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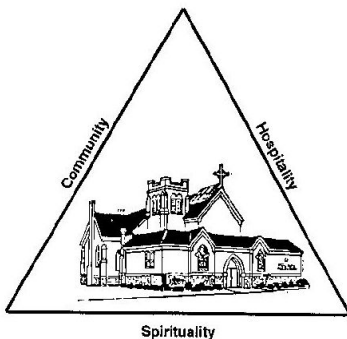
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August is here, as I write this letter I am currently volunteering at Band Camp as a chaperone in the Middle School Cabin. I am reminded every time I am around young people on an extended basis just how much my perspective is changing as I age. What I find important is definitely not what the young people around me this week find important. Their energy and excitement for life give me hope for our future. I am reminded how, like all people, they have problems and fears, hopes and dreams, moments of disappointment and great joys.

Here at camp, I am not openly talking to everyone about God, but I look for places where I can show kindness, places I can instruct, life questions I can answer, and sometimes just showing an interest in their lives. We can be a witness to God, through our actions and words, then when the conversation turns to faith, I know enough about this young person to witness to them about who God has been to me and how God can be the guide in their lives as well.

I know it is nearly a month away, but please put August 29th on your calendar. If you have kids or are an educator, bring in your backpack or bag to be blessed during children's time. We will bless the backpacks and pray for all those who are returning to school this Fall. (whether in person or homeschooling.) School and Health kits are still being constructed, if you are unable to put together a kit, you can contact the church office or Bev Nesbitt, and for \$15 a kit will be assembled in your name. Thank you for all the kits that are already lined up along the rail at church for those in need. The final day to deliver your kits is September 5th.

I hope you are getting back out in the world and enjoying the company of others as we enter a post COVID world. Remember to take breaks, stay hydrated, and find ways to cool off if you are going to be out for long periods, this is the advice I am giving to the kids here at camp, and I think it can apply to you too.

Until next month, I'll see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ ,

Pastor Paul



August 3
Elida High School Band
Annual Chicken BBQ
5:00 to 7:00 PM
Ticket \$9

Meal includes a half chicken, corn on the cob, Applesauce and dinner roll.
 Drive up only to pick-up meals at the Elida High School.
 Contact Marla or Brittany Scannell for tickets, before July 29.
 The High School Band will be playing at National Night Out.



National Night Out

August 3, 2021
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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

National Night Out is observed annually on the 1st Tuesday in August. It is a community police awareness-raising event throughout the United States. There will be fun and games and a chance to support our local police officers and firefighters.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Thought for the Month:

Prayer is a moment of
 incarnation — God with us.
 God involved in the details
 of my life.

—Paul E. Miller

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Secretary	Gail Fessler
Organist	Linda Holman
Pianist	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian	Dave Decker

Christian Symbol

LION

A lion represents watchfulness and alertness. It also symbolizes Christ, the Lion of Judah (Revelation 5:4-5). A winged lion is the symbol of St. Mark, whose gospel focuses on Jesus' royalty and resurrection.





Coins For Communion

August 1, 2021

Will benefit Meals Til' Monday

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

Food Pantry Sunday August 15

Donations are taken to
the Five Loaves Food Pantry at
The Church at Allentown



Blessing of the Backpacks Sunday, August 29

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

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

A Glimpse of Grace

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!” (Isaiah 55:1, NIV). I thought of this verse when I read about a seven-acre farm in Atlanta where people can pick fruits and veggies straight off the trees and vines, like a fresh-air produce market but bigger — and all free!

The Food Forest at Browns Mill, located amid a “food desert” in a city where one-fourth of the population experiences food insecurity, offers 2,500 edible and medicinal plants for anyone in need. People take only what they can use, and volunteers harvest extras to distribute in the community. It’s one of about 70 free-food forests in the United States. To me, it looks like a glimmer of God’s kingdom.

