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Dear Friends,

How is your prayer life? I've sometimes had to admit that my prayer life is dreadfully wanting. Oh it isn't that I don't pray. But, too much of the time, I am saying "fleeting prayers." I say a quick prayer for someone I have just spoken with who is experiencing some difficulty, or I've just heard of someone in need, or I remember that I told someone I'd pray for them at a particular time. But, I have fallen away from the practice of setting aside a time to just be with God.

It's sometimes necessary for all of us to come back to practices of prayer. Most of the time, our prayers are intercessory. That is, we are praying for someone else, and they do end up being what I call the fleeting prayers. Some of the time, we cry out in our own grief or misery and say a sobbing prayer for ourselves. Seldom do we just sit and bask in the love of God. And sitting in God's presence is real prayer.

Jesus prayed often. The Bible tells us that he would withdraw to a quiet place, or go up to a mountain, or go to a garden. We are only told the content of one such prayer: the one in the garden the night he was arrested. It was his prayer of agony. But, even in praying that the cup be taken from him, he gained the strength to do what he had to do.

Our prayer life is our most direct connection to the God with whom we are in a loving, gracious relationship. When we quit listening, we begin to lose a sense of God's will in our lives. After all, how can we know what someone wants from us unless we listen to them? Prayer is a time to listen to what God is saying to us. Yes, we can hear God speak in many ways and through many different people. But, to hear and know what is said as God's word for us, we must be willing to withdraw to a quiet place, and let God speak to us in the stillness. Then, we are open to what God is saying in the busyness of life.

My spiritual director recently read me a poem about prayer being the breath of God. The poem spoke of the breath of God filling us as we breathe in the air. One way to begin to be still and know God, is to sit and breathe and image each breath as God's Spirit entering your lungs and moving through your body. Each breath fills you more and in full communion with your spiritual creator. What an amazing way to start or end your day!

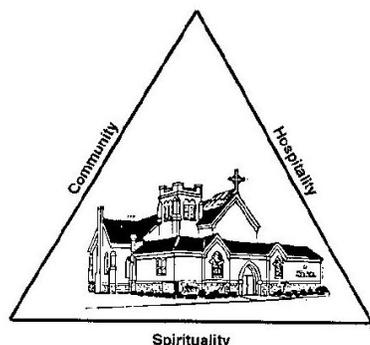
May you be filled with God in the coming days as you find a way to slip away to a quiet place and just breathe.

See you in church.  
*Peace,*  
Pastor Ruth Solo

## Thought for the Month:

I do not at all understand the mystery of grace – only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.

– Anne Lamott from *Traveling*



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**COLLEGE YOUTH**

Hillsdale College  
Cody Smith

Manchester College  
Logan Smith

Oakland University  
Tyler Smith

Ohio Fire Academy  
Cory Stewart

Ohio Northern University  
Jacinda Fletcher

The Ohio State University  
Derek Bible  
Megan Bible  
Jennifer Kinney  
John Segovia  
Jenni Theodore

Rhodes State College  
Cody Warris

University of South Carolina  
Tara Strauch

Did you know that St. Paul's Youth are very active in school? They participate in extra curricular activities and sports and are on the honor roll. We are very proud of our young people!

**FOOTBALL**  
Alex McAdams  
Reggie McAdams



**VOLLEYBALL**  
Torie McAdams  
Tahler Sdao  
Kelsey Smith



**SWIM TEAM**  
Michele Theodore



**BAND**  
Oliver Fessler  
Michele Theodore



**SOCCKER**  
**GOLF**  
Aric Thompson



Oliver Fessler



**FFA**  
Audrey Fox

University of Northwestern Ohio  
Molly Fessler  
Doug Guess

Valparaiso University  
Sarah Dyke

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



Pray always.  
Don't lose heart.

**BLESSING OF THE PETS**

Saturday, October 2, 2010  
2:00 PM  
On the church lawn

All pets and their people are welcome!  
Snacks and water provided for all!  
Please cage or leash pets as needed.  
Pastor Ruth kindly requests all spiders,  
snakes and rodents be in enclosed  
containers!



