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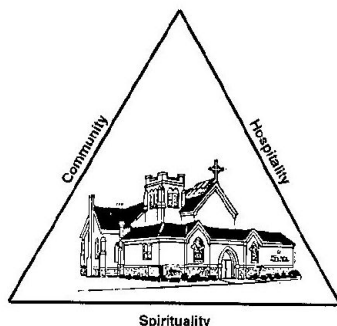
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June 21st is the official first day of Summer, but it seems that this last weekend of May, Summer begins. Those who like to camp have already got the camper set up. Those who like the beach are already cleaning sand out of their vehicles. Along with the good times and weather, there are also the storms of Summer. We had one the other day that knocked out the power for a few hours. As it got darker outside, I was reminded how much we rely on the light. Jesus is called the light of the world, and as his disciples we are called to let our light shine. It was interesting to see all the people along Main Street that had solar lights and generators, the fewer lights in the darkness, the brighter the few that remained, seemed to be. Where ever you find yourself, I want to encourage you to let your light shine.

We will continue to look at the Fruits of the Spirit in June. Love, Joy, and Peace were the sermons in May. We will cover Patience, Kindness, Goodness, and Faithfulness through June. I will continue to try to define each of these fruits. Kindness and Goodness in English are very similar, but in Greek, we can separate them a little more. But as we look at all the fruits of the Spirit and how bearing these fruits creates a closeness with God, plus how closely related they all are. One fruit seems to lead right into another fruit, and so on, until you find doing God's will is second nature. I hope you will join us as we continue to grow into the Fruits of the Spirit.

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

Yours in Christ

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Courage is fueled by the motivation to take the first step into the unknown.

—Cheryl Nielsen

June 5

Pentecost
Wear Red

Celebrating the Church's Birthday

On Pentecost, we remember when the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus' disciples. As they gathered in Jerusalem 10 days after Jesus' ascension, they saw tongues of fire, heard rushing wind and began speaking in many languages. Because the disciples could then share the good news with all the pilgrims assembled for the Pentecost festival, the occasion marks the birthday of the Christian church. That day alone, about 3,000 people devoted their lives to Christ.

Like the Holy Spirit, Pentecost is important and relevant today. As theologian Henri Nouwen writes, "Without Pentecost the Christ-event — the life, death and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

Christian Symbol

Seed



The Bible often uses seeds as symbols of faith or God's Word. In the Old Testament, seeds also refer to offspring. Jesus said people who believe in him can perform mighty deeds with "faith the size of a mustard seed" (Luke 17:6, NRSV). Many of Jesus' teachings use seed imagery; for example, in the parable of the four soils, he said the seed, God's Word, can grow only when people hear it, "hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patient endurance" (Luke 8:15, NRSV)

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JUNE 5

Coins for Communion
to benefit UMCOR
U. S. Disaster Response

June 14**June 19**

Trinity Sunday
June 12

Food Pantry Sunday
June 12

Donations are taken to the
Church at Allentown

Thank you to all who
have been donating.

First Day of Summer
June 21



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Summer Hymn Sing starts June 5

The Hymn Sing is a time too choose your favorite hymn during the Worship Service. If you are watching the service remotely you may contact Pastor Paul or the office with your favorite hymn suggestion.

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.

Missions

The Bradley W. Joseph Memorial Fund 14th Annual Golf Outing



Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing Fundraiser

Saturday, July 9

At Colonial Golfers Club, Tee Time: 9:00 AM

If interested in being on a team, sponsoring a hole,
or helping with the golf outing, contact Tim Piper.
There are also sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hallway.



Family Promise Mission July 29

Family Promise Open For Business on Gloria Avenue!

We've welcomed our FIRST family to the 604 Gloria Avenue site for Family Promise! Thank you to all who have made this possible! We are getting calls about how people can get involved. Here are our most immediate needs:

Volunteers: (see volunteer application on St. Paul's bulletin board). Can you answer phones? Play with kids? Garden? Have a skill to share? Please pass these forms out and have them return them to us. Charlotte Hefner, Family Promise Coordinator

St. Paul's next date to help with providing food at Family Promise on Gloria Avenue is **Friday, July 29th at 5 PM**. A signup sheet will be available at the media desk in June.



