

St. Paul's News June 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In January of this year, our congregation spent time taking a look at our own personal discipleship practices. We talked about using the "Discipleship Five" tools as a way to deepen our discipleship and as a way to periodically check in as to how we are doing in following Christ.

We are approaching the halfway point of 2021. Can you believe it? Half of our year is almost over. This is a great time to check in with yourself and to assess your personal discipleship practices. Are things going well? Are there areas for improvement? It seems that there is always something that can be improved upon.

THE DISCIPLESHIP FIVE

WORSHIP: Have you been attending worship consistently? During the past year, we have learned how valuable worshipping together is. When you are not in worship, others in our faith community miss you. It can be more challenging to attend church during the summer months because there are so many different activities vying for our attention. Make worship a priority! It is a vital part of your spiritual health and personal discipleship. Are you worshipping with your faith community weekly? Can you commit to praying five times daily (when you wake, each mealtime and before bed)?

GROW: We are called to grow through study our entire lives. How has your study life been going? As the mother of a 2021 high school graduate, I had to reiterate to Dominic that we are all called to be lifelong learners. It's not over when you graduate! Have you been intentional about studying God's word? There are so many options for study now...video based, books, small groups. If you need a recommendation, don't hesitate to ask! Can you commit to reading five verses of scripture each day?

SERVE: Serving others is an act of worship and it impacts us as deeply as it impacts those that we serve. How is your life of service? Acts of service do not have to be grand acts.

Service can happen in a simple act of kindness, a prayer offered, a call or text to check in, a meal purchased.

There are opportunities for service all around us! Can you commit to performing five random acts of kindness or service this week?



GIVE: We are created in the image of God and God has been so generous with each of us. Are you striving to live a life of extravagant generosity? Are you being generous with your time, with your talent and with your treasures? Have you fulfilled your vow to the church by supporting its ministries? Can you commit to five acts of generosity this month?

SHARE: Jesus has done a miraculous work in your life! Have you shared your testimony with anyone recently? Often times we become anxious about sharing our faith life with someone. That is when I lean on the words of St. Francis who said, "preach the gospel, use words when necessary." Does your life reflect your faith? Do you live in such a way that you reflect the fruits of God's Spirit? Do you take opportunities as they present themselves to pray with another person? Have you invited someone to church? I shared, in January, that we are often likely to share our experience at a local restaurant, but we hesitate to share our experience with God. Which is more important? Can you commit to sharing your faith with someone this month? Can you commit to inviting another family or a friend to church?

Seeking His wisdom always and in all ways,
~Pastor Charlene



Greetings from the Missions Committee:

Our missions are doing a slow recovery from the pandemic, but we are anxious to get out and we see the light. Native American Sunday in April collected \$20. The Third Sunday Ingathering for May will send \$65 to First Call for Help.

We are ready to restart Lunch Bunch, unmasked, in June. Lunch Bunch meets at various restaurants in the area on the last Tuesday of each month. Participants take turns hosting by signing up for their choice of month and they then choose the restaurant and make reservations a few days in advance for those indicating a plan to attend. It is a good way to support our local restaurants and share stories with each other. If you are interested in hosting a particular month, please contact the church office or Denise Lawson at 419-618-9658.

We recently found out that our Pastor Team of Pastor Charlene and Pastor Amy have acquired 5 churches. Each of these churches is unique and interesting. I am curious to see inside them and find out more about them and I probably am not the only one. If our Pastor Team would locate contact people in each of these churches to see if they might be interested, I would like to set up a "Getting to Know You Day/s". If there is interest from our church, please contact me. Pictures and stories would be appreciated. This is currently just an idea, and I am looking to see if there is interest.

Thank you, Church, for supporting our missions.
~ *Denise Lawson for the Mission Committee*

Dear Friends of St. Paul's,
At a recent meeting of the Finance Committee, I asked the committee to please give "prayerful consideration to your offerings/pledging as summer approaches". Summer usually is a leaner time for our church with attendance and giving being lower. I'm asking for you to also be in prayerful consideration. It is understandable that some people are not back in worship, some are watching via Zoom, some have jobs or health considerations that prevent them from attending in person. Please make sure you are still supporting or start supporting your church financially so we can continue to make disciples, help our congregation, help our community, and to continue to support our programs.

The works of the church during this pandemic have been powerful. We are reaching more through our on-line presence, our work, and our worship service. Please keep the church, Pastor Charlene, our staff, and all who benefit from our giving in your prayers.

Please let me know if you have any ideas for helping to increase giving. Also know that we are not in a "financial crisis" - but we want to make a conscious effort to stay ahead.

Blessings to you all!
~ *Molly Lofton and the Finance Committee*



GIVE PLUS+ **E-GIVING IN 3 EASY STEPS**

1. Download the Give Plus app on the app store (available for Apple and Android)
2. Search for "Tiffin St. Paul's United Methodist Church" and select our church.
3. Tap "Give Now" and enter your information.

You can also give online by going to our website (www.tiffinstpauls.org) and clicking on the "E-Giving" link.



