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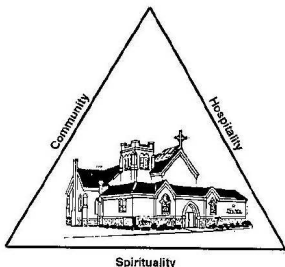
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Dear Friends,

We're entering the busy time of the year as we return to our regular worship time of 10:30 AM, and Sunday school starts up again. The committees we serve on haven't stopped meeting through the summer, but many of us have been missing as we've vacationed and traveled during the warm months. Now, it's homecoming time.

We begin to return home, return to work, return to the routine that school and church gives us to offer a sense of order in our lives. As much as I like the adventure of vacation and travel, of lazy days and picnics, I genuinely love the comfort and familiarity of the schedules of the academic year.

I'm reminded of God's creation work, beginning in chaos and bringing order into the natural world, with day and night and the seasons. I'm also reminded of the chaotic lives of the Hebrew people in Egypt, slaves under a tyrant king, who were given order for life through the Law, which God gave to Moses. And I'm reminded of the chaotic division of the Jewish faith when God came in Jesus to bring a new order in faith that would reach out to the world.

I hope your summer has been a blessing to you and your family, and not chaotic. And I hope you're ready to get back into the routine of church and Sunday school. There are opportunities to serve the church and one another, too, in many different ways. That faith that Christ brought to us brings us once again back to the community that gives us a sense of order, purpose, and belonging. Welcome back!

*Peace,*  
*Pastor Ruth Solo*



Thought for the Month:

*Friendship is like a bank account—you can't continue to draw on it without making deposits.*



## September Youth Calendar

September 7, 2008	Youth 5-7 PM Blue Fish discussion
September 13, 2008	Mission Trip to UMCH to pull weeds
September 14, 2008	No Youth Group
September 21, 2008	Youth Meeting
September 28, 2008	Fundraiser Dinner

- The Youth Group will have **2009 calendars** on sale in October. We 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 very nice.
- 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. We will announce the winners at a dinner after the service on March 29th. We will start taking donations in January, 2009. More details to follow in the future. Funds will go towards the youth mission trip.
- School and health kits will be put together on September 29th by the Youth Group. Please have all donations in by this date.
- Youth Fundraising dinner on September 28th after Worship service. The menu is Arby's roast beef sandwiches, potato casseroles, veggies and dessert. Funds go to youth mission trip.
- Youth Christmas Party scheduled for December 21, 2009 at 6:00 pm. Please mark your calendars. More details to follow.

## *Upcoming Events for St. Paul's*



**SEPTEMBER 7TH**

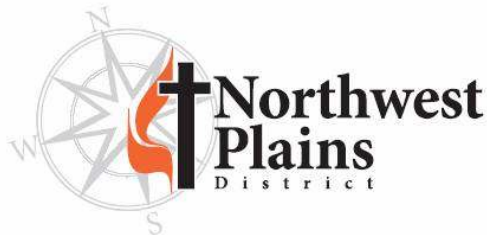
**9:15 AM**  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30 AM**  
**WORSHIP SERVICE**

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September 2008						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30				

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**Knowing Your Divine Design**

*Finding Your Fit in the Body of Christ*

Knowing Your Divine Design led by Diana Davis is being offered at **Delphos Trinity UMC on Saturday, September 13 from 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

Cost is \$40 per person for materials and lunch. This one day retreat is designed to help you find your best fit in the local church in which you serve by taking you through three assessments that will help you discover your ministry passion, your spiritual gifts and your personal style. Pre-registration is required in order to ensure having enough materials on hand. Registration deadline is Friday, September 3. Please mail registration and check to Diana L. Davis, 846 Kelley Dr., Wapakoneta, OH 45895.



*World Communion Sunday*  
*October 5, 2008*



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*is for St. Paul's*

**OUR REGULAR SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE WILL RESUME SEPTEMBER 7, 2008.**

Sunday School will begin at 9:15 and there will be a light breakfast of coffee, juice, and rolls in the Fellowship Hall that morning.

This year the **Elementary** class will be using a rotation-style curriculum that is sure to be a fun, exciting, and engaging way to learn the word.

The **Middle & High School** class will be following a theme of "Knowing Our Neighbors/Loving Our Neighbors" this year and should be on the lookout for a "Destination Unknown"

Sunday.

