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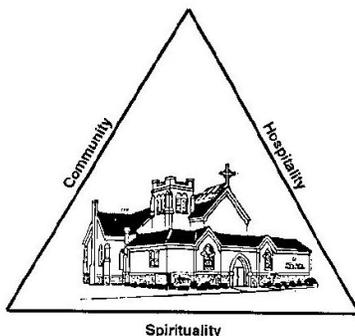
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Dear Friends,

By now most of you have received and read the letter that I sent out letting you know that there will be a change in pastors here at St. Paul's. Let me reassure you that the change will not be until the end of June this year, as far as I or the PPRC know at this time. In the mean time, we have some things we want to do.

This year, we are moving forward with the two Initiatives that came out of our ReFocusing journey:

First, Linda Holman, with the help of the Nurture Committee and some others who are interested, are providing a monthly Seniors Day Out, which is growing each month. As this Initiative grows, the hope is that people from the community will be invited in to share in table fellowship and activities. As this ministry grows, more people will be needed to help prepare and order it. Let Linda know if you are interested in making a difference in the lives of the senior citizens of St. Paul's and Elida.

The second of the Initiatives, the Elida Area Community Center, is moving forward as the 501c-3 non-profit status has been filed. With that filing, the Board of Advisors will be able to receive donations so that the building that once housed the IGA store on Sunnydale Street can be purchased and renovated for youth and seniors, as well as programs for families. If you have questions or would like to help with this initiative, please let me, Dan Best, or Art Holman know. Donations are still needed, and help will be needed in the (hopefully) near future to begin renovation of the building.

Besides the Initiatives, there are mission activities planned, small groups that are reaching out, with more being planned, and worship continues to be exciting and Spirit filled. St. Paul's does not stand looking up when change happens. We continue to be in ministry.

In the next five months that we have together, my prayer is that we will continue to be Christ's presence in Elida and our greater community, and that you will be excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for St. Paul's UMC.

See you in church,
Peace to all,
Pastor Ruth Solo



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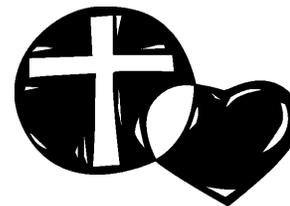
Thought for the Month:

You can give without
loving. But you cannot
love without giving.

— Amy Carmichael

**The Missions Committee has designated
2012 'Coins for Communion'**

- January** – Hope Visitation & Exchange Center.
- February** – Heartbeat of Lima.
- March** – Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.
- April** – 5 Loaves Food Pantry c/o Allentown U.M.C.
- May** – U.M.C.H., (United Methodist Children's Home)
- June** – Lima Allen County Chapter American Cancer Society, Relay for Life.
- July** – Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing, c/o The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation.
- August** – Meals 'til Monday.
- September** – Samaritan House.
- October** – Family Promise.
- November** – Lima Rescue Mission.
- December** – Lima Salvation Army, Lima Citadel Corps.



Praying Together

"Home is where the heart is," we've often heard recited. So we gather at this table to keep our hearts united. With thanks we bow our heads and offer up our praise for love that guides our steps and blesses all our days.

- Mary Fairchild, adapted

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Learning Opportunities for Our Youth

Starting in February, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, Middle and High School students are invited to participate in Sunday School with Jan Wyant. The class will begin with a study on angels and will meet following the choir anthem during the worship service in the room adjoining the church office.

Two year olds through elementary-aged children are invited to join Shirley Moser and Linda Matlock every Sunday for a one-room school house approach to learning.



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The **Crafty Creatures**, St. Paul's small group of quilters, knitters, and crocheters, recently delivered 17 lap quilts to Lima Manor and Lima Convalescent Nursing Homes. Last fall they also delivered lap quilts to Van Crest Nursing Home and Sara Jane Living Center in Delphos, and Baton Rouge Nursing Home in Lima. These crafty ladies keep their hands busy creating hats, scarves, gloves, quilts and prayer shawls for the people of our community.



Hazel Dunn, a resident of Lima Manor and member of St. Paul's UMC, receives a lap quilt from Margie Best and Jone Lane, members of the Crafty Creatures. Picture taken by Shirley Moser.

