

# St. Paul's Epistle

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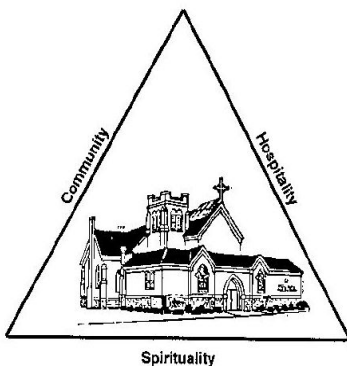
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March madness may be appropriate this year, and I am not talking about basketball. Remember, we Spring ahead on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Time changes mess with my sleep for a couple of weeks at least, madness. Spring is officially scheduled on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, something to look forward to in the month of March, madness. Easter is happening on March 31<sup>st</sup>, not the earliest Easter (that's March 24<sup>th</sup>) can happen, but still, madness. Even though it is 'madness' nearly every year, I still look forward to March, nicer weather, but still a chance of snow. More daylight, despite the governmental interference, and always working our way to the best Christian Holiday, whether it happens in March or April, which guarantees us eternity if we only believe.

A few things this month, if you would like to join the church we will be having a membership class on one Sunday in April, check your calendar and see what dates you have open, and let me know. I will pick a date or two that fits most people's schedules. My thought is to meet after church one Sunday, order TJ's pizza for everyone, and have a few people here to entertain the kids if needed.

We now have an AED device in the church. It has been checked, and the battery and pads replaced, to be up to date and ready to use. We will be asking for some volunteers to come to a one-day training to become AED/CPR certified. Some of you may already be trained for work and that is great, as long as you maintain your certification. A big thanks goes out to Oliver Fessler, for finding St Paul's such a great deal on our AED.

I hope you will continue to join us for Lent as we *Wrestle with Doubt*, the book by Adam Hamilton. We will continue the series on March 10<sup>th</sup> with "Is the Bible True?" (chapter 2), March 17<sup>th</sup> with "Does God Exist?" (chapter 1), March 24<sup>th</sup> with "Is Heaven Real?" (chapter 4), March 28<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday, with "Do All Non-Christians Go to Hell?" (Chapter 3), and finishing on Easter Sunday with "Does God Love Me?" (postscript and beyond). I look forward to finding or deepening our faith together through this Lenten Journey. Until I see you in church, I'll be looking for you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Paul*



**BOOK Club**  
**Saturday, March 2**  
**at 9:00 AM**

"The Water Keeper"  
 By Charles Martin

All Are Welcome!

**March 10**  
**Coins for Communion will benefit**  
**Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen**

**March 17**  
**Food Pantry**

Items needed are Diapers, both  
 Children & Adult. to be taken to the  
 Five Loaves Food Pantry at The  
 Church At Allentown.

**REMINDER:**

**March 10**

Daylight Savings Time Begins  
 Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.



**March 17**

**Happy**  
**St. Patrick's Day!**

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



deadline: the **22nd**  
 of each month

### **Christian Symbol**

#### **BUTTERFLY**

The butterfly symbolizes resurrection, Easter and the new life we have in Christ Jesus. As a caterpillar disappears into a chrysalis, so Jesus' lifeless body was hidden in a tomb. The emergence of the butterfly, rising into the sky in its beautiful new body, reminds us of Christ's resurrection — and ours.



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**March 20  
SPRING BEGINS!!**



### By Faith

'Tis by the faith of joys to come  
We walk through deserts dark as night,  
Till we arrive at heaven our home.  
Faith is our guide, and faith our light. ...  
Cheerful we tread the desert through,  
While faith inspires a heavenly ray,  
Though lions roar and tempests blow  
And rocks and dangers fill the way.  
So Abraham, by divine command,  
Left his own house to walk with God;  
His faith beheld the promised land,  
And fired his zeal along the road

—Early American hymn

### Thought for the Month:

Being negative only makes a journey more  
difficult. You may be given a cactus,  
but you don't have to sit on it.

—Joyce Meyer

## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

### EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Orders for Easter flowers are being taken.

They are **\$12.00 each.**

Please fill out this order form and place it in the offering plate,  
drop it off, or mail with the payment, to the church office by March 24

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of flowers: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of (or) In Memory of: *(circle one)*

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please pick up your flowers following the Easter Service.

