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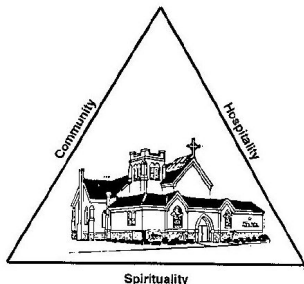
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Dear Friends,

What a beginning to our return to fall and the activities of the church! Rally Sunday was a great day for St. Paul's and we owe Steve Moser and his "crew" a big thank you for all they did to make that day happen. Then the music ministries of the church were dedicated for the coming year, and the month of September ended with a celebration of our Missions ministries we've supported this past year. And that's just the first month of this "new" year.

I'm glad we have many opportunities to begin again. It reminds us that at whatever stage we're in for our faith journey, we can always start anew. One of my favorite prayers is found in the Order for Morning Worship, UM Book of Worship, and begins: "New every morning is your love, great God of light..." With each season, with each milestone in our lives, with each new day, we have opportunities to start again to become the persons God created us to be.

One of the ways I've found to set my course for that endeavor, to become the person God has created me to be, is through the ReFocus process. In October, an opportunity is still being offered for you to enter into this "becoming" through a Focused Living Retreat. If you have not already signed up to attend on October 16th and 17th, please do so at the sign-up sheet on the hallway bulletin board outside my office. This is an opportunity, not only to begin anew in your personal faith journey, but also become a part of our corporate renewal for the coming year as we move into Phase II of ReFocus.

Come be a part of what God is doing at St. Paul's, another opportunity to begin again.

Thanks for listening.

Peace,

Pastor Ruth Solo



Thought for the Month:

There is *no thing* that
is absent from
God's good!

– Unity Church affirmation



October Youth Calendar

October 4, 2009	No Youth
October 11, 2009	Confirmation 2:00-4:00 PM
October 18, 2009	Confirmation 2:00-4:00 PM
October 25, 2009	Confirmation Church Visit



CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS

St. Paul's youth began their confirmation class on Saturday, September 11, with an all day retreat. We have three young people participating this year: **Torie McAdams, Aric Thompson, and Oliver Fessler.** The mentors working with these young people are **Myrna Metzger, Marty White, and Jamie Wyant.**

We are using the curriculum *Claim the Name* which stresses confirmation's relationship to their baptism, and offers them lessons in who God is, what it means to follow Jesus, what it means to be a Christian, and what their United Methodist church is all about. The young people will also visit three other denominations to learn about our heritage as Christians in visiting a Catholic church, our heritage as United Methodists through a visit to an Episcopal Church, and our history of unity and disunity with a visit to an African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME). They will be confirmed on **November 1.**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Don't Forget!

**Daylight Savings
Ends November 1st**

**Children's Sabbath
October 11, 2009**

Guest Soloist: Abby Paskvan

**Puppet Ministry Team
Will Present the Message During
the Worship Hour**

**Round up the children and come
on Children's Sabbath**



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Together We Can

Both clergy and lay persons will have a chance to be heard, ask questions, and receive information about the ministries our faithful stewardship supports...and how that stewardship is making our churches stronger. Anyone is invited to attend on Monday, October 19, 2009
 6:00 PM
 Shawnee UMC
 2600 Zurmehly Road,
 Lima, OH 45806
 RSVP requested at
www.westohioumc.org/together

Please join Bishop Ough and other conference and district leaders at the Together We Can event in the Northwest Plains District.



Bishop Bruce R. Ough
 Resident Bishop,
 Ohio West Area

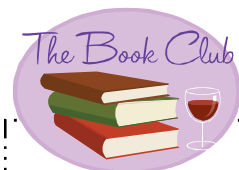
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Dates & Locations:

- Capital Area North
 Sunday, October 18th, 2009, 2:30pm
 Church of the Messiah UMC
 51 N. State St., Westerville, Ohio 43081
- Capital Area South
 Thursday, November 19, 2009, 6pm
 Ashbury South UMC
 4760 Winchester Pike, Columbus, Ohio 43232
- Foothills
 Wednesday, November 18, 2009, 6pm
 The Plains UMC
 3 N. Plains Rd., The Plains, Ohio 45780
- Maumee Watershed
 Sunday, October 4, 2009, 3pm
 First United Methodist Church
 1526 E. Wooster, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402
- Miami Valley
 Monday, January 11, 2010, 6pm
 Location TBA
- Northwest Plains
 Monday, October 19, 2009, 6pm
 Shawnee UMC
 2600 Zurmehly Road, Lima, Ohio 45806
- Ohio River Valley
 Thursday, October 22, 2009, 6:30pm
 Sharonville United Methodist Church
 3751 Creek Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45241
- Shawnee Valley
 Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 6pm
 Location TBA

