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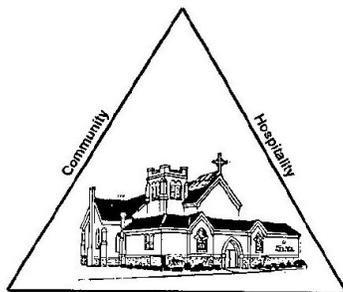
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Spirituality

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So this is the 4th time I have written an article for September's newsletter. The 1st three are in the trash because they just didn't seem to fit. A couple of updates so you know what is going on. Marla found the phone right where we packed it. We had a wonderful trip to Colorado. They even talked me into riding a horse. You know it is a good vacation when you announce "tomorrow we leave for home" and the response is "do we have to?" I am finally getting around enough to say I have been misdirected (not lost) a couple of times in Allen County.

Oh yeah! A new bishop has been named to the West Ohio Conference. Bishop Gregory V. Palmer, elected to the episcopacy in 2008, comes to us from the Illinois Conference where he served for 4 years. Prior to that he served in East Ohio, North Carolina, and Eastern Pennsylvania. We have an opportunity to meet the Bishop Sunday, September 30, at Forest Park UMC in Lima from 3-5 pm. I encourage you to meet the Bishop to hear what he has to say about the future of the West Ohio Conference.

The other thing I really want to share with you is how well meetings have been going here at St Paul's. I know it sounds really boring but people have been working hard to make sure everything that needs to happen, does. The bills are paid, building maintenance is getting done, worship is being planned and executed, and all the little things that need to happen to keep the doors open keep getting done.

One of the meetings was a PPR meeting, that is Pastor Parrish Relations Committee. We covered several things during that meeting which will help us in the long run. First, was time usage of the pastor and where I should spend the majority of my time in serving St Paul's. I think it became clear to the committee that this was going to be one of those exercises where not everyone was going to agree. Not that we argued; on the contrary, there was a lot of good discussion about what is important in the life of the church. One thing everyone agreed upon was the fact that "Leading Worship and Preaching" was very important. The other clear top category was "Visitation" but then it began to get muddled as to what was a top priority. Isn't that the way life is? One month something is important and the next month not so much. Just be assured that as we move forward I will be listening to what is important and will do my best to make sure everything gets covered, but time limitations will mean not everything will get top priority. Second, we discussed my policy on problems with the pastor. If you have a problem come to me and discuss it with me. If you feel you can't, go to a member of PPR and they will bring it to my attention. If you feel after this that your issue has not been resolved, I am asking you to come to the committee as a whole and after that meeting if you still feel as though it has not been resolved there is, in the system, a way to contact the District office with your problem.

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The Missions Committee is again collecting school kits and health kits for the Festival of Sharing.

Please see page 8 for details.



Back to school

Elida Schools Begin August 28th

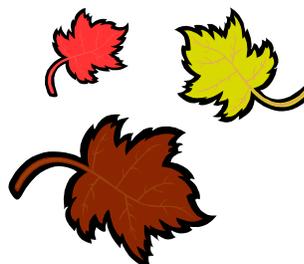


Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



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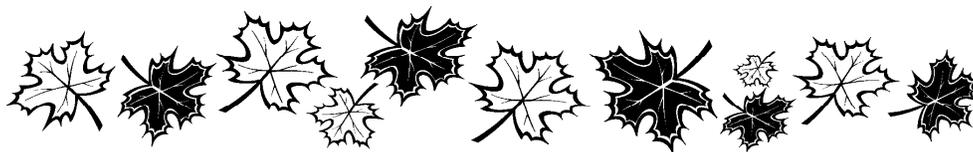
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 deadline:
 the **16th**
 of each month

SENIORS DAY OUT
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012
12:00 Noon
Church Fellowship Hall
Dulcimer Group will perform



Communion Sunday
September 2, 2012

'Coins for Communion'
to benefit
The Samaritan House



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's



Join the Choir



The Chancel Choir will practice on Wednesdays beginning August 29th, at 7:00 PM. All voices are welcome!

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw something back.

