

St. Paul's News September 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*Cast your cares on the Lord
and He will sustain you;
He will never let the righteous be shaken.
Psalm 55:22*

As the evenings become cooler and the sun sets earlier, we are reminded that fall is coming. As we head into this new season, which normally means the return to school and sports for our young people and the return of Sunday School and weekday youth programming at St. Paul's, we are keenly aware that this is not a typical year.

2020 has been anything but typical. Schools closed for three weeks last March and students are just now preparing to head back to the classrooms (in some cases). At church, many of our typical activities have not yet resumed. Our Sunday school program has not yet resumed, and Youth Club and Connections are on hold for the time being. As we look at everything that has changed or is on hold, it is easy for us to become frustrated or disappointed. I know that I have had these types of feelings.

I find it helpful to read reassuring scriptures like the words from Psalm 55. These words remind me that none of the happenings of 2020 have caught God off guard. God is prepared for the strangeness of this time and God will sustain us as we travel through this strange land. So, I try to, and I invite you to, cast your cares on the Lord. And, as the word of God reminds us, He will sustain us all. We will not be shaken.

The best things about seasons is that they change! Fall happens to be one of my favorite seasons...I am always glad to see it come and I'm sad when I see the first snow fall because I know that fall will soon be gone. But I know that winter (my least favorite) won't last forever and soon spring will blossom. Seasons change.

This difficult season that we are in right now will not last forever...it will indeed change. And normal life will resume, or maybe a new life will emerge, and we will live into the fullness of a new season! The best thing about difficult seasons is that we become more grateful for the ease of the seasons that we love (winter makes me infinitely more grateful for spring, summer and fall!)

Stay faithful church. God is present, God is moving, God is doing a new thing!

Blessings,

Pastor Charlene





**This is how VBS
is done in 2020.
Great job everyone!!!!**





VBS THANKS!

Thank you to all who helped us with our VBS program in July. We had to think outside of the box this year in order to make VBS happen and it was a success! Thanks to Brian Arnold and Kyle Paxson for overseeing the program. Thanks to Leslie Paradiso for helping put together our take home craft packets. Thanks to Jill Lindhorst for our yummy take home snacks. Thanks to Molly Lofton for her amazing performance as Captain Crispy and thanks to Hillary Chapman, Fran Shook, Tevin Drosky and Heidi Ramirez for being leaders. We could not have had vacation bible school without you!!



The Third Sunday Ingathering Offering which was obtained on the Second Sunday in August was \$30.00. This money is donated to First Call for Help to assist those in need in our community.

Our Mission Committee project for September is to collect donations for FISH. FISH originated in Europe a few centuries ago during a time of great religious persecution. The symbol of FISH on a door was a sign to those in need that food, supplies, and a Christian welcome could be found inside. It was first established in Tiffin in 1972. The pantry is now located in the same building as the BMV in Tiffin. Volunteers man the phones, collect information, then pack and dispense the orders. We will have a table at the front of the sanctuary for donated items during the month of September. Monetary donations are also helpful. A list of suggestions follows:

Food items MUST be within expiration dates and commercially packaged.

- Canned/jarred: soup, meats, tuna, fruit, beans, peanut butter, jelly, spaghetti sauce, juices, vegetable/tomato juice
- Bagged/boxed: pasta, potatoes, beans, cereal, crackers, Ramon noodles, rice, flour, sugar
- Meal stretchers: broths, gravy, salsa, vegetables, “cream of” soups
- Personal needs: bath soap, dish & laundry soaps, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, fabric softener
- Small Children items: diapers, formula, baby food, baby wipes
- Snack items: crackers, chips, candy, gum...
- In working with youth, if asked to contribute a personally favorite food item, they may take more ownership in what they are donating
- Meal-in-a-bag: Supply majority of shelf-stable ingredients for a particular dish in one bag.... Canned beef-chicken- or ham, noodles, broth, canned vegetables, vegetable juice/tomato juice.... Canned pie filling and premade crust for a pie

Coming up on Sunday, October 4th we will observe World Communion Sunday. Donations placed in the special envelopes support scholarships for students in the U.S. and other countries.

