

# St. Paul's Epistle

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August is upon us and hopefully, it is not as strange as the first part of our summer has been. People are beginning to know when there is smoke, and air quality is low just by looking. Smoke from wildfires, hot one day and cold the next, who knows what the weather and atmosphere are going to do next, record heat in the south and even around the world, I am glad I don't live in some parts of Texas where some places have had 27 days in a row over 100 degrees. I started sweating in the AC just typing those words. Rain, wind, heat, and storms are all part of summer, we pay attention to the extremes, and we also notice extremes in our church. Big crowds or small crowds, deaths or births, new families or people leaving, we see it and pay attention when the extremes happen at church too. It is in the midst of change and extremes that we gather together and become closer, helping one another to weather the storms of life or to celebrate the joys of wonderful events. Together we are so much stronger, the saying is, "Many hands make light work if we continue to share the load and rely on each other," there isn't anything we can't do as the Body of Christ. So stay cool in the heat, keep out of the storm whenever possible, and give thanks to God, we are not alone during these turbulent times.

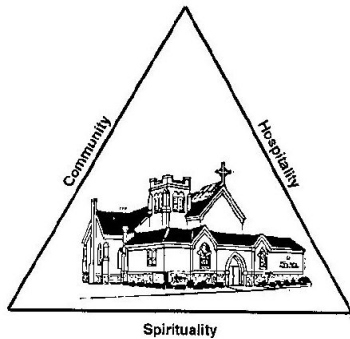
This newsletter has a supply list for school and health kits. It is that time of year again to help those in need by doing our small part in the bigger picture. Your health kit, will bring comfort in a time of trouble for people we may never meet, but you can show them the love of Christ by putting together a Health kit. School kits help those who are in need to have a few supplies to get them through until they are on their feet, or they could be sent around the world to help a child learn to read and write. Helping a child learn changes the world and your heart. The heart of Christ will show them God's love in a physical way. Change a life this year by building School and Health Kits to help those in need, domestically and internationally.

Locally, if you receive this in time, I want to invite you to National Night Out on August first, in the evening, at the Field House here in Elida. You have sponsored this event by providing a bouncy house for kids to have a enjoy and to show God's love to Elida through that support. Come meet your neighbors, friends, and family as we celebrate all our first responders. Join us, as we build community in a real way, and enjoy the smiles and fun.

Finally, on Labor Day, we need your help to man a couple of water stations for the LifeWise 5K. A water station in front of the church, as well as a water station in the field house parking lot. If you are running or walking the 5K, please let us know and we will keep an eye out for you on the course and will cheer you on. The proceed from this event will support all the LifeWise programs here in Allen County and especially here on Sunnydale Street in Elida. LifeWise is a program that helps young children learn about God during school hours at an off-campus location, helping them grow closer to Christ and stronger in Faith.

Keep up the good work, and I'll see you in the mission fields.

*Pastor Paul*



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### National Night Out

August 1, 2023  
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. 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.*



**Coins For Communion**  
August 6, 2023  
Will benefit Meals Til' Monday

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


**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.*

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

## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

**Thought for the Month:**  
Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.  
—attributed to Vincent van Gogh

### Christian Symbol



**HARP**

This multi-stringed musical instrument is associated with David, who played to soothe King Saul and later wrote many Psalms. The harp also represents praise music in general, as well as all the instruments people use to glorify God (see Psalm 71:22). The idea that angels play harps comes from Revelation 14:2 (“And I heard a voice from heaven like the sound of ... harpists playing on their harps”)

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**Thank you, to those who donated to the Food Pantry in July.**



**Food Pantry Sunday  
August 13**  
Breakfast Items:  
Cereal, Oatmeal, shelf stable bacon  
Donations are taken to  
the Five Loaves Food Pantry at  
The Church at Allentown

**“GUYS”  
of all ages**  
**Saturday, August 19**  
A guys get-together  
at Alex and Stacy McAdams.  
More information to follow  
during Sunday morning  
Announcements!

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

**Blessing of the  
Backpacks  
Sunday, August 27**  
To start off the new school year, all students teachers, and any school employee, bring your backpacks to worship service to be blessed.