The **Discovery** class will be engaging participants again.

The **Koinonia** class will be led by Gene Craft until Christmas and Art Holman after that. They will be doing "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People."

A new **Young Adult** class for 18-39 year-olds will be starting. They will be reviewing possible curriculums.

We will be continuing with the Heifer project. If giving stays on target, we will have around \$1000. This could buy two heifers or one heifer and some other animals. Stay tuned because more Christian Education opportunities are in the works for later this year.

**See you on September 7th!**

**An Invitation**

*All members of the St. Paul's UMC family are invited to celebrate Norm and Mary Grigsby's 50th anniversary as they renew their vows during the worship service on September 21, followed by a lunch in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend the lunch, please*

**RSVP by September 14 by calling Lisa Wurster at 419-841-6971.**

# The Heart of Church

## Greeters

September 7	Denny & Carole Grapner
September 14	Brian & Angie Nartker
September 21	Jerry & Becky Bean
September 28	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia

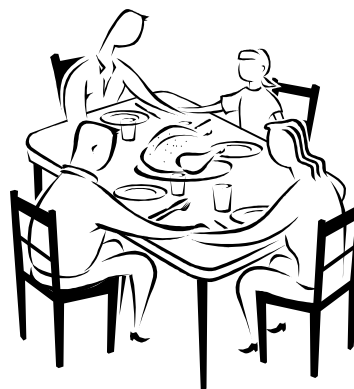
## Nursery Volunteers

September 7	Open
September 14	Jacinda Fletcher
September 21	Open
September 28	Jacinda Fletcher



## NOMINATIONS NEWS

The Nominations Committee, or Committee on Lay Leadership as the Book of Discipline now calls it, has already been meeting to look for new leadership in the church for 2009. If you get a call to serve in some capacity, please consider the request prayerfully. The Nominations Committee tries to look at your gifts and the needs of each committee and ministry area before inviting a person to serve. They do their work on behalf of the church, and on behalf of God, as we all seek to be faithful to God's call in our lives.



### Table Grace

Oh, the Lord is good to me,  
 and so I thank the Lord  
 for giving me the things I need,  
 the sun and the rain and the apple seed,  
 the Lord is good to me.  
 Amen.

*Johnny Appleseed died in 1845.*

## 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

*Many people know the "Johnny Appleseed Grace," often learning it at church camp or other similar settings. But they may not know that Johnny Appleseed was a real person. Born John Chapman in Massachusetts in 1774, he acquired his nickname because he traveled around the frontier planting countless nurseries and apple orchards. He provided numerous apple seeds to settlers, and also supported traveling missionaries, mostly of the Swedenborgian Church.*

# What's In A Name?

Ordinary Time. Propers. Season after Pentecost. Trinity. Kingdomtide. Season of Creation. The Sundays in the season that stretches between Pentecost and Advent go by many names and they're all correct, in one way or another.

About half of the Christian year – the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter – are known as festival times, given over to special observances connected to the life of Jesus. The rest of the year is, for want of a better word, non-festival. In 2008 it is one of the longest in church history because Easter was so early. Over the centuries a variety of names and ways of keeping track of these Sundays has arisen:

- **Ordinary Time** – These Sundays are not “ordinary” in the regular sense of the

word, but rather as in “ordinal numbers.” Ordinary Time simply means that the Sundays get counted, without being connected to any festival.

- **Propers** – Similar in meaning to Ordinary Time, “proper” means a Sunday in its own (or proper) right, without being called by a festival name such as Lent 2 or Easter 3.
- **Season after Pentecost or Trinity** – This system simply counts the weeks after Pentecost Sunday (the last day in the Easter season) or Trinity Sunday (the week after).

- **Kingdomtide** – In the 1950s this was a suggestion for the second half of the season, starting in September, to break up the long block of Sundays. As the name suggests, it intended to focus on the reign of God. The idea didn't really take off.
- **Season of Creation** – This began in Canada in the 1960s, died out for a while, but has come back with impetus from Australia. It is a six-week observation in September and October. To learn more, go to [www.seasonofcreation.com](http://www.seasonofcreation.com).

The fullest work that God ever worked in any creature is compassion.

