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Dear Friends,

September is the time we return. Teachers and children and college students return to school, many of us return to church after being gone for weekend summer cottages, all of us return to regular work schedules after vacation weeks. The church returns to schedules of regular meetings, Sunday school, and 'regular' worship times. The natural rhythms of our collective lives seem to return so that we have a sense of norm.

I like fall. One of our youth recently told me that she's been doing nothing during August, so that she's become bored, and is ready and looking forward to school starting. She's ready to get into a routine that gives life meaning and purpose, and to see friends she's not seen over summer because of family vacations and distance.

In the church, we can also look forward to returning to the routines and rhythms that give our Christian lives meaning and purpose. The second Sunday in September, we will return to our 10:30AM worship time, and Sunday school will kick off with an open house and a celebration that offers a pot luck lunch on the side lawn and games, culminating in an outdoor praise worship mid-afternoon. The next week we dedicate our choirs in worship, then we will celebrate our Missions on September 27th. We have so much to get this season of returning off to a great start. We will also have our first Focused Living Retreat for members of the congregation who wish to be a part of the ReFocusing of our life together.

So, come back into the rhythms of our Christian life together that give our lives purpose and meaning, and which strengthen us to be sent into our community and the world for the sake of Christ. See you in church.

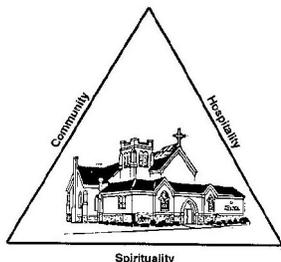
Peace,
Pastor Ruth Solo



Thought for the Month:

For God is at home –
it is we who have gone
out for a walk.

– Meister Eckhart



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September Youth Calendar

September 6, 2009	No Youth
September 13, 2009	Rally Day Activities
September 20, 2009	Homecoming Parade
September 27, 2009	Visit another church



CONFIRMATION CLASS BEGINS

St. Paul's youth will begin confirmation classes with a one day retreat on Saturday, September 12, in the fellowship hall. Parents of those youth involved, and the mentors whom the youth have invited to join them in this important journey, are asked to come for an orientation in the morning. We will follow the curriculum from Cokesbury titled, "Claim the Name," and the youth will be making banners that tell about their walk in faith. We hope to be able to visit worship services at a Jewish temple, a Catholic mass, an Episcopal service, and an African Methodist Episcopal church. These traditions inform us about our rich heritage as Christians and as United Methodists. Be prepared to be invited to become a mentor. If you would like to help with the trips to other churches or with the sessions, please contact Pastor Ruth. We will celebrate the young peoples' faith and bring them into membership in the church on Sunday, November 1.



Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

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



CHANGE IS COMING

Have you noticed how long our announcements have taken on Sunday mornings when we are on our regular worship schedule? While it is wonderful to be an active church family, and we want to offer information about what is going on in the life of the church, it sometimes takes up to 10 minutes or more for all announcements. The Administrative Council discussed how to make announcement time less intrusive on worship and has agreed to begin announcements at 25 minutes after the hour when we return to our regular worship schedule on September 13. That means that announcements will begin at 10:25AM on Sunday mornings. We hope this will allow us the time we need for worship.

We understand that this decision may cause some anxiety for some groups in the church. However, rather than shorten our worship, we decided to expand our time on the front end of the service. We will assess how this new time is working in December. If you have comments after we begin the new time, please write them down and turn them in to the office to be a part of the assessment.

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BODY RECALL CLASS

You too can return to school this fall. Come to Body Recall class and join other like minded people who want to recall their bodies to flexibility and strength.

WHY: It is a public wellness program of activities to benefit all people with an improved quality of life through body movement that is pain free. The class has been happening at Lima Trinity Church since 1995. We still have several charter members. We have fitness and fun. Bring a friend

Growing Disciple Makers

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along too.

WHERE: Lima Trinity UMC (301 W Market St, Lima) 3rd floor gym

WHEN: Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 9:00-10:00 a.m. beginning September 14 continuing until November 20, 2009

WHAT: The fee is \$42 for the 10 week session of 30 classes. Requirements are buying the textbook, wearing comfortable clothes and walking shoes with a desire to improve your health and physical well-being.

