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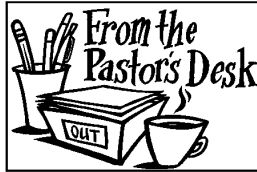
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Fall is upon us, the weather is cooler, harvest is beginning, and the days are getting shorter. There are a bunch of things happening around the church. EASY is back up and running Monday and Wednesday from 3 to 5 in the afternoon. The

end of this month will see us providing a rest stop for weary trick or treaters. Seniors Day Out continues every month and even if you are not a "senior," I want to invite you to join in the fun and fellowship. Invite a friend or neighbor to come enjoy the food, fellowship and the programs.

We have been under a little construction over the last few weeks and hopefully by the time you read this we will be wrapping up the kitchen cabinets and new heating in the education wing. The trustees have been working hard and I am pleased to say that your continued support has allowed these projects to move forward with 100% funding. Your faithfulness in giving to the building fund and continued support of our regular budget allows projects like these to move forward. So take a minute the next time you see a trustee and give them a big hug.

I have been talking about building bridges over the last few weeks and will continue for a couple more. We have talked about politics and immigration and I will be talking about Islam, healthcare and guns in the weeks ahead. Marla asked me why I was talking about these subjects now after 15 years in ministry. My answer is simply because I believe we need to stop hiding behind the fear of shame, or offending someone, and learn how to treat everyone with the love of Christ. We are a great nation built on the belief of freedom, freedom to disagree with respect, freedom to not be afraid of someone who is different, freedom to call an injustice an injustice. We can make a difference in the world, but it will not come in tearing down people to prove we are better. It will come in loving them where we are and in giving them the freedom to see Christ's love in us, not only in our words, but in our actions as well.

I invite you to be part of the conversation and see how we can build bridges that connect and strengthen each of us to Christ's love and forgiveness.

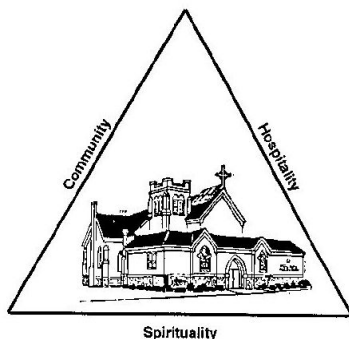
See you in the mission fields,

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

"Autumn ... the year's last, loveliest smile."

—William Cullen Bryant



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Christian Symbol



Door

A door symbolizes our invitation to engage in prayer and personal relationship with Jesus: "Knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7, NIV). Conversely, a door represents Jesus' desire to be invited into our lives and hearts: "I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me" (Revelation 3:20, NIV).



October is Pastor Appreciation month and clergy appreciation day is Sunday, October 9.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Food Pantry Sunday October 9, 2016

Donations are taken to the Church at Allentown

Thank you to all who have been donating



Seniors Day Out

Tuesday, October 18
12:00 noon

Watch for further details.

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St. Paul's Book Club Saturday, October 1 9:00 AM

Join us for a book discussion on
The Ocean at the End of the Lane
By Neil Gaiman

Please bring your own breakfast.



Newsletter deadline:
the 16th
of each month

**World Communion Sunday
October 2**



**'Coins for Communion'
October 2
to benefit Family Promise of Lima**

In Communion

In 1936, a group of pastors launched World-Wide Communion Day. Amid the Great Depression, they were looking for a way to meet people's spiritual needs and unite Christians in their dedication to Christ.

The observance, now known as World Communion Sunday, is held on the first Sunday of October. For eight decades, it has served as a reminder that Christians around the globe share the same meal in remembrance of Jesus.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**Reformation Sunday
October 30, 2016**

I'm Clean!

Church reformer Martin Luther once had a nightmare about being judged by the devil. From a scroll, Satan was reading all the sins Luther had ever committed.

"What hope of heaven do you have as a miserable sinner?" the devil accused.