– Medieval Christian mystic Meister Eckhart

## Book of Timothy



Committee	Chairs
PPR Chair	Linda Craft
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Finance Chair	Art Holman
Physical Plant Chair	Ron Steiner
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Education Chair	Corinne Piper
Administrative Council Chair	Tim Piper
Worship	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Gail Fessler
Stewardship	Wilbur Hurd
Missions	Ruth Solo



# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

August 3, 2008	117
August 10, 2008	93
August 17, 2008	84
August 24, 2008	82

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
Aug. 3, 2008	\$6,603.00	\$2,481.56
Aug. 10, 2008	\$2,253.00	\$600.00
Aug. 17, 2008	\$3,857.09	\$395.95
Aug. 24, 2008	\$1,802.12	\$518.00

*We have no right to ask  
when a sorrow comes,  
"Why did this happen to  
me?" unless we ask the  
same question for every joy  
that comes our way.*

— Anonymous



A church choir was holding a car wash to raise money for a special trip. They scheduled the event for a Saturday, and the day dawned bright and sunny. Business was brisk and booming. However, early in the afternoon the sky clouded over, and it soon began to pour rain. Needless to say, business fell off abruptly.

Not to be dissuaded, one of the choir members printed a large sign that read, "We wash. God rinses."

Business picked up almost immediately.

## Sunday School Attendance

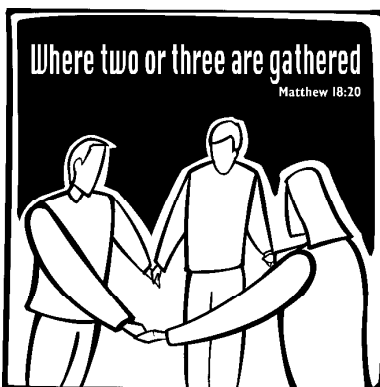
August 3, 2008	Keenagers—4
August 10, 2008	Keenagers—4
August 17, 2008	Keenagers—4
August 24, 2008	Keenagers—4

## Flowers:

September 7, 2008	Lynda Evans
September 14, 2008	Don & Mary Irvin
September 21, 2008	Norm & Mary Grigsby
September 28, 2008	Bill & Esther McKinney

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# Consulting the Manual



We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads from one to another that creates something.

~ Former U.S. Supreme Court Justice  
Sandra Day O'Connor

## Bible Readings for September

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year B

### Week of September 7

#### Grandparents' Day

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalm 149 or 148

*New Testament:*

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

### Week of September 14

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

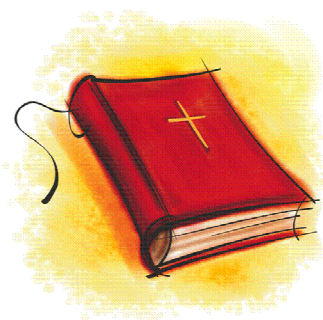
Exodus 14:19-31

Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21

*New Testament:*

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35



### Week of September 21

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 or Psalm 78

*New Testament:*

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

### Week of September 28 Christian Education Sunday

Color: Green

*Old Testament:*

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

*New Testament:*

Philippians 2:1-13

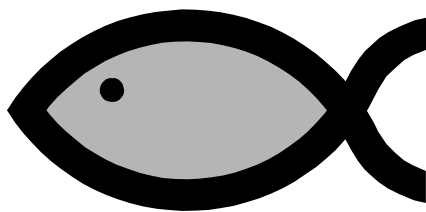
Matthew 21:23-32

For more detailed information on the Revised Common Lectionary, please visit:  
[www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)

## MISSIONS

### *Lima Area Methodist Men's Mission (LAMM) Group Paint Rooms at Health Clinic*

Thanks to all who helped on Friday and Saturday, August 8th and 9th, to paint the 5 examination rooms at the Allen County Health Partners. Friday prep work took about two hours. We had around six people to help prep and Art Holman's painting expertise was especially helpful. On Saturday we had 13-14 men and women help paint, most from St. Paul UMC. Thanks to the Trinity men for breakfast. We went to the ACHP around 8:30 AM. We had the 5 rooms painted in just two hours with another hour for cleanup. Thank you to all who helped with this painting mission. Allen County Health Partners is a full-service medical and dental facility that services low-income families. Praise God for the work that went so smoothly and for the people donating their time and talents. Next month on Saturday, Sept. 6th, St. Paul UMC will host the LAMM breakfast.



