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Dear Friends,

As we begin a new season, we are reminded that God offers many opportunities to start over. Fall is a time of new beginnings for students as they return to school, most to a higher grade level and new teachers. College students move into their apartments and dorms on campuses starting new stages in life, while their parents begin new stages

as the children leave home. Even the church begins anew: beginning an expanded fellowship time, starting up Sunday school for children, adult groups forming to start a new way of faith formation, and choirs beginning practice again.

Life all around us is beginning anew. God offers each of us the opportunity to begin new every day. We have all fallen short of God's expectations for us. Yet the God of infinite grace and mercy holds out to us each time we fall, the invitation to return, to be renewed, and to reunite with the God of love through Jesus Christ.

A prayer that has come to mind recently as I ponder the daily renewal that God offers is used in the Order for Morning Praise and Prayer service in our United Methodist Hymnal (p. 876). I recently used it in response to someone on Facebook who seemed to be struggling that day:

New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
and all day long you are working for good in the world.  
Stir up in us desire to serve you,  
to live peacefully with our neighbors,  
and to devote each day to your Son,  
our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

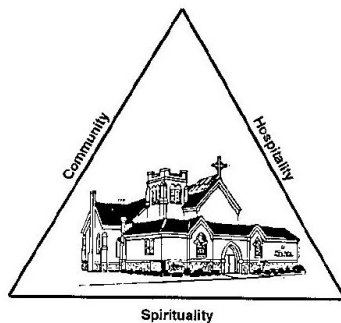
As we return to church in this season of new beginnings, may God fill you with a sense of grace and love. And, as you return to church from vacation season, invite someone you know to come with you on this journey of renewal.

See you in church,  
*Peace,*  
*Pastor Ruth*

September 2010						
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**Thought for the Month:**  
Some people come into  
our lives, leave footprints  
on our hearts, and we are  
never the same.

~ Unknown



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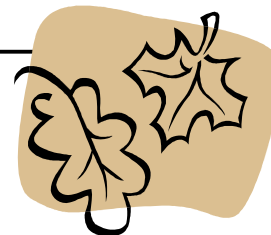
Some of our youth participated in the Allen County Fair and earned high marks for their work:

- Alex McAdams
- Reggie McAdams
- Torie McAdams
- Isaac McAdams

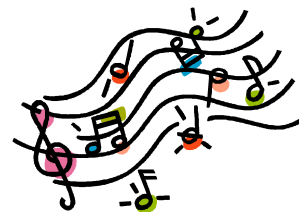


Myrna Metzger and Shelly Reiff are 4-H advisors.

School begins for Elida students on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. We wish all students, teachers, bus drivers, and staff a safe and happy year.



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



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**NOTICE:**  
**Chancel Choir** begins Thursday, September 9, at 7:30 PM.  
**Bell Choir** begins Thursday, September 16, at 6:15 PM.

Friends are those rare people who ask how you are and then wait to hear the answer.  
 - Unknown

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



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Stay informed on the mission, ministry and events in the Northwest Plains District with our monthly newsletter and weekly updates. To submit items, email the District Office at [nwplains@wocumc.org](mailto:nwplains@wocumc.org) with complete event and contact information.

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newsletter of the District.

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**Campus Center  
 Otterbein University,  
 Westerville, Ohio  
 Saturday, October 9, 2010  
 Festival of Sharing Highlights**

- 9:00-Noon** Collection of Church World Service Kits-west parking lot
- 9:00 AM** Construction of the Church Playground Equipment
- 9:00-10:30** Information Missions Displays & —Scavenger Hunt
- 9:00 -Noon** Potato Drop-bring a 10 lb. bag of potatoes for the hungry
- 9:00-Noon** Building the —Wall of Food-bring your cans of food
- 9:00-Noon** Campbell Soup Label Collection-Red Bird Display
- 10:45-11:15** Chef Jane's Cooking Show
- 11:30-Noon** Worship Service-University Chaplain Montgomery Bradley

**Our Mission:**

West Ohio's once-a-year invitation to everyone for learning, fellowship, sharing, celebrating with a purpose: Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.  
 -Matthew 25:40

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



**PASTOR'S STUDY TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER**

Pastor Ruth will be offering a study on prayer this fall on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm beginning October 20. The study guide will be *Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus* by John Indermark. The books will be \$13.35. The class will center around learning about and practical application of different prayer practices, including: Centering Prayers (Breath prayers); The Jesus Prayer; Praying the Scriptures (Lectio Devina); Postures for Prayer; and Prayer in Creation (St. Bonaventure). The group will have a brief discussion on the reading for the week, move into learning about a prayer practice, have some time to actually practice that mode of prayer, then gather again to share the experience. Please sign the pew pad on Sunday morning, the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or call Pastor Ruth if you are interested in participating in this group.