The Confirmation Class led worship service on Sunday, May 13th. They did a great job! Included are some pictures from the service.

Youth Fellowship has been a full house with 15 youth in attendance.

The youth are selling laundry detergent for their trip to the Ark Encounter in Williamsburg, Kentucky July 21-23. Please let me know who is planning on attending by **JUNE 20th**.

Thank you to all who have been supporting the Youth Fellowship through the fundraisers!

~ Tevin Drosky, Youth Fellowship Leader







Confirmation Sunday is scheduled for June 6th. Please join us in worship as we accept these new faithful individuals into our community.

2021 Confirmands:

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| Remington Arnold | Bailey Barnes |
| Gavin Bogner | Grant Bogner |
| Braden Drosky | Enola Ramirez |
| Elijah Ramirez | Hezekiah Ramirez |
| Sofia Paradiso | Emma Sheets |



Join us for a joint worship on June 20th at 10:30 a.m. at Melmore UMC

We will be worshipping together with the congregations from Republic Trinity, Melmore UMC and St. Paul's.

GRADUATE SPOTLIGHT

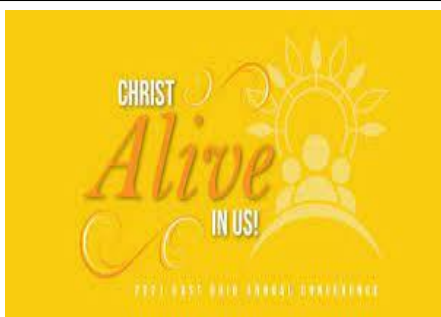
Dominic Consolo, son of Pastor Charlene (David) Thomas and Christopher Consolo, is a 2021 graduate of North Central Academy in Tiffin.

Dominic earned his diploma, as well as two career readiness certifications from the National Retailer's Foundation and a career readiness diploma seal through Terra State University.



Dominic is currently employed at Quick Tab II, a commercial printing company. He also volunteers at Reclaim It 127. Reclaim It is a charitable organization with the mission of empowering youth in our community while teaching skills as they upcycle donated items to sell in their retail store.

Dominic wants to continue to participate in the ministries of our church. He looks forward to volunteering with vacation bible school and helping with Youth Fellowship.



Annual Conference 2021 – Wednesday, June 16 through Saturday, June 19.

The worship services and business sessions of this year's conference will be livestreamed from the John S. Knight Center in Akron with clergy and lay members of Annual Conference participating remotely via Zoom video conferencing. Thanks to Molly Lofton for serving as our delegate to Annual Conference.

Coming Up in Worship:

- **June 6:** Confirmation Sunday
- **June 13:** Graduation Recognition
- **June 20:** Joint worship at Melmore UMC at 10:30 a.m. for Father's Day!

From the Trustees:

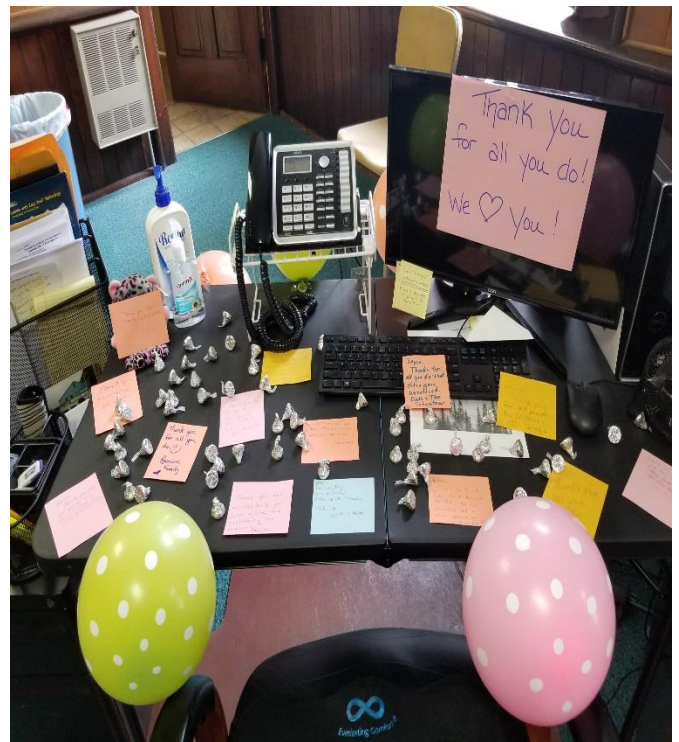
Volunteers needed to help with weeding the flowers beds. If you can help, please contact Gary Arnold.



Acolyte Ministry

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.

**VBS is coming!!
August 2nd-5th
Be on the lookout for
more information.**



If you are interested in hosting Lunch Bunch, please contact the church office or Denise Lawson @ 419-618-9658.

I was blessed when I came into the office on April 28th to find this wonderful surprise! Thank you for making me feel appreciated! (I still have a stash of Hersey Kisses. I limit myself to no more than two a day 😊)
~ Joyce Randell, Secretary