

St. Paul's News

April 2016



From the Pastor's Pen:

Happy Easter! As we enter the month of April we also enter what we in the church celebrate as the season of Easter. For us Easter isn't just one hour spent in worship or even one day, Easter is an entire season. We celebrate the resurrection of Christ for fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, which this year will fall on May 15th. The season of Easter is to be a time for us to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, to celebrate that we have a God who has conquered death. It is also a time for us as a church to focus on what it means for us today to have a God who is alive.

This year during much of the season of Easter we will be focusing on one specific scripture about the resurrected Christ. We will be spending several weeks in a sermon series on John 21. This chapter contains the story of the disciples fishing after the resurrection, not

catching anything until Jesus appears and tells them to cast their nets on the other side. Once they recognize Jesus, we get the beautiful scene of forgiveness between Jesus and Peter.

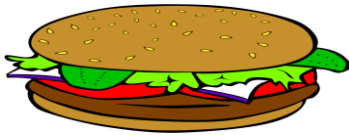
The chapter ends with a challenge for us to claim our place in the ongoing work of the risen Christ through these words, "This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written." (John 21:24-25)

While I know that it may seem a little strange to come to church for several weeks and hear the same scripture again, there is just so much that these chapter has to teach and show us and we will all benefit from several weeks of in depth discussion about the scripture. It is my hope and prayer that throughout this Easter season we will encounter the risen Christ through this story

and in our own lives and meet the Jesus who provides, who forgives, and who does more in our lives and in our world than we can even comprehend. Join us this Easter season as we go to the beach with Jesus!

Peace

Pastor Hannah



**Tuesday
Lunch Bunch**
(This is for men & women)
April 26, 2016
Corner Restaurant
(Bloomville)
Carol Graham is the contact
419-447-4865



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar any time during the year, please call the church office at (419)447-1743.



Mission Report

March Mission Giving:

One Great Hour Of Sharing – March 6
We have received \$ 258.00

One Great Hour of Sharing covers the operating costs for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) 100% of your giving to UMCOR goes directly to those in need.

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering
(Goes to First Call for Help) - \$ 46.00

Carol Graham and Kathy Daniel served a Habitat meal on Monday, March 14, for Heidelberg students on spring break that were volunteering at the Habitat site that week.

Thanks to those who brought in non-perishable food items for the FISH Food Pantry during the month of March. These donations will help families in our local community.

Money received for Sharing Kitchen
\$84.00
and Youth Annual Conference \$ 100.00
from “alternate” lilies.

Easter Offering for Flat Rock \$404.00

Missions Committee will meet on
Sunday,
April 24, 11:30 a.m. in the church office.

- Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Table Favor Committee

We will not be meeting in April since we worked ahead in March. Our next session will be in May. Have a Happy Easter!

Special Birthdays April

16-Barb Stallings



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



I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers and cards during the recent passing of my father in February. It was very comforting to receive such love. You are all such a caring and loving church family. God's blessings to you all! - Melissa Rennels



Acolyte Schedule for April

April 3: *Conner McGinnis & Krystal Lawrence*

April 10: *Allison Johnson and Ryann Arnold*

April 17: *Kayla and Courtney McGinnis*

April 24: *A.J. and Carter Lindhorst*

If your son or daughter is in Third Grade and older and would like to acolyte, please contact Jill Lindhorst at (419)443-0273 or blindhorst@att.net

Please consider helping us!



Your trustees have been very busy. St. Paul's is such a large church and the maintenance is constant. Here are some of the items overseen or repaired in the past 6 months:

- **Elevator Inspections**
- **Boiler Inspection and repairs**
- **Toilet replacement-Fellowship Hall**
- **Carpet stretched in front entrance to Sanctuary**
- **Copy Machine repaired. Thanks Sandy Arnold**
- **Internet added to office. Thanks Brian Arnold and helpers!**

- Fellowship Hall windows-scraped, sanded,caulked, and painted. Thanks Gaylen Kline
- Kitchen annex-cleaned, caulked, painted, curtains washed and ironed. Thanks Rich, Gaylen and Shirley Smith
- New Gas furnace installed at the Parsonage
- Fencing around flower beds in front of both the church and Patchworks House. Thanks John Patterson
- Snow removed and lawn mowing at the church and parsonage.
- Estimates for major projects: repair of gutters and tiles; new windows for sanctuary. Thanks Gary Arnold for all the time involved.
- Radiator caps in the sanctuary and front entrance scraped, sanded and painted. Thanks Marilou.
- Weekly cleaning of our large church. Thanks Rich and Marilou. Thanks to Melissa Rennels who recently volunteered to help. We welcome anyone who can volunteer and hour or so each week!

There are always items needing our attention. We have a prioritized major projects list depending on available funds. We thank all the volunteers who have helped out the trustees.

Marilou Hill
Secretary



Walkers or Sponsors Wanted

For the 2016 Annual Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk for Krystal and Heaven Lawrence. There are 2 opportunities to support this very worthy event. On April 24th, the Great Strides walk will be at the Detroit Zoo. On May 13th, the Great Strides walk will be at Findlay Riverbend Park. For more information, please contact Sandy Ritter (419)618-7075.



Weekly Mailings and Notifications

If you would like to receive your weekly Church commitments ex: Acolytes, Coffee Hour, Liturgist and or your committee meeting notifications by e-mail instead of thru the mail please email the secretary @ secretary@tiffinstpauls.org to be put on the list for those mailings.



Newsletter deadline for the May Newsletter is April 15th.

Please **email** to secretary@tiffinstpauls.org