

# St. Paul's Epistle

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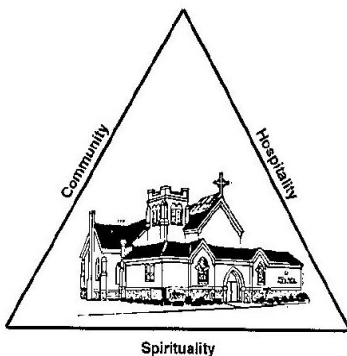
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April showers bring May flowers. I don't know how many May newsletters I have started with that line. This gives a whole new perspective to trying to keep everything as normal as possible. I know many of you want to get back to normal as quickly as possible, but I want to say to you I will want to be as careful as possible as we return to church. I want to thank everyone who has helped over the last few weeks. Videographers, musicians, sound technicians, and computer people who have made it possible to put worship online. We started with just sermons and now we have music, prayer, and sermons. We will improve quality as we move forward. I hope one day to have a searchable database for sermons and other special events.

Another big thanks goes out to all of you who have continued to give on a regular basis, making it possible to keep the lights on and ministry happening here at St Paul's. Thank you to everyone who gave food for the drive-by food drive. Your donation is helping to feed local people who have a need. St Paul's was scheduled to serve a meal for Family Promise on the first of May. Because of the virus, that is not possible, but you gave Family Promise a special donation through the Mission Committee to make sure no one missed a meal.

Finally, during this trial we are facing together, I thought it was a good time to get back to the basics. I went all the way back to Moses and the Ten Commandments to remind us all that God's plan is always for us to live in full relationship with YAHWEH. I know that many people see the commandments as oppressive, but I want to show you that the Lord wants all of us to be blessed beyond our imagination. If we will only look on the other side of Thou Shall Not, we will find many a blessing waiting for us from God. Jesus said he came to fulfill the law, not to abolish it, and I know we can find a God that frees us to live life to the fullest. I invite you to join me as we seek God's help in this difficult time every week on Elida St Paul's Facebook page until we gather together again to worship the Lord in person.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Paul*



## Thought for the Month:

Don't judge each day by the  
harvest you reap, but by the  
seeds that you plant.

*-Robert Louis Stevenson*

**May 7**  
**National Day of Prayer**

**May 10**  
**Happy Mother's Day**



**May 16**  
**Armed Forces Day**  
Thank you to all those who are  
currently serving in our military.



**May 17**  
**Food Pantry**

5 Loaves Food Pantry at the Church at Allentown  
Non perishable food items may be placed in the  
container at the east entry way. The church is  
open 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday -Thursday.

**NO May**  
**Dish-It-Out Café**

**May 24, 2020**  
**Ascension Sunday**

**May 31**  
**Wear Red**



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



**May 3**  
**Coins for Communion to benefit**  
**West Ohio United Methodist Church Camps**  
*Camp Wesley, Camp Otterbein, Camp Widewater*

## **Christian Symbol**

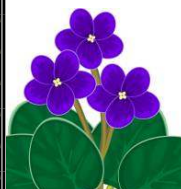
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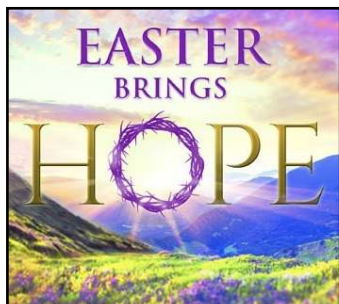
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### **VIOLET**



The violet, a symbol of humility, is  
used most often to refer to the Virgin  
Mary, whom St. Bernard (1090-1153)  
described as "the violet of humility."  
The purple flower also is sometimes used to  
express Christ's humility in assuming human  
form.



### Easter Worship Service

The Easter Sunday Worship service was postponed for when we are able to be back together filling our sanctuary pews. In the mean time, tune into Pastor Paul's sermons on Facebook.

### Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Mission

Friday, May 29

Volunteers needed to help prepare and serve the noon meal.

Please contact Tim Piper if you can help.

*(Whether or not it will be open on that date is yet to be determined. )*

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

### A Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May 25  
Memorial Day



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



# Mexico Mission

## The Power of a Few Corinne Piper

In February, Tim and I again had the privilege of being part of the Alabama/Mexico Eyeglass Mission to Cavillo, Mexico. There were thirty-one people in our group, including our daughter, Jennifer Kinney, our daughter's fiancé, Jason Morrison, and our grandson, Logan Kinney. During our week in Mexico, we evaluated the vision of around 2000 people and give out prescription glasses, reading glasses and sunglasses and refer others for surgeries and further treatment. There are always people who stick out in our minds for various reasons, such as adorable little children getting their first glasses or elderly women who only want to be able to see their sewing. There are those whom are brought to us by God such as a woman who wasn't supposed to see our one ophthalmologist but did and found out that, unknown to her, the medicine she had taken for ten years could damage her vision and she needed to see a doctor regularly. The doctor possibly saved her vision. The memories go on.

What impacted me the most this year was our hosts: The Cavillo Lions' Club, made up of SEVEN members. While we provide most of the screening personnel and glasses from used ones donated in the United States, the local Lions' Club provides:

1. food and housing for those of us coming in for a week.
2. arrange transportation to and from the airport and to and from the hotel to the screening venue
3. find a venue large enough to hold several hundred people at a time.
4. provide translators for all four days of the clinic for nearly twenty people for eight hours a day.
5. arrange follow-up appointments for local surgeries
6. purchase specially made glasses when we don't have the correct prescriptions on hand
7. handle all publicity about the event
8. transportation, for the clients from outlying areas, sometimes,
9. and, often a tour of their local areas at the end of the clinic.

Remember, I said, SEVEN people planned and executed this event! Seven people, who loved their community and wanted to serve it. Seven people who looked at the resources they had in schools, stores, restaurants, hotels, bus drivers, and family, went to work and provided 2000 people with eye examinations and glasses. Seven people who dreamed big, worked hard, and made an impact.

Every year I return from this trip in awe of what a group of committed people can accomplish and wonder what I might accomplish with a similar amount of dreaming and dedication.



Corinne helping Dr. Bill, our only ophthalmologist on the trip.



Jennifer (Piper) Kinney at the auto-refractor station.



Logan Kinney looking for glasses at the bank of glasses.

# Renovations

## Prayer Room

(previously, Bride's Room)

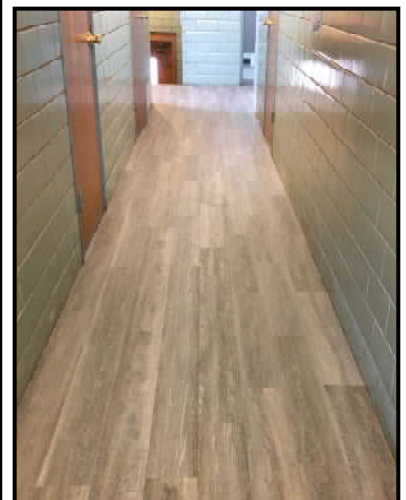
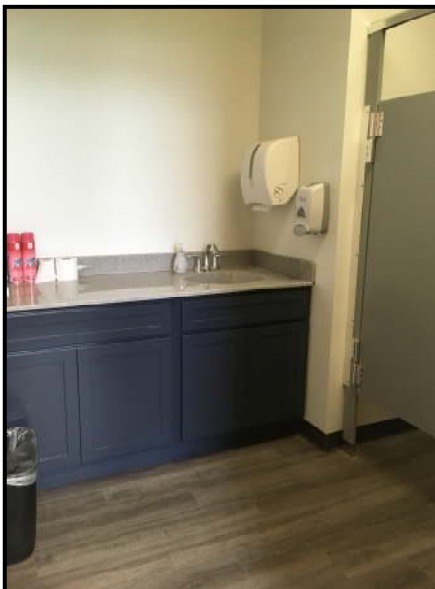
Thank you to Tahler Sdao, and Steve and Tracy Sdao for their hard work in renovating the old Bride's room into a quiet and comforting prayer room.