Prayer

Praying in Color: Part One

By, Corinne Piper

Coloring has become a BIG business! Who knew that the activity that so many of us spent time on as children would evolve into the ornate, detailed coloring books that are everywhere! Also, who could have expected those big, simple pictures, would become the complicated pictures that are available in stores and on our computers and phones as apps?

Most of those books cause me anxiety rather than contemplation. All the decisions that must be made about colors and staying in the itty, bitty lines are overwhelming. There are crayons of many different styles, markers of every size, colored pencils and watercolor pencils, and on and on.

BUT, doodling and coloring, and letting your mind take a stroll while moving your hand can lead to prayer if you focus on God or others while you fill in the blanks.

One very simple method of Praying In Color* is to write a name, a word, or a Bible verse, on a blank sheet of paper. Draw a shape around it or draw squiggly lines on your paper and relax. As you think about your initial word, fill in one of the spaces with a thought, a description, or hope that comes to your mind. Then relax again, and fill in another space with another thought. You will find that you have filled your page with colorful doodles and deep thoughts. Look back over your picture prayer through the day to remind yourself of your time with God. If the prayer time was spent on a person, you could send them an email, a text, or even a real note, maybe written on the back of your prayer doodle, conveying your time with God while you “stood in the gap” between them and God.

Open up that new box of crayons (you know you want to buy one) or any other type of coloring tool and spend time with God while you doodle away.

*A great book to describe this more fully is Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God by Sybil MacBeth.



Choir

Thank You

As the choir year has officially ended, I want to thank all the choir members who have been so faithful to attend practice every Wednesday and then serve the church on Sunday morning through singing. Our goal is to enhance the message each Sunday through song, not for our glory, but for celebration and thankfulness we know in Christ Jesus.

We have fun at practice and develop good fellowship as we participate together to serve. We end each session with prayer for needs of ourselves and others and to ask God to help us grow in our faith. We know it is only through His guidance that we can provide the right kind of music to reach out and connect Him to all with His powerful message.

As the choir director, I am inspired by the faithfulness these choir members show each year. As Slone Whetstone said after our last performance: **"You people have been doing this for YEARS!!!"** True, true words. Many churches do not have adult choirs any more. We are fortunate at St. Paul's there are enough good-hearted, faithful people who dedicate themselves to this ministry. And we are blessed by your encouragement and support.

Thank you all so much for helping us to continue!!! We receive many blessings from having beautiful words and inspiring music to carry in our hearts always. We laugh, we cry, we physically stumble, we make mistakes. But we carry on with the joy of knowing we are still works in progress growing in the faith. And if it so inspires you, please come join us in the fall to begin another year together.

Christ's Blessings Upon You All!
Judy Chaffins, Choir Director



Hymn History

Battle Hymn of the Republic

1861

*Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle. Psalm 24:8*

After the September 11, 2001 attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade center, a national service of prayer and remembrance was conducted at Washington's National Cathedral. America's most powerful leaders prayed together, listened to brief sermons by evangelist Billy Graham and others, then joined voices to sing the defiant anthem, "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Its words seemed to perfectly signal America's intention to battle the forces of terror in the world.

"Battle Hymn of the Republic" was written by Julia Ward Howe, a leader in women's rights and an ardent foe of slavery. Julia, who came from a wealthy New York family, was married to prominent Boston Philanthropist and humanitarian, Dr. S. G. Howe. They were both crusaders of progressive political and moral issues of the day.