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



St. Paul's Book Club
 Saturday, October 3, 2009
 9:00 AM

Linda Craft will lead the discussion on the book,
The Shack
 by William Paul Young

Please bring your own breakfast.

Blessing of the Pets

Saturday, October 3
 2:00-4:00 PM



October Food Pantry Needs Are:

- small cans of soup
- cereal
- spaghetti
- kleenex

St. Paul's Book Sale

Saturday, October 24, 2009
 9:00 AM—2:00 PM

All proceeds from the sale will be used to further improve our new library in the Narthex.

Come and browse our selection and find some bargains

October Food Pantry



The Heart of Church

Greeters

October 4	Ron & Mary Steiner
October 11	Jerry & Becky Bean
October 18	Brian & Angie Nartker
October 25	Norm & Mary Grigsby

Nursery Volunteers

October 4	Volunteer Needed
October 11	Volunteer Needed
October 18	Volunteer Needed
October 25	Slone Whetstone



From ghoulies and ghosties
and long-leggedy beasties,
and things that go bump in the night,
good God deliver us.
- traditional Scottish prayer

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Did you know that the month of October is Clergy Appreciation Month? This is a special time that is set aside to honor our pastors for their hard work, sacrificial dedication and spiritual leadership. God has instructed us to recognize His servants, "The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

While we remember that it is also important to remember to show our appreciation, affirmation and prayer support to our pastor throughout the entire year, the Pastor Parish Relations Committee asks that each of you reach out to Ruth and her family during this special month to be supportive and show your appreciation for all that she does for our congregation and community. Some personal ways to show positive affirmation to her are through cards, prayers, offering kind words and perhaps a dinner invitation. I'm sure that God will help you to discern the best way that you may show your appreciation.

*Sincerely,
Linda Craft*

Children's Worship

(Conducted During the Worship Hour)

1st Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Steve Moser—Story Slone Whetstone—Children's Church
3rd Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Angie & Brian Nartker—Children's Church
4th Sunday of Each Month	Corinne Piper—Story & Children's church
5th Sunday of The Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Steve Moser—Children's Church

The Business of Church

Relay for Life News

The St. Paul's Relay for Life Team will sponsor an evening fund raising event featuring **Tastefully Simple**. Tastefully Simple is a direct-sales company that offers a wide selection of convenient, easy-to-prepare foods designed to help people spend less time in the kitchen and more time enjoying the rest of their lives. Please mark your calendars and save the date of **Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m., in the St. Paul's fellowship hall**. Also, if you purchased one of the Team's past fund raisers that included a glass quart jar and just now realized that this jar is setting idle collecting dust, the Team would appreciate if you would return it to the church marked, 'Attention Linda Holman.' Recycling these jars will help the Team's bottom line. **Thank you!**

Mission Committee Report

The **St. Paul's Mission Committee**, on behalf of our congregation, was able to send a check to **The United Methodist Children's Home** in the amount of **\$225** which represented total monies collected on Sunday, August 30, 2009, the fifth Sunday in August this year. This was St. Paul's first participation in the U.M.C.H.'s "**\$5 on the 5th**" fund raising effort. **Thank you – wonderful effort!** The next "**\$5 on the 5th**" installment will be Sunday, **November 29, 2009**, which is also **UM Student Day**. On that day you will have the opportunity to support both of our missions involving young people.