## Bathroom Renovations

### Flooring Renovation

Thank you to Mike Ellinger and helpers for installing the flooring in the bathrooms and hallways



# Faith In Action

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,879.00

There were no worship services in April due to the stay at home order. Thank you to all who have continued to tune in to our St. Paul's Facebook page to watch Pastor Paul's Sermons.

Our Facebook Page:  
Elida St. Paul's Church

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
March 29, 2020	\$3,045.00	\$435.00
April 5 & 12, 2020 combined deposit	\$6,546.00	\$399.00
April 19, 2020	\$4,306.00	\$1,218.00

Thank you to all who have continued to submit your offerings. You may mail offering or drop it off in the office Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Thank you to Art Holman and Dan Best who have been counting and making the bank deposit.

"SURRENDER TO WHAT IS.  
LET GO OF WHAT WAS.  
HAVE FAITH IN WHAT WILL BE."

-SORIA RICOTTI

## Flower Calendar

May 3, 2020	OPEN
May 10, 2020	OPEN
May 17, 2020	Gary & Deb Hurd
May 24, 2020	Dan & Margie
May 31, 2020	Marty & Kathy White

There will be NO Greeters and Hospitality Cart for at least the first Sunday back. We will reevaluate once we start back and figure out a new normal. Whenever that may be!

Keep up to date with our weekly status e-mail, or for those without e-mail, snail mail. If you are not receiving this information let the office know.  
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# Daily Bible Readings

## Friday 5/1

Psalms 105, Exodus 24:1-18  
Colossians 2:8-23  
Matthew 4:12-17

## Saturday 5/2

Psalms 30, 32, 42, 43  
Exodus 25:1-22  
Colossians 3:1-17  
Matthew 4:18-25

## Sunday 5/3

Psalms 63, 98, 103  
Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38  
1 John 2:18-29, Mark 6:30-44

## Monday 5/4

Psalms 41, 44, 52, Exodus 32:1-20  
Colossians 3:18-4:18  
Matthew 5:1-10

## Tuesday 5/5

Psalms 45, 47, 48, Exodus 32:21-34  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 5:11-16

## Wednesday 5/6

Psalms 49, 119:49-72  
Exodus 33:1-23  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:17-20

## Thursday 5/7

Psalms 59, 60, 114, 115  
Exodus 34:1-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20  
Matthew 5:21-26

## Friday 5/8

Psalms 40, 51, 54, Exodus 34:18-35  
1 Thessalonians 3:1-13  
Matthew 5:27-37

## Saturday 5/9

Psalms 55, 138, 139  
Exodus 40:18-38  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12  
Matthew 5:38-48

## Sunday 5/10

Psalms 8, 24, 29, 84  
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17  
Matthew 7:7-14

## Monday 5/11

Psalms 56, 57, 64, 65  
Colossians (3:18-4:1)2-18  
Luke 7:36-50

## Tuesday 5/12

Psalms 61, 62, 68  
Romans 12:1-21, Luke 8:1-15

## Wednesday 5/13

Psalms 72, 119:73-96  
Leviticus 19:1-18  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-18  
Matthew 6:19-24

## Thursday 5/14

Psalms 70, 71, 74  
Leviticus 19:26-37  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12  
Matthew 6:25-34

## Friday 5/15

Psalms 106, Leviticus 23:1-22  
2 Thessalonians 2:1-17  
Matthew 7:1-12

## Saturday 5/16

Psalms 23, 27, 75, 76  
Leviticus 23:23-44  
2 Thessalonians 3:1-18  
Matthew 7:13-21

