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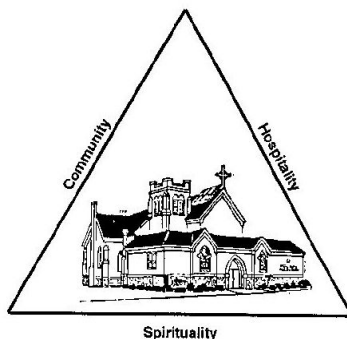
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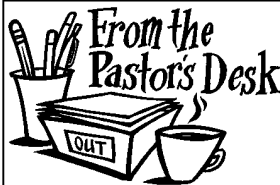
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October is here, and soon Halloween and All Saints Sunday will be upon us. We will once again host a trunk or treat for our community and neighbors on Thursday, October 27th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. You are invited to be a part of the trunk or treat in two ways; we would love for you to come to church and hand out candy from your vehicle, or you can purchase candy and it will be handed out to the kids. We will once again serve hot chocolate and hopefully, the weather will cooperate allowing popcorn to be made and served.

The other item I want to discuss with you is about local United Methodist Churches that may be leaving the denomination via disaffiliation. What it means to us, as a local church, and is there something we need to be doing. I know rumors are happening around Lima and really all over Ohio. I am going to give you some information from our Bishop, and I am going to let you know where I am in my thinking about this whole disaffiliation affair. Bishop Palmer has created a video discussing the logistic of disaffiliation, which can be found on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cjr1fT_Occ or search YouTube for Thoughts on disaffiliation from bishop Gregory V. Palmer. I encourage you to watch this video, it may answer some of your questions.

Here are my thoughts (nothing official), this whole thing comes to a head around the Methodist stance surrounding homosexuals in clergy leadership roles in the church. General Conference 2022 was supposed to answer the question and lay out a plan for churches to decide to stay or leave the UMC. General Conference was postponed until 2024, and until the matter is decided, I do not feel the need to decide one way or another what direction I will go. I have been a more centrist in my theology and very Wesleyan in my Theology by including a variety of viewpoints and not thinking my theology is the only theology. I want to encourage you to be patient and wait to see what is decided at General Conference, and then we can decide together what it is we want to do as a church. If you have questions, I encourage you to continue to ask, and I will do my best to answer them. I am sure Elida St. Paul's will continue to exist on Main St. in Elida for years to come, no matter what decision is made or what the sign says, so let's get busy being God's church here in Elida.

Until then I will see you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ

Pastor Paul

Thought for the Month:

Laughter is the shortest
distance between two
people.

—Victor Borge

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

**World Communion Sunday
October 2**



**October 2
'Coins for Communion'
to benefit Family Promise of Lima**

**Food Pantry Sunday
October 16**

**Donations are taken to
the Church at
Allentown**



**October 30
Reformation Sunday**

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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

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

Christian Symbol

COINS



The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44)

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 samaritanspurse.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 \$9.00 per box to cover international shipping and other costs.

Shoe Box collection will begin on October 23



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Neighborhood Trick or Treat Mission

**October 27
Trick or Treat in Elida
6 to 8 PM**

We will once again be giving out hot chocolate, coffee and pencils to trick-or-treaters and parents. We will need volunteers to help get the drinks ready and to serve. If you would like to be part of this, there will be a sign-up sheet at the media desk or contact Tim Piper or the office.

Trunk or Treat Thursday, October 27 from 6-8 PM

Trunk or Treat is in the St. Paul's East parking lot. We are looking for people who do not have trick-or-treaters coming to their homes to come and open their trunks and pass out goodies. Candy donations are needed. Please pray about participating in this fun adventure. If interested there is a sign-up sheet at the media desk or call the office.

Thank you in advance for your help!



All Saints Sunday

All Saints Sunday October 30

At this time in the church year we think about saints – people who are examples of God's love. We thank God for them and remember saints whose lives enrich our faith.

In memory and to honor all the loved ones who touched the life of St. Paul's this past year, we invite everyone to attend the **St. Paul's All Saints and Thanksgiving Luncheon to be held on Sunday, October 30, 2022**, immediately after worship. We can use the time to share special stories in remembrance of our loved ones or just reflect on the uniqueness of each as we share a meal together. The worship hour will also provide a time of honor and reflection. We would like to create a Memorial Tree with ornaments of each loved one lost to be remembered this year. You are also invited to bring a white candle in a holder to place on the altar in memory of loved ones.

