

St. Paul's Epistle

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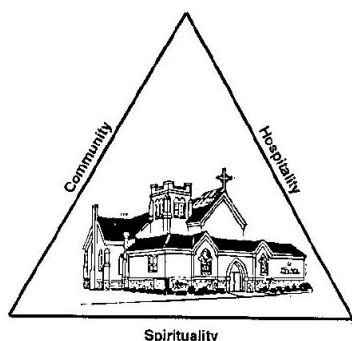
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What do you think of when I say June? I think of warmer weather, grilling, vacation, and the end of school. Normally at church, we are slowing down for the summer, but this year continues to be very strange. Beginning June 6th, we will have children's church (children's moments), following Stump the pastor. We are also figuring out what we will be doing, as we walk back the restrictions that we put in place for Covid-19. You may have noticed that Hymnals and Bibles are back in the pews, and in the weeks to come, we will add Bulletins back into Sunday service. We will continue to follow state guidelines when it comes to masks. So, if you have had the vaccine, you do not need to wear a mask in church. If you have not had the vaccine it is suggested that you wear a mask, and as always, if you wish to wear a mask, you are more than welcome to.

We are continuing with our online ministry. So, if you feel unsafe coming to in-person worship, or just want to participate from the lake, the beach, or your favorite campsite, you can. In other news, we are needing volunteers to help out on the 11th of June with Family Promise at Immanuel Church. There are 2 ways you can help; by making food for the families and by supervising at Immanuel by being present to answer questions and help out.

This Summer we are going to spend a little time thinking about God and Faith from an intellectual standpoint, a thinking person's guide to God: We will look at science and the Bible; what to do when Christians get it wrong; understanding the Bible better; the logic of heaven and hell; and finally, why God allows suffering. I look forward to this summer as we return to a somewhat normal summer, with grilling on a nice vacation, and with weather that is warmer, but not too hot.

I hope to see you around in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak. Courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.

Winston Churchill

JUNE 6

Coins for Communion to benefit
U.M.C.O.R U. S. Disaster Relief Fund

You may also combine with your regular offering, just
mark you offering envelope the amount designated to
Coins for Communion



**West Ohio
United Methodist Church
Annual Conference
Virtual Sessions
June 6 & 7**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

Christian Symbol

WEDDING SYMBOL

This version of the Chi Rho features two interlocking rings on a cross. It symbolizes the partnership a husband and wife make with God as they unite. The Wedding Cross also symbolizes a couple's commitment to grow together in God's grace and love .



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**Food Pantry Sunday
June 13**

Donations are taken to the
Church at Allentown

June 20



June 14



**First Day of Summer
June 20**

Dad:

A son's first hero,
a daughter's first love.

—Unknown

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

POUND

Rockout/Workout Fitness class

June 15— Demonstration Class

6:00 PM—St. Paul's Basement, all ages welcome (allow 1 hr.)

Cost- \$5.00, Bring a yoga mat or beach towel

Contact: Judy Chaffins - 419-230-3134 or the church office
for more information.

*POUND-Rockout.Workout is a cardio jam session inspired by
drumming. Using Ripstix, lightly weighted exercise drumsticks.
You'll sweat, sculpt and Rock your body and mind.*



Worship Service

Worship Service Guidelines

The policies below are to help keep us safe as we gather for worship. Our leadership is in continual discussion as state and CDC guidelines change.

- ♦ Masks are recommended, (per CDC guidelines) for those who have not been vaccinated, all others optional.
- ♦ If you test positive for COVID-19 after attending a worship service, please notify Pastor Paul or the church office.
- ♦ Offering plates are available at each entrance. Please place your offering in the plate.
- ♦ Communion is with prepackaged single serve wafer and juice, the first Sunday of each month. The single serve cups are at each sanctuary entrance on Communion Sunday's.

COMING JUNE 6

Bulletins — with inserts will be placed in the pews.

Hymn Sing — Hymnals are back in the pews for you to choose your favorite hymn during the Hymn Sing. If you are watching the service remotely you may contact Pastor Paul or the office with your favorite hymn suggestion.

Children's Moments — The Children will be called to the front of the sanctuary. Pastor Paul will once again have "Stump the Pastor". This is when a child or someone brings in an item to place in a box and Pastor Paul has to come up with a Children's sermon that relates to the item left in the box. If he can not come up with a relatable sermon then that person get's something special. There is a sign-up sheet on the front pew, to bring a "stump the Pastor" item.

Rules you will need to follow;

1. Please do Not bring in anything alive and biting (the Scannell rule)
2. Please do Not bring in anything dead and rotting (the Burris rule)
3. It must fit in the box (Safety 3rd)
4. You must tell me what the object is and what it is used for (the Clouse rule).

