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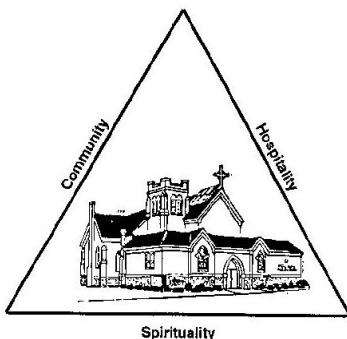
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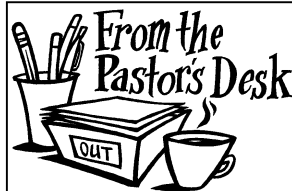
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October is coming in with a chill. I think Ohio has become warm enough for AC or cool enough for the furnace to run and very little in between. We live in a world full of extremes with little room for compromise. All you have to do is watch a political advertisement to see that is true. Marla and I will look at each other after a commercial and ask the question, what does this politician stand for? They have made it very clear their opponent is a terrible person with no skill but not what they believe or will try to do. We deal with it all the time, even in the church. If you think differently from me you have to leave. That is not what Jesus taught us. Christ accepted people where they were and challenged people to be better, more loving, and less judgmental. Please keep that in mind as we move closer to November 3rd when the election will end and we will have to work together again.

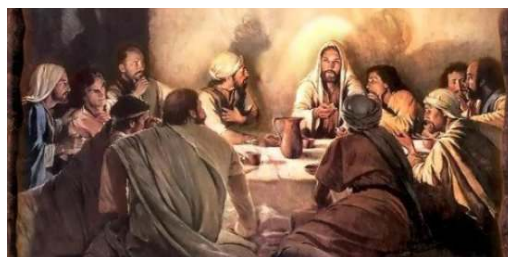
Maybe we should sit down for a meal and talk things out. "Meals with the Master" sermon series continues in October and I encourage you to look for yourself in each story and how you can learn to be better, more loving, and less judgmental like Jesus. I have enjoyed this series, especially with all the meals we have visited throughout. It is amazing how God speaks to the specific problems in my life and my world through stories that are thousands of years old. My prayer is for you to find help in the stories of Jesus so your life will be better through Christ's love.

Even with all the limitations, we have faced with a pandemic it has been wonderful to see all of you helping each other and our community. Sunshine bags were a big hit with both those who received and those who gave. Food pantry items continue to be collected and you built an amazing collection of school and health kits which we already know make a huge difference. Samaritans purse Christmas boxes will soon be handed out so be on the lookout for great gifts to give, so children around the world will experience God's love. You are making a difference, and I know you will be looking for opportunities to serve God and help others where ever you go.

I look forward to seeing you in God's mission field.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Paul



Thought for the Month:

Start by doing what's necessary;
then do what's possible;
and suddenly you're doing
the impossible.

—Unknown

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

World Communion Sunday October 4



October 4
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit Family Promise of Lima

Food Pantry Sunday October 18

Donations are taken to
the Church at
Allentown



October 25 Reformation Sunday



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

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Christian Symbol

PLOW

This farming implement is mentioned frequently in the Bible, often in conjunction with verses about the harvest. The act of plowing symbolizes preparing the heart to receive God's truth, or the "seed" of God's word. The plow also represents commitment; Jesus says, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62, NIV). In the Old Testament, the prophet Elisha burns his plow to show his commitment to answer God's call (see 1 Kings 19:21).





SUNSHINE BAGS

Thank you for your spirit in helping put the Sunshine Sacks together. Without your cooperation and help, it would have been a more daunting task. I am very grateful that we have so many willing to go the extra mile to participate in reaching out in ministry to our membership. Fourteen Sunshine bags were assembled on Monday,

September 21, and all the sacks were delivered by Tuesday, September 22.

Your kind hearts helped make this possible, both through your thoughtful contributions and your service in helping assemble the sacks. YOUR sunshine was infectious and God worked through you to help those who have faced some difficult circumstances receive a reminder that St. Paul's family is still thinking of them.

