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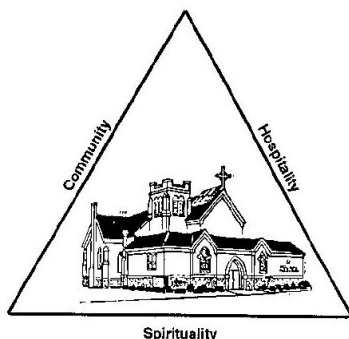
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November is here already; Time Change, Operation Christmas Child, Thanksgiving, and the beginning of Advent will all be happening this month. The time change is on the first Sunday of November. I am the type of person who does not like change, daylight affects me, and time upsets my internal rhythm. It doesn't matter if time is gained or lost, it always seems to take me 2 weeks to readjust. Fall means less light each day, to upset darkness just messes with the balance of my whole system that takes time to recover. Helping others in need helps me to get back into rhythm.

Operation Christmas Child has delivered boxes to over 170 countries since it began in 1998. Last year, 10.5 million boxes got sent to over 100 countries. This year, you have a chance to change the life of a child with love, not because they need help, but because God calls us to share the story of Jesus everywhere we can. Your gift for a child can be God-made real. I encourage you to pack a box, pray for the child who will receive it, and send it with love knowing God will remain faithful in all we do.

I give thanks always, but there is something special about Thanksgiving and the memories of family gatherings to celebrate everything God has blessed us with. I remember sitting with family as we shared a meal, but more importantly, we had time together to tell stories, love one another, and especially lift each other up through difficult times. It doesn't matter what day you get together what matters is, that you are together as a family.

Finally, we look forward to Advent and the coming of the Lord to free the world, as we finish the One Another Series and rush headlong into a time of preparation for Christmas. I hope you will join us on Sundays, in person or online, as we continue to grow into a deeper relationship with God and each other.

Until then, I will see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Thankfulness is a soil in which pride does not easily grow.

- Michael Ramsey

BOOK CLUB

November 5
At 9:00 AM
in the classroom beside the office

The book for discussion is;
"The Family Across the Street"
By: Nicole Trope

November 11



Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 6

Remember to turn your clocks
back one hour.

Food Pantry

November 13

Bring in non-perishable items
to be taken to the Five Loaves
Food Pantry at
The Church At Allentown

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Newsletter
 deadline:
 the **19th**
 of each month

Christian Symbol

**TRUMPET**

In the Old Testament, trumpets, often made from ram's horns, called people to worship or war (and often promised victory).

Joshua and the Israelites used trumpets to fell the walls of Jericho. Under Gideon, the small Israelite army blew trumpets and smashed jars to confuse the Midianites into surrender. The New Testament says trumpets will sound at the Last Judgment and the resurrection of the dead. In Revelation 11, a seventh trumpet proclaims God's final and complete triumph.

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Secretary	Gail Fessler
Organist	Linda Holman
Pianist	Lois Cook
Choir Director	Judy Chaffins
Custodian	Dave Decker

November 18
Family Promise Mission
 Watch for further information in
 Sunday morning announcements.

Christ the King Sunday
 November 20

HAPPY THANKSGIVING
 November 24



November 27
1st Sunday of Advent



Anyone interested in doing the
 reading and lighting of the
 Advent candle, please notify
**Pastor Paul or the
 church office.**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



**Last Sunday to collect
 boxes is
 Sunday, November 13**

Samaritans Purse Operation Christmas Child

A small shoe box can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Guides for how to pack a shoebox may be picked up in the church sanctuary or online at samaritanspurser.org. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child. Remember to pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoebox gift. Please include a donation of \$10.00 per box to cover international shipping and other costs.