“If you’ll hold on to me for dear life,” says GOD,  
 “I’ll get you out of any trouble.  
 I’ll give you the best of care  
 if you’ll only get to know and trust me.  
 Call me and I’ll answer, be at your side in bad times;  
 I’ll rescue you, then throw you a party.  
 I’ll give you a long life, give you a long drink of salvation!”  
 – Psalm 91:14-16, *The Message*



# The Heart of Church

## Greeters

September 5, 2010	Gary & Delores Johnson
September 12, 2010	Scott & Gail Fessler
September 19, 2010	Gary & Janet Grigg
September 26, 2010	Evelyn Saraber

## Nursery Volunteers

September 5	Volunteer Needed
September 12	Corinne Piper
September 19	Volunteer Needed
September 25	Volunteer Needed

### Wesley's Concept of Grace

Prevenient grace means God's love has always been there  
 Working with us before we were ready or aware  
 Proving we've never been out of God's care.

By grace, we are justified  
 When we accept the cross where Jesus died  
 As our bridge to the other side.

We're sanctified by grace when, out of love, we select  
 To please God in service by making our faith and works connect  
 While our lives, His Spirit, helps us to perfect.

*by Jenessa Fletcher*

### Table Grace

To the tune of  
 "Frère Jacques"

God we thank you,  
 God we thank you,  
 For our food, for our food  
 And your many blessings,  
 and your many blessings.  
 A-ah-men. A-ah-men.



### Book of Timothy



"You misunderstand, Pastor. The 'other woman' is Samantha, his GPS device."

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Only when enough adults practice and teach children love and respect at home, in schools, religious congregations, and in our political and civic life will racial, gender, and religious intolerance and hate crimes subside in America and the world.

*— Marian Wright Edelman, Lanterns*

# The Business of Church

## FACILITY USE REQUEST

Beginning the first of September, we will be doing something new. There has been an increase in requests for use of the church, including the fellowship hall, kitchen, classrooms, and the sanctuary. The Trustees have developed a request form, approved by Administrative Council, to be completed by anyone who needs use of the church. This new system is a pro-active attempt to avoid two or more groups wanting the same space on the same day/time.

Starting September 1, 2010, a Facility Use Request Form must be completed by anyone who wants their group to use the church for any reason. Administrative Council related committees and teams will have first priority, and funerals will always take priority over any other activities. All Ad Council committees and team chairs are to complete a form indicating the days and times for their regularly scheduled meetings. The secretaries will put those on the calendar. If a committee meets on an 'as scheduled' basis, the chair will need to complete a form as soon as the meeting is decided.

As of this date, the secretaries are the only persons who will write in the church calendar. They will place your requests by first come, first served, based on the date you fill out your form. This does not include groups who will meet outside the church building, but you must let the secretaries know if you wish to have your event included in the church calendar.

You can find the forms in the rack outside the pastor's study.

### Ostensibly seen in church bulletins:

- ◆ The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's *Hamlet* in the church basement on Friday at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- ◆ On a church bulletin during the minister's illness: "GOD IS GOOD, Dr. Hargreaves is better."



**Thank God for work**

Peace of heart that is won by refusing to bear the common yoke of human sympathy is a peace unworthy of a Christian. To seek tranquility by stopping our ears to the cries of human pain is to make ourselves not Christian but a kind of degenerate stoic having no relation either to stoicism or Christianity.