We will gather again on **Monday, October 19th at 10:00 AM** to pack another 15 sacks. We already have a good supply of items to pack, but anyone is still invited to donate anything they wish to add to the stockpile. Linda Holman has already claimed bagging up fall trail mix with a Halloween theme.

God bless you all! We look forward to capturing more smiles when deliveries are made in the coming months. The goal is to reach every congregation member. After that, we can also think of reaching out to the neighborhood to help others feel the love of Jesus through this simple act of caring.

See photos on page 4.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Calling All Ladies

Ladies Bible Study
Fellowship Hall at St. Paul's

Thursday's

Fellowship 6:00-6:30; Study 6:30-7:30;
Prayer needs, Card signing 7:30-8:00

We will have plenty of seating so we can
"self distance" ourselves!

Study of the book of Romans

Come join us for all or part of this
wonderful experience!!

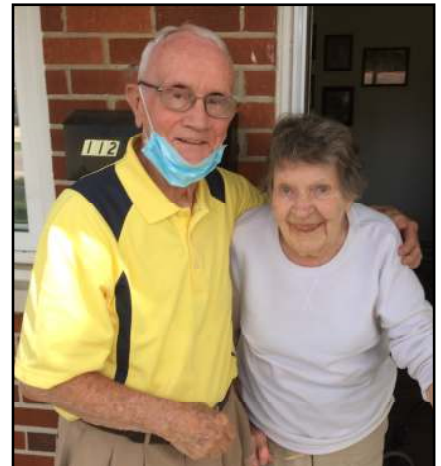
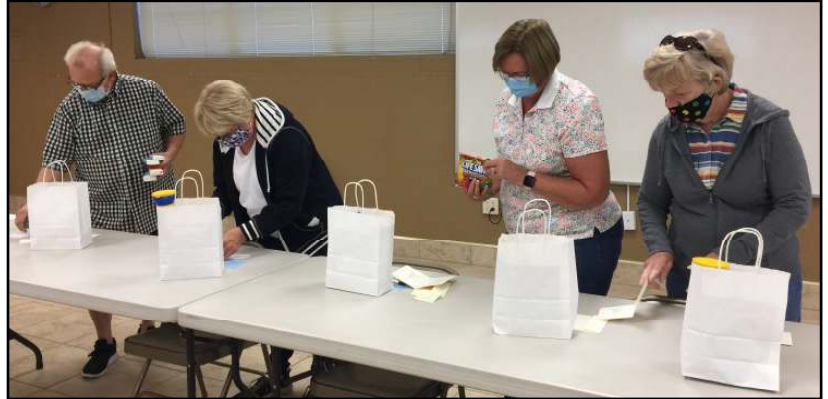
If you have any questions, please contact
Kathy Waldick at 419-604-0299
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Neighborhood Trick or Treat Mission

Trick or Treat hot chocolate
and Trunk or Treat missions,
date and times will be
announced, as plans
are made.



Sunshine Bags



Missions

School and Health kits!

Thank you to Bev Nesbitt for heading up this missions project.

The kits were assembled on Tuesday, September 8 by Bill Nesbitt, Lynda Evans, Deb Hurd, Carole Grapner and Martha Vazquez.

The Kit collection for Festival of Sharing is postponed for this year. The kits are being stored here until a collection date in 2021 is scheduled.

Total Kits donated :

School Kits = 87

Health Kits = 69

Thank you, to ALL who donated kits!!



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

August 30, 2020	52
September 6, 2020	38
September 13, 2020	55
September 20, 2020	44
September 27, 2020	37

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,879.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
August 30, 2020	\$5,229.00	\$505.00
September 6, 2020	\$6,515.00	\$100.00
September 13, 2020	\$2,021.00	\$459.97
September 20, 2020	\$2,608.00	\$169.00
September 27, 2020	\$3,405.00	\$705.00

Faith

Now faith is confidence in
what we hope for and assurance
about what we do not see.

- Hebrews 11:1



The Altar flowers for August 30, were given in gratitude and thankfulness for the staff at Elida Schools and their dedication to the students in our community.