# Lent

**March 3**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

**March 10**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*



**March 17**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

**March 24**



**March 28**

*Maundy Thursday  
7:00 PM Service*

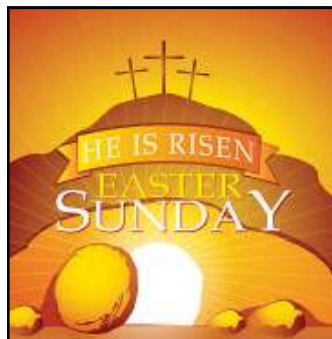
**March 31**

**Happy Easter**

*Early Service 8:00 AM*

**Easter**

*10:00AM Worship  
Service*



**Easter Breakfast**

*To follow 8:00 AM  
Service*

*Food donations needed*



## Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Following breakfast



If you would like to donate wrapped candy or prizes that will fit in the eggs for the Easter egg hunt, it will be greatly appreciated. The children in our church are precious and this is one way to put big smiles on their faces. Donations can be left in the church office or give to Larry or Shirley Moser.

**The special Easter offering is designated for UMCOR International Disaster response.**



# Hymn History

## Wonderful Words of Life

"Then Sings My Soul" Book 3, By Robert J. Morgan

1874

Philip Bliss was born in Pennsylvania on July 9, 1838, and fell in love with music in childhood when he heard a neighbor's piano. As a teen he nurtured his musical interests in the sawmills and lumber camps where he worked. At age twenty-two, Bliss, newly married, became an itinerant music teacher, traveling from town to town on horseback teaching music and writing songs. Four years later, Bliss moved his family to Chicago where he hoped to break into music publishing.

One night he and his wife, Lucy, attended a rally in which D. L. Moody spoke, and a friendship quickly formed. Moody urged Bliss to "give up his business, drop everything, and sing the Gospel." Philip and Lucy were hesitant. "I am willing that Mr. Bliss should do anything that we can be sure is the Lord's will," said Lucy, "and I can trust the Lord to provide for us, but I don't want him to take such a step simply on Mr. Moody's will."

Finally Moody, never one to mince words, wrote bluntly: "You have not faith. If you haven't faith of your own on this matter, start out on my faith. Launch out into the deep."

Horatio Spafford, whose daughters perished in the sinking of the *Ville de Havre*, urged Philip to consider Moody's appeal. (Bliss would later write the music to Spafford's hymn "It Is Well.") Still Philip wavered.

Shortly afterward, Bliss led the singing at an evangelistic effort in Waukegan, Illinois, where Major Daniel Whittle was preaching. Bliss sang his hymn "Almost Persuaded," and every word seemed filled with power. The next afternoon, Bliss and Whittle gathered with the pastor at the church and spent several hours in prayer. There Bliss made a formal surrender of everything to the Lord. He gave up his business and his writing of secular music. As Whittle later recalled, "... gave up everything, and in a simple childlike trusting prayer placed himself with any talent, and power God had given him, at the disposal of the Lord for any use He could make of him in the spreading of His Gospel."

Philip Bliss spent the rest of his short life doing exactly what his song proclaims: "Sing them over again to me, wonderful words of life..."



# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

**\* RV**

January 28, 2024	60	77
February 4, 2024	60	73
February 11, 2024	68	51
February 14, 2024 <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	37	78
February 18, 2024	48	61
February 25, 2024	74	X

**\*RV** - Remote Viewing  
(online viewing)

We are now recording the attendance  
for those watching online.  
This attendance is taken a week behind  
so we are sure to record those who have  
viewed the service throughout the week.

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$4,187.00

## Sunday School Attendance

February 4, 2024	8
February 11, 2024	8
February 18, 2024	4
February 25, 2024	9

## Unified Ministry Giving:

## Other:

February 4, 2024	\$8,766.40	\$348.95
February 11, 2024	\$3,506.22	\$277.00
February 18, 2024	\$3,706.91	\$804.00
February 25, 2024	\$2,232.04	\$487.10

## Flower Calendar



March 3, 2024	Denny & Carole Grapner
March 10, 2024	Denny & Janna Thompson
March 17, 2024	Gene & Linda Craft
March 24, 2024	Lois Cook
March 31, 2024	Easter Flowers