Children's Church — Children go to the classroom following the Children's moments of the Worship Service. Taught by Shirley Moser.



Prayer

Whom to Pray For

By Corinne Piper

I am continuing with thoughts on intercessory prayer from the book Intimate Intercession by Tricia McCary Rhodes

So many prayer requests! So many people in need! So many opportunities to join with others in prayer! An internet search on “intercession” from a few years ago had 746,000 sites! I get so overwhelmed that I give up and don’t pray for anyone.

Remember Martha, who was busy when Jesus was teaching and got “in trouble” for it? Tricia McCary Rhodes sees a parallel for those of us trying to pray for others. What Martha was doing needed to be done. The meals weren’t going to fix themselves, and no one would want to wait for several hours for her to fix them, when they were hungry. But first, Martha needed to be still and listen. Jesus would guide her in what really needed to be done. Jesus fed 5,000 people with a few fish and some bread. The group would have figured something out when the time came. She needed to be still.

Rhodes teaches that before we attack all those prayer requests, we need to be still and listen for what and where God wants us to be. All prayer requests are worthy, but maybe not all are where my attention is supposed to be directed. I need to listen to my friend, Jesus, to know what he has for me to do. King Solomon in Ecclesiastes 5:2 says, “Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.”

But being still is hard! Listening and not talking is hard. The good thing is that God is our friend. He won’t quit on us even if we are pretty lame in our attempts to listen. Moses was alerted to God through the burning bush, but it took many experiences before he trusted and listened to God: learning about his culture when he was raised as an Egyptian; arguing with God, then Aaron, then the Israelites about his worthiness; going before Pharaoh with only a staff and watching it turn into a snake and many other steps. He and God kept working with each other to develop a relationship. It took some work before they were honest with each other.

If you would like a time to just sit and get to know God and to begin to listen, join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Prayer Chapel. If you feel led to pray for those on our prayer list, or for specific conditions of those on our prayer list, join us. This is a short session in which we say the names of those on our hearts and on our list. It is a time to join together to learn at the Master’s side.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

May 2, 2021	75
May 9, 2021 <i>Mother's Day</i>	80
May 16, 2021	53
May 23, 2021	68

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,879.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
May 2, 2021	\$4,793.00	\$355.00
May 9, 2021	\$2,746.10	\$175.00
May 16, 2021	\$2,505.00	\$877.00
May 23, 2021	\$3,473.00	\$238.00

Summer Special Music:

If you or someone you know, would like to volunteer their talent in providing special music for the Worship service during the summer months, please let Judy Chaffins or the office know.

Flower Calendar

June 6, 2021	Sharon Phillips
June 13, 2021	Don & Judy Chaffins
June 20, 2021	Greg & Barb Schade
June 27, 2021	Don & Mary Irvin



Daily Bible Readings

Tuesday 6/1

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Ruth 1:19-2:13
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8
Luke 13:10-17

Wednesday 6/2

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Ruth 2:14-23
1 Timothy 3:1-16, Luke 13:18-30

Thursday 6/3

Psalm 18, Ruth 3:1-18
1 Timothy 4:1-16, Luke 13:31-35

Friday 6/4

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Ruth 4:1-17
1 Timothy 5:17-22 (23-25)
Luke 14:1-11

Saturday 6/5

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Deuteronomy 1:1-8
1 Timothy 6:6-21, Luke 14:12-24

Sunday 6/6

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Deuteronomy 4:1-9
Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17
Matthew 12:33-45

Monday 6/7

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Deuteronomy 4:9-14
2 Corinthians 1:1-11
Luke 14:25-35

Tuesday 6/8

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Deuteronomy 4:15-24
2 Corinthians 1:12-22
Luke 15:1-10

Wednesday 6/9

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Deuteronomy 4:25-31
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17
Luke 15:1-2, 11-32

Thursday 6/10

Psalm 37, Deuteronomy 4:32-40
2 Corinthians 3:1-18, Luke 16:1-9

Friday 6/11

Psalm 31, 35
Deuteronomy 5:1-22
2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Luke 16:10-17(18)

Saturday 6/12

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Deuteronomy 5:22-33
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10
Luke 16:19-31

Sunday 6/13

Psalm 63, 98, 103
Deuteronomy 11:1-12
Revelation 10:1-11
Matthew 13:44-58

Monday 6/14

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Deuteronomy 11:13-19
2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2
Luke 17:1-10