~ Denise Lawson for Missions Committee



9/6 - Courtney McGinnis and Sofia Paradiso
9/13 - Enola and Ariana Ramirez
9/20 - Hezekiah and Elijah Ramirez
9/27 - Braden Drosky and Carter Lindhorst

If your son or daughter is in Third Grade or older
and would like to serve as Acolyte, please contact
Jill Lindhorst at (419) 443-0273.
Please consider helping!

let's do lunch

Please join us for lunch
Tuesday, September 22nd
12:00 noon
at Madison St. Tavern, Tiffin
hosted by Tevin Drosky
but if you plan to attend, please RSVP
Sandy Ritter at (419) 937-0328



**The Youth Fellowship Room is completed
and ready to go!!!!**

We meet every two weeks on Sunday evening at the church from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Some items we would still like to have for the group room are:

- Apartment size mini fridge
- Bluetooth speaker
- Microwave cart with cabinets to lock snacks in
- Vacuum cleaner
- Disposable masks
- Door Draft Stoppers, a few of them

If you have any of these items, please let Pastor Charlene or Tevin Drosky know. A big thank you to everyone for your help!!!!

~ *Tevin Drosky, Youth Fellowship Leader*

Important Upcoming Dates:

- East Ohio Annual Conference – Lakeside --- **Rescheduled for September 25-27, 2020**
- SPRC Consultation with District Superintendent – @ St. Paul's UMC – October 15th – 5:30 p.m.
- Charge Conference - @St. Paul's UMC – November 7th – 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



The St. Paul's UMC Education Committee met last recently. One of the topics of discussion was children's church. After much discussion, the committee decided that they believe it would be safe and appropriate to offer children's church once again. We have discussed and made changes to the program based upon the safety requirements dictated by this time of pandemic.

Children's church will take place during our Sunday morning worship service beginning September 20th (if we are able to schedule volunteer teachers). Obviously, attendance at children's church will depend on the child's and the parent's comfort level. All are welcomed, but we understand that all may not wish to participate. Masks will be worn for the entirety of the program (as mandated by the State of Ohio). Children will be seated in the fellowship hall and social distancing standards will be followed. Each child will be given a bag of supplies so that there are no shared supplies. We will be utilizing the one room Sunday School curriculum from Cokesbury. In the past, children's church has been offered for young people up through sixth grade; however, older children will be welcomed if they would like to come and actively participate.

If you would be interested in helping us by leading a session of children's church, we are hoping to put together a rotation of teachers (we are hoping that we could have enough teachers to cover at least a month, hopefully more).

Please reach out to Melody Woessner or contact the church office to get signed up to be a teacher. We cannot wait to offer this for our kids once again and we cannot do that without your help!

We will also continue to monitor the status of the cases of COVID-19 in our county and will continue to brainstorm ways to offer the remainder of our educational programming in the safest way possible.

Sincerely,
~ SPUMC Education Committee



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Sharing Kitchen			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Mariou U/L church Youth Fellowship meeting	Labor Day		SPRC mtg. 6:00	Sharing Kitchen		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Teacher & Group leader cleaning day 2:00 Bev U/L church	Sharing Kitchen Sharing Kitchen mtg @ 1:00		Trustees mtg. 7:00	Sharing Kitchen		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Third Sunday offering Gary U/L church	Sharing Kitchen	Lunch bunch 12:00 @ Madison St. Tavern		Sharing Kitchen Ad Council mtg. 7:00	Annual Clergy Conference via ZOOM	Sharing Kitchen Annual Clergy Conference via ZOOM
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Annual Clergy Conference via ZOOM Chris A U/L church	Sharing Kitchen					