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



Presidents' Day
February 20, 2012

Three names were omitted from the Personnel Report in the January newsletter. **Don Irvin** is part of the Nominations Committee and **Norm Grigsby** and **Jamie Wyant** are on the Missions Committee. We regret this omission.



Valentine's Day
February 14, 2012



Ash Wednesday Service
February 22, 2012
7:00 PM.

Ash Wednesday is a time to think about how we could do a better job of following in God's way. It is a day to say "sorry" to God for things we regret and name things we want to change.

Stewardship

2011 STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE END OF YEAR REPORT

January 9, 2012

The Stewardship Committee at St. Paul United Methodist church had a busy year in 2011. We asked the congregation to participate in a Spiritual Gifts Survey in February. In October the committee initiated a new financial awareness program for Consecration Sunday. Throughout the whole year we tracked membership and reached out to those in our congregation that were not attending church for various reasons.

Spiritual Gifts Sunday – February 27th:

February 27, 2011, was "Spiritual Gifts Sunday". Pastor Ruth Solo delivered a message, which was outlined on a PowerPoint presentation about how each of us has been blessed with Spiritual Gifts. She explained that we just need to tune into which Spiritual Gifts we each possess and ask God how to use those Spiritual Gifts. Spiritual Gift Cards were passed out to the congregation, who was asked to fill in the question, "I will use my Spiritual Gifts of ___?___ to serve my church in ___?_" and to fill in the blanks for the three separate Spiritual Gifts that we each possess. The information from these cards will help church leaders figure out how best to fill out our committees and to help people realize how they best may serve God by serving our church.

Consecration Sunday – October 30th, "Enough – Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity"

In October the Stewardship Committee presented a Consecration Sunday Program entitled, "*Enough – Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity.*" **Pastor Ruth** delivered successive messages over several Sundays based on the DVD series by Adam Hamilton of the same name. Pastor Ruth also taught on Sundays a group study session based upon the Hamilton series, which was open to anyone in the congregation wishing to learn more about how to manage their finances more wisely and for God's glory. **Lavonne Segovia** and **Bill McKinney** gave talks on successive Sundays about how God has led them to be wise in their financial decisions. The consecration program culminated with a Consecration Sunday in which everyone in the congregation was asked to make a financial pledge for the 2012 year to support the ministries and missions of St. Paul United Methodist Church. There were 48 pledges totaling \$ 132,708.00 for the 2012 Unified Budget.

Outreach to Our Parishioners:

Lavonne and Rudy Segovia collected attendance sheets each Sunday in 2011 from the red pew pads. Then Lavonne filled in her tracking spreadsheet to keep track of those parishioners in our congregation and identify those that missed 3 or more successive Sundays. When those persons were identified, **Tim and Corinne Piper** sent a copy of the bulletin each Sunday along with a "We Missed You" card to let our parishioners know that we care about them and asking them if they needed our assistance. **Pastor Ruth** did follow-up visits or phone calls to the individuals to determine if they needed prayers or encouragement for various reasons.

Submitted by

Tim Piper, Stewardship Chairperson



DID YOU KNOW....

Did you know that the Stewardship Committee of St. Paul's Church is now defunct? As part of the restructuring of our church leadership structure the Stewardship Committee was eliminated and other committees in the church will pick up its functions. Thank you to everyone who has served as a member of the Stewardship Committee and those that helped the committee during Consecration Sunday programs, the Spiritual Gifts survey and helped keep track of our parishioners. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Tim Piper

The Business of Church

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS COLLECTED FOR DECEMBER

Food collections for December remained strong. We collected 5 bags of flour, 3 bags of sugar, 4 boxes of cereal; 1 box of oatmeal; 5 boxes of packets of instant oatmeal, 21 cans of vegetables, 5 cans of soup: 4 cans of fruit, 3 cans of Spaghettios, 1 can of canned turkey, 2 cans of tuna, 1 can of Manwich, 4 boxes of macaroni & cheese, 1 bottle of syrup, 1 bottle of honey, 1 can of coffee, 3 bottles of Dawn dish detergent, 1 can of deoderant, 3 bottles of hair care products, 2 bottles of lotion, 1 dental kit, 1 box of crackers, 1 jar of applesauce, 52 packages of Kool-aid, 30 Kudos snack bars and 1 box of Poptarts.

