

# St. Paul's Epistle

An Inviting Community of Christ's Disciples

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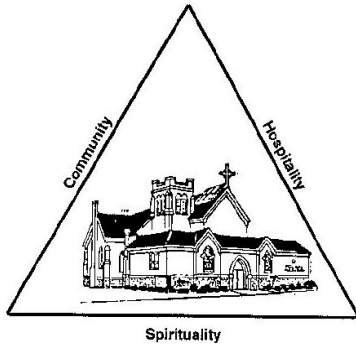
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July 1<sup>st</sup> 2012, was the first Sunday I preached at Elida St. Paul's UMC, 14 years of being in ministry together. I went back and looked at the original newsletter article I wrote to you in June of 2012. I talked about how everyone needs to figure out what God is calling them to do. I think this still holds true today. I started our time together with a six-week series about "People from the Bible", and how they followed God's call in their lives. My first thought was maybe I need to rerun the series to help us remember the goal, but instead, I think I will work up a series, for the fall, where we explore "Calls to Ministry". Sometimes God makes a sermon series quick and easy to put together. In 10 minutes while writing this article, I can tell you, starting September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will begin a 6-week series that will include 6 people from the Bible. In no particular order: Moses, Gideon, Jeremiah, the Centurian, the Hemorrhaging Woman, and the Woman at the Well. Sometimes, it is good to look back and see where it is we still need a little bit more work.

I am very thankful for the 14 years we have been in ministry together. You have far exceeded my expectations in ministry, caring for your pastor and his family, and welcoming strangers, into God's Church. I also look forward to whatever God has in store for us as God's church, here in Elida, for as long as God blesses me with the opportunity to serve, here at St. Paul's UMC. In other words, let's get busy continuing to be the best church we can be for God.

Please be aware of these dates: July 12-CPR class; July 19 & August 16-VBS Sunday School; July 24-Family Promise Meal; August 4-National Night Out; August 21-29-Fair Courtesy Cart; and September 5-Lifewise 5K. If you can't help with a couple of these events, that's okay, just be a witness wherever you are this Summer.

We will spend some time in July looking at "Friendships", "Resurrection Stories", and you will have a guest speaker. We will end July by starting the "Sermon on the Mount" Series, where we will look at the 'Words of Jesus' to the people of his day. I hope you will join me, in person for worship when you can, and online when you can't, as we continue to find our way together, into God's call for our lives. Until I see you next, I will continue to look for you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Paul*



## Thought for the Month:

Belief is truth held in the mind;  
faith is a fire in the heart.

—Joseph Fort Newton

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July 5  
 'Coins for Communion'  
 to benefit the Crossroads Crisis Center

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
**July 14**  
 Items needed are:  
 Drink mixes and shelf-stable milk  
 or dry milk  
**Five Loaves Food Pantry**  
 at The Church at Allentown

**CPR/AED Training**  
**July 12, 2:00 PM**  
**in the Fellowship Hall**  
 Anyone interested in becoming CPR/AED  
 Certified or need to recertify,  
 please contact the office.  
 Officeesp@gmail.com  
 419-339-3801

**BOOK Club**  
**Saturday, July 18**  
**at 10:00 AM**  
 The book for discussion is  
 "Change of Heart"  
 By Jodi Picoult  
 All Are Welcome!

*Upcoming Events for St. Paul's*



**Deadline: the 22nd**  
 of each month

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**FREEDOM**

Each one of us is born most free  
 And we alone can choose  
 To do what God would have us do,  
 To use what God would use.

Or, we are also free to seek  
 The proud and selfish way —  
 A life where other gods come first  
 To reign and hold full sway.

But when we follow where Christ leads,  
 We find that freedom's place  
 Is really in God's Will for us,  
 And we have chosen GRACE!

—Peggy Ferrell,  
*Prayers and Poem*

## Family Promise Mission

Friday, July 24

St. Paul's will be providing the evening meal for those housed at Family Promise.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the media desk closer to the date.



