

St. Paul's News

JANUARY 2018



St. Paul's,

Happy New Year! As we enter 2018 I trust that God is leading our church into another wonderful year of impact our community and one another through ministry and service. When we gather together in worship this month we will be celebrating the special days of Epiphany and the Baptism of Jesus and then we will focus on God's call for each of us as we discuss the calling of Samuel. Found in 1 Samuel 3, as a boy Samuel is ministering to the Lord under Eli when he is called. At first he thinks it is Eli calling him, until Eli realizes that God is calling Samuel and tells him to respond, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10b). We will spend a few weeks together learning some ways that God calls us, how we might support others in their calls, and how we might respond to God's call for us. I hope that you

will be with us as we learn and worship together.

Also, as we begin this New Year, it is the perfect time to consider trying a new faith practice. Perhaps you will commit to reading the scripture everyday or setting aside a time for prayer. You could get involved in a new ministry or activity here at church or commit to being present in worship every Sunday. The start of a New Year is a time to renew our commitment to God. So I want share with you a prayer that John Wesley, our Methodist founder, used as a part of his covenant service for the New Year. He also used this prayer every morning and encouraged his followers to do the same. You may decide that you too will use this prayer in 2018. It is my hope and prayer that we will all continue to grow in our faith and serve this year.

**Peace,
Pastor Hannah**



John Wesley's Covenant Prayer

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me
with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to
suffering;
let me be employed for you, or laid
aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for
you;
let me be full,
let me be empty,
let me have all things,
let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield
all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed
God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are mine and I am yours. So be
it.
And the covenant now made on
earth, let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.**



*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 JANUARY 23rd
12:00 PM
AT TJ WILLIES
IT WILL BE HOSTED BY LLOYD
SAND
PLEASE CONTACT
CAROL GRAHAM IF YOU PLAN TO
ATTEND
419-447-4865**



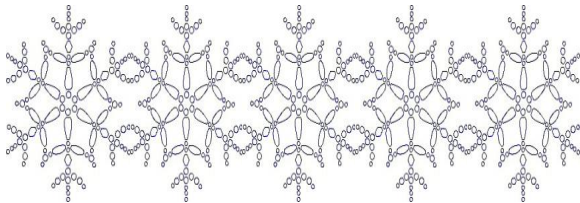
January Special Birthdays!

***1-20 Janet Rennels
1-23 Shirley Counselman***

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



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!



December Mission Giving:

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering **\$70.00**
(First Call for Help distributes these funds to those in need in our community.)

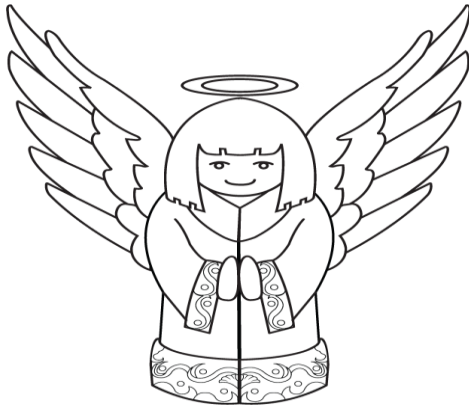
The Special Christmas Offering Envelope giving was designated to be split 50/50 for First Call for Helps emergency heat program and Morrison house this year **\$685.00** was received and will be divided between the two organizations.

Sharing Kitchen guests will continue to need canned goods throughout the winter months. Canned soups, stews, tuna, canned chicken and fruit and always appreciated!

Poinsettias were sold for **\$8.00** a piece this year or you could make a donation to Connections or the Sharing Kitchen instead. **20 poinsettias** were purchased in memory or in honor of loved ones. Connections received **\$86.00** in donations and Sharing Kitchen received **\$16.00**. There was also a donation of **\$42.00** made to St. Paul's

Again thank you all for the generous support from St. Paul's members towards mission giving!

-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Thank you to all who participated in the Angel Tree ministry this year!! Thanks to your generosity each little girl or boy had something special to unwrap Christmas morning!



NEED FOR NEW SOUND BOOTH EQUIPMENT



Around 2000 Art Bean funded the building of the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary. The equipment has served us well over the years. However the control board is worn out and needs to be replaced. The equipment is expensive. The Trustees are looking to raise \$5,000 to fund the replacement. Thank you to those who give to the Trustees in the offering.



**Newsletter deadline for the January
Newsletter is January 19, 2018**

Please email to secretary@tiffinstpauls.org