College Students

2022/2023 St. Paul's College Students

Makayla Bok

*Second Year at Bowling Green State University
707 E. Wooster Street, Founders 109
Bowling Green, OH 43403
Major: Microbiology*

Megan Emmons

*Senior at The Ohio State University, Lima Branch
1443 Latham Avenue
Lima, OH 45805
Major: Early Childhood Education*

Isaac McAdams

*Senior at The Ohio State University
319 E. 18th Avenue,
Columbus, OH 43201
Major: Integrated Social Studies Education, Grades 7-12*

*"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you
and not to harm you, plans to give you
Hope and a Future"
Jeremiah 29:11*

**United Methodist Student Day
Sunday, November 20**

Please pray for these students, and send
them notes of encouragement
throughout the year.



Prayer

Journaling

By Corinne Piper

This month's idea for prayer for "People Who Can't Sit Still (PWCSS)" is one I have purposely put off writing because many people will not believe it is for someone who can't sit still: journaling.

You may think this is too much like school or work, but I have found writing is the way I sort out what I think and keeps me on task. The physical act of writing and seeing my words on paper keeps me focused and imprints the thoughts on my mind. I may also find myself writing notes on several topics on the same page because I get distracted. Writing the thought down gets it off my mind and lets me get back on my topic.

People looking into journaling sometimes don't get started because the examples they see are intimidating. Fancy books, lots of artwork, and page after page of writing are the journals I find on Pinterest. But all you really need is paper and something to write with or a computer. You can make it pretty, or not. You can write a lot, or very little. I have a Guideposts One-Minute Daily Devotional that has three to eight lines to write on. Another lovely journal, which the Crafty Creatures is using, is Choose Grace, 3 Minute Devotions for Women, again, just a few lines to write after a short prompt.

If you aren't using a prompt, try using the "3 Rs" of journaling: Recall (write down the passage you are thinking about), Reflect (what touched or intrigues you) and Respond (what are you going to do with your thoughts). I might add a fourth R—reread what you have written later, and see if you still feel the same.

Most of all, don't feel guilty if you start and stop with journaling. There is no requirement of all or none writing. Keep your journal next to your devotional and write as you are so moved.



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

October 2, 2022	53
October 9, 2022	63
October 16, 2022	58
October 23, 2022	59

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,879.00

Unified Ministry Giving:

Other:

October 2, 2022	\$3,245.00	\$198.74
October 9, 2022	\$8,902.00	\$155.00
October 16, 2022	\$1,350.00	\$50.00
October 23, 2022	\$2,278.00	\$160.00

Sunday School Attendance

October 2, 2022	5
October 9, 2022	8
October 16, 2022	12
October 23, 2022	6

There are openings for Hospitality Host. If interested there is a sign-up sheet on the wall near the hospitality snack table.

Flower Calendar

November 6, 2022	Jon & Chelsey Cook
November 13, 2022	Gary & Deb Hurd
November 20, 2022	Greg & Barb Schade
November 27, 2022	Carl & Lois Rabley

Hospitality Cart

November 6, 2022	Slone Whetstone
November 13, 2022	Corinne Piper
November 20, 2022	OPEN
November 27, 2022	OPEN

Daily Bible Readings

Tuesday 11/1

Psalm 120, 127, Micah 1:1-9
Acts 23:12-24, Luke 7:1017

Wednesday 11/2

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
Micah 2:1-13
Acts 23:23-35, Luke 7:18-35

Thursday 11/3

Psalm 133, 134, 135
Micah 3:1-8
Acts 24:1-23, Luke 7:36-50

Friday 11/4

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
Micah 3:9-4:5
Acts 24:24-25, Luke 8:1-15

Saturday 11/5

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Micah 5:1-4, 10-15
Acts 25:113-27, Luke 8:16-25

Sunday 11/6

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Micah 6:1-8
1 Corinthians 4:9-16
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday 11/7

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Micah 7:1-7
Acts 26:1-23, Luke 8:26-39

Tuesday 11/8

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Jonah 1:1-17a
Acts 26:24-27:8, Luke 8:40-56

Wednesday 11/9

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Jonah 1:17-2:10
Acts 27:9-26, Luke 9:1-17