Details are in development and we will announce further information as the time gets closer. We are emphasizing the theme of giving thanks for the people and the blessings in our lives.

One possibility is to have anyone who wishes, bring their own place setting(s) of china to use for the meal. This could prompt a special time to share any personal or family stories of your favorite Thanksgivings or times using the china. You would also be welcome to bring special pictures or other artifacts that bring meaning to your lives to share memories even further.

If you would like to be a part of the planning for this event, please contact Judy Chaffins or Jan Wyant. We hope all will feel God's Spirit as we plan and celebrate the lives we have lost this year and the ones who share our lives with now.

Thankful For the Saints

William H. Draper (1916)

In our day of Thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
for the saints who before us have found their reward.
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord. ...

These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod.
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.

History of a Hymn

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

"Then Sings My Soul" By Robert J. Morgan

1907

For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Once when recovering from a bout of depression, I found this hymn very therapeutic. "Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away," it says. "Giver of immortal gladness, fill us (me) with the light of day." Notice how every phrase of this prayer is bursting with exuberance: The Lord is our "wellspring of the joy of living," our "ocean depth of happy rest," and we ask him to , "lift us to the joy divine."

The author of the hymn, Henry Jackson van Dyke, was born in Pennsylvania in 1852, and became pastor of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City. Henry later became professor of English literature at Princeton, and the author of a number of books, including the still popular "The Other Wiseman." He went on to occupy a number of eminent positions, including:

- ♦ American Ambassador to the Netherlands and Luxenbourg (appointed by his friend, Woodrow Wilson)
- ♦ Lieutenant Commander in the United States Navy Chaplains Corps during World War I.
- ♦ Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church.
- ♦ Commander of the Legion of Honor.
- ♦ President of the National Institute of Arts and Letters.
- ♦ Chairman of the committee that compiled the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*.

In 1907, Henry van Dyke was invited to preach at Williams College in Massachusetts. At breakfast one morning, he handed the college president a piece of paper, saying, "Here is a hymn for you. Your mountains (the Berkshires) were my inspiration. It must be sung to the music of Beethoven's 'Hymn of Joy.'"

When he was later asked about his hymn, van Dyke replied: "These verses are simple expressions of common Christian feelings and desires in this present time-hymns of today that may be sung together by people who know the thought of the age, and are not afraid that any truth of science will destroy religion, or any revolution on earth overthrow the kingdom of heaven. Therefore this is a hymn of trust and joy and hope."



Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

September 4, 2022	51
September 11, 2022	67
September 18, 2022	51
September 25, 2022	66

Financial Giving

Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,879.00

Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
September 4, 2022	\$3,905.00	\$194.02
September 11, 2022	\$3,015.00	\$635.00
September 18, 2022	\$980.00	\$255.00
September 25, 2022	\$3,100.00	\$555.00

Sunday School Attendance

September 4, 2022	6
September 11, 2022	11
September 18, 2022	8
September 25, 2022	8

Hospitality Ministry

Hospitality Host:

Bring in small simple assortment of finger snacks and juice to be placed at the hospitality cart. There is a sign-up sheet on the wall near the cart.

Greeter:

Welcomes those coming in the front entrance of the church. If you don't feel comfortable shaking hands, a simple 'good morning' greeting will do.

Flower Calendar

October 2, 2022	Tim & Corinne Piper
October 9, 2022	Jon & Chelsey Cook
October 16, 2022	Scott & Gail Fessler
October 23, 2022	Tim & Corinne Piper
October 30, 2022	Larry & Shirley Moser

Daily Bible Readings

Saturday 10/1

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43, Job 22:1-23:7
Acts 13:26-43, John 10:1-18