In 1861, during the darkest days of the Civil war, the Howes visited Washington, and Julia toured a nearby Union Army Camp on the Potomac in Virginia. There she heard soldiers singing a tribute to John Brown, who had been hanged in 1859 for attempting to lead an insurrection of slaves at Harper's Ferry: "John's Brown Body Lies a-mold'ring in the Grave." Julia's pastor who accompanied her, asked her to consider writing new and better verses. That night, after the Howes retired to their room at the Willard Hotel, the words came.

I went to bed and slept as usual, but awoke the next morning in the gray of the early dawn, and to my astonishment found that the wished-for lines were arranging themselves in my brain. I lay quite still until the last verse had completed itself in my thoughts, then hastily arose, saying to myself, I shall lose this if I don't write it down immediately. I searched for an old sheet of paper and an old stub of a pen which I had had the night before, And began to scrawl the lines almost without looking, as I learned to do by often scratching down verses in the darkened room when my little children were sleeping. Having completed this, I lay down again and fell asleep, but not before feeling that something of importance had happened to me.

Julia gave her song to a friend who worked at *The Atlantic Monthly*. The magazine published it in February, 1862, sending her a check for five dollars.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

May 1, 2022	75
May 8, 2022 <i>Mother's Day</i>	89
May 15, 2022	64
May 22, 2022	54

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,879.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
May 1, 2022	\$5,383.00	\$302.00
May 8, 2022	\$4,818.00	\$2,160.00
May 15, 2022	\$1,283.00	\$65.00
May 22, 2022	\$1,865.00	\$150.00

Sunday School Attendance

May 1, 2022	10
May 8, 2022	11
May 15, 2022	8
May 22, 2022	6

Flower Calendar

June 5, 2022	Dottie Jennell
June 12, 2022	Jon & Chelsey Cook
June 19, 2022	Greg & Barb Schade
June 26, 2022	Don & Judy Chaffins

Hospitality Center News

We are once again organizing to provide light treats for Sunday morning at our Hospitality Center. This summer, we initially have four volunteers to take turns one week per month. Judy Chaffins, Linda Holman, Corinne Piper, and Jan Wyant have each offered to provide treats and juice from June through September.

We plan on keeping the treats easy and simple. Store bought, but fun goodies, will be out on the table each week along with a bottle of juice of some kind. Food labels will be there in case you have dietary needs and need to check the ingredients.

Larry Moser has volunteered to make the coffee and we are adding a Keurig maker so if you prefer tea, hot chocolate, or other flavors of hot drink, you can quickly make a cup.

Please prayerfully consider how you might volunteer to help beginning in October and beyond. Many hands make light work. The goal is light refreshment and fellowship, not an elaborate spread.

Thank you for your consideration in advance and come join us each Sunday.

Daily Bible Readings

Wednesday 6/1

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Isaiah 4:2-6
Ephesians 4:1-16
Matthew 8:28-34

Thursday 6/2

Psalm 105, Zechariah 4:1-14
Ephesians 4:17-32
Matthew 9:1-8

Friday 6/3

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Jeremiah 31:27-34
Ephesians 5:1-20
Matthew 9:9-17

Saturday 6/4

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Ezekiel 36:22-27
Ephesians 6:10-24
Matthew 9:18-26

Sunday 6/5 (Pentecost)

Psalm 118, 145
Deuteronomy 16:9-12
Acts 4:18-21, 23-33
John 4:19-26

Monday 6/6

Psalm 106, Ezekiel 33:1-11
1 John 1:1-10, Matthew 9:27-34

Tuesday 6/7

Psalm 120, 127,
Ezekiel 33:21-33
1 John 2:1-11
Matthew 9:35-10:4

Wednesday 6/8

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Ezekiel 34:1-16
1 John 2:12-17
Matthew 10:5-15

Thursday 6/9

Psalm 133, Ezekiel 37:21b-28
1 John 2:18-29
Matthew 10:16-23

Friday 6/10

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Ezekiel 39:21-29
1 John 3:1-10
Matthew 10:24-33

Saturday 6/11

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Ezekiel 47:1-12
1 John 3:11-18, Matthew 10:34-42