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## Bishop's Day on the District Sunday, October 10, 2010

Immanuel United Methodist Church  
 699 Sunnydale Ave., Elida, Ohio

2:30 pm Gathering time with light refreshments  
 3:00 pm Worship and presentation by Bishop Ough  
 4:00 pm Q & A with Bishop Ough  
 4:30 pm Sending Forth

*Theme for the afternoon*

**"The Five Practices of Fruitful  
 Congregations"**

All clergy and laity of the NWP District are  
 invited to participate in this afternoon with  
 Bishop Ough.

## PASTOR'S STUDY ON PRAYER TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Pastor Ruth will be offering a study on prayer this fall on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm beginning October 20. The study guide will be *Traveling the Prayer Paths of Jesus* by John Indermark. The books will be \$13.35. The class will center around learning about and practical application of different prayer practices, including: Centering Prayers (Breath prayers); The Jesus Prayer; Praying the Scriptures (Lectio Devina); Postures for Prayer; and Prayer in Creation (St. Bonaventure). The group will have a brief discussion on the reading for the week, move into learning about a prayer practice, have some time to actually practice that mode of prayer, then gather again to share the experience. Please sign the pew pad on Sunday morning, the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, or call Pastor Ruth if you are interested in participating in this group.

## L.A.M.M. Breakfast at Immanuel U.M.C. Was A Success

The men of Immanuel UMC graciously hosted our Lima Area Methodist Men's breakfast on August 28<sup>th</sup>. A good turnout of men and a few ladies enjoyed a very nice breakfast prepared by the host church. The treasurer reported a balance of \$209.12. Neal Whitney gave a report on the **Family Fun Zone and Kids Fun Zone** at the Allen County Fair. He explained that the fun zones are being supported by several area churches (including St. Paul UMC) and how the fun zones are bringing the face of Christ to the midway at the fair. Jamie Wyant gave a report on the success of the **United Methodist Children's Home** mission trip in July, which was also supported by our area United Methodist Churches. Neal Whitney also explained the upcoming conference-sponsored **Mexico mission trip** scheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our speaker was **Don Diglia, Superintendent of Elida Local Schools**. Mr. Diglia spoke on how our local churches may be able to help the school children in our area. Mr. Diglia explained that the **"Meals 'til Monday"** program being run by individuals in the Elida School area to provide meals for kids on Friday so that they will have food to eat over the weekend. The cost is \$3.50 per child per weekend or \$140 per year for each child. Donations to this program may be made to: **Meals 'til Monday**, P.O.Box 3072, Elida, Ohio, 45807. Mr. Diglia also spoke about the **HOSTS program** in which individuals donate their time to be mentors to students in the school. Businesses can participate by giving employees work-release time to participate in the program. For more information about HOSTS, contact Melissa Bennett or Shirley Shoup at Elida Elementary School, 419-331-7901. It was suggested during discussion after Mr. Diglia's speech that there is a great need for mentoring parents in our area on the skills of being a parent. This is a project that could be taken on in a cooperative effort by Elida/Lima Area churches.

A free-will offering was taken at the breakfast, which was used to sponsor one child in the "Meals 'til Monday" program at an annual cost of \$140.

Allentown UMC volunteered to host the next quarterly L.A.M.M. meeting at **Allentown at 8 AM on November 6<sup>th</sup>**. A speaker will be announced later. All are welcome to attend.

# The Heart of Church

## Greeters

October 3, 2010	Tony & Shirley Shoup
October 10, 2010	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
October 17, 2010	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
October 24, 2010	Lynda Evans & Ruth Hardy
October 31, 2010	Ron & Mary Steiner

## Nursery Volunteers

October 3	Open
October 10	Corinne Piper
October 17	Tracy & Tahler Sdao
October 24	Open
October 31	Open

### FOCUSED LIVING RETREAT

The ReFocus Team is offering another Focused Living Retreat. These retreats are so that you can begin to discover your identity in God. In the retreat, you answer three questions:

- 1) Where have you been?
- 2) Where are you going?
- 3) How will you get there?

Through the Focused Living Process, you make discoveries about how God has been active in your life from the beginning, in the good times and in the difficult times. And you will end up with an understanding of God's calling in your life. (Having the background in the Focused Living Retreat will help you to be better prepared for the church's Summits early in 2011.)

