

St. Paul's News

January 2016



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

Happy New Year! As we welcome in 2016 let us take time to thank God for the blessings that 2015 brought. Through our church we were able to serve our community, give to causes around the world, grow in our faith, and share the good news of Jesus Christ. We have much to celebrate and be proud of as a church family. It is my hope and prayer that these good things continue throughout the new year and for many years to come.

During the beginning of 2016 we will be using our time together in worship to discover who we are as Christian of God. We will experience the good news in that God we do not have to fear. We will learn how God will always remember us. We will see that in Christ we will not be forsaken or abandoned. Through the words of the prophets of the Old Testament we will see how promises made centuries ago are still very much true for us today.

I want to share a one of the passages that we will be using during the next month with you now. These are the words from the prophet Isaiah, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made'" (Isaiah 43:1-7).

As we enter this new year let us remember that no matter what we belong to God, and that God will always be with us no matter what happens. Let us place our hope and trust in God this year.

Peace
Pastor Hannah



Special Birthdays
January

20—Jan Rennels
23—Shirley Counselman
27—Mina Huston

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



ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

December Mission Giving:
Third Sunday Ingathering Offering
(Goes to First Call for Help)--**\$80.00**

Thanks to the congregation for their support of the Angel Tree Gift project. 25 gifts were provided to the Salvation Army to give to needy children in our community.

Alternate Poinsettias collected for
Sharing Kitchen \$112.50
Patchworks House \$95.00
Thanks for these gifts

Our Special Christmas Offering envelopes were divided between First Call for Help's Heating Fund and Morrison House. The total offering came to \$

Human Relations Day Offering will be collected on January 24

--Kathy Daniel for the Missions Committee



Lunch Bunch
Tuesday Lunch Bunch
(Includes men & women)
January 26—noon
Frisch's Big Boy
Kathy Daniel is the contact
419-448-8418



Table Favor Committee



Happy New Year! We will not be meeting until February. We will try to focus on the months with special holidays this year for our table favor projects. Thanks for all your help crafting!



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



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



Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

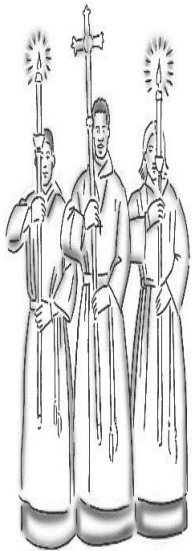
Cleaning of the church:

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!



Newsletter deadline for the February Newsletter is January 22nd.

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



Acolyte Schedule for January:

1/3/16: Connor McGinnis and Krystal Lawrence

1/10/16: Allison Johnson and Carter Lindhorst

1/17/16: Ryann Arnold and Robbie Lindhorst

1/24/16: Kayla and Courtney McGinnis

1/31/16: **Acolytes Needed**

Acolytes

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