— A. W. Tozer

<b>Committee Chairs</b>	
<b>PPR Chair</b>	Linda Craft
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<b>Missions</b>	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

July 18, 2010	79
July 25, 2010	80
August 1, 2010	70
August 8, 2010	76
August 15, 2010	79
August 22, 2010	92

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
July 18, 2010	\$4,149.00	\$980.00
July 25, 2010	\$3,371.99	\$1,430.84
August 1, 2010	\$3,770.00	\$695.51
August 8, 2010	\$2,810.35	\$352.00
August 15, 2010	\$3,164.00	\$1,044.00
August 22, 2010	\$3,257.00	\$343.62

## Book of Timothy



# Reminder

**10:30 AM Worship  
begins  
September 12**

## Flowers:

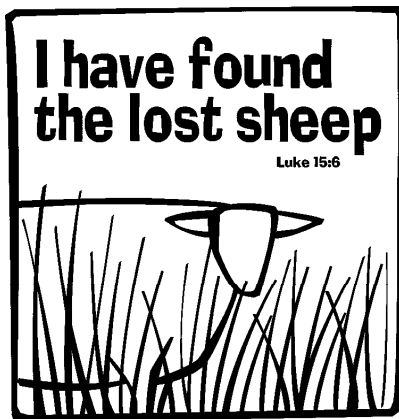
September 5, 2010	Lynda Evans
September 12, 2010	Gary & Janet Grigg
September 19, 2010	Norm & Mary Grigsby
September 26, 2010	Bill & Esther McKinney



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# Consulting the Manual



At a time when Jesus had a very large following he said, "Anyone who joins my band of followers and doesn't put me before the needs of family or personal needs, isn't up to the job. Following me involves carrying a heavy weight of responsibility."  
- Luke 14:26-27 from *Good as New: A Radical Retelling of the*



## **Bible Readings for September**

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year C

### Week of September 5

#### **Labor Sunday**

**Color: Green**

*Old Testament:*

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

*New Testament:*

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-31

### Week of September 12

#### **Grandparents' Day**

**Color: Green**

*Old Testament:*

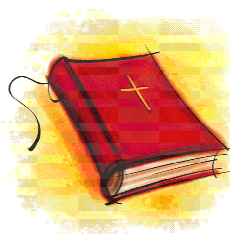
Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

*New Testament:*

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10



### Week of September 19

**Color: Green**

*Old Testament:*

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

Psalms 79:1-9

*New Testament:*

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Luke 16:1-13

### Week of September 26

#### **Christian Education Sunday**

**Color: Green**

*Old Testament:*

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

*New Testament:*

1 Timothy 6:6-19

Luke 16:19-31

For more detailed information on the Revised Common Lectionary, please visit:

**[www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)**

## Christian Education

### New Look of Christian Education at St. Paul's UMC

Over the course of the past year I've watched as our Sunday school attendance each week has dropped to a point where our attendance for six classes, without including the church staff, was in the single digits. I saw this as undeniable evidence of a need for change. The rest of the Christian Education Committee agreed unanimously. After brainstorming numerous ideas of changes we could make this fall we weighed the options and developed a plan for the new look of Christian Education at St. Paul's. The new Christian Education program affects kids, youth, and adults alike. Our committee unanimously agreed upon this plan.

The children's and youth ministry at our church will begin meeting in the Marsh, the education wing, **September 19**. The **TADPOLE** nursery will be open each week for babies and toddlers. Preschoolers and kindergarteners will meet in the **TOADS** class and kids in grades 1-5 will meet in the **FROGS** class. Both children's classes will meet following the children's sermon each week. Parents or Guardians **MUST** sign in their children for the nursery, **TOADS** or **FROGS** classes. Children will only be released from the classrooms when the person who signed them in comes to pick them up. This is so we're in compliance with the church's safe sanctuary policies. The youth ministry, **FISH FORCE**, will meet in the fellowship hall the **2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Sundays** of each month following the children's sermon.

The Christian Education Committee's plan is to move our adult ministry to a small group format. The original small group consisted of 12 people – Jesus' 12 disciples. The early church mainly met together in homes, which would limit the number to a small group. This is all described in Acts 2:42-47. John Wesley later used small groups to grow the Methodist movement. With this in mind, we examined the different types of small group formats in detail and decided that St. Paul's will use a special interest type group.

We've got many ideas for interests on the wall posters and you're welcome to continue to add topics of interest to those posters in the coming weeks. On Rally Sunday, September 12, every adult will be given a private voting sheet to let us know what groups you're interested in. Using those votes, we'll put the groups together, and the following week, **the 19<sup>th</sup>**, you'll be asked to get together in your groups and work out a time that you can all meet. **Faith forming groups will meet weekly**. The location and time of your meeting will be decided within your group based on the times that work best for all the participants in the group. **Every group will begin with Home Fellowship 1**, a five-week curriculum that will help you get to know your group as well as enjoy some food and fellowship.