## Sunday 5/17

Psalms 34, 93, 96  
Leviticus 25:1-17  
James 1:2-8, 16-18, Luke 12:13-21

## Monday 5/18

Psalms 77, 80, Leviticus 25:35-55  
Colossians 1:9-14  
Matthew 13:1-16

## Tuesday 5/19

Psalms 78, Leviticus 26:1-20  
1 Timothy 2:1-6  
Matthew 13:18-23

## Wednesday 5/20

Psalms 119:97-120  
Leviticus 26:27-42  
Ephesians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:41-46

## Thursday 5/21

Psalms 68:1-20, 2 Kings 2:1-15  
Revelation 5:1-14

## Friday 5/22

Psalms 85, 86, 91, 92  
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
Matthew 7:22-27

## Saturday 5/23

Psalms 87, 90, 136  
Numbers 11:16-29  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Matthew 7:28-8:4

## Sunday 5/24

Psalms 19, 46, 66, 67  
Ezekiel 3:16-27  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
Matthew 10:24-42

## Monday 5/25

Psalms 89, Joshua 1:1-9  
Ephesians 3:1-13, Matthew 8:5-17

## Tuesday 5/26

Psalms 95, 97, 99  
1 Samuel 16:1-13a  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
Matthew 8:18-27

## Wednesday 5/27

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

## Thursday 5/28

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

## Friday 5/29

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

## Saturday 5/30

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

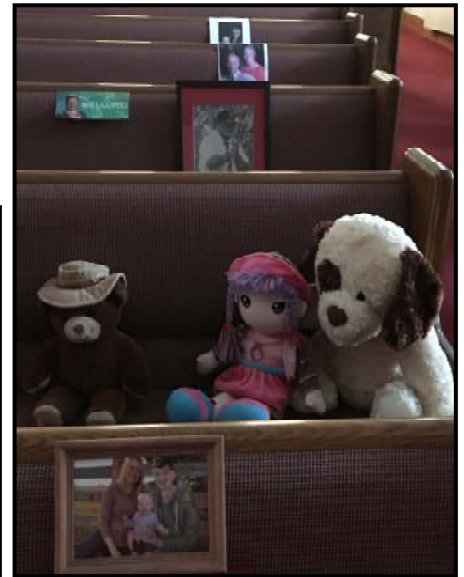
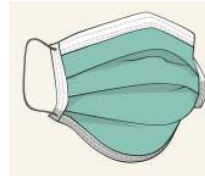
## Sunday 5/31

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



# While Keeping Our Distance...

Congregation in the pews:



**April 6:** Community Food Drive Items taken to 5 Loaves Food Pantry at The Church at Allentown.



**Thank You!**

**April 8**  
Easter Lilies delivered to some parishioners.

**"Strive for 5"**  
Deb Hurd calling and checking on people of St. Paul's, by contacting 5 people in the church directory every day.



## Connecting with...

### College Graduate

**Emma Scannell:** Will graduate from Hope College, in Holland, Michigan, on May 3rd. However, her commencement ceremony has been moved to August. As for post-grad plans, she will be returning home for the summer and reevaluating the best options going forward after Covid-19 has been cleared up. Thank you all for the prayers over these four years! Emma is the daughter of Pastor Paul and Marla Scannell. Cards may reach Emma at 113 E. Main St., Elida, OH 45807.

**Congratulations**



### Sue Theodore

I will be retiring on June 1, 2020 after 35 years of teaching. After graduating from BGSU, I taught math at Lima Senior High School for 20 years. In 2005, I took a math position at Elida High School and will retire after 15 years at Elida. After retirement, we hope to do some traveling that does not have to be in the summer! We currently have trips scheduled to Hawaii in September and to the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque in October.