Further questions call Jane Hankins 419.991.8501.

Daily comfort for those who grieve

If you or someone you know is grieving the loss of a friend or family member, here is a wonderful resource that will give you a daily word of comfort and hope. A ministry called Griefshare will send you a daily e-mail that is caring, sensitive, and thoroughly Biblical. And it's free with no catch.

Go to www.griefshare.org. On the welcome page, in the top left corner, is an envelope that reads —A Season of Grief: Daily Emails. Click it, type in your e-mail address, and you'll begin receiving a daily note that will become a lifeline for you in your loss.

Upcoming Events for St. Paul's

Once again we are asked to contribute school and health kits to individuals in need both locally and elsewhere. Contributors must complete their kit(s) by Sunday, **September 27, 2009**, Mission Sunday at St. Paul's. Kits will be divided between local relief agencies and the West Ohio Conference's October 'Festival of Sharing' for distribution outside our immediate area. Contents for each kit are printed in this newsletter at right. 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 27. Thank you!

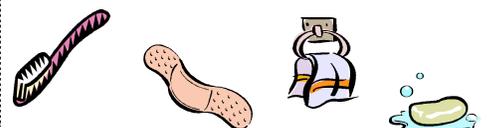


SCHOOL KITS

- 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**—processing & shipping kits
- 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**—processing & shipping kits
- Seal kit in a **gallon size ziplock bag** and place in the box at the altar.



Collecting thru September 27th "Missions Sunday"

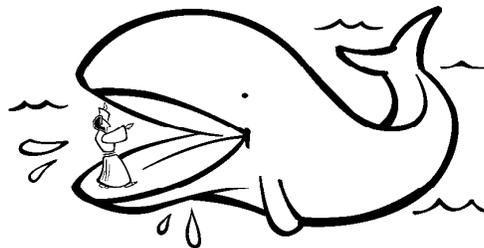
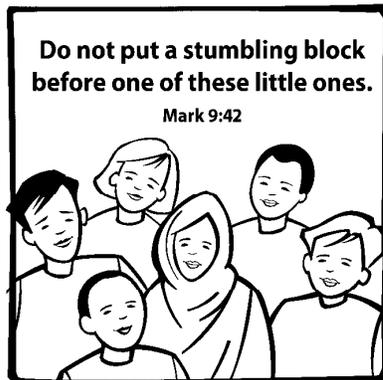
The Heart of Church

Greeters

September 6	Steve, Tracy, & Tahler Sdao
September 13	Ruth Burgoon & Susan Nartker
September 20	Brian & Angie Nartker
September 27	Dan & Margie Best

Nursery Volunteers

September 6	Volunteer Needed
September 13	Volunteer Needed
September 20	Volunteer Needed
September 27	Volunteer Needed



A special opportunity lies ahead for those that attend St. Paul's worship service. What it doesn't require is singing in the choir, being the liturgist, giving the message, ushering, greeting people, or working in the nursery. What it does require is praying. By yourself. In the bridesroom. Let me explain.

We have different types of prayer happening at church. There is a group that prays specifically for the congregation and those on the prayer list each week. There is a couple that is ready to open the church and aid with emergency prayers (ex. 911). And now, there is hope to have a person actively praying during the Sunday service.

The person that prays for the 10:30 a.m. service would sit by him/herself in the bridesroom. A speaker allows that person to hear the service. Prayers would be given for the musicians, the choir director, choir members, special music, the lay leader, the liturgist, the ushers, the nursery attendants, the minister, and anyone else involved.

It would be great to have enough people step forward to do this simple task so that we can rotate turns. If this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact me by phone, 419-339-3591 or email, jawyant@woh.rr.com.



Jan Wyant

Children's Worship (Conducted During the Worship Hour)

1st Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story
2nd Sunday of Each Month	Steve Moser—Story Slone Whetstone—Children's Church
3rd Sunday of Each Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Angie & Brian Nartker—Children's Church
4th Sunday of Each Month	Corinne Piper—Story & Children's church
5th Sunday of The Month	Pastor Ruth—Story Steve Moser—Children's Church

The Business of Church

GET READY TO REFOCUS YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

After a year of preparation by Pastor Ruth and training and preparation by four of our leaders, Tim and Corinne Piper, Linda Craft, and Dan Best, we are finally ready to offer the Focused Living Retreat to members of our leadership and congregation.

