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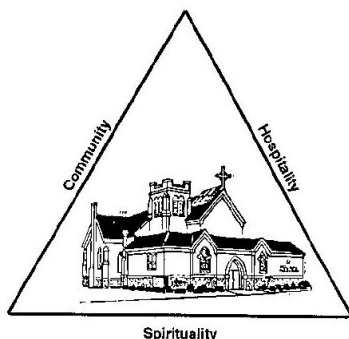
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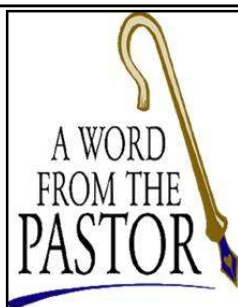
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Everything should be crystal clear now that it is 2020. I know it is a very bad joke, but I had to use it to wish you a Happy New Year! I want to start this letter with a very special thank you to all of you who sent cards and gifts to our family this Christmas. I am always amazed at how you share the love of Christ with us throughout the year and we appreciate every card and gift.

I mentioned during the Christmas Eve Service that I wanted you to keep Christmas and the gift of the Savior with you throughout the year and not pack it all away in the attic until Thanksgiving. I haven't decided what I am going to keep out to remind us of Christmas. Perhaps Marla already knows. I do know, whatever I keep out, it will help me see how Christ knows everything I live through because He, too, lived through life here with us. How great is that? God with us, freeing us from sin and we are reminded by a simple Christmas ornament or a nativity set left out year-round.

Winter is upon us and it is the time of year when you find yourself inside with time on your hands. I want to encourage you to find a bible study to participate in or an online bible reading program. I know it is easy to get caught up with cabin fever in the cold months and having a distraction helps me overcome the winter blues. Stay active and watch for the One who brings life and always follow Him.

Until we see each other in the mission field!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Our hope is not in the new year, but in the One who makes all things new.

—Unknown

Epiphany Sunday January 5



EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 5
Coins For Communion to
benefit Heartbeat of Lima.

Men's Bible Study

What was Saint Paul's original name? To find out, come to the Men's Bible Study on the evening of **January 9th, 7:00 PM** at the church. Jamie Wyant will be leading a men's study of St. Paul's life and teachings. All men are welcome, including men who are not members of our church, so, bring a friend! Watch upcoming Sunday bulletins for more details.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

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

Christian Symbol

CROSS ON THE ROCK

The rock is often used as a symbol of the Lord, our strength and firm foundation. A cross rising from the rock echoes many Bible verses that proclaim Christ as the rock of salvation; for example, "He alone is my rock and my salvation ..." (Psalm 62:2, ESV).



January 12, 2020
Baptism of the Lord Sunday



Food Pantry Sunday
January 12
Non-perishable food items
and cleaning supplies

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 20, 2020



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



When submitting vouchers to the Treasurer for payment, please have a committee chair or Finance committee chair person sign the voucher before putting in Treasurer's mail box.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18-25

How to Find Peace

Blessed are the single-hearted, for they shall enjoy much peace. If you refuse to be hurried and pressed, if you stay your soul on God, nothing can keep you from that clearness of spirit which is life and peace. In that stillness you will know what his will is.

—Amy Carmichael

Holiday Home Walk



Home of Tahler Sdao



Home of Carla and Jim Klingler



Home of Brent and Vicki McAdams



Home of Alex and Stacy McAdams

Thank You

Thank you Myrna Metzger and helpers who beautifully decorated the church for Christmas.



Thank you to Marty and Kathy White who beautifully decorated the Altar for this Advent



Thank you to all who contributed hats, mittens and scarves to the special tree.

Thank you to Choir director, Judy Chaffins; Organist, Linda Holman and Pianist, Lois Cook for the music.



Thank you to everyone who made and or bought items for the cookie walk on December 8. **\$603.00** was collected, which will go to the **Crafty Creatures** small group quilt and prayer shawl missions.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

December 1, 2019	84
December 8, 2019	87
December 15, 2019	76
December 22, 2019	102
December 24, 2019 6:00 PM	50
December 24, 2019 10:00 PM	90
December 29, 2019	73

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
December 1, 2019	\$3,552.50	\$565.58
December 8, 2019	\$6,845.00	\$370.43
December 15, 2019	\$3,845.00	\$251.00
December 22, 2019	\$2,518.00	\$1,289.00
December 29, 2019	\$2,003.00	\$543.32

Sunday School Attendance

December 1, 2019	5
December 8, 2019	5
December 15, 2019	4
December 22, 2019	9
December 29, 2017	6

Greeters

January 5, 2020	Marty and Kathy White
January 12, 2020	Tim and Sue Theodore
January 19, 2020	OPEN
January 26, 2020	Denny and Janna Thompson

The Flower Loft is increasing their price of Altar Flowers to \$25.00, beginning January 1.

