

# St. Paul's Epistle

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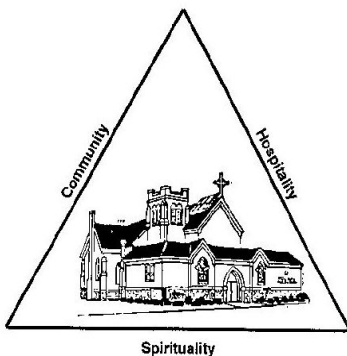
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May is here, and what a month I am going to have, our last dance recital for a long while will take place on Mother's Day, which means, from this point forward I will have to plan something on Mother's Day. The last 14 years have been costumes, makeup, hair, and getting flowers for after the show, with no thought about Mother's Day because there is always the second show to be ready for. Any pointers from all you dads on what is an appropriate activity for mom's special day would be greatly appreciated. Then, I just found out a couple of weeks ago that I don't have just one graduate this year, I have two. I was very surprised to hear from David that he too would be graduating this year, although he is not walking with his class and does not want a party. Still, I am glad he is graduating and proud he has stuck it out to finish his degree. But we do have one party to plan, Brittany's, and you will all be invited to come to the party on May 28<sup>th</sup> at the church fellowship hall, more details will be made available in the Weekly Word and the bulletin later this month. Other than that, it is just a normal month of May for me.

St Paul's continues to figure out how and when to end our pandemic blahs and get back to normal. We saw a glimpse of people back in the pews on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. It felt good to see all those faces looking back at me, and now, we just need to figure out how to do that every Sunday. Part of me wonders if we will ever have "normal" times again. We definitely, have to continue to offer online worship because it has reached so many who would not or could not attend. Plus, some of our people who travel have stated that it is nice to see church when they are away. What can we do, or say, to increase the number of people in the seats on Sundays, perhaps your idea is the one that will bring new people into church or will help bring those back who has been gone for a while now. So please, share it with me, you never know when or how the Holy Spirit will use you.

By the time you receive this, we will have one more Sunday in the Holy Spirit series, then we will move on to something new. Maybe, we will look closely at the Fruits of the Spirit, or choose a character from the Bible and spend a few weeks with them (David, Daniel, Moses, Ruth, or Ester). I guess you will have to come to church to find out.

Until then, I will 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

**May 5**  
**National Day of Prayer**

**May 8**  
**Mother's Day**



**May 15**  
**Food Pantry**

5 Loaves Food Pantry  
at the Church at Allentown

Non perishable food items may be  
placed in the container at the front  
entrance and east entry way.

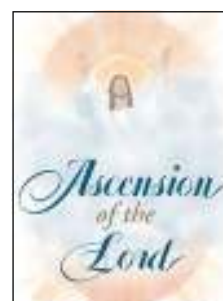
**May 21**

**Armed Forces Day**

Thank you to all those who are  
currently serving in our military.



**May 26**  
**Ascension Sunday**



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

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

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## **Christian Symbol**

### **ROBE**



A robe, specifically one that's new and white, symbolizes the righteousness we receive through Jesus' death and resurrection. Isaiah 61:10 speaks of "the garments of salvation" and "the robe of righteousness." In Revelation 6:11, faithful martyrs each receive a white robe. People who are being baptized or confirmed often wear white robes as a sign of purity.

## We Remember

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.



May 30, 2022

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

### May Coins for Communion Summer Camps

Many people found their connection to God at a church camp. The combination of fellowship, outdoors, and activity engage children and aid them in seeing God's gifts.

To support these efforts by the United Methodist Church, the Coins for Communion for May will go to the church camp programs of the West Ohio Conference. The camps are designed to appeal to a wide array of interests and includes everything from horses and treehouses to performing arts and scaling boulders. Each will focus on understanding the various names we receive and how we have all been "NAMED" by God.

Summer Camp opportunities will be offered between June and July for campers from ages 7 to 17 across all three of our locations. Whether you are looking to try something new or be close to home, we have options across West Ohio. Camp Widewater is our northernmost camp in Liberty Center, Ohio, Camp Wesley is more centrally located in Bellefontaine, Ohio and Camp Otterbein is our southernmost location in Logan, Ohio.

In addition to supporting the camps, St. Paul's offers support to every camper attending church camp or adults attending retreats. Check with the office for more information.