## Hospitality Cart

March 3, 2024	OPEN
March 10, 2024	OPEN
March 17, 2024	Virginia Hollar
March 24, 2024	OPEN
March 31, 2024	OPEN

# Daily Bible Readings

## Friday 3/1

Psalm 69, 73, 95, Genesis 43:1-15  
1 Corinthians 7:1-9, Mark 4:35-41

## Saturday 3/2

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76  
Genesis 43:16-34  
1 Corinthians 7:10-24  
Mark 5:1-20

## Sunday 3/3

Psalm 34, 93, 96, Genesis 44:1-17  
Romans 8:1-10, John 5:25-29

## Monday 3/4

Psalm 77, 80, Genesis 44:18-34  
1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Mark 5:21-43

## Tuesday 3/5

Psalm 78, Genesis 45:1-15  
1 Corinthians 7:32-40  
Mark 6:1-13

## Wednesday 3/6

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120  
Genesis 45:16-28  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 6:13-29

## Thursday 3/7

Psalm 42, 43, 85, 86  
Genesis 46:1-34  
1 Corinthians 9:1-15  
Mark 6:30-46

## Friday 3/8

Psalm 88, 91, 92, Genesis 47:1-26  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
Mark 6:47-56

## Saturday 3/9

Psalm 87, 90, 136  
Genesis 47:27-48:7  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Mark 7:1-23

## Sunday 3/10

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67  
Genesis 48:8-22  
Romans 8:11-25, John 6:27-40

## Monday 3/11

Psalm 89, Genesis 49:1-28  
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1  
Mark 7:24-37

## Tuesday 3/12

Psalm 94, 97, 99  
Genesis 49:29-50:14  
1 Corinthians 11:17-34  
Mark 8:1-10

## Wednesday 3/13

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144  
Genesis 50:15-26  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Mark 8:11-26

## Thursday 3/14

Psalm 69, 73, Exodus 1:6-22  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
Mark 8:27-9:1

## Friday 3/15

Psalm 102, 107:1-32  
Exodus 2:1-22  
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3  
Mark 9:2-13

## Saturday 3/16

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108  
Exodus 2:23-3:15  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Mark 9:14-29

## Sunday 3/17

Psalm 118, 145  
Exodus 3:16-4:12  
Romans 12:1-21, John 8:46-59

## Monday 3/18

Psalm 31, 35, Exodus 4:10-31  
1 Corinthians 14:1-19  
Mark 9:30-41

## Tuesday 3/19

Psalm 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126  
Exodus 5:1-6:1  
1 Corinthians 14:20-40  
Mark 9:42-50

## Wednesday 3/20

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130  
Exodus 7:8-24  
2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6  
Mark 10:1-16

## Thursday 3/21

Psalm 131, 132, 140, 142  
Exodus 7:25-8:19  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Mark 10:17-31

## Friday 3/22

Psalm 22, 141, 143  
Exodus 9:13-35  
2 Corinthians 4:1-12  
Mark 10:32-45

## Saturday 3/23

Psalm 42, 43, 137, 144  
Exodus 10:21-11:8  
2 Corinthians 4:13-18  
Mark 10:46-52

## Sunday 3/24 Palm Sunday

Psalm 24, 29, 103  
Zechariah 9:9-12  
1 Timothy 6:12-16, Luke 19:41-48

## Monday 3/25

Psalm 51, 69:1-23  
Lamentations 1:1-12  
2 Corinthians 1:1-7  
Mark 11:12-25

## Tuesday 3/26

Psalm 6, 12, 94  
Lamentations 1:17-22  
2 Corinthians 1:8-22  
Mark 11:27-33

## Wednesday 3/27

Psalm 55, 74, Lamentations 2:1-17  
2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11  
Mark 12:1-11

## Thursday 3/28 Maundy Thursday

Psalm 102, 142, 143  
Lamentations 2:10-18  
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:32  
Mark 14:12-25

