having school on snow days is what she likes least about being home schooled.

Brittany takes dance lessons, likes to ride horses, and likes to make ice cream. Yum! She is also in an Awana club. Other activities she enjoys are swimming, riding bikes, doing cartwheels, and playing Uno. In her spare time, Brittany likes to play Legos and Polly Pockets.

Brittany likes pink, purple, and green, show tunes, camping at Meijer Lake and playing the piano. She does not like to pull weeds and do chores!

Someday she would like to work at an animal rescue and go to Disney World. Hope you get your wish, Brittany!



Meet **Channing Poling**, son of Heather McCluer and a 5th grade student at Elida Middle School. He participates in soccer, baseball, wrestling, football, basketball and track. Channing has one brother, Dalton, who is in 3rd grade at Elida Elementary School.

Channing has been attending St. Paul UMC this past year with his neighbors, Tim and Corinne Piper, and his younger brother, Dalton.

Channing's favorite subject in school is Math. Recess is what he likes most about school. He likes schoolwork the least. Channing is also in Boy Scouts.

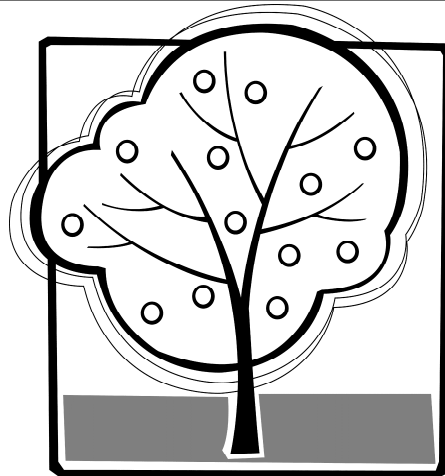
Creatures from the Wild and playing video games are Channing's hobbies, so in his spare time he plays a lot of video games.

Some of Channing's likes are dogs, muskmelon, cats, watermelon, blueberries, and playing Great Wolf Lodger. He dislikes bees, wasps, poison ivy, and people giving him orders.

Channing would like to be an animal rescuer some day. Nice goal, Channing!



Plant A Tree, etc.



The renowned reformer Martin Luther is quoted as saying, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

In Jeremiah 32:6-15 we read of Jeremiah buying a field. This wouldn't be too consequential except for the fact that Jeremiah knew the pending realities: Judah would be overrun by foreigners and the people would be sent into exile. Yet, Jeremiah invests in the future.

How many of us would have that kind of faith or courage? Jeremiah provides us with a wonderful example - as does Martin Luther several centuries later. Even if we knew tragedy and difficulty were coming, we are challenged still to trust in, and invest in, the future God has promised. May we never be afraid to plant a tree.

Four Comfortable Words

Several years ago I was at a conference. During our time together we read several weeks of lectionary texts. One person began to read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. When they got to verse 15, several of us joined in - in good King James English - to recite the words along with the reader: "This is a true saying, and worthy of all . . . to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

We - that is, the ones who had joined in - quickly realized we had grown up in the Anglican or Episcopal church.

In the older days of that tradition a part of the communion service was known as the "Four Comfortable Words," one of which was 1 Timothy 1:15. The other three are Matthew 11:28 ("Come unto me all that labor and are heavy-laden and I will refresh you"); John 3:16 ("God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life"); and 1 John 2:1-2 ("If any[one] sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and he is the propitiation for our sins").

As a youngster I was confused by the word propitiation, although I have since had it explained to me as the "act of gaining another's good will." In other words the image is of Jesus, as an advocate, speaking to God on our behalf, and gaining God's good favor for us.

I had not thought of these verses for many years, yet was intrigued the way they came

flooding back. Since then, I have tried on a regular basis to think of other biblical verses that have found a place in my lasting memory. What "comfortable words" do you lean on?



Compassion

Do you ever think about the word compassion? It may come from the Latin for "to suffer with" or "to walk with." The Bible calls us to be compassionate - to join one another in suffering and to join one another in the journey of life. We share together and are at one with each other in joys and in suffering.

Kenneth Carder, Duke Divinity School professor and retired United Methodist bishop writes: "Christian discipleship requires being held in love and being held accountable. We simply cannot follow Christ apart from a community that holds us in compassion and calls us to accountability. Solitary discipleship is a misnomer. We cannot be Christian alone."

Pay attention to the ways God may be calling you to show compassion and receive the love and care of others.

Remember When...



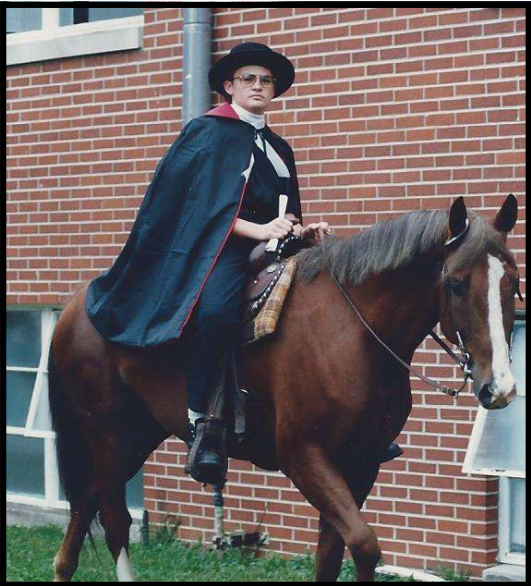
St. Paul UMC
1986

Remember when our church had
two separate entrances in the front?



