

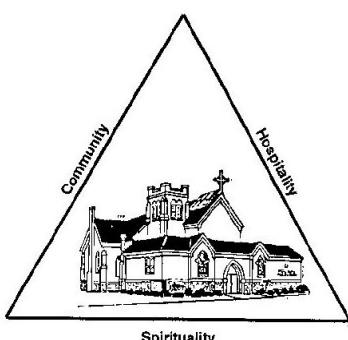
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From the Pastor

August is here and that means summer is winding down and what a summer it has been. Fair chairs, gardening, kids at camp, driver's education, first jobs, family reunions, and

all the other things that go along with summer. I am going to be mentioning a few things this issue and one really big announcement.

First Fair time is nearly here and that means setting up fair chairs. This year we again need your help and the help of your family and friends. It is an opportunity for St Paul Church to be visible in our community doing and being the church in motion. Be looking for announcements and schedule in the weeks to come and I hope to see you at the Fair with a chair in hand.

Back to School Sales are everywhere so that means Health and School kits preparation time is nearly here. You will find a list of things that go into each kit in the bulletin or here in the newsletter and now is the time to save Big on the school kit supplies. I want to encourage you to make this a family adventure and as you shop for your annual supplies spend some time explaining to your children/grandchildren about others in need who will benefit from your donation.

E.A.S.Y. program has been busy with a camping trip that despite the rain went extremely well. Swimming, fishing, crafts and of course cookouts were enjoyed by all. E.A.S.Y. will also be having movie nights at St Paul's in August so be on the lookout for dates, times and a chance to be in mission in our community.

Now for the Really BIG announcement in October I will be heading back to prison. My time is up and I have to go back the weekend of October 24th. Not as an inmate but as part of a team who will share the love of Christ with inmates at AOCI (Allen/Oakwood Correctional Institute) Kairos #1. Marla and I have served in prisons all over the state of Ohio in both Kairos and Epiphany ministries. I feel called to use my experience to help launch Kairos here in Lima, if you want to know more you can google Kairos Ministry or talk to me. There will be more information in the weeks to come but for all you bakers this is your warning to be prepared to make cookies. As part of this ministry we share God's love by giving each inmate a dozen cookies and if I did the math right that means the team will have to take in almost 20,000 cookies that weekend. Don't start baking just yet because there are rules, a lot of rules, it is a prison after all and I will be providing directions as soon as I get them.

So stay cool and enjoy the end of summer.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

We were called
to be witnesses,
not lawyers or judges.



**August 13, 2013
"Left-Hander's Day"**

Launched in 1996, this yearly event celebrates left-handedness and raises awareness of the difficulties and frustrations left-handers experience every day in a world designed for right-handers.

Between 10-12 percent of people on earth are "lefties." Women are about 4 percent more likely to be right-handed than men.

At various times in history, left-handedness has been seen as many things: a nasty habit, a sign of rebellion, a trait indicating creativity and musical abilities.

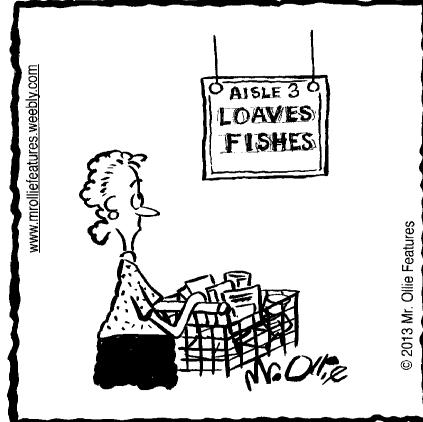
Famous left-handers include Babe Ruth, Arnold Palmer, Martina Navratilova, Cary Grant, Julia Roberts, Angelina Jolie, Celine Dion, Sir Paul McCartney, Bill Gates, Neil Armstrong, Marie Curie, Albert Einstein, and St. Paul's two organists.

**Seniors Day Out
Tuesday, August 19
12:00 Noon**

**Judge Glenn Derryberry
guest speaker**

All seniors welcome!

Book of Timothy



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Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



August 31, 2014

United Methodist Children's Home
\$5 on the 5th.



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Secretary:	Gail Fessler
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Secretary:	Jone Lane
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Organist:	Linda Holman
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Pianist:	Lois Cook
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Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
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Custodian:	Dave Decker
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St. Paul's Book Club

Saturday, August 2nd at 9:00AM
in the Classroom beside the main office.

Bring your breakfast if you wish and
join the group for some interesting
conversation about

The Blue Bottle Club

By Penelope J. Stokes

All are welcome.



**Newsletter
deadline:
the 16th
of each
month**



Allen County Fair Chair Challenge 2014!