Book of Timothy



Committee	Chairs
PPR Chair	Linda Craft
Trustees Chair	Jamie Wyant
Finance Chair	Art Holman
Physical Plant Chair	Ron Steiner
Treasurer	Gene Craft
Education Chair	Steve Moser
Admin. Council Chair	Scott Fessler
Worship Setting	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Martha Vazquez
Stewardship	Sue Theodore
Missions	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

August 30, 2009	83
September 6, 2009	84
September 13, 2009	91
September 20, 2009	91
September 27, 2009	115

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
Aug. 30, 2009	\$1,977.00	\$591.00
Sept. 6, 2009	\$3,478.00	\$486.36
Sept. 13, 2009	\$3,449.00	\$440.00
Sept 20, 2009	\$2,097.00	\$564.20
Sept. 27 2009	\$2,798.00	\$626.00

Table Grace

Loving God of all peoples:
Thank you for the food we
are about to share.
Thank you for all who helped
bring it from the earth to this table.
As we remember those
whose tables have less on them,
challenge us to help make change.
Amen.



Sunday School Attendance

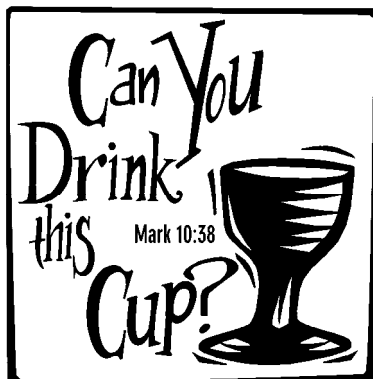
August 30, 2009	N/A
September 6, 2009	N/A
September 13, 2009	N/A
September 20, 2009	42
September 27, 2009	36

Flowers:

October 4, 2009	Don & Maedene Holmes
October 11, 2009	Jamie & Jan Wyant
October 18, 2009	Ruth Hardy
October 25, 2009	Larry & Shirley Moser



Consulting the Manual



Hope is a phenomenon. Faith replaces worry with hope, and no psychiatrist knows what it is. We only know what it does to people. It makes gray skin pink, dull eyes sparkle, and releases healing forces in the body itself!

— Rev. Dr. Robert Schuller



Bible Readings for October

Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

Week of October 4

World Communion Sunday

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm 26

New Testament:

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

Week of October 11

National Children's Day

Color: Green

Old Testament:

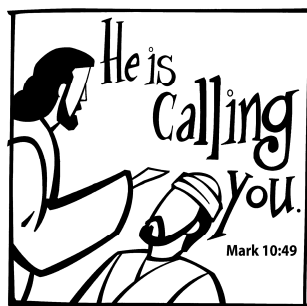
Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalm 22:1-15

New Testament:

Hebrews 4:12-16

Mark 10:17-31



Week of October 18

Laity Sunday

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Job 38:1-7

Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

New Testament:

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Week of October 25

Reformation Sunday

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

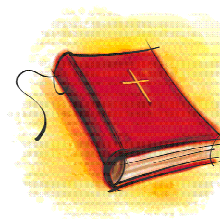
Psalm 34:1-8

New Testament:

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

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



News and Such



Many thanks for your 90th birthday cards and "hugs". It was a great day for both of us. So many changes in our lifestyle have taken place since we were born. When I arrived, before the doctor, on October 16, 1919, my father's first car was being delivered, a 1919 Model T Ford costing some \$600.00. My brother John never remembered a new baby sister that day, but he never forgot his ride in the Model T from the car dealership to his home on Diller Rd. Again many thanks for making our day one we will always remember. God Bless You All!

**Hazel Miller Dunn and
Evelyn Miller Sarber**

Taize Worship at Ada First United Methodist Church

First United Methodist Church will return this fall to a time of worship in the Taize tradition. Taize worship is a serene pattern of simple songs, prayers, and readings interspersed with times for meditative silence. It is a prayerful service open to persons of any or no religious background. The service will begin at 7:00pm and lasts about 40 minutes. It will be followed by light refreshments. Services will be held at 7:00pm on the first Sunday of each month in the sanctuary. First UM Church is at 301 N. Main Street in Ada. The public is invited to this graceful, peace-giving time of worship.

