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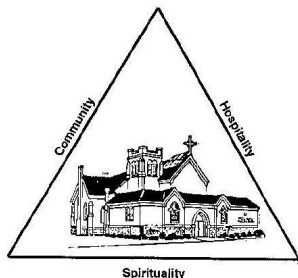
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A Letter to My Children:

I write this as I am in the midst of preparing a sermon in celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of a couple at St. Paul's, Norm and Mary Grigsby. In studying to find what words of wisdom I might possibly offer them since they've proven the steadfastness and faithfulness of their marriage covenant all these years, I've also been thinking about the beginnings of love, in all of its youth and innocence. These thoughts have come especially since I've been in discussion with one of you about the trials and tribulations of your teen learning by trial and error how to relate to friends of the opposite gender.

In my reading, I ran across, again, the definitions of the four kinds of love mentioned in the Bible in *Love Never Ends* by Robert H. and Jeanette C. Lauer, and I thought it might be helpful as you try to explain and teach your children who are going through these painful, exciting, sometimes joyful, and always confusing years. I've paraphrased what the Lauer's wrote:

'Love is a basic need. As creatures who were created by the God who is Love because of God's need and desire to love, we too have a need to express love to another. It's a part of our divine image. But we use love to express a great many kinds of feelings and opinions. The ancient Greeks had four different words to indicate the different kinds of love.

First, there's *eros*, which at first meant the excitement and attraction that comes from outer appearance. The New Testament refers to this type of love as "lust." But, in the Song of Solomon, you can read about this kind of love as expressed by a husband to his wife. This is the kind of love that raging hormones results in adolescence, is often called a "crush," and is even mistaken for love that lasts

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Thought for the Month:

*A person's true wealth is
the good he or she does
in the world.*

Muhammad



October Youth Calendar

October 3, 2008	Tailgate Party
October 5, 2008	Blessings of Animals
October 12, 2008	Youth 5-7 PM
October 19, 2008	Pastor Todd at Waynesfield
October 26, 2008	Youth Party

October 3	Tailgate Party 5:30—7:30 PM
October 5	Blessings of Animals Report at 2:00 PM Pizza & discuss mission projects
October 12	Youth Group, 5-7 PM Blue Fish Discussion
October 19	Pastor Todd at Waynesfield Leave church at 3:00 PM
October 26	Youth Party

SILENT AUCTION!!!

The Youth will be conducting a silent auction in March, 2009. If you have anything you would like to place in the auction, please contact Doug Fox at 419-339-1141. The winners will be announced at a dinner after the service on March 29th. Donations will begin to be taken in January, 2009. Funds will go towards the youth mission trip.

Youth fundraising dinner on September 28th after the Worship Service.

Menu: Arby's roast beef sandwiches
Potato casseroles, Veggies
Dessert

Youth Christmas Party
December 19th at 6:00 PM. More details to follow...but **mark you calendars.**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

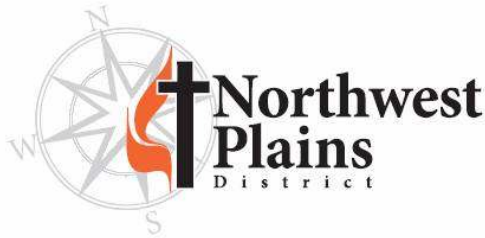


The Youth Group will have 2009 calendars on sale in October. They will have a table set up so you can look at the calendars. The cost will be \$7.00 and all proceeds will go towards the youth mission trip currently being planned. The calendars are **GREAT!**

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5 LOAVES FOOD PANTRY PARTNERSHIP