Your help is needed for the annual fair chairs setup and takedown. At the end of the Allen County Fair, Saturday, August 23, St. Paul's Church will again be engaged in setting up and taking down chairs for the concert in the grandstands. This year we will be setting up 1,000 more chairs, so everyone's help is needed. If you can't lift chairs, there are stickers to place on the chairs and chairs to straighten. Or you can just come and give moral support to the workers. Age isn't a factor. Contact Art Holman for more information. Come and enjoy the fun and camaraderie of your friends at St. Paul's.

See You At The Fair!



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

SCHOOL KITS

- One pair blunt point scissors (**Round Tip**)
- Three **70 count** spiral notebooks (**Wide Ruled**)
 - One ruler (12" - metric)
- One hand-held pencil sharpener
 - One large eraser (2 1/2")
- Six new #2 pencil with erasers (**unsharpened**)
- One box **Crayola** crayons (24 ct.)

Canvas Tote Bag (12x14 to 14x17 in.)
Can be purchased at Hobby Lobby

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Pack kit in a **2 gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.

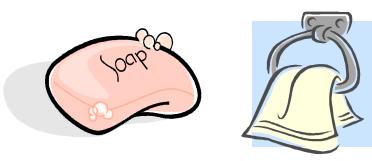


HEALTH KITS

- One hand towel (@16" x 28")
 - One washcloth
 - One wide-tooth comb
 - One metal nail file or clipper
- One bar of soap (**bath size in wrapper**)
 - One adult size toothbrush (**in original packaging**)
 - Six adhesive Band-aids

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Seal kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.



Missions



THE BRADLEY W. JOSEPH
MEMORIAL FUND

7th Annual Golf Outing

Some of the men and women of St. Paul's Church participated in the 7th Annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing on July 12th at the Colonial Golfers Club. A foursome of **Larry Moser, Tim Theodore, Craig May, and Shirley Moser** played golf, of which all proceeds go to the Bradley Joseph Memorial fund. **Shirley** showed up the men by sinking a shot on hole number one to complete an eagle for the hole. Congrats to our whole team for participating!

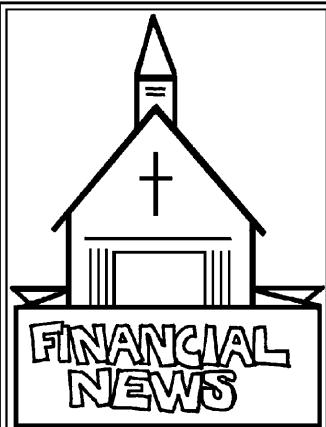
Norm Grigsby, Jamie Wyant, Sue Theodore, and Tim Piper volunteered to help with the outing selling raffle tickets and participating with various games at different holes on the course. The amount raised by the golf outing has not been totaled but John Fleming, Brad's Uncle who runs the outing, will let us know the total amount raised for missions in a few weeks. Thanks to all who volunteered for this worthwhile mission.

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 medical interns on medical missions all over the world. 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!



Thank
You!

The Business of Church



As promised during Stewardship Season 2013, a quarterly update shall be conveyed to the congregation regarding Building Fund activity and account balance. Including the carryover from 2013, the Building Fund stands at \$19,767.08 as of June 30, 2014. There was no activity during second quarter 2014. To date, \$5,771 has been expensed from the Building Fund – new sanctuary carpet earlier this year.

Capital Improvement account balance stands at \$2,370 as of June 30, 2014. A west entrance door was replaced using \$650 from this account. Parsonage repair expenses totaled \$811.99 at June 30, 2014, most remarkable being a new dishwasher for \$569.00. Total Parsonage Repair budget is \$2,000.

General Building, Equipment, Maintenance expense at June 30, 2014 is \$1,851.10. Most remarkable expenses involved painting, elevette inspection, and three outside door repairs. Total budget for Building, Equipment, Maintenance handled by the Board of Trustees is \$4,000.

Expenses which will be paid during the remainder of 2014 are recently completed new water line hook-ups at the parsonage and church including new expansion tanks, meters, valves, outside faucets, and misc. piping. The utility sink in the kitchen has been removed and the floor drain plugged with cement to cure a major source of basement flooding. The cabinet island in the kitchen has been trashed due to excessive flood damage and will be replaced. The east-side parking lot and driveway will be sealed. Sanctuary window painting is long overdue and is scheduled for this year. Ceiling tiles were replaced in the new library. New windows will be installed in the parsonage basement. Tuck point estimates have been secured for the sanctuary and parsonage; however, the \$20,000 estimate will require significant planning and budget analysis. The Trustees have been and will be busy and the Building Fund monies will be put to good use.

