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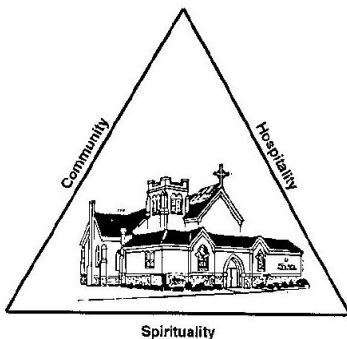
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## From the Pastor

We want you to smile for the camera; it is time for a new church directory. I know I don't like to have my picture taken either, but it is important that we have a directory that is up to date. You will spend a little time here at church on a Monday or Tuesday, and we will have a wonderful picture of our church family. So sign up at church or call the church office during the week and you'll be signed up to have your picture taken. Many things are happening around church in the next few weeks. I want to encourage you to participate in as many of these events as you are able to do.

Dish It Out Café will be the third Tuesday of the month and all retirees are invited to come eat lunch, then take a meal to someone you know who is unable to get out of the house for whatever reason. It is a chance to share yourself with someone in need. Do you know someone who could use a meal delivered to their home? Let us know and we will make sure they receive a meal. It's a great ministry and a good time to fellowship together.

School and Health kits are well under way. This is a mission that reaches both domestic and international people in need. A health kit is made available during a time of disaster as people are displaced from their home, especially when they don't have a chance to take anything with them. It is a chance to offer comfort to those in need at a time of great distress in their lives. School kits help those in need to fill the gap with school supplies, allowing students to have the supplies they need to start the school year or to help them get back to school after a disaster has taken what they need to learn.

Habitat for Humanity in Allen County is building a home here in the village of Elida. Our new neighbors are working every weekend to become our newest neighbors. The Mission Team believes we can raise \$2500 to welcome our new neighbors into the community. We have the thermometer up and are asking you to not only give money but to sign-up on the weekends to help build the home if you are able. Join with me in welcoming the newest members of our neighborhood through your work and monetary gifts.

Finally, National Night Out is again happening on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of August. We are providing the EACC with chips for the night as well as manning a table for the church to be a presence at the National Night Out. I need 4 people to man the table and run a fun game kids can play and spend some time talking to people in the community. But most importantly, I want to invite you to attend the Night Out and meet your friends and neighbors and be part of community in action celebrating our first responders at the fieldhouse from 6-9pm.

I'll see you in the mission field,

*Pastor Paul*

## Thought for the Month:

As a child of God, I am  
greater than anything  
that can happen to me.

—A.P.J. Abdul Kama

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:**

Led by Kathy Waldick.

Thursday evenings

Fellowship time: 6:00 PM.

The study: 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

In the classroom beside the office.

study of 1st and 2nd Corinthians.

Please join us on Thursdays whenever  
you can and enjoy great fellowship,  
laughter and learning.

We will be using a workbook as part  
of this study.

*The Amazing Collection:*

*Paul's Letter To The Churches*

You may purchase it on Amazon for \$13.99.  
(completely optional)

Food Pantry Sunday is  
August 18

Donations are taken to  
the Church at Allentown

**Dish-it-Out Café**

Tuesday, August 20  
12:00 Noon

Wear a T-shirt with a message or  
saying on it, or from a place you  
have been.

All Retirees welcome!

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

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

### Christian Symbol

**GRAPES**

As the fruit used to produce wine or juice for Holy Communion, grapes represent the blood shed by Jesus on the cross. Grapes also symbolize fruitfulness (or lack thereof) in the life of ancient Israel and, by extension, of a Christian. "My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. ... he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes" (Isaiah 5:1-2, NRSV).

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## CHURCH DIRECTORY!

It is that time again to make a new pictorial directory.

**Photography dates are:**

**Monday, Sept. 23 2-8:30 pm**

**Tuesday, Sept. 24 2-8:30 pm.**

To schedule your appointment:

Call the church office at  
419-339-3801 or

There will be a sign-up table in the sanctuary, Sunday mornings before and after the worship service.



## Blessing of the Back Packs Sunday, August 25

To start off the new school year, all students and teachers, bring your back packs to worship service to be blessed.

## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

### SCHOOL KITS

- One pair blunt scissors (**Round Tip**)
- Three **70 count** spiral notebooks (**Wide Ruled**)
  - One ruler (**12" - metric**)
  - One hand-held pencil sharpener
- One large eraser (**no pencil cap erasers**)
  - Six new #2 pencils with erasers (**unsharpened, remove from package**)
    - One box crayons (**24 ct.**)
  - **\$2.00** for Canvas Tote Bag
- **\$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 (@15"x28" to 16"x32", **no micro-fiber**)
    - One washcloth
  - One **wide-tooth** comb (**remove from package**)
  - One finger nail or toe nail clipper (**remove from package**)
  - One bar of soap (**bath size in wrapper**)
  - One adult size toothbrush (**in original package**)
    - **Ten** standard size Band-Aids
  - **\$2.00** for processing and shipping kits
- Seal kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place at the altar.



**Collection Deadline is September 1**



## Brad Joseph Golf Outing

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing was held on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Colonial Golfers Club. Thanks to golfers Dennis Bowsher, Tim Theodore and Larry & Shirley Moser for representing St. Paul's church. Also, thanks to Norm Grigsby, Jamie Wyant, Sue Theodore, Dan Best and Tim Piper for volunteering to help with the outing. It was a great day for golf! There were 15 groups of golfers. Elida St. Paul's was a \$100 hole sponsor and also donated \$83 from our coins-for-communion collection this month to the memorial fund. The proceeds from the outing were \$4,210. The BJ Memorial fund now has \$47,600 in it and is used to send 3-4 people each year on medical mission trips to other countries. Also, \$1,050 will be donated to the St. Paul's camping fund to send children to camps and adults to retreats. Thank you to all of our church members for supporting this mission and honoring Brad, a former member of our church!



### To All Golfers, Hole Sponsors and Volunteers,

We would like to extend a big thank you to all of you who attended or helped in any way with the **Twelfth Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing**. The proceeds from the Outing was **\$4,210**, which brings our Outing total to **\$47,600** as a result of your generosity! We will be contributing **\$3,160 to the Memorial Fund** which is held at the Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation, which will be used to fund future scholarships for Medical Mission Trips. The other **\$1,050 will be donated to the Bradley Joseph Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund**, which is a fund established at the **St Paul's UMC** to support the camping program at the Church. **Thank you again and see you next year on Saturday, July 11, 2020, at the Colonial Golfers Club.**

John Fleming





# Community

## Elida Area Community Center Board

**Invites your Family to join us at  
National Night Out**

**August 6, 2019  
6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**

**Elida Field House Parking lot  
(in Field House if bad weather)**

*National Night Out is observed annually on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August. It is a community police  
Awareness-raising event throughout the United States.  
National Night Out was created to increase awareness about police  
programs in communities.*

**The Elida Area Community Center (EACC)  
decided that our wonderful police and firefighters will be recognized  
along with their programs. This is a chance for the community to  
enjoy time together and find out about other programs that are  
offered in the community.**



### A BENCH FOR CAPS!

Please help Elida Elementary with a recycle project to create new benches (and maybe even a picnic table) to be used at the new elementary school. These items will be made completely with the recycled caps and lids.

All kinds of plastic lids and caps will be collected, such as: snap-on's (butter tubs, coffee can lids, and yogurt lids), twist caps (medicine, drinks, milk, and detergent) spouts and flip tops.

May NOT use any metal lids or pumps with metal springs. No lids over 8 inches in diameter. This project will continue through the next school year! There are containers at the entrance into the sanctuary.

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

June 30, 2019	106
July 7, 2019	77
July 14, 2019	82
July 21, 2019	76
July 28, 2019	86

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
June 30, 2019	\$2,983.00	\$659.15
July 7, 2019	\$3,036.00	\$347.57
July 14, 2019	\$3,990.00	\$468.15
July 21, 2019	\$1,958.00	\$632.71
July 28, 2019	\$2,171.00	\$2,393.74

## Sunday School Attendance

June 30, 2019	8
July 7, 2019	N/A
July 14, 2019	6
July 21, 2019	5
July 28, 2019	N/A