Thursday 11/10

Psalm 18, Jonah 3:1-4:11
Acts 27:27-44, Luke 9:18-27

Friday 11/11

Psalm 16, 17, 22
Ecclesiastes 1:1-10, 18-27
Acts 28:1-16, Luke 9:28-36

Saturday 11/12

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
Ecclesiastes 3:17-31
Acts 28: 17-31, Luke 9:37-50

Sunday 11/13

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Ecclesiastes 4:1-10
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 16:13-20

Monday 11/14

Psalm 9, 15, 25
Ecclesiastes 4:20-5:7
Revelation 7:1-8, Luke 9:51-62

Tuesday 11/15

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Ecclesiastes 6:5-17
Revelation 7:9-17
Luke 10:1-16

Wednesday 11/16

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Ecclesiastes 7:4-14
Revelation 8:1-13, Luke 10:17-24

Thursday 11/17

Psalm 37, Ecclesiastes 10:1-18
Revelation 9:1-12, Luke 10:25-37

Friday 11/18

Psalm 31, 35
Ecclesiastes 11:2-20
Revelation 9:13-21, Luke 10:38-42

Saturday 11/19

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Revelation 10:1-1, Luke 11:1-13

Sunday 11/20

Psalm 63, 98, 103
1 Corinthians 10:15024
Matthew 18:15-20

Monday 11/21

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Revelation 11:1-14
Luke 11:14-26

Tuesday 11/22

Psalm 45, 47, 48,
Revelation 11:14-19
Luke 11:27-36

Wednesday 11/23

Psalm 53, 119:49-72
Revelation 12:1-6
Luke 11:37-52

Thursday 11/24 Thanksgiving

Psalm 59, 60
Revelation 12:7-17
Luke 11:53-12:12

Friday 11/25

Psalm 40, 51, 54
Revelation 13:1-10
Luke 12:13-31

Saturday 11/26

Psalm 55, 138, 139
Revelation 13:11-18
Luke 12:32-48

Sunday 11/27

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Isaiah 1:1-9
2 Peter 3:1-10
Matthew 25:1-13

Monday 11/28

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, Isaiah 1:10-20
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Luke 20:1-8

Tuesday 11/29

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11, Isaiah 1:21-31
1 Thessalonians 2:1-12
Luke 20:9-18

Wednesday 11/30

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24
Isaiah 2:1-11
1 Thessalonians 2:13-20
Luke 20:19-26



Scripture of One Anothers

Love one another (15x)

1. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another... (John 13:34a)
2. ...just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. (John 13:34b)
3. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (John 13:35)
4. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. (John 15:12)
5. These things I command you, so that you will love one another. (John 15:17)
6. Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)
7. ...and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you... (1 Thessalonians 3:12)
8. Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another... (1 Thessalonians 4:9)
9. Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart... (1 Peter 1:22)
10. For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. (1 John 3:11)
11. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. (1 John 3:23)
12. Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7)
13. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)
14. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (1 John 4:12)
15. And now I ask you, dear lady—not as though I were writing you a new commandment, but the one we have had from the beginning—that we love one another. (2 John 5)

Greet one another (4x)

16. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you. (Romans 16:16)
17. All the brothers and sisters here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. (1 Corinthians 16:20 NIV)
18. Greet one another with a holy kiss. (2 Corinthians 13:12)
19. Greet one another with the kiss of love. (1 Peter 5:14a)

Encourage one another (3x)

20. Therefore encourage one another with these words. (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
21. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
22. But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "Today," so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. (Hebrews 3:13 NIV)

Bear with one another (2x)

23. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. (Ephesians 4:2 NIV)
24. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13 NIV)

Live in harmony (be of the same mind) with one another (2x)

25. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.. (Romans 12:16 NIV)
26. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus... (Romans 15:5)

Submit to (clothe yourselves in humility toward) one another (2x)

27. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21 NIV)
28. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, (1 Peter 5:5b)

Be members of one another (2x)

29. ...so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:5)

30. Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. (Ephesians 4:25)