Tuesday 6/15

Psalm 45, 47, 48
Deuteronomy 12:1-12
2 Corinthians 6:3-13(14-7:1)
Luke 17:1-19

Wednesday 6/16

Psalm 53, 119:49-72
Deuteronomy 13:1-11
2 Corinthians 7:2-16
Luke 17:20-37

Thursday 6/17

Psalm 8, 59, 60, 84
Deuteronomy 16:18-20, 17:14-20
2 Corinthians 8:1-16
Luke 18:1-8

Friday 6/18

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Deuteronomy 26:1-11
2 Corinthians 8:16-24
Luke 18:9-14

Saturday 6/19

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Deuteronomy 29:2-15
2 Corinthians 9:1-15
Luke 18:15-30

Sunday 6/20

Psalm 24, 29
Deuteronomy 29:16-29
Revelation 12:1-12
Matthew 15:29-39

Monday 6/21

Psalm 58, 64, 65
Deuteronomy 30:1-10
2 Corinthians 10:1-18
Luke 18:31-43

Tuesday 6/22

Psalm 61, 62, 68
Deuteronomy 30:11-20
2 Corinthians 11:1-21a
Luke 19:1-10

Wednesday 6/23

Psalm 72, 119:73-96
Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14
2 Corinthians 11:21b-33
Luke 19:11-27

Thursday 6/24

Psalm 70, 71, 74
2 Corinthians 12:1-10
Luke 19:28-40

Friday 6/25

Psalm 69, 73
2 Corinthians 12:11-21
Luke 19:41-48

Saturday 6/26

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
2 Corinthians 13:1-14
Luke 20:1-8

Sunday 6/27

Psalm 34, 93, 96
Revelation 15:1-8
Matthew 18:1-14

Monday 6/28

Psalm 79, 80, 1 Samuel 1:1-20
Acts 1:1-14, Luke 20:9-19

Tuesday 6/29

Psalm 78, 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11
Acts 1:15-26, Luke 20:19-26

Wednesday 6/30

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
1 Samuel 2:12-26
Acts 2:1-21, Luke 20:27-40



Hymn History

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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

1739

....The whole multitude...began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen. Luke 19:37

The Wesley brothers sent word of their conversion to their sainted mother, Susanna, who didn't know what to make of it. "You have fallen into an odd way of thinking," she replied. "You say that till within a few months you had no spiritual life and no justifying faith... I heartily rejoice that you have attained to a strong and lively hope in God's mercy through Christ. Not that I can think that you were totally without saving faith before, but it is one thing to have faith, and another thing to be sensible we have it."

Well, Charles was now very sensible of having it. His life changed, and he gained victory over both his temper and his unfortunate drinking habit. "I was amazed to find my old enemy, intemperance, so suddenly subdued, that I almost forgot I was ever in bondage to him."

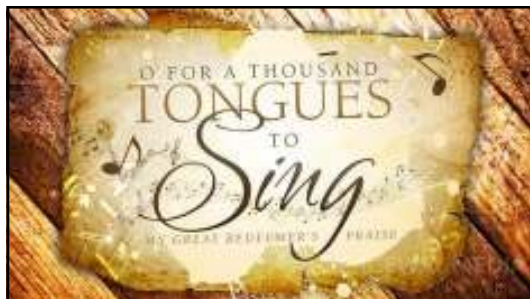
He also began to spread the news of what had happened to him. "In the coach to London," he wrote, "I preached faith in Christ. A lady was extremely offended...(and) threatened to beat me. I declared I deserved nothing but Hell; so did she; and must confess it, before she could have a title in heaven. This was most intolerable to her."

New vitality came into Charles' public preaching. He discontinued the practice of reading the sermons, and began preaching extemporaneously.

He found a fruitful arena for ministry at the infamous Newgate Prison, and allowed himself to be locked up with condemned men on nights before their executions, that he might comfort and witness to them during their final few hours.

As the first anniversary of his conversion approached, Charles wrote an eighteen-stanza hymn describing his praise to the Lord. It was titled, "For the Anniversary of One's Conversion," and the first stanza began: "Glory to God, and praise, and love...." Verse seven began, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," inspired by a statement Charles heard: "Had I a thousand tongues, I would praise Him with them all."

Beginning with a 1767 hymnbook, the seventh stanza was made the first, and when John Wesley compiled *his collection of hymns* in 1780, he chose this for the first hymn in the book. Congregations today usually sing verses seven, eight, nine, and ten of Wesley's original, which we know today as "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."



Methodist History

Francis Asbury

August 1745– March 1816

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

Francis Asbury was born in Hamstead Bridge, Staffordshire, England, to Elizabeth and Joseph Asbury. The family then moved to a cottage at Great Bar, Sandwell. This boyhood home still stands and is open as Bishop Asbury Cottage Museum.