Flower Calendar

October 4, 2020	Don & Maedene Holmes
October 11, 2020	Scott & Gail Fessler
October 18, 2020	Larry & Shirley Moser
October 25, 2020	Alex & Stacy McAdams



Daily Bible Readings

Thursday 10/1

Psalm 105, 2 Kings 18:28-37
1 Corinthians 9:1-15
Matthew 7:22-29

Friday 10/2

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
2 Kings 19:1-20
1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Matthew 8:1-17

Saturday 10/3

Psalm 33, 107:33-43, 108
2 Kings 19:21-36
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Matthew 8:18-27

Sunday 10/4

Psalm 118, 145, 2 Kings 20:1-21
Acts 12:1-17, Luke 7:11-17

Monday 10/5

Psalm 106, 2 Kings 21:1-18
1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1
Matthew 8:28-34

Tuesday 10/6

Psalm 120, 127, 2 Kings 22:1-13
1 Corinthians 11:2, 17-22
Matthew 9:1-8

Wednesday 10/7

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130
2 Kings 22:14-23:3
1 Corinthians 11:23-34
Matthew 9:9-17

Thursday 10/8

Psalm 133, 134, 135
2 Kings 23:4-25
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
Matthew 9:18-26

Friday 10/9

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143
2 Kings 23:36-24:17
1 Corinthians 12:12-26
Matthew 9:27-34

Saturday 10/10

Psalm 104, 137, 144
Jeremiah 35:1-19
1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3
Matthew 9:35-10:4

Sunday 10/11

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147
Jeremiah 36:1-10
Acts 14:8-18, Luke 7:36-50

Monday 10/12

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7
Jeremiah 36:11-26
1 Corinthians 13:(1-3)4-13
Matthew 10:5-15

Tuesday 10/13

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11
Jeremiah 36:27-37:2
1 Corinthians 14:1-12
Matthew 10:16-23

Wednesday 10/14

Psalm 12, 13, 14
Jeremiah 37:3-21
1 Corinthians 14: 13-25
Matthew 10:24-33

Thursday 10/15

Psalm 18, Jeremiah 38:1-13
1 Corinthians 14:26-33a, 37-40
Matthew 10:34-42

Friday 10/16

Psalm 16, 17, 22
Jeremiah 38:14-28
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Matthew 11:1-6

Saturday 10/17

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117
2 Kings 25:8-12, 22-26
1 Corinthians 15:12-29
Matthew 11:7-15

Sunday 10/18

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14
Acts 16:6-15, Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Monday 10/19

Psalm 9, 15, 25, Jeremiah 44:1-14
1 Corinthians 15:30-41
Matthew 11:16-24

Tuesday 10/20

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39
Lamentations 1:1-12
1 Corinthians 15:41-50
Matthew 11:25-30

Wednesday 10/21

Psalm 38, 119:25-48
Lamentations 2:8-15
1 Corinthians 15:51-58
Matthew 12:1-14

Thursday 10/22

Psalm 37, Ezra 1:1-11
1 Corinthians 16:1-9
Matthew 12:15-21

Friday 10/23

Psalm 31, 35, Ezra 3:1-13
1 Corinthians 16:10-24
Matthew 12:22-32

Saturday 10/24

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43
Ezra 4:7, 11-24
Philemon 1-25, Matthew 12:33-42

Sunday 10/25

Psalm 63:1-8(9-11), 98, 103
Haggai 1:1-2:9
Acts 18:24-19:7, Luke 10:25-37

Monday 10/26

Psalm 41, 52, 44, Zechariah 1:7-17
Revelation 1:4-20
Matthew 12:43-50

Tuesday 10/27

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Ezra 5:1-17
Revelation 4:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9

Wednesday 10/28

Psalm 119:49-72, 49, (53)
Ezra 6:1-22, Revelation 5:1-10
Matthew 13:10-17

Thursday 10/29

Psalm 50, (59-60) or 33
Nehemiah 2:1-20
Revelation 6:12-7:4
Matthew 13:24-30

Friday 10/30

Psalm 40, 54, 51, Nehemiah 2:1-20
Revelation 6:12-7:4
Matthew 13:24-30

Saturday 10/31

Psalm 55, 138, 139:1-17(18-23)
Nehemiah 4:1-23
Revelation 7:(4-8)9-17
Matthew 13:31-35

