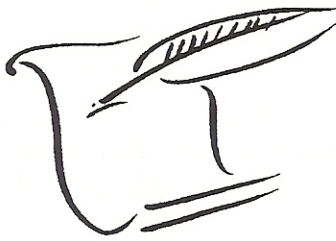


St. Paul's News

August 2012



From the Pastor's Pen:

Dear People of St. Paul's,

First of all, allow me to thank each and every one of you for the wonderful welcome to St. Paul's that you all have provided. Each and every day I find myself privileged and thankful to be your pastor and my excitement for the ministry of St. Paul's continues to grow.

As we approach the end of July and the month of August we are going to be spending our time in worship focusing on what it means to "Come to the Table" using John 6 as our primary scripture. We will be discussing what it means to be invited to God's table as well as how God is calling us to use our own tables of fellowship to ministry to each other and our community.

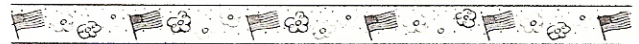
I'm guessing that many of you have some very meaningful traditions and memories that include fellowship around a table. Maybe you have special traditions with family at the holidays, meaningful memories of conversation around a table full of loved ones, or an important connection to times spent celebrating communion at God's table. I would encourage you to continue sharing these traditions and memories with one another.

In addition I would encourage us during this month to pursue what it means to invite all to the table. Spend some time with your family at a meal time discussing how

everybody saw God working during the day. Invite somebody to join you for a meal. Look around to see who we are missing at our table. My prayer for all of us at St. Paul's this month is that we will all come to a better understanding in our lives of Jesus' words in John 6, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35)

Peace,

Pastor Hannah



Sharing Kitchen

In June the Sharing Kitchen celebrated Christmas in the Summer on one serving day. There were gifts for children and adults who attended. And we still have stuffed animals!

Meals were served on 10 days to 560 adults and 152 children. The meals were prepared and served by 169 volunteers.

Thanks to all who have helped during June in this important mission.

Special Birthdays

August

11 – Annabelle Shaul

26 – Ann Harry

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



Prayer Focus

This summer's weather has given us many reasons to pray. Those who were devastated by the western fires continue to need our

prayers as they begin the long-term task of rebuilding their lives. The heat and drought that caused those fires have spread across most of the nation with over half of the states suffering from drought. The corn crop is severely affected and this will drive up prices for many of our groceries creating problems especially for those with low incomes. Let us pray that rains will soon relieve the drought so the problems don't worsen.

Elsewhere others have suffered from nature's ravages. In India nearly half a million people entered refugee camps to escape the floods which killed 95 and left others missing. Russia also experienced devastating flooding.

Others needing our prayers are those whose lives have been disrupted by war. We are aware of the horrors of the civil war in Syria where as I write over 17,000 people including many civilians have been killed. Pray too that neither side chooses to use Syria's large chemical and biological weapon supply. It is difficult to know how that will end or when people can live safely. Elsewhere war continues in the Congo. Also in Nigeria where Christians have been attacked and killed and their cattle, necessary for food, stolen by those from the north. When oh when will we learn to solve our differences without war?

In the Sudan nine children die each day from preventable illnesses like diarrhea and malaria in overcrowded, swampy refugee camps. Thousands of unaccompanied children are fleeing the war into the mountains. What a tragedy!

Reports indicate that more than 20 million people worldwide are enslaved. The good news is that the global awareness is helping to reduce the number. In 2010 over 30,000 were identified and helped out of slavery, in 2012 over 42,000. Praise the Lord! Praise too that since 1990 over two billion people have gained access to improved water sources. But prayers also for some 780 million people are still without access to good water supplies.

Another human tragedy is the prevalence of rape in our military. A female soldier is more likely to be raped by a fellow soldier than killed by enemy fire. Of all active-duty female soldiers 20% are sexually assaulted. While the government is addressing the problems, victims need our prayers.

Let us prayer for St. Paul's, its members and programs that we may be pleasing to the Lord.

Leanne Wolff
Church and Society



Lunch Bunch



(now includes women **and men**) August 28, 2012 at noon – We Luv Yogurt – Kathy Daniel is the contact person – (419-448-8418)

Table Favor Committee

No session for August. Enjoy your summer!



ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

Many of our members have brought in school supplies for children in the community. This year we collected pencils, erasers and rulers. The Vacation Bible School children took this on as their mission project this year and all their items will be added to those already collected. These will be delivered to First Call for Help in time to be distributed to those in need. Thanks to all who contributed.

St. Paul's will provide a lunch for the volunteer builders for Seneca Habitat on August 4th. On October 15th and 18th St. Paul's will cook and serve at the Ecumenical Sharing Kitchen.