Thank you for continuing to provide much needed food for the people that are served by the Five Leaves Food Pantry at Allentown. Praise God for your giving.

What we give the poor,
we lend to the Lord.

– Sojourner Truth



2011 HAT/GLOVE/SCARF CHRISTMAS TREE MISSION EFFORT

Many thanks to the **Crafty Creatures** for their knitting work and donations toward our 2011 hat/glove/scarf Mission Christmas Tree. This St. Paul's small group knitted 25 scarves, one blanket, and eight hats.

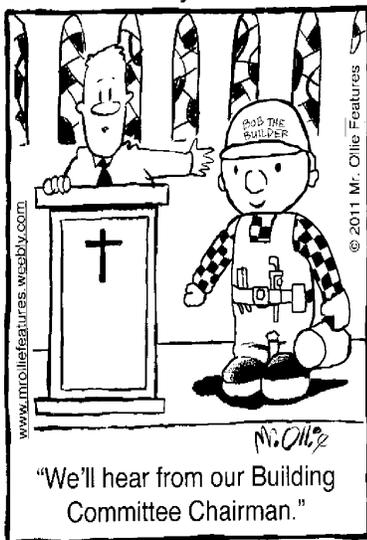
In addition to the Crafty Creatures' knitted donations, our congregation donated three scarves, eight hats, four pairs of gloves, 13 hat/glove sets, 4 hat/glove/scarf sets, and one pair of ear muffs.

The Mission Committee distributed these donations of winter wear to **Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, The Samaritan House, and the Elida Elementary School** – all of Allen County.

Thanks to all for these donations and to **Myrna Metzger** and her helpers for assembling our annual Mission Christmas Tree (and to **Judy Chaffins** for standing the fallen tree upright and repopulating the tree with fallen merchandise.) If you have a used Christmas tree in reasonable condition, St. Paul's would love to have it as our present tree has been sent to that great tree farm in the sky.



Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs

PPR Chair	Dwain Metzger
Trustees Chair	Ron Steiner
Finance Chair	Marty White
Treasurer	Jenessa Fletcher
Education Chair	Jan Wyant
Administrative Council Chair	Scott Fessler
Worship	Ruth Solo
Nurture	Linda Holman
Missions	Tim Piper

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

January 1, 2012	63
January 8, 2012	112
January 15, 2012	88
January 22, 2012	86

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00

Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:	
January 1, 2012	\$2,439.00	\$2,681.11
January 8, 20112	\$3,006.66	\$328.00
January 15, 2012	\$3,760.36	\$206.00
January 22, 2012	\$1,670.00	\$558.88



Greeters

February 5, 2012	Bill & Esther McKinney
February 12, 2012	Jerry & Becky Bean
February 19, 2012	Bill & Joyce Nichols
February 22, 2012 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Mary LaRue & Fran Hall
February 26, 2012	Gary & Janet Grigg