Worship at the Allen County Farm Park

Sunday Morning Worship Services
at Allen County Farm Park
with Rev. Allen Puffenberger
September, 1984



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The Heart of Church

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Please take the time to go through the steps so I have an opportunity to resolve the issue with you.

Finally we talked about the district program Starting Well and how I would like to take 2-3 people from St Paul's to this event in September. It is September 25, from 9-3:30 at Bowling Green. First, yes it is a Tuesday which makes it difficult to get to for many and the reason I am opening it up to anyone who would like to attend. Please contact the church office if you are interested in going. There is no charge and lunch is provided. I look forward to going with several of you. I know this isn't the most exciting newsletter article in the world but sometimes the work just needs to get done. Speaking of which, I have to go mow the lawn and put away the garbage cans.

Talk to you next month,
Pastor Paul



**Cake Eating Contest
for the Kids**



Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs

PPR Chair	Dwain Metzger
Trustees Chair	Ron Steiner
Finance Chair	Marty White
Treasurer	Jenessa Fletcher
Education Chair	Jan Wyant
Administrative Council Chair	Scott Fessler
Worship	Pastor Paul Scannell
Nurture	Linda Holman
Missions	Tim Piper

Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:	
July 29, 2012	94
August 5, 2012	88
August 12, 2012	94
August 19, 2012	95
August 26, 2012	97

Financial Giving
 Weekly Need for
 Unified Ministry Budget
 \$3,466.00.00

	Unified Ministry Giving:	Other:
July 29, 2012	\$5,436.10	\$381.00
August 5, 2012	\$4,670.88	\$657.88
August 12, 2012	\$2,600.00	\$547.00
August 19, 2012	\$3,611.00	\$597.00
August 26, 2012	\$2,206.00	\$385.00



Greeters	
September 2, 2012	Travis & Julia Bok
September 9, 2012	Scott & Gail Fessler
September 16, 2012	OPEN
September 23, 2012	Bill & Esther McKinney
September 30, 2012	Tim & Sue Theodore

Flowers:	
September 2, 2012	Lynda Evans
September 9, 2012	Jerry Crates
September 16, 2012	Rudy & Lavonne Segovia
September 23, 2012	Bill & Esther McKinney
September 30, 2012	Dwain & Myrna Metzger

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Daily Bible Reading for September

