

# St. Paul's News

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JUNE 2017



**St. Paul's,**

**Happy June! It's hard to believe that it is already summer time. Here at church with the start of June we will also be celebrating Pentecost. In many ways Pentecost is the day that we celebrate the birthday of the church. It is the day that we read from Acts 2 and learn of the early church who had gathered for the Jewish festival of Pentecost. As they gathered the Holy Spirit descended on the people and many began speaking in different languages. This allowed all those gathered to hear about Jesus in their own language. We are told that about 3,000 people came to believe in Jesus on this day. As Christians today we celebrate**

**the continuing presence and work of the Holy Spirit among us on Pentecost.**

**Following the celebration of Pentecost on June 4<sup>th</sup>, we enter into the season of Pentecost as**

**a church. This is traditionally the season of the church year we focus on learning the faith and practicing Christian life. We will begin this at St. Paul's this summer by spending four weeks discussing The Apostles' Creed in worship. You may be familiar with the Apostles' Creed from saying it in worship or perhaps you had to memorize it as a youth. But we will take time to learn about what we are proclaim we believe when we recite the Apostles' Creed and how that impacts our lives.**

**It is my hope that you will join us in worship this summer.**

**I also ask that you continue to pray for our church, our community and our world as we seek to live out our faith by serving and loving Jesus Christ and one another each and every day.**  
**Peace,**  
**Pastor Hannah**



## *Special Birthdays!*



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

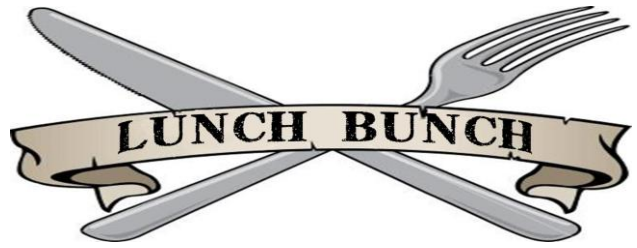


### **Table Favor Committee**

*We will be meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm to assemble patriotic favors for the months of June and July.*



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



**Tuesday  
Lunch Bunch  
(This is for men & women)**

**June 27, 2017  
12:00 pm**

**Contact Marilyn Hutchins  
for details**

**419-447-9720**





# **Mission Report**

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## **May Mission Giving:**

### ***Third Sunday Ingathering***

**Offering \$129.00**

***(First Call for Help distributes these funds to those in need in our community.)***

**Native American Sunday Offering  
\$236.00.**

***We collected money during the month of May to purchase items to prepare health kits. These kits will be taken to Annual Conference at Lakeside this month. The Missions Committee voted to send \$125.00 from the Leanne Wolff Charitable Trust Fund at the same time to be used for flood bucket supplies. Both of these projects are for UMCOR. On May 14<sup>th</sup> we collected \$82.00 for health kits. A Complete report will be given in July. Thanks for your support!***

***REMINDER: The Sharing Kitchen guests continue to need donations of canned goods. A box for your donation is set up in the Fellowship Hall. Canned soups, canned pastas with meat, tuna or chicken, and fruits are appreciated!! Thanks to those who have donated.***

***-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee***



***On Sunday May 22nd, our District Superintendent, Rev. Doug Lewis, attended worship to make the following announcement. It is expected that effective July 1, 2017 Bishop Tracy Malone will reappoint Pastor Hannah to serve at St. Paul's for another year. Pastor Hannah will be serving at St. Paul's at 85% time. She will also serve at Melmore UMC for 15% time. She will be provide administrative and visitation support at Melmore as well as preaching and leading worship there six times during the year. If you have questions about this new arraignment please contact the church.***





## THANK YOU!! ACOLYTES

A BIG THANK YOU GOES OUT TO  
THE FOLLOWING YOUTH FOR  
THEIR SERVICE AS ACOLYTES  
THIS YEAR!!!