# Prayer

## Praying with Beads

*By Corinne Piper*

Have you ever “prayed the Rosary”? Have you ever seen pictures of people from other religions touching beads as they walked? Do you think praying with beads is something from “other” religions? Have you ever wondered “why”?

There is something about touching something familiar that can relax or calm us. As we are doing the repetitive action of touching the beads, our minds can focus on other things. Have you ever had “worry beads” or “worry dolls”? These are a string of beads or small dolls to touch as you say your worries. When you are at the end, you put them away and put away your fears with them.

Most of us are at least familiar with the concept of “praying the Rosary”. I won't attempt to describe the deeply held beliefs behind this practice, but the basics are that at each bead or item on the rosary, a specific prayer or prayer type is prayed. There is also a “Protestant rosary”. Both of these items can be looked up on the internet to get pictures and steps for praying. Each bead on the string is like a counting bead on an abacus to help you stay focused and keep track of what you are doing in case you get off track.

You can make your own string of beads that relates directly to your life. Go through a box of beads (or buttons) and pick out ones that remind you for specific people. Maybe the color is their favorite, maybe the smooth feel reminds you of the peace you feel around them. Put them on a string or chain. Add a cross or religious item that touches you. Then when you sit down to pray, hold the beads, and touch each one to remind you to pray for that person's needs or your own prayers.

For those of us who can't focus on prayer, the physical touch of beads helps us stay centered and frees our mind to focus on listening to God, the ultimate goal of prayer.



## Poem

### A Mother's Prayer

Unknown

*Dear Lord, it's such a hectic day,  
With little time to stop and pray.  
For Life's been anything but calm,  
Since you called me to be a mom.  
Running errands, matching socks,  
Building dreams with building blocks.  
Cooking, cleaning, and finding shoes,  
And other stuff that children loose.  
Fitting lids on bottled bugs,  
Wiping tears and giving hugs.  
A stack of last week's mail read-  
So where's the quiet time I need?  
Yet, when I steal a moment, Lord,  
Just at the sink, the ironing board,  
To ask the blessings of Your grace,  
I see then, in my small one's face,  
That You have blessed me all the while,  
And I stoop to kiss that precious smile.*



# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

April 3, 2022	74
April 10, 2022 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	83
April 14, 2022 <i>Maundy Thursday</i>	34
April 17, 2022 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	105
April 24, 2022	57

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,879.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
April 3, 2022	\$6,108.00	\$705.00
April 10, 2022	\$2,186.00	\$145.00
April 17, 2022	\$3,316.00	\$1,330.00
April 24, 2022	\$2,118.00	\$1,433.00

## Sunday School Attendance

April 3, 2022	12
April 10, 2022	10
April 17, 2022 <i>Easter</i>	15
April 24, 2022	4

## Flower Calendar

May 1, 2022	Ron & Mary Steiner
May 8, 2022	Bev Nesbitt
May 15, 2022	Gary & Deb Hurd
May 22, 2022	Jon & Chelsey Cook
May 29, 2022	Dan & Margie Best

## Greeters

May 1, 2022	OPEN
May 8, 2022	OPEN
May 15, 2022	OPEN
May 22, 2022	OPEN
May 29, 2022	OPEN

There are a couple ways to participate on Sunday Mornings:

1. **Liturgist**—assists the Pastor during worship.
2. **Greeter**—greet those coming to worship.  
(no contact or at a safe distance, however you prefer)
3. **Altar Flowers**— flower chart is on the bulletin board in the hallway.  
(a couple Sunday's available this year)



# Daily Bible Readings

## Sunday 5/1

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150  
Exodus 18:1-12  
1 John 2:7-17, Mark 16:9-20

## Monday 5/2

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Exodus 18:13-27  
1 Peter 5:1-14, Matthew 3:1-6

## Tuesday 5/3

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39  
Exodus 19:1-16  
Colossians 1:1-14  
Matthew 3:7-12

## Wednesday 5/4

Psalm 38, 119:25-48  
Exodus 19:16-25  
Colossians 1:15-23  
Matthew 3:13-17

## Thursday 5/5

Psalm 37, Exodus 20:1-21  
Colossians 1:24-2:7  
Matthew 4:1-11

## Friday 5/6

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

## Saturday 5/7

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

## Sunday 5/8

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

## Monday 5/9

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

## Tuesday 5/10

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

## Wednesday 5/11

Psalm 53, 119:49-72  
Exodus 33:1-23  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:17-20