History of a Hymn

Open My Eyes That I May See

Then Sings My Soul" Book 2, By Robert J. Morgan

1895

*The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down;
The LORD loves the righteous. Psalm 146:8 (NKJV)*

Next time you sit down to read your Bible, try pausing a moment, asking God to bless your time in His Word. Two great biblical prayers teach this. The first is in 1 Samuel 3:9, where the boy Samuel was taught to pray, "speak, lord, for your servant hears." That simple prayer has inspired a number of hymns, such as Frances Havergal's tender "Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth!"

*Thy Master, Speak! Thy servant heareth,
Waiting for thy gracious word,
Longing for thy voice that cheereth;
Master! let it now be heard.**

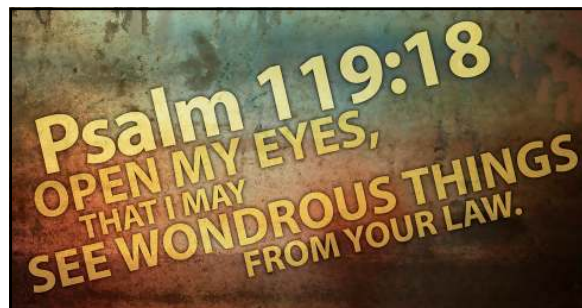
The other biblical prayer is Psalm 119:18: "Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your law." This verse inspired Clara Scott to compose both the words and the music to "Open My Eyes That I May See" in 1895.

Clara was born in 1841, just outside Chicago. She was drawn toward music at an early age, having the privilege of attending the first musical institute of Chicago, conducted by the famous music publisher, C. M. Cady.

Three years later, she became the music teacher of an all-girl's school in Iowa. In 1861, she married Henry Clay Scott and began writing songs. Some of her work came to the attention of Horatio Palmer, author of "Yield Not to Temptation." With his encouragement, she started writing in earnest, and Palmer published a number of her songs in his collections.

In 1882, she published *The Royal Anthem Book*, which holds the distinction of being the first volume of anthems ever published by a woman. In 1895, "Open My Eyes That I May See" was published and became her best-known hymn. The next year she published a book called *Truth in Song for Lovers of Truth*.

The next year 1897, began with the excitement of another book on the way, Clara's *Short Anthems*. But that summer, as she was visiting in the Mississippi River town of Dubuque, Iowa, she climbed into a horse-drawn carriage. Something spooked the horse, sending it careening down the street at breakneck speed. Clara was thrown from the runaway buggy and killed. She was Fifty-five.



Methodist History

Circuit Rider Days Along the Ohio River

By the year 1812, Methodism had achieved a firm and dominant grip upon all the settled territory west of the Appalachian Mountains. Membership had increased in the old Western Conference from less than 3,000 in 1800 to over 30,000 in 1911. The number of circuits had grown from nine to sixty-nine while the circuit riders had likewise increased from fourteen to one hundred.

Though there had been a steady advance in membership of the Conference in 5 years since its organization, and the number of preachers and circuits had increased accordingly, the hardships attending the work of the circuit rider were in no way lessened. Some of the riders between appointments were 40 miles or more, and much of the way had no roads. Even with the utmost care, it was easy to lose their path. Living conditions were extremely crude, and many cabins lacked every essential comfort.

Meals usually consisted of bear meat and cornbread, and when bedtime came they all gathered about the family altar. Then one of the family climbed up to the loft and threw down fur robes taken from wild animals of the forest. They were spread on the side of the spacious fire place and often the "Good News" was preached and instruction given to parents and children...and all were soon fast asleep.

Throughout the first 15 years of the first Ohio Conference, much of the preaching of the Methodist Circuit Rider was carried on in cabins of the people rather than in meetinghouses. On the Muskingum Circuit in 1823, there were 23 preaching places: 21 of these were the homes of the people; 2 were chapels. One chapel was known as the Wesleyan Chapel and the other as Asbury Chapel.