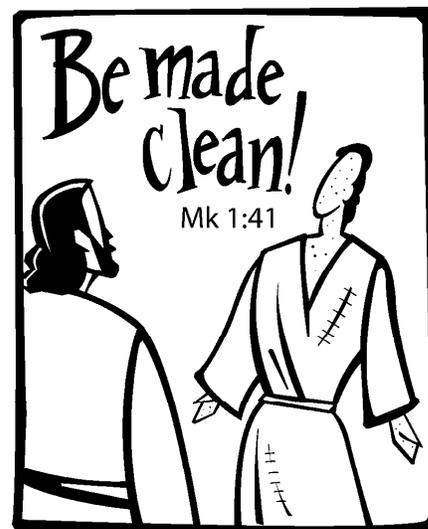
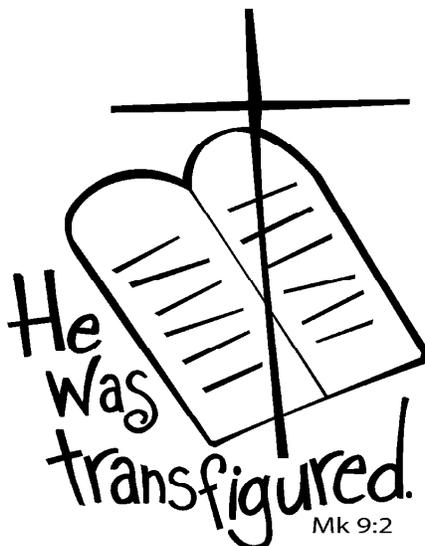
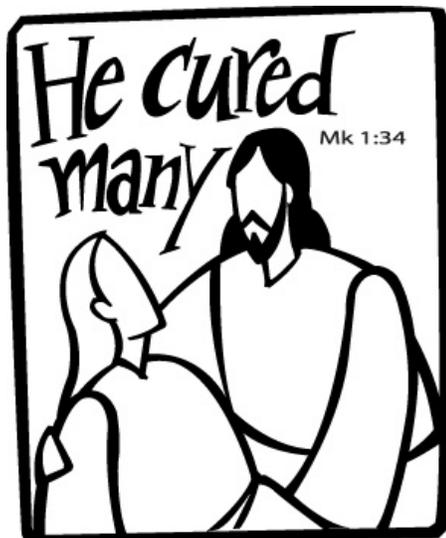
Flowers:

February 5, 2012	Jerry Crates
February 12, 2012	Jamie & Jan Wyant
February 19, 2012	Ruth Hardy
February 26, 2012	Scott & Gail Fessler



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Consulting the Manual



**Bible Readings for
Revised Common Lectionary
Year B**

Week of February 5

Color: Green
Old Testament:
 Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
New Testament:
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39

Week of February 12

Color Green
Old Testament:
 2 Kings 5:1-14
 Psalm 30
New Testament:
 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
 Mark 1:40-45



**Week of February 19
Transfiguration Sunday**

Color: White
Old Testament:
 2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
New Testament:
 2 Corinthians 4:2-9
 Mark 9:2-9

**Week of February 26
First Sunday in Lent**

Color: Purple
Old Testament:
 Genesis 9:8-17
 Psalm 25:1-10
New Testament:
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:9-15

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

Missions

ST. PAUL'S MISSIONS ACTIVITIES AND COMMITTEE WORK YEAR-END 2011

Mission work is one of the leading means for a congregation to connect with and minister to their neighbors, their community, and, ultimately – the world. Mission is also an effective means for attracting new members and for re-energizing existing members. The St. Paul's Missions Committee holds as its Mission Statement:

'We are called to be of service to others in the name of Christ Jesus and, therefore, we shall offer our time, talent, and offerings as our commitment to mission at St. Paul's Church'

St. Paul's 2011 Mission Committee work was different than in years prior: (i) ReFocus initiatives took effect and re-shaped Committee priorities; (ii) changes in the administration and operations at the Worthington-Ohio based United Methodist Children's Home cancelled our traditional summer work week. Regardless, there was much spirited missions activity throughout the year involving both familiar and new mission efforts. Thanks to Committee members **Dennis & Shara Bowsher, Virginia Hollar, Tim Piper, Greg Schade, Pastor Ruth Solo, Slone Whetstone,** and **Jamie Wyant,** for their time and contributions toward St. Paul's mission work during 2011. **Co-Chairs Marty White and Maedene Holmes** turn over Committee leadership to **Tim Piper** in 2012. Thus far, **Tim's** Committee is a bit thin going forward so if mission work is a passion or curiosity for you, contact **Tim or Pastor Ruth** for ways in which you can assist the St. Paul's Missions Committee.