**St. Paul's Book Club**  
*Saturday, September 16  
9:00 AM  
In the classroom beside the office*  
The book for discussion is:  
**“Flowers For Algernon”**  
*By David Keyes*  
Books are available in the library  
for \$6.00



**August**  
God in his own right hand doth take each day –  
each sun-filled day – each rare and radiant night,  
and drop it softly on the earth and say:  
“Touch earth with heaven’s own beauty  
and delight.”  
—Jean Blewett (1862-1934)

# Hymn History

## Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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

1740

*For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we may boldly say: "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?"* Hebrews 13:5b-6

Many stories have arisen around the writing of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," but they all appear to be fictional. We don't know the exact occasion for his composition, but it was written shortly after Charles Wesley's conversion, and its words seem to anticipate the huge crowds, lawless mobs, midnight escapes, traveling dangers, and flea infested beds he would encounter in coming years. Wesley's life, in brief, can be summoned up as follows:

As the methodist movement spread through England, Charles traveled horseback from place to place, an itinerant, homeless evangelist. His fiery preaching incited revival in some people and outrage in others.

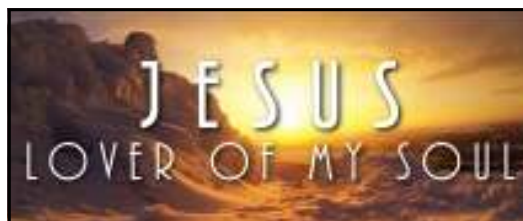
In the midst of all of this, his dear mother, Susanna, died on July 23, 1742. Her last words were, "Children, as soon as I am released, sing a psalm of praise to God." Later, preaching in Wales, "Charles met Sally Gwynne, a beautiful girl half his age. A courtship followed, and Charles wanted to propose, but he was virtually penniless with no way of supporting a wife.

That's when he decided to publish his *Hymns and Sacred Poems*, as well as his journals and sermons, hoping the royalties would provide an income. Charles and Sally were married on April 8, 1749, Charles noting: "Not a cloud was to be seen from morning till night. I rose at four, spent three hours and a half in prayer or singing with my brother...At eight I led my Sally to church... It was a most solemn season of love!"

They left immediately on a preaching tour, and Charles continued his itinerant ministry until 1756, when at age 49, exhausted, he and Sally settled down. Charles busied himself preaching, visiting, counseling, fretting about his three unsaved children, trying to keep Methodism within the Church of England, and giving unsolicited advice to his brother, John. All the while, he worked tirelessly on his hymns and poems.

By early 1788, Charles was bedfast, not from sickness but from a lifetime of fatigue. By March, too weak to write, he dictated his last hymn to Sally:

*In age and feebleness extreme, Who shall a sinful worm redeem?  
Jesus, my only hope Thou art, strength of my failing flesh and heart;  
Oh could I catch a smile from Thee, and drop into eternity!*



## Poem

### Glory to God, and Praise and Love

*By Charles Wesley, 1739*

Glory to God, and praise and love  
be ever, ever given,  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heaven.

On this glad day the glorious Sun  
of Righteousness arose;  
on my benighted soul he shone  
and filled it with repose.

Sudden expired the legal strife,  
'twas then I ceased to grieve;  
my second, real, living life  
I then began to live.

Then with my heart I first believed,  
believed with faith divine,  
power with the Holy Ghost received  
to call the Savior mine.

I felt my Lord's atoning blood  
close to my soul applied;  
me, me he loved, the Son of God,  
for me, for me he died!

I found and owned his promise true,  
ascertained of my part,  
my pardon passed in heaven I knew  
when written on my heart.

O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear redeemer's praise!  
The glories of my God and king,  
the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,  
assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad  
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,  
that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'tis life, and health, and peace!

He breaks the power of canceled sin,  
he sets the prisoner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean;  
his blood availed for me.

He speaks and listening to his voice  
new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosened tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your savior come,  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Look unto him, ye nations, own  
your God, ye fallen race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!

See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
the lamb of God was slain,  
his soul was once an offering made  
for every soul of man.

Harlots and publicans and thieves,  
in holy triumph join!  
Saved is the sinner that believes  
from crimes as great as mine.

Murderers and all ye hellish crew,  
ye sons of lust and pride,  
believe the Savior died for you;  
for me the Savior died.

With me, your chief, you then shall know,  
Shall feel your sins forgiven;  
anticipate your heaven below  
and own that love is heaven.



