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Is it nearly Fall in Ohio? The kids are back in school, the days are getting shorter and football season has begun. It must be nearly Fall, and that brings to mind several events that will be happening soon. Next month, we

will be putting together Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and gathering together to Trunk or Treat with the Children of Elida. But until then, we have a couple of things we need to finish up. First, if you have not brought in your Health or School Kits, there is still time to get them into the church by the 5<sup>th</sup> of September. Second, if you would like to help Labor Day morning handing out water during the 5K for Sunnydale House, be at the church by 8:00 am on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

I want to say thank you again to everyone who has given money for the new sign out in front of the church. It was installed on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August, and there is a bit of a learning curve when it comes to graphics and slides, but like the live stream for worship, I am sure we will improve over time.

We will be spending 3 weeks in September and 1 week in October looking at Faithfulness by looking at St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians. We will look at faithfulness in the midst of opposition, how our life of faithfulness pleases God, how God is drawn to us by our faithfulness, and we can have a meaningful life in 3 steps. I hope you will join me for this series in person or online.

Finally, in September, I look forward to hearing a full choir at St Paul's for the first time in over a year, thank you, Lord!

Until I see you at church, I'll keep looking for you in the mission field.

Yours in Christ,

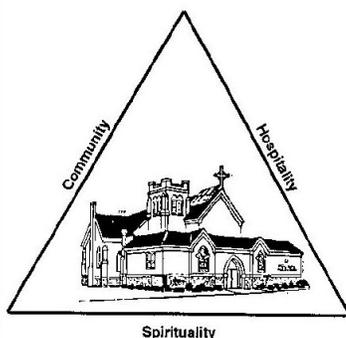
*Pastor Paul*



## Thought for the Month:

Education is not the filling of a pail  
but the lighting of a fire.

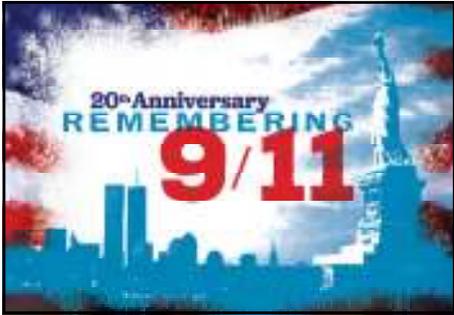
—William Butler Yeats



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**September 5**  
 Coins for Communion to benefit  
 The Lima Samaritan House



**Sunday, September 5**  
 Last Sunday for collecting School and Health Kits.  
 Kits assembly will be on Tuesday, September 7,  
 at 10:00 AM, in the classroom beside the office.  
 If interested in helping, please let Bev Nesbitt  
 or the office know

**Food Pantry Sunday**  
**September 12**  
 Thank you to all who  
 have been donating.



**September 6**  
**Labor Day**

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

**Christian Symbol**

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

**ARK OF THE COVENANT**

For the Israelites, the Ark of the Covenant was at the center of worship. It contained the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a pot of manna and Aaron's rod. In the Old Testament, the ark was a visible representation of God's throne, or presence, on earth, where he communed with Moses and the high priests. It also represents our earthly bodies, where the Holy Spirit dwells.

 A golden illustration of the Ark of the Covenant, showing its ornate design with two cherubs on top and a central emblem on the front.

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### Learn From Leaves

As you're enjoying the fall colors and sipping apple cider, ponder this saying: "Autumn shows us how beautiful it is to let things go."

When leaves stop producing chlorophyll, they turn vibrant shades of yellow, orange and red. This yearly spectacle makes way for the leaves to let go and fall. It also serves as a good reminder of things we may need to drop: clutter around the home, a desire for control, commitments that no longer bring joy, personal expectations that cause added stress, a need to always be right and so on.

Just as the Israelites had to let go of their past as slaves in Egypt and Saul-turned-Paul had to abandon his persecuting ways, we, too, can let go of what weighs us down and gets in the way of God's best for our lives. Embrace fall as a season of change and see just how beautiful it is to let things go!

—Janna Fireston

September 22  
First Day of Fall



## Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

New Digital Sign  
Installed August 24



# Music

## CHANCEL CHOIR:

It is our great pleasure to invite the choir back to begin another year of service to St. Paul's! Our first official Sunday to sing will be the week after Labor Day, on **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin practices on **Wednesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**, at 7:00 PM.