## Greeters

August 4, 2019	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
August 11, 2019	OPEN
August 18, 2019	Lynda Evans & Polly McPheron
August 25, 2019	Margie Best & Jone Lane

*If you are interested in filling an opening for either Greeter, Hospitality Cart hostess, or Altar flowers, please let the office know or sign-up on the sheets on the church bulletin board.*

## Flower Calendar

August 4, 2019	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 11, 2019	Tahler Sdao
August 18, 2019	Dave & Susan Nartker
August 25, 2019	Don & Marry Irvin

## Hospitality Cart

August 4, 2019	Book Club/ Margie Best & Jone Lane
August 11, 2019	OPEN
August 18, 2019	OPEN
August 25, 2019	Choir/ Judy Chaffins

# Daily Bible Readings

## Thursday 8/1

Psalm 131, 132, 134, 135  
1 Samuel 13:5-18  
Acts 8:26-40, Luke 23:13-25

## Friday 8/2

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143  
1 Samuel 13:19-14:15  
Acts 9:1-9, Luke 23:26-31

## Saturday 8/3

Psalm 104, 137, 144  
1 Samuel 14:16-30  
Acts 9:10-19, Luke 23:32-43

## Sunday 8/4

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147  
1 Samuel 14:36-45  
Romans 5:1-11, Matthew 22:1-14

## Monday 8/5

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7  
1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23  
Acts 9:19-31, Luke 23:44-56

## Tuesday 8/6

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11  
1 Samuel 15:24-35  
Acts 9:32-43, Luke 23:56-24:11

## Wednesday 8/7

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Acts 10:1-16, Luke 24:12-35

## Thursday 8/8

Psalm 18, 1 Samuel 16:14-17  
Acts 10:17-33, Luke 24:36-53

## Friday 8/9

Psalm 16, 17, 22  
1 Samuel 17:17-30  
Acts 10:34-48, Mark 1:1-13

## Saturday 8/10

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117  
1 Samuel 17:31-49  
Acts 11:1-18, Mark 1:14-28

## Sunday 8/11

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150  
1 Samuel 17:50-18:4  
Roman 10:4-17  
Matthew 23:29-39

## Monday 8/12

Psalm 9, 15, 25  
1 Samuel 18:15-30  
Acts 11:19-30, Mark 1:29-45

## Tuesday 8/13

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39  
1 Samuel 19:1-18  
Acts 12:1-17, Mark 2:1-12

## Wednesday 8/14

Psalm 38, 119:25-48  
1 Samuel 20:1-23  
Acts 12:18-25, Mark 2:13-22

## Thursday 8/15

Psalm 37, 1 Samuel 20:24-42  
Acts 13:1-12, Mark 2:23-3:6

## Friday 8/16

Psalm 31, 35, 1 Samuel 21:1-15  
Acts 13:13-25, Mark 3:7-19a

## Saturday 8/17

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43  
1 Samuel 22:1-23  
Acts 23:26-43, Mark 3:19b-35

## Sunday 8/18

Psalm 63, 98, 103  
1 Samuel 23:7-18  
Romans 11:33-12:2  
Matthew 25:14-30

## Monday 8/19

Psalm 41, 44, 52  
1 Samuel 24:1-22  
Acts 13:44-52, Mark 4:1-20

## Tuesday 8/20

Psalm 45, 47, 48  
1 Samuel 25:1-22  
Acts 14:1-18, Mark 4:21-34

## Wednesday 8/21

Psalm 53, 119:49-72  
1 Samuel 25:23-44  
Acts 14:19-28, Mark 4:35-41

## Thursday 8/22

Psalm 50, 66, 67  
1 Samuel 28: 3-20  
Acts 15:1-11, Mark 5:1-20

## Friday 8/23

Psalm 40, 51, 54  
1 Samuel 31:1-13  
Acts 15:12-21, Mark 5:21-43

## Saturday 8/24

Psalm 55, 138, 139  
2 Samuel 1:1-16  
Acts 15:22-35, Mark 6:1-13

## Sunday 8/25

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84  
2 Samuel 1:17-27  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 25:31-46

## Monday 8/26

Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65  
2 Samuel 2:1-11  
Acts 15:36-16:5, Mark 6:14-29