We continue to use Fair Trade Coffee. Thanks to all who contribute to the cost of the coffee and to Renee Hook who sees that the collection box is out each Sunday.

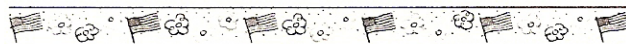
Praise the Lord! The Human Trafficking Bill was passed by the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate and then signed by Governor Kasich. Now there are much stiffer penalties for those who sell and buy victims. Also the victims will be treated as victims and not criminals in the future. We think this is a big city problem but there was a recent situation in Bowling Green where two young girls were rescued at a truck stop. Do you know that Toledo has the distinction of being fourth in the nation as the largest human trafficking city? This invisible criminal activity is much closer than we would like to think. We hope to work with other churches in the area to get the word out and to do some tangible projects to help fight this crime.



To all of you who made my birthday so very special! I appreciated and enjoyed all of your cards, prayers and visits. It was a blessed time for me and my family and you added to our joy!

Leanne Wolff

The family of Vincent Arnold would like to thank our St. Paul's family for all your thoughts, prayers, cards and support after his recent death. We greatly appreciate all who helped with his funeral service and dinner. He will be missed every Sunday in his chair, but know that he is watching over us. His church family was a very important part of his life and he looked forward to being there every Sunday.



Softball

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Coed Just for Fun - Church Softball League

Anyone interested in playing church softball this summer, please contact Rob Ochier (567-220-6117). The league is open to anyone, Jr. High aged and up. Games are played on Friday nights across from the Tiffin YMCA. Feel free to come and play or



come and root on St. Paul's. Wear your St. Paul's shirts to show your team spirit!

8/3 – 7:30 pm – Front vs Christ's Church
8/10 – 6 pm – Back vs St. John's UCC
8/17 – 6 pm – Front vs Harmony UMC



Summer is here, so the youth will not be meeting regularly during the summer. In the fall, we will be changing our meetings to the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. The first meeting of the new school year will be on Sunday, September 16th in the Richard Spencer Youth Room at 6:30pm.



Alive 2012 Group Picture

Alive 2012 Sharing and Alive 2013 Planning Meeting

During the worship service on Sunday, August 12th, the group that attended Alive 2012 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 2013 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 2013 will be held June 19-22, 2013 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 above.



Sunday, August 26th will be this year's Rally Day for the new Sunday School Program Year! Please watch for announcements from the Christian Education Committee – it's going to be exciting!!!



Newsletter deadline for the September Newsletter is August 19th (also known as the day I turn 38).

Please **email or place on disk** in MS Word format (.doc) to amynuala@yahoo.com

Thank you to everyone who made this year's VBS a success!



Children who attended VBS

James Abrams
Remington Arnold
Ryan Arnold
Ryann Arnold
Bailey Barnes
Jose Castillo
Pursia Castillo
Olivia Correll
Ceillia Crow
Wyatt Crow
Virginia Faeth
Addison Fortney
Max Fortney
Sydney Fortney
Zane Gabrielson
Charlie Garcia
Dustin Hawk
Dharani Juarez
Zandra Juarez
Tyler Keefe
Krystal Lawrence
A.J. Lindhorst
Carter Lindhorst
Robbie Lindhorst
Ava Lucius
Elijah Lucius
Connor McGinnis
Courtney McGinnis
Kayla O'Quinn
Sofia Paradiso
Jillian Redford
Rory Redford
Nico Vittorio

2012 Vacation Bible School Staff

Seaside Celebration

Molly Lofton
Amy Ochier
Jeremy Faeth
Hannah Hawk
Kayla McGinnis

Lifeguard Lagoon

Cheryl Armstrong
Kendullin Fortney

Fun Time Falls

Paul Fortney
Rob Hawk
Chris Armstrong
Rob Ochier
Tyler Hawk
Gabe Parrish

Coconut Cafe

Carrie Hawk
Angie McGinnis
Ishea Gabrielson
Zack Gaietto

Project Pointe

Leslie Paradiso
Hillary Chapman
Sandy Arnold
Amber Crow

Preschool / Kindergarten

Brian Arnold
Melody Woessner
Jordan Grinich
Linda Paxson
Jessica Redford

Group Leaders

Jennifer Fox
Karen Kinstler
Sandy Ritter
Amy Vittorio

Cooper

Brandy Gabrielson
Nick Gabrielson

Pastor

Rev. Hannah Tucker

Directors

Kyle Paxson
Jani Oder-Yanni

Special thanks to Ann Harry for sewing our Cooper costume and to Carol Graham and Kathy Daniel for assisting her. We'd also like to thank everyone who donated snacks, provided decorations, helped set-up and clean-up, or made donations to this year's program. We couldn't have done it without you!