## Thursday 5/12

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

## Friday 5/13

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

## Saturday 5/14

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

## Sunday 5/15

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84  
Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36  
Hebrews 12:1-14, Luke 4:16-30

## Monday 5/16

Psalm 58, 64, 65  
Leviticus 16:1-19  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

## Tuesday 5/17

Psalm 61, 62, 68  
Leviticus 16:20-34  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 6:7-15

## Wednesday 5/18

Psalm 72, 119:73-96  
Leviticus 19:1-18  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-28  
Matthew 6:19-24

## Thursday 5/19

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

## Friday 5/20

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

## Saturday 5/21

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

## Sunday 5/22

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

## Monday 5/23

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

## Tuesday 5/24

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

## Wednesday 5/25

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

## Thursday 5/26

Psalm 8, 24, 47, 96  
Daniel 7:9-14  
Hebrews 2:5-18  
Matthew 28:16-20

## Friday 5/27

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

## Saturday 5/28

Psalm 87, 90, 136  
Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29  
Ephesians 2:11-22  
Matthew 7:28-8:4

## Sunday 5/29

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67  
Exodus 3:1-12  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 10:17-24

## Monday 5/30

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

## Tuesday 5/31

Psalm 94, 97, 99  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
Matthew 8:18-27

# Communion Plates

## The History of the Communion Plates By Ron Steiner

In the Spring of 1987 we started to remodel and add on to the church. I pulled out of the dumpster 5-6 floor joist from under the old stage; I took them over to the farm and put them in one of the haymows. I also took a lot of small pieces, that were in the rollup partitions.

This January, I brought home one of the old floor joist to find out that they were pine about 2"x12"x12 foot long. Later Larry Moser and I went back to get the rest. They were full of square nails dating them back to the year 1890 when the church was built. The church was remodeled in 1910, round nails were used then. That makes the wood in the communion plates **132 yrs. Old.**

What a blessing to have that wood to use, but a huge blessing for me to make something out of wood that old, and to know where it came from.

### Thank you!

**Ron Steiner** for sharing your blessed talent by making these beautiful Communion plates.

**WOW! What a Treasured gift for St. Paul's!**





## Connecting with...

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

#### Joshua Guess

Joshua will be graduating from The Ohio State University on May 8, with a Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communications. He is the son of Cindy Guess. Cards may reach Joshua at 40 E. 11th Ave., Columbus, OH 43201  
Congratulation Josh!

#### David Scannell

I am graduating from Eastern Michigan University on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. I will continue in my current position as a Police Dispatcher for Eastern Michigan University Police. I want to thank everyone at St Paul's for the prayers and support over the years for myself and my wife Samm, as we have gone to school.

David is the son of Paul and Marla Scannell. Cards may reach David at 24811 Pennie St, Dearborn Heights, Michigan, 48125.



### HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

*Congratulations!*

#### Brittany Scannell

Brittany Scannell is graduating from Elida High School and Apollo Career Center with a specialty in Culinary Arts. Brittany danced at Lyn's Dance Academy for 8 years, she played in the Elida marching, concert, and symphonic bands, and she was also on both the track and field and swim teams. She plans to go to work full time in the culinary industry where she will improve and perfect her skills in Culinary Arts. Brittany is the daughter of Paul and Marla Scannell. Cards may reach Brittany at 113 E. Main St., Elida, OH 45807



Check out this newly decorated bulletin board of St. Paul's Future graduates.

Thank you to Jan Wyant for decorating our bulletin boards and Thank you to Deb Hurd for providing the pictures.

This bulletin board is at the top of the stairs when coming in the east entrance.

