

St. Paul's News

February 2016



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

As we enter the month of February we are also quickly approaching the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is February 10th and we will begin Lent with a combined Ash Wednesday service with Faith UMC hosted here at St. Paul's at 7:30pm. As we prepare to enter Lent, I want us to be aware of several opportunities for us to observe the season together. The season of Lent is the season of the church year for the forty days (not including Sundays) before Easter. Traditionally, Lent has been a time for Christians to focus on their spiritual formation in preparation for the celebration Easter. It has also traditionally been a season of denial and you may be familiar with the common practice of fasting or giving something up for Lent.

In worship this Lent, we will be focusing on the theme of forgiveness. We will be discussing how we can trust that God will always forgives us, how we are called to repent of our own sins, and how we can work to forgive and reconcile with others. I hope that you will plan to join us in worship during lent as we explore the topic of forgiveness together.

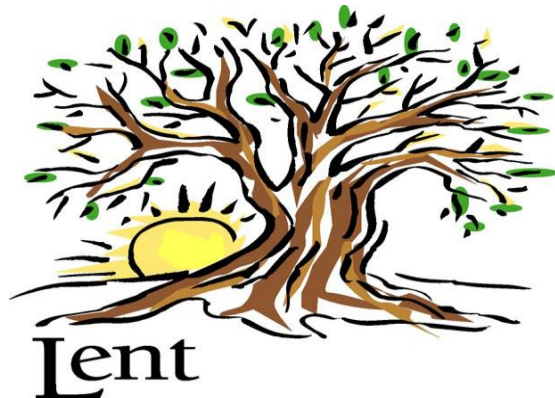
We will also be offering a small group study during lent that focuses on the topic of prayer. This group will meet at the church for six weeks on Mondays from 7:00-8:00pm starting on February 15th. Together we will study bible passages on prayer and learn prayer practices for our daily lives. This study will help us approach

the cross through prayer during this Lenten season. Please consider joining us.

I pray that you will all have a meaningful Lenten season as we focus on our approach and journey to the cross, tomb, and finally resurrection of Christ.

Peace
Pastor Hannah

Additional Announcement: We will be starting a confirmation class at the end of February. If you have a child who is in at least 5th grade who is interested in joining the church and learning more about their faith, they are invited to participate in this class. Please talk to Pastor Hannah for more information.



Special Birthdays February

24-Bud Eley
26-Lois Payne

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)

February 23—noon
Golden Crown
Gary Bigley is the
contact
419-448-4680



Mission Report

ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

Table Favor Committee



Feb. 9, 2016—1:15pm. We
will be making our Valentine
favors.



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



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

January Mission Giving:
Third Sunday Ingathering Offering
(Goes to First Call for Help)--\$61.00

Human Relations Day Offering collected on
January 24.--\$

February 14 will be **Blanket and Tool
Sunday**. We will be collecting money for
Church World Service.

**Campbell's Labels & General Mills Box
Tops for Henderson Mission**—Please
continue collecting labels! Kathy mailed
labels again in early January. 1,600,000
labels will purchase a mini van. Henderson
Missions uses vehicles to transport senior
citizens, for tours, speaking trips and youth
ministries after school. For Campbell's
products all that is required is the bar code
with logo and the lid from V8 products.

Henderson Missions passes the General
Mills Box tops to their neighboring schools.
Thanks for your help! Labels and box tops
can be put in Kathy Daniel's mailbox in the
Fellowship Hall.

--Kathy Daniel for the Missions Committee





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!



Acolytes

Acolyte Schedule for February:

2/7/16: Connor McGinnis and Krystal Lawrence

2/14/16: Carter and A.J. Lindhorst

2/21/16: Scheduling in Process.

2/28/16: Scheduling in Process.

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 March Newsletter is February 19th.

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



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.



Jack Noller is...

THE MUSIC MAN!

Jack Noller has taken his Cigar Box Guitar to the Heritage Festival, the Oak Ridge Festival, Y-Wives and Mohawk.

And now he will be appearing at our church!



Join Jack Noller and friends
February 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall for an evening
of music and fun!

Invite your friends!

Refreshments will
be served!

He will explain the history of the music box,
play the guitar with Chris Armstrong, and
welcome audience participation!