Saturday 9/1

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

Sunday 9/2

Psalm 148, 149, & 150
1 Kings 8:22-30
1 Tim. 4:7b-16, John 8:47-59

Monday 9/3

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

Tuesday 9/4

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

Wednesday 9/5

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

Thursday 9/6

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

Friday 9/7

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

Saturday 9/8

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

Sunday 9/9

Psalm 63:1-8, 98 & 103
1 Kings 12:21-33
Acts 4:18-31, John 10:31-42

Monday 9/10

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

Tuesday 9/11

Psalm 45 & 47
1 Kings 16:23-34
Philippians 1:12-30, Mark 16:1-8

Wednesday 9/12

Psalm 119:49-72 & 49
1 Kings 17:1-24
Philippians 2:1-11, Matt. 2:1-12

Thursday 9/13

Psalm 50 & 96
1 Kings 18:1-19
Philippians 2:12-30, Matt. 2:13-23

Friday 9/14

Psalm 40, 54 & 51
1 Kings 18:20-40
Philippians 3:1-16, Matt. 3:1-12

Saturday 9/15

Psalm 55 & 138
1 Kings 18:41-19:8
Philippians 3:17-4:7, Matt. 3:13-17

Sunday 9/16

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

Monday 9/17

Psalm 56, 57 & 64
1 Kings 21:1-16
1 Corinthians 1:1-19, Matt. 4:1-11

Tuesday 9/18

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

Wednesday 9/19

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

Thursday 9/20

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

Friday 9/21

Psalm 69 & 73
2 Kings 1:2-17
1 Cor. 3:16-23, Matthew 5:11-16

Saturday 9/22

Psalm 75, 76 & 23
2 Kings 2:1-18
1 Cor. 4:1-7, Matthew 5:17-20

Sunday 9/23

Psalm 93, 96 & 34
2 Kings 4:8-37
Acts 9:10-31, Luke 3:7-18

Monday 9/24

Psalm 80 & 77
2 Kings 5:1-19
1 Cor. 4:8-21, Matthew 5:21-26

Tuesday 9/25

Psalm 78
2 Kings 5:19-27
1 Cor. 5:1-8, Matthew 5:27-37

Wednesday 9/26

Psalm 119:97-120 & 81
2 Kings 6:1-23
1 Cor. 5:9-6:8, Matthew 5:38-48

Thursday 9/27

Psalm 146, 147 & 86
2 Kings 9:1-16
1 Cor. 6:12-20, Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18

Friday 9/28

Psalm 88 & 91
2 Kings 9:17-37
1 Cor. 7:1-9, Matthew 6:7-15

Saturday 9/29

Psalm 87, 90 & 136
2 Kings 11:1-20a
1 Cor. 7:10-24, Matthew 6:19-24

Sunday 9/30

Psalm 66, 67 & 19
2 Kings 17:1-18
Acts 9:36-43, Luke 5:1-11

Missions

SCHOOL AND HEALTH KITS BEING COLLECTED THROUGH SEPTEMBER

Once again we are asked to contribute school and health kits to individuals in need. Contributors must complete their kit(s) by Sunday, **September 30, 2012**. Kits will be delivered to the West Ohio Conference's October 'Festival of Sharing' for distribution. Contents for each kit are printed in this newsletter. Place the contents of your kit into a one gallon-sized zip-lock bag, **include \$2 for shipping**, and place in the designated boxes in the front of our sanctuary on or before **September 30th**. Thank you!

SCHOOL KITS

- One pair blunt point scissors (**Round Tip**)
 - Three **70 count** spiral notebooks (**Wide Ruled**)
 - One ruler (**12"** – **metric**)
 - One hand-held pencil sharpener
 - One large eraser
 - Six new #2 pencil with erasers
 - One box **Crayola** crayons (**24 ct.**)

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Canvas Tote Bag (12x14 to 14x17 in.)
Can be purchased at Hobby Lobby

Pack kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place in the box at the altar.

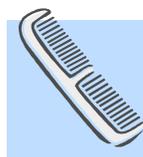


HEALTH KITS

- One hand towel (@**16"** x **28"**)
 - One washcloth
 - One wide-tooth comb
 - One nail clipper
 - One bar of soap (**bath size in wrapper**)
 - One toothbrush (**in original packaging**)
 - Six Band-aids

\$2.00 for processing and shipping kits

Seal kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place in the box at the altar.



Special Days in Other Faiths

In September, both Judaism and Islam have very special holidays. You might want to learn more about them, perhaps by trying to connect with Jews or Muslims in your community.

Days in both of these traditions begin at sundown the day before, and so more than one date is given below. Also both Hebrew and Arabic use different alphabets than English and so in some cases you may find the names spelled a little differently. Here is some information about these special days along with a suggestion for celebrating the day.

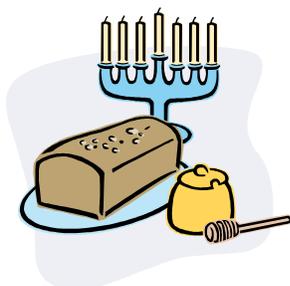
Yom Kippur (Judaism)

September 25-26

This Day of Atonement is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar. People are invited to confess their sin and ask God to forgive them. It is proscribed in Leviticus 23:27. For most Jews it is a day of fasting and prayer.

Greeting: tsom kal (easy fast).

To Celebrate: Many youngsters go for a bicycle ride the day before Yom Kippur. Go for a bike ride, and notice the beauty of God's creation. Say a prayer asking for forgiveness for all that we do that hurts creation, and pray for guidance in the coming year.



Eid ul-Fitr or Id al-Fitr (Islam)

September 22-23

Muslims fast during their month of Ramadan, and break the fast on Eid. The title of the holiday means "festival of breaking the fast." People usually begin with a small breakfast, and spend a lot of the day in prayer. They are encouraged to wear their best clothes or new clothes. One of the prayers for the day goes "God is the greatest, God is the greatest, God is the greatest. There is no deity but God. God is the greatest, God is the greatest, and to God goes all praise."