## Friday 3/29 Good Friday

Psalm 22, 40, 54  
Lamentations 3:1-33  
1 Peter 1:10-20, John 13:36-38

## Saturday 3/30

Psalm 27, 88, 95  
Lamentations 3:37-58  
Hebrews 4:1-16, Romans 8:1-11

## Sunday 3/31 Easter

Psalm 118, 148, 149, 150  
Exodus 12:1-14  
Isaiah 51:9-11  
John 20:19-23

## 2023 Missions Giving Summary

### COINS AT COMMUNION GIVING:

		<u>2023 AMOUNT GIVEN</u>
Heartbeat of Lima	(January)	\$ 67.73
Samaritan's Purse	(February)	\$ 71.49
Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen	(March)	\$ 82.60
5 Loaves Food Pantry-Allentown	(April)	\$ 108.56
WOC United Methodist Church Camps	(May)	\$ —
UMCOR—U. S. Disaster Relief	(June)	\$ 208.10
Brad Joseph Memorial Fund	(July)	\$ 241.50
Meals 'til Monday	(August)	\$ 160.77
Samaritans House	(September)	\$ 137.53
Family Promise	(October)	\$ 98.12
Lima Rescue Mission	(November)	\$ 93.18
ACTS Sunnysdale House	(December)	\$ 100.22
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$1,369.80</b>

### UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SPECIAL SUNDAY'S GIVING:

Human Relations Day	(January)	\$ 80.00
Ash Wednesday	(February)	\$ 105.00
UMCOR Sunday	(March)	\$ 125.00
Native American Awareness Day	(May)	\$ 55.00
Peace with Justice Sunday	(June)	\$ 25.00
World Communion Sunday - no service	(October)	\$ 5.00
Student Day	(November)	\$ —

### OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS /GIVINGS:

Heifer International (\$'s left in heifer in hallway)	\$ 390.00
<b>TOTALS FOR SPECIAL SUNDAY'S/SPECIAL OFFERINGS:</b>	<b>\$ 785.00</b>

### SPECIAL SERVICES GIVING (Designated use of \$'s):

Easter (UMCOR International Disaster Relief)	\$1,010.00
Christmas Offering (UMCOR U. S. Disaster Relief)	\$ 673.50
Christmas Offering (UMCOR International Disaster Relief)	\$ 673.50
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$2,357.00</b>

### SPECIAL MISSIONS / DESIGNATED GIVING:

Donations or reimbursement to ramp fund for ramp projects	\$ 487.00
Brad Joseph Golf Outing hole sponsorship	\$ 100.00
Health & School Kits (contents value=62 Health kits x \$12; 52 School kits x \$11)	\$1,316.00
Donations to General Missions Fund	\$2,150.00
Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes (204 boxes x \$45 + \$10 shipping per box)	\$11,220.00
Hats, Gloves, Scarves (81 items x \$10 per item average)	\$ 810.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$16,083.00</b>

(Donated items for Family Promise meals and the Food Pantry — were not quantified)

<b>GRAND TOTAL MISSIONS GIVING—2023</b>	<b>\$20,594.80</b>
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**2023 Mission Giving as a % of 2023 Church Budget (\$217,705) = 9.5%**



# Missions Activities Year-End Report

## CONGREGATION AND MISSIONS COMMITTEE EFFORTS DURING THE YEAR OF 2023:

*REPORT SUBMITTED BY TIM PIPER, MISSIONS CHAIRPERSON*

- Donations of food for the Allentown Five Loaves Food Pantry continued to be strong in 2023 with St. Paul's individuals faithfully filling the food bins every month. Thank you to all who donated food to feed Elida families;
- St. Paul's has monetarily supported the Meals 'til Monday mission which provides weekend meals to children from various elementary schools in and around Allen County, including Elida Elementary;
- Janna Thompson and her helpers processed 52 school kits and 62 health kits donated by numerous members of our congregation as part of this UMC annual mission effort and Pastor Paul delivered the kits to the collection site;
- The small group, Crafty Creatures continues to bless our congregation and our community with their mission of prayer shawls, blankets, and quilts. They also made significant contributions to our Christmas Tree of hats, gloves, mittens, and scarves which were donated to Crossroads Crisis Center and Our Daily Bread.
- Our members gave a total of \$1,369 during Coins-at-Communion on the first Sunday of each month. Recipients of these funds included many local missions, ACTS Sunnydale House as well as UMCOR. Our members also gave \$395 to United Methodist Special Sundays such as UMCOR Sunday, and Native American Awareness Day;
- St. Paul's was a \$100 hole sponsor for the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing. Our volunteers helped with the outing as well as fielding a golf team who finished. The Brad Joseph Memorial Fund has given out scholarships for medical mission trips to Kenya, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico & Uganda in the past fourteen years; 2023 was the last year for the Brad Joseph Memorial Golf Outing which was organized yearly by Brad's uncle, John Fleming;
- Our members built several wheel-chair ramps in 2023 for people with special needs to gain access to their houses. This continues to be a unique mission both funded and constructed by St. Paul's members;
- Up to 6 families were housed at Family Promise of Lima. St. Paul's members partnered with local churches to provide hot meals for one evening during four designated weeks and sometimes stayed to talk with the families;
- On October 26<sup>th</sup> members of St. Paul's Church handed out coffee, hot chocolate and pencils to parents and their children at the church for our Trick-or-Treat Night Mission. Over 250 cups of hot beverages were distributed. Members of St. Paul's Church also participated by donating candy and tending the car trunks for Trunk-or-Treat that same evening. Our members enjoyed this memorable evening while greeting our Elida neighbors;