There will be two opportunities for you to participate in the Focused Living Retreats. The first opportunity will be **Saturday, September 26**, from 8:30am to 5pm, and **Sunday, September 27**, from 3 to **6pm**. The second opportunity will be **Friday, October 16**, from 7 to 9:30pm, and **Saturday, October 17**, from 8:30am to 5pm. Finally, there will be a third Focused Living Retreat when one is held for the youth.

So, clear your calendar for one of these two weekends, and come discover how God has been actively involved in your life as you create your “post-it note life line”, your personal biblical purpose statement of why you are here, list the core values out of which you personally function and interact in the world, and then develop your own personal vision statement of where God is leading you. It’s an event well worth the time you give it. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway next to the pastor’s office.

In other words, true spiritual transformation is more likely to occur when we “act into belief” rather than when we try to “believe into action.”

– Bill Phipps

Book of Timothy



Committee Chairs

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Faith In Action

Worship Attendance:

July 26, 2009	89
August 2, 2009	103
August 9, 2009	111
August 16, 2009	105
August 23, 2009	94

Financial Giving
Weekly Need for
Unified Ministry Budget
\$3,466.00



Unified Ministry Giving:		Other:
July 26, 2009	\$2,668.86	\$202.00
Aug. 2, 2009	\$3,906.16	\$925.31
Aug. 9, 2009	\$4,733.97	\$356.00
Aug. 16, 2009	\$2,459.00	\$496.00
Aug. 23, 2009	\$1,772.25	\$771.60

Jesus calls us to welcome a child in his name. The St. Paul's Mission Committee is asking our congregation to participate in the United Methodist Children's Home "\$5 on the 5th" fund raising effort. Two "Fifth Sundays" remain in 2009: August 30 and November 29. Please consider a \$5 pledge to support Ohio's children on these two dates by using the special blue U.M.C.H. envelope in the pew racks or on the window sills or simply designate \$5 on your regular church envelope as "\$5 on the 5th" along with your regular pledge amount. Thank



Sunday School Attendance	
July 26, 2009	N/A
August 2, 2009	N/A
August 9, 2009	N/A
August 16, 2009	N/A
August 23, 2009	N/A

Flowers:

- | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|
| September 6, 2009 | Lynda Evans |
| September 13, 2009 | Gary and Janet Grigg |
| September 20, 2009 | Don and Mary Irvin |
| September 27, 2009 | Bill and Esther McKinney |



Consulting the Manual



Jesus said, "Really, what profit is there for you to gain the whole world and lose yourself in the process?"

— Mark 8:36, *The Voice*



Bible Readings for September Revised Common Lectionary Year B

Week of September 6

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm 125

New Testament:

James 2:1-10, 14-17

Mark 7:24-37

Week of September 13

Grandparents' Day

Color: Green

Old Testament:

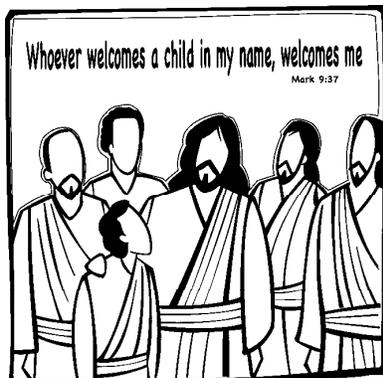
Proverbs 1:20-33

Psalm 19

New Testament:

James 3:1-12

Mark 8:27-38



Week of September 20

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Proverbs 31:10-31

Psalm 1

New Testament:

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mark 9:30-37

Week of September 27

Christian Education Sunday

Color: Green

Old Testament:

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

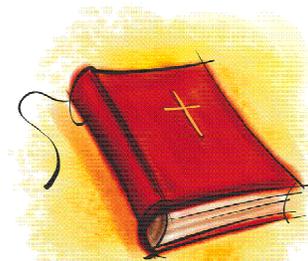
Psalm 124

New Testament:

James 5:13-20

Mark 9:38-50

For more detailed information on the Revised Common Lectionary, please visit:
www.gbod.org



The Work

Food Pantry Collections for July and August

The generosity of the people of St. Paul's Church continues. Each month we, as a congregation of believers, continue to fill our collection boxes for the Five Loaves Food Pantry. We are in the midst of hard economic times with many people losing their jobs and finding it hard to make ends meet. Your generosity has helped many to feed their families. The highlights of our **July and August giving** are 19 boxes of macaroni & cheese, 27 boxes of cereal, 27 cans of soup, 21 cans of pasta, 16 cans of vegetables, 5 boxes of Kleenex, 8 boxes of prepared food, 4 boxes of pudding or Jello and an assortment of other items.

