

St. Paul's News

August 2014



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

Just because it is summer doesn't mean that things aren't happening here at the church. As I write this we are approaching our final evening of Vacation Bible School. VBS has been a great success this year as the children attended the International Spy Academy and learned how to use their spy skills to discover the one true God. There have been games, crafts, snacks, bible stories, singing, and for the first time anybody can remember there have not been record setting high temperatures!

August will continue to be an exciting month in the life of our church. During our worship service on August 3rd, the group of youth and adults who attended the Alive Music Festival in June will be sharing with us about their experiences. Make sure to attend to support and hear the witness of this group.

Later in the month, August 17th will be our annual potluck and planning retreat following the worship service. All are invited to attend both the lunch and the planning retreat as we work together as a church family to develop goals for the upcoming week. I know that many of you have great ideas about we can continue to make St. Paul's an awesome church so come and share them on this day. Even though it may still seem a long way off, the following Sunday, August 24th is the Sunday before

school starts for many of our children. We will have a special blessing of the backpacks during this worship service and we invite all students who are going back to school this fall regardless of age to bring their backpack to worship on this Sunday.

Finally the last Sunday, August 31st, will be our Rally Day as we prepare to kick off our fall schedule the following week. During this worship service will we recognize those who have served in our many Christian Education ministries in the past year. We will also be presenting bible to our third grade students on this day. There are so many things to look forward to in the month of August! I hope and pray that you will be able to join us for many of them.

Peace,

Pastor Hannah



Special Birthdays

August

11 – Annabelle Shaull
26 – Ann Harry

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



Lunch Bunch

(includes women **and men**)

August 26 —at noon
Fireside Café

Heidelberg University

Carol Graham is the contact

(419) 447-4865



Table Favor Committee

Summer is moving along at a fast pace and we are thinking ahead to August activities. Our August table favors will be a little more time consuming than most we have done. Mark your calendars and plan to come on Tuesday, August 12 at 1:30pm.



ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

July Mission Giving-

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering: \$90.00
(Given to First Call for Help to use in the Tiffin Community)

School Supplies were collected in July by the Missions Committee and the VBS children. VBS children donated 22 boxes of crayons, 192 #2 pencils, 13 pink erasers, 47 glue sticks, 17 bottles of glue, 8 rulers, 5 pencil sharpeners, 1 package of markers, plus \$21.75!! Good job, children!! These supplies go to First Call for Help to use in their back-to-school backpacks in conjunction with the YMCA. Additional items were donated by the congregation to be delivered at the same time.

Thanks to the willing volunteers who served as Sharing Partners in the Sharing Kitchen on July 28 & 31!

Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Are you looking for a way to be more involved at St. Paul's? Do you have a knack for grammar and formatting? Can you use a computer? If you answered yes to any of these questions you may be qualified to become St. Paul's new newsletter editor. After many years of faithful service Amy Ochier will be stepping down following the August newsletter. The newsletter editor is responsible to compiling and formatting the newsletter each month (not writing or copying it!). If you think that this is something you may be interested in doing talk to Pastor Hannah or Amy Ochier for more information.



Summer is here, so the youth will not be meeting regularly during the summer. In the fall, we will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.



Newsletter deadline for the September Newsletter is August 19th

At this time there is not an editor for the newsletter, if you have a submission for the September newsletter, please contact the office to get submission information.

Alive 2014 Sharing and Alive 2015 Planning Meeting

During the worship service on Sunday, August 3rd, the group that attended Alive 2014 will be sharing our experiences with the congregation. Following coffee hour we will be meeting in the parlor to begin planning our trip for the 2015 Alive Festival. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in attending the festival with us, please let Rob Ochier know. Alive 2015 will be held June 17-20, 2015 at Atwood Lake Park in Mineral City, Ohio. For more information you may visit their website www.alive.org or ask any of the people pictured below.



Alive 2014 Group Picture

CHURCHWIDE PLANNING RETREAT AND POTLUCK

WHEN: AUGUST 17
TIME: AFTER CHURCH
WHERE: Fellowship Hall
WHO IS INVITED? **EVERYONE**

Please bring a dish to share and table service to the annual planning retreat August 17th, following the church service. We will eat and then set our plans and goals for 2015. We need new ideas and suggestions from all ages to make the New Year one to remember.

We should be done with eating and planning for a 2:00 p.m. adjournment. Hope to see everyone there.

Shirley Smith
Administrative Council Chair



You won't want to miss our Rally Day worship service on Sun., Aug. 31, 2014, at 10 A.M. Watch for details...A celebration of everyone who has worked in our Education Ministries, Bible presentations, backpack blessing and more!