Sunday, September 14th, was food pantry Sunday at St. Paul U.M. Church. We collected food that was delivered to Allentown's **5 Loaves Food Pantry**. The people of St. Paul's have given unselfishly to the food bank. In September, we have collected 2 jars of peanut butter, 2 boxes of oatmeal, 3 tubes of tooth paste, 86 boxes of macaroni & cheese, 4 dish soaps, 15 cans of deodorant, 27 canned items/food, school supplies including paper, glue, scissors, markers, pencils, folders, rulers, pens and sharpeners. Also, we collected 2 boxes of jello, 2 boxes of instant potatoes and hair conditioner. **Thank you** to everyone that donated these items! Sunday, October 12th will be our next "Food Pantry Sunday". Thanks to Steve and Tracy Sdao for helping deliver food. Food will be disbursed at Allentown on the third and fourth Saturdays from 9-12 A.M. Anyone who is in need of food is welcome to come to the pantry. Watch the bulletin and dry boards for needed food items in October. We ARE making a difference in God's Kingdom!



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Bishop Ough Reappointed to West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The North Central Jurisdiction Committee on Episcopacy has announced the appointment of Bishop Bruce R. Ough to the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Bishop Ough, along with his wife, Char, have faithfully served in West Ohio for the last eight years, and will return for another quadrennium as the spiritual leader for more than 230,000 United Methodists in 1,188 congregations in 58 Ohio counties. For more information on Bishop Ough, visit [Bishop Bruce R. Ough](#).

Within each jurisdiction, a committee on episcopacy consists of one clergy and one lay person from each annual conference. The committee is responsible for reviewing the work and character of the bishops, and the committee assigns the bishops to their areas. The jurisdictional conference has the authority to affirm or reject the assignments. If the conference rejects the assignments, the committee must make new assignments. The assignment for bishops elected at the 2008 jurisdictional conferences becomes effective Sept. 1, 2008.

*World Communion Sunday
 October 5, 2008*



Our Charge Conference

**October 13, 2008
 7:00 PM**

Immanuel UMC

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

AARP Driver Safety Program

The AARP Driver Safety Program will be held at Elida St. Paul's UMC on Tuesday, October 14 and Thursday, October 16 from 9 AM—1 PM. This class will be taught by Patrolman Higbee and is open to all at the cost of \$10 per person.

- Learn defensive driving techniques, new traffic laws, rules of the road, and much more in this 8 hour course.
 - Find out how to adjust your driving to age related changes in vision, hearing, and reaction time.
 - Get an insurance discount. Auto insurance companies in most states provide a multiyear discount to AARP graduates. (Consult your insurance agent.)
 - You don't have to take a test.
 - Includes information on aggressive drivers, anti-lock brakes, cell phones, and more.
- Call Donna King at 419.485.3306 to make your reservation.



October 2008						
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Newsletter
 deadline:
 the **20th**
 of each month

The Heart of Church

Greeters

October 5	Open
October 12	Brian & Angie Nartker
October 19	Marty & Kathy White
October 26	Gary & Janet Grigg

Nursery Volunteers

October 5	Open
October 12	Jacinda Fletcher
October 19	Open
October 26	Jacinda Fletcher

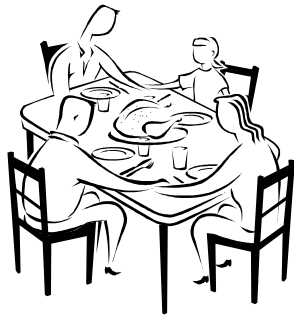


Table Grace

Give us this day
our daily bread.
May every child
be warm and fed;
and lead us not
to turn our backs
while we enjoy
what others lack.
Amen.

Jesus said, “Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s law and the Prophets hangs from them.”

– Matthew 24:37-40,
The Message

The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you.

Don’t go back to sleep. You must ask for what you really want.

Don’t go back to sleep. People are going back and forth across the doorsill

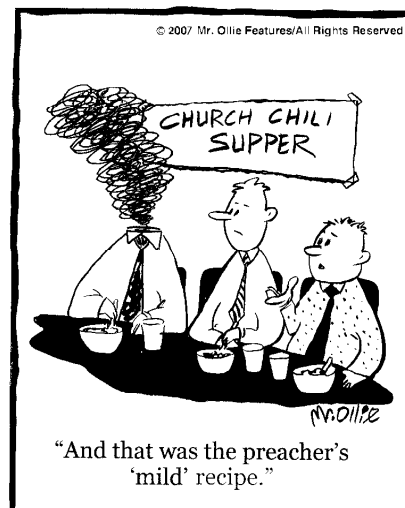
Where the two worlds touch.