## Tuesday 8/27

Psalm 61, 62, 68, 2 Samuel 3:6-21  
Acts 16:6-15, Mark 6:30-46

## Wednesday 8/28

Psalm 72, 119:73-96  
2 Samuel 3:22-39  
Acts 16:16-24, Mark 6:47-56

## Thursday 8/29

Psalm 70, 71, 74, 2 Samuel 4:1-12  
Acts 16:25-40, Mark 7:1-23

## Friday 8/30

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

## Saturday 8/31

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



## Missions

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE BUILD IN ELIDA NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

The lot is prepared and building has begun on the Habitat For Humanity House in Elida. If you would **like to volunteer to work on the house or provide a meal for the workeres**, please go to [www.habitatlima.org](http://www.habitatlima.org). On the very first page you will see a picture of the work in progress and a link to "Get Details" and "Sign Up." Follow the directions to get trained online (mandatory) and to sign up to work on certain Saturdays beginning July 27<sup>th</sup> and ending in late October. If you would **like to donate to this Elida project**, we ask that you make a check out to St. Paul UMC with a note on the memo line of "Elida Habitat House" and put the donation in the collection plate. After all donations from St. Paul's are collected, a check will be sent to Habitat for Humanity- Lima. **St. Paul's hope to raise \$2,500** to donate to this **Elida Habitat House** as well as have some individuals volunteer to help with the work. Any amount you would be able to donate to this project would be **greatly appreciated**. Thank you for your generosity towards helping a family find a home in our Elida Community!



### School and Health Kits Reminder:

Include \$2.00 in your school kit for a tote bag, if you do not have a tote bag.

If you need wide toothed combs for your kits, there are some in the library area with an envelope. \$1.00 for each comb.

Please unwrap all the items in the kits with the exception of the soap and toothbrushes.

The average cost for each kit is \$15. If you are unable to shop for these items yourself, consider donating \$15 plus \$2.00 for shipping per kit and we will do the shopping for you but these donations must be in **by Aug 24** so we can do the shopping. See me or put the money in a separate envelope marked "kits" in the collection tray.

All kits are due by **Sept. 1**.

Thank you. Bev Nesbitt

Sunday, June 2  
Coins for Communion collection  
of \$97.19 went to UMCOR's  
United States Disaster Response.

Sunday, August 4  
Coins for Communion will benefit  
Meals Till' Monday.





## Church History

Senior Day Out on October 15 was "Octoberfest." Gary and Shirley Adams wore German attire, Norm Grigsby wore lederhosen, Maedene Holmes wore a German dress, and Denny and Connie Mault wore Deutschland shirts.

Some of our young people were very active in school sports and other activities. Torie McAdams played on the Elida High School volleyball team and Oliver Fessler played on the Elida High School boys' soccer team. Hayden McKee appeared in the Encore Theater Production of "The Trial of Ebenezer Scrooge" as Mr. Connelly, the bailiff.

Two beautiful Christmas Eve services were held on December 24. Emma and Britany Scannell performed a dance, Linda Holman played the flute, and Martha Vazquez and family lit the Advent candle.

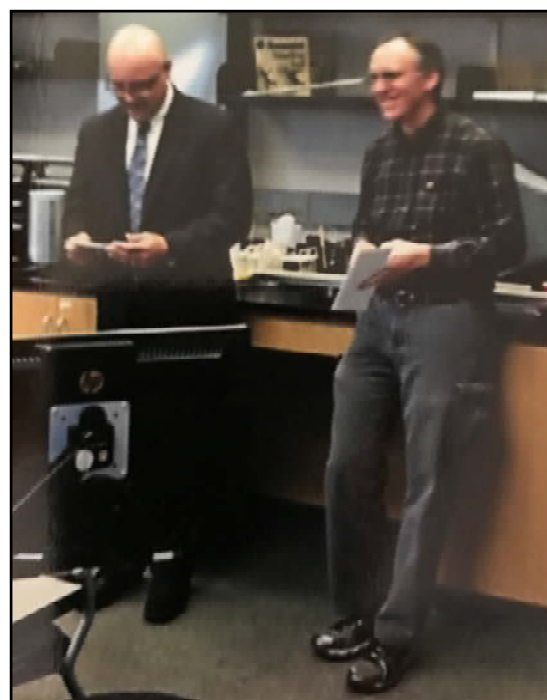
The year 2014 began with a Blessing of Quilts on January 26. These 30 quilts were taken to Lost Creek Care Facility and Springview Manor. To date the Crafty Creatures Quilt Group have delivered 177 quilts to nursing homes in the area.