For potential new members, we meet every Wednesday in the choir room from 7:00 - 8:00 pm to practice. We sing 3 out of 4 Sundays each month. We end in May. And we **NEED** you...your voice, your heart, your service. We also just **WANT** you. The more the merrier and we **DO** have fun at *most* practices. It is a wonderful small group ministry within itself and a great way to stay connected to others within the church beyond Sunday worship hour. Plus we sing joyful noises...or at least that's what we call it. But singing about God is a great way of holding those words and thoughts in your heart. It is a wonderful blessing!

We are going to conduct *a Welcome Back Celebration Dessert* get together on that first choir practice night. You can come early or stay late and enjoy a cupcake, ice cream, coffee and cold drink. We'll be ready by 6:30 and will stay afterward in case you work or can't come beforehand.

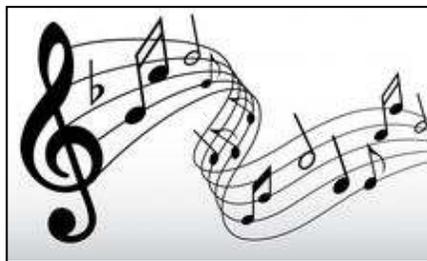
We have begun the selection process for our music and have pulled some fun pieces from several years back that will be familiar to many. The choir room has been thoroughly cleaned, but if needed due to COVID, we can always practice in the sanctuary as well.

Even if you can't make it every Wednesday, we pass music out several weeks ahead of time so you have multiple chances to practice them prior to singing on Sunday. Many in our choir do not read music so please understand that it is not a requirement. We practice the music enough that you can get it by listening. If needed, we are always willing to give individual practice time as requested.

We look forward to working together again this year to serve our Lord through song! Welcome back to returning members and welcome aboard to new members!

Judy Chaffins, Choir Director

Lois Cook, Accompanist



# Prayer

## **We Are the Branches: HE Is the Vine**

Thoughts on and from the book Intimate Intercession by Tricia McCary Rhodes  
By Corinne Piper

How can I pray for everyone that needs prayer? What makes me think I have any power to affect anyone's life? Those thoughts have come to me many times through my life. I am not Moses or Paul or any other great prayer "Warrior". I am an admittedly half-hearted pray-er for others. A few times, I have felt as one with God in His work. A few times, I have felt a revelation from God reach me. A few times, I have felt the Holy Spirit right there with me. A few times.

The other times I say the words and think the thoughts as I go about my day. BUT maybe those are times when I am "praying without ceasing". When I notice a young mother in the store being overwhelmed by tired little ones and I remember those days in my own life and send a prayer to give her patience instead of passing judgment on "lack of parenting". When the UNOH students go roaring down my road at 4:00 a.m. AGAIN, on the way to classes and I give a quick prayer that the trip is safe and lessons are learned instead of fussing about being awakened early.

Do those little prayers have any power? They don't if they were only my own "magic" going out into the world, but I am only a branch connected to the vine of Jesus. (John 15:5). The branches on my trees cannot exist on their own, yet without the branches, we get no fruit, no shade, no beauty. They have no power unless they are connected to the trunk/vine. If I am connected to the Holy Spirit, like the branches, God can produce miracles from my little prayers. Just as the disciples gave what they had, five loaves and two fishes, I must give God my little prayers and believe that He will make it enough.

I came across this prayer from Augustine of Hippo a few years back, and it has stayed with me. I offer it to you, for when you only have a little to offer:

*Watch Thou, dear Lord, with those who wake and watch or weep tonight,  
And give thine angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend Thy sick ones O Lord Christ;  
Rest Thy weary ones; Bless Thy dying ones;  
Soothe Thy suffering ones; Shield Thy joyous ones,  
and all for Thy Love's sake.*

Please join me at 9:30 a.m. Sunday mornings in the Prayer Room to give our little bits to God as we pray for those on our prayer list.

**I am the vine, and you are branches.**

*- John 15:5*



# Faith In Action

<b>Worship Attendance:</b>	
August 1, 2021	50
August 8, 2021	54
August 15, 2021	63
August 22, 2021	65

**Financial Giving**  
 Weekly Need for  
 Unified Ministry Budget  
 \$3,879.00

	<b>Unified Ministry Giving:</b>	<b>Other:</b>
August 1, 2021	\$3,3125.00	\$259.05
August 8, 2021	\$4,911.00	\$220.00
August 15, 2021	\$3,413.00	\$653.00
August 22, 2021	\$1,220.00	\$160.00

<b>Children's Church Attendance</b>	
August 1, 2021	5
August 8, 2021	0
August 15, 2021	6
August 22, 2021	7

<b>Flower Calendar</b>	
September 5, 2021	Lynda Evans
September 12, 2021	Scott & Gail Fessler
September 19, 2021	Myrna Metzger
September 26, 2021	Don & Judy Chaffins



**Answers**

Answers to prayers come in various ways,  
 sometimes in minutes, sometimes in days.  
 And some take years to fully unfold  
 the harvest of love and blessings they hold.