So this is what the new look of Christian Education at St. Paul's will be. There will be no more Sunday school hour on Sunday mornings. In its place we will have a **30-minute fellowship time** each week with contemporary Christian music. Children's ministry and youth ministry will be during the worship service and adults will move to a small faith formation group format.

*Respectfully submitted by Steve Moser*

**The Marsh**

**Faith Forming  
Small Groups**





## The Word of God

### Join us and be

Transformed, Revived & Renewed  
by the **Word of God!!**

**When?** Friday Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm-9:30pm and Saturday  
Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am-5pm

**Where?** The DOCK at St. Mark's UMC Findlay, Ohio  
(Corner of Main St. and Lima Avenue)

Ministry Team: Tonya and Mark Marvin, Heidi Glaser  
Ewald, Stacy Hall Miller, Gary Knox, Pam Scott, Faith  
Crane, Tim Benjamin, John and Sharon Heilshorn.  
Worship Music by "Oasis" and "Melody Road"

**Register now** online at [flagcityonline.com](http://flagcityonline.com)

You can expect to hear Biblical teachings on  
Transparency, Dying of Self, the Holy Spirit, Forgiveness,  
Obedience, Strongholds and more!

**Plus...** Sign up for two of the following workshop/classes:

#### **"The Tree of Life from Roots to Fruit"**

~Knowing we are to bear the Fruit of the Spirit & examining  
what keeps us from doing so~

#### **"Spiritual Gifts....Do I have any?"**

~Accepting and opening the gifts from God...take a Spiritual  
Gifting quiz to recognize YOUR gifts~

#### **"Intimacy with Jesus....is not just a Casual Affair"**

~Go on a journey of falling in love with Jesus and keeping  
Him as your First Love~

#### **"Becoming Devoted to Daily Devotions"**

~Realizing the importance of connecting with God and  
meditating on His Word Daily ~

#### **"Say what you Mean..... Mean what you Say"**

~Do you hear what I hear? Learning that Communication  
begins in the ear.....not in the mouth~

#### **"How to be One in Christ"**

~ Bible based principles of marriage... guiding us to become  
the spouses God wants us to be~

Registration Fee is \$45 per person or \$80 per couple.

**Register by 9/15 and fee is \$40**

Registration includes lunch on Saturday.

**Must be registered by 10/15.**

For **More Information** go to [flagcityonline](http://flagcityonline.com) or contact  
Tonya Marvin at

[MTMarvin@tds.net](mailto:MTMarvin@tds.net) subject: TRR Retreat

### Age Is No Barrier

Harriet Richardson Ames recently got her bachelor's degree in education. That wouldn't be very significant except for the fact that she was 100 years old. Her daughter Marjorie said, "She had what I call a 'bucket list,' and that was on it."

In 1931 Ames earned a two-year teaching certificate and taught for several years in a one-room schoolhouse. She continued studying, taking classes at several different colleges. The schools researched her studies, and found she had enough credits for a degree, and so awarded her with one in January 2010.

"If I die tomorrow, I'll know I'll die happy," Ames said about earning her degree. Quite coincidentally, she died the next day.

"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us," reads Hebrews 12:1b. And let us never give up.



## Missions

The week of July 12th found 150 volunteers working in Worthington, OH at the United Methodist Children's Home. Thirteen of those volunteers were from St. Paul's and the rest were from 12 other churches throughout the West Ohio Conference. The volunteers from St. Paul's, along with 9 others, enjoyed the hospitality from Sciota Ridge UMC in Hilliard, who offered wonderful food, comfortable surroundings to relax, and enjoyable fellowship to help us unwind at the end of each day.

A great deal of work was completed during the work week at UMCH. Todd Hanes created this list to show the projects that volunteers accomplished.