Seniors Day Out was held on February 18. The theme was sharing quilts. Many different quilts were on display for all the guests to see. The décor was red, pink, and white for Valentine's month.

Dr. Tony Shoup, a physics lecturer at OSU-Lima, received the Provost's Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Lecturer. This award recognizes lecturers, senior lecturers and other auxiliary faculty members who have displayed excellence in teaching. Forty-five were nominated with three selected. Tony is the only one for the regional campuses to win the award this year. He began teaching at OSU-Lima in 2005 and was promoted to senior physics lecturer in 2012. Tony currently serves as the coordinator of the first-year engineering program at the campus. Congratulations, Tony!

Seniors Day Out  
October 15, 2013  
(bottom)

Dr. Tony Shoup receives  
Provost's Award for  
Distinguished Teaching  
2014



## Remember When...

Weldon LaRue,  
storyteller at VBS  
August, 1981



St. Paul's setting up  
fair chairs  
August, 2004



St. Paul and Immanuel  
members set up the  
fair chairs  
August, 2014





## Connecting With ...



Sunday, June 30  
Baptism of Kassidy Leigh Bok,  
daughter of Travis and Julie Bok.



Thank you to Barb Thompson for providing  
special music for the July 28 worship service.  
Barb sang "Tell Me the Story of Jesus".



Thank you to Carl Miller for providing special  
music for the July 14 worship service.  
Carl played a Hymn medley on the organ.



# The People of St. Paul's

*Dear St. Paul's Family,  
Thank you for the beautiful  
flowers!*

*You are all dear to me!*

*Anne Laman*

*I wish to thank the people of  
St. Paul's Church for all of  
the birthday cards which I  
received for my 90th birthday.  
It was quite a surprise and I  
enjoyed reading them.*

*Thanks so much!  
Jean Thomas*

*We want to thank everyone  
for the cards and much  
needed prayers. The wind  
chimes have a special place  
and bring many memories.  
We feel very blessed to be a  
part of this church family.  
It's times like this, one  
understands the true meaning  
of love and friendship.*

*Jack and Cindy Swihart*

# Thank You!

*To Our Church Family at  
Elida St. Paul's UMC,  
Words can not express our  
thankfulness and appreciation  
for everything all of you have  
done for us during this very  
difficult time in our lives.  
Thank you for the windchimes,  
flowers, all the food and  
especially all the prayers. We  
are so fortunate to have all of  
you as our wonderful church  
Family. Dwain was a big part  
of this church for many years.  
I know his spirit will continue  
to be present with us every  
Sunday morning.*

*The Family of Dwain Metzger*

## Remember in Prayer

### Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Dillon Staas  
Martha Vazquez

### Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn  
Glenna Kohli

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

Ray & Phyllis Trigg  
Martha Vazquez

### In the Military

Oliver Fessler  
Nathan Stewart



Our condolences to Myrna Metzger and daughters, Cyndi (Barry) Smith, Shelly (Jeff) Reiff, Vicki (Brent) McAdams and Traci (Todd) Miller on the passing of Dwain Metzger, on July 16. A memorial service was held at St. Paul's on Saturday, July 20. Dwain was a member of St. Paul's for 57 yrs. He served on many committees over the years, as head usher and in other capacities for the church. Cards may reach Myrna at 3794 N. Cable Rd., Elida, OH 45807



**Meetings**

August 5, 2019  
PPR...7:00 PM

August 6, 2019  
Trustees...7:00 PM

August, 7, 2019  
Worship...10:00 AM

August, 12, 2019  
Ad Council..7:00 PM

No Finance

Missions..TBA

Sundays  
Prayer..9:30AM  
Fellowship...9:30 AM  
Worship...10:00 AM

# August 2019

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

**Anniversaries**

Scott & Beth Warris  
August 1  
 AJ & Tara Strauch  
August 2  
 Ron & Mary Steiner  
August 3; 50yrs.  
 Jim & Christie Lewis  
August 3  
 Brandon & Jaime  
Chambers  
August 4  
 Brady & Tiffany  
Emmons  
August 4  
 Steve & Tracy Sdao  
August 4  
 Dennis & Kim Metzger  
August 5;  
 Jamie & Jan Wyant  
August 6; 42 yrs.  
 Scott & Michelle  
Grapner  
August 11  
 David & Susan Nartker  
August 16; 44yrs.

