

St. Paul's News *March 2019*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As I write this letter to you, delegates from all around the world have arrived in St. Louis to complete the work of General Conference 2019. There has been much anticipation leading up to this special General Conference. Our prayers have been and will continue to be that our denomination can successfully navigate a way forward that will allow us to remain the United Methodist Church.

As I prepared myself for the coming General Conference, I was reminded of the story of Jesus calming the storm as read in Mark 4:35-41.³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

The disciple's reaction to the storm and to Jesus as He calms the storm has always intrigued me.

I have often thought that faith must have come easier to them because they walked alongside our Lord as He taught; however, this story reminds us of their tenuous faith and how easily they found themselves afraid of the storm and terrified of the God who could calm it.

I see parallels between us today and our brothers the disciples. Yes, the storms of the world surround us and the winds and waves threaten us, and we call on God to calm the storm because we are afraid. As we call, I hear the words of Jesus ring in my ears. He asks "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Friends, the words of our God reassure us that we do not need to be afraid. We do not need to be afraid. I intentionally chose to write this letter to you before any decision was made at General Conference. I did that because, though the decisions at General Conference are very important, they are not more important than the words of Christ as He reminds us to be faithful and to rest on His promise that He has overcome the world and its troubles.

As we navigate the days following General Conference and as we accept the challenges and blessings that they bring, I affirm the words that I spoke in worship regarding the ongoing mission of St. Paul's United Methodist Church. We will continue our work to fulfill the Great Commission and we will continue to welcome all those who come in our doors seeking a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Seeking His wisdom in all things,

Pastor Charlene

Special Birthdays!



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



**ALL ARE INVITED TO
JOIN US FOR LUNCH BUNCH**

**Tuesday
March 26th**

12:00 pm

**At Bench Warmers
Contact Marilou Hill for more
information 419-447-0376**

Mission Report February Missions Report:

Third Sunday Ingathering offering brought in \$105.00 which will be donated to First Call for Help to help those in need in our community.

Blanket and Tool Sunday Offering total was \$1,258.00. Your donations help people around the world recover from disasters. Our donations help Church World Services to be prepared for whatever may come so they are ready to act. \$50.00 can provide 5 warm blankets! Thank you to St. Paul's members who supported this worthy cause.

March 31st will be our special offering for UMCOR which some of you may have known as One Great Hour of Sharing previously.

-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Table Favor Committee will not meet again until in April. Spring should have arrived by them and we will be working on Easter favors and those for May. Watch for Date and time next month.



March 6th ~ Ash Wednesday:
Combined service at Faith UMC at
7:00 p.m.

April 14th – Palm Sunday

April 18th – Maundy Thursday:
Combined service with Faith UMC at St.
Paul's 7:00 p.m.

April 19th – Good Friday
Pastor Charlene is singing in a
community Good Friday service at
Republic UCC. All are welcome to
attend this touching service.

April 21st – Easter Sunday
7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service
Breakfast
10:15 a.m. – Easter Service



YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2019

Youth Annual Conference is coming up quickly! Are you interested in attending this life-changing time of worship, fellowship, renewal and spiritual development?

You Should Be!! Don't Miss Out!!

See Amy or Rob Ochier about attending Youth Annual Conference.
Friday, June 7-Sunday, June 9, 2019
Lakeside Ohio



Join us on Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of St. Paul's for a movie night.

Pizza will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Invite a friend for this fun, family event. Watch your bulletin for more details on the movie.

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:

- Thank you to all who came to the Melmore Soup Supper. It was a record breaking event in attendance and donations. All donations will go to the Young Disciples Sunday School Class for mission and ministry work.

REPUBLIC TRINITY:

- Republic Trinity has a monthly mission focus. This year we are focusing our mission giving on two specific ministries; Flat Rock Home and Care Center and the Republic Community Food Pantry. For March we are collecting Tide Pod detergent (high efficiency) for Flat Rock. If you are interested in donating monies for the purchase of the Tide Pods or if you could donate Tide Pods, please see your pastor.

ST. PAUL'S:

- St. Paul's will be hosting a movie night on Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00 p.m. There will be pizza provided. Please bring a dish to share. Watch your bulletins for details once they are finalized. Details will be shared through all three churches and all are welcome!

THANK YOU!

**From the Thomas Family:
Thank you to all who sent their thoughts, prayers, cards, texts and visits following the passing of our dad, Jon Thomas. Jon was a wonderful man, a faithful man of God and a beloved pastor for many. Thank you for your support during our time of loss. Jon celebrates with his Lord and Savior today and we will see him again.**

Pastor Charlene, David and our children and family.



EASTER EGG HUNT



**Saturday, April 20th
10-11:30 am
in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall
for children in
Preschool-6th Grade
(Preschoolers need to be
accompanied by an adult)**

**Activities include the Easter
Story, crafts, egg hunt and
games.**

**Donations of wrapped candy
are needed. Please put them in
parlor kitchen. Adult and teen
helpers needed. Questions
Contact Melody Woessner @
419-447-7837 or
melodywoessner@yahoo.com**

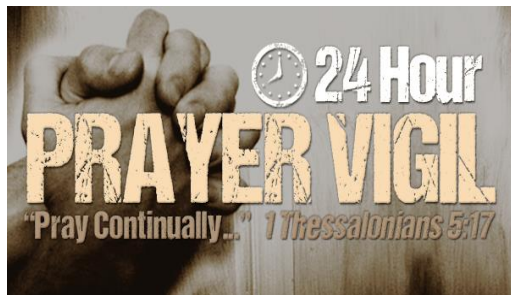
TRUSTEE REPORT



**\$3,444 NEEDED YET FOR FINAL
PAYMENT ON PIGEON CLEANUP
PROJECT**

As the Trustee's were waiting for the roof project to start early last Fall, they discovered that a pigeon problem in the bell tower was bigger than they knew. Several experts reviewed the problem and two quotes were received. M J Brown was the lowest and they were here to work on the tower as part of the roofing project. They completed the clean up by the end of January. A donation was received last year to cover most of the not to exceed quote of \$10,500. The Trustees reviewed the clean- up, metal screening, and floor covering on the inside of the tower to avoid future problems and damage. The additional cost of \$3,444 and donations for this work are being requested.

Richard Kinstler -Treasurer



Tiffin St. Paul's UMC 24-hour Prayer Vigil will be held in the Sanctuary from 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 10th until noon on Monday, March 11th. The focus of this vigil is to pray for and/or meditate on the roof project; however, please use this time with God to pray for His will for St. Paul's, the UMC, and any call He has placed on your life. You may pray silently, aloud, with word, with song, however you feel moved to pray. If there is more than one person in the sanctuary during the vigil, we ask that you please refrain from talking to each other, but please join together in prayer or the reading of the Word.

Here is the link to sign up for the prayer vigil.

<https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jyowm> You may also sign up by letting the church office know. If you have any questions, please see Amy Ochier or Pastor Charlene.

YOUTH CLUB THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks to all who supported the Youth Club Program. Youth Club just completed its 39th year! Thanks to our church for continuing to sponsor this program and for the anonymous donations to help with our meals.

Our average attendance each week was 16 children. We had a great team of 15 faithful adults and teens preparing and leading our activities also shopping, planning and preparing our meals each week.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to make this program possible!!!

-Melody Woessner