Feeling despondent, Luther remembered the cross. "There's one entry which thou hast not made, Satan," he said.

When the devil inquired about it, Luther responded confidently: "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7, KJV).

Praise God that he sent Jesus to be our Deliverer (Psalm 18:2) so we are no longer held hostage by Satan's accusations!

**Trick or Treat in Elida
Thursday, October 27**

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.

Trick or Treat is 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM



Here and There

The Ice Water Challenge

You should be as excited about church as you might be about the Super Bowl. So when your pastor makes a point this Sunday, pour Gatorade (or if you're in the Sanctuary) confetti over his head!



St. Paul's Girls enjoy an afternoon at the Lima Children's Garden Butterfly release on September 11.

Left to right: Sherilyn and Adrianna Ellinger and Lena Whetstone.



You'rx Nxxdxd!

Evxn though my typxwritxr is an old modxl, it works quixt wxll — xxcxpt for onx kxy. I havx many timxs wishxd it workxd pxrfxctly. It's trux that thx othxr kxys work grxat, but just onx kxy not working makxs a hugx diffxrxnxx.

Somxtimxs our church sxxms likx my typxwritxr — not all thx kxy pxoplx work. You may say to yoursxlf, "Wxll, I'm just onx pxrson. I don't makx or brxak thx church." But it doxs makx a big diffxrxnxx bxcxux a church, to bx xffxctivx, nxxds thx activx participation of vxvry pxrson.

So, thx nxxt timx you think your xfforts arxn't nxxcssary, rxmxxbxx my typxwritxr and say to yoursxlf, "I'm a kxy pxrson in thx congrxgation, and I'm nxxdxd vxry much."



He's Everywhere

A mother asked her little boy to please get the broom from the back porch. "But it's dark out there!" he protested.

"Don't be scared," Mom said. "Jesus is out there. He'll take care of you." When the child looked skeptical, his mother continued, "Jesus is everywhere. You'll be safe."

After a moment, the boy went to the back door and cracked it open. Peering into the dark, he called, "Jesus, if you're out there, will you please hand me the broom?"

The Business of Church



Thank you to Larry and Shirley Moser, Tim Piper and Ron Steiner who tore out the cabinets in the kitchen to prepare for new ones.

Thank You

Health and School Kits Mission

Thank you to everyone who bought health and school supplies for the kits. \$334.50 was donated to be sent with the kits and to pay for bags for the school kits. Great job! As a congregation, another record number of kits were collected.

Total :
School Kits = 96
Health Kits = 40

Thank you to **Maedene Holmes** and **Bev Nesbitt** and their helpers, **Shara Bowsher, Anne Laman, Shirley Moser, Tim Piper, Lavonne Segovia, Jean Thomas, Martha Vazquez, and Jamie Wyant**, for assembling the kits on September 7.

Thank you to **Pastor Paul** for delivering them to Westside UMC, a local drop location for the West Ohio Conference.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
September 4, 2016	84
September 11, 2016	83
September 18, 2016	89

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

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
September 4, 2016	\$3,590.00	\$360.32
September 11, 2016	\$3,880.65	\$938.09
September 18, 2016	\$3,003.00	\$114.00

Greeters	
October 2, 2016	Denny & Carole Grapner
October 9, 2016	Bev Nesbitt
October 16, 2016	OPEN
October 23, 2016	OPEN
October 30, 2016	OPEN

Children's Church Attendance	
September 4, 2016	9
September 11, 2016	17
September 18, 2016	21

Flower Calendar	
October 2, 2016	Ginny Doseck
October 9, 2016	Dillon & Helen Staas
October 16, 2016	Scott & Gail Fessler
October 23, 2016	Scott & Beth Warris
October 30, 2016	Jean Thomas

Hospitality Cart	
October 2, 2016	OPEN
October 9, 2016	OPEN
October 16, 2016	Mary Irvin
October 23, 2016	Choir
October 30, 2016	Kathy & Marty White

