

St. Paul's News

December 2015



From the Pastor's Pen:

Dear St. Paul's,

Welcome to the season of Advent. I invite you to join us this Advent season as we prepare for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This Advent we will be using worship to look at what Jesus was sent to the world to do and how we are in turn sent to be the body of Christ in the world today. Our main focus on scripture will be John 17:18 where Jesus says, "As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them."

Throughout Advent we will be discussing how through the coming of Christ our entire world is changed. We will see how Jesus reconciles us to God and one another. We will discover how Jesus sets us free from sin to serve God and our community. We will witness how Jesus is God with us in the good times and difficult times of our lives. And finally we will experience how Jesus brings new life and changes everything through his birth on Christmas. I hope and pray that you will join us for this Advent season as we strive to grow in faith and hope and grace and love together.

Of course you won't want to miss many of the special events happening during the Advent season either. The children and youth will present their Christmas program on December 13th during Sunday morning worship. We will worship together on Christmas Eve with candlelight at 7:00pm. On the last Sunday of December we will celebrate the birth of Christ through a service of lessons and

carols where you will have the opportunity to request your favorite Christmas songs.

Most of all as we approach the celebration of Christ's birth, I encourage you to take some time during this busy season to prepare your own heart to welcome Jesus. In midst of a time that is often hectic, take a few moments to celebrate the ways in which the coming of Christ in our world has changed everything in your life and the ways that you are now being sent out to share this good news with others.

Peace
Pastor Hannah



Special Birthdays

December

13 – Faye Eley

16 – Carl Yager

(And Pastor Hannah's birthday is on December 14.)

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

Lunch
Bunch



Lunch Bunch

Tuesday Lunch Bunch
(Includes men & women)

**December 8, 2015—
noon**

We will meet at the home
of Sharon Rigby & Jeff
Kuhn. (750 Twp. Rd
1172) Please let them
know if you plan to
attend.

Table Favor Committee



**THURSDAY, December
10, 1:15pm** It is hard to
believe that we are at the
end of another year!
Hopefully the change of
days will work for most of
us. Thank you for a fun
year of crafting!



Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

Cleaning of the church:

We do not have a janitor so we are
depending on volunteers. It is a **BIG**
job to keep the church clean. We could use some
help. If you could volunteer 1 hour a week,
we could designate a small area for you.
Please consider helping us!



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



ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

November Mission Giving:
Third Sunday Ingathering Offering
(Goes to First Call for Help)--\$9.25

Thanks to those who helped serve as part
of the kitchen crew at the Sharing Kitchen
the first week of November! Workers
included: Cheryl Armstrong, Gary Bigley,
Carol Graham, Marilou Hill, Jean Law, and
Diana Patterson

31 Shoe Boxes were packed for the
Operation Christmas Child program. We
collected \$228 for postage which gave us a
balance of \$18 to donate for Bible Study
materials. Bible Studies are provided for the
children who receive shoe boxes each year.
Carol Graham delivered our boxes to the
drop site here in Tiffin.

Donations received in the **Special
Thanksgiving Envelopes** will be given to
F.A.C.T. (Financial Assistance for Cancer
Treatment) of Seneca County. Amount
received-- \$85.

**United Methodist Student Day Offering--
\$_____**

Angel Tree Gifts: Tags will be available to
purchase gifts for needy children again this
year. Sandy Arnold will set up a tree near
the elevator. Gift ideas and instructions will
be on the back of the angel tags. We work
with Salvation Army on this project.

--Kathy Daniel for the Missions Committee

Christmas Angels

The Missions Committee has once again decided to have the Angel Tree at St. Paul's. The Angels are located near the elevator.

We have 25 children who are in need of a gift this year. The names were given to us from the Salvation Army.

The guidelines are the same as last year, and are printed on the back of each angel. If you cannot make it to the store I will gladly do the shopping for you.

---Return the gift by December 8th. If on a Sunday put under the tree. If returning during the week, leave in the office. Thank you for bringing joy to the children once again this year

--?'s - Sandy Arnold 447-6145, my email is hitman@bright.net



Christmas Program

Please mark your calendars for the St. Paul's Children's Christmas Program.

Dress Rehearsal, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015, immediately following Sunday School with light lunch provided--Noon-1:30 P.M. Parent & grandparent volunteers welcome, especially with pre-school age. (Adults are also included for lunch!)

The **program** is **Sunday, Dec. 13**. Costumes provided. Questions: church office 419-447-1743 or 419-447-8527.



If you would like the monthly newsletter sent to your email, please contact Jill Lindhorst at blindhorst@att.net or (419-443-0273).



I would like to thank all of you for the many cards, phone calls, visits and treats during my illness and recovery.

Most of all thanks for your prayers and support. A special Thanks to Pastor Hannah for being with us during surgery and for her encouragement along the way. I am home and still have a long way to go. Visitors are welcome but call first please.

Sincerely,
Renee Sand



Acolytes

Acolyte Schedule for December:

12/6/15: Connor McGinnis and Krystal Lawrence

12/13/15: Allison Johnson and Kayla McGinnis

12/20/15: Courtney and Kayla McGinnis

12/24/15: Robbie and A.J. Lindhorst

12/27/15: Ryann Arnold 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



Newsletter deadline for the January Newsletter is December 23rd.

Please **email or place on disk** in MS Word format (.doc) to blindhorst@att.net.



Poinsettia Order Form

Plants will be placed on the altar for Sunday, Dec. 20th and the Dec. 24th

Christmas Eve Service. They may be picked up after either service. The cost is \$7.50. This year there are two alternate options. You may choose to give a gift to the Sharing Kitchen or the Henderson Mission Trip rather than purchasing a plant. Please complete this form and return it to the church office by Dec. 6th or place it in the offering plate with your check. Checks may be payable to the church and marked for "Poinsettia" in lower corner and on your envelope. Thank you!

Poinsettia/Gift given in honor of: _____

Or in memory of: _____

Given by: (Your name as you want it listed) _____

Please check:

I prefer Red _____ or White _____
I will take plant _____ OR
Use money for Sharing Kitchen _____ or
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