Praise God!



The biggest mistake in religion in the modern era has been to confuse “the word of God” with human words or textual words in a book. If “the word was in the beginning,” then clearly the WORD is bigger than human words or textual words. It preceded all words by about 14 billion years!

— *Matthew Fox*

ST. PAUL'S COMMUNITY SURVEY

A few people have signed up to help with the community survey. We will only be able to survey a small section of the Elida community because of the number of helpers we have. But, we hope that we will still get a good idea of how St. Paul's can best serve the community with outreach, mission, and availability. If you are still considering whether you should help with this important survey, please plan to come to the meeting on September 8 at 6:30pm. We will decide which area of the village to survey and assign sections of that area to those who agree to participate. This work is important as we move into the Focused Ministry phase of the ReFocus process. We appreciate those who have signed up and agreed to help

The **Family Promise** program has been in operation now for 18 months. The program has helped 21 families for a total of 78 individuals. Of the 78 individuals, 43 were under the age of 18. Of the 21 families, there have been nine positive housing outcomes. The goal is to stay in the program no more than 90 days; our average length of stay was 64 days. From these statistics, it is obvious the program is a success!

Immanuel UMC hosts the families four weeks out of the year. They hosted the last week of August. St. Paul's UMC is in partnership with Immanuel UMC for this project. We appreciate the help of everyone in continuing to make this mission project a success. **Our next scheduled week is the week of Christmas. For those of you who are able, please mark your calendars to help. The program is really working. Thank you all for your help!**

Celebrating Rally Day...



September 13, 2009
Come celebrate!



Family Fun

Picnic Lunch...

The Nurture Committee is planning the menu for the Rally Day Picnic Lunch following the worship service on Rally Day scheduled for September 13, 2009. Members of the committee will provide sloppy joe sandwiches and the drink. We are asking each family to please provide two dishes. This could be one hot side dish and one salad or dessert. Thank you!

Sunday, September 13, 2009 is Rally Sunday and you're invited! Help us spread the word - if you know anyone who is familiar with St. Paul's, looking for a church, or simply interested in a day of fun fellowship - tell them about Rally Sunday! We'd love for you to join us and bring your family, friends, and neighbors.

What to Bring:

- A main dish and side dish for the carry-in picnic lunch
- Lawn chairs for you and your family
- Outdoor games you want to share

9:15 Open House, Refreshments, and Activities

10:30 Worship Service in the Sanctuary

12:00 Carry-in Picnic Lunch

1:00 Outdoor Games and Activities

3:00 Outdoor All-Music Praise and Worship Service

COME JOIN THE CELEBRATION!!!



News



Relay for Life News September

St. Paul's UMC has completed another year as a Relay for Life Team sponsor. We collected \$2,240.31 toward our goal of \$2500. Thanks to all who donated money, helped with the many projects we held during the year, and prayed for our success. We continue to offer garden produce for a donation after church each Sunday near the church office.

There will be a planning meeting for St. Paul's Relay for Life Team 2010 on Wednesday, September 2, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the church Koinonia Classroom. Team member signup will take place as well as planning for another year of Relay. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please come to the meeting or see Linda Holman.



A friend is one to whom one may pour out all the contents of one's heart, chaff and grain together, knowing that the gentlest of hands will take and sift it, keep what is worth keeping and with a breath of kindness blow the rest away.

– Arabian proverb



Coffee, Tea, & Conversation

Grab your mug and come join us. Beginning in September, the Nurture Committee will introduce a welcome center to offer hospitality to visitors and our church family. Members of the Nurture Committee will host the month of September, sharing the gift of hospitality by offering a friendly smile and a filled cup of coffee or tea. The welcome center, located in the Narthex, will be available prior to worship service. The committee's plan is to have various groups — Sunday School classes, youth, and choir members, to name a few — join in sharing this gift of hospitality by volunteering to host at the center. Please sign your name on the month that works best for your group. A calendar will be located on the bulletin board in the hallway. Thank you in advance for your service to the Lord.