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# Missions

*Continued from pg. 9*

- St. Paul's members donated half of the Easter offering to UMCOR US Disaster Relief and the other half to UMCOR International Disaster Relief;
- Our congregation members dispensed water for Lifewise Academy/Sunnydale House's 5K Run and some of our members also ran in the 5K run; Lifewise Academy teaches elementary students about the Bible and life skills;
- Our youth and adults donated \$390 which was left on our "hallway heifer" to send to Heifer International to purchase farm animals for families around the world. Thank-you to everyone for your donations;
- St. Paul's Church again participated in a worldwide mission by Samaritan's Purse called Operation Christmas Child. The 204 shoeboxes collected were filled with gifts for boys and girls, and given to Samaritan's Purse to distribute worldwide. Thank you to all who filled boxes with gifts and to Jamie Wyant for heading up this mission;

**The people of St. Paul's United Methodist Church donated** to special missions, coins-for-communion, United Methodist Special Sundays, other special Sundays and other missions and ministries of our church. Thank-you to all who donated money or participated in these missions. As we go forward into 2024 we are looking for new ways to impact our community and the world to show people the love of **Jesus Christ!**

*Thank you!*

*Thank you for your generous support (\$160).  
Meals 'til Monday, Inc*

*Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR (\$1,300) may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be - Thank you!*

*UMCOR U.S. & International  
Disaster Response*

*Thank you for your generous donation of hats, gloves, scarves, socks and first aid kits to our survivors. It is greatly appreciated.*

*Crossroads Crisis Center.*

*Thanks to your group of Heifer donors, moms are building businesses and earning steady income to feed their children ... dads are running their own family farms instead of having to find work far away ... you are providing nutritious food, education and hope to the next generation. I hope you know how much we, and the families who are touched by your generosity, appreciate you all.*

*Heifer International*

## Connecting With ...

*Congratulations Eagle Scout*



On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, Cody Scannell was awarded his Eagle Scout rank at a Court of Honor held at the Middlepoint United Methodist Church. The Fraternal Order of the Elks presented him with a flag and honored Cody on the State and National level of their scouting program. His Scoutmaster, Joe Elling, and his adviser, Greg Amstutz, officiated the ceremony and Cody's brother, David Scannell (also an Eagle scout), was a part of the Eagle honor guard that escorted Cody to his ceremony. Cody thanked all who had helped him through Scouting over the years to earn his Eagle Rank. He also thanked Family Promise of Lima, who allowed him to build a playscape for the children of Family Promise to complete his Eagle Scout project. And a special thanks, to all the people at Elida St Paul's who have supported him throughout the years on projects and buying popcorn every year.

**Congratulations Cody Scannell!**



## The People of St. Paul's



Our deepest Sympathy to Shirley Adams and the family, Doug and Candy Adams, Tracy and Steve, and Tahler Sdao, Leslie and Jerry Kunz, and Gary and Trista Adams on the passing of Gary on February 3. Gary and Shirley were married for 71 years and enjoyed spending time together on the dance floor. Gary was a proud Army Veteran and had the opportunity to go on an Honor Flight. A memorial service was held on February 8, officiated by Pastor Paul Scannell. Cards may reach Shirley at 113 Weger Ave., Elida, OH 45807. cards may be sent to the Sdao family at 1657 Robinhood Dr., Lima ,OH 45805

Our deepest Sympathy to Anne Laman on the passing of her Brother-in-law, Bill Good on February 14. cards may reach Anne at 230 Primrose Ln., Lima, OH 45807.