## National Night Out

August 4, 2026

6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Elida Field House Parking lot

National Night Out is observed annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in August.

St. Paul's, once again, will have a booth with a bouncy house for children to play on. Volunteers are needed.

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

### A Prayer for Parents

Heavenly Father,

Make me a better parent. Teach me to understand my children, to listen patiently to what they say and to answer all their questions kindly. Keep me from interrupting or contradicting them. Help me be as courteous to them as I would have them be to me.

Forbid that I should ever laugh at their mistakes, or resort to shame or ridicule when they displease me. May I never punish them for my own selfish satisfaction or to show my power. Let me not tempt my children to lie or steal. Guide me, hour by hour, that I may demonstrate in all I say and do that honesty leads to happiness.

Reduce, I pray, the harshness in me. When I am out of sorts, help me, Lord, to hold my tongue.

May I ever be mindful that my children are still children, and help me not expect from them the judgment of adults. Let me not rob them of opportunities to grow, to serve themselves and to make decisions. Grant me the wisdom to allow what is good and the courage to deny what may harm them.

Make me fair, just and kind. And fit me, Lord, to be loved, respected and imitated by my children.

Amen!

## 2026 Annual Conference Report

The West Ohio Annual Conference met at Capital University May 27-30 under the theme "Celebrating Abundant Grace," with Bishop Hee-Soo Jung presiding. The Guiding scripture for the conference was Matthew 14:13-21, in which Jesus fed 5,000 with five loaves and two fish.

In his State of the Conference address, Bishop Jung called the conference to unity, discipleship, and service, saying Ohio Methodism is diverse but united in mission. He outlined Five Strategic Pillars to guide the church: building relationships, shared Mission, deepening discipleship, multiplying faith communities, and developing emerging leaders.

The conference celebrated 70 years of Women and 30 years of the Order of Deacons. Other celebrations include: Ordination of four elders and three deacons; Recognition of orders for four clergy; Commissioning of seven provisional elders; Recognition of 32 retiring clergy and 17 local pastors; Acknowledgment of ten Certified Lay Ministers; Foundation for Evangelism Laity Award to Dustin Cover and Camille Freking-Cover, members of Shawnee UMC; Fresh Starts Multiplier Award to Beloved UMC; Green Church Award to Maple Grove UMC and Faith Community UMC; One Matters Award Discipleship Ministries to Englewood UMC and Countryside Chapel; Donated more than 2,000 items for Midwest Mission; Collected an offering of \$17,000 to benefit Wings of the Morning; Commissioned a home missionary and a deaconess; West Ohio and the Korean Methodist Church formalized a ministry Partnership during the conference. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung and Bishop Seong-Bok Kim signed a covenant between Ohio and Korea, acknowledging and celebrating the rich history and diverse cultural contexts in which we serve. We desire to learn from one another and affirm our mutual respect, and wish to enrich the global church. A delegation of clergy and lay leaders from Korea attended our conference. Bishop Kim introduced the group during the opening business session.