The Focused Living Retreat will be offered on Saturday, October 30, 8:30am to 4:30pm, and continue through Sunday, October 31, 1:30pm to 4:30 pm. If you are interested in attending this retreat experience, please complete the form below, and turn it in to the office with \$10 for supplies, so that materials can be ordered. If you have any questions, you may talk with any member of the ReFocus Team: Dan Best, Jamie Wyant, Jan Wyant, Marty White, Linda Craft, Lavonne Segovia, Tim Piper, Corinne Piper, or Pastor Ruth.



The most recent statistical analysis on mainline church stewardship shows that household giving to church support is less than three percent of net income (and not much more to charitable causes). Even evangelical Protestant churches, where tithing may be emphasized, see only five to six percent of net income for church support.

[www.generousgiving.org](http://www.generousgiving.org)

### FOCUSED LIVING RETREAT REGISTRATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**Please turn in this form at the office so that materials can be ordered and instructions for the retreat can be sent to you. Thank you.**



**Stewardship**

# The Business of Church

## Budgeting Forward

The budgeting process for churches can be a dreaded occasion. Why? Because balancing and apportioning income and expense can focus on lack of resources rather than stewardship opportunities. Human psyche about money has two poles: the scarcity mentality (we cannot do because we do not have) versus the abundance mentality (we must take opportunities and then find funds that will become available). The faith mentality stresses the importance of prayer, reflection, and discernment in the budgeting process and the formation of members and supporters in the biblical model of stewardship: generosity.

The scarcity mentality manifests itself in finance committee or church board meetings. Two forms of budget creation often occur in those settings. The group may budget from expenses and then attempt to find income to meet those expenses. Then they find the need to cut expenses, because income will fall short of need. Or, the body will budget backward. They will look at the current budget, tweak it here and there, and then create the finished financial product. This approach is static, and assumes that little will change from year to year – or, more important, that little will change, assuming that we must manage based on what we have rather than on what God can release within us.

From a stewardship approach, the scarcity approach assumes that people give to support the ministry of the church based upon what they have left over to give, after living expenses and any savings for retirement or pending needs. No wonder, then, that it is easy to fall into a mutually reinforced budgeting approach: we have to control expenses, because we know that people cannot and will not give more than they already do.

How can a church break through this cycle and begin to budget forward? Here are four suggestions.

- 1. Budget forward from a strategic plan.** A ministry that works through a strategic plan develops priorities rooted in its vision, mission, and values. A needs assessment, both internally and in the larger community, defines needs and opportunities. From these goals, a budget can be developed on a three-to-five year basis and the annual budget can then be created looking forward. A good plan can inspire member generosity. They can understand much better that their financial support helps to advance the mission of the ministry rather than simply to meet expenses or to pay bills.
- 2. Create and empower a year-round stewardship body.** This group can work intentionally on forms of stewardship other than annual giving by members – for example, in estate planning, income-producing activities, and assistance with investments (together with an investment committee). It also can broaden stewardship into global and local mission support and stewardship of congregational resources.
- 3. Learn more about generosity.** Set a tone of thankfulness within your congregation and check with your denominational office about training programs and specialized resources in financial planning and budgeting and in stewardship development.
- 4. Focus on greater growth in giving.** Growth may or may not be numerical. It is based in spiritual growth among the members and in the congregation as a whole. When a budget reflects God's priorities for greatest impact in both in-reach and outreach, and if the process is encompassed by prayer, then ultimately a budget will move the whole congregation forward into the priorities that God has for the congregation.

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Book of Timothy



"What's a sheave, who's bringing it in, and why are they bringing it?"

## Committee Chairs

<b>PPR Chair</b>	Linda Craft
<b>Trustees Chair</b>	Larry Moser
<b>Finance Chair</b>	Art Holman
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gene Craft
<b>Education Chair</b>	Steve Moser
<b>Administrative Council Chair</b>	Scott Fessler
<b>Worship Setting</b>	Ruth Solo
<b>Nurture</b>	Martha Vazquez
<b>Stewardship</b>	Tim Piper
<b>Missions</b>	Maedene Holmes & Marty White

# Faith In Action

## Worship Attendance:

August 29, 2010	78
September 5, 2010	85
September 12, 2010	95
September 19, 2010	82
September 26, 2010	96