The door is round and open.

Don’t go back to sleep.

– Rumi, “A Great Wagon”

Book of Timothy



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 Nagy—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

The Business of Church

Empowering Women for Ministry:

Clergy and Lay women

For ALL Women Lay & Clergy
Come for one day or both

Claiming Sisters Sharing With Sisters

With
Heather Murray Elkins Come away and spend
Judy Craig time with
Char Ough
Diane Lobody
Lupina Stewart
Judi Talbot
Jocelyn Roper
Others.....

Heather Murray Elkins

October 24 and 25, 2008
At
Methodist Theological Seminary

FRIDAY

10:00 -10:30 Registration
10:30-11:30: Heather Murray Elkins presents
 **"Holy Imagination:
 Empowering Clergywomen"**
Noon Lunch
1:30-2:15 Creative Activity
2:30- 3:30 Panel:
 **Stories of Energy, Education,
 Enrichment and Equity**
3:30-4:00 Break
4:00-5:00 Sharing in small groups
 with panel members
5:30 Dinner
7:30-8:30 **Passionate Worship**
 (as only women do)
8:30 Snack & Fellowship

SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Registration
9:30-10:00 Heather Murray Elkins presents
 **"Holy Imagination:
 Empowering the Baptized "**
11a.m.-12 Panel:
 **More Stories of Energy, Education,
 Enrichment and Equity**
12:15 Lunch
1:15-2:15 Sharing in small groups with panel
 members
2:30-3:00 **Holy Communion**

There are three ways to ultimate success:

- The first way is to be kind.
- The second way is to be kind.
- The third way is to be kind.

- Fred Rogers, Life's Journeys According to Mr. Rogers: Things to Remember along the Way

Committee Chairs

PPR Chair	Linda Craft
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Administrative Council Chair	Tim Piper
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Nurture	Gail Fessler
Stewardship	Wilbur Hurd
Missions	Ruth Solo

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

August 31, 2008	86
September 7, 2008	106
September 14, 2008	96
September 21, 2008	147

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
Aug. 31, 2008	\$1,585.01	\$429.00
Sept. 7, 2008	\$4,585.00	\$1,013.93
Sept. 14, 2008	\$2,627.50	\$845.00
Sept. 21, 2008	\$2,534.24	\$314.00

Have you seen the vestibule at the east entrance? It has been beautifully decorated by Myrna Metzger. We also have some new banners and altar cloths, which Myrna has made. Thank you, Myrna, for your service to St. Paul's! We are blessed to have someone so talented and willing to share those talents!



Sunday School Attendance

August 31, 2008	Keenagers—4
September 7, 2008	40
September 14, 2008	47
September 21, 2008	35

Flowers:

October 5, 2008	Don & Maedene Holmes
October 12, 2008	Marty & Kathy White
October 19, 2008	Jamie & Jan Wyant
October 26, 2008	Gary and Janet Grigg

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www.umw.org**

Consulting the Manual

Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand.

~ Mark Twain



I am always with you

Bible Readings for October

Revised Common Lectionary
Year B

Week of October 5

World Communion Sunday

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

New Testament:

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 22:33-46

Week of October 12

Children's Sabbath

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

New Testament:

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14



Week of October 19

Laity Sunday

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

New Testament:

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Week of October 26

Reformation Sunday

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Deuteronomy

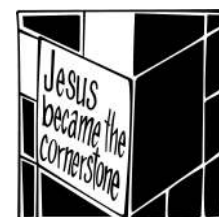
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

New Testament:

1 Thessalonians

Matthew 23:1-12

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



Organizing for Leadership

ST. PAUL'S MEN HOST UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

On Saturday, September 6th, St. Paul's Church hosted the Lima Area Methodist Men's (LAMM) breakfast. Jamie Wyant greeted those participating. Bill McKinney offered a devotional and prayer. After eating a hearty breakfast provided by the St. Paul's men (with some help from their wives), Jamie moderated discussion by those present. Norm Grigsby gave a treasurer's report for the group. Tim Piper reported that we had around \$150 in gift cards collected for use by women at the Samaritan House. The cards were delivered to Samaritan House staff the following week. Tim also read a "thank-you" card from Janis Sunderhaus, executive director of the Allen County Health Partners on East 8th Street in Lima. Their staff was greatly appreciative of the painting work done by the LAMM men's group. Ideas for future mission work were discussed. There is a possibility that we can lay tile flooring in the upstairs halls of the Samaritan House. John Mulder volunteered to look over the flooring to see if it is something that he thinks we can tackle. Norm Grigsby will look into doing mission work for the families of veteran's families or those serving overseas. Household work such as mowing and trimming was suggested. Upcoming events noted by various people included the Trinity UMC Election-day Spaghetti Supper which is open to the public. Tim will publicize upcoming events in a monthly LAMM newsletter. It was decided that we should try to meet quarterly for breakfasts rather than monthly since we have four Lima-area churches participating on a regular basis. Tim closed the meeting with a prayer.

NEW BEGINNINGS AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Fall is a season of endings but also a season of beginnings. Local schools and colleges start a new year of classes. Fall sports teams start out with high hopes of a fresh start on a new season. At St. Paul's church we start new Sunday school classes and worship services containing new messages and new music. This year we have new Sunday school rooms with new drywall, paper and paint. We have new dividers for Sunday school classes in the new fellowship hall. A new Bible study invites us to explore the New Testament. Our mission work has been new as well this year. For the first time we partnered with other churches to roof a building at the United Methodist Children's home and we built a handicapped ramp for Pastor Tibb's church on South Elizabeth Street in Lima. We plan on having tailgate parties at the Elida home football games in the next month, to raise funds for new mission work and to make our church more visible to our Elida community. New youth activities are planned. For the first time, St. Paul's church plans on having a float in the Elida homecoming parade. We will have a "blessing of the pets" this fall, something new to our church. We plan on doing a survey of the Village of Elida to find out about the demographics of our community and how we as a "hometown church" may begin new mission work to serve the needs of our neighbors.

At the Administrative Council meeting on September 8th we talked about some new beginnings as well. Pastor Ruth will begin training as a leader for a new and exciting leadership revitalization program entitled ReFocus.

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ReFocus

REFOCUS: A PROCESS TOWARD A FOCUSED LIFE

On Monday, September 8, Rev. Mike Denman, Assistant to the District Superintendent of the Maumee Watershed District, presented to the Administrative Council the ReFocus Process. ReFocus is a process that allows the participants to discover where God has been at work throughout their lives, where God is currently working, and where God is calling them into the future. The ReFocus process begins with church leadership, specifically with the pastor, who joins in a Network, with other pastors for a Focused Living Retreat, and six more meetings to integrate the learnings. Together, they enter the journey of discovery, and begin to become more spiritually aware of God's presence.

The next step in ReFocus is to bring about six leaders from that pastor's congregation together for a Focused Living Retreat. After a couple of more months, the leaders gather again to learn how they can share this kind of spiritual process with the congregation. The pastor continues to meet with the Network for support and

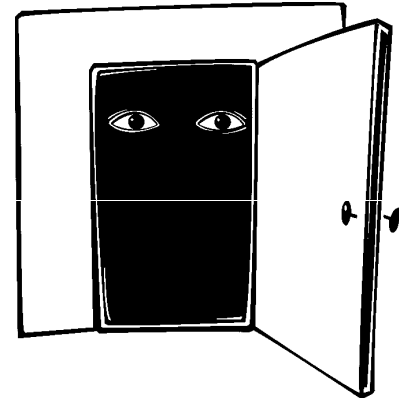
planning. Finally, there are three Summits held where the congregation is involved in the same process for the life of the church. The whole process takes about two years, and by the end, the church has a strategic plan for ministry that is Christ centered and Spiritually focused.