Answers to prayers come in various forms,  
 sometimes in sunlight, sometimes through storms.  
 Some blossom early, and some blossom late,  
 but each one will flower — have faith and wait!

—Helen Inwood,  
*His Mysterious Ways*

# Daily Bible Readings

## Wednesday 9/1

Psalm 119:145-176, 128, 129, 130  
2 Samuel 18:19-23  
Acts 23:23-35, Mark 12:13-27

## Thursday 9/2

Psalm 133, 134, 135  
2 Samuel 19:1-23  
Acts 24:1-23, Mark 12:28-34

## Friday 9/3

Psalm 140, 141, 142, 143  
2 Samuel 19:24-43  
Acts 24:24-25  
Mark 12:35-44

## Saturday 9/4

Psalm 104, 137, 144  
2 Samuel 23:1-17, 13-17  
Acts 25:13-27, Mark 13:1-13

## Sunday 9/5

Psalm 111, 112, 113, 146, 147  
2 Samuel 24:1-2, 10-25  
Galatians 3:23-4:7, John 8:12-20

## Monday 9/6

Psalm 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 1 Kings 1:5-31  
Acts 26:1-23, Mark 13:14-27

## Tuesday 9/7

Psalm 5, 6, 10, 11,  
1 Kings 1:38-2:4  
Acts 26:24-27:8, Mark 13:28-37

## Wednesday 9/8

Psalm 12, 13, 14, 119:1-24  
1 Kings 3:1-15  
Acts 27:9-26, Mark 14:1-11

## Thursday 9/9

Psalm 18, 1 Kings 3:16-28  
Acts 27:27-44, Mark 14:12-26

## Friday 9/10

Psalm 16, 17, 22  
1 Kings 5:1-6:1, 7  
Acts 28:1-6, Mark 14:27-42

## Saturday 9/11

Psalm 20, 21, 110, 116, 117  
1 Kings 7:51-8:21  
Acts 28:17-31, Mark 14:43-52

## Sunday 9/12

Psalm 114, 115, 148, 149, 150  
1 Kings 8:22-30(31-40)  
1 Timothy 4:7b-16, John 8:47-59

## Monday 9/13

Psalm 9, 15, 25  
2 Chronicles 6:32-7:7  
James 2:1-13, Mark 14:53-65

## Tuesday 9/14

Psalm 26, 28, 36, 39  
1 Kings 8:65-9:9  
James 2:14-26, Mark 14:66-72

## Wednesday 9/15

Psalm 38, 119:25-48  
1 Kings 9:24-10:13  
James 3:1-12, Mark 15:1-11

## Thursday 9/16

Psalm 37, 1 Kings 11:1-13  
James 3:13-4:12, Mark 15:12-21

## Friday 9/17

Psalm 31, 35, 1 Kings 11:26-43  
James 4:13-5:6, Mark 15:22-32

## Saturday 9/18

Psalm 30, 32, 42, 43  
1 Kings 12:1-20  
James 5:7-12, 19-20  
Mark 15:33-39

## Sunday 9/19

Psalm 63, 98, 103  
1 Kings 12:21-33  
Acts 4:18-31, John 10:31-42

## Monday 9/20

Psalm 41, 44, 52, 1 Kings 13:1-10  
Philippians 1:1-11  
Mark 15:40-47

## Tuesday 9/21

Psalm 45, 47, 48  
1 Kings 16:23-34  
Philippians 1:12-30  
Mark 16:1-8(9-20)

## Wednesday 9/22

Psalm 49, 119:49-72  
1 Kings 17:1-24  
Philippians 2:1-11  
Matthew 2:1-12

## Thursday 9/23

Psalm 50, 93, 96, 1 Kings 18:1-19  
Philippians 2:12-30  
Matthew 2:13-23

## Friday 9/24

Psalm 40, 51, 54  
1 Kings 18:20-40  
Philippians 3:1-16  
Matthew 3:1-12

## Saturday 9/25

Psalm 55, 138, 139  
1 Kings 18:41-19:8  
Philippians 3:17-4:7  
Matthew 3:13-17

## Sunday 9/26

Psalm 8, 24, 29, 84  
1 Kings 19:8-21  
Acts 5:34-42, John 11:45-47

## Monday 9/27

Psalm 56, 57, 64, 65  
1 Kings 21:1-16  
1 Corinthians 1:1-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