# Faith In Action

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
July 2, 2023	56
July 9, 2023	56
July 16, 2023	66
July 23, 2023	60

**Financial Giving**  
Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$4,187.00

<b>Unified Ministry Giving:</b>		<b>Other:</b>
July 2, 2023	\$2,815.00	\$775.00
July 9, 2023	\$4,225.00	\$215.00
July 16, 2023	\$3,415.00	\$335.00
July 23, 2023	\$10,530.00	1,855.00

<b>Children's Church Attendance</b>	
July 2, 2023	6
July 9, 2023	8
July 16, 2023	8
July 23, 2023	8

<b>Hospitality Cart</b>	
August 6, 2023	OPEN
August 13, 2023	OPEN
August 20, 2023	OPEN
August 27, 2023	OPEN

<b>Flower Calendar</b>	
August 6, 2023	Jamie & Jan Wyant
August 13, 2023	Steve & Tracy Sdao
August 20, 2023	Gary & Janet Grigg
August 27, 2023	Karla & Jean May



# Daily Bible Readings

## Tuesday 8/1

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

## Wednesday 8/2

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

## Thursday 8/3

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

## Friday 8/4

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

## Saturday 8/5

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

## Sunday 8/6

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

## Monday 8/7

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

## Tuesday 8/8

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

## Wednesday 8/9

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

## Thursday 8/10

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

## Friday 8/11

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

## Saturday 8/12

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

## Sunday 8/13

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

## Monday 8/14

Psalm 59, 64, 65  
2 Samuel 2:1-11  
Acts 15:36-16:5, Mark 6:14-29

## Tuesday 8/15

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

## Wednesday 8/16

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

## Thursday 8/17

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

## Friday 8/18

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

## Saturday 8/19

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

## Sunday 8/20

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

## Monday 8/21

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

## Tuesday 8/22

Psalm 78, 2 Samuel 7:18-29  
Acts 18:12-28, Mark 8:22-23

## Wednesday 8/23

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

## Thursday 8/24

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

## Friday 8/25

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

## Saturday 8/26

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

## Sunday 8/27

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

## Monday 8/28

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

## Tuesday 8/29

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

## Wednesday 8/30

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

## Thursday 8/31

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



## Brad Joseph



### BRAD JOSEPH MEMORIAL FUND

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 Fifteenth, and Final, Bradley Joseph Memorial Golf Outing. The day did not turn out so great, but I hope everyone had a good time, for a great cause.

We want to congratulate the winning team of Tim Martin, Rick Bible, Dick Long, and Charlie Rayl who shot a 63!!

We also want to thank Daryl and the rest of the staff at Colonial Golfers Club for doing such a great job at hosting our Event and to Mike for that wonderful chicken. And especially the Volunteers who willingly give us their time for this Event!!!

The proceeds from the Outing were **\$3,594**. Which brings our Outing total to **\$58,915**, as a result of your generosity, **THANK YOU!!!**

We will be contributing \$2,700 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 \$894 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.

The Outing started with a call from Kenny a few weeks after Brad's death that a couple of Brad's fellow pharmacists (Dr. Timothy Burkart and Dr. Ryan Kruse) wanted to start a golf outing in Brad's memory. I told Kenny I was thinking of the same thing and the two doctors and I started talking about how to do this. We had a few meetings in the Spring of 2008 with other family members and had the first golf outing in July at the Bluffton Golf Club. We had 120 golfers!!! We had a wonderful time and decided to continue. The next two were held at Bluffton then we switched to Colonial Golfer's Club. We now have over \$65,000 in the Memorial Fund which will fund many more medical mission scholarships!!!

I thought about putting a list together of all of the participants and volunteers over the years and realized that list would be gigantic!! Thank you to everyone for all of your help in continuing Brad's memory and wonderful work!!!

John Fleming



## Kits Mission

### SCHOOL KITS

Starting a new school year is exciting...but for children who don't have school supplies, it can also be terrifying. That's where these kits - and your compassion - come in!

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- ◆ One pair of blunt scissors removed from the package (rounded tip, only).
- ◆ Three 70-count bound notebooks.
- ◆ One 30-centimeter, 12" ruler.
- ◆ One hand-held pencil sharpener (removed from package).
- ◆ One large eraser (no pencil cap erasers).
- ◆ Six new, unsharpened pencils with erasers (removed from the package, and rubber banded together).
- ◆ One box of 24 crayons.
- ◆ **\$2.00** for processing and shipping kits.