After we heard Rev. Denman's presentation, the Ad Council voted to proceed with becoming a Refocused Congregation and joining a Network, which will be coordinated by David Chivington, the Assistant to the Superintendent of the Northwest Plains District, and Pastor Ruth, who has been trained as a Refocus Facilitator.

The cost of the Refocus Process for our congregation has been underwritten by grants to the District, the Northwest region, and by members of St. Paul's Church. You will be hearing more about this exciting time of discovery and growth in the life of your leadership and the church in the coming months. Pastor Ruth's Network meetings begin in November, 2008. If you have any questions about Refocus and what it means to you as a member of the congregation, please feel free to speak to Pastor Ruth.

From ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties and things that go bump in the night, Good Lord, deliver us.

— traditional Scottish prayer



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Pastor Mike Denman, Assistant to the District Superintendent of the Maumee Watershed District of the Ohio Conference gave a presentation to our Administrative Council explaining the ReFocus program. Pastor Ruth has an article on ReFocus in this newsletter.

As St. Paul's church becomes involved with these new activities, I invite everyone in the congregation to take part and share in God's work and blessings. Let Christ start a new work in you!

Tim Piper

St. Francis

Many churches celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on October 4 with a blessing of animals, recalling this Italian saint's affinity for all of God's creatures. However, Francis was more than just a lover of birds and animals. In a world of war and destruction, the saint of Assisi has much to teach us about how to live a Christly life.

Francis was born in 1182, and grew up in extreme wealth and luxury. He lived the life of a carefree playboy, and in his late teens became a warrior knight – only to be captured and spend a year as a prisoner of war.

A divine vision transformed Francis's life. He heard God calling him to repair the church, a call which Francis took in several ways. Literally, Francis began to rebuild the ruined church at San Damiano. In other ways, Francis helped to change people's perception of what it meant to be the church – the body of Christ.

At a time when the church was largely an institution that served the status quo, Francis embraced those who were outcast and welcomed them in. He founded a community that provided care for "the least" in society, and offered a home and dignity to lepers and others

who were despised.

The former soldier traveled to the Middle East, the land of the crusades. Instead of joining in the holy wars the Christians were waging, Francis tried to be a peacemaker between Christians and Muslims.

Francis taught a reverence for all of God's creation. The text for "All Creatures of Our God and King" is attributed to him. Wanting to show people that Jesus was born into humble beginnings – a peasant like them – Francis created the first nativity scene and used a manger for an altar one Christmas Eve.

Theologian Matthew Fox has suggested we take St. Francis "out of the birdbath" and give him the respect he deserves, for from this humble saint we can learn much about how to live in harmony with one another and all of creation.

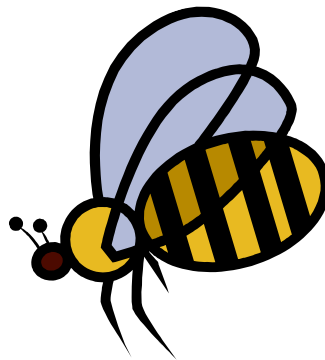


The Bumble Bee

Did you know that the bumble bee cannot fly? It's a very silly question, because of course, bumble bees do fly. Yet, according to the laws of aerodynamics, they should not be able to.

A bumble bee's wings are, in theory, too small to lift the weight of its body. But, apparently, no one told the bee that fact, and so they fly. Quite well, in fact. They do so by flapping their wings not up and down, as one might expect, but back and forth.

"With God, all things are possible," Jesus reminds us in Matthew 19:26. Certainly the bumble bee is a living example of this simple but profound truth.



Celebrating...