Three guest preachers addressed the conference: Bishop Seong-Bok Kim of the Seoul Annual Conference of the Korean Methodist Church; Bishop Mande Muyombo of the North Katanga Area in the Congo Central Conference; and the Rev. Shay Craig, retired bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Dakota. Craig is the niece of the late Bishop Judith Craig, who led our conference from 1992 to 2000 (1992 was the first conference that I attended with Rev. Eric McGlade). Shay related a beautiful analogy of a dried-up creek on their family ranch, with the changes of the UMC, but because of a huge catastrophe created newness to the land. With family and neighbors working together, the ranch and community brought greater accomplishments for the greater good for all. Bishop Mande Muyombo's thought-provoking message centered around Mark 5:12-15, concerning the story about the man who had leprosy. Jesus reached out and touched him. His theme was "Stretch out your hand". He gave many examples of those who are stigmatized, isolated, marginalized, excluded, and discriminated against. His challenge to United Methodists is to stretch out your hand and to touch and embrace those who are rejected. We are called to change policies. God's grace reaches beyond ritual; we need to focus on faith and extend love and grace. Bishop Seong-Bok Kim told us that Ohio and the Korean Methodists have a long legacy, 140 years. Dr. William Scranton and his mother, Mary, from Cleveland, Ohio, felt called in 1832 to go to Seoul to do mission work. He brought scripture to us and helped establish churches, hospitals, and schools. Bishop Kim feels so connected to Ohio because of Scranton, and feels that he is what he is today because Methodism was introduced to Korea, by missionaries from Ohio. 'My heart was strangely warmed' with his story. Another guest speaker was Ray Buckley, director of the Center for First Nations. Ray shared teaching sessions about the culture and traditions of the Native American Indians, as well as spiritual beliefs and practices. He grew up in the 60's in South Dakota, and was from the Lakota tribe. He told us his personal story about discrimination. He and his father stopped at a store to purchase chocolate milk and a Coke. They were told, "No Indians and no dogs are served here". It was sad to hear this. Another moving story was when he spoke about "The Trail of Tears".

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# Annual Conference Summary

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All of these speakers spoke with emotion and compassion, relaying scripture and real- life stories to bring us hope, and to encourage us to continue bringing what we have, and then letting God intervene to accomplish the miracle. The teachings and messages remind us to have good relationships with all and to offer brotherly love to people who may be different from us. Their presentations cause me to contemplate the spoken message, to challenge me to live in my faith, and to examine my personal values.

During the legislative business, six recommendations were presented for a vote:

Recommendation #1-Changes to structure, procedure, and rules - passed as amended. Recommendation to amend the conference rules affecting our structure and procedures, and to be more concise.

Recommendation #2 - Budget- passed. The 2027 budget is in line with 2026, and apportionments will decrease by 1%. Potential unification of the East and West Conferences, CFA has included expenditures that will occur related to becoming one Ohio annual conference.

Recommendation #3 - Board of Pension and Health Benefits - passed

Recommendation #4 - Commission on Equitable Compensation - passed - The commission presented guidelines for minimum salaries for 2027. Minimum salaries will be a 3.35% increase.

Recommendation #5 - Resolution supporting Gender Inclusivity, Equal Protection, and the Sacred worth of transgender, non-binary, and gender diverse people - passed as amended

With the General Conference of the UMC's approval of the amendment to paragraph 4, article 4 of the "Book of Discipline," the West Ohio Annual Conference will support civil rights protections for transgender people across our organization and in public policy. In addition, the West Ohio Conference affirms that gender identity will not prohibit candidacy, ordination, or appointments for clergy or laity in West Ohio Conference Churches.

Recommendation #6 - Creation of a Substance abuse task force - passed as amended. A task force will be formed to help create a consistent personnel policy for clergy, laity, conference, and district staff who face substance-related challenges.

The messages that were given were very inspiring and make me happy to be a part of a church that, in 2001, adopted the slogan: "Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors". This Annual Conference, has taken a stand to create newness and be supportive to all.

Linda Craft,  
Lay Delegate



# Faith In Action

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
May 31, 2026	76
June 7, 2026	77
June 14, 2026	45
June 21, 2026	63

## FINANCIAL GIVING

Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
June 7, 2026	\$2,965.24      \$135.00
June 14, 2026	\$3,394.72      \$100.00
June 21, 2026	\$5,970.84      \$1,800.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$12,330.80      \$2,035.00</b>

<b>Sunday School Attendance</b>	
May 31, 2026	16
June 7, 2026	18
June 14, 2026	9
June 21, 2026	8

**Unified Budget:**

Weekly Budget Needed = \$4,644.58

Total Need (3 weeks) = \$13,933.74

June Total (3 weeks) = \$12,330.80

Deficit = \$1,602.94

<b>Hospitality Cart</b>	
July 5, 2026	Virginia Hollar
July 12, 2026	OPEN
July 19, 2026	OPEN
July 26, 2026	OPEN