Year-to-date June 30, 2014 General Operating Fund Receipts totaled \$89,998.93 and Disbursements \$84,291.79 for positive cash flow of \$5,707.14. For six months ended June 30, 2013, General Operating Fund Receipts were \$90,041.36 and Disbursements \$80,312.30 for positive cash flow of \$9,729.06. The mortgage was paid off during July, 2013. During first quarter 2013, St. Paul's received an anonymous gift of \$10,000 to be applied to the principle of the mortgage.

Aside from Trustee financial activities described above, the Nurture Committee (ice cream social, graduation, and Mother's Day) and Sr. Citizen Re-Focus (monthly meetings) initiative have been most active financially. For the Camp Wesley 2014 Mission project, St. Paul's pledged and paid \$ 2,000 toward this endeavor of which \$969 was collected from the congregation and \$1,171 taken from the Missions budget. The excess \$140 was for meals expense for the various work week-ends. In general, all Program Ministry Committees should be commended for excellent cost containment and budget control during the first half of 2014, especially since we had to absorb extraordinary utility expenses related to the frigid first quarter 2014.

As of June 30, 2014, the new 40% seed/emergency fund portion of the Building Fund stands at \$976.44. The Memorial Fund has a current balance of \$2,262.73. Our two-year CDs representing our Permanent Endowment Fund just rolled over May, 2014, and the initial endowment of \$10,000 has now grown to \$14,576.10 (however, I am told there have been additions and subtractions to this fund since its inception in 1997.)

The Finance Committee has met every month thus far during 2014 except for May.

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

June 29, 2014	85
July 6, 2014	75
July 13, 2014	97
July 20, 2014	87
July 27, 2014	

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:

June 29, 2014	\$1,649.57	\$327.00
July 6, 2014	\$4,759.00	\$670.35
July 13, 2014	\$2,806.67	\$320.67
July 20, 2014	\$2,024.00	\$255.79
July 27, 2014	\$	\$

Adult Sunday School / Children's Church Attendance

June 29, 2014	A-8 C-5
July 6, 2014	N/A
July 13, 2014	C-7
July 20, 2014	C-8
July 27, 2014	A- C-

Flower Calendar

August 3, 2014	Steve & Tracy Sdao
August 10, 2014	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 17, 2014	Susan Nartker
August 24, 2014	Brooks & Jeanine May
August 31, 2014	OPEN

Communion Servers August 3

Station #1	Gary & Janet Grigg
Station #2	Marla & Cody Scannell
Station #3	OPEN

Greeters

August 3, 2014	Gary & Janet Grigg
August 10, 2014	Marty & Kathy White
August 17, 2014	OPEN
August 24, 2014	Tony & Shirley Shoup
August 31, 2014	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Friday 8/1

Psalm 69, 73, 2 Samuel 5:1-12
Acts 17:1-15, Mark 7:24-37

Saturday 8/2

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
2 Samuel 5:22-6:11
Acts 17:16-34, Mark 8:1-10

Sunday 8/3

Psalm 34, 93, 96
2 Samuel 6:12-23
Romans 4:7-12, John 1:43-51

Monday 8/4

Psalm 77, 79, 80
2 Samuel 7:1-17
Acts 18:1-11, Mark 8:11-21

Tuesday 8/5

Psalm 78, 2 Samuel 7:18-29
Acts 18:12-28, Mark 8:22-33

Wednesday 8/6

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
2 Samuel 9:1-13
Acts 19:1-10, Mark 8:34-9:1

Thursday 8/7

Psalm 85, 86, 145
2 Samuel 11:1-27
Acts 19:11-20, Mark 9:2-13

Friday 8/8

Psalm 88, 91, 92
2 Samuel 12:1-14
Acts 19:21-41
Mark 9:14-29

Saturday 8/9

Psalm 87, 90, 136
2 Samuel 12:15-31
Acts 20:1-16, Mark 9:30-41

Sunday 8/10

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
2 Samuel 13:1-22
Romans 15:1-13
John 3:22-36

Monday 8/11

Psalm 89, 2 Samuel 13:23-39
Acts 20:17-38, Mark 9:42-50

Tuesday 8/12

Psalm 94, 95, 97, 99
2 Samuel 14:1-20
Acts 21:1-14, Mark 10:1-16

Wednesday 8/13

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
2 Samuel 14:21-33
Acts 21:15-26, Mark 10:17-31

Thursday 8/14

Psalm 105, 2 Samuel 15:1-18
Acts 21:27-36, Mark 10:32-45

Friday 8/15

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
2 Samuel 15:19-37
Acts 21:37-22:16, Mark 10:46-52

Saturday 8/16

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108
2 Samuel 16:1-23
Acts 22:17-29, Mark 11:1-11