Daily Bible Readings

Saturday 10/1

Psalm 87, 90, 136 Hosea 1:1-2:1
Acts 20:1-16, Luke 4:38-44

Sunday 10/2

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67, Hosea 2:2-14
James 3:1-13, Matthew 13:44-52

Monday 10/3

Psalm 89, Hosea 2:14-23
Acts 20:17-38, Luke 5:1-11

Tuesday 10/4

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

Wednesday 10/5

Psalm 101, 109:1-30, 119:121-144
Hosea 4:11-19
Acts 21:15-26, Luke 5:27-39

Thursday 10/6

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

Friday 10/7

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

Saturday 10/8

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

Sunday 10/9

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

Monday 10/10

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

Tuesday 10/11

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

Wednesday 10/12

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Micha 2:1-13
Acts 23:23-35, Luke 7:8-35

Thursday 10/13

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

Friday 10/14

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

Saturday 10/15

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Micah 5:1-4, 10-15
Acts 25:13-27, Luke 8:16-25

Sunday 10/16

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

Monday 10/17

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

Tuesday 10/18

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

Wednesday 10/19

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

Thursday 10/20

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

Friday 10/21

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

Saturday 10/22

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

Sunday 10/23

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

Monday 10/24

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Revelation 7:1-8
Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday 10/25

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

Wednesday 10/26

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

Thursday 10/27

Psalm 37
Revelation 9:1-12
Luke 10:25-37

Friday 10/28

Psalm 31, 35
Revelation 9:13-21
Luke 10:38-42

Saturday 10/29

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Revelation 10:1-11
Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 10/30

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

Monday 10/31

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Revelation 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26

All Scripture
is
BREATHED
OUT
by God.



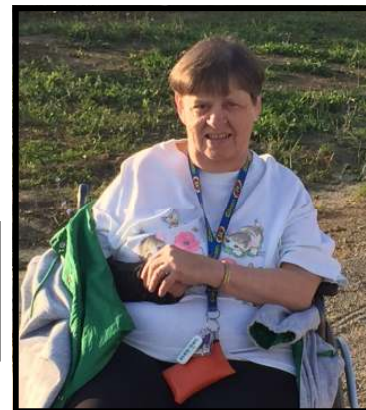
2 TIMOTHY 3:16, ESV

Spotlight On Summer

Logan Matthew House and Ian Nathaniel House were baptized by immersion by Pastor Paul in the pool at the home of Dan and Margie Best on Sunday, August 28, 2016. They were surrounded by family and friends. These two young boys were very excited about taking this step in their faith journey. They were very serious about answering the questions asked and there was even a squeal of excitement when it was over. Congratulations to these two newest members of the Christian faith. We are all very proud of you and are behind you 100%. Logan and Ian are the sons of Sara and Ryan House and grandchildren of Tony and Linda Matlock, and nephews of Mike Matlock.



Fair Chairs
August 26, 2016



Blessing of Book Bags and Back Pacs
August 28, 2016



Our Church History

A special organ memorial fund was established beginning with contributions in memory of Clyde Strayer, who died Jan. 31, 1978. On April 9, 1978, Rev. James Kuhn presented the memorial inscription bell to St. Paul's congregation. The 25 Schulmerich handbell set was given as a memorial to Clyde Strayer by his wife, Lenore Strayer, the church organist. The memorial bell has the following inscription:

“In loving memory of Clyde L. Strayer (1907-1978), presented to St. Paul's Church by wife, Lenore, organist, 1937 – 19__ and in appreciation of Rev. James D. Kuhn, Pastor, and Nancy Kuhn, Director of Choirs, 1964 – 1978.”

In 1978, Rev. David Harper, pastor of the Metamora UMC was appointed to St. Paul's United Methodist Church. This appointment was made at the West Ohio Conference by Bishop Dwight Loder. Rev. Harper presented his first sermon on Sunday, June 18, 1978. A get-acquainted coffee hour for Rev. David, Carol, Jennifer, and Charles Harper, was enjoyed by the congregation after the Sunday morning worship service on June 25, 1978.