Sunday 6/12 (Trinity Sunday)

Psalm 111, 112, 113
Job 38:1-11, 42:1-5
Revelation 19:4-16, John 1:29-34

Monday 6/13

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Proverbs 3:11-20
1 John 3:18-4:6, Matthew 11:1-6

Tuesday 6/14

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
Proverbs 4:1-27
1 John 4:7-21, Matthew 11:1-15

Wednesday 6/15

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Proverbs 6:1-19
1 John 5:1-12, Matthew 11:16-24

Thursday 6/16

Psalm 18, Proverbs 7:1-27
1 John 5:13-21, Matthew 11:25-30

Friday 6/17

Psalm 16, 17, 22, Proverbs 8:1-21
2 John 1-13, Matthew 12:1-14

Saturday 6/18

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Proverbs 8:22-36
3 John 1-15, Matthew 12:15-21

Sunday 6/19

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Proverbs 9:1-12
Acts 8:14-25, Luke 10:25-42

Monday 6/20

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Proverbs 10:1-12
1 Timothy 1:1-17
Matthew 12:22-32

Tuesday 6/21

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Proverbs 15:16-33
1 Timothy 1:18-2:8
Matthew 12:33-42

Wednesday 6/22

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Proverbs 17:1-20
1 Timothy 3:1-16
Matthew 12:43-50

Thursday 6/23

Psalm 37, Proverbs 21:30-22:6
1 Timothy 4:1-16
Matthew 13:24-30

Friday 6/24

Psalm 31, 35, Proverbs 23:19-21
1 Timothy 5:17-25
Matthew 13:31-35

Saturday 6/25

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Proverbs 25:15-28
1 Timothy 6:6-21
Matthew 13:36-43

Sunday 6/26

Psalm 63, 98, 103
Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
Acts 8:26-40, Luke 11:1-13

Monday 6/27

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Ecclesiastes 2:1-15
Galatians 1:1-17
Matthew 13:44-52

Tuesday 6/28

Psalm 45, 47, 48
Ecclesiastes 2:16-26
Galatians 1:18-2:10
Matthew 13:53-58

Wednesday 6/29

Psalm 53, 119:49-72
Ecclesiastes 3:1-15
Galatians 2:11-21
Matthew 14:1-12

Thursday 6/30

Psalm 8, 84, Ecclesiastes 3:16-4:3
Galatians 3:1-14
Matthew 14:13-21



The Fruits of the Spirit

The Fruits of the Spirit

The Plain Bible Teaching Weekly Newsletter , September 1, 2021 By, Andy Sochor

LOVE

The Greek word for *love* used in this passage is different from the words for *romantic* love or even *brotherly* love. This word signifies *good will or benevolence*. It is about putting others ahead of ourselves. It is more than a mere emotion. It necessarily includes actions. Love will also influence our decisions. Again, love seeks the well-being of others ahead of ourselves. So in making any decision, we must consider how others will be affected by it.

JOY

This word means what we might expect- *gladness or cheerfulness*. It is the opposite of *sorrow*. This is more than just *happiness* because it enables us to *rejoice* even in difficult and painful circumstances. Joy will be seen in our conduct as we rejoice in the Lord in all things. We can do this as we look for and find the good in the challenges we face.

PEACE

This word can be used to describe conditions of *tranquility, security, and harmony*. As Thayer's Greek Lexicon has this definition: "the tranquil state of a soul assured of it's salvation through Christ, and so fearing nothing from God and content with it's earthly lot, of whatsoever sort this is." If we will put our trust in God, follow His will, and consistently go to Him in prayer, we can have this peace. Having peace with the Lord should then lead us to work to make peace with others - at least as much as we can affect this, because sometimes it will not be possible.