Food Pantry Collections for September

Thank you for the generosity of the people of St. Paul's Church. In August the Five Loaves Food Pantry at Allentown UMC **served 208 families**. Your generosity has helped those families to have food for their tables. The highlights of our **September giving are** 17 cans of soup, 14 boxes of Kool-aid mix, 13 cans of chunky chicken, 13 jars of peanut butter, 8 boxes of cereal, 7 boxes of cake/brownie mix, 5 boxes of macaroni & cheese, 4 cans of fruit, 3 boxes of spaghetti, 3 cans of vegetables, 2 cans of pasta sauce, 2 boxes of Kleenex, 2 cans of chow mein, 1 box of milk and 1 box of minute rice. **Praise God!**

Dear Church Family,

Gene and I want to thank you for all of the support that you have given to us during Michael's illness. We appreciate all of the prayers, cards to Michael, Nate and Tonya and us, gifts for Michael and all the wonderful comments written on the Caring Bridge. A big thanks to Joanna for the making of the prayer shawl; Michael loves it. Many of you know that Michael has a thing for blankets! The timing of this gift was perfect and Michael and I used the shawl daily in his cold hospital room.

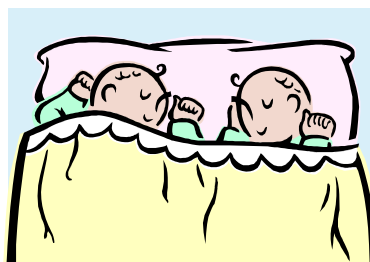
What a blessing you have been to us throughout this difficult time. We felt your love and support always.

*Most sincerely,
Linda Craft*



Celebrating...

Congratulations to **Rich and Chantel Bowsher**, on the birth of their twin sons on September 19, 2009, in Columbus. The boys, **Evan Maxwell and Jackson Noah**, were 5 lbs, 8 oz., 17 3/4 inches, and 5 lbs. 7 oz., 18 inches, respectively. Proud grandparents are **Dennis and Shara Bowsher**. **Chris Bowsher and Dillon and Helen Staas** are the proud great-grandparents. Cards may reach Rich and Chantel at 5401 Cherry Bud Ct., Columbus, OH 43228.



Rally Day!

Thank you to everyone who donated candy, helped decorate, pulled or rode on and threw candy in this year's homecoming float. Thanks to Ron Steiner for donating the wagon for the float.

Brian Nartker

A tremendous **Thank You to Steve Moser** for all of his planning and hard work to make Rally Day a huge success! Thanks also to everyone who was involved and helped Steve. We are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated people at St. Paul's.



Thanks!



Thanks to all who gave of their time to set up and take down the chairs at the Allen County Fair! Once again, it was heartening to see all come together to get the job done. In particular, thanks goes to the organizers who arrived at the crack of dawn to prepare for the work.

When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.

– *Unknown*

Remember When...



Youth Haunted Basement
Halloween, 1991
Right: Lori Chaffins and Valerie Cook



HAPPY HALLOWEEN



Kononia Halloween Parties, 1990s
Upper Left: Jan "Cher" Wyant and Jamie "Sonny" Wyant
Above: Gene "Col. Sanders" Craft and Linda "Chicken" Craft
Left: Marty and Kathy White

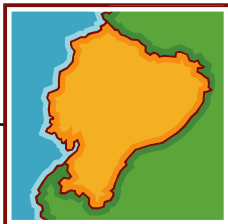


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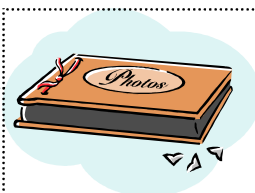
Lesley Parker has been in Ecaudor as a Peace Corp Trainee for two months. She was sworn in as an official Peace Corp Volunteer (PCV) on August 19 in Quito, Ecaudor, at the Ambassador's house. Lesley's official site for the next two years is El Retiro, Ecaudor, a small town about a half hour outside of the larger town of Machala in the providence of El Oro. It is on the Pacific coast of Ecuador near the equator.

You may check out Lesley's blog, which makes for very interesting reading: leslevinecuador.blogspot.com. You may also email her at lparker2008@yahoo.com and you can check out pictures she has posted on Facebook.

Her new permanent address is: **Lesley Parker**
Casilla 07-01-477
Machala—El Oro
Ecuador



The church photo albums are in our newly furnished library now located in the Narthex. Please check them out whenever you have a chance. If you can identify anyone in any photos that are not currently identified, please let the office know. If you have any photos that are not in our albums, also let us know that. For any photos that you do not wish to give up, we can make copies of them and give the originals back to you. Thanks!



A Cherokee elder said to a young child, "There is a fight going on inside me, a terrible fight between two wolves. One is evil, full of anger, sorrow, envy, greed, regret, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, and ego.