### Inside work:

- Administrative filing / sorting / digitizing records
- Moved boxes of records for shredding
- Significant sorting / organizing and redirecting items in building 109
- Painted the inside of two cottages
- Provided new window treatments for two cottages
- Sanded / sealed wood cottage furniture in all 5 cottages

### Outside work:

- Gutters removed and wood prepped for new installation on the school
- Pavement holes patched and sealed
- Large brush pile chipped
- Replaced second story windows and wood on the dining hall
- Removed playground equipment
- Landscaped cottages
- Provided new, handmade picnic tables for the cottages
- Removed furniture from the conference basement
- Mowed 40 acre campus two times



The people of St. Paul's did a wonderful job of supporting this mission week with their participation in the work week, contribution money, encouragement, and support through prayer. All of the support was important to make this year's mission to UMCH a success and another example in showing God's love and encouragement to those in need.

We look forward to the fourth annual UMCH work week next year.

### THANK YOU!

A St. Paul's Mission Work Team completed another fifth Friday volunteer effort at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen on S. Central Ave. in Lima on July 30, 2010. Representing St. Paul's this date were Jan and Jamie Wyant, Carole and Denny Grapner, Becky Bean, and Bill McKinney. Our Team usually arrives at the Kitchen 9-9:30 a.m. performing meal preparation work and then serving area residents 10:30-12:30. Our next two volunteer dates are October 29 and December 31, 2010. Contact Marty White if interested in serving our community in this capacity. Many thanks to our July Team and to all who have served thus far in 2010.

*When asked what love means, this girl replied:*

During my piano recital, I was on stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling. He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.

– Cindy, age 8

## Celebrating...



Pictured at left:  
Norm Grigsby, Tim Piper,  
Tim Theodore, and Gene Craft

### The golf outing was a success:

**76 golfers** participated and **\$3,582** was raised for the **Brad Joseph Scholarship**, which will fund **three persons** to go on missions next year. The 3-year total raised is **\$12,403**. **Three scholarships** have been funded so far, and **3 more** will be able to be funded in the coming year.

### St. Paul's Men Participate at Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing

Some of the men of St. Paul's Church participated in the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Bluffton Golf Course. A foursome of Norman Grigsby, Gene Craft, Tim Theodore and Tim Piper participated in something resembling golf, of which all proceeds go to the Bradley Joseph Memorial fund. Our group got their money's worth and visited parts of the Bluffton Golf Course rarely seen by outsiders. Bill McKinney also attended the outing and gave a generous donation to the memorial fund.

Brad Joseph was a member of our St. Paul's congregation until he was tragically killed in a car accident in the fall of 2007. Brad was our youth director, sang in the Chancel Choir, took care of our church computers and participated in various mission trips. Perhaps his favorite mission was going six years in a row to the United Methodist Medical Mission in Progresso Nuevo, Mexico, where as a pharmacist, he filled prescriptions for the poor people that were served on the mission. The golf outing is held annually by Brad's family to raise money to send pharmacy interns on medical missions all over the world. In 2009 a girl named Kelly was awarded money from the fund and went on a medical mission to Uganda. This year, a girl named Rebecca received money from the memorial fund to go on a medical mission to Kenya. Rebecca stated "I will use my faith, my service, my passion and my pharmacy knowledge to impact many people in Kenya." Also this year a girl named Ashley used the memorial fund to go on a medical mission to the Dominican Republic. Brad Joseph is no longer with us but his spirit lives on in the work being done in his name by the recipients of the scholarships awarded from the Brad Joseph Memorial Fund. Praise God for the life of Brad Joseph and for his family honoring him and God by the mission work being funded by his memorial fund!



*A big thank you to **Brian Nartker** for planning the trip to the Cincinnati Reds game and the Mercy Me concert that followed. The Reds beat the Atlanta Braves, the concert was great, and a good time was had by all!  
**Thanks, Brian, for arranging the bus trip.***

To say that I am made in the image of God is to say that love is the reason for my existence, for God is love. Love is my true identity. Selflessness is my true self. Love is my true character. Love is my name.

– Thomas Merton, *A Book of Hours*



# Remember When...

Backpacking in Colorado  
1985

L-R:  
Ray Trigg, Jr., Mark Puffenberger,  
Jamie Wyant, Gene Craft, Matt  
Brown, Rev. Allen Puffenberger

In Front (but not going):  
Jordan Wyant



Youth Attending Lakeside  
1999

L-R:  
Jim Thomas, Jan Wyant,  
Aaron Piper, Sara Matlock,  
Mike Myers, Erin Peters,  
Brad Joseph, Megan  
Gossard, Todd Hanes,  
Jordan Wyant



Relay for Life—2003

L-R:  
Linda Holman, Sue Theodore,  
Carole Grapner, Margie Best,  
Lynn Carey



# Connecting With ...



Congratulations to **Julia Adkins and Travis Bok**, who were married Saturday, July 17, 2010. Pastor Ruth officiated at the wedding held at St. Paul's UMC. Cards will reach Travis and Julia at 2475 N. Kemp Road, Elida, OH 45807.