## Financial Giving

Weekly Need for  
Unified Ministry Budget  
\$3,466.00

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
August 29, 2010	\$1,540.00	\$529.50
September 5, 2010	\$4,886.49	\$649.06
September 12, 2010	\$2,998.00	\$938.07
September 19, 2010	\$2,358.00	\$349.00
September 26, 2010	\$3,385.00	\$2,386.00



## Children and Youth Ministry Attendance

September 5, 2010	N/A
September 12, 2010	12
September 19, 2010	11
September 26, 2010	7

## Flowers:

October 3, 2010	Don & Maedene Holmes
October 10, 2010	Ruth Hardy
October 17, 2010	Carl & Lois Rabley
October 24, 2010	Gloria & Larry Brunk
October 31, 2010	Ron & Mary Steiner

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# Consulting the Manual



**The humble will be exalted.** Luke 18:14



## **Bible Readings for January**

Revised Common Lectionary  
Year C

### Week of October 3

#### **World Communion Sunday**

Color: Green  
*Old Testament:*  
Lamentations 1:1-6  
Psalm 137  
*New Testament:*  
2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### Week of October 10

#### **National Children's Day**

Color: Green  
*Old Testament:*  
Jeremiah 29:4-7  
Psalm 66:1-12  
*New Testament:*  
2 Timothy 2:8-15  
Luke 17:11-19

### Week of October 17

#### **Laity Sunday**

Color: Green  
*Old Testament:*  
Jeremiah 31:27-34  
Psalm 19  
*New Testament:*  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5  
Luke 18:1-8

### Week of October 24

Color: Green  
*Old Testament:*  
Joel 2:23-32  
Psalm 63  
*New Testament:*  
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18  
Luke 18:9-14

### Week of October 31

#### **Reformation Day**

Color: White or Red  
*Old Testament:*  
Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
Psalm 119:137-144  
*New Testament:*  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12  
Luke 19:1-10

For more detailed information on the Revised Common Lectionary, please visit:  
[www.gbod.org](http://www.gbod.org)



# Stewardship

For us the Bible is our main weapon. It has shown us the way. Perhaps those who call themselves Christians but who are really only Christians in theory won't understand why we give the Bible the meaning we do. But that's because they haven't lived as we have . . . I can assure you that any one of my community, even though he's illiterate and has to have it read to him and translated into his language, can learn many lessons from it, because he has no difficulty understanding what reality is and what the difference is between the paradise up above, in Heaven, and the reality of our people here on Earth.

– Rigoberta Menchu from *I, Rigoberta: An Indian Woman in Guatemala*

## Learning to Live as Stewards

Living and working in community and learning to take responsibility for God's work on earth is an important part of our life as Christians. In the very first book of the Bible, God asks us to take care of the world God made and to share the many gifts God has given us. Sometimes we call this *stewardship* – taking care of things that have come to us from God.

Each week, Christians are invited to gather for worship – a time when we can praise and thank God for these gifts and also decide how we will make use of our time, skills, and possessions in the coming week. We do this when we give an offering, but we also do this in many different ways all week long. A smile or a hug, a helping hand, your patience and willingness to listen – all of these are offerings you can give.

Learn more about the meaning of giving an offering by playing Stewardship Jeopardy together. To start, cut apart these questions and answers and place them face down. Take turns with your friends or family, reading the answer and inviting others to respond – and remember to phrase your response in the form of a question! Then take time to talk with others about gifts you see in each other and ways you can and do use those gifts to serve God every day.

**A: This is the source of every gift we have to give.**

Q: Who is God?

**A: The Old Testament practice of giving one-tenth or 10 percent of one's produce or income as an offering to God.**

Q: What is a tithe, or tithing?

**A: This is a gift that we give to God.**

Q: What is an offering?

**A: Playing the piano during a worship service demonstrates good stewardship of this gift.**

Q: What is the gift of (*musical*) talent?

**A: Instead of watching TV, you rake the leaves for your elderly neighbor, showing good stewardship of this gift.**

Q: What is the gift of time?

**A: You earn \$10 by mowing a neighbor's lawn. You decide to give \$1 to the church, showing good stewardship of this gift.**

Q: What is the gift of property or money?

**A: Instead of drinking soda with your lunch, you decide to drink milk, showing good stewardship of this gift.**

Q: What is the gift of health?