Serve one another

31. For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. (Galatians 5:13)

Build up one another

32. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. (Romans 14:19)

Forgive one another

33. ... forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Colossians 3:13 NIV)

Other One Another's

34. Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another. (Mark 9:50)

35. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. (John 13:14)

36. Be devoted to one another in love... (Romans 12:10a NIV)

37. Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10b NIV)

38. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Romans 15:7 NIV)

39. So then, my brothers [and sisters] when you come together to eat, wait for one another (1 Corinthians 11:33)

40. ...so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. (1 Corinthians 12:25 NIV)

41. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. (1 John 1:7)

42. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

43. Be kind and compassionate to one another... (Ephesians 4:32a NIV)

44. Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:18b-19 NIV)

45. I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers [and sisters], that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another. (Romans 15:14)

46. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (Colossians 3:16)

47. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves (Philippians 2:3 NASB)

48. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24 NIV)

49. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. (1 Thessalonians 5:15)

50. Therefore, confess your sins to one another... (James 5:16a)

51. ...pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. (James 5:16b)

52. Be hospitable to one another without complaint (1 Peter 4:9 NASB)

7 things we DO NOT do to One Another, Don't grumble against one other

53. Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves." (John 6:43)

54. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. (James 5:9 NIV)

55. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. (Galatians 5:14-15)

56. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another. (Galatians 5:26)

57. Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. (James 4:11a NIV)

58. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices (Colossians 3:9)

59. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. (Romans 14:13)

Crafty Creatures

Pre-Order Candy Sales for Crafty Creatures

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Order Deadline: December 1, 2022

Pick Up: December 10, 2022 10:00 AM—Noon in Fellowship Hall

	# Pkgs	Cost	Total
Buckeyes - 12 Per Package		\$6.50	
Turtles - 6 Per Package		\$4.00	
Turtles - 12 Per Package		\$7.50	
Peanut Clusters - 6 Per Package		\$4.00	
Peanut Clusters - 12 Per Package		\$7.50	
White/Chocolate Covered Pretzels Mixed - 12per Package		\$5.00	
Peanut Butter Fudge - 8 oz. Package		\$6.00	
Chocolate Fudge - 8 oz. Package		\$6.00	
Variety Package: 3 Turtles, 3 Peanut Clusters, 3 Chocolate Covered Pretzels, 2 Pieces Peanut Butter Fudge, 2 Pieces Chocolate Fudge, 4 Buckeyes		\$8.50	
Crocheted Dishcloths (while supplies last)		1/\$2.50 or 3/ \$6.00	

Pay When Picked up:

Grand Total: \$

The Crafty Creatures small group has decided to try a new fundraiser, since we have not been able to do our Cookie and Candy walk the last couple of years. We are taking pre-orders for the delicious candies that we normally sold at our treats walk. Doing the pr-orders will give us a guide as to how much to make. You may mail your order form to the church or drop it off in the church office. We have been truly blessed by the many donations we have received over the years, but we still have to purchase many supplies to finish the quilts and prayer blankets.

Thank you all for supporting our Crafty Creatures Mission!

We would love to have some "new Crafty Creatures" join us
on Wednesday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm.
Contact anyone in the group or the church office for more information.

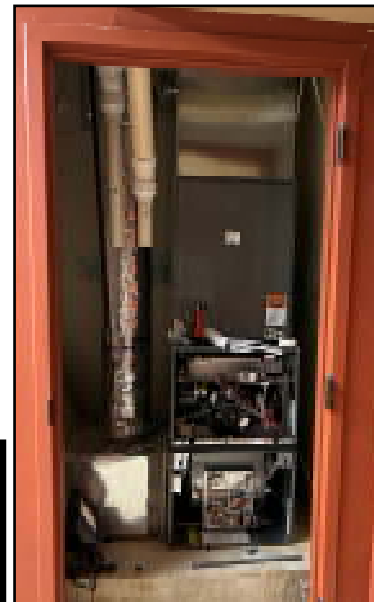
Connecting With ...