Sunday 8/17

Psalm 118, 145
2 Samuel 17:1-23
Galatians 3:6-14, John 5:30-47

Monday 8/18

Psalm 106, 2 Samuel 17:24-18:8
Acts 22:30-23:11, Mark 11:12-26

Tuesday 8/19

Psalm 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125,
126, 2 Samuel 18:9-18
Acts 23:12-24, Mark 11:27-12:12

Wednesday 8/20

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
2 Samuel 18:19-23
Acts 23:23-35, Mark 12:13-27

Thursday 8/21

Psalm 131, 132, 133, 134, 135
2 Samuel 19:1-23
Acts 24:1-23, Mark 12:28-34

Friday 8/22

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
2 Samuel 19:24-43
Acts 24:24-25:12, Mark 12:35-44

Saturday 8/23

Psalm 104, 137, 144
2 Samuel 23:1-17, 13-17
Acts 25:13-27, Mark 13:1-13

Sunday 8/24

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25
Galatians 3:23-4:7, John 8:12-20

Monday 8/25

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 1 Kings 1:5-31
Acts 26:1-23, Mark 13:14-27

Tuesday 8/26

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
1 Kings 1:38-2:4
Acts 26:24-27:8, Mark 13:28-37

Wednesday 8/27

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
1 Kings 3:1-15
Acts 27:9-26, Mark 14:1-11

Thursday 8/28

Psalm 18, 1 Kings 3:16-28
Acts 27:27-44, Mark 14:12-26

Friday 8/29

Psalm 16, 17, 22
1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 7
Acts 28:1-16, Mark 14:27-42

Saturday 8/30

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
1 Kings 7:51-8:21
Acts 28:17-31, Mark 14:43-52

Sunday 8/31

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
1 Kings 8:22-30(31-40)
1 Timothy 4:7b-16
John 8:47-59

Spotlight on Youth



Meet **Jenson Nagy**, daughter of Brad and Slone Whetstone and Aaron Nagy. Jenson will be an 8th grade student at Spencerville Middle School in the fall. Jenson is very active in school, being a member of Student Council, Aspirations Team, and taking wrestling stats. She also participates in volleyball and track. In addition to school activities, Jenson is in a 4-H Club.

Jenson has been attending St. Paul UMC all her life. She will be able to be a part of the next confirmation class. Her siblings are Michael, a college student, Samantha, Addison, and Lena, 2 ½ years old.

Jenson's hobbies are reading, camping, and volleyball, so we can understand why reading and history are her favorite subjects. Her name can

often be found on the Spencerville Middle School honor roll in the Lima News. Way to go Jenson! Jenson says seeing her friends is what she likes most about school and she likes homework the least.

In her spare time she likes to read, camp, and play volleyball. Jenson really doesn't know yet what she would like to be when she grows up. She likes food, friends, camping and volleyball. To be on her good side, invite her to share a meal, be with her friends, go camping or play a game of volleyball. She dislikes doritos, pop, spiders, escalators and when people sing along with her.

Meet **Makayla Bok**, daughter of Travis and Julia Bok and a student at Elida Middle School, where she will be a 6th grader in the fall. While in school, she is on the Quiz Bowl team and is a cheerleader for midget football. Science is her favorite subject because she likes doing all the different experiments. Makayla likes going to school to see all of her friends and because she likes to learn. Not surprising, her name is found on the Elida Middle School honor roll in the Lima News. Good job, Makayla! Her social studies class is her least favorite!

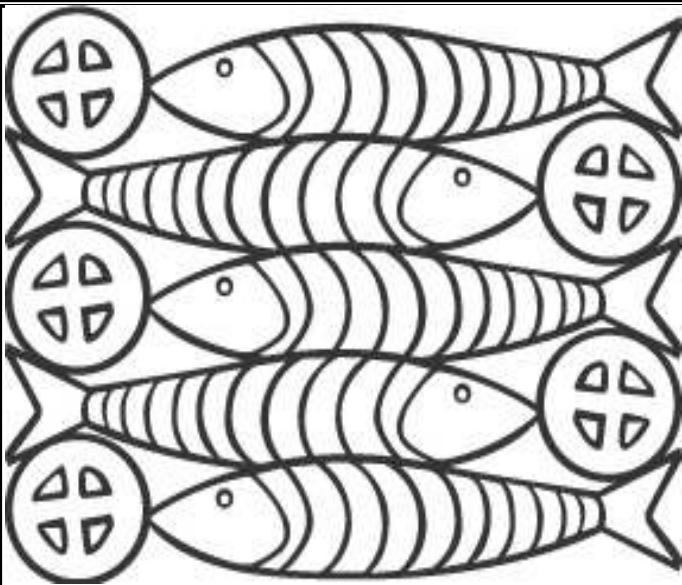
Makayla has been attending St. Paul UMC all of her life. She is one of the acolytes taking turns lighting the altar candles on Sunday morning. She is big sister to Anika, aged 5 years.