Imagine a world where everyone’s basic needs are met: food, clean water, shelter, clothing, health care, education, meaningful work, love — and the fulfillment of assisting and supporting one another. Isaiah envisions this reality coming true. Sometimes, even in our troubled world, we catch a glimpse of God’s abundant grace, tangibly lavished on all. Even better, sometimes we’re blessed with the privilege of helping it happen.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

Prayer

The Big "D" Word In Prayer

Thoughts based on Intimate Intercession by Tricia McCrary Rhodes

By Corinne Piper

Well, how did you do last month on being disciplined in your prayer life; at just sitting at God's feet? I did a lousy job of it! It was a busy, unpredictable month and, truthfully, I just didn't feel like being disciplined in my prayer life. I ask for forgiveness from God on this and I feel guilty—again—about my inability to practice what I hope for.

For Rhodes "the question is not whether we need discipline, but how we can know whether we're grinding something out in our own strength or whether the work we're investing is, as Paul put it, "the grace of God with me". That doesn't mean we can just wait for inspiration to hit us to pray, although that does happen sometimes. But it can happen more easily when we give God some space to get into our heads.

I also have trouble staying with it because I can't see instant results. It's like when I eat healthy for one meal or do one push-up and think I should lose 10 pounds in a day. It's hard to stay disciplined when I don't see or feel anything happening. It's also discouraging.

This is where Rhodes suggests we need to change our focus. Rather than focus on "gettin' it done" we should focus on knowing Jesus more intimately and making Him known with three questions:

1. "Am I motivated by joy?" Not by the hope of high elation but "for the joy set before us, we're willing to do what it takes."
2. "Am I spurred on by love?" Have we lost our sense of wonder at God's love for all creation?
3. "Am I relishing my relationship as a needy child with the heavenly Father?" We need to remember that God doesn't blame us for being weak. He wants us to go to Him for help.

Instead of beating ourselves up for being human, we should ask God for help in being more like Him. We should ask for help in continuing our walk. St. Benedict taught his monks that we will fail, BUT we can always begin again and again and again....

Begin again with me on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Prayer Room (former Bride's Room) to list those on our prayer list by name and listen to God's heart regarding their needs.



Brad Joseph Golf Outing

The 13th annual Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing was held on Saturday, July 10th at Colonial Golfers Club. Congratulations to St. Paul's golfers Denny Thomson, Tim Theodore and Shirley Moser for representing St. Paul's church and finishing 2nd in the outing! It was a great day for golf and there were 16 groups of golfers. Also, thanks to Jamie Wyant, Sue Theodore, Larry Moser, Corinne Piper and Tim Piper for volunteering to help with the outing. Elida St. Paul's was a \$100 hole sponsor and also donated \$376 from our coins-for-communion collection this month to the Brad Joseph Memorial Fund. Individuals from St. Paul's church also donated to the memorial fund or were hole sponsors. The fund is used to send 3-4 people each year on medical mission trips to countries in Central America and Africa. Thank you to all of our church members for supporting this mission and honoring Brad, a former member of our church!



thank you!

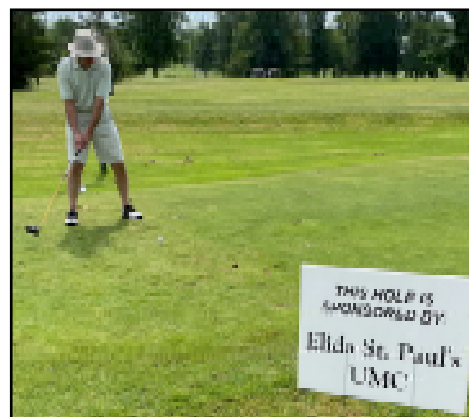
To All Golfers, Hole Sponsors, and Volunteers,

We would like to extend a big thank you to all who attended or helped in any way with the Thirteenth Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a wonderful time.

The proceeds from the Outing were **\$4,000**, which brings our Outing total to **\$51,500**, as a result of your generosity, **THANK YOU!!!** We will be contributing \$3,457 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 \$543 will be donated to the Bradley Joseph Memorial Camp Scholarship Fund, established at St. Paul's UMC, to support the camping program at the Church.