Fun Festival
October, 1989

Eddie Mault is the "Circuit Rider"



Voting on Dot Sunday
October, 2005



Connecting With ...

Thank You!

“Dear Friends in Mission,
 Thank you for partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Through your gift, you are helping to provide humanitarian relief when war, conflict, or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. One hundred percent of your gift will go directly to the people who need it most.

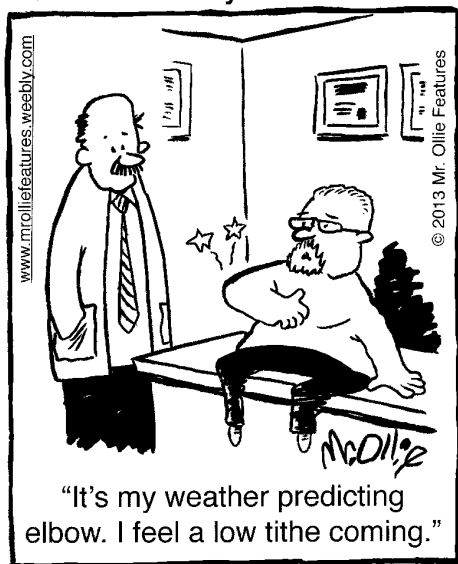
(St. Paul gave \$33.48 to Philippines and \$33.47 to Disaster Relief US)

Thank you for giving so generously,
 Roland Fernandes, General Treasurer,
 Shawn Bakker, Deputy General Secretary, UMCOR

“Dear Elida St Paul UMC, Thank you for your gift of \$441.50 to Imagine No Malaria, a life-saving ministry that aims to eliminate death and suffering caused by malaria in Africa by 2015. I celebrate your support and ask you to share the work of Imagine No Malaria to encourage others to help. Please continue to pray for the success of this ministry and for all those who suffer from malaria.

Gratefully yours,
 Bishop Thomas Bickerton, INM Chairperson

Book of Timothy



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The People of St. Paul's



For those who sent flowers, cards and for those who offered prayers for our family during this difficult time for the loss of my brother. We thank you.

*God Bless You,
Tony and Pam Lozano*

*Dear Church Family,
Thanks to all of you , more than I can say. Your cards, flowers, prayers, food and anything I've forgotten were most appreciated.*

*Blessings to you all,
Janet and Gary Grigg.*



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Tim Piper

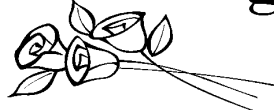
Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Joanna Hurd
Rodney Lee

Weddings



Congratulations to **Andrew Piper** and **Megan Cooper** who were married on September 2, 2014 in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. They will be living in Westerville, OH. Megan works for Infiniti USA in Columbus. Andrew works at Java Central in Westerville. Andrew is the son of **Tim and Corinne Piper**. Well wishes may be sent to Andrew and Megan at 22 1/2 Electric Ave. Westerville, OH 43081.

Congratulations to **Jonathan Cook** and **Chelsey Dixon**, who exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, September 20th at Wayne Street United Methodist Church in St. Marys. Jon is the son of **Lois Cook** and the late **Gary Cook** and grandson of **Fran Hall**. Cards may reach Jon and Chelsey at 3053 Fryer Rd., Elida, OH

Praying Together

God of love,
We are only a few; but still we are here.
We cannot do everything,
but still we can do something.
Help us to do the something we can do.
In your name, Amen.

- based on the words of Helen Keller

Prayer List

Updates

Please Contact

Lavonne Segovia



Meetings

October 1, 2014
Worship Team..6:00 PM

October 7, 2014
Trustees...7:00 PM
PPR...TBA

October 13, 2014
Finance ...7:00 PM
No Ad Council

October 15, 2014
Missions...7:00 PM

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

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir..7:00 PM

October 2014

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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

Anniversaries

- Dillon & Helen Staas*
October 6; 62 yrs.
- Barry & Cyndi Smith*
October 8
- Travis & Amanda Cummins*
October 9
- Zack & Katie White*
October 9
- Gary & Shirley Adams*
October 10; 62 yrs.
- Scott & Gail Fessler*
October 15
- Ron & Ann Stewart*
October 19
- Nick & Jacinda Perry*
October 20
- Nate & Tonya Craft*
October 27

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Angel Cake

By Margie Best

Ingredients		Instructions
1 (8oz.)	Cream cheese (softened)	In large mixing bowl, beat the cream cheese and sugar; fold in whipped cream topping and cubed angel food cake.
1 cup	Confectioners sugar	
1 (8oz.)	Whipped cream	Spread cake mixture evenly into an ungreased 12x9x2 baking dish and top with desired pie filling.
1	Angel food cake (prepared) Cut into 1-inch cubes	
2 cans	Pie filling (of your choice)	Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours before cutting. Makes 12 servings.