Francis Asbury (1745-1816) is, of course, the most important figure in early American Methodism. His energetic devotion to the principles of Wesleyan theology, ministry, and organization shaped American Methodism in a way matched by no other individual. He set the pace for the itinerant ministry by riding more than 250,000 miles preaching, establishing Methodist societies, and superintending the American work as directed by Wesley.



Remember When...

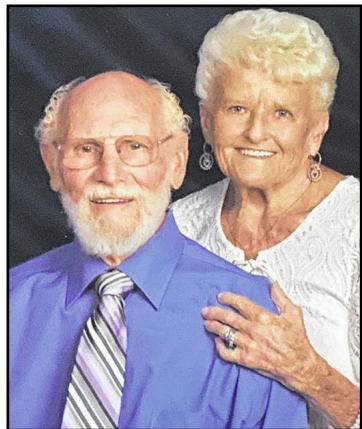
October 21, 2012
Children's Worship
Teachers:
Shirley Moser
Linda Matlock
Marla Scannell



Singing
"Who Does Jesus Love"



Connecting With ...



Congratulations to Brooks and Jean May on celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on August 28.



Congratulations



Congratulations to Cody Scannell on being inducted into the Order of the Arrow, Mawat Woakus Lodge 449 of the Black Swamp Council, on Saturday, August 29, 2020. As an Arrowman Cody has completed the first step and is working toward brotherhood.

The Order of the Arrow has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. Order of the Arrow service, activities, adventures, and training for youth and adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Congratulations to Alex and Stacy McAdams on the birth of their daughter, Merah Jean, born on September 21 at 9:57am, weighing 8lbs 13oz, and 20.5 inches. Big sister, Rylan, Grandparents are Brent and Vicki McAdams, Great Grandparents Myrna Metzger, and Ron and Kay McAdams. She is niece to Reggie, Tori and Isaac McAdams.



The People of St. Paul's

Our Sympathy to Norm and Mary Grigsby on the death of Norm's sister, Margaret (Peg) Griffith on September 4. Cards will reach them at 3600 fawn Ct., Elida, OH 45807

*With Deepest
Sympathy*

Our sympathy to the family of Becky Bean, who passed away on September 19. Becky was a long-time member of St. Paul's. She also enjoyed volunteering at St. Rita's Medical Center for 15 years. Becky is survived by a daughter, Cheryl (Marty) Heator and son, Dave Bean. A private burial service will take place in Michigan at a later date.



Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or
in the Hospital

Cindy Swihart

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Glenna Kohli

Those in Need of Healing,
Support, Strength &
Encouragement

In the Military

Nathan Stewart

*To St. Paul's UMC,
I want to thank all who
express their sympathy in
the passing of my sister ,
Peg Griffith. In addition
to the gift of chimes that
will ring well in our
home.
I consider all at St. Paul's
a part of my family. May
God look down and bless
your loving concern. With
Mary at my side, we
won't forget your
thoughtfulness.*

Norm Grigsby

thank you

*Thank you for the
sunshine bag that I
received. It is greatly
appreciated.*

Chris Bowsher

Meetings

October 5, 2020
PPR...7:00 PM

October 6, 2020
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 7, 2020
Worship Mtg.10:00 AM

October 12, 2020
Ad Council / Finance ...
7:00 PM

October 14, 2020
Missions...6:30 PM

Sundays
Worship...10:00 AM

OCTOBER 2020

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Anniversaries

Dillon & Helen Staas
October 6; 68 yrs.
 Barry & Cyndi Smith
October 8
 Gary & Shirley Adams
October 10; 68 yrs.
 Zack & Katie White
October 10
 Juergen & Kathy Waldick
October 11
 Scott & Gail Fessler
October 15
 Alex & Stacy McAdams
October 15
 Ron & Ann Stewart
October 19
 Nate & Tonya Craft
October 27