Thank you again, and see you next year at the Fourteenth Annual Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing, which will be held on Saturday, July 9, 2022, at the Colonial Golfers Club.

John Fleming



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

July 4, 2021	56
July 11, 2021	62
July 18, 2021	45
July 25, 2021	67

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,879.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
July 4, 2021	\$3,142.00	\$373.69
July 11, 2021	\$1,740.00	\$405.00
July 18, 2021	\$6,677.31	\$1,300.00
July 25, 2021	\$2,083.71	\$450.00

Children's Church Attendance

July 4, 2021	4
July 11, 2021	5
July 18, 2021	0
July 25, 2021	8

Flower Calendar

August 1, 2021	Steve & Tracy Sdao
August 8, 2021	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 15, 2021	Tahler Sdao
August 22, 2021	Ron & Mary Steiner
August 29, 2021	Tim & Corinne Piper

Sunday Best

Throughout the pandemic, 82-year-old La Verne Ford Wimberly of Tulsa, Oklahoma, donned her Sunday best — emphasis on *best* — to worship online from home every week. The retired educator, who coordinates her colorful outfits and hats (she owns at least 50!), didn't want to "get in the habit of just slouching around" during lockdown.

To uplift fellow church members, Wimberly posted weekly selfies and encouraging words. The goal, she says, was to let people know "that if we continue to believe in ourselves, network together, trust in God, keep the faith, then we will be okay."

Though Wimberly's style is impeccable, friends say she's even more beautiful on the inside. Her fashion sense "is merely an outer expression of her inner wisdom, wit and grace," says her pastor, Ray Owens. Church staffer Robin Watkins concurs, saying Wimberly's "heart is as beautiful as each outfit she has shared with us."

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday 8/1

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

Monday 8/2

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

Tuesday 8/3

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

Wednesday 8/4

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

Thursday 8/5

Psalm 59, 60, 66, 67
1 Samuel 28:3-20
Acts 15:1-11, Mark 5:1-20

Friday 8/6

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

Saturday 8/7

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

Sunday 8/8

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

Monday 8/9

Psalm 58, 64, 65, 2 Samuel 2:1-11
Acts 15:36-16:5, Mark 6:14-29

Tuesday 8/10

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

Wednesday 8/11

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

Thursday 8/12

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

Friday 8/13

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

Saturday 8/14

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

Sunday 8/15

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

Monday 8/16

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

Tuesday 8/17

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

Wednesday 8/18

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

Thursday 8/19

Psalm 83, 85, 86
2 Samuel 11:1-27
Acts 19:11-20, Mark 9:2-13

Friday 8/20

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

Saturday 8/21

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

Sunday 8/22

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

Monday 8/23

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

Tuesday 8/24

Psalm 95, 100
2 Samuel 14:1-20
Acts 21:1-14, Mark 10:1-16

Wednesday 8/25

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

Thursday 8/26

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

Friday 8/27

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

Saturday 8/28

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

Sunday 8/29

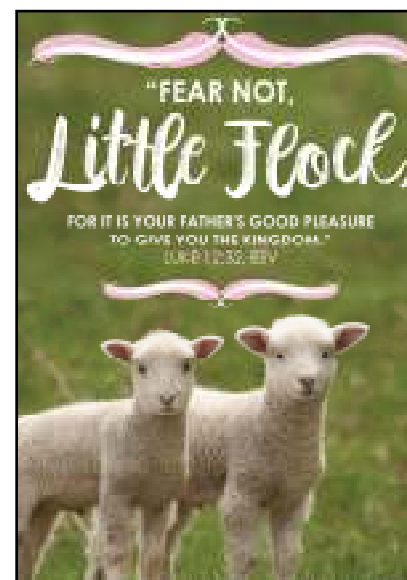
Psalm 118, 145, 2 Samuel 17:1-23
Galatians 3:6-14, John 5:30-47

Monday 8/30

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

Tuesday 8/31

Psalm 120, 127, 2 Samuel 18:9-18
Acts 23:12-24
Mark 11:27-12:12



Hymn History

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

"Then Sings My Soul" Book 1, By Robert J. Morgan

1674

Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. Ephesians 1:3

Before Charles Wesley or Isaac Watts, there was Thomas Ken who has been called "England's first hymnist." He was born in 1637 in Little Berkhamstead on the fringes of greater London. When his parents died, he was raised by his half-sister and her husband who enrolled him in Winchester College, an historic boys' school. Thomas was later ordained to the ministry and returned to Winchester as a chaplain.