PATIENCE

This means *endurance, steadfastness, and perseverance*; especially as shown in bearing troubles and ills (Strong's). It is about persevering through trials and challenges without abandoning our faith; but instead, we continue to look forward to the hope we can have in Christ. Patience begins by having an unwavering trust in the Lord and in His promises. It is only through "*faith and patience* (we will) *inherit the promises*" (Hebrews 6:12). We must recognize what Paul did about the trials of this life - they are "*momentary, light affliction*" when we compare them with the "*eternal weight of glory*" that is in store for us in heaven (2 Corinthians 4:17). Every difficult situation, temptation and discouragement is only temporary.

KINDNESS

This word means *moral goodness and integrity* (Thayer). It is often used in the New Testament to describe the kindness that God shows to us. It is about more than just a favorable attitude toward others, it is about doing good to them. We can show kindness to others by providing help to those who need it. In teaching about the necessary connection between faith and works. In the same way, it is useless to *think* kindly about others if we do not *demonstrate* kindness when we have an opportunity to show it. Paul wrote about how important it is to offer words of support and encouragement, (Ephesians 4:29). Offering words that "*give grace*" is one way that kindness can be manifested.

GOODNESS

Goodness means *uprightness of heart and life* (Thayer). It is related to the previous trait-*kindness*. If we want to differentiate between the two, we could say that *kindness* is about how we treat others and *goodness* is about our personal conduct.

FAITHFULNESS

Faith is defined in scripture as "*the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen*" (Hebrews 11:1) *Faithfulness* then is living our lives based upon our conviction that God is true, His word is right and His promises are sure. Faithfulness is about continuing to serve the lord throughout our lives. One who serves the Lord for a time and then forsakes Him is not acting faithfully.

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Connecting With...

GENTLENESS

This word means a *mildness of disposition*. Some translations use the *meekness*. Of necessity, this includes an attitude of *humility*. It is seen in our attitude toward others and toward the word of God. The word that is translated *gentleness* in the list of the fruit of the Spirit is also used in this verse—not the word *gentle*; instead it is the word *consideration* for others—just as Jesus showed for us (2 Corinthians 10:1). This means we need to be aware of others without our minds being consumed by personal concerns. It also means we are to be intentional about doing good for others and acting with their best interest at heart.

SELF-CONTROL

The last characteristic in this list is *self-control*. Thayer's Greek Lexicon defines this word as "the virtue of one who masters his desires and passions." It is simply about learning to exercise *control* over our selves and refrain from doing what we might desire to do and, eventually, reshaping our desires so that they will be more in line with the will of God. Self-control is at the heart of what it means to be a disciple. Jesus said, "*If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me*" (Luke 9:23). However, as we grow we are to do more than just refrain from sinning. We are to change our thinking so that we no longer desire the things we previously lusted after. To change our thoughts, we need to think on those things that are "*true...honorable...right...pure...lovely...of good repute*" (Philippians 4:8).

CONCLUSION

We have been looking at the various characteristics that make up the *fruit of the Spirit*. So each one of us can ask ourselves the question: *Is Love being produced in my life?* If not, we need to go to the word of God and see what this characteristic is, how it is displayed in our lives, and how it impacts the decisions that we make; then make the necessary changes to start producing this. So as we understand the importance of being led by the Spirit and what that looks like in our lives, let us be committed to the Scriptures that the Spirit has revealed. Each day let us be working to learn the word of God, remind ourselves of what we have already learned from it, and put into practice in everything that we do.



Congratulations to Austin Clark on receiving his Masters degree in Engineering from the University of Toledo on Saturday, May 7. Cards will reach him at 4765 N. Wapak Rd., Elida, OH 45807



Lima Host Lions Club

Lion Corinne Piper received an award from the Council of Governors for her work in obtaining an LCIF matching grant for the All-Abilities Playground built at the Allen County Department of Developmental Disabilities and open to the public.

The People of St. Paul's



Thank
You!!!

To My Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful hanging basket of flowers you sent me on the loss of my Sister-in-law, Ruth, on April 3, and my brother, Robert, on April 15.