Sunday 10/2

Psalm 63, 98, 103
Job 25:1-6, 27:1-6
Revelation 14:1-7, 13
Matthew 5:13-20

Monday 10/3

Psalm 41, 44, 52
Job 32:1-33:28
Acts 13:44-52, John 10:19-30

Tuesday 10/4

Psalm 45, 47, 48, Job 29:1-20
Acts 14:1-18, John 10:31-42

Wednesday 10/5

Psalm 53, 119:49-72, Job 30:1-31
Acts 14:19-28, John 11:1-16

Thursday 10/6

Psalm 59, 60, 93, 96, Job 31:1-23
Acts 15:1-11, John 11:17-29

Friday 10/7

Psalm 40, 51, 54, Job 31:24-40
Acts 15:12-21, John 11:30-44

Saturday 10/8

Psalm 55, 138, 139, Job 38:1-17
Acts 15:22-35, John 11:45-54

Sunday 10/9

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84
Job 38:1, 18-41
Revelation 18:1-8
Matthew 5:21-26

Monday 10/10

Psalm 58, 64, 65, Job 40:1-24
Acts 15:36-16:5, John 11:55-12:8

Tuesday 10/11

Psalm 61, 62, 68:1-36, Job 41:1-11
Acts 16:6-15, John 12:9-19

Wednesday 10/12

Psalm 72, 119:73-96, Job 42:1-17
Acts 16:16-24, John 12:20-26

Thursday 10/13

Psalm 70, 74, Job 28:1-28
Acts 16:25-40, John 12:27-36a

Friday 10/14

Psalm 69, 73, Esther 1:1-19
Acts 17:1-15, John 12:36b-43

Saturday 10/15

Psalm 23, 27, 75, 76
Esther 2:5-23
Acts 17:16-34, John 12:44-50

Sunday 10/16

Psalm 34, 93, 96, Esther 3:1-4:3
James 1:19-27
Matthew 6:1-18

Monday 10/17

Psalm 79, 80, Esther 4:4-17
Acts 18:1-11, Luke 3:1-14

Tuesday 10/18

Psalm 78, Esther 5:1-14
Acts 18:12-28, Luke 3:15-22

Wednesday 10/19

Psalm 81, 82, 119:97-120
Esther 6:1-14
Acts 19:1-10, Luke 4:1-13

Thursday 10/20

Psalm 83, 85, 86, Esther 7:1-10
Acts 19:11-20, Luke 4:14-30

Friday 10/21

Psalm 88, 91, 92, Esther 8:1-17
Acts 19:21-41, Luke 4:31-37

Saturday 10/22

Psalm 87, 90, 136, Hosea 1:1-2:1
Acts 20:1-16, Luke 4:38-44

Sunday 10/23

Psalm 19, 46, 66, 67
Hosea 2:2-14
James 3:1-13, Matthew 13:44-52

Monday 10/24

Psalm 89, Hosea 2:14-23
Acts 20:17-38, Luke 5:1-11

Tuesday 10/25

Psalm 95, 100, Hosea 4:1-10
Acts 21:1-14, Luke 5:1-11

Wednesday 10/26

Psalm 101, 109, 119:121-144
Hosea 4:11-19
Acts 21:15-26, Luke 5:27-39

Thursday 10/27

Psalm 105, Hosea 5:8-6:6
Acts 21:27-36, Luke 6:1-11

Friday 10/28

Psalm 102, 107:1-32
Hosea 10:1-15
Acts 21:37-22:16, Luke 6:12-26

Saturday 10/29

Psalm 107:33-43, 108
Hosea 11:1-9
Acts 22:17-29, Luke 6:27-38

Sunday 10/30

Psalm 118, 145, Hosea 13:4-14
1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Matthew 14:1-12

Monday 10/31

Psalm 106, Hosea 14:1-9
Acts 22:30-23:11
Luke 6:39-49



Thank You

Eagle Scout Project Cody Scannell

Thank you for your donation of money and labor toward my Eagle Scout project. With your donations, I was able to purchase and build the playscape you see in the pictures. This playscape is in the yard of Westside United Methodist Church where Family Promise of Allen County, Ohio resides. With your help, we have made a lot of kids happy. The kids had smiles on their faces when we were finished, and they are already using the playscape.

I would like to thank those who helped on the project; Greg Schade, Barb Schade, Isaac Patterson, Jamie Wyant, Dave Decker, Brittany Scannell, Marla Scannell, Paul Scannell, Brendon Young, Dan Best, and Gary Hurd. Without your hard work, the playscape would have never been completed.



**THANK
YOU!**



Connecting With ...



