

St. Paul's News September 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...

Happy Fall! September has arrived, school is back in session, fall sports and school bands are in action! Soon the days will turn cooler and the trees will dazzle us with their colors and we will settle into a new routine.

Fall means a new schedule for the church as well. We recently celebrated Rally Day 2019, where we celebrated our Christian Education Department and all of those who make education at St. Paul's possible. Youth Club will begin its 40th year of ministry! Isn't that amazing?? Forty years of introducing Christ to young people and helping them to grow as young disciples. Connections will also begin soon and will continue to offer a safe place for young people who are not necessarily associated with a church. Sunday school will return in September, as well as youth fellowship. Good things are happening! God is moving!

Call for Prayer: This month, I am asking for prayer for our youth ministry. Please pray for young people to respond to our invitation to our youth programming at St. Paul's. Pray for the leadership as they prepare to present an exciting year of Christian Education. Pray for God's guidance and protection over all of those who attend.

Blessings,

Pastor Charlene



9/8/19: Courtney McGinnis & Sofia Paradiso

9/15/19: Carter Lindhorst & Sam Patterson

9/22/19: A.J. Lindhorst & Charlie Garcia

9/29/19: Allison Johnson & 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!!



Mission Report

August Missions Report:

**Third Sunday Ingathering Offering
\$105.00**

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

**Sunday September 8th and 15th we
will be collecting non-perishable
food items for FISH Food Pantry of
Tiffin. A table will be set up at the
front of the sanctuary for your
donations. If you prefer, you may
make a monetary donation instead.
These items will benefit residents of
the Tiffin area.**

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

**-Kathy Daniel for Missions
Committee**

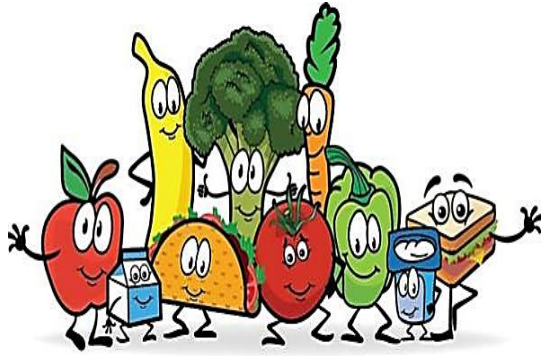


**Table Favor Committee will meet on
September 10th, 1:30 pm at Kathy
Daniels home. If you plan to attend,
please let Kathy know.**

Happy September Birthdays!!



*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
September 24th

12:00 pm

Location to be decided yet

Contact Sandy Ritter for more
information 419-937-0328

The  **Blessed**
Beatitudes  **are:**

the poor in spirit the meek the
they that mourn merciful
they which do hunger & thirst after righteousness
the pure in heart
the peacemakers
they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake
Rejoice! & be exceeding **GLAD,**
for **GREAT** is
your reward in **Heaven.**
~Matthew 5~



The church office will be closed
while Teresa is on vacation
Thursday August 29th thru
September 3rd.

The church office will be open the
following hours September 4th-6th
Wed: 8:00-1:30 pm
Thurs: 8:00-1:00 pm
Fri: 8:30-12:00 pm



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.



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



We are going to have a potluck and live music after worship on September 29th. Bring a dish to share and stay and enjoy food, fellowship and live music.



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.



From the Finance Committee: We are excited to introduce a new giving alternative for offerings and tithes. Beginning in September, we will partner with Vanco, an industry leader in donation processing solutions. Through this partnership, we will be able to offer an e-giving alternative for those who attend St. Paul's. There will be the opportunity to give your offering or tithe through a smart phone app or through a giving button on our website. **E-giving is offered as an alternative to the traditional envelope giving system. No one will be required to utilize the E-giving alternative, it is only there for those who wish to utilize it.**

Most people today use debit and credit cards to make donations or pay for services. And there is an expectation that the organizations they support will offer easy online options. Most churches who utilize E-Giving see an increase in giving.

The Finance Committee has decided to begin a six-month trial of offering an E-Giving option to attendees of St. Paul's. Again, this system will be available for anyone to use, but no one will be required to give through E-Giving. Traditional offering will be taken each Sunday in worship. There will be cards available for those who gave electronically to drop into the offering plate (stating that they gave online).

Fees: There is a \$10 monthly fee that will be charged to the church (though the company will waive the first three months). There is also a small fee for the giver who utilizes E-giving. For giving that is deducted directly from a checking account there is a 1.0% fee, as well as a \$0.45 ACH transaction fee. For example, the fee for a \$100 donation that is deducted from an individual's checking account would be \$1.45. For giving that is processed through a credit or debit card there is a \$2.75% fee, as well as a \$0.45 transaction fee. For example, the fee for \$100 donation that is taken from a credit or debit card would be \$3.20. There is an option for the giver to cover the transaction fee at the time of the gift.

We believe that, because of the changing culture, that it is important to offer an E-Giving option for those who attend St. Paul's. Because we take our role as stewards of the church's finances very seriously, we have decided to enter a trial period, as to ensure that the church does not incur excessive fees or expenses associated with E-Giving. If you have questions or concerns, please see a member of the Finance Committee or Pastor Charlene Thomas.

TEAM MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

BETTER TOGETHER Attention Youth: The Better Together team has committed to taking a group of young people to the Firelands District Youth Fall Rally on Sunday, September 22, 2019. If you are interested in attending this afternoon youth gathering please see your pastor or a member of the Better Together Team. 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 will have outdoor worship on Sunday, September 15th. Food and fellowship will begin at 5:30 p.m. and worship will begin at 6:30 p.m. Bring a chair and bring a friend! We would love to worship God with YOU!

Melmore UMC: Melmore will be having outdoor worship on Sunday, September 22nd. This special worship service will also include a blessing of the new wheelchair lift. Come and join us as we celebrate the successful conclusion of this long term project.

DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS

Are you growing as a disciple? In the next several months, we will be talking about personal discipleship. When Jesus called us to make disciples, He intended for us to include ourselves! We will begin to 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 September: What is discipleship? Am I a disciple of Christ?

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It's that time of year again! Please, please, please come and help us with apple dumplings. Work days are September 7 and September 14th. Apple Dumplings will be sold after the Heritage Festival parade. The proceeds from the apple dumpling sale help our youth attend Youth Annual Conference. Help our kids!! Please see Rob Ochier for any questions

ROOF UPDATE

This next week the roofing project should be finished!

The cap (the center peak) needs to be finished and there is painting that needs to be completed. We are still in need of approximately \$3000.00 to finish the project out.

If you feel led to give, please mark "Roof Fund" on the memo line of your check. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Pastor Charlene will be offering a confirmation class beginning in October. The confirmation class will be held on Wednesday nights (will follow the youth club schedule). Pastor Charlene will be sending out letters to young people in grade 7 and up with more details about confirmation. Feel free to contact the church office or Pastor Charlene if you have questions.