**Happy Retirement!**

### Jan Wyant

As I prepared to attend Taylor University in 1973, I was encouraged to follow in the footsteps of my mom and grandma and become a teacher. I decided that wasn't for me and got a B.A. degree in Sociology instead. When attending a Mother's Day program in Justin's first grade class, it struck me how much I would love being a teacher. My family had been right! I quit my job. Went back to school for two more years to get a B.S. in Education. I had to sub for two years, but was extremely happy when Elida hired me. With only three weeks' notice, I began in a fifth grade class. The second year, with only one week's notice, I was moved to first grade. How little did I really know back then? It makes me laugh. I have taught looping and multiage classes. I have taught in the gym while a modular was put in place to be my classroom. At Bluffton, I earned my M.A. in Education. Throughout my career I have been blessed with two awesome teaching partners. I have also enjoyed having St. Paul's children in my classroom. Times have changed. The teaching climate has changed. It has become very stressful. So, with happy anticipation, I will officially retire from Elida after 30 years on August 1. Thank you for your support and help throughout the years, especially the buddy program two years ago. God has been good!

# Remember When...

May, 2008

Graduates Recognition:  
Doug Guess and John Segovia



May, 2012

Graduates Recognition:  
Kelsey Smith and Reggie McAdams

May, 2016

Graduates Recognition:  
Oliver Fessler, High School  
Stacy Alexander, College  
Emma Scannell, High School



## Our Church History

In April, Aaron Piper demonstrated weapons and skills of the Samurai, or Knights, to kids in the E. A. S. Y. program.

The Seniors Day Out was held on April 19, 2016. Mike Buettner of Kohli & Kaliher Assoc. was the guest speaker. He explained how each of Ohio's 88 counties was named.

April was again time for the Koinonia Chicken Barbeque. Members gathered in the kitchen and fellowship hall to make potato salad, dish out the applesauce in separate containers, wrap the silverware in napkins and set up the tables. The "dessert room" was also prepared for the desserts coming the following day and cutting all the pies. After the work was finished, the group enjoyed pizza and pop.

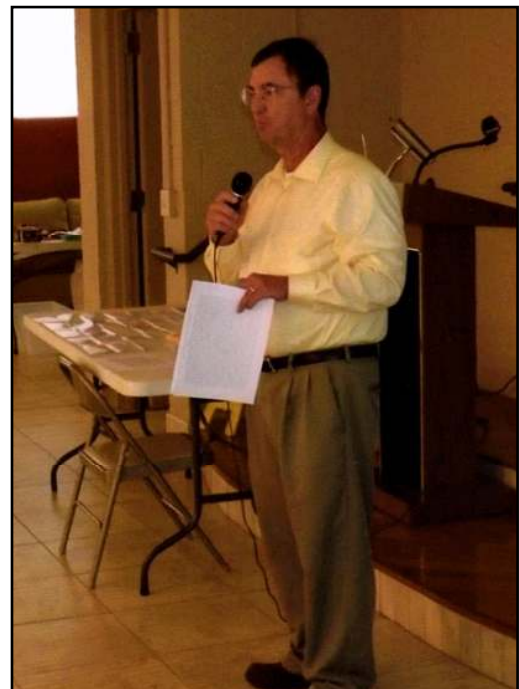
A Blessing of Quilts was held on April 24 with Pastor Paul and the children. These 10 quilts were made from material that Shirley Moser's mother had. It was material especially for children, so the 10 quilts were donated to the American Township Fire Department to be given to a child during a traumatic incident to give them a sense of security.

On April 29, six volunteers helped serve the meal at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Lima. Those helping that day were Ginny Doseck, Deb Hurd, Lois Rabley, Dillon and Helen Staas and Martha Vazquez.

April 25 and 27 saw the Elida After School Youth program (E.A.S.Y.) come to an end for the year. Some of the activities took place outdoors at Elida St. Paul's. UMC and Immanuel UMC. Games were played indoors and out on both days and the children had a fun ending to their year in the EASY program. Certificates and tee shirts were presented to the students.