St. Paul's congregation and Missions Committee efforts during 2011:

Led by **Tim Piper,** St. Paul's hosted the February and September meetings of the Lima Area Methodist Men's group (L.A.M.M.);

Tim and Corinne Piper also continue to lead St. Paul's contributions to and assistance with Family Promise at Immanuel U.M.C. and with our congregation's monthly donations to the Allentown U.M.C.'s 5 Loaves Food Pantry;

Slone Whetstone is the St. Paul's liaison to the Elida-based Meals 'til Monday mission. She arranged for the organization's directors to give a brief presentation during a March service;

Jamie Wyant continues to lead St. Paul's congregation in the construction of residential handicap ramps as part of its 'Ramps 'n Roofs' mission. On occasion, St. Paul's also provides the financing for a particular ramp. During 2011, St. Paul's constructed three Lima-area ramps and one very large ramp right across the street from our church;

St. Paul's continues to serve the needy at the Central Ave., Lima Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen every fifth Friday of the month or approximately 4-5 times per year. **Bill McKinney, Carole & Denny Grapner (twice), Larry & Shirley Moser (twice), Don & Mary Irvin, Kathy & Marty White** represented St. Paul's during the four 2011 dates;

Maedene Holmes, Ruth Hardy, Pastor Ruth and Rich Solo organized 34 school kits and 12 health kits donated by our congregation as part of this annual October mission effort for our District's Festival of Sharing;

Small group **Crafty Creatures** continues to bless our congregation and our community with their work of prayer shawls, blankets, and quilts. They also made significant contributions to our annual Mission Christmas Tree of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves;

Our annual Missions Christmas Tree of children's hats, gloves, scarves, and mittens saw 66 items for distribution to **The Samaritan House, Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen,** and **Elida Elementary School;**



Missions

During the week of July 11, St. Paul's provided substantial human and financial resources to a Harrison St., Lima residential refurbishment project as coordinated by Restoration Temple, S. Scott St., Lima. **Jamie Wyant and Tim Piper**, along with many of the same community volunteers who assisted the past several years at the UMCH Worthington summer project, were co-organizers and site directors for a very ambitious project that included three new sections of roof, two new porch roofs, a new porch deck, new rain gutters and down spouts, paint and landscape work. This project was featured August 13 in *The Lima News*, **Jamie Wyant** being an interviewee;

To replenish our District's Flood Bucket inventory, **Jamie Wyant, Maedene Holmes, and Pastor Ruth** developed and coordinated St. Paul's donations for five flood buckets with spare inventory items for delivery to the District office by **Pastor Ruth** in August;

St. Paul's donated close to \$250 to the annual *Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing* in July. **Larry & Shirley Moser, Gene Craft, and Don Chaffins** formed the St. Paul's foursome. **Dan Best, Tim Piper, and Norm Grigsby** assisted with tournament-day administrative duties. Brad's Uncle **John Fleming** addressed our congregation on June 5;

Jamie Wyant and Tim Piper led a 12-person St. Paul's contingency to a three-day "summer mission project" in September to the U.M.C.-Conference Camp Wesley near Bellefontaine. St. Paul's was the primary force in making substantial repairs to an administration building followed-up with an **Art Holman** paint job;

Mission Sunday, Sept. 25 involved **Marty's** annual Committee report; **Pastor Ruth's** sermon 'Hope for All People'; a Meals 'til Monday presentation by **Slone Whetstone**; the St. Paul's summer Harrison St./ramps/Camp Wesley projects summarized and presented by **Tim Piper**; and the ReFocus Initiatives presented by **Pastor Ruth**;

We now have a Missions Committee bulletin board hanging in the education wing hallway outside the Pastor's office;

Easter offering of \$706 was divided between the District's Miracle Offering and Lima-based ACTS 434 mission; Christmas offering of \$1,585.04 divided between the proposed Elida Community Center and the Allentown-Elida-Gomer Ministerial Association;

2011 Coins for Communion: Hope Visitation Center, \$89.26; Heartbeat of Lima, \$49.08; Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, \$59.77; 5 Loaves Food Pantry, \$77.96; United Methodist Children's Home, \$107.63; Relay for Life, \$99.70; Brad Joseph Memorial, \$139.38; Meals 'til Monday, \$51.31; The Samaritan House, \$54.75; Family Promise, \$34.81; Lima Rescue Mission, \$77.84; The Salvation Army, \$55.85;

Conference 'Special' Sundays: One Great Hour of Sharing, \$156.00; World Communion Sunday, \$88.00; U.M. Student Sunday, \$87.00; Human Relations Day, \$73.00; Peace with Justice Day, \$36.00; Native American Awareness, \$40.00;