Table Grace

Loving God of all people,
may we always
stop to thank you
for the goodness
that is around us.
Bless this food,
and bless your people
to serve you in the world.
Amen.



Some Thoughts

Singing God's Song

The song "We Shall Not Be Moved" – or, in its Spanish version, "No Nos Moveran" – is reminiscent of Psalm 1. "Just like a tree standing by the water, we shall not be moved," goes the song, echoing Psalm 1:3: "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper."

Psalm 1 introduces the whole book, and in some scholars' eyes it sets the tone for the volume. The psalmist tells us that there are two ways to go – the way of the righteous or the way of the wicked. The first can lead us to life in God's presence, the second to perishing.

This does not speak of punishment so much as it speaks of simple reality. Like directions on the highway, if you take a wrong turn you end up in the wrong place. Not punishment, just reality.

The song "We Shall not be Moved" conjures up a similar sense. It began its life in English in North Carolina, sung by striking workers. Translated into Spanish it became very popular in Spain. However, the song was seen as being too political and was banned from public singing there for over 40 years.

In 1979 U.S. folksinger Joan Baez sang the song in Spain on a television show, the first person who dared to sing it. The reaction was varied, but most people in the audience were simply in shock. How could she do this? How could she proclaim this message that had been banned for so long?

There are times when we are called to proclaim God's message – however unpopular it might be. There are times when we are called to dare a public outcry and proclaim a message of righteousness, truth, and justice in the face of opposition.

It can be scary. It can be dangerous. On the other hand, it can be the path that leads to righteousness, too.



The revelation of God is whole,
and pulls our lives together.
The signposts of God are clear
and point out the right road.
The life-maps of God are right,
showing the way to joy.
The directions of God are plain
and easy on the eyes.

– *Psalm 19:7-8, The Message*

A college drama group presented a play in which one character would stand on a trap door and announce, "I descend into hell!"

A stagehand below would then pull a rope, the trapdoor would spring, and the actor would drop from view.

The play was well received. When the actor playing the part became ill, another actor who was quiet overweight took his place. When the new actor announced, "I descend into hell!" the stagehand pulled the rope, and the actor began his plunge, but became hopelessly stuck. No amount of tugging on the rope could make him descend.

One student in the balcony jumped up and yelled: "Hallelujah! Hell is full!"

Remember When...



Church Dinner
1990



Top: John and Betty Holmes, Ruth Hurley
Right: Calvin and Maxine Cook



Confirmation Class Trip to Cincinnati
1991

Front: Linda Craft, Jaime Koch, Jennifer Gossard, Christie Steiner

Back: Gene Craft, Rev. Eric McGlade, Roger Matlock, Zach Broshes, Nate Craft

Cherub Choir
1992

Front: Caitlin McGlade, Amanda Crates, Lindsey Reiff, Aaron Thompson, David Segovia

Back: Angela Gossard, Cari Metzger, Ashley Reiff, Tara Thompson, Chelsea Bowsher, Jonathan Cook



Connecting With ...

*If you have not done so already, please stop in the Narthex and visit our **new library!** You'll notice that the shelves are not nearly as full as they were. Our church is planning a **book sale** to sell the discarded library materials as well as any other books that members of our congregation would like to get rid of. If you're interested in helping prepare for or work at the book sale, or if you have materials to donate to the sale, please let **Steve Moser** know. All proceeds from the book sale will be used to purchase new materials to further improve our library. The book sale is scheduled for **October 24, 2009.***



*The **Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) Community Action Commission** is offering energy saving renovations for households in our county, including insulation of attics, sidewalls, and crawlspaces, along with addressing the reduction of air infiltration into the home. Upon inspection, if the home can be insulated, heating units will also be checked, repaired, and in some situations, replaced. In many cases, these services may be provided cost free. Funding is provided through the State of Ohio's Office of Community Services. Weatherization services are offered to both homeowners and renters (with landlord permission), for those with qualifying annual income levels. Applications are available to interested households by contacting the HHWP Community Action Commission at 419-423-3755 or 1-800-423-4303 and asking for the Weatherization Program. Information is also listed on our web site at www.hhwpcac.org or from the State of Ohio at www.development.ohio.gov/cdd/ocs/hwap.*



