

St. Paul's News October 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Happy October! As I write this, I am looking at the weather forecast and they are calling for 90 degree temperatures on the first day of October. Some call it Indian Summer...I just call it TOO HOT! But soon, enough, we will be wishing for warmer days as we gaze out onto a snow covered world.

What is God's plan for St. Paul's? He has had a plan for our church for thousands of years. The all knowing and all planning God knew the day that the first person would worship as a St. Paul's congregant and He knows the future of our church. Our job is to be willing disciples...following where He leads us.

In worship during October, we will continue to explore what it means to be a disciple of Christ. We will be starting a series called "Living Faith in the Every Day". On October 6th, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and we will explore what it meant to the early Christians to follow Jesus and

what it means for Christians around the world today. Come and learn about discipleship all throughout the month of October!

Our youth programming for this year has begun and will continue to roll out during the next few weeks.

Connections began meeting two weeks ago and continue to develop and deepen relationships with area youth who are not affiliated with a church family. Prayers for this group are so appreciated. The 40th year of Youth Club will begin soon. Registration is this week and the first meeting is next Wednesday. I will also be teaching confirmation to a group of young people beginning next week. God is working His plan in our young people's lives at St. Paul's and throughout our connection.

Prayer Focus: As we set our goals for the upcoming year, please be in prayer for clarity of mind for your church leadership and for clear discernment of the next step of God's plan for St. Paul's.

Blessings,

Pastor Charlene



OCTOBER'S ACOLYTES

- 10/6 Courtney McGinnis and Ryann Arnold
- 10/13 A.J. Lindhorst and Charlie Garcia
- 10/20 Carter Lindhorst and Sam Patterson
- 10/27 Sofia Paradiso and Bailey Barnes

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!!

Happy October Birthdays!!

18- Marilyn Hutchins



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



September Missions Report:

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering of \$85.00. Will be donated to First Call for Help to assist those in need in our community.

Two Sundays in September we collected food items for the FISH Food Pantry of Tiffin. We had a nice number of items to share with those in need in our community along with monetary donations.

October 6th will be World Communion Sunday. Special envelopes will be provided for donations. "World Communion Sunday Scholarships-related to the General Board of Global Ministries- assist graduate students from the U.S. and other countries." This is a churchwide special Sunday of the United Methodist Church.

The Missions Committee will meet on October 6th at 11:30 am in the Pastor's office.

Start preparing for packing a shoe box to send to children in need this Christmas. We will provide shoe boxes in late October and they will be due in mid-November.

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

-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



The Table Favor Committee will not meet in October.



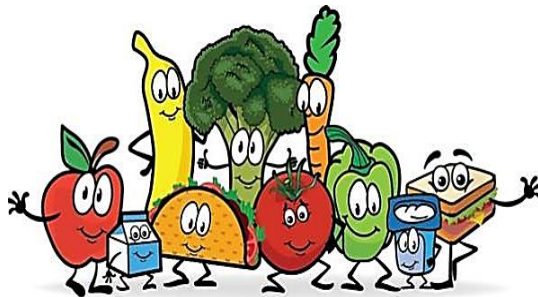
YOUTH CLUB

YOUTH CLUB WILL BE STARTING THEIR 40TH YEAR! THEY WILL MEET ON WEDNESDAY'S FROM 5:30-7:30 PM HERE AT ST. PAUL'S UMC

THEY WILL HAVE BIBLE STUDY, GYM, CRAFTS AND A LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED AT NO COST!