To encourage the devotional habits of the boys, Thomas wrote three hymns in 1674. This was revolutionary because English hymns had not yet appeared. Only the Psalms were sung in public worship. Ken suggested the boys use the hymns privately in their rooms.

One hymn was to be sung upon waking, another at bedtime, and a third at midnight if sleep didn't come. His morning hymn had 13 stanzas, beginning with:

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise, to pay thy morning sacrifice.*

His evening hymn, equally meaningful, include this verse:

*All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light!
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.*

All three hymns ended with a common stanza, which has since become the most widely-sung verse in the world.

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; / Praise Him, all creatures here below; /
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; / praise Father; Son, and Holy Ghost.*

In 1680, Thomas was appointed Chaplain to England's King Charles II. It was a thankless job, as Charles kept a variety of mistresses. Once the king asked to lodge a mistress in the chaplain's residence. Thomas rebuked him, saying, "Not for the King's Kingdom!" Afterward the king referred to him as "that little man who refused lodging to poor Nellie."

During the reign of the next king, James II, Thomas, by now a bishop, was sent to the Tower of London for his Protestant convictions. After his release, Thomas retired to the home of a wealthy friend where he died on March 11, 1711. He was buried at sunrise, and the Doxology was sung at his funeral.



Methodist History

Francis Asbury

August 1745– March 1816

One of the first bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States.

When the American Revolutionary War broke out in 1776, Francis Asbury and James Dempster were the only British Methodist ministers to remain in America. Francis Asbury began to be looked upon as the leader of the groups since James Dempster, who moved to upstate New York, was greatly restricted because, as an Englishman, he was suspected of not being sympathetic to the patriot cause. Dempster ceased his circuit riding and stayed with his friend, Judge Thomas White of Delaware. By the war's end, Francis Asbury retained his credibility with the victorious Americans and was able to continue his ministry among them.

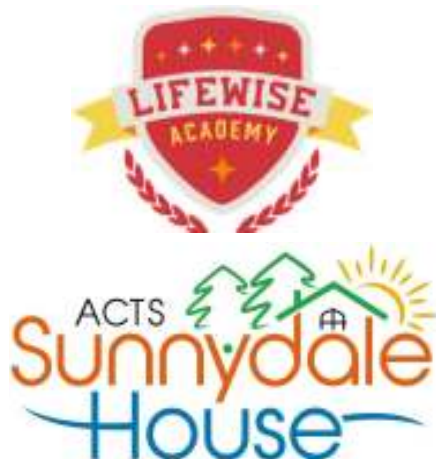
During his early years in North America, Asbury devoted his attention mainly to followers living on the eastern shore between the Delaware River and the Chesapeake Bay. When the American revolution severed the traditional ties between the American Thirteen Colonies and Great Britain, Asbury, in the interest of his religious tenets and principles and in an attempt to remain aloof from the political and military fervor that swept the country, announced he would, to keep the embryonic Methodist congregations neutral, refrain from endorsing either Great Britain or the newly formed United States of America government, and urged all his followers to do the same. This request placed almost all of his followers, especially those living in Maryland, in an untenable position. The State of Maryland had enacted a law requiring all citizens to take an Oath of Allegiance to the newly formed American Congress. In addition to this, it stipulated all non-residents within its boundaries also had to take and sign an Oath of Allegiance. Francis Asbury, after proclaiming his neutrality, fled to Delaware, where taking an oath of allegiance was not a requirement. His adherents in Maryland suffered the rancor of the proponents of the Oath.

