

St. Paul's News

JULY 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Did anyone see where June went? I must have blinked and missed it!

All kidding aside, June was a wonderful time for St. Paul's UMC. I was happy to join with the young people as they went to Youth Annual Conference. Did you know that East Ohio is the ONLY annual conference in the United Methodist Church that hosts a Youth Annual Conference! I had no idea. That made our time at Youth Annual Conference even more special! YAC is a wonderful time for young people to come together and worship, learn and practice the very disciplines that make us United Methodists. Our young people took part in a time of corporate worship, of small group devotions, business session that mirrors the sessions that take place at Annual Conference and, of course, they had a lot of fun! I was happy to join Rob and Amy Ochier as they took four young people to Youth Annual Conference and I hope that we continue to support our young people and continue this East Ohio tradition.

If you were in worship at the end of June, then you heard an Annual Conference Report from lay delegate, Amy Ochier, and a spirited report from me. I continue to echo my words that the United Methodist Church does find itself in the

midst of an identity crisis as we continue to discern our denomination's practices regarding human sexuality. I also continue to re-affirm that nothing has changed regarding the mission that Jesus Christ has called us to, which is to make disciples in His name. St. Paul's will continue to be mission focused as these conversations continue around our denomination. We will continue to keep the main thing as the main thing! If you have questions about the current happenings, don't hesitate to ask me!

As I am looking at the calendar, July appears to be just as busy as June was! Who said that summer was for loafing around? July brings us to the season of Vacation Bible School. This ministry is vital to our churches! VBS is often one of the first places that young people hear of the love of Jesus. We are so grateful that VBS continues to thrive here at St. Paul's. I will be participating in the community VBS in Republic the week of July 8th and then will participate here at St. Paul's at our Giddy Up Junction VBS program beginning on the 14th (with a weekend at seminary in between). Please pray for all those who will volunteer and attend our VBS program and pray for energy for me! Special thanks to Kyle Paxson and Brian Arnold for their leadership!

As I write this, it occurs to me that last year at this time I was just preparing to become your pastor. The last year has gone by in the blink of an eye, but as I reflect on it, I am reminded that God knew all along that we would be spending these days together. As he makes plans for the future of St. Paul's we trust that He knows the right path for His church, and we lean forward in faith that all things will be made good in His time. I am so grateful that God has placed me here and I will continue to do my very best to fulfill the call He has placed on my life and to be the pastor that He has called me to be for His beloved people. There are wonderful things happening at St. Paul's...invite someone to church and let them experience God doing a new thing!

Blessings,

Pastor Charlene



Mission Report

June Missions Report:

**Third Sunday Ingathering Offering
\$30.00**

**Will be donated to First Call for
Help to assist those in need in our
community.**

**Peace with Justice Sunday Offering
\$17.27. These funds support Peace
with Justice Ministries in our
Annual Conference and Peace with
Justice work in the U.S. and around
the world, administered by the
General Board of Church and
Society.**

**Thanks to the church members for
their continued support of all our
Missions projects!**

**-Kathy Daniel for Missions
Committee**

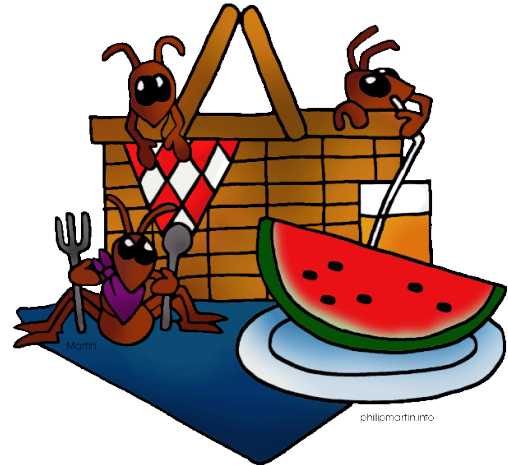
**Table Favor Committee will not
meet in July or August. They have
worked ahead and will be on
summer break.**

HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS!!