Our sympathy is extended to the family of **June Metzger**, who passed away **August 5, 2010**. Pastor Ruth officiated at her funeral, which was held on **August 9, 2010**. June was a faithful member of St. Paul UMC since April, 1949. She is survived by her three children. Cards may reach them at the following addresses: **Mason and Marybeth Metzger, 872 Murphy St., Lima, OH 45801; JoAnne Bragg, 3274 Mount Vernon Place, Lima, OH 45804; and Dennis and Kim Metzger, 706 Weger Ave., Elida, OH 45807.**

## Thank You

**To all who helped with June Metzger's luncheon,**

I want to thank you all for your help, especially **Lavonne Segovia** for her assistance in selecting the menu, set-up, serving, and clean-up; **Wanda Strayer, Lynda Evans, and Shirley Moser** for set-up, serving, and clean-up; **Larry Moser** for setting up the tables, and then returning to take them down, run the dust mop, take out the trash, plus taking trays, etc. to my car. He also helped the others carry their things to their cars. Thanks to **Bill McKinney** for helping with the tables and chairs, plus he may have gotten dishpan hands by washing so many dishes and silverware. You two men saved the day, as I did not realize the tables were not set-up and that they had to be taken down following the luncheon.

Last, but not least, to all who generously donated food and beverages, thank you! You made my job go smoothly and I appreciate every one of you.

May God Bless You All,  
**Maedene Holmes**

### Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Doug Guess  
Brian Steiner  
Mary Steiner

### Homebound Members

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

### Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Jim Hines  
Paul Scholfield  
Rick Scholfield

### In the Military & Missions

Lesley Parker  
Jason Stanley

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## The People of St. Paul's

**Dear Friends,**  
*On behalf of the Board of Trustees at the Children's Home, I wish to thank you for helping make our annual mission work week July 12-16 so successful. Your contributions are truly appreciated.*  
 Blessings,  
**Sue Stutz**

**Pastor Ruth and the Caring People of St. Paul's,**  
*Thank you for all the kind expressions of sympathy and support during the illness and death of our nephew, Bill Rabley. Bill did touch many lives in North Carolina and was brave during the time he knew only death would eventually come. We continue to pray for peace for the family.*  
 Peace and Hope,  
**Carl and Lois Rabley**

**To My St. Paul's Family,**  
*Thank you for the flowers, cards, and prayers. Also Pastor Ruth for her support and concern.*  
**Ruth Hardy and Family**

**St. Paul's Church,**  
*Thank you for the beautiful flower arrangement and cards. A special thanks to Rev. Ruth for visiting with us at home. I really enjoyed that time. Come again anytime, Ruth.*  
**Jeannine May**

**Dear Friends,**  
*Please accept this gift as a token of our appreciation for sharing your fellowship hall with us so that we were able to have two showers there in the last few weeks. We appreciate so much your generosity. Your fellowship hall is a wonderful facility and a great place for our showers!*  
 Thank you, again, so much.  
 God bless you all!  
**Kathy Grapner, Shirley Johnson, and Carole Grapner**

**To Our St. Paul's Family,**  
*Thank you for the flowers, and prayers for Don's emergency hand surgery. We also appreciate Pastor Ruth's care and contacts. We are so fortunate to be blessed with all of you.*  
**Don & Judy Chaffins**

**St. Paul's Church,**  
*It was a while ago now and I am sorry to have my thank you run so late - but it is no less heartfelt. Thank you to Pastor Ruth and Judy for wonderful visits; and Judy for bringing the extra altar flowers - beautiful lilies. A big thank you to all who sent cards and for prayers. You have all been kind to us since we came to St. Paul's and you are truly appreciated.*  
**Joanna Hurd**