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



**Kits Collection August 6 to September 10**



### HEALTH KITS

When people are forced to abruptly leave their homes because of emergencies, they may not have time to pack the things they use on a daily basis like toothbrushes or soap. But after a few days without these items, they definitely miss them. Your hygiene kits offer a refreshing daily boost for someone when supplies are hard to come by.

#### **SUPPLIES NEEDED:**

- ◆ One hand towel measuring @ 15" x 28" to 16" x 32 (no micro-fiber).
- ◆ One washcloth.
- ◆ One wide-tooth comb (removed from package),  
(combs provided.)
- ◆ One fingernail or toenail clipper (removed from package).
- ◆ One bath size bar of soap in original package.
- ◆ One 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.

# Missions

## Sunnydale House 5K

Labor Day, September 4  
Between 8:00 AM and Noon

We have been asked to man the watering stations in front of the church, and at the Fieldhouse parking lot. We will need volunteers to help with this mission to give out cups of water. If available to work there will be sign-up sheet at the media desk, closer to the date.



# Thank You

Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank You!! The dear people you just helped with your gift (\$1,010 donation) to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank You!

UMCOR International  
Disaster Response

## The Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Fund 15th and Final Golf Outing



# Thank You!

**Thank you to our St. Paul's helpers:**

Norm Grigsby, Corinne and Tim Piper, Sue Theodore, and Jamie Wyant,

**Thank you to our St. Paul's Golfer's:**

Larry and Shirley Moser, Blake Selover, and Tim Theodore

# Connecting With ...

Back in March approval was given to purchase a new desk for the secretaries office. One desk was assembled and put to use, since this desk looked nice and under budget, another desk was purchased along with a small file desk under the mailboxes, plus file drawers by the copy machine. Thank you to Vicki and Brent McAdams who came and added the final decorating touches.

Stop in and check it out!!



Lena Whetstone played the piano and sang "Hallelujah" by L. Cohen and K. Mooney for Special Music on July 16. Thank you Lena, for sharing your talents!!!



Thank you, Rev. Dillon Staas III who was the Guest Speaker for Worship on July 23. Thank you, to Corinne Piper for extending her Liturgist duties to assist in the Worship Service.





# The People of St. Paul's

*To the people of St. Paul's Church,*

*Thank you for the outpouring of love you have shown to our family following the passing of our wife/mom/grandma. Thanks to those of you who reached out during Linda's illness to make a meal, send a card, or pay a visit. She appreciated these kind sentiments greatly. And thank you for the touching service, the delicious luncheon, and the beautiful wind chimes. We will think of her each time we hear their beautiful music.*

*St. Paul's has always been a special place to our family – a place where we have found belonging, community, and good friends, but no more so than this past couple of weeks. Your kindness will not be forgotten.*

*With sincere gratitude and love,  
The Art Holman Family*



## Remember in Prayer



*Recovering from Surgery  
or in the Hospital*

Wanda Strayer

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

Ted and Jan Sodders

*In the Military*

Nathan Stewart



*Thank You!*

*Dear Friends at St. Paul's,*

*The Piper Family would like to thank everyone who prayed for us during my mom's illness and passing. Thank you also for your cards, donations, visitation to the funeral home, and attending the funeral. Special thanks to the Hurds and Wyants for their contribution at the funeral.*

*Also, a special thanks to Pastor Paul for visiting mom during her illness and for conducting the beautiful funeral service. We love and appreciate all of you in our St. Paul's family.*

*Tim and Corinne Piper.*

*Thank you for all of the prayers, words of encouragement, and cards for my recent shoulder surgery. The surgery went well and even though the therapy process is long, I look forward to a return to a "normal life." I greatly appreciate your caring and support.*

*Dan Best*

With Heartfelt  
*Sympathy*

*Our sympathy to Tim and Corinne Piper and family on the passing of Tim's mother, Jean Thomas, on July 9. Jean had just turned 94 on July 1st. A service was held in Jean's home town of Celina on July 14. Cards may reach the Piper's at 3003 Fryer Rd, Elida, OH 45807.*

*Kim Crates lost her hard fought battle to cancer on July 24. Our sympathy to her husband, Mike and Family. And to Judy and Don Chaffins family who lost a Sister-in-law and Aunt. A Celebration of Life was held on July 29 with Pastor Paul officiating. Cards will reach the Crates Family at 1801 N. Charles St., Lima, OH 45801*

**MEETINGS:**

No Trustees Mtg.

