

St. Paul's News

July 2015



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

As I write this I am just returning from a week at Lakeside for our East Ohio Annual Conference. The theme of this year's conference was "Jesus is Calling Us Up" a continuation of the "Jesus Is Calling" theme the conference has been studying for that past few years. The speakers and worship focused on the word encouragement and the many ways that we can encourage others to take the next step in faith, whether that means starting a faith journey or going deeper in faith.

With the clear decline in church participation in recent years, it can be easy to become discouraged. Yet we were reminded to celebrate all that God is doing in and through our churches. We were able to briefly from the Bishop of Liberia in West Africa one morning. He thanked our churches for the support during that country's Ebola crisis in the past year. Because of the support of our churches (including St. Paul's) the Methodist hospital in Liberia was able to stay open and stocked throughout the crisis even as other hospital in the country were forced to close. Praise God for the provision we were able to give!

Obviously the highlight for me was the ordination service on Tuesday evening. It was powerful for me to kneel and receive the ordination from our Bishop while surrounded by two other Bishops, our District Superintendent, and my sponsor. It was so very meaningful for me to have

such a strong showing from St. Paul's at the ordination service. I thank all of you who were able to make it to the service, as well as those we were there in spirit and have since sent many cards and given me many words of congratulations.

Brothers and sisters, Jesus is calling us up too. I encourage you to take the next step in your faith journey this summer. Use this time to commit yourself to Christ, start a spiritual practice, serve in a new way, or go deeper in your faith.

Peace,
Pastor Hannah

Special Birthdays

July

5 - Janet Dutt
18 - Pat Curran

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)
July 28, noon
Fireside Café—
Heidelberg
Contact—Carol
Graham
(419) 447-4865



Table Favor Committee



Enjoy another month off! We
will be meeting again in
August.



Mission Report

ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

June Mission Giving:

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering
(Goes to First Call for Help)--\$ 85.00

Peace With Justice Sunday--\$165.00

Pastor Hannah delivered 31 Health Kits to Annual Conference at Lakeside in June. The Missions Committee donated \$100 for the flood bucket supplies which were collected at Lakeside, also.

Church World Service Gift Fair May 24. Thanks to those who participated! We purchased:

\$75 for Jerry Cans to carry water

\$100 for Educational Toys

\$150/3 pr. Of Work boots/uniforms

The Missions Committee will sponsor a **coffee hour on July 19** to kick-off VBS week. Donations will be taken to help with VBS expenses.

Mark your calendars and plan to help!
**Sharing Kitchen dates for St. Paul's
Volunteers:**

July 27 & 30

November 2 & 5

Look for a sign-up sheet on the kitchen door.

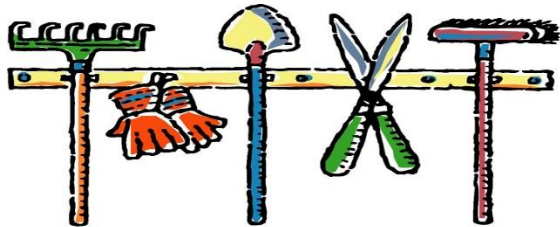
Missions Committee will be responsible for the **Habitat Workers' lunch on August 1.**

**--Kathy Daniel for the Missions
Committee**

GOD IS LOVE!



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



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!



Do we have your e-mail address?

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



Newsletter deadline for the August Newsletter is July 24th.

Please **email** to Jill Lindhorst at blindhorst@att.net.



Vacation Bible School 2015



EVEREST



*Conquering Challenges with
God's Mighty Power*

**July 19 - 23 from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.
at St. Paul's UMC**



At Everest VBS, kids discover what it means to hold on to God's mighty power in everyday life. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, dig into yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with a Summit Celebration that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join us for our closing celebration at 8:00 p.m. on July 23.



Kids at Everest VBS will join an international missions effort to provide Thai-language children's Bibles to kids in Thailand.

If you would like to help with VBS but are unable to, there are donation boxes in the back of the sanctuary to help with VBS expenses.

Contact Kyle Paxson or Brian Arnold for more information or if you'd like to help!