Hospitality Cart

January 5, 2020	Margie Best and Jone Lane
January 12, 2020	OPEN
January 19, 2020	OPEN
January 26, 2019	Choir/

Flower Calendar

January 5, 2020	Carl and Lois Rabley
January 12, 2020	OPEN
January 19, 2020	OPEN
January 26, 2019	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Wednesday 1/1

Psalms 46, 48, 1 Kings 3:5-14
2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2
John 8:12-19

Thursday 1/2

Psalms 33, 34, 1 Kings 19:1-8
Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:1-14

Friday 1/3

Psalms 68, 72, 1 Kings 19:9-18
Ephesians 4:17-32, John 6:15-27

Saturday 1/4

Psalms 85, 87, 89:1-29
Joshua 3:14-4:7
Ephesians 5:1-20
John 9:1-12, 35-38

Sunday 1/5

Psalms 2, 110, Jonah 2:2-9
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 11:17-27, 38-44

Monday 1/6

Psalms 29, 98, Isaiah 66:18-23
Romans 15:7-13

Tuesday 1/7

Psalms 103, 114, 115
Deuteronomy 8:1-3
Colossians 1:1-14
John 6:30-33, 48-51

Wednesday 1/8

Psalms 112, 113, 117, 118
Exodus 17:1-7
Colossians 1:15-23, John 7:37-52

Thursday 1/9

Psalms 121, 122, 123, 131, 132
Isaiah 45:14-19
Colossians 1:24-2:7
John 8:12-19

Friday 1/10

Psalms 138, 139, 147
Jeremiah 23:1-8
Colossians 2:8-23, John 10:7-17

Saturday 1/11

Psalms 91, 92, 148, 150
Isaiah 55:3-9
Colossians 3:1-17
John 14:6-14

Sunday 1/12

Psalms 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Genesis 1:1-2:3
Ephesians 1:3-14, John 1:29-34

Monday 1/13

Psalms 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Genesis 2:4-25
Hebrews 1:1-14, John 1:1-18

Tuesday 1/14

Psalms 5, 6, 10, 11
Genesis 3:1-24
Hebrews 2:1-10, John 1:19-28

Wednesday 1/15

Psalms 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Genesis 4:1-16
Hebrews 2:11-18, John 1:29-42

Thursday 1/16

Psalms 18, Genesis 4:17-26
Hebrews 3:1-11, John 1:43-51

Friday 1/17

Psalms 16, 17, 22, Genesis 6:1-8
Hebrews 3:12-19, John 2:1-12

Saturday 1/18

Psalms 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Genesis 6:9-22
Hebrews 4:1-13, John 2:13-22

Sunday 1/19

Psalms 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Genesis 7:1-10, 17-23
Ephesians 4:1-16, Mark 3:7-19