## Tuesday 9/28

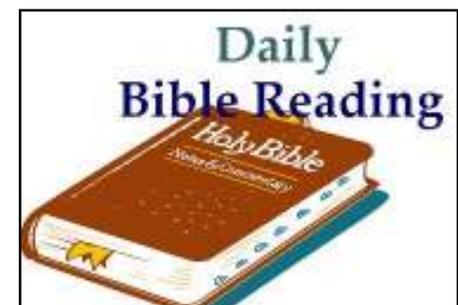
Psalm 61, 62, 68  
1 Kings 21:17-29  
1 Corinthians 1:20-31  
Matthew 4:12-17

## Wednesday 9/29

Psalm 72, 119:73-96  
1 Kings 22:1-28  
1 Corinthians 2:1-13  
Matthew 4:18-25

## Thursday 9/30

Psalm 70, 71, 74  
1 Kings 22:29-45  
1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15  
Matthew 5:1-10



# Hymn History

## When We All Get to Heaven

"Then Sings My Soul" Book 1, By Robert J. Morgan

**1898**

*"And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

Matthew 16:19

Eliza Edmunds Hewitt was one of the premier women hymnwriters of the late 1800s and the early 1900s. She wrote the popular hymn, "Singing I Go Along Life's Road," which was to have such a profound influence of soloist George Beverly Shae. She is also the author of "Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown?" "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place," "Sunshine in My Soul," "More About Jesus," and this hymn, "When We All Get to Haven."

It came to her as she studied John 14, where Jesus told His Disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

But this wasn't Eliza's only hymn about heaven. Though now seldom-sung, one of her most unique songs is entitled, "The Everlasting Hymn," in which she imagines the majesty of worshipping the Lord as we gather around Him in the heavenly places, vibrantly echoing the biblical song of the angels:

*Holy, holy, holy; / Angel voices singing;  
Holy, holy, holy / Through high heaven ringing.  
From that temple, pure and bright, / Bathed in streams of crystal light,  
Hear the everlasting hymn, / Holy, holy, holy.*

*Holy, holy, holy; / Grandest music swelling;  
Holy, holy, holy, / All sweet notes excelling;  
Those who conquered by His might, / Wearing now their crown of light,  
Join the everlasting hymn, / Holy, holy, holy.*

*Holy, holy, holy; / Come let us adore Him;  
Holy, holy, holy, / Humbly bow before Him.  
Wisdom, glory, love and might, / With the seraphim unite  
In the everlasting hymn, / Holy, holy, holy.*

That's what we all will be singing-when we all get to heaven.



# Methodist History

## Francis Asbury

*The Christmas Conference*

1784

Before the war, the Methodist itinerant preachers were appointed to form societies, but they were expected to administer the sacraments. This produced some difficulty as Anglican Churches were limited to the coastal cities, and the itinerant preachers were moving westward and inland. Similarly, the Anglican clergy almost all left for England with the outbreak of war.

Following the war, there was a move to locally ordain the preachers, but Asbury counseled patience until Wesley gave direction.

In England, at the Methodist Conference in Leeds in July 1784, Wesley himself ordained Richard Whatcoat and Thomas Vasey as elders, appointing them to go, along with a group of itinerant preachers to America. Wesley then ordained Thomas Coke (who was already an ordained Anglican priest) to go as superintendent of the American church. He gave Coke instructions to also ordain Francis Asbury as co-superintendent. Wesley was reluctant to take this action, but he had already asked for the Bishop of London to ordain a bishop for America and had been rebuffed.

Meeting with Asbury on November 14, 1784, Coke explained Wesley's intentions and proposed to ordain him. Asbury, catching the spirit of democracy in the new country, refrained from accepting the ordination until approved by the American connexion. Messengers were sent, calling the American itinerants to Baltimore, on December 24. Eighty-one preachers were entitled to membership; nearly sixty of them were able to arrive for the conference. During the six weeks, while waiting for the conference, Coke and Asbury went on a preaching tour (on horseback) that covered at least 900 miles.

With the Christmas Conference's unanimous approval, Asbury was ordained and appointed a co-superintendent. He was ordained deacon on Christmas Day by laying on of hands; elder on the next day; and superintendent on the next. Asbury's friend Philip William Otterbein, pastor of the German Reformed Church of Baltimore, also laid hands on Asbury to assist in the ordination.