Thank you!

To our church family,  
We are grateful for all your love and support during this last month. You have made the difficult journey a little easier. Thank you to all, especially Pastor Paul for a beautiful service, all who sent cards, visited, and helped with the delicious meal. We will hang the chimes in Mom's backyard. May God Bless you all.

Our Thanks and Love,  
Steve, Tracy, Tahler, and the Adams Clan

### Remember in Prayer

#### Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Scott Fessler  
Barb Schade

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

Barb Schade  
Ted and Jan Sadders

#### In the Military & Missions

Nathan Stewart

Thank you to our church family for your support, prayers, and cards at my sister, Mary Steiner's passing, It is times like these that we realize how great all of you are. Thank you also for the beautiful wind chimes. They are greatly appreciated and will be cherished in her memory.

Thank you,  
Larry and Shirley Moser

To our church family,  
Thank you for the beautiful flowers and all of the cards.  
Most of all, thank you for your thoughtfulness and prayers. Greg and I can't express how much love and caring we felt from all of you.

Forever grateful,  
Barb and Greg Schade



## Meetings

March 5, 2024  
PPR... 6:00 PM

March 5, 2024  
Trustees..7:00 PM

March 6, 2024  
Worship Mtg...  
10:00 AM

No Ad Council/  
Finance

No Missions

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

Wednesdays  
Chancel Choir....  
7:00 PM

# MARCH 2024

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

*Happy  
Anniversary*

Jeff & Shelly Reiff  
March 12; 41 yr.

Tony & Shirley Shoup  
March 20; 402yrs.

Brent & Vicki McAdams  
March 21

Bruce & Nancy Kizer  
March 23; 56 yrs.

Jordan & Amy Wyant  
March 28



					1 Scott Grapner	2
3 Chelsey Cook Ella Nartker Wesley Nartker	4 Janna Thompson	5 Scott Fessler	6	7 Tim Theodore	8	9
10	11	12 Etan Lewis	13	14 Jason Murphy	15 Baylor McAdams	16
17	18	19	20 Tara Strauch	21	22 Nancy Gesler	23
24 Joyce Nichols Kathy Waldich	25 Luke Selover	26	27 Julie Bok Karla May	28	29	30 Tahler Sdao Julia Thomas
31 Mitchell Furry Tom Thomas						

# St. Paul's Featured Recipes

## Quiche

*By Jan Wyant*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 1/2 cups	Meat of choice, small pieces Ham, sausage, bacon etc.	Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Grease 13x9 baking dish. Crumble meat over bottom of greased dish, sprinkle shredded cheese, drop little bits of cream cheese over meat and cheese in dish. In blender or bowl mix together milk, Bisquick baking mix, eggs, salt and onion. Pour over meat mixture Bake 35 to 40 minutes until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Let sit for 5 minutes before serving.
8 oz.	Cheese shredded, of choice ex: Co-jack, cheddar	
8 oz.	Cream Cheese	
2 cups	Milk	
1 cup	Bisquick baking mix	
4	Eggs	
1 to 2 tsp.	Salt	
1 small	Onion, cut in little pieces	

## Tangy Deviled Eggs

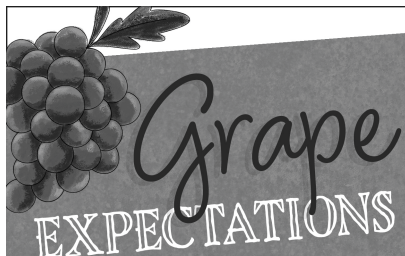
*By Connie Mault (original recipe from; Holtzapples, Inc. 1978)*

Ingredients		Instructions
8	Eggs, hard cooked	Makes 16 deviled egg halves. Cut eggs in half lengthwise. Remove yolks; mash with fork. Combine yolks with remaining ingredients; blend well. Refill whites using approx. 2 teaspoons mixture per egg half. If desired, garnish with cherry tomato quarters.
2 Tbl.	Mayonnaise	
1 Tbl.	Pimiento, minced	
2 to 3 tsp.	Lemon juice	
1 tsp.	Mustard, prepared	
1 tsp.	Worcestershire sauce	
1/2 tsp.	Salt	
1/8 tsp.	Pepper.	





