

St. Paul's News

FEBRUARY 2018



St. Paul's,

As we begin the month of February we are approaching our observance of lent. The season of lent is the period of forty days preceding Easter. It has traditionally been a time when Christians around the world prepare for the celebration of the resurrection of Christ. It is a season of repentance and renewed emphasis on spiritual practices and living out the life of faith. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year will be on February 14th (yes, I know this is Valentine's Day, Easter is on April Fool's Day this year for those of you who enjoy some holiday mash-ups). We will have a combined worship service with Faith UMC on Ash Wednesday at 7:30pm here at St. Paul's. Plan to join us for a time of worship, the imposition of ashes, and communion.

Throughout the season of lent, I encourage you to consider what faith practices you might take up that will draw you closer to God. Perhaps you will want to spend a certain time during the day reading scripture or in prayer. Perhaps you will decide to focus on doing an act of service or compassion for somebody each and every day. Or perhaps you will desire to commit to regular worship attendance during the season of lent. Throughout this season, we will be spending our time together in worship discussing relationships and community. We will talk about how we have strong and healthy relationships with God and with others whether that is family, friends, or fellow church members. Join us as we learn about the importance of community in our faith life. It is my hope and prayer that during lent we will all grow in our love and service to God and to one another.

**Peace,
Pastor Hannah**





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

**let's do
lunch**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
LUNCH BUNCH
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 27TH
12:00 PM**

Location to be announced

**Contact the church office for
more information 419 447-1743**



*February Special
Birthdays!*

*2-24 Bernard Eley
2-26 Lois Payne*

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



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



Mission Report

January Mission Giving:

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering \$ **97.00**
(First Call for Help distributes these funds to those in need in our community.)

January 14 was Human Relations Sunday. We received \$ **40.00** for this special giving Sunday. These gifts support the community Developer Program which allows churches and local leaders to impact their communities. These funds are used in the United States and Puerto Rico.

Please remember our Sharing Kitchen guests during these cold, winter days. Donations of canned goods such as soups, canned pastas with meat, tuna, fruit, etc. are appreciated. A donation bag is set up in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings for your convenience.

Tool and Blanket Sunday will be on February 11th. Please watch your Sunday bulletin for details.

-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



TABLE FAVOR COMMITTEE MEETING

The Table Favor Committee will meet on February 6th at 1:30 pm. We will complete valentine candy cups and assemble March and April favors.



THANK YOU!! The family of Bill Daniel would like to thank the members at St.

Paul's Church for their continued support through 2017. We were blessed by calls, cards, prayers, donations of food, errand running and many hugs during Bill's extended illness and time of death. We are so grateful! A special thanks to all who helped with floor cleaning, setting up, preparing food and cleaning up for the Celebration of Life service. God Bless all of you!

TRUSTEE'S

UPDATE

The Trustees continue to get quotes that are higher than our quote from M J Brown of \$170,000. During the Christmas decorating of the church, the Trustees were informed of a leak from two missing shingles on the Madison Street side of the balcony; therefore, the Trustees need to finish their investigation soon. Some people are already giving, even weekly. The Trustees have applied for money from one small grant and will be applying for one from the city in February. There may be damage that will need to be repaired, and the cost to remove the asbestos shingles very likely will be higher than the \$42,000 in the M J Brown/our first quote. Last year I stated that the Trustees would need \$100, 000 for this project. I need to restate my opinion to say that Trustees will need to have short term commitments of at least \$100,000 to go ahead with the project, considering the upside risk of higher costs. Part of the funds that could be used is presently set aside for any organ repair. Several weeks ago the Trustees found out the organ will need some major repairs, which we will live with for now. Thus we will need to get at least

\$180,000 donated/grants over the next several years to keep up with needed maintenance. Very soon the Trustees will have a congregational meeting to go over the roof project in detail.

Richard Kinstler Treasurer of Trustees

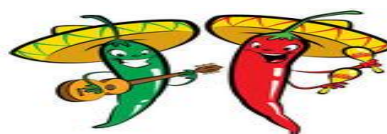


Join us for St. Paul's Annual
Chili Cook-off

February 4th, 2018
After Sunday school

Bring your best chili and compete
to be crowned St. Paul's Chili
Champion!

Or come and enjoy some great chili
and vote for your favorite.



Administrative Council

Highlights

Treasurer's Report: The report was given by Rich Kinstler. November expenses exceeded receipts. Insurance and the 1st half 2018 Christian Ed. Materials were the main big expenses. December had 5 Sundays. Year end receipts were again good and those behind in giving caught up! Melmore UMC paid their 4th qtr. payment for Pastor Hannah. Special giving in December and total year were up and very good.

Education Report: Report given by Karen Kinstler. Christmas Program was well received. Special thanks go out to Molly Lofton for directing and Kyle Paxson & Pastor Hannah for assisting. Youth Club continues to have some children new to St. Paul's and averages 19 children with a total of 32 including a parent or two, teen and adult helpers/teachers. Only 4 sessions are left plus one outside activity. Connections attendance varies, but was 21 this past Tues. Children's church is working on Valentine cards to be mailed including a picture. Maria Gerber has directed bells and led a song.

Mission Committee: Blanket Sunday will be Feb. 11, 2018. A possible FISH collection may be in March, but has not been decided yet & discussed.

Trustees: Sanctuary piano was tuned and the organ was tuned and repaired last Sat. Some things on organ were not able to be fixed. Laura was happy the organ sounded better than it had. Gary received approval from the Architectural Committee for the brick garage to be torn down. The Building Trades group from Sentinel will not be able to do the demolition. Other options are being considered. Application was submitted for the grant money from a Roper Pipeline fine, but there's been no response as yet. Another grant possibility was suggested by

Amy Rinehart. \$4900 was received from the city for the repairs to the education wing roof.

Youth Report: Ginny Faeth reported that Youth Annual Conference will be June 8-10, 2018. It is open to any youth, completing 6th – 12th grade, wanting to attend but qualified voters are limited. The theme is "We Are One." There is a band and concerts. Ben Lindhorst mentioned that Robbie is building shelves for the Sharing Kitchen and a fundraiser is being planned in conjunction with that activity.

Pastor's Report: "Way Forward" event Feb. 4 in Willard had only 80 spots available. We have 5 people going to that event-Ben Lindhorst, Amy Ochier, Ginny Faeth, Rich Kinstler, & Pastor Hannah! They plan to carpool and leave after the Chili Cook-off. We looked good in the District Pastor Report. We spent less on ourselves this year and more on others. The only warning was the disbelief in our increased mission giving! Feb. 11 Pastor Hannah will be at Melmore UMC. Our guest speaker will be from Sisters in Shelter. The Ash Wednesday service, Feb. 14, 2018, will be a combined service at St. Paul's with Faith UMC, starting at 7:30 P.M.

New Business: "Downtown Easter Treat" participation was suggested, and Shirley Smith was volunteered to check on the date and participation details. Brian, Kyle and Rob O. are working on ideas for a float in the Memorial Day Parade. Some VBS props were suggested along with fliers/info on VBS & Youth Club. A float meeting is to be held Feb. 11 after Sun. School. Additional parade participation was also suggested-Heritage Festival advertising Apple Dumplings and Christmas parade.