Janet Dutt 7-5
Pat Curran 7-18



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



LUNCH BUNCH

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

**Tuesday
July 23rd**

12:00 pm

**PICNIC @
Jeff Kuhn and Sharon Rigby's home**

**Contact Jeff or Sharon for more
information 419-934-3525**

82 percent

of people are likely to attend church

if invited

by a friend or relative.



We will be celebrating communion on July 14th instead of July 7th

To Our St. Paul's Church Family

You are all invited to attend the wedding of Josh Spears and Liz Runion. The wedding will be an "open church" wedding on August 31, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.

Everyone is also invited to the reception, immediately following the wedding at Tiffin Rangers Camp Hertzner (3543 N CR 33) in Tiffin. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the reception – text or e-mail to Sarah Runion at sarah.runion12@gmail.com

or 567-938-1397 by August 15th

Please dress casually and no gifts are expected; just come and share our joy on this happy occasion!



VBS Worknights
July 8, 9, 10, 11
7:00-9:00 pm
Please see Kyle Paxson or
Brian Arnold if you can
help.

TEAM MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY TEAM: The Collaborative Ministry Team met at Republic Trinity UMC in June. They had a very fruitful meeting. The group has voted on a name and they have chosen "Better Together". They have enlisted the help of young artist Dominic Consolo (aka Pastor Charlene's son) to design a t-shirt for them and there is the potential of a t-shirt sale to raise funds for upcoming projects. The Better Together Team is represented by three persons from Melmore (Carol Taylor, Kay Weisenauer and Jen Loudenslager), two persons from Republic Trinity (Mark and Barb Milroy) and two persons from St. Paul's (Brian Arnold and Molly Lofton). Pastor Charlene's mom, Donna, is also on the team but she said that she loves all three churches and so she is a voice for all three (officially she represents Republic Trinity). The Better Together team has decided to move forward with a five-week group study so that they get to know each other and deepen their faith together (hmmmm...sounds "better together"!) Additionally, they are committed to supporting and growing the youth ministry of all three churches, so they have committed to taking a group of young people to the Firelands District Youth Fall Rally on September 22, 2019. Watch for more information about this awesome team and how they are making our churches "Better Together".

FISH FRY!



If you missed the fish fry, you really missed out! Rex Woessner and Chris Armstrong (and company) did an excellent job of frying fish and cooking bratwurst! It was a wonderful afternoon of friendship, fellowship and food.

Thanks to Rex and to Chris and to Sandy Ritter for the donation of some of the perch. YUM!!

ROOF UPDATE

Work has begun on the East side of the building. As you have probably noticed, the City of Tiffin has closed the alley for safety reasons. Lance and his crew continue to do a great job for us at St. Paul's. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue this painstaking and dangerous job. The East side of the building presents its own challenges, with the high voltage wires being close to the scaffolding (having been sheathed by AEP) and the narrower scaffolding that needs to be used because of the alley and potential traffic going by (some cars still try to sneak down there!) The trustees are anxious for this project to be complete, as are the roofers!

Please see Pastor Charlene or any trustees with questions regarding the roof project.



Best Wishes to Amy Ochier as she begins her tenure as the Pastor at New Washington United Methodist Church. Our prayers go with you and God's presence will surround you. We know that we will see you and Rob as often as you can, and we are grateful for that!

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School 2019



July 14 - 18

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.



VBS is open for all children in preschool through the completion of sixth grade.

All teen helpers must have completed seventh grade or higher.

Only one thing is grander than those mountains and the painted desert - the love of God. At VBS, students will gallop to new frontiers, not in the Old West but in the book of Acts. They will ride along as the good news of God's love spread across the then-known world. At Giddyup Junction, students will lasso the best VBS fun in the west! And they'll make a discovery even more exciting than gold sparkling in a prospecting pan. The good news of God's love has saving and life-changing power - and that will make a difference on any frontier!

Don't miss our closing celebration on July 18 at 8:00 p.m. at St. Paul's!

Contact Kyle Paxson or Brian Arnold for more information or if you'd like to help!