Monday 1/20

Psalms 9, 15, 25, Genesis 8:6-22
Hebrews 4:14-5:6
John 2:23-3:15

Tuesday 1/21

Psalms 26, 28, 36, 39
Genesis 9:1-17
Hebrews 5:7-14, John 3:16-21

Wednesday 1/22

Psalms 38, 119:25-48
Genesis 9:18-29
Hebrews 6:1-12, John 3:22-36

Thursday 1/23

Psalms 37, Genesis 11:1-9
Hebrews 6:13-20, John 4:1-15

Friday 1/24

Psalms 31, 35, Genesis 11:27-12:8
Hebrews 7:1-17, John 4:16-26

Saturday 1/25

Psalms 30, 32, 42, 43
Genesis 12:9-13:1
Hebrews 7:18-28, John 4:27-42

Sunday 1/26

Psalms 63, 98, 103
Genesis 13:2-18
Galatians 2:1-10, Mark 7:31-37

Monday 1/27

Psalms 41, 44, 52, Genesis 14:1-24
Hebrews 8:1-13, John 4:43-54

Tuesday 1/28

Psalms 45, 47, 48, Genesis 15:1-21
Hebrews 9:1-14, John 5:1-18

Wednesday 1/29

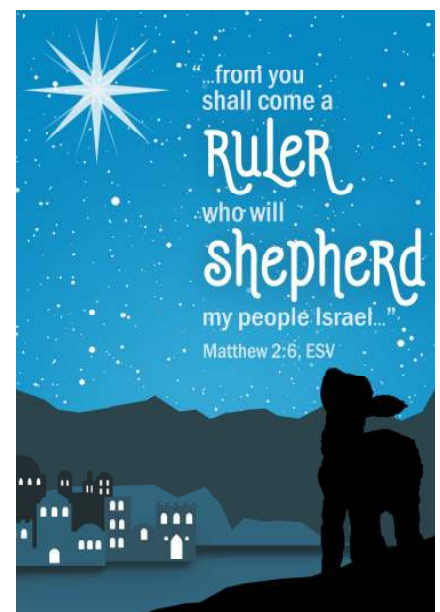
Psalms 49, 53, 119:49-72
Genesis 16:1-14
Hebrews 9:15-28, John 5:19-29

Thursday 1/30

Psalms 50, 118
Genesis 16:15-17:14
Hebrews 10:1-10, John 5:30-47

Friday 1/31

Psalms 40, 51, 54
Genesis 17:15-27
Hebrews 10:11-25, John 6:1-15



Church History

The Seniors Day out held on July 21 celebrated everyone's birthday. The guests sat at the table designated for their birthday month. Seniors Day Out the following month was held on August 18. Judy Chaffins, Gifted Coordinator for Allen Co. Schools, and Joel Hatfield, Interim Superintendent for Elida Schools, were the guest speakers.

A children's choir made up of Adrianna and Sherilyn Ellinger, Tara Gaghen and Lena Whetstone was the special music for August 13.

The Allen Co. fair chairs set up was August 29, 2015. A wonderful group of volunteers set up the chairs that morning and came again after the grandstand show and took all the chairs down. This is a great money-maker for our church.

Tony Lozano was the special music on August 30. He sang "He Touched Me" by W. J. Gaither. Tony has a special voice and everyone enjoys hearing him sing.

School and Health Kits were collected to send to the Festival of Sharing in September. Maedene Holmes spearheads this endeavor. The kits had to be sorted and checked to make sure all items were in each bag. Those helping Maedene were Lynda Evans, Tim Piper, Jean Thomas and Pastor Paul.

Quilts were blessed on October 18, 2015. These 30 quilts were taken to Shawnee Manor, The Orchards and Lost Creek Care Center the following week.

Once again on Trick or Treat night in Elida, volunteers pass out hot drinks and St. Paul pencils to the adults and the trick or treaters. Those helping with this project were Jerry Crates, Gary Hurd, Don and Mary Irvin, Corinne Piper and Jean Thomas.

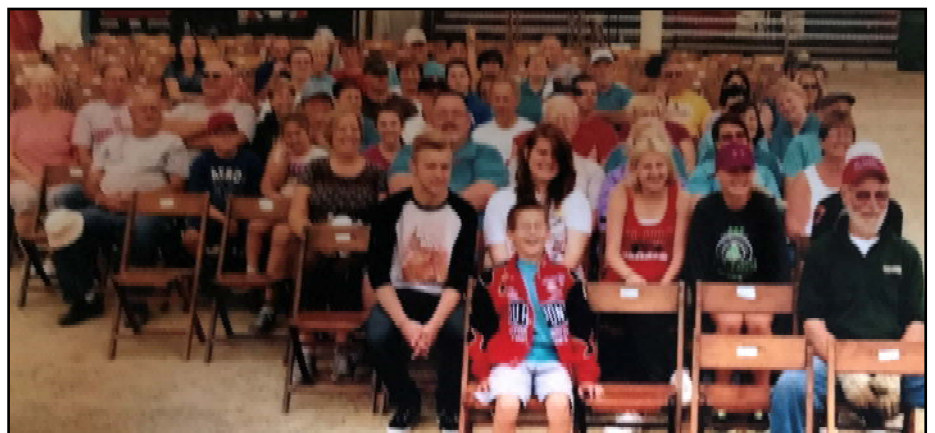
On November 15, Jan Wyant, Education Chair, presented 3rd grader, Ian House, with his own Bible.