**Prayer List Updates**  
**Please Contact**  
**Lavonne Segovia**





## Meetings

No PPR meeting

September 7, 2010

Trustees...7:00 PM

September 13, 2010

Finance...7:00 PM

September 13, 2010

Ad Council...8:00 PM

September 21, 2010

Missions...7:00 PM

No Christian Ed meeting

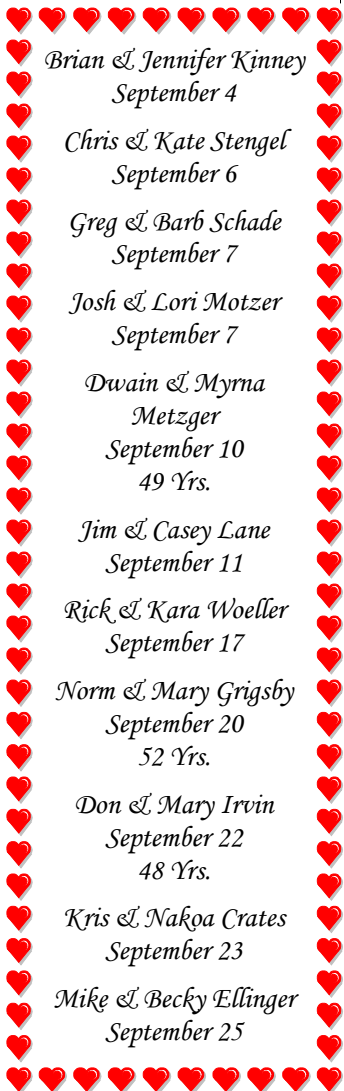
Sundays

Prayer...9:00 AM

# September 2010

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

## Anniversaries



*Brian & Jennifer Kinney*  
September 4

*Chris & Kate Stengel*  
September 6

*Greg & Barb Schade*  
September 7

*Josh & Lori Motzer*  
September 7

*Dwain & Myrna Metzger*  
September 10  
49 Yrs.

*Jim & Casey Lane*  
September 11

*Rick & Kara Woeller*  
September 17

*Norm & Mary Grigsby*  
September 20  
52 Yrs.

*Don & Mary Irvin*  
September 22  
48 Yrs.

*Kris & Nakoa Crates*  
September 23

*Mike & Becky Ellinger*  
September 25

			1 Marie Lee Avery Chambers	2 Kathy White	3 Reggie McAdams	4
5 Gene Craft Stephen Kohli Lindsey Reiff	6 Dwain Metzger	7 Amber Tweddle Logan Smith	8	9 Brooks Heck Janet Grigg	10	11
12 Alex Ross	13 John Kuenzli  Finance Ad Council	14 Dorothy Banks	15 Ashley Reiff	16	17	18 Bruce Segovia
19 Jordan Wyant	20	21 Nathan Stewart	22 Oliver Fessler	23 Karlyn Mawhorr	24 Troy Selover Tyler Smith	25 Helen Staas Valerie Kuenzli
26 Carl Rabley	27 Dottie Foster Alex McAdams	28	29 Bruce Kizer Jim Lane Rob Craft	30 Samantha Davis		

# *Special Recipes* *from St. Paul's Great Cooks*

## *Snickerdoodles (served on bus trip to Reds game)*

*By Shirley Moser*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 cup	shortening	Mix together thoroughly the shortening, sugar, and eggs.
1 1/2 cups	sugar	Sift together the flour, cream of tartar, soda, and salt and stir in the above mixture.
2	eggs	
2 3/4 cups	sifted flour	Chill dough. Roll into balls the size of small walnuts. Roll in mixture of 2 Tbl. sugar and 2 tsp. cinnamon.
1 tsp.	baking soda	
2 tsp.	cream of tartar	Place about 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
1 tsp.	salt	Bake until lightly browned but still soft at 400 degrees for 8-10 minutes.
2 Tbl.	white sugar	
2 tsp.	cinnamon	



## *Taffy Apple Salad*

*By Joy Fletcher*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 Tbl.	flour	In small saucepan mix flour and sugar; add vinegar, egg, and 1/2 of the pineapple juice.
1 cup	sugar	
2 Tbl.	vinegar	Cook over low heat until thick. Cool.
1	egg, beaten	Add Cool Whip to 4 cups apples and rest of drained pineapple juice and peanuts.
	juice from 8 oz. can pineapple	
4 cups	diced sweet apples	Stir in cooled mixture.
1 cup	salted peanuts	Pour into large bowl and refrigerate.
1 (8 oz.)	Cool Whip	



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## Codes

Use the code to figure out the Bible verse.