				1 Brent McAdams	2 Reed Chambers Carter Craft Kay McAdams	3 Beth Warris
4 Kim White	5 Corinne Piper	6 Molly Przekora	7 Denny Thompson Brogan Wyant	8	9 Paysen Wyant	10 Ray Trigg Sr.
11 Slone Whetstone	12 .	13 Hazel Dunn 101 yrs.	14 Sam Kinney	15	16 Evelyn Sarber 101 yrs.	17
18 Brad Whetstone Ayva Wyant	19 Ryleigh Warris	20 Stacy McAdams	21	22	23	24 Kim Holmes Nick White
25 Chris Bowsher	26 Kassidy Bok Tonya Craft	27	28	29 Shirley Moser John Fletcher	30	31

Featured Recipes

from St. Paul's Great Cooks

Peanut Butter Banana Bread

By Susan Nartker

Ingredients		Instructions
	Batter:	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
1/2 cup	Butter, softened	Batter: In a large bowl, cream the butter, cream cheese and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Beat in bananas and vanilla. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and cinnamon; stir into creamed mixture just until moistened.
1 pkg. (8 oz.)	Cream cheese, softened	
1-1/4 cups	Sugar	
2	Eggs	
1 cup	Bananas, ripe mashed	
1 tsp.	Vanilla extract	Topping: In a small bowl, stir in flour, brown sugar, peanut butter and cinnamon until creamy. Divide half of the batter between 2 greased and floured 8x4 in. loaf pans; sprinkle with half of the topping. Top with chocolate chips. Repeat. layers of batter and topping. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes or until inserted toothpick comes out clean. Cool for 10 minutes. Cut into slices while in the pan (best if left in pan so not to lose the topping). Best if eaten warm.
2 1/4 cups	Flour, all -purpose	
1 1/2 tsp.	Baking powder	
1/2 tsp.	Baking soda	
1 tsp.	Cinnamon, ground	
1 1/2 cups	Chocolate chips, semisweet	
	Topping:	
1/2 cup	Flour, all -purpose	
1/2 cup	Brown sugar, packed	
1/4 cup	Peanut butter, creamy	
1/2 tsp.	Cinnamon, ground	

KIDZ KORNER

SEED impressions

Create autumn-themed artwork using items from plants.



What you need:

- Seed pods, nuts, pine cones
- Mixing bowl
- 2 cups flour
- 1 cup salt
- 1 cup warm water
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Go on a nature walk and collect seeds with interesting textures.
2. In the bowl, mix flour and salt. Gradually add water. On a table, knead the dough. (If too dry, add more water; if too sticky, add more flour.)
3. Flatten a ball of dough and stamp impressions in it with the seeds.
4. If desired, bake for several hours at 150 degrees until dry and hard. Or, to reuse dough, store in an airtight container up to 6 months.



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
3. To plant
4. Sharp part of a plant
5. What is harvested.
6. To dry up and shrivel
7. Person who plants
8. The earth a plant grows in.

"But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n."

M A T T H E W 13:23, N I V

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil, crop, sow

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Living Our Faith

A Singular Focus

When we try to focus on too many things at once, sometimes we end up doing nothing well. During a visit to their house (see Luke 10:38-42), Jesus tells Martha that only one thing is needed and that Mary has chosen rightly. Surely Jesus doesn't mean that quiet devotion is needed while serving others is not. But when we let ourselves get "worried and distracted by *many* things," we may lose sight of the one crucial thing: love.

St. Francis is credited with the following quote: "God came to my house and asked for charity. And I fell on my knees and cried, 'Beloved, what may I give?' 'Just love,' God said. 'Just love.'"

And in Galatians 5:6 (NRSV), St. Paul writes, "For in Christ Jesus ... the only thing that counts is faith working through love." Amid all the worthy pursuits that fill your days, remember to choose rightly — by choosing love.

Loved For Who We Are

When I was a child, my parents loved me not because I was good but because I was ... their child. I loved them, and I wanted to please them, but their love of me did not have to be earned.

Neither does the love of God. We are loved because we are his children, because we *are*. If we feel that we ought to be loved because it is our due, or because we deserve it, the less we will truly feel the need of God's love; the less implicit will be our trust; the less we will cry out, *Abba!*

—Madeleine L'Engle, *Walking on Water*