### **Mission Saturation Sunday**

On September 28, we will experience something different in missions. The Missions Committee has been working with several mission giving and serving opportunities on your behalf over the last year. On that Sunday, you will be given the opportunity to see displays on those missions and organizations you've been supporting, and you will have the opportunity to 'vote' on other mission opportunities to support. You will also choose a missionary, which St. Paul's will begin to support beginning next year. It's hoped that this event will become an annual celebration for you to see what has been going on, and help to choose what you will continue to support.

The missions that we will continue to support, but wanted to give you more information about will be displayed in the narthex. Those which will need to be voted on will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall, where you may browse the information, and then, after church, place your dot on the sheet in front of the missions programs you would like to have the church support. Then, the youth will have a lunch prepared for us, with donations to go to the youth mission trip being planned for next year.

### **MISSIONS PLANNING TAIL-GATE PARTIES**

The Missions Committee will be hosting tail-gate parties on the northwest corner of the church's parking lot, at the North Street gate, this fall to raise funds for missions. We will begin with the home game on September 26. You will be able to purchase a brat or hamburger with condiments of your choice, chips, and a soda; price to be announced. We hope to begin serving at 5:30 pm, so that parents and students who must arrive early for games will be able to get something to eat. We plan to end serving as the games begin.

We hope that the tail-gate parties will not only provide a quick meal for families in a hurry, but will also be a means for the church to connect with our greater community as they use our parking lot. And, it will provide needed funds to support our growing mission projects. So, come on out and have a brat or burger as you go over to root for the Bulldogs!

Jesus said, *"When I was hungry, you fed me; when I was naked, you clothed me; when I was a prisoner, you visited me; when I was sick, you visited me. Whenever you've done for the least of these, you've done to me."*



# Celebrating...

## OSU-USC All Day Tailgate Party to Benefit Samaritan House

On Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, the Samaritan House is planning an event that will be a lot of fun and at the same time raise funds for a very worthy cause. An all day tailgate party at Custer's Chateau, located at 2307 Spencerville Rd. in Lima, will be held the day of the Ohio State University vs. University of Southern California football game. The day will begin with breakfast at 8:00 am. Chicken dinners will be served from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm with delivery available. Raffles and door prizes will be drawn throughout the day with a Cornhole Tournament being held from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm. These, as well as many other exciting activities, will lead up to the airing of the 'big game' on the wide screen at 8:00 pm. (Michigan vs. Notre Dame can be seen at 3:30 pm.)

Tickets for the chicken dinners will be available the day of the event for \$7 or may be purchased in advance at Samaritan House, Custer's Chateau, or at the front desk at Marimor. Donations for Samaritan House will be accepted at the door. Please mark your calendar and come join us for a fun-filled day!

You can also participate by being a sponsor for this event. Sponsorships of \$100 or more will be recognized on a

large banner as well as on individual 11.5" x 14" table signs. Your tax-deductible contribution will be used in a manner that will most benefit the women and children in our community who depend on us through a very difficult time.

If you need more information on being a sponsor or have questions about the event, please contact Marilyn or Brandi at 419-222-4663.

Come early, stay late, and help spread the word! **If you would like tickets, please see Pastor Ruth.**



# Reminder!

School and Health Kit Collection in September

Humility is a letting go of our compulsion to prove we know more than we do.

— Theologian Matthew Fox



These are (allegedly) statements offered by Sunday school children:

- The seventh commandment is thou shalt not *admit* adultery.
- Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of *Geritol*.
- One of the *opossums* was St. Matthew who was also a *taximan*.
- The people who followed Jesus were called the 12 *decibels*.
- Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread which is *bread without any ingredients*.

## New Sound Equipment



The original, unedited form of  
the well-known  
“Serenity Prayer”:

God, give us grace to accept  
with serenity  
the things that  
cannot be changed,  
Courage to change the things  
which should be changed,  
and the wisdom  
to distinguish  
the one from the other.

Living one day at a time,  
Enjoying one moment  
at a time,  
Accepting hardship  
as a pathway to peace,  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
This sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that You will make  
all things right,  
If I surrender to Your will,  
So that I may be reasonably  
happy in this life,  
And supremely happy with  
You forever in the next.  
Amen.