Asbury remained hidden during the war and ventured occasionally back into Maryland. Sometimes this had the effect of compromising his parishioners.

In 1780, Asbury met the freedman Henry "Black Harry" Hosier, a meeting the minister believed "providentially arranged". Hosier served as his driver and guide and, though illiterate, memorized long passages of the Bible as Asbury read them aloud during their travels. Hosier eventually became a famous preacher in his own right, the first African American to preach directly to a white congregation in the United States.



Missions



Sunnydale House

Elida St. Paul UMC Missions team voted to financially support the Lifewise Academy's Sunnydale House Project, next to the new Elida Elementary School. The project involves the option for elementary school students in Elida to attend an hour a week, faith-based class in building character and in Bible study. Besides donating funds from our Missions fund, we are asking our parishioners to prayerfully consider donating to this worthwhile mission.

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 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 (**If you wish to purchase a comb from Bev Nesbitt, include \$1.00 in your kit**)
 - 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.

School and Health Kits Reminder:

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 **September 5**.

Thank you, Bev Nesbitt

Connecting With ...



WELCOME
Baby Girl

Congratulations to Brady and Tiffany Emmons family on their adoption of a baby girl, Kinsleigh Hope, born on June 26, 2021. A rose bud was placed on the altar Sunday, July 18, in honor of Kinsleigh.

I had so much fun at Camp Wesley Splash-a-Palooza. I was at camp for two nights. The food was delicious, and the beds were so cozy. They had a huge lake and in the lake was a giant floating platform. It had a big slide, a high dive, 2 rock walls, and a rope swing. We would go to morning worship and evening worship. We got to decorate our cabin. Our cabin color was **orange**. On the last day, we had to swim to the platform to get our breakfast. They had a really big slip and slide that went down a BIG hill. Morning worship was one of my favorite things because we got to dance and sing. Next year, I am staying for a week.

Lena Whetstone



COMING
SOON!

Digital Sign

A new pad was poured in July, in preparation for the installation of the new digital sign!

The People of St. Paul's

*Friends and Members of
St. Paul:*

Many thanks for your prayers and support during my father's brief illness and subsequent passing in Florida on June 17. Thanks also for your gift of wind chimes as an expression of sympathy and comfort. The church is many things to many people - your cards and hugs reminded me that I can always draw strength from my family at St. Paul. It is comforting to know I am never alone.

*Thank you,
Kathy White & Family*

Thank You!

*Dear Members and
Friends of St. Paul's
Church,*

Thank you for the lovely basket of flowers in memory of my cousin, Hazel Dunn, who passed away on June 18, 2021. Thank you Rev. Paul for your nice eulogy at her funeral.

Evelyn Sarber

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Jan Soddors
Jack Swihart

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Jack and Cindy Swihrt

In the Military

Nathan Stewart

St. Paul Family:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent when I was in the hospital. As well as all of the calls, texts, and cards I received. Thank you, Pastor Paul for your visit!

*So Much Appreciated!
Carl Miller*



With
Deepest
Sympathy...

Our sympathy to Marty and Kathy White family on the passing of Kathy's father, Jim Strouse, on June 27. Cards may reach them at 5756 Clover Ridge Dr., Elida, OH 45807

MEETINGS:

August 2, 2021
PPR...7:00 PM

August 3, 2021
Trustees...7:00 PM

August 4, 2021
Worship Mtg...
10:00 AM

No Ad Council/
Finance

August 18, 2021
Missions..7:00 PM

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

August 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Beth Warris
August 1

AJ & Tara Strauch
August 2

Ron & Mary Steiner
August 3; 52 yrs.

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; 43 yrs.

Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 6; 44 yrs.

Scott & Michelle Grapner
August 11

David & Susan Nartker
August 16; 46 yrs.

Ron & Kay McAdams
August 19; 60 yrs.


Brooks & Jean May
August 28; 61 yrs.