**A: You notice trash on the ground and pick it up, showing good stewardship of this gift.**

Q: What is the gift of the Earth?

**A: A tithe of \$20.**

Q: What is \$2?

Book of Timothy



“ ‘Never having to say you're sorry' is 'Love Story', not faith.”

# Stewardship

**A: This is the reason we give God offerings of money.**

Q: What is to show our thankfulness to God by sharing what we have been given?

**A: As Christians, we are called to be good stewards of these.**

Q: What are time, talent, and property, also health, relationships, Earth – all God's gifts?

**A: A person responsible for taking care of everything that God has given him or her.**

Q: Who is a steward?

## GIVING FOR FOOD PANTRY REMAINS STRONG

Our food collections for the Five Loaves Food Pantry at Allentown continues to be strong. In September we collected 18 cans of soup, 19 cans of spaghetti or Ravioli, 9 rolls of toilet paper, 8 boxes of tissues, 8 boxes of cereal, 3 bottles of V-8 fruit juice, 2 bags of pretzels, 2 cans of pie filling, 2 cans of fruit, 1 bag of animal crackers, 1 can of whole tomatoes, 1 can of gravy, 1 box of pudding, 1 bottle of slaw dressing and 1 roll of paper towels. Each month the Five Loaves Food Pantry serves over **200 families**. Thank you, St. Paul's people, for continuing to help feed God's children! And thank you to the Sdao family for delivering the food to the food pantry the past three months. The next Food Pantry Sunday will be on **October 17<sup>th</sup>**.

## ReFocus Team Update: Come to the Summit

Undoubtedly you have read a lot this past year in our newsletter about our congregation's effort to 'reap as we sow' or to be in an effective relationship with God and with our community. How do we effect our church mission statement: "To be an inviting community of Christ's disciples"? What are our goals and the means for focusing, planning, and developing such goals? Answers to these and other similar questions is the intent of St. Paul's 'ReFocus the Church' administrative process led by Pastor Ruth and eight of your fellow parishioners.

Within a few months, the Team will host its first of three Summit meetings as we move St. Paul's from 'maintenance' to 'mission'. The theme of this initial Summit is "Where have we been: A celebration of the past". Subsequent Summit meetings address "Where are we going?" and "How will we get there?" These sessions intend to derive a general consensus, to hear all voices, as our congregation moves forward with a plan to touch lives inside and outside our walls.

On a Saturday in January, 2011, Summit 1 participants (*all* members of St. Paul's U.M.C.) will review the significant events, people, and experiences in the history of St. Paul's church. We will identify the values and motivations of how St. Paul's responded to these events. We will conclude with an evaluation of these motivations and behaviors within the framework of God's heart and will for our church.

Our journey up the mountain to the summit in determining our relationship with God and our community while planning the future of St. Paul's church will be a challenging process. As we all know, however, there is comfort and ease in numbers. What are your opinions or recommendations for our community and our congregation? More information will be provided as Summit 1 nears but please plan to join your church's journey in shifting our behaviors from 'maintenance' to 'mission'.

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many people in line ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him forward. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip." The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

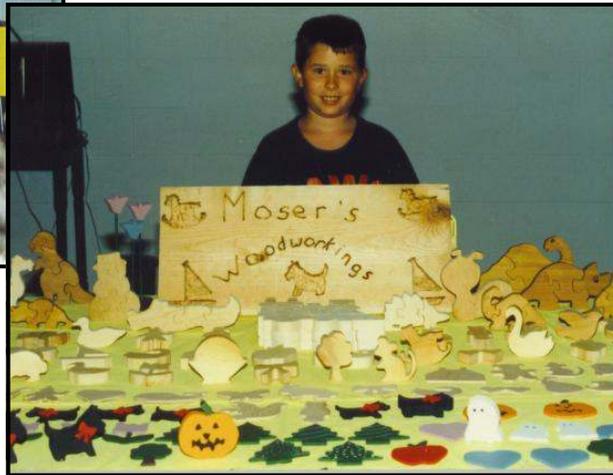
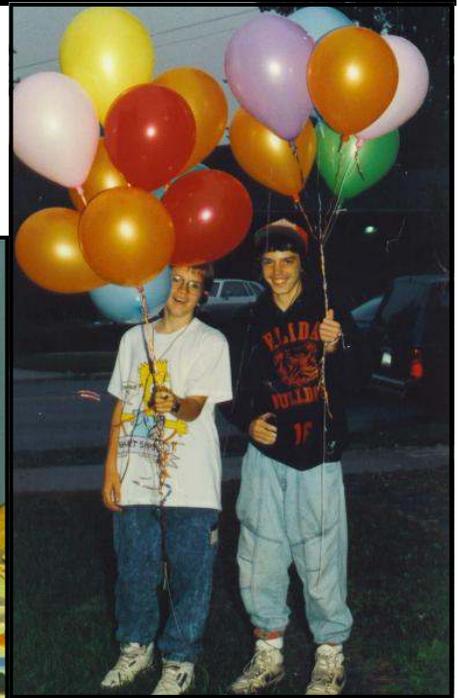
I would maintain that thanks are the highest form of thought, and that gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.