Congratulations to Joe and Torie (McAdams) Gerdeman on the birth of their daughter Paisley Sue . She was born at St. Rita's at 10:09 pm on August 31, 2022. Weighing 7 lbs 14 ounces and 20 3/4 inches long. A rose bud was placed on the altar in honor of Paisley on September 25th. Proud Grandparents are Brent and Vicki McAdams and Great-grandparents are Myrna Metzger and Ron and Kay McAdams. Paisley will be spoiled by her uncles, and enjoy playing with her many cousins.



Bev Nesbitt has moved to be closer to her family in the Toledo area. Before she left, Bev finished out the School and Health Kits Mission Project, which included shopping for the kits supplies for some who were unable to do their own shopping, assembling and packaging, and getting a count of all the kits that were donated. Thank you Bev, for your hard work and dedication to this special mission over these past several years. Bev was also very active in the "Crafty Creatures" small group.

Best Wishes to you as you settle in to your new home, and spending more time with family!!

Choir Returns!

Sunday, September 11
 "Come and Rejoice"
By S. Pethel

Thank you to Judy Chaffins for conducting the choir, and to Lois Cook, Piano and Linda Holman, organ.



Missions



Many thanks for the wonderful support all of you have given to our School and Health Kit Mission this year. We donated **86 health kits and 72 school kits** to the Festival of Sharing. Thanks to the following folks who helped prepare the kits for transport: Deb Hurd, Mary Irvin, Carole Grapner, Jan Wyant, Myrna Metzger, Gail Fessler and Pastor, Paul Scannell.

On a personal note;

I would like to hear next year that you surpassed 158 kits. We are a small, but mighty church.

Thank you, church family! I will miss all of you!

Bev Nesbitt



Meals 'till Monday

A Coins For Communion recipient

Hello Friends of Meals 'til Monday!

Thank you, for the prayers, food or monetary donation to this ministry. Collectively, we are the Community of Meals 'till Monday that has been working together to love local elementary students by providing small meals over the weekend to those who would otherwise not have enough to them by 'till Monday. Thank you all for making this possible for the past 12 years and for this school year!



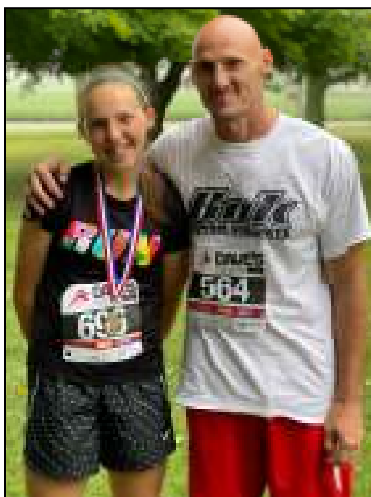
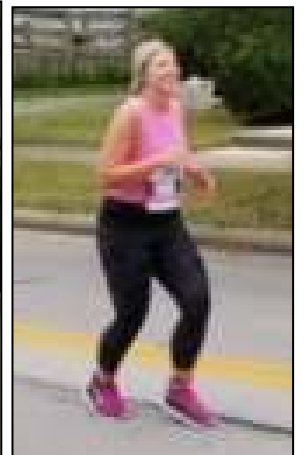
Missions 5K

MISSIONS STATEMENT

"We are called to be of service to others in the name of Christ Jesus and, therefore, we shall offer our time, talents and offerings as our commitment to God's mission at St. Paul's Church"

LifeWise 5K September 5, 2022 Labor Day

Thank you to all who volunteered to hand out water, and to those from St. Paul's that ran.



Congratulations!

Anika Bok
for placing 2nd in
the 40 and under
age group.



The People of St. Paul's

St. Paul's Church,

Thank you so much for all the love, support, and flowers for our dad, William Nichols. Both our parents so enjoyed the church services and the once a month lunches. You're a wonderful church family.

*Blessings,
Craig Nichols and
Cheryl Miller and families*

thank you

Remember in Prayer

Recovering from Surgery or
in the Hospital

Homebound Members

Those in Need of Healing,
Support, Strength &
Encouragement

In the Military

Nathan Stewart

To Everyone at St. Paul's,

We want to sincerely thank you all for the visits, prayers, flowers, love to Carl, cards, donations and caring to our family. A special thank you to the Pastor for his loving, encouraging message, and to the ladies for a delicious and beautiful meal and tables. You all have touched our hearts deeply and we thank you so much. Keep on in our lord and Savior- someday sweet reunion.