This Conference, which became known as the first General Conference of the new church, abridged the 39 Articles of Religion of the Anglican Church into 24, added one additional one about civic duties as US citizens, and adopted them as its governing principles, also known as the Discipline. They also received a modified prayer book sent by John Wesley. John Dickins, a pastor in New York, proposed the name of the fledgling church: the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The conference also ordained 12 preachers to orders, setting a precedent for the American church that ordinations were to be approved by the conference. The American church held another conference in 1792 and every four years after.

## Elida Area National Night Out

Thank you, to those who organized the event, and to those who helped with the St. Paul's booth. National Night Out was created to increase awareness and to show support to local First Responders.



Dear National Night Out Participants,

We just wanted to take a moment to say THANK YOU!! Your participation, generosity, and love for our community helped make Elida's National Night Out event a huge success.

We look forward to and hope to see you all next year! Next year's event will be held on the evening of August 2nd, 2022. We expect that next year's event will be an even bigger success.

We will be starting a new event on Facebook for this event. Please feel free to interact with the page and share the event with friends.

Sincerely,

Jill Coppler, Pres.; April Shattuck, Vice Pres.; Julie Pfister, Treas.; Becky Ellinger, Sec.

# Connecting With ...



The Meeting of the Minds:  
Several men gathered around the media desk Sunday morning before worship.



Cody Scannell, and Samm and David Scannell hiked a portion of the Appalachian trail in August. Marla Scannell met them at various check-in points with fresh supplies.



**Congratulations to the Elida Golf Team!**  
They placed 1st with a team score of 318 in the Allen East golf tournament August 9 at Colonial. Carson Harmon was 2nd overall with a score of 73.  
Left to right: Ben Moening, Caleb Harmon, Carson Harmon, Cameron Collins, Brice Engle, Carter Davisson and Coach, Denny Thompson.

# The People of St. Paul's

## Thank You

*We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful cards, phone calls, and well wishes for our 75<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. We are so blessed to have two families, ours and St. Paul's.*

*Love, hugs and prayers,  
Bill and Joyce Nichols*

*Dear St. Paul's,*

*I want to give everyone a big thank you, for my gift card! With all the school supplies I need to get, it will be a big help. You all have been there for me since I was little, and I appreciate everyone's support!*

*Sincerely,  
Makayla Bok*



## Remember in Prayer

*Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital*

*Jack and Cindy Swihart*

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

*In the Military*

*Nathan Stewart*

*St. Paul's Congregation,*

*Thank you for the cards, gifts and prayers we received for our Aunt, Hazel Dunn.*

*Thank you for the many cards and gifts she received during her stay in the nursing home.*

*Merle and Ruth Miller and Family*

**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**

September 1, 2021  
**Worship Mtg.10:00 AM**  
 No PPR

September 7, 2021  
**Trustees...7:00 PM**

September 20, 2021  
**Ad Council/Finance.. 7:00 PM**

**Missions.. TBA**

**Wednesdays**  
**Chancel Choir...7:00 PM**

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

# September 2021

**Sun   Mon   Tue   Wed   Thu   Fri   Sat**

*Anniversaries*

- Chris & Kate Stengel  
September 6*
- Josh & Lori Motzer  
September 7*
- Greg & Barb Schade  
September 7; 42 yrs.*
- Tim & Katie White  
September 8*
- Nick & Kim White  
September 10*
- Rick & Kara Woeller  
September 17*
- Chris & Molly Przekora  
September 19*
- John & Chelsey Cook  
September 20*
- Norm & Mary Grigsby  
September 20; 63 yrs.*
- Don & Mary Irvin  
September 22; 59 yrs.*
- Mike & Becky Ellinger  
September 25*

			<b>1</b> Avery Chambers	<b>2</b> Kathy white	<b>3</b> Reggie McAdams	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Gene Craft	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Janet Grigg	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> John Kuenzli	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bruce Segovia
<b>19</b> Evan Bowsher Jackson Bowsher Jordan wyant	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Merah McAdams Nathan Stewart	<b>22</b> Oliver Fessler	<b>23</b> Amy Wyant	<b>24</b> Troy Selover	<b>25</b> Valerie Kuenzli Helen Staas
<b>26</b> Carl Rabley	<b>27</b> Alex McAdams Ann Stewart Juergen waldick	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Rob Craft Bruce Kizer	<b>30</b>		

# Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Great Cooks

## One Pot Beef and Pepper Stew

*By Susan Nartker*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 lb.	Ground beef, lean	In 6-qt. stockpot, cook beef over medium heat 6-8 minutes or until no longer pink, break into crumbs; drain.  Add tomatoes, green peppers, onion, chilies, garlic powder, pepper and salt. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, Covered, 20 to 25 minutes or until vegetables are tender.  Prepare rice according to package directions. Serve with stew.
3 cans (14 1/2 oz.)	Tomatoes, diced, undrained	
4 large	Green Peppers, coarsely chopped	
1 large	Onion, chopped	
2 cans (4 oz.)	Green chilies, chopped	
3 tsp.	Garlic powder	
1 tsp.	Pepper	
1/4 tsp.	Salt	
2 cups	Instant rice, uncooked	
		

## Orange Sherbet Salad

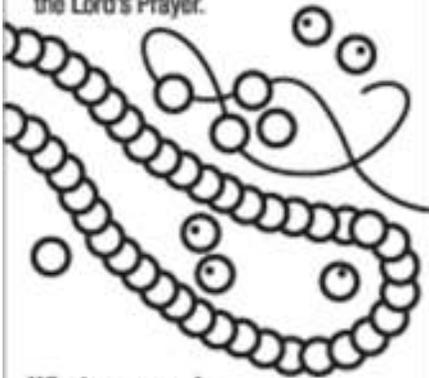
*By Miriam Reynolds*

Ingredients		Instructions
2 pkg. small	Orange jello	Combine jello and hot water. Stir until dissolved.  Add orange sherbet, when jello starts to set; add oranges and fold in whipped cream.
1 pint	Orange Sherbet	
1 cup	Hot water	
1 can	Mandarin oranges	
1 cup	Whipped cream	

# KIDZ KORNER

## Prayer bracelet

Make this craft to help you remember the Lord's Prayer.



### What you need:

- Elastic string (12 inches)
- Colored beads (see below)
- Clear nail polish

### What you do:

1. Knot the string at one end. Add beads in this order: blue, white, gold, green, yellow, red, black, orange
2. Tie the ends so the bracelet fits your wrist. Place a dot of nail polish to secure the knot. Trim excess string.
3. As you pray, use the bead colors as reminders of Jesus' words (see Matthew 6:9-13):

- **blue** = the Father
- **white** = God's holiness
- **gold** = God's kingdom
- **green** = the earth
- **yellow** = wheat (bread)
- **red** = Christ's blood (forgiveness)
- **black** = temptation
- **orange** = God's power to deliver



## Teach us to pray

In Luke 11:1-13 (NIV), Jesus teaches about prayer.

*Directions: Add or subtract the letters indicated and unscramble the letters to form a new word, using hints from the passage. Then unscramble the circled letters to answer the question below.*

party - t = p r a y (v. 1)

lady + i = \_ \_ l \_ \_ (v. 3)

drab + e = \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 5)

rod + o = \_ r \_ \_ \_ (v. 7)

bask - b = \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

keeps - p = k \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

define - ee = \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ (v. 9)

shift - t = \_ \_ \_ \_ s (v. 11)

sneaky - y = \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (v. 11)

sift + g = \_ \_ \_ \_ g \_ (v. 13)



What will the Father give to those who ask of him?

\_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13)

Answer: pray, daily, bread, ask, seek, find, fish, snake, gifts, Holy Spirit

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## Living Our Faith

### Be still (and Silent)

We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers, grass — grow in silence; see the stars, the moon, the sun, how they move in silence. ... The more we receive in silent prayer, the more we can give in our active life. We need silence to be able to touch souls. The essential thing is not what we say, but what God says to us and through us. All our words will be useless unless they come from within — words which do not give the light of Christ in-crease the darkness.

—Mother Teresa

### A Cheerful What?

*Guideposts* editor Mary Ann O’Roark recalls hearing the phrase “cheerful liver” so often in church as a girl that she asked her grandmother what a liver is. “It’s a part inside you, like your stomach or your heart,” Grandma replied.

Rather confused, O’Roark tried to figure out how to be cheerful from the inside out. Then during Sunday school one week, a classmate explained that God loves a cheerful *giver*, not liver. Years later, however, O’Roark realized that her younger self wasn’t too far off the mark. After all, God does indeed love someone who *lives* cheerfully, spreading the hope and joy that he longs for all people to know!

After all, it was Jesus who said, “I came that [all] may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10, NRSV).