There are over half a million Muslims in Canada; one and a half million in the UK; 350,000 in Australia; and about 7 million in the US. Each year the US post office issues a stamp to celebrate Eid.

Greeting: 'Id mubarak (blessed Eid) or 'Id sa'id (happy Eid).

To Celebrate: Many Muslims make gifts of food to the poor prior to Eid. Give some food to your local food bank.

Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)

September 16-18

Literally the "head of the year" this holiday is also known as Jewish New Year. It is a two-day festival, because it was considered too holy just to have one day. Jews treat this time as one long, 48-hour day. It is believed to commemorate the creation of men and women from Genesis 1 and is observed as a day of rest, and many activities are prohibited.

Rosh Hashanah begins with the blowing of a shofar or ram's horn, calling people to awaken and alerting them to God's judgment. Rosh Hashanah begins ten days of repentance in which Jews reflect on their behavior, seek forgiveness, and ask God to help them live better lives.

Greeting: shana tova (good year) or shana tova umetukah (good and sweet year).

To Celebrate: Special foods are eaten in this festival, especially sweet foods like challah bread, honey, and apples. You might purchase some challah and dip it in honey, or cut apple slices and dip them in honey.



Remember When...



Fellowship Class—1978

L-R: June Metzger, Georgia Kizer, Candace Van Horn, Ruth Crites, Irene Plumb, Bruce Plumb, Hope Wyant



Joy Singers—1986

Front:
 Shonda Scheufler, Jacquie Rozelle, Jennifer Gossard, Roger Matlock
 Middle:
 Katie Holman, Travis Williams, Mark Neely
 Top:
 Erik Puffenberger, Bryan Craft, Eddie Mault



September 17, 1995

Ruth Hardy and Ruth Shaw serving at a reception honoring Lenore Strayer



Connecting With ...

Our sympathy to the family of Gladys Sherrick, who passed away Monday, July, 30th. Her funeral was held on Saturday August 4th. Pastor Paul officiated. The ladies of St. Paul prepared a funeral dinner for family and friends.



In Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to John and Jone Lane on the passing of John's brother, Sam Lane. His funeral was held Friday, August 3rd. in Celina. Well wishes can reach John and Jone at 2540 Irvin Rd. Elida, OH 45807

CONGRATULATIONS

to **Nick and Kim White** on the birth of their daughter, **Emma Kate**, who was born on July 11, 2012. Emma weighed 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 18 inches long. **Marty and Kathy White** are the proud grandparents and **A.J., Tim,** and **Zack** are the very proud uncles. Cards will reach Nick and Kim at 4656 Spinnaker Circle, Mentor, OH 44060.



CONGRATULATIONS

to **Aaron Piper and Kim Tidwell**, who were married at St. Paul's on Saturday, August 25, 2012, by Pastor Paul. Aaron is the son of **Tim and Corinne Piper**. Well wishes will reach Aaron and Kim at 1311 E. Sycamore Road, Apt. E, Seymour, IN 47274.



Remember in Prayer



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

Mary LaRue
Esther McKinney
Ruth Shaw
Aric Thompson

Homebound Members

Hazel Dunn
Jean Redd
Helen Scholfield

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

Dorothy Banks
Joanna Hurd
Mary LaRue
Rodney Lee

In the Military & Missions

Jason Stanley



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The People of St. Paul's

Thanks to Pastor Paul for visiting me in the hospital. He was like a "ray of sunshine" on a day I needed it most! Thank you for the beautiful bouquet of flowers I received.

**Blessings to All,
Ruth Shaw**



To Our Church family,
Thank you so much for your kind expressions of sympathy through cards, prayers, words of concerns and gifts in Dave's honor.

At times like this, we remember how much our church family means to us. You are such a great source of strength.

**God Bless,
Larry and Shirley
Moser**

I want to thank everyone so much for all the prayers, cards, etc. received during my first step to recovery. Everything has meant so much to me. I hope you will continue to keep me in your prayers during the remainder of my journey. Again, thank you so much.