Elida community churches observed the Elida Centennial, along with community celebrations June 9-11, 1978. Each of the churches held special worship services to commemorate the special occasion.

In October, 1978, a meeting of a district building committee, consisting of members from Allentown UMC, Immanuel UMC, and St. Paul's UMC, was held. The possibility of building a new church combining the three churches into one large UMC was discussed. Immanuel UMC did not wish to form one church and voted against it.

The Advisory Board met in August, 1979, to discuss the use of the Scholfield property. It was decided to use it as classroom space, church office, and a place for church meetings.

June 29, 1980, was a very special day at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Our organist, Lenore Strayer, had completed 43 years of dedicated service, and the entire church participated in “Lenore Strayer Day.” Immediately following church, there was a covered dish lunch, followed by a program entitled, “This Is Your Life, Lenore.” It was a fun day for all.

At the 1980 West Ohio Conference, Rev. Allen L. Puffenberger was appointed to Elida St. Paul's, transferring from East Ohio. Allen was a very competent administrator, Martha had many talents and was ready to lend a hand wherever needed, and the children made friends quickly. The Puffenbergers were the right people to work with a church which had been battered and desolated by the loss of at least a third of the membership in a short time.

One of the early plans for reviving the congregation was to divide the people into neighborhood groups with a leader who had a list of topics for discussion. There were Bible studies and questions for making the church vital. Many suggestions came out of these neighborhood groups.

Smorgasbord and Bazaar
November, 1980



Remember When...



October, 1998
 Youth Group and Koinonia Class
 visit cornfield maze



October, 2000
 Mortgage Burning for
 church remodeling



October, 2005
 Voting on Dot Sunday



Connecting With ...

Our condolences to the family of Jean Redd who passed away September 2, at Otterbein Cridersville Senior Life Style Choices. Jean turned 99 on July 8. She was our oldest member and had been a member of St. Paul's UMC since April 1, 1956.



In Sympathy

Our Sympathy to the family of Kris Wade Rohrbaugh, who passed away September 8. Pastor Paul Scannell officiated her memorial service on September 13. Kris had been a member of St. Paul's for 42 yrs. Kris is the daughter of Lynda Evans and the late Carl Evans. Kris enjoyed brining her grandchildren to church. Cards may reach Lynda Evans and family at 314 Baxter St., Elida, OH 45807.

Our condolences to Don and Mary Irvin on the death of Don's sister-in-law, Aileen Irvin, who passed away Wednesday, September 14th. Cards may reach Don and Mary at 4878 Pheasant St., Elida, OH 45807.

Family
is not an
IMPORTANT
thing, it is
Everything 



A rose was placed on the altar Sunday, September 11, in honor of **Julia Jane White**, born at 10AM on August 28, 2016. She weighed in at 5 lbs., 4 ozs. and was 19" long. Parents are Nick and Kim White, sister is Emma Kate White, grandparents are Marty and Kathy White, and uncle is AJ White.

The People of St. Paul's

Thank You

*Thanks to All,
Pastor Paul for the visits
and the wonderful service.
Susan Nartker and her
workers for the luncheon.
The Crafty Creatures for
the prayer shawl, and all
the people of St. Paul's for
all the prayers, cards , wind
chimes, food and support
given to us in the recent
death of my daughter, Kris.
It gives us comfort and
peace.*

Lynda Evans and Family

*To my dear St. Paul's family,
Thank you for your prayers,
cards, visits, and support
during my recent medical
procedures. It is very
comforting to know that we
have spiritual and emotional
support when we need it. Our
support for one another is
what makes St. Paul's such a
wonderful family of believers.*

*God bless our church family,
Jamie Wyant*

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Gary Grigg
Linda Holman

Homebound Members

Ruth Hardy
Jan Soddors

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Hazel Dunn
Joanna Hurd
Glenna Kohli

In the Military

Oliver Fessler
Dani Milke
Nathan Stewart

Bible Quiz

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books *doesn't* mention autumn?