Francis's mother, Eliza, found renewed faith a few years after the passing of her oldest daughter when Francis was less than 3 yrs. Old. She began to read the Bible every day and encouraged her son to do so as well.

Eliza's deep faith may not have been shared by her husband. Francis Asbury described his father as "industrious". Joseph Asbury supported his wife in her faith and witness: he allowed Methodist meetings to be held each Sunday in their cottage.

During Asbury's childhood, the West Midlands was undergoing massive changes as the industrial revolution swept through the area. Waves of workers migrated into the area, attracted by jobs in the growing factories and workshops in Birmingham and the Black Country of the mines.

Francis Asbury attended a local endowed school in Snail's Green, a nearby hamlet. He did not get along well with his fellow pupils, who ridiculed him because of his mother's religious beliefs. During the 1740s there had been a widespread ant-Methodist rioting in Wednesbury and the surrounding area, and into the 1750s a great deal of persecution. Nor did he like his teacher and left school at the first opportunity.

Asbury took a keen interest in religion, having "felt something of God as early as the age of seven". He lived not far from All Saint's Church, Bromwich, which under the patronage of the Methodist Earl of Dartmouth, provided a living for Evangelical minister Edward Stillinghurst. Well connected, Stillinghurst invited, as visiting preachers, some of the foremost preachers and theologians of the day. Francis's mother encouraged him to meet with the Methodist in Wednesbury, eventually joining a "band" with four other young men who would meet and pray together. For them, a typical Sunday would be a preaching meeting at 5:00 AM, communion at the parish church mid-morning, and attending a preaching meeting again at 5:00 PM.

Asbury had his first job at age thirteen; he went "into service" for local gentry, whom he later described as "one of the most ungodly families in the parish". He eventually worked for Thomas Foxall, at the Old Forge Farms, where he made metal goods. He became great friends with Foxall's son, Henry. Their friendship continued after Henry Foxall migrated to Colonial America. There he continued working with metal and established the Foundry Church in Georgetown, now part of Washington D.C. Asbury began to preach locally, and eventually became itinerant preacher on behalf of the Methodist cause.

Missions



Family Promise Mission June 11

At Immanuel UMC. We will need food for 1-3 families and volunteers to help starting at 4:30 PM. If you would like to provide food or volunteer to talk with the families for a 2 ½ hour time slot. There is a sign-up sheet at the media desk.



MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING



Saturday, July 10

Tee Time: 9:00 AM
Colonial Golfers Club
10985 Harding Hwy.
Harrod, OH 45850
419-649-3350

If interested in being on a team, sponsoring a hole, or helping with the golf outing, contact Tim Piper.

July 4

'Coins for Communion'
to benefit the
Brad Joseph Memorial Fund

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.

Father's Day Poem



Footprints

"Walk a little slower daddy," said a child so small.
'I'm following in your footsteps and
I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see;
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."



May Worship Celebrations

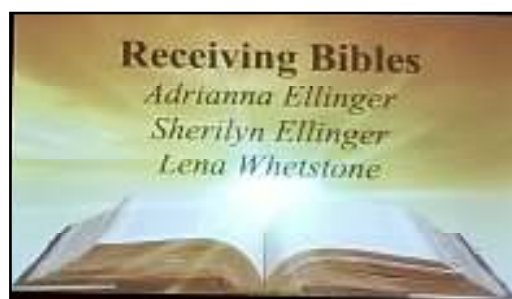
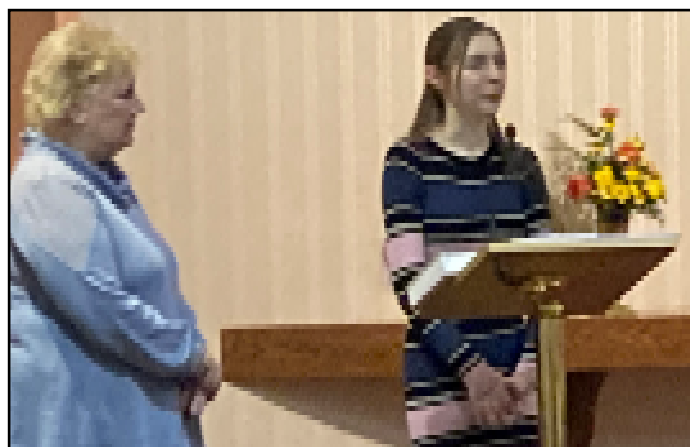
Sunday, May 2

Baptism of Merah Jane McAdams. Daughter of Alex and Stacy McAdams, and Granddaughter of Brent and Vicki McAdams. Great granddaughter of Myrna Metzger.