~ American theologian  
Reinhold Niebuhr

A short while ago you may remember me introducing our new sound board and some other items relating to it. This new board and things are the result of much debate and research. The trustees looked at systems ranging from over \$37,000.00 to the one we now have for \$2,454.50. The funding for this new equipment came out of the memorial fund and was voted on by the trustees. So there is no effect on the operating budget.

Now, for a little about the equipment. The board is a Yamaha EMX-5016CF. Basically this means it's a 16 channel, self-powered board with 500 watts per side, digital EQ and feedback suppression, plus sound effects, sound balancing, channel on, and metering. I know some of you don't know or care about that, but for those who do, it's way better than the 10 channel 100 watt, manual EQ basic board that we were using, which will most likely be used in the fellowship hall.

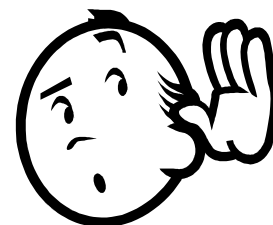
Some of the other new equipment includes a desk mike for the altar at the Bible: A second headset mike for mobile speakers, four new mike stands that will work much better with music stands, four new mike cords so we can use more mikes at one time, and a set of head phones for use at the board. Oh yes, and a light for the board so we can see.

So, what does all this really mean? Well, first it means that you will hear a much higher quality sound with fewer annoying sounds like feed back. Then, there is a much better quality of recordings that will be available for homebound. And portions may soon be available on St. Paul's web site. Also, recordings of special events, like holy-day services with a lot of singing, will sound much better live and on CD.

For now, though, Tim and I are still getting the sound set-up and balanced. So please be patient with us while we adjust the new equipment. Although you may not be able to hear them any better live, the piano and organ will be miked so we can get a better balance on the recordings. Getting to work on the sound only once a week means it will take a while to get things just right. But take heart, we are making good progress.

If you have any questions or just want to see the new equipment, don't be afraid to ask.

~ Rich Solo



# Connecting With ...



The faithful 2008 St. Paul's fair chair putting uppers and taking downers. What a crew!!! Love those chairs... love those people!!!



## Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

- Molly Fessler
- Joy Fletcher
- Dorothy Foster
- Doug Fox
- Mary Grigsby
- Don Irvin
- Shirley Moser
- Ray Trigg

## 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

- Cindy Guess
- Sara House
- June Metzger
- Mary Kaye Pease
- Rick Scholfield

## Those in the Military

- Jason Stanley

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## The People of St. Paul's

*Dear Friends,*

*I want to thank everyone for their prayers and cards. They meant everything to me and have been an important part of my road to recovery. In times like these, it is important to have friends and a strong religious fellowship like we have. My prayers are with you all.*

***Dottie Foster***



**Prayer List Updates  
Please Contact  
Lavonne Segovia**

***To My Church Family,***

*Thank you for the plant and all the get well wishes. The many cards and calls have been greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor Ruth for her encouragement and visits.*

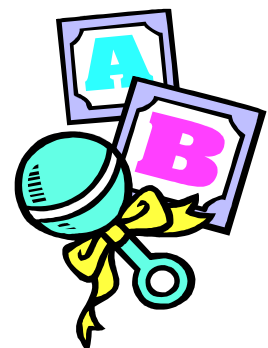
***Love,***

***Congratulations to Tara Thompson and Andrew Strauch, who were married at St. Paul's on Saturday, August 2, 2008. Pastors Ruth Solo, Eric McGlade, and Tom Robinson officiated at the ceremony. Tara is the daughter of Denny and Janna Thompson. Tara and A. J. are residing in Columbia, South Carolina.***



***Congratulations to Matt and Angela Ross on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, born August 1, 2008. Lauren weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by big brothers, Alex and Nathaniel.***