*Love, hugs, and thanks,
Russ and Barb Thompson & Family*



Congratulations to Don and Mary Irvin on their 60th wedding anniversary on September 22. They enjoyed a weekend celebration with family. Cards may reach Don and Mary at 4878 Pheasant St., Elida, OH 45807.

Meetings

NO PPR..

October 4, 2022
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 5, 2022
Worship Mtg..10:00
AM

October 10, 2022
Ad Council / Finance..
7:00 PM

NO Missions Mtg..

October 11, 2022
Nominations..7:00 PM

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

**Wednesday
Choir ..7:00 PM**

Anniversaries

Troy & Heather Selover
October 2

Barry & Cyndi Smith
October 8

Gary & Shirley Adams
October 10; 70 yrs.

Zack & Katie White
October 10

Juergen & Kathy Waldick
October 11

Scott & Gail Fessler
October 15

Alex & Stacy McAdams
October 15

Jason & Sharla Murphy
October 17

Ron & Ann Stewart
October 19

Nate & Tonya Craft
October 27

OCTOBER

2022


Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

						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 Cory Stewart Ray Trigg	11 Slone Whetstone	12	13	14 Samuel Kinney	15
16	17	18 Ayva Wyant Brad Wherstone	19 Ryleigh Warris	20 Stacy Mcadams	21	22
23	24 Nick White	25	26 Kassidy Bok Tonya Craft	27	28	29 John Fletcher Shirley Moser
30	31					

Featured Recipes

Sauerkraut Salad (served at funeral dinner)

By Margie Best

Ingredients		Instructions
1– 14 to 16 oz can	Sauerkraut , well drained	<p>Serves 8.</p> <p>Mix well and chill at least 4 hours.</p> <p>Will keep in refrigerator 2 weeks.</p> 
1/2 cup	Green pepper, diced	
2 cups	Carrots, shredded (optional)	
1/4 cup	Onions chopped	
1 cup	Celery, diced	
1/4 cup	Pimientos, chopped	
1 cup	Sugar	
2 Tbl.	Cooking oil	
1/4 cup	Vinegar	
1/4 tsp.	Salt	
1/8 tsp.	Pepper	

Frito Corn Salad (served at funeral dinner)

By Sue Theodore

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cans	*Corn, whole kernel, drained	<p>Mix and serve</p> <p>*I use 3 cans of DelMonte Summer Crisp Corn.</p> <p>*This does not keep well because the Fritos get soggy. Best eaten soon after mixing in Fritos.</p> <p>*Recipe may be cut in half.</p>
2 cups	Cheddar cheese , shredded	
2 cups	Mayonnaise, low fat (don't use Miracle Whip)	
1 cup	Green peppers, diced	
1/2 cup	Red onion, diced	
1 bag	Fritos, Chili cheese	

KIDZ KORNER



Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.



God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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WHAT HAS BEEN MADE, SO THAT EJPOEP ARE

WITHOUT EXCUSE. 2NAMOR 1:20, NIV

Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans

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Living Our Faith

No Lone-Ranger Christians

World Communion Sunday, celebrated this year on October 2, reminds us there's no such thing as solitary Christianity. "As Christians we're called to belong, not just to believe," writes Rick Warren. "We are not meant to live lone-ranger lives; instead, we are to belong to Christ's family and be members of his body."

After all, Christian fellowship can't occur without fellow Christians. We can't learn the intricacies of the Bible and theology without preachers and teachers. We don't baptize ourselves. We don't take Holy Communion alone; in fact, the sacrament's very name refers to interaction with God and others.

The New Testament clearly states that one cannot be Christian all alone. We are members of Christ's body (Ephesians 5:30). We belong to the family of believers (Galatians 6:10). We are "a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people" (1 Peter 2:9, NRSV). So don't be a lone ranger or a stranger — to worship or to Holy Communion!

Taking Awe Breaks

Many of us are juggling so many things that we are run by our lives rather than living them as gifts from God. What if we could learn to stop for a moment many times a day? What if in those moments we could decide to notice the sheer miracle of being alive? We would then be taking awe breaks instead of coffee breaks.

—*Gunilla Norris, Weavings,*
July/August 2008