– Gilbert Keith Chesterton

# Remember When...



St. Paul's UMC Fun Festival, 1989  
Left: Magician Gene Craft  
Right: Justin Wyant & Roger Matlock  
Below: Steve Moser



Children's Ministry, 1995  
L-R:  
Ashley Reiff, Sara Matlock, Erin Staley, Mallory Rentz, Amanda Crates, Kayla Evans, Andrew Piper, Aaron Thompson, Valerie Cook, Aaron Piper, Tara Thompson

Cornfield Maze—Piqua, OH  
St. Paul's Youth and Koinonia Class  
October, 1998



# Connecting With ...



## NOTICE

The Post Office is closing the bulk mailing station on Hanthorn Road soon. When they do, the bulk mail will be sent to Toledo and then sent back to Lima for mail delivery. Therefore, we will have to mail the newsletter earlier than we do now so that you will receive it by the first of the month. When that happens, the **16th day of the month will be the deadline. Knowing that many of you are late with your articles, the 20th will be the last day we can accept articles for the newsletter.** We will not be able to print newsletter articles received after that date. **Thank you** for understanding and cooperating.

**St. Paul's partners with Immanuel UMC to help with the Family Promise program.** Their next week to host two families at Immanuel is **October 10-17**. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are able to help provide a meal, visit with families for 3 hours some evening or help with clean-up. We want to be a good partner with Immanuel so **please consider helping with this important work of providing short-term help to families in need.** Contact Tim or Corinne Piper if you have questions.

### Bible Statistics

Books in the Bible: 66  
 Chapters: 1189  
 Verses: 31,101  
 Promises given in the Bible: 1260  
 Commands: 6468  
 Predictions: over 8000  
 Questions: 3294

- [www.cofcnet.org](http://www.cofcnet.org)



You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you odd.

- Flannery O'Connor

### Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Marie Lee  
 Mary Kaye Pease

### Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn  
 Ruth Hurley  
 Marie Lee  
 Edna Osman  
 Jean Redd  
 Gladys Sherrick  
 Helen Waldron

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

Paul Scholfield  
 Rick Scholfield

### In the Military & Missions

Lesley Parker  
 Jason Stanley

## October 2010

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This website offers book reviews, music reviews, and web ministry information among other relevant and interesting links.

# The People of St. Paul's

*To St. Paul's Church,  
Our family would like to thank  
you for all the cards and  
prayers Mom received during  
her illness and her death.  
A special thank you to Pastor  
Ruth for all her visits and  
prayers. Thanks for the lovely  
flowers and to the ladies and  
gentlemen who provided a  
fantastic luncheon.  
**June Metzger Family***



**Thankful Hearts  
Raise to God!**

*To St. Paul's UMC,  
Thank you for hosting our  
preventive health screening  
event on Tuesday, September  
7th! We hope that we saved  
lives in your community as a  
result of your hospitality!  
**Your Friends at Life Line  
Screening  
South Bend Team***

*To Our St. Paul's family,  
Thank you for your prayers  
and support during the recent  
celebration of my mother's life.  
We are confident that mom is  
with God and that her frail  
body and mind have been  
renewed. We appreciate all of  
the cards, calls at the funeral  
home, flowers & gifts, the meal  
for our family, Pastor Ruth's  
ministerial support, and of  
course, your prayers and the  
memories shared of **Hope**.  
Once again, the people of St.  
Paul's have shown that they  
are truly a family that supports  
one another during both happy  
and sad times.  
**Jamie and Jan***

## Praying Together

Give us, O Lord,  
a steadfast heart.  
Give us understanding  
to know you,  
persistence to seek you,  
wisdom to find you,  
and a faithfulness that  
may finally embrace you;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen.