<b>Flower Calendar</b>	
July 5, 2026	Gary & Deb Hurd
July 12, 2026	Larry & Shirley Moser
July 19, 2026	Tim & Corinne Piper
July 26, 2026	Lois Cook

<b>Communion Servers:</b>
<b>July 5</b>
<b>Station #1:</b>
_____ & _____
<b>Station #2:</b>
_____ & _____

# Daily Bible Readings

## Wednesday 7/1

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120  
Numbers 11:24-35  
Romans 1:28-2:11  
Matthew 18:1-9

## Thursday 7/2

Psalm 83, 85, 86  
Numbers 12:1-16  
Romans 2:12-24  
Matthew 18:10-20

## Friday 7/3

Psalm 88, 91, 92  
Numbers 13:1-30  
Romans 2:25-3:8  
Matthew 18:21-35

## Saturday 7/4

Psalm 87, 90, 136  
Numbers 13:31-14:25  
Romans 3:9-20, Matthew 19:1-12

## Sunday 7/5

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67  
Numbers 14:26-45  
Acts 15:1-12, Luke 12:49-56

## Monday 7/6

Psalm 89, Numbers 16:1-19  
Romans 3:21-31  
Matthew 19:13-22

## Tuesday 7/7

Psalm 95, 100, Numbers 16:20-35  
Romans 4:1-12, Matthew 19:23-30

## Wednesday 7/8

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144  
Numbers 16:36-50  
Romans 4:13-25, Matthew 20:1-16

## Thursday 7/9

Psalm 105, Numbers 17:1-11  
Romans 5:1-11, Matthew 20:17-28

## Friday 7/10

Psalm 102, 107:1-32  
Numbers 20:1-13  
Romans 5:12-21  
Matthew 20:29-34

## Saturday 7/11

Psalm 107:33-43, 108:1-13  
Numbers 20:14-29  
Romans 6:1-11, Matthew 21:1-11

## Sunday 7/12

Psalm 118, 145, Numbers 21:4-35  
Acts 17:12-34, Luke 13:10-17

## Monday 7/13

Psalm 106, Numbers 22:1-21  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 21:12-22

## Tuesday 7/14

Psalm 120, 127, Numbers 22:21-38  
Romans 7:1-12, Matthew 21:23-32

## Wednesday 7/15

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130  
Numbers 22:41-23:12  
Romans 7:13-25  
Matthew 21:33-46

## Thursday 7/16

Psalm 133, 134, 135  
Numbers 23:11-26  
Romans 8:1-11, Matthew 22:1-14

## Friday 7/17

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143  
Numbers 24:1-13  
Romans 8:12-17  
Matthew 22:15-22

## Saturday 7/18

Psalm 104, 137, 144  
Numbers 24:12-25  
Romans 8:18-25  
Matthew 22:23-40

## Sunday 7/19

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147  
Numbers 27:12-23  
Acts 19:11-20, Mark 1:14-20

## Monday 7/20

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7  
Numbers 32:1-27  
Romans 8:26-30, Matthew 23:1-12

## Tuesday 7/21

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11  
Numbers 35:1-34  
Romans 8:31-39  
Matthew 23:13-26

## Wednesday 7/22

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24  
Deuteronomy 9:1-18  
Romans 9:1-18, Matthew 23:27-39

## Thursday 7/23

Psalm 18, Deuteronomy 3:18-28  
Romans 9:19-33  
Matthew 24:1-14

## Friday 7/24

Psalm 16, 17, 22  
Deuteronomy 31:7-32:4  
Romans 10:1-13  
Matthew 24:15-31

## Saturday 7/25

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Romans 10:14-21  
Matthew 24:32-51

## Sunday 7/26

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150  
Joshua 1:1-18  
Acts 21:3-15, Mark 1:21-27

## Monday 7/27

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Joshua 2:1-14  
Romans 11:1-12  
Matthew 25:1-13

## Tuesday 7/28

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39  
Joshua 2:15-24  
Romans 11:13-24  
Matthew 25:14-20