Seniors Day Out was held on November 17, 2015. The seniors watched a very interesting presentation about coffee and coffee brewing by Andrew Piper.



August 13, 2015
Children's Choir was Special Music

August 29, 2015
Fair Chair Volunteers



Christmas Eve



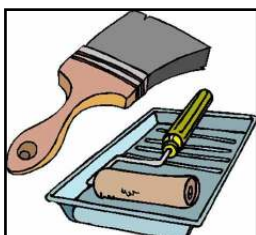
Remember When...



January, 1995
Joy Singers celebrate Lois
Cook's birthday.



Working on basement
Renovations, 2008.



Quilts blessed in
January, 2015



Connecting With ...



Makayla Bok was invited to be a member of the National Honor Society earlier this year. Applicants are invited based on grades, and chosen based off of community service, teacher recommendation and student essay.

Congratulations Makayla!

Congratulations!

Thank you to Corinne and Tim Piper for reviving our bulletin boards. They invite ANYONE who would like to help keep the information current!



Congratulations to Andrew Piper for being the lead article "The Daily Grind, Westerville Coffee King" in the Westerville Community Magazine. Andrew and his wife Megan own and operate the coffee shop, plus he roasts imports and coffee beans.



The People of St. Paul's

*Dear St. Paul's Family,
I am overwhelmed by all the
kindness I have received from
you after my recent surgery.
The flowers came at a perfect
time, and they were beautiful.
Thank you for your prayers,
words of encouragement and
support.
You all are great!*

*Most Sincerely,
Linda Craft*

*Thank
You!*

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Phyllis Trigg

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Ray and Phyllis Trigg

In the Military & Missions

Oliver Fessler
Nathan Stewart

Begin Anew

Every morning lean thine arms awhile
Upon the windowsill of heaven
And gaze upon thy Lord.
Then, with the vision in thy heart,
Turn strong to meet thy day.

—Thomas Blake



Meetings

January 6, 2020

PPR...6:30 PM

January 7, 2020

Trustees...7:00 PM

January 8, 2020

Worship Mtg..10 AM

January 13, 2020

Finance Mtg...7:00PM

No Ad Council Mtg.

TBA

Missions Mtg.

Sundays

Prayer..9:30 AM

Fellowship...9:30 AM

Worship...10:00 AM

Wednesdays

Choir...7:00PM

January 2018

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1 Tim Piper	2	3 Dakota DeRose Becky Ellinger	4
5 Shara Bowsher Lois Cook	6 Adia Slemmons	7	8 Cynthia Guess Larry Moser Barry Smith	9 Larkin Wyant	10	11 Nate Craft
12 Jaime Chambers	13	14 Roger Henderson	15	16 Steve Sdao	17 Norm Grigsby	18
19	20	21 Adrianna Ellinger Shirley Shoup	22	23 Joanne Bragg	24	25
26 Jeff Reiff	27 Jacalyn Henderson	28	29	30 Wanda Strayer Zack White	31 Judy Strayer	



*Rudy & Lavonne
Segovia
January 1; 64 yrs.*

*Paul & Marla
Scannell
January 8*

*Gerald & Wanda
Strayer
January 13; 66 yrs.*

*Andrew & Michele
Luhin
January 16*

*Bill & Bev Nesbitt
January 16*

*Don & Maedene
Holmes
January 25; 61yrs.*

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks


Yummy Pecan Dessert

By Jone Lane

Ingredients		Instructions
1 bag	Pecan Sandies cookies	Crush one bag Pecan Sandies cookies. Mix crumbs with 1/4 cup melted butter. Place in 9x13 pan. Cool. Place 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream out for 10 minutes. Mix in large bowl: 2 pkgs. Butterscotch or Pecan instant pudding and 1 cup milk. Add 1/2 gallon vanilla ice cream. Mix well. Pour over crumbs. Spread one 9 oz. tub cool whip over top. Crush a Hershey bar or Heath bar and spread over top. Can also spread pecans over top.
1/4 cup	Butter , melted	
1/2 gallon	Vanilla ice cream	
2 small pkgs.	Pudding Butterscotch or Pecan (instant)	
1 cup	Milk	
9 oz. tub	Cool Whip	
1 bar	Hershey or Heath bar (crushed)	

Christmas Punch

By Jan Wyant

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cups	Orange juice	Stir all ingredients together. 
2 cups	Cranberry juice	
1 cup	Pineapple juice	
1 cup	Ginger ale	

KIDZ KORNER

"STEP" INTO THE NEW YEAR

Make this craft to
remember God's
many blessings.