I appreciated it very much,
Lynda Evans



Remember in Prayer



Recovering from Surgery or
in the Hospital

Those in Need of Healing,
Support, Strength &
Encouragement

Carl Miller

In the Military & Missions

Nathan Stewart



Our condolences to Lynda Evans on the passing of her Sister-in-law, Ruth, on April 3, and her brother, Robert Holtzapple, on April 15. Cards may be sent to 314 Baxter St., Elida, OH 45807



If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please contact the church office at 419-339-3801 or e-mail officeespc@gmail.com.

If you have someone on the prayer list please let the office know of a change in status; needs continued prayer, or is doing better and may be taken off.

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.

Meetings

June 1, 2022
Worship Mtg..10:00
AM

NO PPR

June 7, 2022
Trustees...7:00 PM

June 13, 2022
Ad Council / Finance
7:00 PM

June 16, 2022
Missions Mtg.. 7:00 PM

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

JUNE 2022

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 Gwyenth Woeller	18
19 Roy Selover	20	21 Steve Moser Josh Motzer Katie White	22 Kim Metzger Greg Schade	23	24 Vicki McAdams Emma Motzer	25
26 Kinsleigh Emmons Art Holman	27	28	29	30 Alaina Alexander		

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Creamy Lemonade Pie

By Susan Nartker

Ingredients		Instructions
5 oz.	Evaporated milk	<p>In a mixing bowl, combine milk and pudding mix; beat on low speed 2 minutes (mixture will be thick).</p> <p>In another mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in lemonade concentrate.</p> <p>Beat in pudding mixture.</p> <p>Pour into crust.</p> <p>Can be topped with whipped cream.</p> <p>Cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours.</p>
1 (3.4 oz.) pkg.	Lemon Pudding mix, instant	
2 (8 oz.)	Cream Cheese, softened	
3/4 cup	Lemonade frozen concentrate	
1	Graham cracker crust	

Strawberry Cheesecake Layered Dessert

By Myrna Metzger

Ingredients		Instructions
2 (8 oz.)	Cream Cheese	<p>In large bowl, cream together cream cheese, powdered sugar, sour cream, and vanilla. Fold Cool Whip into the mixture.</p> <p>Add cake pieces carefully into mixture. Set aside.</p> <p>In another bowl, combine strawberries and strawberry glaze.</p> <p>Layer together in large glass bowl, starting with strawberries, then adding cake mixture.</p> <p>Garnish with additional cool whip in center and whole strawberries with stems.</p> <p>This is a beautiful dessert in Trifle bowl.</p>
2 cups	Confectioners' sugar	
1 cup	Sour Cream	
1/2 tsp.	Vanilla	
1 (large tub)	Cool Whip	
1	Angel food cake (torn or cut into pieces)	
2 quarts	Strawberries, fresh, thinly sliced	
2 pkgs.	Strawberry glaze	

KIDZ KORNER



Some popcorn plus a little heat makes a big change.



What you need:

- 2 Tbsp. popcorn kernels
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 Tbsp. sugar
- Brown paper lunch bag

What you do:

1. Add popcorn kernels, oil and sugar to the bag.
2. Fold the bag's top down about half an inch. Repeat two more times. Gently shake to mix ingredients.
3. Microwave for 1½ or 2 minutes (or use the Popcorn setting). Allow bag to cool before removing and opening it.
4. As you share popcorn with family and friends, discuss the change in the kernels. Read Acts 2 together. What changes did the disciples experience? What was the source of their power?



A POWERFUL CALLING

Before his ascension, Jesus tells the disciples they will receive a gift and carry out a job.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete Acts 1:8, NIV.

	□	○	△
✝	R	H	L
✞	S	P	W
✞	O	A	I
✞	T	N	E



"But you will receive _____ when the
 Holy _____ comes on you; and you
 will be my _____ in Jerusalem,
 and in all Judea and Samaria,
 and to the ends of the _____."
ACTS 1:8, NIV

Answer: power, Spirit, witnesses, earth

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Living Our Faith



The Church Hive

Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?