Sunday, May 9

Honoring High School and College Graduates



KIDZ KORNER



Make a sunflower, which turns its head to follow the sun.

What you need:

- Paper plate
- Yellow marker
- Scissors
- Yarn (black and brown)



What you do:

1. Color the entire plate yellow.
2. Around the edge, cut out an odd number of triangles. Evenly space the cuts to form flower petals.
3. Poke a hole in the plate's center. String black yarn through the hole and over one triangle cut. Tie a knot at the back of the plate.
4. Continue looping yarn through the hole and over the remaining cuts. Secure the end. The flower should look like a wagon wheel with black spokes.
5. Tie the brown yarn to a black "spoke." Weave the brown yarn over and under the spokes in a circle. Continue until the sunflower has a large center. Then tie the end.
6. Display your craft as a reminder to follow the Son, Jesus!



Conundrums of creation

God's creation is filled with amazing and sometimes puzzling works.

Directions: Use the bank of picture clues to answer the riddles.



You can hold but not touch this. _____

Before using this, you must break it. ____

This falls without getting hurt. _____

This gets bigger the more you take away. _____

This has an eye but cannot see. _____

"In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the ____.

It is like ... a champion rejoicing to run his course.

It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth."

PSALM 19:4-6, NIV

Answer: breath, egg, rain, hole, hurricane, sun

The People of St. Paul's

With Sympathy

Memorial Service for Jim Phillips

Saturday, June 5

2:00 PM

in the sanctuary

**With visitation to follow
in the Fellowship Hall**

All are Welcome!

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Ron Steiner
Jack Swihart

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Jack Swihart

In the Military & Missions

Nathan Stewart

Thank You!

*Dear St. Paul's United
Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for being a
great Bulldog Buddy and
sponsoring teacher
appreciation.*

*We appreciate you!
Becky Cressman & Kelly Jones*



Congratulations

Congratulations to Torie and Joe Gerdeman on their marriage on Saturday, May 22, at St. Michaels Catholic Church, in Kalida. Torie is the daughter of Brent and Vicki McAdams and granddaughter of Myrna Metzger. Cards may be sent to Torie and Joe at 18258 Road M, Cloverdale, OH 45827

Meetings

June 1, 2021
Trustees...7:00 PM

No Worship Mtg

No PPR

June 9, 2021
Missions...7:00 PM

No Ad Council /
Finance

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

JUNE 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Rylan McAdams	2	3 Megan Emmons	4 Gary Adams Lois Rabley	5
6	7	8	9 David Nartker Jamie Wyant	10 Don Chaffins Caleb Kinney Susan Nartker	11	12
13	14 Rick Evans Evan Motzer	15 Jim Hines Brayden Warris	16 Judy Chaffins	17 Gwyneth Woeller	18	19 Roy selover
20	21 Steve Moser Josh Motzer Katie White	22 Kim Metzger Emma Motzer Greg Schade	23	24 Vicki Metzger	25	26 Art Holman
27	28	29	30 Alaina Alexander			

Anniversaries

Dominic & Kelly DeRose
June 1

Marty & Kathy White
June 2; 42yrs.

Brad & Slone Whetstone
June 13

Art & Linda Holman
June 17; 54yrs.

Justin & Megan Wyant
June 19

Caleb & Krista Slemmons
June 21

Don & Judy Chaffins
June 29; 47years

Tom & Denise Thomas
June 29

Zac & Jenni Jankovsky
June 30

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Living Our Faith

Hanging Out with Dad

I've always been a "daddy's girl." Growing up, I usually spent Saturdays in the garage with my dad. We'd build something, fix a car part or get into some trouble together.

Though Joseph wasn't Jesus' biological father, he certainly served as a father figure for God's Son. Jesus followed in Joseph's footsteps as a carpenter, but we're told little about his childhood. When Joseph advised Jesus to "measure twice and cut once," did Jesus mention he'd get it right on the first measure? How many craftsman tips did Jesus learn from Joseph? And did Joseph learn a few from Jesus? Surely young Jesus looked up to Joseph. What did wonder look like in the eyes of the One who invented wonder?

How am I hanging out with God on a regular basis? Am I continuing to learn his "trade"? Do I intentionally mimic his words, his kindness, his ways of loving others well? Take a minute to ponder that. Imagine yourself out in the garage with God (or in the kitchen with God, or at the computer with God). What task do you imagine doing together? What does God say to you as you look into his eyes?

—Janna Firestone