- A. Matthew
- B. Jeremiah
- C. Proverbs
- D. Jude



Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, ESV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)

Daily Tasks

When I awoke this morning, I asked, "How shall I live this day?" The answers were all around me:

The fan said, "Keep your cool."

The ceiling said, "Aim high."

The window said, "Look outside yourself."

The clock said, "Every minute is precious."

The calendar said, "Stay up to date."

The door said, "Take advantage of opportunity."

The floor said, "Kneel down and pray."

—Unknown (adapted)

Meetings

October 3, 2016
PPR...7:00 PM

October 4, 2016
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 5, 2016
Worship Mtg..6:00 PM

October 10, 2016
Finance ...7:00 PM

No Ad Council

October 19, 2016
Missions...6:00 PM

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

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir..7:00 PM

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						1 Robert Bice Brent McAdams
2 Reed Chambers Carter Craft	3 Beth Warris	4 Kim White	5 Corinne Piper	6 Molly Przekora	7 Denny Thompson Brogan Wyant	8
9 Paysen Wyant	10 Ray Trigg Sr.	11 Slone Whetstone	12 Bill McKinney	13 Hazel Dunn	14 Sam Kinney	15
16 Evelyn Sarber	17	18 Brad Whetstone Ayva Wyant	19 Kelsey Smith Ryleigh Warris	20 Stacy Alexander	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; 64 yrs.
- Barry & Cyndi Smith*
October 8
- Gary & Shirley Adams*
October 10; 64 yrs.
- Zack & Katie White*
October 10
- 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

Zucchini Cake

By Carole Grapner

Ingredients		Instructions
1 box	Yellow cake mix	Grease and flower 13x9 pan and set aside. Mix top 6 ingredients well with mixer. Stir in Zucchini and pecans. Bake at 350 degrees for 35–40 minutes until toothpick comes out clean. Cool cake completely. Then frost with cream cheese frosting. Keep refrigerated to preserve cream Cheese frosting.
3/4 cup	Milk	
1/2 cup	Melted butter	
2 tsp.	Cinnamon	
1/2 tsp.	Ginger	
3	Eggs	
2 cups	Shredded Zucchini	
3/4 cup	Chopped Pecans	
	Frosting:	
8 oz.	Cream Cheese (<i>Softened</i>)	
1/4 cup	Butter (<i>Softened</i>)	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
1 1/2 cups	Powdered sugar	



Correction to September Newsletter Recipe:
 Last step of Warm Caramel Apple Pudding Cake:
 Whisk remaining caramel topping and cool whip
 until well blended. Spoon over cake slices
 just before serving.

KIDZ KORNER

FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____

2. Opposite of hate: _____

3. Opposite of yes: _____

4. Three minus two: _____

5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____

6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____

7. Opposite of up: _____

8. Opposite of death: _____

9. Best buds: _____

" _____ has _____
1 2 3
 _____ than _____: to _____
4 5 6 7
 one's _____ for one's _____."
8 9

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

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Living Our Faith



Without A Trace

The abundant grace we have received is not just a medicine sufficient to heal the wound of sin but also health and beauty and honor and glory and dignity far transcending our natural state. Each of these in itself would have been enough to do away with death, but when they are all put together in one, there is not a trace of death left, nor can any shadow of it be seen, so entirely has it been done away with.

—St. John Chrysostom

True Identity

Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved." Being the Beloved expresses the core truth of our existence.

Your true identity is as a child of God. This is the identity you have to accept. Once you have claimed it and settled in it, you can live in a world that gives you much joy as well as pain. You can receive the praise as well as the blame that comes to you as an opportunity for strengthening your basic identity, because the identity that makes you free is anchored beyond human praise and blame.

—Henri Nouwen