

St. Paul's News

FEBRUARY 2019



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

What a month January was! Record breaking low temperatures and wild swings on the thermometer! Only in Ohio!

February brings a new month on our calendar and a time of gathering for the Special General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. The 32-member Commission was authorized by General Conference 2016 and appointed by the Council of Bishops to examine paragraphs in The Book of Discipline concerning human sexuality and exploring options to strengthen the unity of the church. (East Ohio Conference website). The issue of human sexuality is one that has been debated in our church for many, many years. This Special General Conference has been convened to move us closer to determining where we stand

as United Methodists. The most important thing that we can do in preparation for the Special General Conference is to spend time in prayer. Please pray for those delegates who will gather in St. Louis, that they will be attentive and obedient to the Holy Spirit's guidance. Pray for our denomination, that we will truly find a way forward that avoids lasting damage to the denomination. Pray for a spirit of calm and peace and collaboration as delegates gather and do this work on our behalf.

As always, pray for the local church, as well as praying for our global church network. We, at St. Paul's covet your prayers for our leaders, for our members, and for those who are searching for God. Jesus left us with a mission to reach those who do not know Him. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on that mission and not be deterred by those things that divide us. If you would like more information about the Special General Conference, feel free to contact Pastor Charlene or check the conference website at eocumc.com and look for information regarding general conference.

In all things we seek His holy wisdom,
Pastor
Charlene



Special Birthdays!



Happy February Birthday!

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



LUNCH BUNCH!!!

Everyone is invited to join us for

Lunch Bunch

February 26th

12:00 pm

At Fort Ball Pizza

Contact Kathy Daniel for more

information 419-448-8418



Mission Report

January Missions Report:

Special Christmas offering envelope giving was designated this year to go to First Call for Help's heating fund and Morrison House \$690.00 was given.

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering \$25.00 This will be donated to First Call for Help to assist those in need in our community. Human Relations Sunday was January 20th and \$ 547.00 was collected.

Blanket and Tool Sunday is planned for February 10th. watch your bulletins for additional information.

-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Table Favor Committee will meet on Tuesday February 12, 2019 at 1:30 pm We will be working on Valentines and Shamrock favors for Seneca House and Friedman Village.

-Missions Committee



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!!

thank
you!

We want to Thank "All" of you for the calls, cards, food, prayers, and love that was provided to us during "Our" recent loss of my mother Bonnie Mizen on Christmas night. Pastor Charlene called/texted often to check on me and provided a wonderful Memorial Service. Kathy Daniel and her "Crew" WOW!! What a great luncheon was provided. We can't Thank you all enough.
-Sandy and Fred Ritter & Krystal

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ANGEL TREE MINISTRY THIS DECEMBER!

We had about 45 outfits bought. The Salvation Army said they had such a wonderful response from the Tiffin community they will probably do the same thing next year.

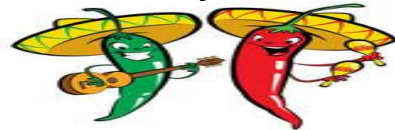
Our congregation is so generous!!



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

February 17th, 2019
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!



NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL SMALL GROUP:
Don't Forget!! David Thomas will begin leading a new Men's Sunday School Small Group on Sunday, February 3rd. This class will be using materials from "Man in the Mirror", a curriculum designed for men by author Patrick Morley. Morley has been regarded as one of America's most respected authorities on the unique challenges and opportunities facing men. Men of all ages are invited to join this class, and are encouraged to invite a friend to join you!

DON'T MISS
THE DEADLINE!

Newsletter deadline for March is February 23rd, 2019.

Please email to secretary@tiffinstpauls.org

SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING

**MARCH 30, 2019 8:30-12:30 PM
NORWALK FIRST UMC
60 W MAIN STREET
NORWALK OH 44857**

All are invited to attend. Please Contact Pastor Charlene if you are interested in going. There will be 4 different workshops offered that day:

Fresh Expressions:

Presented by: Rev Kelly Brown

Following 4 guiding principles, Fresh expressions is an international movement of missionary disciples cultivating new kinds of church alongside congregations to more effectively engage our growing post-Christian society.

Staff Parish Relations Committee Guidelines:

Presented by: Rev. Doug Lewis

Learn how the SPRC can function at an optimal level in your church.

Rule of Christ:

Present by: Rev. Donna Van Trees

Rule of Christ is a six-step resource designed as a way of applying Jesus teachings from Matthew 18 to the life and relationships in the local church. The goal is to increase and cultivate congregational health and help pastors and churches build healthy ministries and relationships.

Social Principals:

Presented by: Mrs. Carol Nelson-Burns

Wesley's doctrine of "social holiness" calls us to "grow and mature" and to "transform" community by living, and loving, as Jesus did. Today's Social principles guide us towards living "social holiness" in relationship with brothers and sisters around the world as we share God's earth. Please begin this study with me, so together we might move towards more perfect

understanding and fulfillment of God's will, "on earth as in heaven."

TEAM MINISTRY HAPPENINGS FIRELANDS SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE/TRAINING:

Spring district conference will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are flyers for the conference available in all three church offices. If you are interested in attending the Spring Conference/Training, please see the pastor.

YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Calling all Youth: Youth Annual Conference is an awesome opportunity for spiritual development, fellowship and fun! If you are in sixth grade and up, please talk to the pastor or your youth leader about attending Youth Annual Conference June 7-9, 2019 at Lakeside.

MELMORE UMC:

- **Soup Supper:** The annual Melmore UMC Soup Supper will be Saturday, February 16th beginning at 5 p.m. As always we will have a wide variety of soups; from classic chicken noodle, beef noodle and chili to stuffed pepper, German Cabbage Potato Sausage, and Cheddar Broccoli. Our specialty soup this year will be creamy reuben soup! Meals include all you can eat soup, home baked bread, a salad or applesauce, and one dessert. Coffee, water and lemonade. Price: Adults \$7.00. Children 10 and under \$4.00. All profits go to outreach projects.

REPUBLIC TRINITY:

Come and check out The Flame praise and worship service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. A wonderful time of uplifting music and study of the word of God. Come and worship with Trinity (202 Broadway Street, Republic)