***Cards may reach them at  
536 Forest Street,  
Marion, OH 43302.***



**Meetings**

**No PPR meeting in Sept.**

September 2, 2008  
**Trustees...7:00 PM**

September 8, 2008  
**Finance...7:00 PM**

September 8, 2008  
**Ad Council...8:00 PM**

September 9, 2008  
**Worship...5:00-7:00 PM**

September 16, 2008  
**Missions...7:00 PM**

September 23  
**Christian Ed...7:00 PM**

September 30  
**Stewardship...7:00 PM**

**Sundays**  
**Prayer...9:00 AM**

**Thursdays**  
**Bell Choir...6:15 PM**  
**Chancel Choir...7:30 PM**

# September 2008

**Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

	<b>1</b> Avery Chambers  Marie Lee 91 yrs.	<b>2</b> Kathy White  Trustees	<b>3</b> Reggie McAdams	<b>4</b> Kathy Thomas  Bell Choir Chancel Choir	<b>5</b> Gene Craft  Steve Kohli  Lindsey Reiff	<b>6</b> Larry Flick  Dwain Metzger
<b>7</b> Logan Smith  Amber Tweddle	<b>8</b> Cathy Stimmel  Finance Ad Council	<b>9</b> Janet Grigg  Jim Thomas  Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Chancel Choir	<b>12</b> Alexander Ross	<b>13</b> John Kuenzli
<b>14</b> Dorothy Banks	<b>15</b> Collin Murphy  Ashley Reiff	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bruce Segovia  Bell Choir Chancel Choir	<b>19</b> Jordan Wyant	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Nathan Stewart	<b>22</b> Oliver Fessler	<b>23</b> Karlyn Mawhorr  Christian Ed	<b>24</b> Troy Selover  Tyler Smith	<b>25</b> Valerie Kuenzli  Bell Choir Chancel Choir	<b>26</b> Doug Adams  Carl Rabley	<b>27</b> Dorothy Foster 83 yrs.  Alex McAdams  Ann Stewart
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Sue Broshes  Rob Craft  Bruce Kizer	<b>30</b> Samantha Davis  Stewardship				

*Anniversaries*

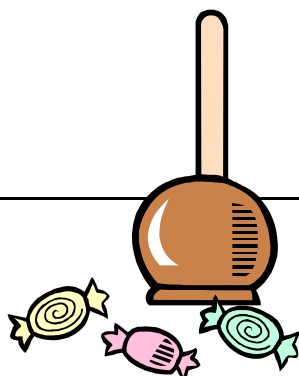
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# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

## Double-Dipped Gourmet Caramel Apples


*by Mary Steiner*

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



## Green Bean Casserole

*by Margie Best*

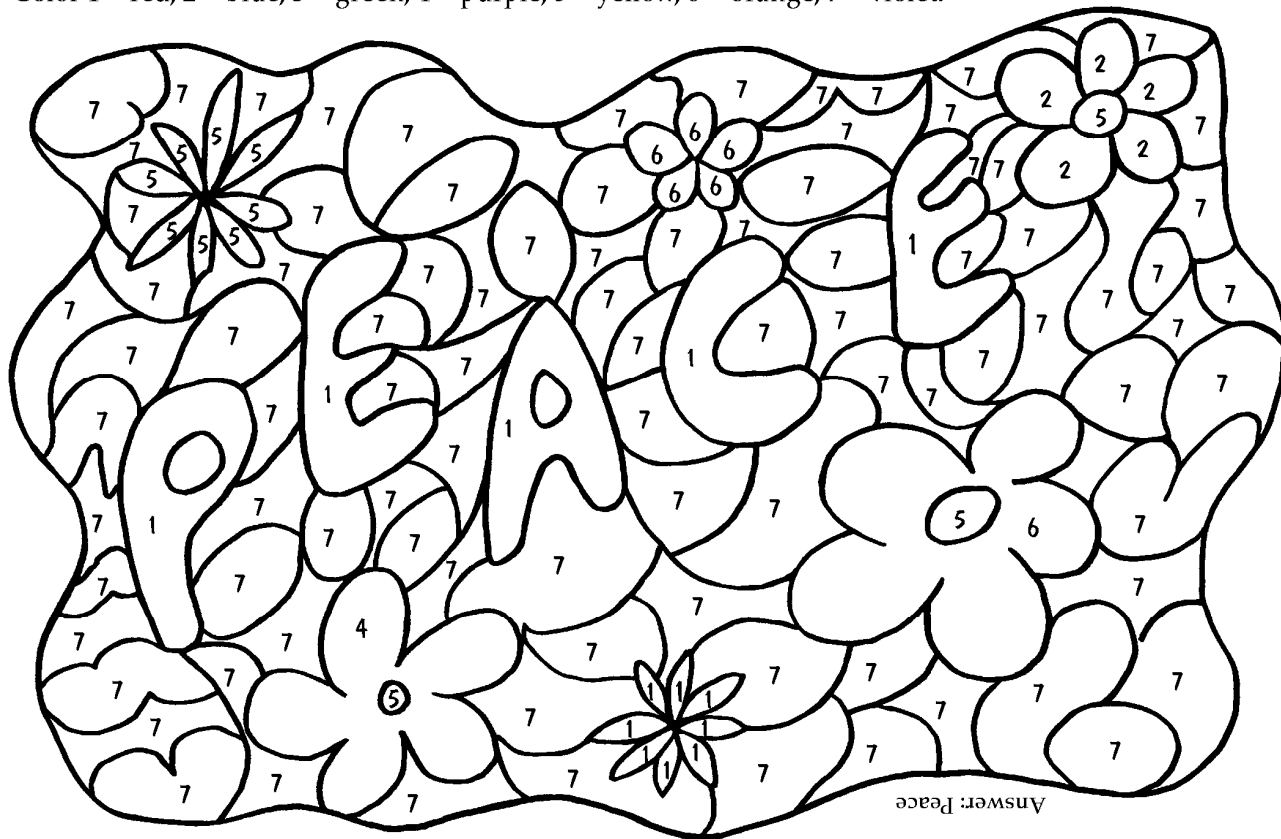
Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 cup	chopped onion	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
1 can	cream of mushroom soup	Saute onion.
1/2 cup	sour cream	Mix together everything but onion rings and 1/2 cup cheese.
8	round butter flavored crackers	Bake 20 minutes.
1/4 tsp.	pepper	Remove and add onion rings and cheese.
1/8 tsp.	dry mustard	Bake an additional 10 minutes.
2 (16 oz.) cans	French style green beans	
1 cup	shredded cheddar cheese (reserve 1/2 for topping)	
1 (3 oz.) can	dried onion rings	