Goey Butterscotch Bars

By Carole Grapner

Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg. (17 1/2 oz)	Sugar cookie mix	In a large bowl, combine the sugar cookie mix, pudding mix, butter and eggs. Press into an ungreased 13x9 baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes or until set.
1 pkg. (3.4 oz)	Instant butterscotch pudding mix	
1/2 cup	Butter (softened)	
1	Egg	In a large saucepan, combine caramels and milk. Cook and stir over medium-low heat until melted. Remove from heat. Stir in nuts and vanilla. Pour over crust. Sprinkle with butterscotch chips. Cool completely. Cut into bars. Store in an airtight container. Makes about 3 dozen bars.
1 pkg. (14 oz.)	Caramels	
1/2 cup	Evaporated milk	
1 tsp.	Vanilla extract	
2 cups	Mixed nuts (coarsely chopped)	
1 cup	Butterscotch chips	



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God Wants Us to Take Care of Our Body

Help this boy and girl find a healthy life with their friends at the end of the maze. As you trace your way through the maze, you will pass letters that are circled, in boxes, underlined, and bold.

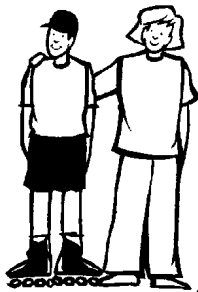
- Write the circled letters here and then unscramble the word. ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

- Write the letters that are underlined here and then unscramble the word. _____

- Write the boxed letters here and then unscramble the words (there are two). □ □ □ □ □

- Write the letters that are bolded here and then unscramble the word. _____

Now write what God wants you to do: " _____ ."



A large maze containing various activities and items. Some letters are circled, boxed, underlined, or bolded. The maze starts at the top left with a boy and girl and ends at the bottom right with a group of children.

Activities and items in the maze include: eat good food, eat lettuce, tomatoes, watch TV, ice cream, drink lots of, pop and candy, junk food, meat, cake, music, fudge, cookies, climb trees, read, liquids, eat a lot of, don't, candy, write letters, dance, play on the computer, yell at your brother, exercise, hike, relax, say bad words, walk, sister and, run, jump, baskets shoot, play, vitamins you take, climb a tree, eat fruits and vegetables, go to church, play volleyball, eat, swear, cereal, smoke, Bible school, school, Grandpa and Grandma, hike, goof off, sleep, tennis, football, chew gum, your arm, go to the, tell stories, movies, play the piano, rest, sleep, cheese, spaghetti, soccer, sit, popcorn, smoke, tennis, visit, break, your arm, go to the, tell stories, movies, play the piano.



For extra fun, collect all the healthy words you can find and write them here. _____

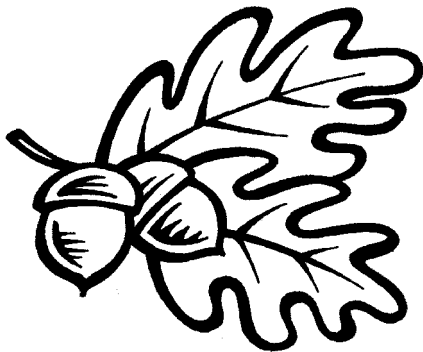
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Living Our Faith

Praying Our Questions

In my own spiritual journey, and in accompanying the spiritual journey of others, I have found questions to be the single most important tool for the journey. And I have also found how much we prefer answers!

A good question, allowed to deepen and be held prayerfully before God for some time, yields amazing discoveries. Questions take us somewhere. They move us out of the familiar and allow new insights and possibilities to present themselves.

God bless those who question God, their faith, and the church! Without them we would never have inherited the faith and the church that we often subconsciously think has "always been like this."

Jesus asked many questions "What do you want me to do for you?" "Will you lay down your life for me?" "Do you want to be made well?" "What are you looking for?" "Do you love me?" The whole thrust of Jesus' ministry was to stir up people's minds and spirits, to kindle their imagination, to invite a new way of seeing and doing things. Conversion to the new is a

lifelong process, curiosity and questioning gets us to turn around and search. Praying our questions has to do with naming them before God, and taking time to look at them, to deepen them, to find the deeper questions that emerge, and to watch and wait. To have the humility not to know. To be open. In time a response presents itself. It may come in the form of an insight, a feeling, an event, or the experience of suddenly seeing things in a new way.

Let your questions take you somewhere. Don't be shy, or worry that you should have a strong faith that is never shaken. There is much about God that is always beyond our capacity to contain in words or ways of doing things, and the way we "do" church now is not how it's always been or how it's intended to stay forever. So, take courage, and embrace the questions.

– Ann Siddall

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