Aaron Piper  
Demonstration to the EASY students



Seniors Day Out  
Guest Speaker: Mike Buettner



# The People of St. Paul's

*Thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy. Thank you so much for the beautiful wind chimes!*

*The Family of Shonda Nelson*

*Thank you*

*Dear St. Paul's friends, I had a pleasant surprise when a beautiful Easter lily was delivered to my door. Thank you for thinking of me. It is so great to be a part of such a loving church family.*

*Sincerely,  
Becky Bean*

*I would like to thank the church for the lilies, it sure brightens our day. They are beautiful.*

*Thanks,  
Bill and Joyce Nichols*

## Remember in Prayer

*Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital*

*Homebound Members*

Hazel Dunn  
Glenna Kohli

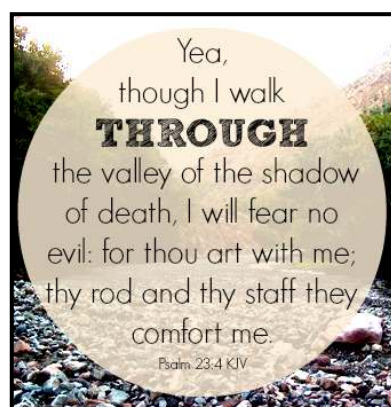
*Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement*

Ray Trigg

*In the Military & Missions*

Oliver Fessler  
Nathan Stewart

*With Deepest  
Sympathy*



Our sympathy to the Family of Phyllis Trigg. She passed away, April 18, surrounded by her family. A private family service was held at the church on Friday, April 24, Pastor Paul officiating. The service was live streamed on St. Paul's Facebook page due to the social distancing. Phyllis was a member of St. Paul's and it's "Crafty Creatures" quilt group. Cards may reach Cynthia, Doug and Joshua Guess at 2854 Whippoorwill Ave., Elida, OH 45807. Cards for Ray Sr. may be sent to this address as well. Cards may be sent to Ray Jr. and Amy Trigg Family at 157 Harvest Ridge Rd., Ottawa, OH 45875.

**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

TBA  
PPR...7:00 PM

TBA  
Trustees...7:00 PM

TBA  
Worship Mtg..10:00 AM

TBA  
Ad Council Mtg..7:00 PM

TBA  
Finance Mtg..7:00 PM

TBA  
Missions Mtg.

*\*All meeting dates will  
be announced at  
a later date.*

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

**Wednesdays**  
Chancel Choir  
*\*Choir members will be  
notified when choir  
practice begins.*

# MAY 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



**BIRTHDAYS**  
THIS MONTH

1  
Lily Bice

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Bill Nichols

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Shelly Reiff

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Larry Brunk

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Glenna Kohli

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15  
Logan  
Kinney

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Mary Irvin  
Jennifer  
Kinney

## Anniversaries

Gary & Deb Hurd  
May 19

Dan & Margie Best  
May 28

Happy  
Anniversary



17

Martha  
Vazquez

18

19  
Aaron  
Thompson  
Marlene  
Weaver

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Karen Bible

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Isaac  
McAdams

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Carter  
Kuenzli

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Torie  
McAdams

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Scott Warris

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# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Chicken and White Bean Ragout

*By Susan Nartker*

Ingredients		Instructions
2 Tbl.	Butter	Saute onions and garlic in butter for 5 minutes.  Add remainder of ingredients.  Bring to boil and simmer for 20 minutes.  Serve with hard rolls or cornbread.
2 cup	Onions, chopped	
2 Tbl.	Garlic, minced	
1 cup	Green peppers, chopped	
2 cup	Potatoes, diced	
1/2 cup	Carrots, diced	
1 to 2	Jalapenos, seeded & minced	
4 cups	White beans (navy, great northern, garbonzo, or assortment)	
1 can (15oz)	Chicken and broth, canned	
1 1/2 Tbl.	Cumin	
1 Tbl.	Coriander	
2 tsp.	Oregano	
4 cups	Chicken broth	
1 Tbl.	Lime juice	
garnish	Cilantro	