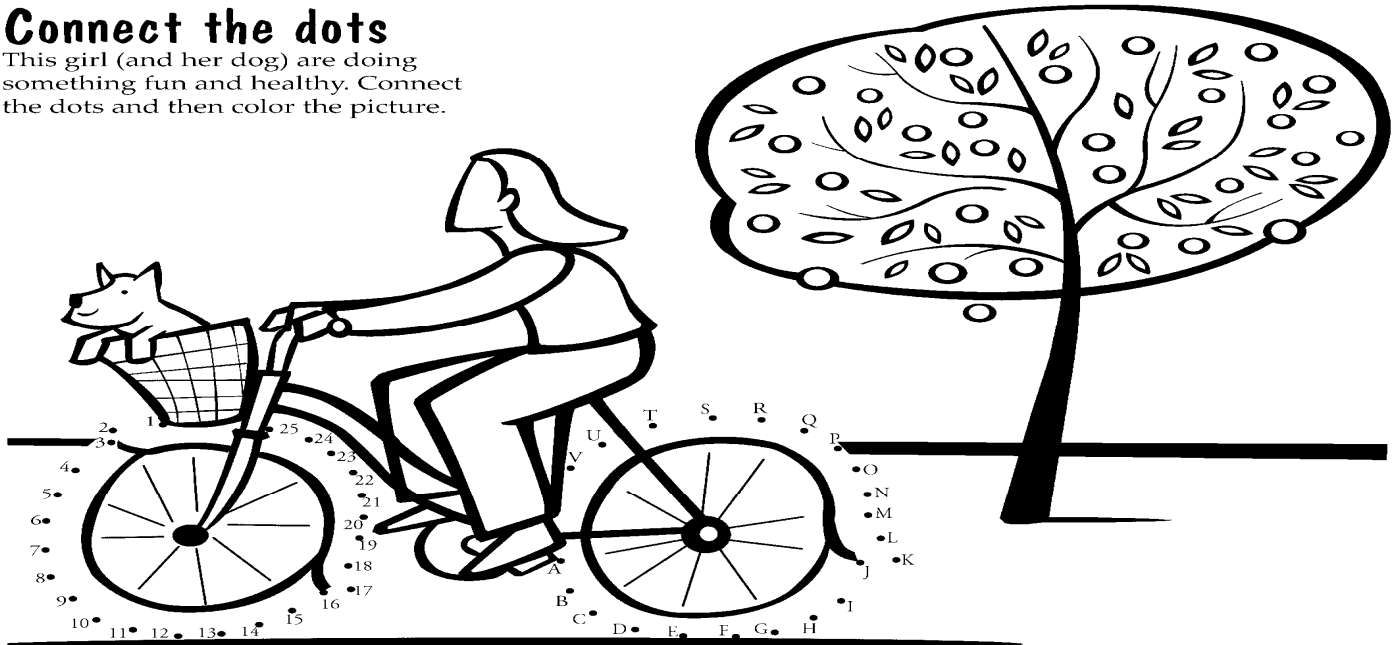
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Answer: Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit . . . therefore glorify God in your body.

## Connect the dots

This girl (and her dog) are doing something fun and healthy. Connect the dots and then color the picture.



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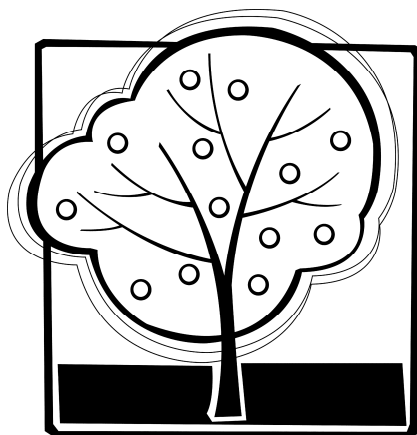
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## Living Our Faith

### Compassion

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

Kenneth Carder, Duke Divinity School professor and retired United Methodist



bishop writes: "Christian discipleship requires being held in love and being held accountable. We simply cannot follow Christ apart from a community that holds us in compassion and calls us to accountability. Solitary discipleship is a misnomer. We cannot be Christian alone."

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