Pacific Emergency, \$540.00; Sunday School's Heifer International initiative, \$143.05; Ash Wednesday collection of \$37 split between St. Paul's Special Needs Fund and the Allentown-Elida-Gomer Ministerial Association; NW Plains Dist. Volunteers in Mission Camp Sierra Linda Mexico Mission, \$220; United Methodist Children's Home \$5-on-the-5th campaign, four Sundays, \$352.00;

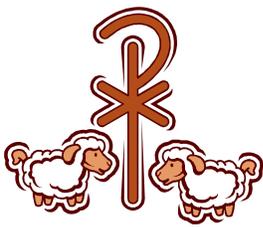
General Missions Fund, \$720.74; Missions – Harrison St. Project, \$1,712.07; Missions – Camp Wesley, \$841.44; Missions – Ramps, \$1,098.30;

.....and there's more work to be done!

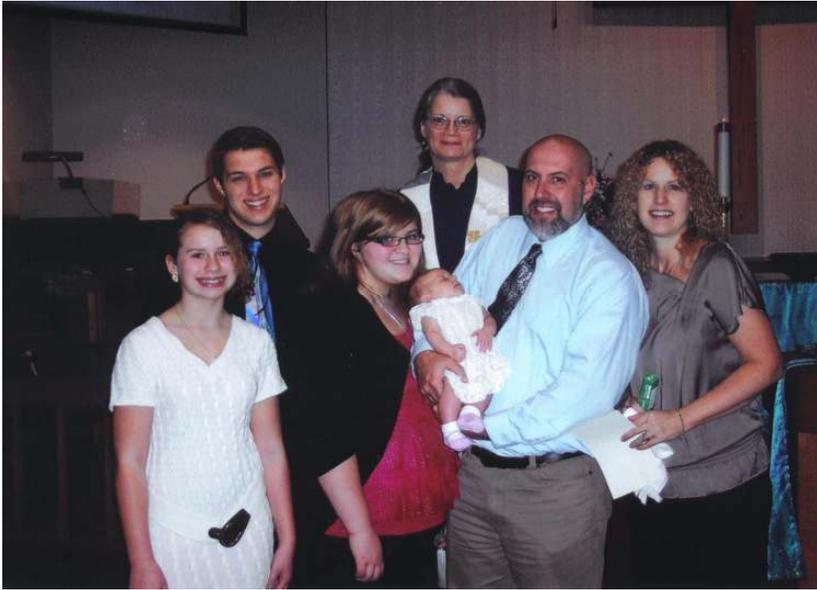
THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR THEIR SPIRIT OF MISSION – WHETHER FINANCIAL GIVING OR BEING THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST – IN OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD!

Marty White, Co-Chair, 2011

Cantata Practice, 2011



Connecting With ...



Lena Mae Whetstone, daughter of Brad and Slone Whetstone, was baptized January 8th during the morning worship service. Included in the above picture are Mike and Samantha Whetstone, Jenson Nagy, and Pastor Ruth.



Sherilyn Irene Ellinger, daughter of Mike and Becky Ellinger, was baptized January 8th during the morning worship service. Also pictured above is Adrianna Ellinger and Pastor Ruth.



Remember in Prayer



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Homebound Members

- Hazel Dunn
- Edna Osman
- Jean Redd
- Gladys Sherrick

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

- Joanna Hurd
- Rodney Lee
- Rick Scholfield
- Ivan Vazquez

In the Military & Missions

- Lesley Parker
- Jason Stanley



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The People of St. Paul's

I want to express my sincere appreciation for thoughts, prayers, and flowers from members of St. Paul's. Your concerns were very important.

I also want to thank Pastor Ruth, her visits and prayers. They were very warm and personal. Again, thanks all of you.

Dorothy Banks



Dear Friends,
I wanted to take a moment to say thank you for your gift in support of our ministry to the homeless and needy, and to welcome you to our family of supporters! I appreciate your generosity!

**Chuck Ferguson ~
Executive Director of the
Lima Rescue Mission**

SENIORS DAY OUT

If you are a retired person or a senior citizen and you have not been attending our Seniors Day Out, you are really missing OUT!!! Yes... missing out on good homemade food, lots of laughter, and great entertainment with a bit of reminiscing thrown in! Every month since October the seniors of St. Paul's have been getting together in the Fellowship Hall. Almost 30 seniors enjoyed the last "snowy" event, complete with snowflakes, snowballs, and snow stories from those who experienced the blizzards of '50 and '78. Each month has a different emphasis with next month bringing a "magical" experience to those in attendance.