OCTOBER 2ND-REGISTRATION 5:30-6:30PM (NO MEAL)

OCTOBER 9TH FIRST SESSION 5:30-7:30 PM



LUNCH BUNCH

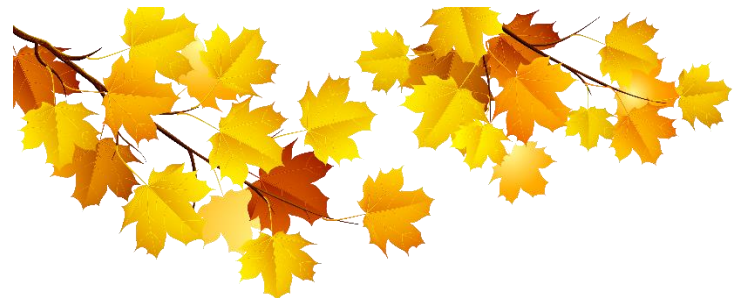
ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH BUNCH

**Tuesday
October 22nd**

12:00 pm

Golden Crown

Please contact Donna McConahay for more information 419-455-4363





Are you interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's? Church membership is important and enables you to become more fully involved and invested in the Body of Christ. Pastor Charlene will be offering a membership class on **Sunday, October 27th** following worship. This class is open to members of all three churches in our connection. Following the class, each person will join their respective church.



Subs needed

We need of a couple adults that would be willing to assist the teen leader in Children's Church on an occasional basis. The teens do the Bible lesson, and the adult helps with the Activity page or a simple craft such as making birthday and get-well cards. Most of the material is provided. Please see, call or text Karen Kinstler for questions or to volunteer. 419-447-8527 or 513-673-2772 (cell.) Thanks for your help.



St. Paul's will once again be participating in the Downtown Tiffin Trick or Treat event on October 25th. We need candy to be donated for our volunteers to give away to the trick or treaters. Please bring bags of trick or treat candy (individually wrapped) to St Paul's and place in the boxes located in the back of the sanctuary This is a very popular event so we will need ALOT of candy! Thank you for your support.



TEAM MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

BETTER TOGETHER The Better together team will be meeting on October 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Pastor Amy Vittorio's home. If you have an idea of how we can do ministry "better together", please let one of the team members know your idea or come to the meeting to share. Team members are Brian Arnold (SP), Molly Lofton (SP), Donna McConahay (RE), Barb Milroy (RE), Mark Milroy (RE), Jen Loudenslager (ME), Carol Taylor (ME), Kay Weisenauer (ME).

Upcoming Events Across the Connection:

Republic Trinity UMC recently celebrated two years of The Flame worship service! Come and join us on any Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. We will begin a series on the fruits of the Spirit on Sunday, October 6th. Join us! This worship service is very family friendly, casual and conversational. If you have questions about the faith, this is the place to be!

Melmore UMC: Melmore will be having a fall festival on October 19th. Pastor Charlene and Pastor Amy Vittorio will be singing. Join us on the 19th in Melmore for a fun day together!

DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS

We are currently focused on personal discipleship. As part of that focus, we will challenge ourselves to grow in our own personal walk with Christ and to focus on growing as disciples through a process of Incremental Discipleship. Small adjustments can lead to BIG CHANGES!

Discipleship Focus for October: We talked about accepting Christ in September. We renewed our commitment to Him. Does that commitment include spending time in daily prayer with God? 10 minutes of prayer/devotion time daily.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class begins on October 9th! Have you submitted your consent form? If not, please do so as soon as possible. Pastor Charlene will be taking the confirmands to Melmore UMC following class for Youth worship on the 9th, so the consent forms must be submitted. Any questions? See the Pastor.

ROOF UPDATE

The end is in sight! The majority of the repairs have been completed on the roof. And the lift will soon be gone from our property! These are all wonderful updates. There are still some small projects that need to be completed and the painting around the stained glass windows need to be completed. But we praise God for what work has been done!

IT'S APPLE DUMPLING TIME



St. Paul's will be selling apple dumplings at the last Downtown Farmer's Market of the year. October 12th from 9:00-1:00 p.m. Come by and stock your freezer with dumplings.

All funds go to the Youth Fellowship.

We are still looking for folks to work at the market booth. Contact the church office, Pastor Charlene or Rob Ochier if you can work.