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forever because we want those pleasurable feelings to last forever. Unfortunately, this kind of love may result in having babies at too young an age, or in more serious consequences like diseases, when we don't learn to control the "desires of the flesh." *Eros* is our most basic biological instinct for making a connection with other human beings.

The second kind of love is called *storge*, which refers to family love. It's the love between parents and children, or between siblings. While this word for love isn't in the Bible, the spirit of this kind of love is described whenever it speaks of love within a family. First Timothy 5:8 tells us that those who fail to care for their families are worse than unbelievers, which means that to live out our call as Christians, we are to have *storge*, active love for members of the family. *Storge* is our first experience of a social relationship kind of loving, and creates the bonds that allow us to form loving relationships later in life.

The third kind of love is called


philia, which refers to a warm, affectionate feeling for someone. This is the kind of love that we think of toward our close friends. Jesus used *philia* when he said he had called the disciples friends because he loved them. And, when Jesus asked Peter, "Do you love me?" the word *philia* was used. *Philia* is a part of all of our relationships where we care about the other person, when we trust the other and enjoy spending time with them. Our best friendships are expressed in *philia*.

The fourth kind of love is *agape*, the most common word for love in the New Testament. This kind of love describes the love in a relationship that becomes a marriage. "Agape means to act on behalf of the well-being of someone independently of that person's merit or even your feelings of affection." This is the love that God expressed in Christ. God acted in Jesus on behalf of our well-being, even though we didn't deserve such great love that lead to great sacrifice. It often takes a lifetime to perfect what is meant by *agape*, because *agape* requires great sacrifice and humility. We have to learn *agape*, which is the love that is meant when we live out the second part

of the Great Commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." It is also the love that is necessary for marriages to succeed.

Love is always expressed in words, emotions, beliefs, and behavior. When young people act too quickly in a state of *eros* love, they may miss out on the fulfilling love of *philia* and *agape* with someone to whom they are attracted. But love, when expressed appropriately, and understood as a sacred gift from God to bond our relationships with others and with God, is the ultimate expression of relationship.'

I thank God for people like Norm and Mary who have traveled together for so many years in a relationship that has been expressed in love to each other, in their family, and toward the world around them. I thank God for the young people who are just beginning that journey to learn love, and then practice love as a way of expressing God's image in themselves. God bless us all with love.

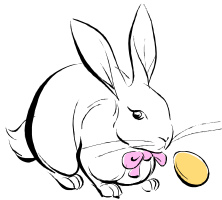


Love and Peace,
Mom
Pastor Ruth

Missions & Committee Work

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

The Missions committee has been busy in September with the kick off of our first Tailgate party to raise funds for mission projects. The next tailgate party will be October 3, and all are welcome, even if you aren't going to the game. Stop by to support our missions and have a brat, a burger, a hot dog and a cold soda. We'll be at the northwest corner of the parking lot at all the home football games this year.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**ELIDA ST. PAUL'S UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH
3:00 PM
ON THE CHURCH LAWN**

**ALL PETS & THEIR PEOPLE
WELCOME!**

SNACKS & WATER

PROVIDED FOR ALL!

PLEASE CAGE OR LEASH

PETS AS NEEDED

PASTOR RUTH KINDLY

**REQUESTS ALL SPIDERS,
SNAKES AND RODENTS BE IN
ENCLOSED CONTAINERS!**

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

The more intensive work of the Nominations Committee for 2008 has been completed. You have been ready and willing to respond to the calls of the committee as we sought committee members and chairpersons. Thanks to all of the committee members who came and followed through on the calling task. We filled the slate for officers and members in just three weeks. It seemed a foreboding task when we began, but perseverance paid off, and we had success. This is not only because of the dedicated members of Nominations, but it is also because YOU, the members of St. Paul's, are listening for and responding to God's call for you. What a blessing when the church comes together to make God's mission in the world a success.

The Stewardship Committee met on August 25 with 8 members and extra people present. Pastor Solo led the group in thinking about a stewardship campaign using books New Consecration Sunday-Stewardship Program. She then gave a prayer thanking God and asking help in seeking guidance for our work.