Dorothy Banks

Thank you for the flowers, cards and the book. I'm feeling a lot better now.

**Love,
Makayla Bok**

To St. Paul's and Pastor Paul,
During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us. Thank you for your expression of sympathy and the meal following the service.

Wayne E. Sherrick



**Prayer List
Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,
Thank you so much for your donation to the Relay For Life! It was greatly appreciated! The Lima Relay For Life has raised over \$87,000 this year! This money goes to support research, support patients and families, and to prevention efforts. Your support means so much!

**Thanks again!
Cheryl Nagy
Lima Relay For Life**

Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Cookbook

Orange & Cream Whoopie Pies

by Carole Grapner

Ingredients		Instructions
1 box (18.25 oz)	Yellow cake mix	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper. Makes 10 to 15 Whoopie Pies.
3/4 cup	Orange Juice	
1/3 cup	Vegetable oil	In large bowl, combine cake mix, juice, oil, eggs, zest and coloring. Beat with mixer on low for 30 sec. then beat on high for 2 min.
3	Large eggs	
Zest	Of 1 large orange (optional)	Place 2 inch circles of batter on cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 15 min. Cool cookies before filling.
2 drops	Orange food coloring (optional)	
Filling:		Beat shortening and marshmallow cream in a large bowl. Add sugar and vanilla extract. Beat on high for 3 min. or until fluffy. Spread filling (make it thick) on flat side of a cookie then sandwich with the flat side of another cookie. Dust both sides with powdered sugar. For lemon pies, use 1/2 cup lemon juice, 1/4 cup water and lemon zest if desired. For lime pies, use 1/4 cup lime juice, 1/4 cup water and lime zest if desired and green food coloring.
1 cup	Shortening	
2 cups	Marshmallow cream (such as Fluff)	
1 1/2 cups	Powdered sugar, plus extra for dusting cookie tops	
1 tsp.	Vanilla extract	



Country Apple Coffee Cake

by Becky Bean

Ingredients		Instructions
2 Tbl.	Margarine	Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease 9 inch round or 8 inch square pan with 1 Tbl. margarine. Spread 1 cup apples in pan.
1 1/2 cups	Chopped peeled apples	
1 (10 oz.) can	Hungry Jack biscuits	Cut each biscuit into 4 pieces. Arrange biscuit pieces points up over apples. Top with remaining apples.
1/3 cup	Firmly packed brown sugar	
1/4 tsp.	Cinnamon	Combine margarine, brown sugar, cinnamon, corn syrup, and egg. Beat 2-3 minutes or until sugar is partially dissolved. Stir in pecans. Spoon over biscuits.
1/3 cup	Light corn syrup	
1 large	Egg	Bake 35-45 minutes until deep golden brown. Drizzle with glaze.
1/2 cup	Pecan halves	
1/3 cup	Confectioner's sugar	To make glaze: combine confectioner's sugar, vanilla, and milk.
1/4 tsp.	Vanilla	
1-2 tsp.	Milk	



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Living Our Faith

Jesus had a remarkable way of being a friend to every person he met. We sense in him the ability to welcome the stranger, to find the hidden gift in those others called sinners, to strengthen the ability of the loving to love more. He loved some by confronting them with the ways in which they were unloving and exploitative of others. He challenged the hypocritical in those who made it their right to judge others with constant reminders that we not only must not but cannot judge another He found important ways to invite all to discover and cherish the lovable in themselves.



Bell Heard Round the World?

September 21st is known in some circles as the International Day of Peace. It dates back to 1981 when the United Nations declared that the third Tuesday of September, traditionally the start of the sessions for the General Assembly, as a day to focus on peace and to request cease fires around the world. The date was later fixed at September 21. The observance begins with the Secretary-General ringing a bell at the United Nations.

While it is not observed everywhere, the day still stands as a time to request those at war to stop for 24 hours and reflect on what they are doing and why.

As individuals we may not be at war, but we can still use this day to focus on peace: march, pray, write a letter, sing a song, or do something loving for someone you do not like. All of these gestures can create a sense of peace.