Makayla's hobbies include reading and loom bands. When she has spare time she like to play outside and read her books. She likes cheese, going outside, Disney World, reading, loom bands, Taylor Swift music and designing clothes. She dislikes spiders, peas, bullies and weeds. Makayla is trying to decide between becoming a geologist, an archeologist, a paleontologist, a lawyer, or an anesthesiologist. Whatever she chooses, she will do it well.



Watch each month for your favorite youth on this page!

Jesus Feeds



Jesus Feeds, But We Remember

It is amazing how food is a catalyst for our memories. Sometimes when I sit down with my family to eat, my mind wanders back to other family meals of long ago. I remember vividly as a child the time my father asked my brother to pass the bread. My brother picked up a loaf of Wonder Bread and passed it to my dad - like a football. I also remembered what happened to my brother after that memorable stunt!

In a similar way, the church household gathers around the Lord's table and remembers the stories of our faith. We remember with gladness the reasons we are part of this church family called the body of Christ. We read Scripture and use these stories in worship to recall other important stories of faith. For example, the feeding of the 5,000 was so vital to the early church that it is the only miracle story common to all four of the Gospels.

In chapter 14, Matthew writes that when Jesus heard about the death of John the Baptist he withdrew to a deserted place to be alone. Unfortunately, Jesus was so popular with the people that they followed him, giving him little time to address his own grief over the death of John, his cousin and colleague. When Jesus saw the crowd, he had compassion for them and cured their sick. The healings lasted all day.

Near nightfall, the disciples asked Jesus to send the crowds home. The disciples' motive was an alleged concern for the people's hunger.

Jesus, however, instructed the disciples to give them something to eat. With only the meager resources of two fish and five loaves, the disciples seemed flustered. Jesus asked the disciples to bring him the loaves and fish and instructed the crowd to sit on the grass.

Jesus blessed the loaves and fish as he looked toward the heavens. I suppose each time we eat and give thanks over our food we enact this miracle of God's providence. After he broke the loaves, Jesus gave them to the disciples to distribute to the hungry crowd. Despite the disciples' apparent skepticism, Matthew writes that all ate and were filled; and they gathered 12 baskets full of broken pieces.

When we gather around the Lord's table, we hear the story of our faith. One of the great miracles of God is that God could gather us together, as alike or different as we may be, and we would dine together in the name of Jesus. When Jesus presided over the Passover meal with his disciples, he said to them as he says to us, "Do this in remembrance of me."

When we gather together to break the Lord's loaf, we also remember. We remember that God provided manna in the wilderness for the children of Israel. We remember our first Holy Communion, and we remember those intimate moments of communion on Christmas Eve or Maundy Thursday. Perhaps we even remember how God makes Jesus known in the breaking of bread. Whenever the church gathers to eat, the church also gathers to remember. We remember God's providence, and we remember that Jesus abides with us.

Memory is one of the most sacred gifts that God has given his human creatures. Certainly, the feeding of 5,000 is a wonderful thing. However, what may be even more extraordinary is the memories that this story summons for people of faith. It brings to recollection that God's providence is greater than any human need. God can and will feed all people, and after the feeding, there will be baskets left over.

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"Do this in remembrance of me"

Remember When...