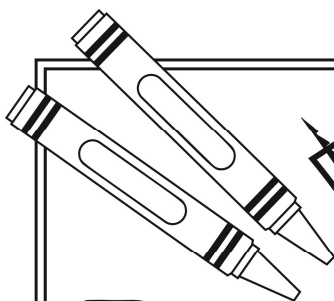


What you need:

- Small stones
- Permanent markers
- Foil pan and cooking spray
- Drop cloth
- Gloves
- Quick-set concrete (and adult help)
- Bucket and paint stirrer

What you do:

1. After reflecting on the past year, use markers to decorate stones with memorable words, dates and drawings.
2. Spray pan with cooking spray. Set pan outside on a drop cloth.
3. Wearing gloves, mix concrete in a bucket, according to instructions.
4. Pour concrete into pan. Smooth top with paint stirrer.
5. Press in stones, handprints and other decorations.
6. Let dry completely. Remove from pan.
7. Place the stepping-stone outside as a reminder of God's continued goodness.

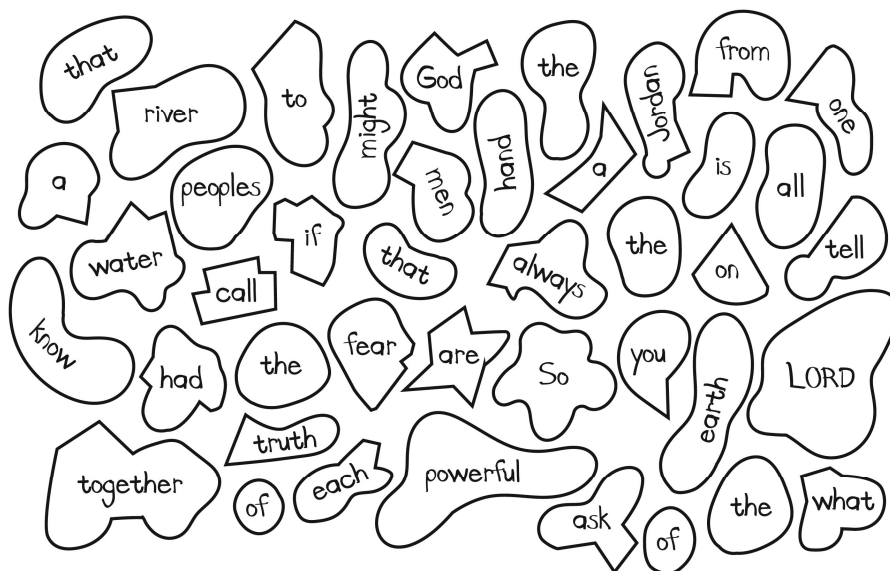


PUZZLE

Reminder rocks

When Joshua and the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, they set up stones for a special reason.

Directions: Shade all the rocks that aren't completely rounded. Unscramble the remaining rocks to reveal a message from Joshua 4:24, NIV.



So _____ the _____ the

_____ the _____ .

JOSHUA 4:24, NIV

Answer: So that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful. Joshua 4:24, NIV

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Living Our Faith

At Home with God



Of all persons, the Christian should be best prepared for whatever the New Year brings.... In Christ he has disposed of a thousand enemies that other men must face alone and unprepared. He can face his tomorrow cheerful and unafraid because yesterday he turned his feet into the ways of peace and today he lives in God. The man who has made God his dwelling place will always have a safe habitation.

—A.W. Tozer

The Wise Men

Oh, we have learnt to peer and pore
On tortured puzzles from our youth,
We know all labyrinthine lore,
We are the three wise men of yore,
And we know all things but the truth. ...

Go humbly, humble are the skies,
And low and large and fierce the star;
So very near the manger lies
That we may travel far.

Hark! Laughter like a lion wakes
To roar to the resounding plain.
And the whole heaven shouts and shakes,
For God himself is born again. ...

—G.K. Chesterton