# KIDZ KORNER



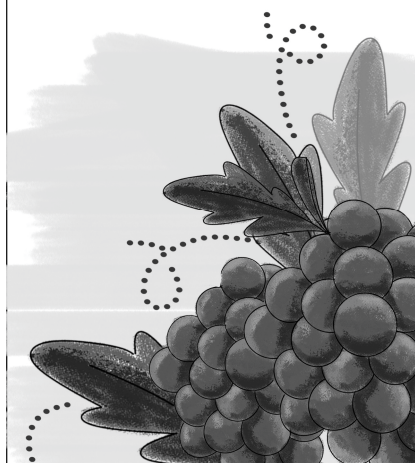
Try this chilly new  
take on a healthy snack.

## What you need:

- 30 grapes, washed and dried
- ½ cup vanilla yogurt
- 4 graham crackers, crushed
- Toothpicks
- Parchment paper

## What you do:

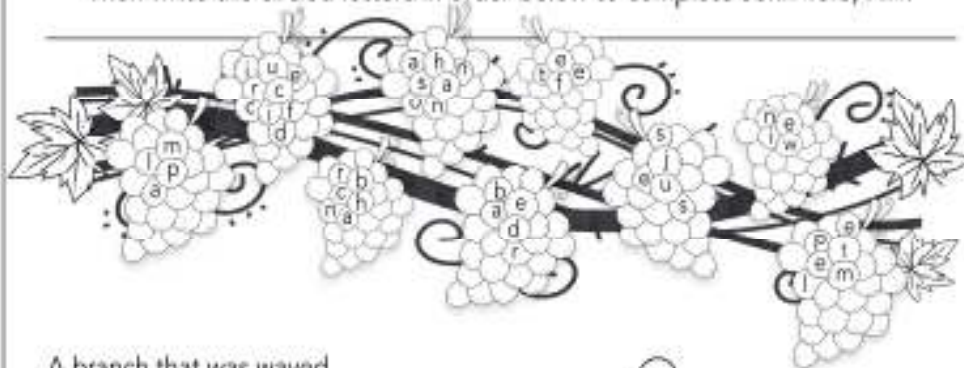
1. On a baking sheet lined with parchment paper, arrange grapes in a single layer. Freeze for two hours.
2. Insert a toothpick into each grape.
3. Dip each grape into the yogurt, coating half of it.
4. Roll each dipped grape in the crushed crackers. Place back on the parchment.
5. Freeze for two more hours. Enjoy!



## A LASTING LESSON

Before dying on the cross, Jesus teaches the disciples an important lesson.

*Directions: Use the clues to unscramble the letters in each grape cluster. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete John 15:5, NIV.*



A branch that was waved



How Jesus was put to death



A stick attached to the vine



People shouted this to Jesus



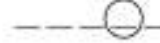
Jesus washed these



This was broken and eaten



The Messiah



A drink from grapes



Jesus drove the money changers from here



"I am the vine; you are the branches.

If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5, NIV

Answer: palm, crucified, branch, hosanna, feet, bread, Jesus, wine, temple, much fruit

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## Living Our Faith

### Pressed

*Gethsemane*, the name of the place where Jesus prayed before his betrayal, is an Aramaic word for “olive press.” During Bible times, olives were pressed three times to remove all the valuable oil. Before being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus felt the full pressing weight of our sins on his shoulders. Surrounded by olive trees, praying fervently while sweating drops of blood, the perfect Son of God asked his heavenly Father three times to remove the cup of suffering.

Instead of removing that trial, God used it to redeem and save humankind. Likewise, God uses our hardships to refine and strengthen our faith.

In *The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi*, TV host Kathie Lee Gifford and Messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel speculate that if Peter, along with James and John, hadn't fallen asleep in Gethsemane, he may have had the strength to not deny Jesus later that night.

“All of us must be vigilant to watch and pray so that we don't succumb to the temptation to deny the Lord when we go through the olive presses of life and feel like we are being crushed by our situation and circumstances,” the authors write. “We must remember that it is the crushing that brings out the true inner value and worth of the olive.”