St. Paul's News

JANUARY 2017

From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

Happy New Year! As we begin a New Year together it is my hope and prayer that 2017 might be a year where we grow closer to God, and grow in service to our community and one another. Often the New Year is a time for making new commitments and beginning new practices. I encourage you to think of new ways that you might grow in following Christ during this New Year. Perhaps you may want to commit to reading scripture daily or being present in worship each Sunday. Or you could decide to serve another person each day or be more generous with what you have. No matter what you decide, I urge you to recommit yourself to following Christ this year.

As you join us for worship this January, following our celebrating of the New Year and the Baptism of Jesus, we will spend a few weeks looking at the beginning of 1 Corinthians. This letter guides us even to this day as we seek to live in community with one another.

So as we begin 2017 I share with you this prayer for the New Year written by Maren C. Tirabassi from our United Methodist Book of Worship.

Creative God, you make all things new in heaven and on earth. We come to you in a new year with new desires and old fears, new decisions and old controversies, new dreams and old weaknesses. Because you are a God of hope, we know that you create all the possibilities of the future.



Because you are a God of love,

we know that you accept all the mistakes of

the past.

Because you are the God of our faith,

we enter your gates with thanksgiving and

praise,

we come into your presence with gladness and

a joyful noise,

and we serve and bless you. Amen.

Peace,

Pastor Hannah

Altar Flowers

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



Special January Birthdays



1-20 Janet Rennels

1-23 Shirley Counselman

1-27 Mina Huston

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



January 24^{th,} 2017 TJ Willies

Contact Kathy Daniel for details

419-448-8418





December Mission Giving:

Christmas Special Envelope donations will support First Call for Help's heating Fund and Morrison House of Tiffin Offering Total: \$1085.00

Alternate poinsettia donations for Sharing Kitchen\$ 81.00 The Landing Teen Program \$27.50

Thanks to the congregation for all of your generous donations this holiday season!!

We appreciate the volunteers who were available to work in the Sharing Kitchen on December 22!

- Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee





Table Favor Committee

Table Favor Committee will not be meeting in January. We are planning on a work session in February. We will begin working on favors to use during the spring months.

JANUARY ACOLYTES

1-1-17 Conner McGinnis & Ryann Arnold 1-8-17 Allison Johnson & Carter Lindhorst 1-15-17 Robbie Lindhorst & Sofia Paradiso 1-22-17 Carter & AJ Lindhorst 1-29-17 Courtney McGinnis & Remington Arnold



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!





Thank you for your generous Christmas gift! It is much appreciated, Thank you for welcoming me into your church family this past year, it has been a pleasure to getting to know many of you! Please don't hesitate to stop by and say hello or ask for assistance I am always here to help out!!

-Teresa Nartker

We would like to extend a special Thanks to our church family, for all of the love and support, prayers, cards, calls, food, clothes, and money! The blessings keep coming and are appreciated!

-Sandy and Fred Ritter

Thank you to all those that faithfully come each week and help keep our church, clean and looking nice!! We appreciate all of our volunteers, and are always looking for an extra pair of willing hands, many hands make light work!!

-St. Paul's Trustees



I've Been Wondering

Check out our new blog site (<u>www.tiffinstpauls.wordpress.com</u>) to see some of the answers to questions member of our community have asked through "I've Been Wondering." We will also share new answers on our facebook page. If you have a question for "I've Been Wondering" email Pastor Hannah (<u>tuckerhe1@gmail.com</u>)







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<u>Newsletter deadline for the February</u> <u>Newsletter is January 20^{th,} 2017.</u>

Please email to secretary@tiffinstpauls.org