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 Kathy Furry	11 Nancy Kizer Michele Luhn Emma Scannell	12	13	14 Chris Przekora
15 Virginia Doseck Polly McPherson	16 Beverly 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 Brad Selover Justin Wyant	30 Cole Lewis Esther McKinney	31				
						

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Best Cake

By Bev Nesbitt

Ingredients		Instructions
2	Eggs	Mix and pour into greased 9 x13 pan. Bake at 350 degrees for about 35 minutes. Let set 15 minutes, to cool slightly. Icing: Mix icing ingredients together. Frost cake while warm. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Refrigerate cake until icing is set up.
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
20 oz. can	Crushed pineapple (do not drain)	
2 cups	Flour	
2 cups	Granulated sugar	
2 tsp.	Baking Soda	
1 cup	Nuts, chopped	
	ICING:	
8 oz.	Cream Cheese	
1/2 cup	Butter (1 stick)	
1 tsp.	Vanilla	
1-1/3 cups	Powdered sugar	

Recipe: _____
From the Kitchen of: _____



WANTED:
Special Family Recipe's

E-mail: officeespc@gmail.com

KIDZ KORNER

FAITHFUL followers

Play these fun variations
on Follow the Leader —
and remember to
follow Jesus
wherever you go!

What you need:

- Bean bags
- Tables, chairs, pillows
- Painter's tape

What you do:

Players line up behind the Leader, who moves around in various ways. Followers must copy the Leader's movements faithfully. Try these variations:

1. Players must balance a bean bag on their head as they follow the Leader.
2. Set up an obstacle course, and follow the Leader by crawling under tables and chairs, hopping over pillows and so on.
3. With tape, make zigzags and curves on the floor. Then follow the Leader as if walking on a tightrope.
4. The Leader designates types of terrain to imagine, such as mud, snow, ice and a mountain.
5. Also try animal movements, mirrored movements and dancing movements.



No kidding

Whatever our age, God calls us to model holy living for others.



Directions: Match the animal young with its parent. Then write the letter answers in order below to complete 1 Timothy 4:12, NIV.



- | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. ___ bear | 9. ___ monkey | A. fry | I. hatchling |
| 2. ___ frog | 10. ___ platypus | B. fawn | K. foal |
| 3. ___ owl | 11. ___ alligator | C. gosling | L. owlet |
| 4. ___ horse | 12. ___ giraffe | D. cub | M. puggle |
| 5. ___ kangaroo | 13. ___ goose | E. kid | N. joey |
| 6. ___ deer | 14. ___ swan | F. cygnet | O. polliwog |
| 7. ___ goat | 15. ___ dog | G. infant | P. puppy |
| 8. ___ fish | | H. calf | |

"_on't let any_ne _oo_ down o_ you _ecaus_
you _re youn_, but set an exa_ple for the bel_evers
in speec_, in _onduct, in love, in _aith and in _urity."

1 TIMOTHY 4:12, NIV

Answers: D, O, L, K, N, B, E, A, G, M, I, H, C, F, P

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Living Our Faith

The Miracle of Summer

A team of Sunday school teachers faced boisterous youngsters on Rally Day, the start of a new education year. Because kids were reuniting after a break, they were eager to chat about vacations. To restore order, a teacher asked the children to take turns sharing a favorite Bible verse, story or miracle. One, who still had summer on the brain, exclaimed, "I like the time when everybody loafs and fishes!"

Friends with Binoculars

At a beautiful outdoor wedding reception in the Colorado foothills, a group of us noticed a family of black bears on the next hill. We were so excited because we'd never seen them in the wild! When some friends grabbed binoculars from their car, however, we realized the creatures were merely grazing cows.

Now I tell this story whenever I'm asked what exciting wildlife I've encountered in the mountains. It gets a good laugh but also reminds me that I desperately need friends with binoculars. Instead of surrounding myself with people who automatically agree with me and don't challenge my perceptions, I need friends in my life who search with me for answers, accuracy and truth. Let's all be on the "lookout" for friends with binoculars!

—Janna Firestone