A concern of the group: visitors being given church information and sending cards to them for being present at our church. Another concern is support letters being sent to those in nursing homes or hospitals. This is being done!

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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Few are aware that the Worship Committee meets every month on the second Tuesday. In that meeting, the worship services are discussed and finalized by the pastor, the music director, and the music staff. The pastor comes with the services outlined, prayers and songs chosen. The committee then reviews and makes suggestions for changes according to the ability and knowledge of the congregation. The music staff adds preludes, offertories, and postludes. And, the music director lets the committee know what the anthems and special music will be for the coming month. We also discuss new and innovative possibilities for the worship music in the church.

That being said, we welcomed the addition of something new for our fourth Sunday worship as some of the young adults among us volunteered to become our song leaders, and teach us some of the contemporary praise songs. In September, they led us in one newer song, "Above All," which we had heard the choir sing for us the first week of September. They then led us in one of the more traditional praise songs of the church, "I Surrender All," so that we felt more secure in what we were singing. We look forward to being led in new music like this on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Connecting With ...

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The list of the congregation was checked and letters will be sent to non-attendees, letting them know that we miss them and asking them if there is anything we can do for them.

Wilbur L. Hurd, Chairperson



Congratulations to Caleb and Krista Slemmons on the birth of their son, Oren Solomon, born September 1, 2008 in Hawaii. Proud grandparents are Art and Linda Holman. Cards may reach them at 25-184 Papli St., Hilo, HI 96720.



A very big thank you to **Steve and Tracy Sdao and Gary and Shirley Adams** for decorating our new nursery. It is very inviting and child friendly. **Thank you for sharing your time and talent with St. Paul's!**

Thanks also to **Steve Moser**, who moved the children/youth library to the narthex. It has not only helped beautify the narthex, but made it an inviting and friendly place as well. **Check it out! Thanks, Steve!**



***Mary and I** want to thank all of our church family who honored us with your presence to celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary. Hopefully you enjoyed your trip back to the 50's including a visit to the malt shop. A special thanks to **Todd Hanes** for his song of Love, to **Pastor Ruth** and her sermon of Love, to **Judy Strayer** for her unique table displays, to **Gene Wollenhaupt** for his musical entertainment, to **Pam and Tony Lozano** for their work in preparing the 50's meal, and to all of you that participated in this special day of our lives.*

Norm and Mary Grigsby

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Scott Fessler
Dorothy Foster
Mary Irvin
Jone Lane
Jamie Wyant

Homebound Members

Rebekah Baxter
Hazel Dunn
Ruth Hurley
Marie Lee
Edna Osman
Jean Redd
Gladys Sherrick
Ray & Helen Waldron

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Sara House
June Metzger
Rick Scholfield

Those in the Military

Jason Stanley

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The People of St. Paul's

*Dear St. Paul's,
Thank you for
the prayers,
cards, and flowers,
and for putting
my roof on.
May God bless you all.*

~ Ray Trigg



*Dear St. Paul's
Thank you so much for
your prayers, food, and
flowers during my recent
surgery. Each gesture
was greatly appreciated.*

~ Mary Grigsby



A part of you has grown in me. And so you see, it's you and me together forever and never apart, maybe in distance, but never in heart.

– Source unknown

Our Sympathy is extended to:

***Fran Hall** whose sister, **Martha Cuesta** died September 11, 2008 in California.*

***Phyllis Trigg** whose sister-in-law, **Vivian King** passed away September 11, 2008 in Tennessee.*

Peace Prayer of St. Francis
Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace.

Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled
as to console;
to be understood,
as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that
we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Amen.

– While commonly attributed to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), this prayer is not found in any of his writings, and the earliest known versions of it in print can only be traced to a French version dated 1912. Yet many will agree that the prayer certainly captures the essence of the teachings of St. Francis.