*Many thanks go to **Margie Best, Gloria Brunk, Linda Craft, Nancy Gesler, Linda Holman, and Corinne Piper** who continue to decorate the tables, prepare and serve the food, and clean up each month. If you would like to show your appreciation or support to this out reach for our seniors, you may place a donation in an envelope and write "Seniors' Day Out" on the envelope.*

*Plans are being made for the next Seniors Day Out at 1:00 PM, Tuesday, **February 14**, Valentine's Day. What a better way to spend this day of "Love" than being with your St. Paul's family. Please come and invite a friend.*

At the encouragement of a couple of Linda's, I attended the last Seniors Day Out.

I sat at a table with people I have gotten to know fairly well and from that standpoint was comfortable. The lunch consisted of a soup, sandwich, cake and drink preference. It was good, as well as adequate. Snow stories told by various members of the group brought both laughter or groans and all were interesting.

You can have a nice lunch, good company, and some form of entertainment provided by members of the group. I will go again.

Jo Hurd

Meetings

February 1, 2012
Worship Team...6 PM

February 6, 2012
No PPR Meeting

February 7, 2012
Trustees...7:00 PM

February 13, 2012
Finance...7:00 PM

February 21, 2012
Missions...7:00 PM

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

Wednesdays
Chancel Choir...7:00 PM

FEBRUARY

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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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Anniversaries

Jerry & Becky Bean
 February 14
 52 years

Gary & Janet Grigg
 February 18
 45 years

Jim & Phyllis Hines
 February 23
 54 years

Gene & Linda Craft
 February 25
 44 years

Larry & Shirley Moser
 February 28
 41 years

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Buttery Corn Bread

by Jean May

Ingredients		Instructions
2/3 cup	Butter or margarine, softened	Preheat oven to 400 degrees In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Combine the eggs and milk. Combine flour, cornmeal, baking powder and salt. Add to creamed mixture alternately with egg mixture. Pour into greased 13x9x2 inch baking pan. Bake 22-27 min. or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cut into squares; serve warm. This is melt-in-your-mouth cornbread!
1 cup	Sugar	
3	Eggs	
1 2/3 cups	Milk	
2 1/3 cups	All purpose flour	
1 cup	Cornmeal	
4 1/2 tsp.	Baking powder	
1 tsp.	Salt	



Blueberry Coffee cake

by Kathy White

Ingredients		Instructions
1/2 cup	Vegetable oil	Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix together oil, eggs, and sugar. Add flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Fold in blueberries (not quite 2 pints). Grease and flour 9x13 baking pan. Pour batter in to pan. Use a pastry blender to make crumb mixture with remaining ingredients. Sprinkle on cake mixture. Bake approximately 1 hour. I usually have to bake it 10-15 min. longer for the center to get done.
2	Eggs	
1 1/2 cups	Sugar	
4 cups	Flour	
4 tsp.	Baking powder	
1 tsp.	Salt	
1 cup	Milk	
4 cups	Blueberries	
2/3 cup	Sugar (I use 1/3 white and 1/3 brown)	
2/3 cup	Flour	
1 tsp.	Cinnamon	
4Tbl.	Butter	



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Living Our Faith

Practicing Lent

Lent is a season of the church year when we think about the things that Jesus did while he lived on the earth and what it means to be God's followers. For some people, Lent is also a time to pay attention to ways they can share with others, focus on prayer, and look at ways they can show self-control. These are called the disciplines or practices of Lent. Sometimes those words can have negative

associations—for example, disciple is something you receive when you do something wrong. But did you ever think about how the word discipline is like the word disciple? As with anything we want to do well, practice is important. We practice sports, music, games, homework - all sorts of things! We can also learn about being God's followers by practicing the disciplines of Lent: sharing, prayer, and self-control.

Read about these Lenten practices in Matthew 6 and try some of them in the coming weeks before Easter.