"The other is good, full of joy, peace, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. This same fight goes on inside every person."

The child thought for a moment, and then asked, "which wolf will win?"

The elder simply said, "the one you feed."

— Cherokee children's story



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Mary Grigsby

Homebound Members

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

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Dorothy Foster
 Sara House
 June Metzger
 Rick Scholfield

Blessed are those who accept every person as holy and who do not burden anyone with narrow judgments or stifled love, for they shall point to that mysterious road that leads back to God.

— Rodney Romney

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 Communications
 website :**
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The People of St. Paul's

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Clair Ditto**. **Clair and Ida Ditto** were members of St. Paul's UMC for many years. Clair moved to Texas to be near his daughters when Ida passed away. He passed away on Saturday, September 12. His funeral was held in Delphos on September 17. Rev. James Kuhn officiated and the ladies of St. Paul's had a funeral dinner for the family in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. Cards may reach his daughters at the following addresses:
Kay and Dave Kowalsky
 204 Mill St.
 Randleman, NC 27317

Dianne and Hager Lafferty
 3912 Cherokee Dr.
 Lima, OH 45807

Lorna and Michael Selvaggio
 3705 Flatiron Court
 Greensboro, NC 27406

*Remembered
 with
 love*



Thank you very much for the beautiful chrysanthemum from the church. It meant so much to us. Thank all the ladies for us please, who prepared food and did all the work for the lovely dinner after the service.

Sincerely,
The Family of Clair Ditto

Our sympathies are extended to **Helen Waldron**. Helen's husband, **Ray**, passed away in Ottawa on September 14. Pastor Ruth officiated at the funeral on September 17. Cards may reach Helen at **Putnam Acres Care Center, 10170 Road 5H, Ottawa, OH 45875**.

St. Paul's Methodist, On behalf of both Norm and myself, I want to thank you for all your prayers, food, and kind words during our recent surgeries. We appreciate our church family very much.
 In God's Love,
Norm and Mary Grigsby



Prayer List Updates
 Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia

Meetings

October 5, 2009
PPR...7:15 PM

October 6, 2009
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 12, 2009
Finance...7:00 PM

Ad Council ... No Meeting

Missions...No Meeting

Christian Ed...No Meeting

October 21, 2009
Stewardship...6:30 PM

Sundays
Prayer...9:00 AM

Thursdays
Bell Choir...6:15 PM

October 2009

September 2009						
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27	28	29	30			

November 2009						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Bobby Bice Brent McAdams	2 Carter Craft Kay McAdams	3 Beth Warris Book Club Blessing of Pets
4 World Communion Sunday	5 Corinne Piper Blake Selover PPR	6 Molly Fessler Trustees	7 Denny Thompson	8	9	10 Martha Hannah 84 yrs. Cory Stewart Ray Trigg
11 Slone Whetstone Children's Sabbath Food Pantry Sunday	12 Bill McKinney Finance	13 Hazel Dunn 90 yrs.	14	15	16 Evelyn Sarber 90 yrs.	17
18 Brad Whetstone	19 Kelsey Smith	20 Curt Roberts Newsletter Deadline	21 Stewardship	22	23 Jim Polutnik	24 Kim Holmes Nick White Book Sale
25 Chris Bowsher Phyllis Hines	26 Tonya Craft	27 Travis Williams	28	29 John Fletcher Jen Matlock Shirley Moser	30 Mike Matlock	31 Jerry Bean

Anniversaries

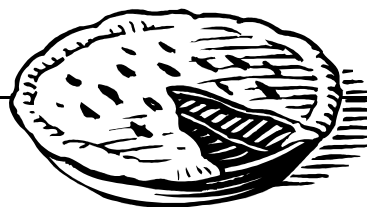
- Dillon & Helen Staas*
October 6
57 yrs.
- Barry & Cyndi Smith*
October 8
- Gary & Shirley Adams*
October 10
- Zack & Katie White*
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- Scott & Gail Fessler*
October 15
- Jason & Sharla Murphy*
October 17
- Ron & Ann Stewart*
October 19
- Roger & Jennifer Matlock*
October 20
- Nate & Tonya Craft*
October 27