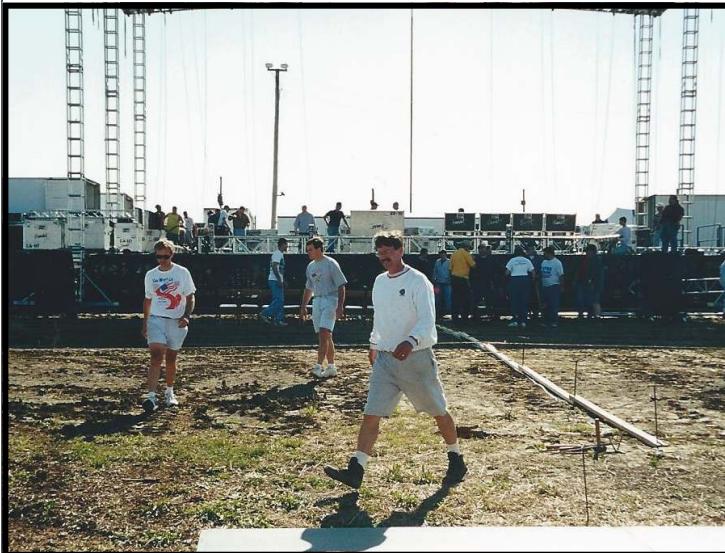


August, 1997
Fair Chairs Set-Up

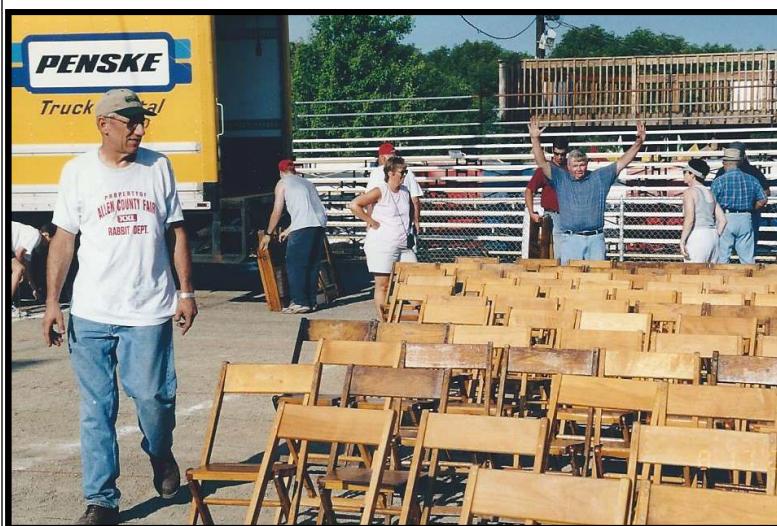
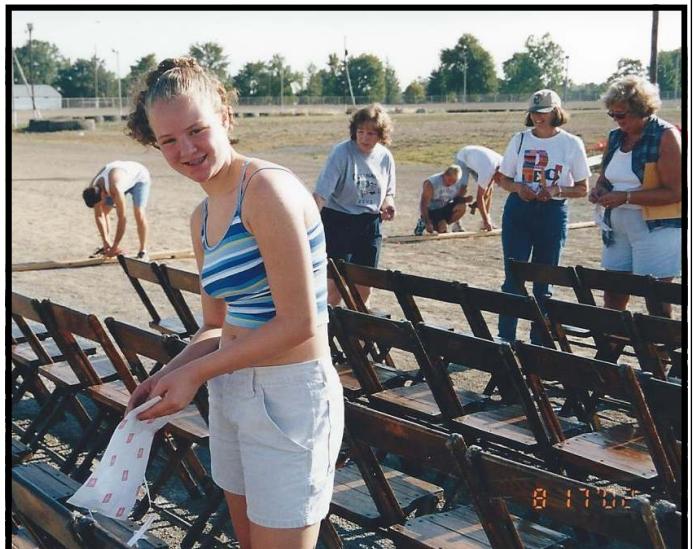
August, 2000
Dan Best, Tim Theodore, Marty White



August, 2002
Jenni Theodore



August, 2002
Celebrating the finished job!



You, too, can have this much fun!

Join us at the Allen County Fair grounds to help with setting-up and taking down the chairs on Saturday, August 23rd!

All Help Welcome!!

Connecting With ...

The sandbox

By Dillon Staas

I strolled along this byway to see what I might learn
when lo, to my surprise a giant sandbox I discerned.
All the tool were furnished and the sand was fine and clean.
I knelt and built a castle there, the grandest ever seen.



It came complete with water with which to fill a moat.
Its drawbridge was perfection; its wall a thing of note.
Its towers so tall and stately, windows dark and bare.
A sad and lovely maiden perchance be hidden there.



Then as I dreamed my daydream and marveled at my work
The daylight turned to darkness, and there out of the murk,
there came a horde of children, who didn't share my dream.
Being of a different age, they shared a different theme.

And so in rack and ruin, my castle lay destroyed,
By those impulsive children, their vilest wiles employed.
Yet somehow 'ere the morning came this scene had been
transformed with wondrous things of beauty had this sand
box been adorned.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Denny Thompson on his win in the Lima City Men's Golf Tournament. Denny defeated Jeff Cary 6 and 4 to win the Senior Open on Sunday, June 29.

Congratulations to Kyle and Kim (Bowsher) Gordon, on the birth of their son, Jonah Avery Gordon, born on Wednesday, July 9, 2014, and weighing 8 pounds and 10 ounces, and 20.5 inches long. Jonah went home to big brother, Oliver. Proud grandparents are Dennis and Shara Bowsher. Chris Bowsher and Dillon and Helen Staas are the very proud great-grandparents.



Remember in Prayer

<u>Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital</u>
Ron Steiner
Jim Hines
<u>Homebound Members</u>
Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd
<u>Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement</u>
Joanna Hurd
Rodney Lee
<u>In the Military</u>
Jason Stanley
Eddie Mault

The People of St. Paul's



Thank you for the beautiful planter you sent when my husband, Jim Doseck, died on June 10. The concern, caring comments, and hugs make this time much easier. I am very blessed to be part of the St. Paul's family.