August 2, 2023

Worship Mtg...

10:00 AM

August 7, 2023

PPR...7:00 PM

August 14, 2023

Ad Council/  
Finance..7:00 PM

August 17, 2023

Missions..7:00 PM

Sundays

Hospitality...9:30AM

Worship...10:00 AM

# August 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		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 Scott & Beth Warris August 1	14 Connie Mault Chris Przekora	15 Ginny Doseck	16 Bev Nesbitt	17	18 Tracy Sdao	19
20 Austin Lewis Dennis Metzger	21	22	23 Jean May Aric Thompson	24 Gail Fessler	25 Ira Slemmons	26
27	28 Julia White	29 Brad Selover Justin Wyant	30 Cole Lewis	31 Paisley Gerdeman		

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

Scott & Beth Warris  
August 1

AJ & Tara Strauch  
August 2

Ron & Mary Steiner  
August 3; 54 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; 45 yrs.

Jamie & Jan Wyant  
August 6; 46 yrs.

Scott & Michelle Grapner  
August 11

David & Susan Nartker  
August 16; 48 yrs.

Ron & Kay McAdams  
August 19; 62 yrs.





# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Creamy Peach Pie

*By Meredith Fessler*

Ingredients		Instructions
3/4 cup	Sugar	Combine sugar, flour, salt, and nutmeg; add to peaches in bowl and toss lightly. Arrange in pie shell. Pour heavy cream over peaches. Sprinkle with additional nutmeg, if desired. Bake at 400 degrees for 45 minutes or until set. Cool well before serving. Garnish with whipped cream, if desired. Note: Pie pan may be placed on aluminum foil-lined baking sheet. **May use Apples and Cinnamon**
1/4 cup	All purpose flour	
1/4 tsp.	Salt	
1/4 tsp	Nutmeg	
4 cups	Peaches, fresh, Peeled, sliced**	
1 cup	Heavy cream	
1 - 9 inch	Pie shell, unbaked	



This is a favorite old family recipe!!!

If you have any favorite old family recipes you would like to share. Email them to [officeespc@gmail.com](mailto:officeespc@gmail.com) or place them in the church office.

# KIDZ KORNER



Use simple ingredients and your imagination to bake these fluffy, cloud-like treats.

**What you need:**

- 3 egg whites
- ½ tsp. vanilla extract
- Mixer
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- Parchment paper

**What you do:**

1. Preheat oven to 300°. In a mixing bowl, combine egg whites and vanilla. Mix at medium speed until frothy.
2. While whisking, gradually add sugar and cornstarch. Keep whisking at high speed until stiff peaks form.
3. Spoon mixture onto a baking sheet lined with parchment paper. Create fun shapes.
4. Bake 20 minutes. Cool and enjoy!



## Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

*Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.*

God determines this and calls each star by name. (Psalm 147:4)

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The heavens are the work of God's what? (Psalm 8:3)

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What does God bring out one by one? (Isaiah 40:26)

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God made two great lights to do this. (Genesis 1:16)

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God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (Genesis 15:5)

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The sun, moon and stars have this. (1 Corinthians 15:41)

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The lights in the sky serve as what? (Genesis 1:14)

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The heave\_\_s declare the \_\_lory \_\_f \_\_od;  
the ski\_\_s \_\_roc\_\_aim the wo\_\_k of his ha\_\_ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV

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## Living Our Faith

### When We Least Deserve Love

Love me when I least deserve it," says a Swedish proverb, "because that's when I really need it." My mom recounts how my 1-year-old sister, scooting around in a walker, somehow got hold of and spilled a loosely capped bottle of cooking oil. As Mom cleaned up, my sis scooted into the bathroom and unwound all the toilet paper.

Mom went to investigate the ruckus, and as she respooled the TP, my sister went back to the kitchen, pulled crackers out of a lower cupboard, tossed them on the floor and drove over them — in the remaining oil. At that point, Mom decided it was naptime! Yet I know Mom laid her little one in her crib with tender love. After a rest, they'd start afresh.

In John 21, the risen Jesus addresses Peter, who had denied him three times the night of Jesus' arrest. But Jesus didn't treat Peter harshly. In love, the Savior offered his disciple a fresh start. So too, when we're at our worst, hurting God's heart by hurting others and creation, God loves us all the more. He loves us into a fresh start — even, and especially, when we least deserve it.

—Heidi Hyland Mann