## Wednesday 7/29

Psalm 38, 119:25-48  
Joshua 3:1-13  
Romans 11:25-36  
Matthew 25:31-46

## Thursday 7/30

Psalm 37, Joshua 3:14-4:7  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 26:1-16

## Friday 7/31

Psalm 31, 35, Joshua 4:19-5:15  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 26:17-25



# Hymns as Therapy

## In Private: Hymns as Therapy

### Why We Must Draw Strength from Song

*Then Sings My Soul Book 3, By Robert J. Morgan*

#### PROCLAIM THE HYMNS

Every Sunday churches around the world sing the great hymns of faith; but sometimes there's an extra punch in our voice. We're proclaiming, evangelizing, testifying, and even sometimes singing with godly defiance before hostile world.

In her book *Jungle harvest*, Ruby Scott told of working among the Tila Chol Indians in southwestern Mexico. On occasion, the young church there faced a time of humiliating disappointment. The local witch doctor had vowed to completely destroy the Christian influence. The Christians took the threat seriously and began memorizing Scriptures emphasizing the power and authority of Christ.

Among the converts was a former alcoholic named Rosendo, whose testimony had touched many in the area. Once known as the village drunk, he had become a hardworking family man who bore a clear testimony for Christ. Nevertheless, through a diabolical series of events, Rosendo was lured back into a state of public drunkenness and the Christians became the laughing stock of the village. The ridicule was merciless, and the witch doctor delighted in fanning the flames.

The next Sunday, Rosendo made his way to church with his eyes down. Standing before the Christians, he confessed what he had done and quoted a verse about God's forgiveness. "I have not only brought shame to our Lord, but to you too," he said. "I'm sorry. I don't know if you want to forgive me or not."

Sitting down he buried his face in his hands.

Suddenly another Christian stood up, a man named Felix. He told of how his young son had fallen facedown into a mud puddle. The boy was muddy, but the splatter had also splashed up on the father. But Felix had not rejected his son; he held him until he stopped crying and then cleaned him up.

"Friends," he continued, "our brother Rosendo has fallen in the mud. We have a Heavenly Father who loves him, has helped him up, and wiped the mud off him. He will hold him close and love him until the pain and embarrassment goes away. All of us have felt the splat of Rosendo's fall. We have been laughed at—and it hurt. But our Lord suffered a much deeper hurt for the things we have done."

The congregation agreed, and someone stood up and started singing a hymn—"How Great Thou Art." With one accord, the whole church burst into song with great swells of joy. Then came another hymn, followed by another. For a solid hour, the church reverberated with hymns until the pastor stood to preach a spontaneous but powerful sermon tailored to the situation. The church had peace and continued to grow, Ruby Scott and her coworker, Viola Warkentin realized that the Word of God had been translated successfully not only into the Tila language, but into the Tila hearts.

The songs pealing from the little church that day were weapons. Every word was a message and every note a missile. No one in the town missed the point. We may sometimes fall and fail, but we have an infallible God and an unfailing savior, and there's "Victory in Jesus."

## Kits Mission

### SCHOOL KIT (Kids Kit)

- ONE - box 12 colored pencils  
(leave in box)
  - ONE - 2-pocket folder
    - One glue stick
  - One pair of blunt scissors  
(Round Tip, remove from package)
- One 70-page, wide ruled spiral notebook
  - One 30-centimeter / 12" ruler
  - One hand-held pencil sharpener  
(Remove from package)
    - One large eraser  
(no pencil cap erasers)
- Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers  
(remove from package, Rubber band together)
  - One box of crayons (24 count)

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits.

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

### HEALTH KIT (Hygiene Kit)

- One washcloth
- One fingernail or toenail clipper  
(remove from package)
- One toothbrush (in original package)
  - One bath-size bar of soap  
(in original package)
- One travel-size stick deodorant  
(3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol)
  - One travel-size lotion  
(3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free)
- One travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less)
- One travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of at least 1 year.)