*—Thomas Aquinas, 1225-1274*



**PRAYING  
TOGETHER**



*Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Hope Mathwig**, who passed away at the age of 91 on September 1, 2010. Pastor Ruth and Rev. Jim Kuhn officiated at her funeral on September 5th. Hope became a member of St. Paul's in 1956. Her first husband, Rev. Cecil Wyant, served as pastor at St. Paul's at that time. Cards may reach **Jamie and Jan Wyant** at **4520 Old Delphos Road, Elida, OH 45807.***

**Prayer List Updates  
Please Contact  
Lavonne Segovia**

## Meetings

October 4, 2010  
PPR ...7:15 PM

October 5, 2010  
Trustees...7:00 PM

October 11, 2010  
Finance...7:00 PM

October 11, 2010  
Ad Council...8:00 PM

October 19, 2010  
Missions...6:30 PM

October 26, 2010  
Christian Ed...

**Sundays**  
Prayer...9:00 AM

**Thursdays**  
Bell Choir...6:15 PM  
Chancel Choir...7:30 PM

# October 2010

September 2010						
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**Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat**

					1 Robert Bice  Brent McAdams	2 Kay McAdams  Carter Craft
3 Beth Warris	4	5 Corinne Piper Blake Selover	6 Molly Fessler	7 Denny Thompson	8	9
	PPR	Trustees				
10 Marty Hannah Ray Trigg Sr. Cory Stewart	11 Slone Whetstone  Finance Ad Council	12 Bill McKinney	13 Hazel Dunn	14	15	16 Evelyn Sarber Rich Bowsher
17 Dillon & Helen Staas October 6	18 Brad Whetstone	19 Kelsey Smith	20 Curtis Roberts	21	22	23 Jim Polutnik
24 Kim Holmes Nick White	25 Chris Bowsher Phyllis Hines	26 Tonya Craft	27 Travis Williams	28	29 Shirley Moser John Fletcher  Jennifer Matlock	30 Michael Matlock
31 Jerry Bean						

## Anniversaries

Dillon & Helen Staas October 6
Barry & Cyndi Smith October 8
Gary & Shirley Adams October 10
Zack & Katie White October 10
Scott & Gail Fessler October 15
Ron & Ann Stewart October 19
Roger & Jennifer Matlock October 20
Nate & Tonya Craft October 27

November 2010						
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# *Special Recipes* *from St. Paul's Great Cooks*

## Pumpkin Pie

*by Myrna Metzger*

Ingredients		Instructions
1 cup	brown sugar	Preheat oven to 375 degrees.  Mix in a bowl: sugar, flour, and spices.  Add and stir until smooth: pumpkin, milk, and egg.  Pour into pie crust.  Bake 50-55 minutes.
1 Tbl.	flour	
1/2 tsp.	salt	
1 1/4 tsp.	cinnamon	
1/2 tsp.	nutmeg	
1/2 tsp.	ginger	
1/4 tsp.	cloves	
2 cups (1 can)	pumpkin	
1	egg, slightly beaten	
9"	crust	



## Pumpkin Cookies

*By Jone Lane*

Ingredients		Instructions
2 cups	sugar	Preheat oven to 350 degrees.  Mix all ingredients together. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes.  May frost cookies after they cool.  Delicious with cream cheese frosting.
2 cups	Crisco	
2	eggs	
2 tsp.	vanilla	
2 cups	pumpkin	
1 tsp.	nutmeg	
4 cups	flour	
1 tsp.	soda	
2 tsp.	cinnamon	
2 tsp.	baking soda	
1/2 tsp.	allspice	



# KIDZ KORNER

## Mystery message

The vowels (a, e, i, o, u) in the Scripture below are not correct.  
 Replace the incorrect vowels with the correct ones.