Ginny Doseck

*Dear St. Paul's family,
Thank you for your many acts
of concern and kindness
during my recent
hospitalizations. The prayers,
flowers, cards, phone calls
are all extremely uplifting.*

*Blessings to all!
Most Sincerely,
Lois Rabley*



Our condolences to Denny and Janna Thompson and family, on the death of Denny's brother, Mark Thompson, who passed away June 27, 2014. Cards of sympathy can be sent to 1050 E. Buckskin Trail, Elida, OH 45807

Thank you to everyone for your kind words and encouragement about the poems I have written. I appreciate your support.

Dillon Staas

Thank you to the Crafty Creatures for the Prayer shawl, it has given me comfort during this time.

*Thank you,
Ruth Burgoon*

St. Paul's Church Family,
On behalf of the family of
Mark Thompson, we thank you
for your kind expressions of
sympathy. The many cards
have reminded us of the
prayers and comfort that our
church family provides.

**The Thompson Family,
Denny and Janna**

Thanks to Alsbrooks Smith, Jr.
for sharing his talent with us on
Sunday, July 20, 2014. The
congregation enjoyed his special
music and offertory very much.



**Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**

Meetings**No PPR**

August 5, 2014

Trustees...7:00 PM

August 6, 2014

Worship...6:00 PM

August 11, 2014

Finance ...7:00 PM

August 11, 2014

Ad Council...7:30 PM

August 19, 2014

Missions...7:00 PM**Sundays****Prayer...9:30 AM****Fellowship...9:30 AM****Worship...10:00 AM****Anniversaries**

Scott & Beth Warris August 1 ***	10
AJ & Tara Strauch August 2 ***	11
Jim & Christie Lewis August 3 ***	12
Ron & Mary Steiner August 3 ***	13
Brandon & Jaime Chambers August 4 ****	14
Steve & Tracy Sdao August 4 ****	15
Jan & Jamie Wyant August 6 ***	16
Scott & Michelle Grapner August 11 ***	17
David & Susan Nartker August 16 ***	18
Jim & Ginny Doseck August 17 ***	19
Tony & Linda Matlock August 18 ***	20
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Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Oatmeal Cake

By Barb Schade

Ingredients		Instructions
Cake:		Cake:
1 1/2 cup	Boiling water	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix the oatmeal and boiling water together. Set aside.
1 cup	Quick oatmeal	Cream the butter, eggs, white and brown sugar together.
1/2 cup (1 stick)	Butter	Add the flour, soda, cinnamon, salt and vanilla.
2	Eggs	Add the oatmeal mixture and mix well.
1 cup	White sugar	Pour the mixture into a greased 9x13 inch baking pan. Bake 35 minutes (check with toothpick at 30 minutes, if toothpick comes out clean, cake is done.)
1 1/2 cup	Flour	Frosting:
1 tsp.	Soda	Melt butter, add milk, brown sugar, vanilla, nuts and coconut.
1 tsp.	Cinnamon	Spread the frosting over the warm cake and broil in oven until lightly browned. (watch carefully, it can get too brown very quickly.)
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1 1/2 tsp.	Vanilla	
Frosting:		
3 Tbl	Milk (or half & half)	
8 Tbl	Butter (melted)	
1 cup	Brown sugar	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
1 cup	Pecan or walnut pieces	
1 cup	Coconut	