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits.

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

### Collection Dates July 12 to September 13



### PERIOD PACK

#### *Menstrual Hygiene Kit*

- Two - 2 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer
  - One - travel pack Wet Ones
- 5 - regular Tampons (unscented)
- 5 - super absorbency Tampons (unscented)
  - Twelve - Sanitary Pads  
(Long super ultra-thin, unscented)
- One - bath-size bar soap, 3 oz bar or larger. (Original Package)  
(NO Ivory or Jergen's)
- One-pack flushable wipes (unscented, 42 count)

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits.

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

# Baptism

Congratulations to Jackson Lowell Rife and Ashton Ainsley Rife. Sons of Benjamin and Casey Rife, were baptized during worship service on Sunday, June 7.



A special towel is hand crafted by Deb Hurd with their name, date of baptism, St. Paul's United Methodist Church, and a shell cross stitched on it as a keep sake commemorating their baptism.

## Christian Symbol

### SHELL

A scallop shell, often shown pointing downward with three drops of water falling from it, is a Christian symbol of baptism and the washing away of sin. The three drops of water represent the Trinity: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

From the earliest centuries of the church, the shell was connected with baptism because it could be used to pour water over a person's head. In a time when many baptisms took place in rivers, lakes or outdoor settings, a simple shell served as a natural vessel, reminding believers that God uses humble, ordinary things to accomplish sacred purposes.

Today, the scallop shell continues to appear in baptismal fonts, church art and Christian design. It quietly proclaims the message of baptism: washed by grace, claimed by God and welcomed into the family of faith.

# June Happenings



## Rose Bud

The rosebud on the altar Sunday, July 7th was in honor of Adeline Eileen Noell Cullison. She was born on May 12 to Ayva Brickner Wyant and Byron Cullison.

Grandparents are Jordan and Amy Wyant, and great-grandparents are Jamie and Jan Wyant.



## Welcome Back

Tracy Mault Smith was reinstated into Membership during worship service on June 7th.



## Elementary Class

'Children's Vacation Bible School' One Sunday each month during summer to encourage our children to stay connected during summer break.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>, and August 16<sup>th</sup>** are the next dates of VBS.

Fun activities are planned in the basement during the Sunday morning Church service, after Children's Moments.



# The People of St. Paul's



## Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital  
Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement  
In the Military & Missions

Nathan Stewart

## Thank You

Jan Wyant for decorating the bulletin boards at the bottom and top of the East entrance steps.



On Father's Day, June 21st The Children handed out treats to the men and guys. Ashton Rife gave a treat bag to Don Holmes.



**Our Biblical Purpose Statement:**  
 Elida St. Paul's United Methodist Church exists as God's people embracing His grace through humble service to all.

**St. Paul's Vision Statement:**  
 Is for the Elida community to be led to Christ through words and deeds enabling youth to have purpose, families to be nurtured and supported, and senior citizens To feel valued.

**Meetings**

**No PPR**

July 7, 2026  
Trustees...7:00 PM

**No Worship Mtg**

**No Ad Council/Finance**

July 14, 2026  
Missions Mtg.

**Sundays**  
Hospitality..9:30 AM  
Worship...10:00 AM

# JULY

# 2026

**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**



- Doug & Ginger Fox*  
July 6; 44yrs.
- Mitchell & Kathy Furry*  
July 8; 48 yrs.
- Benjamin & Casey Rife*  
July 12
- Travis & Julia Bok*  
July 17
- Tim & Corinne Piper*  
July 17; 50 yrs.
- Bill & Marlene Weaver*  
July 18; 75 yrs.
- Tim & Sue Theodore*  
July 20; 41 yrs.
- Denny & Carole Grapner*  
July 26; 63 yrs.