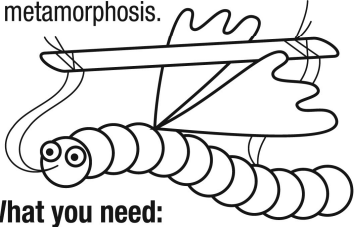




# KIDZ KORNER

## CHANGED!

Make this cute puppet to show and tell the amazing story of metamorphosis.



### What you need:

- Needle and string
- 12 small pom-poms
- Wooden craft stick
- Scissors
- Googly eyes
- Glue
- Coffee filter
- Markers

### What you do:

1. Sew pom-poms together to make a caterpillar body. Tie off that string.
2. Thread another string up through the first pom-pom, leaving 12 inches to dangle. Repeat with the ninth pom-pom, leaving two dangling strings.
3. Wrap those strings around opposite ends of the stick, adjusting their length to about 6 inches. Tie in place.
4. Glue on eyes.
5. Flatten the coffee filter and draw a symmetrical design on it. Pleat in the center to create wings.
6. Move the caterpillar puppet by holding the stick. Glue on the wings as you describe the transformation into a butterfly.



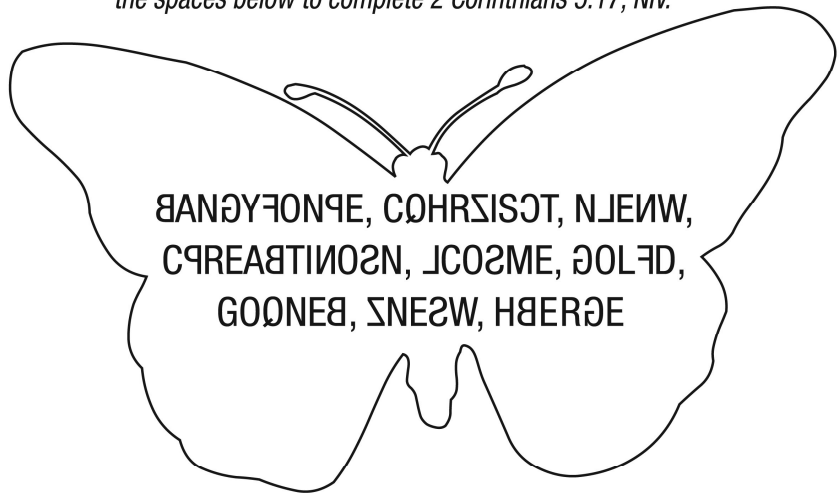
## TransformationPOWER



Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,  
God transforms us from old to new.



**Directions:** Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.



Therefore, if \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_:

The \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_,  
the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV

Answer: anyone, Christ, new, creation, come, old, gone, new, here

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**Elida St. Paul's Church**

**Twitter Account**  
**@ESPCCHURCH**



## Living Our Faith

### Of Patience and Pruning

In many parts of America, Mother's Day is the recommended date for planting flowers outdoors. Subjecting blooms to the elements any sooner is risky, though sunny spring days sure make waiting tough. Perhaps that's why poet May Sarton calls gardening "an instrument of grace," for it "slows us down and forces patience."

Courage is also required. Gardeners "must be brave enough to cut back the old and sit with bare branches, awaiting new growth," writes Cheryl Richardson (*Waking Up in Winter*). "And we must trust that it will come." When God prunes us, we too must trust that new growth and new life are in store ... and then patiently wait.

### Fed By the Father

God loves his little birds; for all  
his tender care he shows;  
a single sparrow cannot fall  
but its Creator knows. ...

God loves each little bird; but still  
more tender is his care  
for children who obey his will,  
than for the fowls of air.

—Anonymous