Recovering from Surgery or in the Hospital

- Molly Fessler
- Oliver Fessler
- Mary Grigsby
- Cindy Guess
- Don Irvin

Homebound Members

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

Those in Need of Healing, Support, Strength & Encouragement

- Sara House
- June Metzger
- Rick Scholfield

Chancel Choir Begins
September 10 at 7:30 PM

Bell choir Begins
September 17 at 6:15 PM

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www.umcom.org

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

The People of St. Paul's

*To our church family,
The words "Thank you"
seems so small to cover
what we feel in our
hearts. Knowing you were
lifting Don in your
prayers and thoughts,
sustained, strengthened,
and brought us comfort.
As close as Don came to
not making it through, we
know God was with him.*

*As Don said
"I know someone was
watching over me."
Thank you again for
your thoughts, cards,
prayers and flowers.*

*Sincerely,
Don and Maedene
Holmes*

*Thank you to my St.
Paul's family for all your
prayers, concerns,
flowers, cards, and phOne
calls during my recovery
from back surgery.*

*Thank you to
Pastor Ruth for her
hospital visit.*

Don Irvin

*Dear St. Paul's Family,
Thanks so much for the
cards, prayers, flowers,
and Pastor Ruth's prayer
during my recent
surgery.*

*In God's name,
Cindy Guess*

*To Our Friends
at St. Paul's,
Thank you for the many
cards and remembrances
during the death of
Charles "Doc" Rabley. He
was a World War II
warrior who served our
country well. Although
during his life he never
talked about the
7 invasions he
encountered, he
recounted memories to us
on his death bed. We will
never forget him. We
appreciate each of you.*

Carl and Lois Rabley

*Our sympathy to
Don and Maedene Holmes
on the death of Maedene's
aunt, Claudia Rothrock,
who passed away on
July 29, 2009, in
Ramsey, Indiana.*



**Prayer List Updates
Please Contact
Lavonne Segovia**

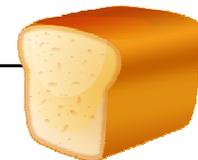


Featured Recipes from St. Paul's Younger Generation

Sweet Potato Bread

by Jennifer (Piper) Kinney

Ingredients		Instructions
2 pkg.	active dry yeast	<p>In a large mixing bowl, dissolve yeast in warm water. Add sweet potato, 1/2 cup butter, honey, egg, salt, brown sugar, vanilla, and whole wheat flour. Beat until smooth; stir in enough all purpose flour to form a soft dough.</p> <p>Turn onto a floured surface; knead until smooth and elastic, about 6-8 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise in warm place until doubled, about 1 hour.</p> <p>Punch down dough. Turn onto a lightly floured surface; divide in half. Shape into loaves; place in two greased 9x5x3-inch loaf pans. Cover; let rise until doubled, about 25 minutes.</p> <p>Bake at 375 degrees for 40-45 minutes or until golden brown. (Cover loosely with foil if top browns too quickly.)</p> <p>Remove from pans to wire racks. Melt remaining butter; brush over warm bread. Cool.</p>
1 3/4 cups	warm water (110-115 degrees)	
1 cup	mashed sweet potatoes (without butter or milk added)	
1/2 cup plus 1 Tbl.	butter, softened, divided	
1/2 cup	honey	
1 tsp.	vanilla	
1/4 cup	brown sugar	
1	egg	
2 tsp.	salt	
1 1/2 cups	whole wheat flour	
4 3/4—5 cups	all purpose flour	