Remington Arnold  
Ryann Arnold  
Wyatt Crow  
Allison Johnson  
Krystal Lawrence  
AJ Lindhorst  
Carter Lindhorst  
Robbie Lindhorst  
Courtney McGinnis  
Conner McGinnis  
Sofia Paradiso

*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!*

## CONGRATS GRADS!!!!!!



***On Sunday May 22nd we  
celebrated our college and high  
school graduates during the  
worship service. Please keep our  
graduates in prayer as they move  
onto the next step in their lives.  
Our 2017 graduates are:***

***Brandon Couch, Columbian  
Brandy Gabrielson, Columbian  
Maria Gerber, Heidelberg  
Cheyanne Heyman, Columbian  
Jeffrey Morehart, Columbian  
Malik Myers, North Central  
Gabe Parrish, Hopewell-Loudon  
Liz Runion, Terra State  
Sarah Runion, Ohio State  
Gina Smith, Columbian  
Megan Somodi, Eastern Michigan  
Tori Vaché, Columbian***







**Our church clean up day was successful! The rain hampered our outside work, but much was accomplished on the inside!**

- **The sanctuary pews were all cleaned with Murphy's Oil Soap.**
- **The gym and small offset rooms were cleaned and organized.**
- **Curtains were hung in the Secretaries Office.**
- **Miscellaneous repairs were done throughout the church.**
- **The youth room in the basement was cleaned and re-arranged.**

**The Friday before the clean-up day the alley side of the church was cleaned avoiding the rainy Saturday!**

**There is always something to repair, clean, or organize in our beautiful large church!**

**Many Thanks to all those who helped with the clean-up day! Another clean-up day is being planned for in the fall.**

*-Marilou Hill, Secretary*



**Newsletter deadline for the July Newsletter is June 16<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

Please email to [secretary@tiffinstpauls.org](mailto:secretary@tiffinstpauls.org)



## TREASURER'S REPORT

### Deficit for 2016

*While reading a devotional by Rick Warren, I realized I have not reported on the financial situation at St Paul's. St Paul's had a deficit in giving toward the budget of over nine thousand dollars. Because the church had a half time pastor for two years before Pastor Hannah came five years ago, the church had, a cash balance to cover last year's deficit and several years more of deficits.*

*The church received over \$4,500 in loose offering and \$3,500 from the Sharing Kitchen last year towards a total giving of \$128,000. The remaining \$120,000 divided by approximately 60 givers gives an average of \$2,000 or a tithe of an income of \$20,000. However most of the church income comes from a small group of givers. The medium or middle giver gave \$1,062 in 2016. Half the givers gave less than \$1,062. Starting in July we will have an 85% pastor which will help reduce expenses in the next year. Giving has increased in 2017 and needs to increase even more to eliminate future deficits.*

***"Do not lay up for yourselves treasurers (money and stuff) on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasurer is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21***

*The devotion of Rick Warren author of The Purpose Driven Life spoke of giving to the church and God's purposes to please God. We can't really give God anything, because he already owns it all. But think about the allowance you got as a child. If you went out and bought a birthday present for your mom, you are really using her money. Does that mean she would like the gift any less? No, because she cares more about the thought and the love behind the gift. God feels the same way about your giving.*

### Prayer from Rick Warren

*Pray this aloud or in your heart today: "Dear God, forgive me for all that I've spent on things that aren't going to last. I want to start investing in Heaven. I want to use my money the way you want me to use it. Today I commit to using my money to grow my character and grow in spiritual strength, wisdom, and knowledge and become all that you want me to be. Help me to see ways that I can use what you have given to me to strengthen relationships and show love to my brothers and sisters in Christ. I want to invest in eternity by using my money to serve others. I want to learn to be generous. I want to be a blessing to others. And I want to use my money to bring people to you. I want people to be in Heaven because I gave. I want to spread the Gospel through my acts of service. And Father, I want to show where my treasure is by investing in eternity through my gifts and offerings to you. I want to honor you by giving you the first part of all my income. I want to give up my lust for money so that the Almighty himself will be my treasure. I pray this in Jesus name. Amen"*

*Respectfully submitted-Richard Kinstler*