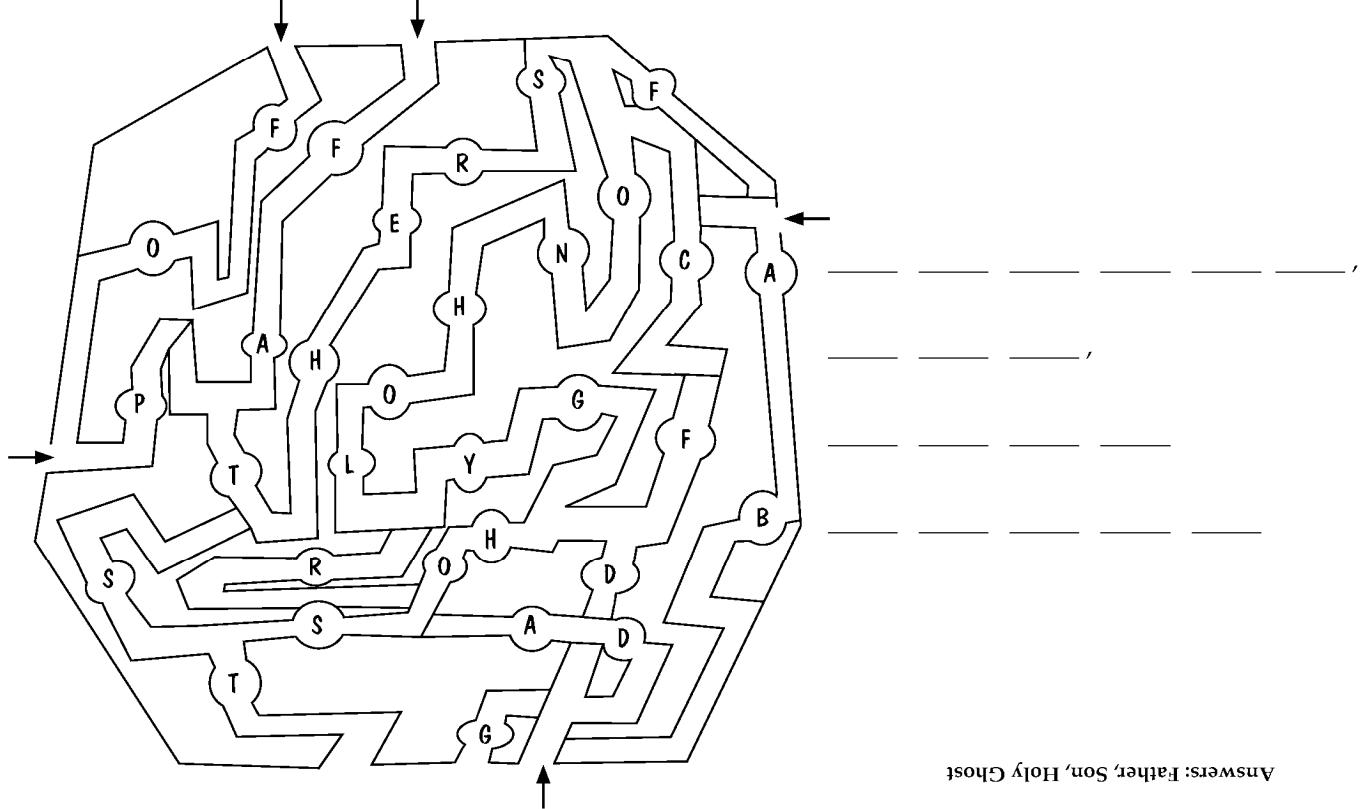


This cake was served at the Koinonia Chicken Barbeque in April.

KIDZ KORNER

A-maze-ing!

This maze is a fun way to discover three names for God. Using one of the arrows as your starting point, find a path that takes you all the way through the maze. Once you've made it through, write the letters from your path in the spaces provided.



Answers: Father, Son, Holy Ghost

Names for God

The Bible uses many different words to describe what God is like. To discover some of these, write in the blank the letter that comes *before* this letter in the alphabet. For example, if "B" is below the blank, write an "A" in the blank.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

D S F B U P S

G B U I F S

Holy Spirit

Wisdom

Savior

Comforter

Son

Friend

Mother

Father

Creator

Answers:

N P U I F S

G S J F O E

T P O

D P N G P S U F S

T B W J P S

X J T E P N

I P M Z

T Q J S J U

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Living Our Faith

Seductive Melodies

For years, I thought I would like to sing in my church's choir. But for a variety of reasons, I didn't. Then we moved. And some of my new friends grabbed me by the arm and said, "We need you. Come join the choir." "Okay," I agreed. "but just for a few special occasions."

That was eight years ago. I'm still in the choir and loving it. But I've discovered something uncomfortable about myself.

I started when the choir graduated from singing folk songs to more complicated music. I have a fairly good ear for a melody. But I have trouble carrying a part when we sing harmony.

During rehearsal, I can learn the bass line just fine. But as soon as the women start singing the melody, it takes over. My voice involuntarily wanders off and chases that pesky melody.

It's hard to be different. A few people, I'm sure, enjoy dancing to a different drummer. But not most of us. Rather than swim against the current, we

usually prefer to go with the flow. After all, who wants to be known for not paying attention to what others are saying or doing? It implies a kind of egotism, a self-centered arrogance.

And yet, just like singing harmony in a choir, sometimes we have to do just that. We have to switch off the pressures of the world around us. Pressures to spend more, buy more, own more, accomplish more. Pressures to worship the almighty dollar, to ignore the poor and powerless, to climb the ladder of success no matter how many finders get stepped on. It's essential for at least a few people to sing an alternate tune.

The apostle Paul understood this, nearly 20 centuries ago. "Do not be conformed to this world," he wrote in his letter to the Romans, "but be transformed..." For someone who has trouble holding a part, it's a tough task. -Jim Taylor