# KIDZ KORNER

## What word do you find here?

Color 1 = red, 2 = blue, 3 = green, 4 = purple, 5 = yellow, 6 = orange, 7 = violet.



Answer: Peace

## Keeping Peace

Put a star by the statements that will help keep peace.

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| <p>_____ 1. Make sure that everyone sees your side of an argument and that you get your way.</p> <p>_____ 2. Forgive someone who has made you angry.</p> <p>_____ 3. Take the toy that you want to play with. Fight for it if you have to.</p> <p>_____ 4. If someone comes to play, offer them a toy.</p> <p>_____ 5. Use kind words instead of angry words.</p> <p>_____ 6. Shout and scream at people if you don't agree with them.</p> <p>_____ 7. Be a bully. Push and shove people around, especially younger children.</p> <p>_____ 8. Don't repeat bad things you hear about people.</p> | <p>_____ 9. Find ways to work things out if there is a disagreement.</p> <p>_____ 10. Tell bad things about other people to your friends.</p> <p>_____ 11. Try very hard to get along with your brothers and sisters.</p> <p>_____ 12. If someone gets hurt and cries, make fun of them.</p> <p>_____ 13. If someone gets hurt, run and get help and try to comfort them.</p> |
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Now cross out the statements that do not have stars.

Answers:  
Stars 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 13  
Cross out 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12

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## Living Our Faith

## Holy Joe's Cafe

A small chain of cafes has served over 75,000,000 cups of coffee without charging a penny.

Bad business?

No – great ministry!

Holy Joe's Café began not as a business but as an outreach of First Congregational Church in Wallingford, Connecticut. The church decided to collect and ship coffee to military chaplains serving in Iraq and Afghanistan so that they could provide a simple coffee house ministry to troops in those areas. In just over two years the project has grown to where it supports

several coffee houses.

The idea is simple: people purchase fair trade coffee online through a supplier that then ships it to the church and they forward it to the chaplains. Through the coffee houses, the chaplains provide a safe place for the troops to get away, sit down, have a cup of coffee, talk with a chaplain, and just relax. It provides an alternative setting for soldiers to mingle and, as one put it, regain their sanity. You can learn more at [www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project/holy-joes-cafe.html](http://www.ucc.org/justice/coffee-project/holy-joes-cafe.html).



Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.

– Mark Twain