

St. Paul's News May 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Many of you know that my life scripture is 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."*

As a planner myself, I find great comfort in the fact that God is also planning, making plans for me and for you and for all of humanity...making plans for our church and for the greater church universal. It brings me great comfort to know that God's plans for us will bring us hope and prosperity and safety from harm. I also know that God's plans are ever changing, as God responds to us and the decisions that we make. What a beautiful idea, that we abide in God and God abides in us and our relationship creates this wonderful dance of creation!

In times of change, I always lean on the words of God, knowing that God is with me and, while the intricacies of the plans change, that the greater plan for me remains unchanged...prosperity, safety, hope and a future.

Many of you know that the next several months will bring a change in my appointment status in the United Methodist Church. While I will remain at St. Paul's, I will enter into a time of expanded team ministry with Pastor Amy Vittorio, as we begin our joint appointment in the Seneca-Wyandot Cooperative Parish.

In this Cooperative Parish, we will both serve the congregations of Tiffin St. Paul's, Republic Trinity, Melmore UMC, Sycamore UMC and Union Salem UMC. I will remain as the lead pastor at St. Paul's and Republic Trinity, where I will oversee the administration, worship and life of the congregations. Pastor Amy will serve as lead pastor at Melmore UMC, Sycamore UMC and Union Salem UMC. While we are both appointed jointly to the parish, each congregation will have a

consistent pastoral presence. We will work together as a team to support one another and to find ways that our churches can maintain their own identities, while working together to strengthen some ministries.

This is not a new model for us, as we have worked in a connectional ministry for several years with Melmore and Republic Trinity. I am grateful that this new appointment did not take me away from St. Paul's or Republic Trinity, and I am leaning forward in great expectation as to what God calls me to do in our collective work with all five churches.

Please pray for Pastor Amy and for myself as we transition into these leadership roles. Please also pray for the people of God's church, as they embark on this new adventure that God has planned for us all!

Pastor Charlene

Coming Up in Worship:

- **May 2:** Baptism of Ari Ramirez
- **May 9:** Joint worship at Republic Trinity at 9:00 a.m. for Mother's Day!
- **May 16:** Confirmation Class Youth lead worship.
- **May 23:** Guest Speaker Colleen Browning
- **May 30:** Memorial Sunday
- **June 6:** Confirmation Sunday
- **June 13:** Graduation Recognition
- **June 20:** Joint worship at Melmore UMC at 10:30 a.m. for Father's Day!



Greetings from the Missions Committee.

The Missions Committee met after church on April 11. Distribution of the Leann Wolff funds was reviewed and voted on for the first half of 2021. The following missions will be given \$110 each: FISH, Casa, Sisters in Shelter, Habitat, Patchworks, Tiffin Family Counseling, and St. Paul's Youth Fellowship.

The Easter Offering given in the special Easter envelopes collected \$230 to be sent to Flat Rock. There were also collections for the Sharing Kitchen-\$55 and for the St. Paul's Youth Fund-\$124.65. The total of \$186.75 for Easter flowers purchased by individuals for the altar in honor or memory of loved ones. Thank you, Church, for supporting these missions.

The Third Sunday Ingathering (yellow buckets) \$126.00 was sent to First Call for Help. We frequently do not know who or how this money helps, but at our meeting Pastor Charlene shared an impact story in which First Call was able to help a person having a mental health crisis pay their rent for that month, keeping them in their home, and enabling them to get their life back on track.

There will be special envelopes in the Sunday bulletin on the last Sunday in April. These are for Native American Sunday which is a United Methodist Church mission. Pastor Charlene will present more information on this mission.

Coming up in May we usually collect money for Flood Buckets or Health Kits and send this to the Lakeside Conference. The Conference is going to be virtual so the money will be sent directly to Church World Service (CWS).

Our April meeting included a discussion concerning our October FISH collection of items. It appears that much of this collection is brought back to the Sharing Kitchen. The supply chain for FISH has improved. These are dedicated people providing a very important service and we do not want to add to the workload. In order to make this a meaningful

project we will work with Sharing Kitchen to obtain a targeted list of needed items and post this when we advertise the project.

There were no responses in April indicating readiness to restart Lunch Bunch. We will send out an email again in May.

Thank you for your support of our missions.

~ Denise Lawson, for the Mission Committee

Thank You!

Thank you to all who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt! We had 22 children participate. We made crafts, played bingo, heard the Easter Story, and searched for 525 eggs filled with candy.

Thank you to everyone who made monetary donations to buy candy, to everyone who donated candy and to all for making this a safe and fun event!!!

~ Melody Woessner, Children's Church coordinator

Her children rise up and call her blessed.

~ Proverbs 31:28





There are ten youth that have been attending confirmation.

The Youth Fellowship group went to Berlin Resorts in Millersburg and The Farm at Walnut Creek, accompanied with Tevin, Pastor Charlene, and Heidi. The kids had a blast. Here are some pictures of the trip.

~ Tevin Drosky, Youth Fellowship Leader





May birthday celebrations:

Happy Birthday Gary Bigley!
May 29th

If you are over 80 years old and would like your birthday listed so we can celebrate you, please let the church secretary know. Thank you!



There are several upcoming special Sundays for our 2021 confirmands.

The confirmands will be leading worship on May 16th. They have planned the worship service and will serve in all roles during worship.

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

May 2: Charlie Garcia & Gavin Bogner
May 9: No acolytes – joint service in Republic
May 16: Carter & A.J. Lindhorst
May 23: Bailey Barnes & Grant Bogner
May 30: Braden Drosky & Hezekiah Ramirez

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.

2021 Confirmands:

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



Youth Annual Conference Update:

We have limited information about YAC 2021. We do know that the date will be June 12th and there will be in-person meetings held. We do not have a location yet. Please watch for updates during upcoming worship services. We are excited to be able to take some young people to Youth Annual Conference this year!



2021 East Ohio Annual Conference

Annual Conference will be held virtually Wednesday, June 16 through Saturday, June 19, 2021. Presentations and worship services will be live from the John S. Knight Center in Akron. Members will participate remotely via zoom.

Pastor Charlene will be attending these virtual sessions along with our Lay Delegate to AC, Molly Lofton.



Have you been attending worship with us, but haven't yet joined our congregation? Are you interested in membership at Tiffin St. Paul's?

Church membership is important! When you become a member of a faith community, you publicly confess your commitment to pursuing your role in the body of Christ in that community.

Church membership allows you to fully participate in the life of the church. As United Methodists, we believe that church membership is an important part of the life of a disciple.

Do you have questions about church membership? Please see Pastor Charlene!!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING!!

August 1st - 5th 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for more information!!