Crispy Baked Pesto Chicken

By Christie (Steiner) Lewis

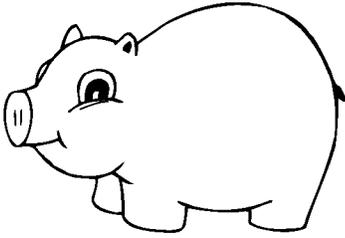
Ingredients		Instructions
4 small	boneless skinless chicken breast halves (1 lb.)	<p>Preheat oven to 400 degrees.</p> <p>Coat chicken with coating mix. Place in 8-inch square baking dish. Bake 20 min. or until chicken is cooked through (165 degrees).</p> <p>Top chicken with pesto; sprinkle with cheese. Bake an additional 5 min. or until cheese is melted and lightly browned.</p> <p>Serve with hot cooked rice and steamed vegetables.</p>
1 pkg.	Shake 'N Bake chicken coating mix	
2 Tbsp.	pesto	
1/4 cup	shredded mozzarella cheese	



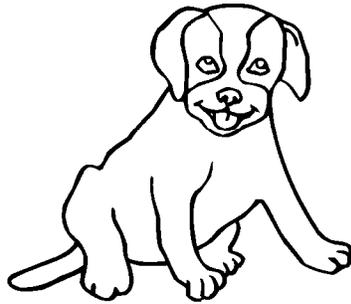
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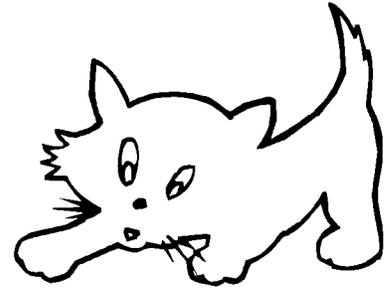
All parents try to teach their children. Animals teach their babies. Unscramble the words to find the names of these baby animals.



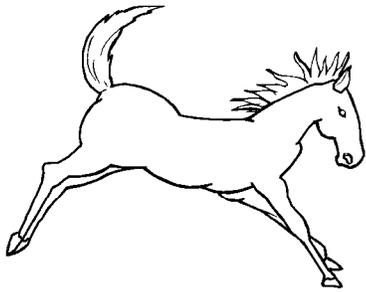
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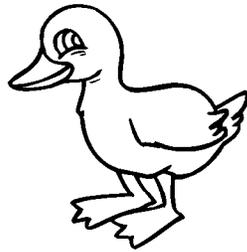
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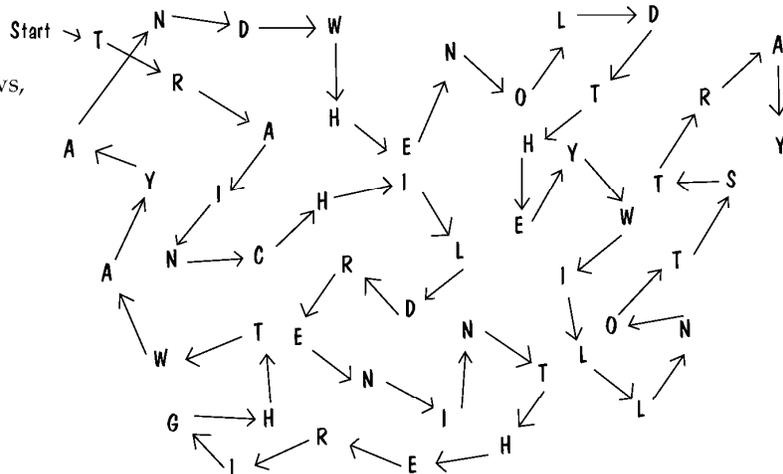


N B U Y N

Answer: Piglet, puppy, kitten, foal, duckling, bunny

Hidden Message

Start with T and, following the arrows, write each letter in the blanks.



Answer: Train children in the right way and when old, they will not stray.

Proverbs 22:6

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Living Our Faith

A child was asked to write down what they knew from the Bible. Here are some excerpts:

- In the beginning, which occurred near the start, there was nothing but God, darkness, and some gas. The Bible says, "The Lord thy God is one," but I think He must be a lot older than that . . .
- After Noah came Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Jacob was more famous than his brother, Esau, because Esau sold Jacob his birthmark in exchange for some pot roast.

Jacob had a son named Joseph who wore a really loud sports coat . . .

- During his life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans.
- Jesus also had 12 opossums. The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

– Source Unknown

Church Bloopers

The associate minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: "I upped my pledge — Now up yours."

The senior choir invites any member of the congregation who enjoys sinning to join the choir.

Our Thanks to Bill Weaver!