# Lent

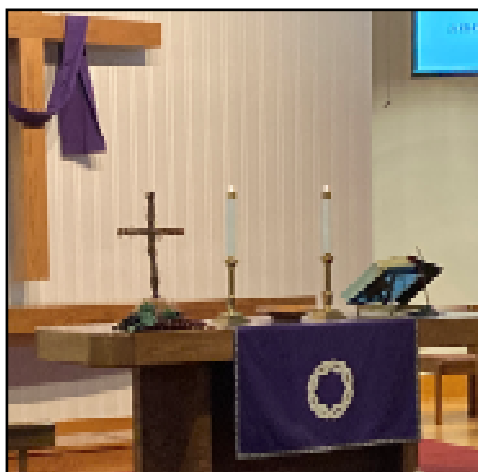
**April 3**

**Flute Duet with the choir: Brittany Scannell and Linda Holman**  
**"Come Find Forgiveness and Love" – D. Besig & N. Price**



**April 10**  
**Palm Sunday**

**Palms were waved**  
**when the word**  
**'Hosanna'**  
**Was spoken**



**April 14**

**Maundy Thursday**

**At the end of the service, the Altar was stripped**

Easter



## The People of St. Paul's



To the Folks of  
St. Paul's,

The family of Chris  
Bowsher wishes to  
express a heartfelt  
"Thank You" for your  
kind expression of  
sympathy.

The lantern was a  
perfect reminder of the  
light mom saw in Jesus,  
and the people of St.  
Paul's.

Thank you,  
Dennis and Shara

During a time like this  
we realize how much  
our family and friends  
really mean to us. Your  
expression of  
sympathy will always  
be remembered.

The Family of  
Bruce Segovia

## Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or  
in the Hospital

Carl Miller

Homebound Members

Those in Need of Healing,  
Support, Strength &  
Encouragement

Carl Miller  
Dillon & Helen Staas

In the Military & Missions

Nathan Stewart

*With Deepest  
Sympathy*

Our Sympathy to Dennis and Shara Bowsher family on the passing of Dennis's mother, Chris Bowsher, on Saturday, April 2. A Memorial Service was held on April 7, Pastor Paul officiating. Chris had been a long time member of St. Paul's. cards may reach Dennis and Shara at 2655 Franks Dr., Elida, OH 45807

**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

May 2, 2022  
PPR Mtg...7:00 PM

May 3, 2022  
Trustees Mtg...7:00 PM

May 4, 2022  
Worship Mtg...10:00 AM

No Ad Council /  
Finance Mtg.

No Missions Mtg.

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

Wednesdays  
Chancel Choir...7:00 PM

# MAY 2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1 Lily Bice	2 Bill Nichols	3	4	5 Shelly Reiff	6 Angie nartker	7
8	9 Michael Whetstone	10 Larry Brunk	11	12	13 Glenna Kohli	14
15 Logan Kinney	16 Mary Irvin Jennifer Morrison	17 Martha Vazquez	18	19 Aaron Thompson Marlene Weaver	20 Karen Bible	21
22	23	24 Isaac McAdams	25 Carter Kuenzli	26 Torie Gerdeman	27 Scott Warris	28
29	30	31				

Happy Anniversary



Gary & Deb Hurd  
May 19

Joe & Torie Gerdeman  
May 22

Dan & Margie Best  
May 28

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## Cobbler Recipe

*By Shirley Moser*

Ingredients		Instructions
2 sticks	Butter (Not margarine)	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter in bottom of 13x9 baking dish. Mix together next 3 ingredients and pour over melted butter in baking dish. Spoon 4 cups of fruit or berries of choice over batter. Sprinkle 1 cup sugar over the top. Bake for 30 to 45 minutes until cobbler looks golden. * If fruit is juicy, it may need to cook longer.
2 cups	Flour - self rising	
2 cups	Sugar	
1 1/2 cups	Milk	
4 cups	Fruit or berries of choice	
1 cup	Sugar (to sprinkle over top)	



## Pea Salad

*By Myrna Metzger*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 large pkg.	Peas, frozen	Thaw frozen peas and add other ingredients. Make a dressing of Miracle Whip salad dressing and sugar to taste.
2 to 4	Eggs, boiled	
	Cheddar cheese, shredded	
	Ham, boiled (cut up fine)	
	Onion, red (chopped)	





# KIDZ KORNER



Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

## What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

## What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.



## A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

*Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.*



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

1. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
2. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
3. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
4. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
5. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
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8. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
9. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_
10. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

\_ono\_ your \_ather and \_our mo\_h\_r,  
so t\_at y\_u may \_i\_e l\_ng in t\_e land  
the L\_RD \_ou\_ God i\_ givi\_g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

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**@ESPCHURCH**



## Living Our Faith

### God's Hands

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."