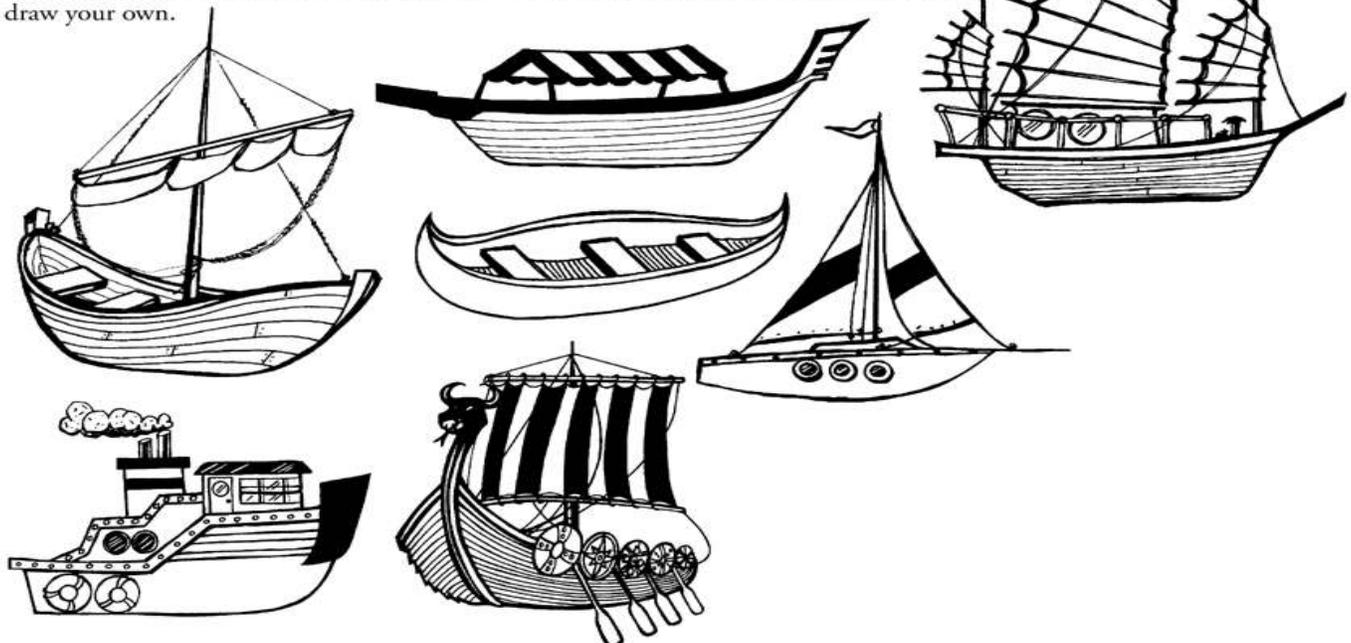
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 thay caosid, ond tharu wos i culm.” – Luke 8:23b-24b  
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Answer:  
 “A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger...  
 And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm.”

## Different kinds of boats

What kind of boat do you think Jesus and the disciples used? Color the boats and then draw your own.



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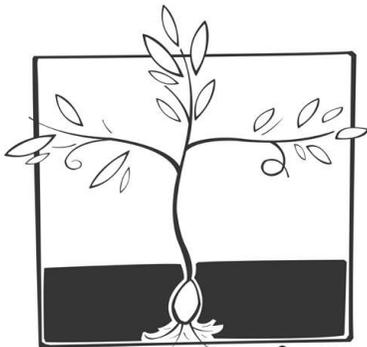
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# October 2010



*Increase our faith*

## Living Our Faith



**MARTIN LUTHER**  
1483-1546



**JOHN CALVIN**  
1509-1564



**ULRICH ZWINGLI**  
1484-1531

Do you know these men? Can you tell  
what they have added to the life of  
the church?

### The Choice

What if I should refuse to budge  
In response to God's persistent nudge?  
What if to Him I should say no  
To the direction He's calling me to go?  
What if I convince myself it's a mistake  
And choose a different path to take?  
Before in this world I even came to be,  
He has had a plan for me  
To accomplish things that are great,  
But when He calls, I hesitate.  
He's said He'll stay with me the entire way,  
Yet doubt remains if I should go or stay.  
I must decide now with my heart  
If I will choose the better part.

*~ Jenessa Fletcher*