

St. Paul's News

February 2014



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

Happy Ordinary February! Since the date of Easter is rather late this year, we will spend the entire month of February in what is referred to on the church calendar as Ordinary Time. So instead of rushing into Lent this year we have more time as a church to focus on and live in the ordinary. No fear though. Ordinary does not mean routine. Ordinary does not mean unimportant. And Ordinary does not mean boring.

Instead this season of Ordinary time is a time that we as church can focus on what it means to be disciples of Christ. We took some time in January to look at calling. We read the scriptures of Jesus calling the disciples and consider our own call to be disciples of Christ. And now we will see how being disciples changes our lives. What does the gospel teach us about how followers of Christ should live? And how do we take what the gospel teaches us and allow it to transform our lives and that way we live at home, work, school, and in times of recreation? These are the things that we will be learning together.

Thus, for the month of February we will focus in worship on Matthew 5 which is the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. This chapter contains many verses you are probably familiar with. It begins with the beatitudes and contains teachings on being

the salt and light of the world, and ends with Jesus' teaching "You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, 'Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven.'" (Matthew 5:43-45a) I invite you to join us this month in worship as we explore what these teachings have in store for our lives today.

Peace,

Pastor Hannah



Special Birthdays

February

11 – Margaret Thomas
24 – Bud Eley
26 – Lois Payne

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



Lunch Bunch

(includes women **and men**)
February 25—at noon
Fort Ball Pizza
Kathy Daniel is the contact
(419) 448-8418



Table Favor Committee

We will meet Tuesday, February 11,
1:30pm to assemble candy cups for the
three facilities we support. Thank you!



ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

Missions Committee projects continue as we work our way through the winter months. On January 26 we will take in the offering for the United Methodist Human Relations Day. This offering supports outreach ministries in deserving communities and empowers at-risk youth.

Blanket Sunday will be February 9. Church World Service sponsors this ministry. They provide warm blankets to help families around the world recover from disasters and build viable, sustainable lives and communities. They not only provide blankets, but other tools that are needed to help families in the recovery process. Bulletin inserts will provide more detailed information. This is an opportunity for us to help those who are less fortunate. Blankets are \$5.00 each.

Amounts collected for mission giving:

Alternate Poinsettias:

Henderson Mission Trip \$68.50

Sharing Kitchen \$95.00

Christmas Offering Envelopes:

Emergency Heating Fund \$950.00

(First Call For Help)

Thanks again for your continued support for St. Paul's Church Mission Projects!

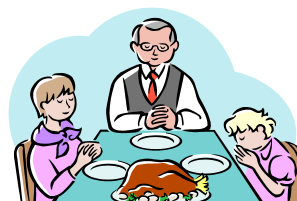
Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



THANK YOU! Thank you so much for making F.A.C.T. a benefactor of your Thanksgiving Offering. The F.A.C.T. Board appreciates your generosity to our organization. Because of donations like these, we are able to assist Seneca County residents who have been diagnosed with cancer. F.A.C.T. has an all-volunteer board, so 100% of all donations go directly to residents who have been diagnosed with cancer. Thank you again for your donation. (Total donation: \$220.00)

Thank you for thinking of our residents each month. The table favors are no nice and enjoyed by all. Happy New Year and may God bless you.

From the residents of Ruffing Family Care Center of Tiffin



SMOTHERED TURKEY DINNER

Please join the Alive Group February 9th at Noon, following Sunday school, in the Fellowship Hall for a time of warmth and togetherness. Dinner will consist of turkey in gravy with dressing, mashed potatoes and a vegetable. Donations will be accepted and will be used to help with the expenses of the group's trip to Alive this coming June.



ALIVE FESTIVAL 2014

The Youth Fellowship is planning a trip to the Christian Music Festival, Alive. The festival is to be held June 18-21 at Atwood Lake Park. We are inviting anyone who is interested in attending to join us. If you were not able to make the meeting we had in January and did not receive the information we emailed to those we knew were interested, please let us know. To view the artists and speakers scheduled, as well as the other activities available at Alive, visit www.alive.org For more information, contact Rob Ochier.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

February 9th – Smothered Turkey Dinner after Sunday School. Contact Hillary Chapman to donate food or for more information.

April 13th – Spaghetti Dinner after Sunday School. Contact Rob Ochier to donate food or for more information.

June ??? – Car Wash



The January youth meeting to plan the activities for the next few months was canceled. We will need to regroup and plan our activities. Any and all ideas are welcome!!

Meetings are 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month unless we have a special activity taking place. Youth Fellowship is open to

anyone in grades 6-12. Contact Rob or Amy Ochier for more information. Bring a friend or two!!

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Feb. 2nd – No meeting due to Rob and Amy's schedules.

Sunday, Feb. 16th @ 6:30pm – Valentine's themed activities and planning meeting. Bring your ideas!!

Dates to keep in mind:

May 11th – Youth Led Worship Service

May 16th – Relay for Life (We have been asked to work at the Welcome tent on the Coe St. entrance)

June 18th-22nd – Alive!



Newsletter deadline for March
Newsletter is February 19th

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