			<b>1</b> Anika Bok Lucy Chaffins Jenni Jankovsky	<b>2</b> Ross Harmon	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Don Holmes Benjamin Rife	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Gloria Brunk Brady Emmons	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Madeline Kuenzli Zachary Loose
<b>19</b> Macy Chambers	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Savannah Emmons	<b>22</b> Travis Bok Carole Grapner	<b>23</b> Bryan Craft	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Juniper Augsburger	<b>27</b> Ella Motzer Gretchen Woeller	<b>28</b> Juniper Jankovsky	<b>29</b> Sharla Murphy Lux Wyant	<b>30</b> Jonathan Perry	<b>31</b> Jan Wyant	

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Sweet'n Salty Snack Mix

*By Tracy Sdao  
Served at Hospitality Cart*

Ingredients		Instructions
4 cups	Regular-flavor cone-shaped baked corn snacks or corn chips	Heat oven to 375 degrees. Spray large roasting pan with non-stick cooking spray.  Combine corn snacks, cereal, pretzels, and pecans in prepared pan. Set aside.  Combine brown sugar, butter, corn syrup, and salt in 2 –quart heavy saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture comes to a full boil. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla and baking soda, pour syrup mixture over cereal mixture in pan; toss to coat.  Bake 15 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes, or until coating is set. Remove from oven. Stir.  Spread mixture on to waxed paper. Cool completely: Stir in chocolate pieces. . Break into pieces. Store in container with tight– lid for up to 1 week.  <b>Tip #1</b> Peanuts, Cashews, or walnuts can be substituted for pecan halves  <b>Tip #2</b> Use holiday colored candy-coated chocolate pieces for a festive flare.
4 cups	Crispy rice cereal, bite sized square	
1 cup	Pretzel twists, small salted	
1 cup	Pecan halves	
3/ 4 cup	brown sugar, Firmly packed	
1/2 cup	Butter, Land O Lakes	
3 TBL.	Light Corn Syrup	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
1/2 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 1/2 cups 10 oz.	Candy coated chocolate pieces	



### SEEKING RECIPES!!

We would love to pass your special recipes on to others by featuring them on this page of our newsletter.

Recipes may be e-mailed, snail mailed, or brought into the church office.

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# KIDZ KORNER

## COOKIE SMILE POPS



Transform slice-and-bake cookies into cheerful lollipop treats and share a few edible smiles.

**What you need:**

- 1 roll refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- Knife
- Baking sheet
- Wooden craft sticks
- Frosting
- Sprinkles
- Clear treat bags
- Ribbon



**What you do:**

1. Freeze the cookie dough for 15 to 20 minutes to firm it up, then slice into 1/4-inch rounds.
2. Place cookies on a baking sheet about 2 inches apart.
3. Bake at 350 degrees for 5 minutes.
4. Remove from the oven and gently press a wooden stick halfway into the bottom of each cookie.
5. Return to the oven and bake 3 to 5 more minutes, until lightly golden.
6. Let cookies cool completely.
7. Decorate with frosting to create smiling faces and add sprinkles.
8. Slip each cookie pop into a treat bag and tie with ribbon.



## JOYFUL PSALMS

Psalm 146, 147, 148, 149 and 150 are happy songs of praise. They all begin and end with the same sentence.

Put the words below in alphabetical order in the boxes. Then read down the second column to discover the special sentence from Psalms!



- FEAST
- KHAKI
- MOUTH
- ESSAY
- LLAMA
- ORBIT
- CARRY
- UDDER
- BRUSH
- ITEMS
- APPLE
- LEARN
- CIDER






Answer: Praise the Lord!

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## Living Our Faith

### God's Bonus Days



An author writing in *Guideposts* magazine calls those nostalgic moments of memory "God's bonus days." LaVerne Sexton recalled that in her family, life's unexpected dividends — a summer rainbow, a blazing sunset, a gentle spring thaw — were invitations to set aside ordinary tasks and celebrate something special.

She remembered one breathtaking day from her childhood when the sky stretched wide and impossibly blue, as if it had no edges at all. Her father grabbed the fishing poles and called out, "Let's play hooky, hon. It's one of God's bonus days."

— Marion R. Vuilleumier, *Meditations by the Sea*