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congrats to Coach Denny Thompson on his retirement after 39 years of being Elida's Golf Coach! Thanks, Coach Thompson for working with the players and many successful seasons! Denny was also the Grand Marshal of Elida's Homecoming on September 30th.

A new Furnace unit was installed in the fellowship hall the week of October 17th. This unit also includes air conditioning.

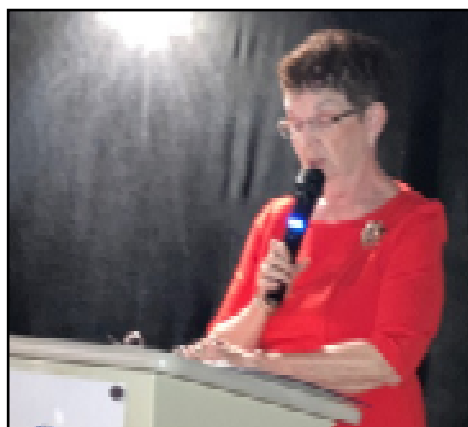


Gary and Shirley Adams celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on October 10. A celebration was held with family and friends, with memories shared and lots of dancing. Cards may be sent to; 113 Weger ave., Elida, OH 45807.



Dinner in The Dark

An event attended by Gary and Deb Hurd, Jamie and Jan Wyant, and Tim and Corinne-Piper. The Low Vision Coalition hosted the "blindfolded" dinner with proceeds going to the Lima Host Lions Club. Corinne Piper was the Keynote Speaker and she talked about vision projects sponsored by the Lions Club International and local Lions Clubs.



Five Loaves Food Pantry items donated by St. Paul's congregation. Thank you for your dedication to helping those less fortunate.



The People of St. Paul's

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.*

Remember in Prayer

**Recovering from Surgery or
 in the Hospital**

Carl Rabley

Homebound Members

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

Carl Rabley

In the Military

Nathan Stewart

A Veteran's Service

American hero Eddie Rickenbacker (1890-1973) led a life of daring and risk, from racing cars as a teen to piloting warplanes. Throughout his experiences, Rickenbacker grew in faith while discovering that "life had no meaning except in terms of helping others.

In the first issue of *Guideposts* magazine, Rickenbacker described spending four agonizing months of 1941 in the hospital after an accident. While recovering, he pondered life and death, concluding that he couldn't give up because he still "had work to do, others to serve.

Less than two years later, that ordeal came in handy. After crashing in the South Pacific, Rickenbacker and "seven other starving men" were adrift on a raft for 21 days. Most were "so young they needed the strength and understanding of a man who had been down in the valley of the shadow, who had suffered and made sense out of his suffering," he said. "It was clear to me that God had a purpose in keeping me alive. ... I had been saved to serve."

Meetings

November 1, 2022
Trustees...7:00 PM

November 2, 2022
Worship Mtg..10:00 AM

November 7, 2022
PPR... 7:00 PM

**NO Ad Council /
Finance..**

November 17, 2022
Missions Mtg..

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

Wednesday
Choir ..7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

2022

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 Margie Best Cody Warris	2	3 Holly Cook Jacinda Fried	4	5
6	7 Jon Lane	8	9 Jonathan Cook Joshua Guess	10 Kylee Loose	11 Virginia Hollar Jenson Nagy	12 Logan House
13	14	15	16	17	18 Dennis Bowsher	19 Audrey Cook Gary Grigg
20 Marty White	21	22 Christie Lewis Tony Lozano Samantha Whetstone	23 Piper Kinney Jennifer Loose Tony Shoup	24	25	26
27 Terry Bok	28	29	30	HAPPY BIRTHDAY!		



Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Corn Casserole

By Mary Irvin

Ingredients		Instructions
1 box	Jiffy corn muffin mix	Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spray 2 quart casserole dish with cooking spray. Mix all ingredients together. Bake for 45 to 60 minutes.
2	Eggs, beaten	
1 can	Cream style corn	
1 can	Whole corn, undrained	
1 stick	Oleo (butter), melted	
1 (8oz.)	Sour cream, or cream cheese	



Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Cake

By Susan Nartker

Ingredients		Instructions
1 pkg.	Spice cake mix	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour Bundt Cake pan. (10 inch) Combine cake mix, pumpkin, eggs, and water in large bowl; beat 1 to 2 minutes or until well blended. Stir in 1 cup chocolate chips. Pour batter into prepared pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center comes out clean. Cool in pan for 10 minutes; invert onto wire rack to cool completely. ** (Optional) Melt 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips, drizzle over cooled cake.
1 can (15 oz.)	Pumpkin, solid pack	
2	Eggs	
1/3 cup	Water	
1 cup	Chocolate chips, semisweet	

KIDZ KORNER

Links of GRATITUDE

Make this meaningful decoration for your Thanksgiving table.



What you need:

- Construction paper (in fall colors)
- Scissors
- Pen
- Jar
- Stapler
- Adult help

What you do:

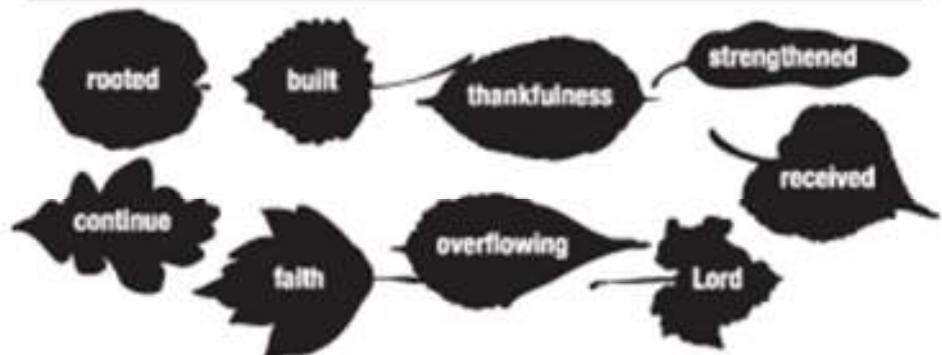
1. Cut the paper into strips about 2 inches wide.
2. Place the strips and pen in the jar. Then set it in a prominent place in your home.
3. Throughout November, have family discussions about what you're thankful to God for. Write or draw each item on a paper strip.
4. Make a paper chain by linking and carefully stapling the strips.
5. Keep adding to your decoration and display it during your Thanksgiving meal.



Piles of praise

Every autumn, the ground is overflowing with leaves.
What does Paul encourage us to overflow with?

Directions: Use the key to match the leaves and complete the Bible passage.



So then, just as you _____ Christ Jesus as _____,

_____ to live your lives in him, _____ and

_____ up in him, _____ in the _____ as you

were taught, and _____ with _____.

COLOSSIANS 2:6-7, NIV

Answer: received, Lord, continue, rooted, built, strengthened, faith, overflowing, thankfulness.

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Living Our Faith

Gratitude Galore

If you've ever kept a gratitude journal, you know they're fairly easy to fill. Edward King, an English bishop known for working with the poor, may not have had a fancy journal. But these words evoke such a list: "I will thank God ... for the glory of the thunder, for the mystery of music, the singing of birds and the laughter of children. ... for the awe of the sunset, the beauty of flowers, the smile of friendship and the look of love ... for the leaves on the trees in spring and autumn, for the witness of the leafless trees through the winter, teaching us that death is sleep and not destruction, for the sweetness of flowers and the scent of hay. Truly, oh Lord, the earth is full of thy riches!"

King concludes: "And yet how much more I will thank and praise God for the strength of my body enabling me to work, for the refreshment of sleep, for my daily bread, for the days of painless health, for the gift of my mind and the gift of my conscience, for his loving guidance of my mind ever since it first began to think, and of my heart ever since it first began to love."