				1 Mary Grigsby Tim White	2	3
4 Joy Fletcher Cody Scannell	5	6 Anne Laman	7	8 Myrna Metzger	9 Sara Crawford Ruth Hardy	10
11 Nancy Kizer Michele Luhn Emma Scannell	12	13	14	15 Ginny Doseck Polly McPherson	16 Bev Nesbitt	17
18 Tracy Sdao	19 Jacquie Bice	20 Austin Lewis Dennis Metzger	21	22	23 Aric Thompson	24 Gail Fessler
25 Ira Slemmons	26	27	28 Julia White	29 Justin Wyant	30 Cole Lewis Esther McKinney	31
						

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## To-Go Baked Oatmeal

*By Deb Hurd*

**Served on the hospitality cart**

Ingredients		Instructions
2 large	Eggs	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Makes 16 muffins.
1/4 cup	Canola oil	
1 cup	Brown sugar (packed)	Line a muffin tin with paper or foil muffin liners. <b>(Do not skip the liners!)</b>
1/2 cup	Applesauce	
1 1/2 cups	Milk, skim	In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, oil, and brown sugar until sugar is dissolved. Add the applesauce, milk, vanilla, salt, and cinnamon. Whisk until well combined. Stir in the oats and baking powder.
2 tsp.	Vanilla extract	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	Fill the muffin tin with 1/4 cup of the oat mixture in each muffin cup. Add your favorite toppings and push the toppings down into the oat mixture with a spoon.
1 Tbl.	Cinnamon, ground	
3 cups	Oats (old fashioned rolled)	Bake for 30 minutes. Let them cool for 5 minutes before eating. Store in an airtight container or freeze in a zip top freezer bag.
2 tsp.	Baking powder	
		Optional: Choose your favorite toppings such as chocolate chips, blueberries, dried cranberries, nuts, etc.



# WAKE-UP WORDS

For God so  
loved the world  
that he gave  
his one and only

- Paint and paint brushes
- Stickers
- An empty, clean tin can
- Permanent marker
- Bible
- Wooden craft sticks

1. Paint and decorate the outside of the can.
2. With marker, write a Bible verse on several sticks (only two or three words per stick).
3. Put the sticks in the can, and set it in a spot you'll see daily. As you eat or brush your teeth, practice unscrambling the verse and placing sticks in the correct order.
4. When you've memorized the verse, repeat with a new one.



Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

## Brush these daily

## Do this to your shoes

This rises in the east

## Cold breakfast food

## Hot breakfast food

## Talk to God

## Morning meal

## Extend your limbs

## Fruit drink

## Waffle machine

Eat these scrambled or fried



Because of the LORD's great love... ☐ ☐ ☐

☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ never fail. They are  
new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs, his compassions

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**Elida St. Paul's Church**

**Twitter Account**  
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## Living Our Faith

### A Day Away In A Quiet Place

Maya Angelou said, "Each person deserves a day away in which no problems are confronted, no solutions searched for. Each of us needs to withdraw from the cares which will not withdraw from us." Similarly, when Jesus' disciples were consumed with ministry, he urged them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV).

The late days of summer might be just the time to seek "a day away" not only from problems but even from ministry. While serving God and others can be energizing, we must balance work with rest. God set that example, resting after creating the world; Jesus set that example, calling his disciples away — not just alone, but *with him* — to be refreshed.

Spend a relaxing day at a lake. Go on a scrapbooking retreat or a leisurely hike with a friend. Find a monastery that welcomes guests, and experience 48 hours of prayer and silence there. Invite Jesus into that time and space. And remember another message he shared: "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28, NIV).