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Zucchini Pie

by Valerie (Cook) Kuenzli

Ingredients		Instructions
4 cups	sliced zucchini	Saute first 3 ingredients for 10 minutes. Then stir in next 6 ingredients. Combine beaten eggs and mozzarella cheese. Add to zucchini mixture. Line a pie plate with Pillsbury crescent rolls; then spread with 2 Tbl. mustard. Pour in the zucchini mixture and bake at 375 degrees for 18-20 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.
1 cup	chopped onions	
1/4-1/2 cup	butter	
1/2 cup	fresh parsley <u>OR</u> 2 Tbl. parsley flakes	
1/2 tsp.	salt	
1/2 tsp.	pepper	
1/4 tsp.	garlic powder	
1/4 tsp.	basil	
1/4 tsp.	oregano	
2	beaten eggs	
2 cups	mozzarella cheese	
8 oz. tube	Pillsbury crescent rolls	



Caramel Corn

by Gail Fessler

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cups	brown sugar	Pop 4 bags microwave popcorn, sort out unpopped kernals. Place popped corn in very large mixing container. Boil sugar, butter, syrup and water to hard ball. Take off heat, add salt and baking soda and stir till well mixed. Add to popped corn and mix well.
10 2/3 Tbl.	margarine	
2 1/2 Tbl.	white Karo syrup	
2 Tbl.	water	
1/4 tsp.	baking soda	
dash	salt	
4 bags	microwave popcorn	



KIDZ KORNER

Codes

Use the code to figure out what it says in Gen 1:14.

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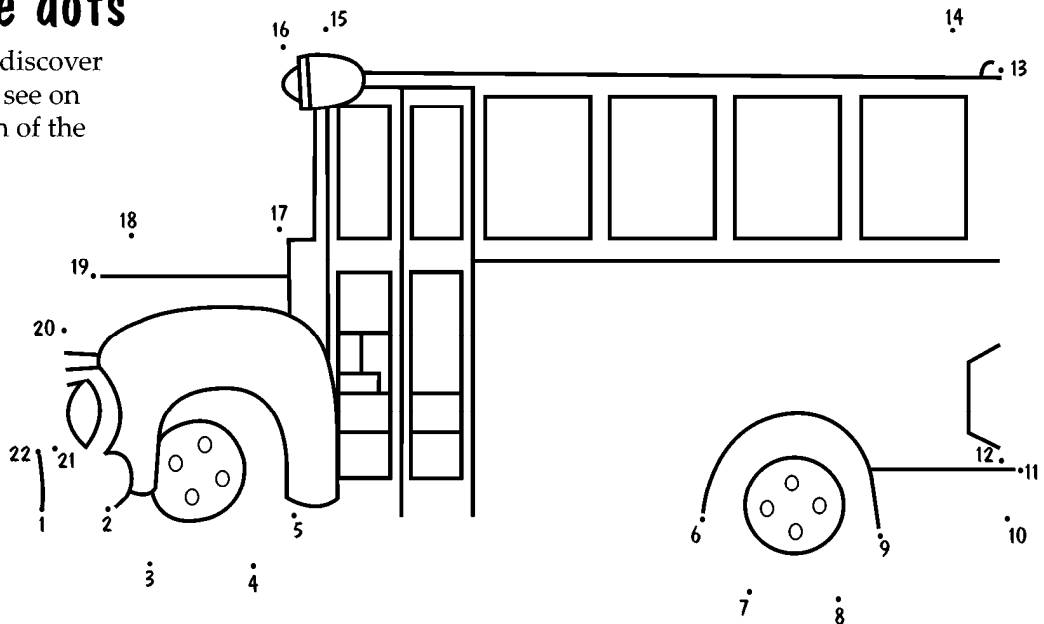
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Answer: And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years."

Connect the dots

Connect the dots to discover something we often see on the roads this season of the year.



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Living Our Faith

World(wide) Communion Sunday

World (or Worldwide) 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.

Here is a website that offers

several recipes for different breads: <http://globalministries.org/resources/special-days/WCS/bread.html>. You might also find recipes in a cookbook you have, or online. As a family, make bread from another culture and say a prayer for people in that place.



Every morning I spend 15 minutes filling my mind full of God; and so there's no room left for worry thoughts.

— Howard Chandler Christy



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