

St. Paul's News

February 2017



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

Happy February! As we enter this month I give thanks for our church family and the many ways that we continue to be in ministry and mission with one another. February is gearing up to be an exciting month here at St. Paul's. The Chili Cook-Off will be returning on February 19th. Start practicing your recipes now!

In our worship service we will be spending February discussing John 1:29-51. At the beginning of this scripture we get this experience of John the Baptist, "The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' ³⁰This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' ³²And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and

remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'" (John 1:29-34). John the Baptist is able to proclaim the good news of who Jesus is in the world and in his life. And we will be discussing how we to might be better prepared to share the good news of Christ with those we encounter daily.

The second half of this scripture is the gospel of John's version of the calling of the disciples. One of my favorite parts of this story is how Jesus keeps inviting new disciples to simply "come and see" what he is about. It is a simple invitation that invited them to experience the life-changing power of Christ. We will be talking about how that invitation is still available to us today and how we might invite others to come and see Christ at work in their lives as well.

Be sure to join us this month as we explore this story in depth. It is my hope and prayer that through this scripture we might continue our journeys of faith in Christ as well as be equipped to invite and welcome others on the path of faith, hope, and love of Christ.

*Peace,
Pastor Hannah*



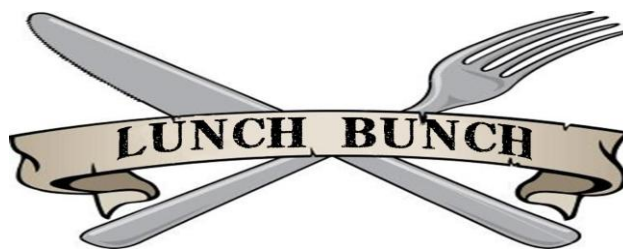
Special February Birthdays



2-24 Bernard Eley

2-26 Lois Payne

If you are over 80 and would like your birthday listed, contact the church office



Tuesday

Lunch Bunch

(This is for men & women)

***Smokey's Family Restaurant
Republic OH***

February 28, 2017


Contact Kathy Daniel for details

419-448-8418



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar any time during the year, please call the church office at (419) 447-1743.





Mission Report

January Mission Giving:

***Third Sunday Ingathering Offering-
\$170.00 (First Call for Help distributes
these funds to those in need in our
community.)***

***Human Relations Day Offering-\$182.00
This offering helps to build community
across all races and peoples. It is a
United Methodist Volunteer Services
Program which helps promote
relationships with local community
organizations. It also supports Youth
Offender Rehabilitation Programs.***

***Blanket & Tool Sunday will be Sunday
February 12th. Inserts will be provided on
February 5th with information about
Church World Service and their needs.
Blankets and Tools are distributed to
countries all over the world for disaster
relief. Please make a donation to
support their work! Special offering
envelopes will be included in your
bulletin on February 12th.***

- Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Table Favor Committee

**Table Favor Committee will be meeting
on February 7th at 1:15 pm. to prepare
favors for February and March.
Residents at Friedman Village and
Seneca House appreciate the favors we
prepare each month. If you would like to
help, please contact Kathy Daniel (419)
448-8418**



FEBRUARY ACOLYTES

**2-5-17 Conner McGinnis & Krystal Lawrence
2-12-17 Allison Johnson & Wyatt Crow
2-19-17 Carter & AJ Lindhorst
2-26-17 Courtney McGinnis & Wyatt Crow**

***If your son or daughter is in Third Grade
and older and would like to acolyte, please
contact Jill Lindhorst at 419-443-0273
Please consider helping us!***





Janet Rennels would like to Thank everyone for the continued cards, calls, and prayers!



**Sunday February 19th after
Sunday School!**

**Bring your best chili recipe
and strive to be crowned St.
Paul's Chili Champion! Or
simply gather and enjoy some
of the best chili St. Paul's has
to offer!**



TRUSTEE REPORT

Trustee board members have acquired a city grant to help with the repairs to the educational roof. Gary Arnold continues to seek quotes for the replacement of the church's main roof. More shingles have fallen off the roof, and Rich Kinstler has done some caulking to try and help with this issue. Gary replaced the bulbs in the fellowship hall with LED ones. John Patterson has been busy painting the doors inside the church. A clean up day is being planned for in the spring. If you see something that needs cleaned, painted, or repaired please let Gary Arnold know. Sweeping and Cleaning continues each week with Rich, Duane and Jean Hoffert Marilou Hill and John Patterson. We welcome all who can spare an hour each week to help with these tasks. -Marilou Hill,

-Marilou Hill, Secretary





Administrative Council

Meeting Highlights

Shirley Smith was unable to attend the meeting, so Bill Daniel led the meeting. He opened with Devotions on Peter walking on the water and stepping out of our comfort zone. The meeting was opened with prayer by Bill also.

Finance report: There were roughly 63 identifiable givers in 2015 we were down to 60 in 2016, with an increased loss of almost \$9000 vs \$4000 the year before. We did spend less in 2016, and Rich and Sandy are doing all they can to reduce expenses. For the year 2017 as with most people hospitalization costs have increased significantly for Pastor Hannah the cost is now the same for a single person as it is for a family.

Trustee report: Trustees met last week they had applied for a city grant to repair the educational wing roof, that grant was approved on Jan 17, 2017. They will pay for 50% of the cost. The quote submitted was for 9,890.00. The Gym roof also needs repair, but they don't have a second quote in place yet. John Patterson has been busy painting the interior and exterior doors. Led lamps were recommended to cut down on energy costs,

and have been replaced in the sanctuary and other areas already, with more to come. We are still working on a quote for the main roof replacement, and there have been more shingles come off, Rich was able to get up on the roof and liquid nail them into place for a temporary fix.

Education Committee report: Christmas program was a success. There are only 3 more lessons and Youth Club will be holding their closing program for the year, attendance has been consistent.

It was noted that Rich Kinstler has resigned as chair of the Sharing Kitchen Board. The board will meet in Feb and discuss who will be taking on this role.

Youth Report: There will be a district lock-in March 10-11th some of the teens will be going. They are planning a Spaghetti Dinner for March 19th after Sunday school. Donations will be helpful and they will be asking for them soon. The Youth will also be doing a drive for the Humane Society and will be collecting items they need for the animals. This will take place in late March or early April. Financial donations will also be accepted, the youth will be responsible for taking the items to the shelter and donating them.

Pastor Hannah's report: We will be holding the chili cook off on February 19th after Sunday school. Chris Armstrong will be organizing the event. Lent begins on March 1st this year. We will hold Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday Services together with Faith UMC. They will host Ash Wednesday and we will host Maundy Thursday. I will be offering a

Lent Bible study probably on Wednesday nights starting on March 8th more information and topic to come.

There was not any unfinished business to discuss.

New Business: Ginny Faeth will be going on a mission trip to Cork Ireland from July 21st-31st of this year along with Youth from Collins UMC. She is in need of donations to help her get there. She needs to raise 2971.00 to cover the trip. There is a payment due of 1500.00 by Feb 1st. We will be putting inserts in the bulletin to try and get the word out for her. There will be a Spaghetti Dinner at Collins UMC on March 4th at 6:30 pm to help raise money for the Youth that are going on the mission trip.

Meeting was adjourned, next meeting set for February 23rd, 2017 at 7:00 pm.



Newsletter deadline for the March Newsletter is February 17, 2017.

Please **email** to secretary@tiffinstpauls.org