Prayer List

Updates

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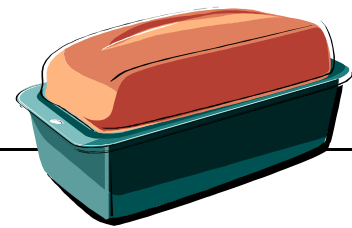
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Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Pumpkin Bread

by Tracy Sdao

Ingredients		Instructions
3 1/2 cups	flour	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix pumpkin, water, oil, and eggs together. Mix in dry ingredients. Mix well. Pour into 2 greased loaf pans. Bake for 1 hour 15 minutes or until done. Cool before removing.
2 tsp.	baking soda	
1 1/2 tsp.	salt	
2 tsp.	cinnamon	
2 cups	pumpkin	
3 cups	sugar	
1 cup	vegetable oil	
4	eggs	
2/3 cup	water	



Beef Stew

by Dorothy Foster

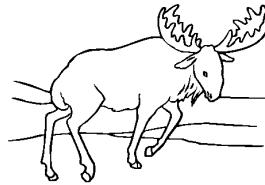
Ingredients		Instructions
4	carrots, cut in chunks	Preheat oven to 250 degrees. Put all ingredients in pan and cover. Cook in oven for 7 hours. Add potatoes at the 5th hour, if cooking at 250 degrees. Stir a couple of times. Add mushrooms, if desired. This recipe can be cooked for 5 hours at 300 degrees.
2	onions, cut in chunks	
1 lb.	beef stew meat, cubed	
2	celery sticks, bit sized	
1 can	stewed tomatoes, undrained	
1/4 cup	minute tapioca	
dash	thyme or oregano	
	salt and pepper to taste	
1 heaping tsp.	instant coffee	
1	beef bullion cube	
2	potatoes, cut in chunks	
	mushrooms, if desired	



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Unscramble

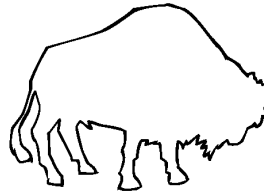
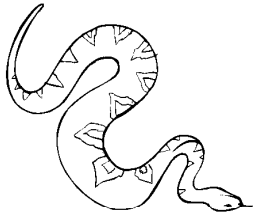
Unscramble the names of these animals.



O T A G

O E M S O

L A O N P T E E



T R N E E S P

F B L O A F U

L K E

Answers: Goat, Moose, Antelope, Serpent, Buffalo, Elk

God Speaks

In Psalms, God speaks of the wild animals. Cross out any of the following letters (GJPOXZ) in each grouping to reveal Psalm 50:10-11.

FOR

~~F~~~~O~~~~R~~ PEXVJEQRZYG WPIZLJD ZAGNPIQMJAXLG OPFZ JTGHP

QFXOZRJEGSJTZ JIQSP MJIQZNE, GJTHZE CPQAJTGTLE QONZ

GAPX THZOUPSGANZD HGPILZLQS. ZI KGNZQOJW PAQLXL

TQHXP PBIXZRGDS OXF TPHJZEZ PAIJGR, AGNPD PAJPLL

ZTPHAXTZ MPZOVJGZEXS IGPN TPQZHE FJPELGZDX GIS PXMZIJNEG.

Answers: For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills, I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.

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Living Our Faith

Seasons of Thanks

Most calendars in North America note that the 2nd Monday in October is Thanksgiving Day in Canada, and that the 4th Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day in the United States. Of course, it's not only the people in these countries that celebrate a time of giving thanks to God – people all around the world have times of thanksgiving.

Generally, like Canada and the USA, this happens during the autumn season, whenever

that occurs. In the United Kingdom, Harvest Festival is usually celebrated in September or October, while in Australia and New Zealand it is usually in January, February, or March.

Some North American churches – especially near the Canada/USA border – like to observe a “Season of Thanksgiving” between the Canadian holiday in October and the American one in November.

Wherever we are, we can always take some time to give thanks to God for all that God has done, and continues to give us each day.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE



And Be Thankful