

St. Paul's News

July 2014



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

Last week was our Annual Conference, the yearly gathering that our United Methodist conference, East Ohio, holds to report, celebrate, and look ahead to the future. The theme this year was "Jesus is Calling Us In," and our worship time together focused on ways in which Jesus is calling us both into community and in our present circumstances.

Overall, it seems as though our conference is moving in a positive direction. We continue to be financially stable thanks mainly to the high number of churches paying their full amount of apportionments, something that we here at St. Paul's continue to do. There was much emphasis during conference on the need to reach out and form relationships with young people. We learned that most churches in our conference do not have Youth Fellowship groups or youth at all involved in their churches, which should make us here at St. Paul's even prouder and more supportive of our wonderful youth problem. The age of clergy in the conference was also discussed at length as we face the challenge of aging clergy in our conference. Currently only 6% of clergy in our conference are under the age of 35. We were encouraged to work as churches to both introduce young people to the possibility of full time Christian ministry and to support young people in discovering what God is calling them to do.

Our church again participated in the project for donations for the Midwest Mission Distribution Center. The 25 health kits that we

sent to Annual Conference contributed to the total of 2,368 health kits, 962 flood buckets, 1,264 school kits, 266 Layettes, much miscellaneous supplies, and \$9,130. As a conference we continue to be highly involved in mission work and support including support of the 3C's mission project which focuses on developing churches, clinics, and classrooms in Liberia, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, and Russia.

I encourage us to continue to keep all churches in our conference in prayer as many of them will face pastoral transitions and other new circumstances in the upcoming weeks. Let us specifically keep Faith UMC in our prayers as they welcome Rev. Jeff Lanzer as well as former St. Paul's pastor Rev. Gail Angel as she begins her service as Southern Hills District Superintendent. Also continue to pray for the great work that our churches are able to do together in the mission field around our world.

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

(includes women **and men**)

July 22—at noon

We Love Yogurt

Upper Sandusky

Bev Kline is the contact

(419) 447-5699



Table Favor Committee

We will not meet in July, but we will schedule a date for August table favors. Enjoy your summer days!



ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

June Mission Giving-

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering: \$81.00

(Given to First Call for Help to use in the Tiffin Community)

Peace With Justice Sunday: \$150.00

The Missions Committee would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to prepare, set up, serve and clean up for the luncheon following worship on June 8. A special thanks to Kendullin Fortney for her display of items promoting VBS in July. \$247.50 was collected to help with VBS expenses.

Pastor Hannah delivered 25 Health Kits to Lakeside during annual conference in June. Thanks to the Youth Fellowship members for their assistance in collecting health kit items.

Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



This note was received after the third graders toured. St. Paul's in May.

Dear St. Paul' Church,
Thank you for helping in the Tiffin Tour. We learned about the windows. We learned about the church back in the old days and how they built it. The chandelier was interesting. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Horn's Class

Joe Brody



Are you looking for a way to be more involved at St. Paul's? Do you have a knack for grammar and formatting? Can you use a computer? If you answered yes to any of these questions you may be qualified to become St. Paul's new newsletter editor. After many years of faithful service Amy Ochier will be stepping down following the August newsletter. The newsletter editor is responsible to compiling and formatting the newsletter each month (not writing or copying it!). If you think that this is something you may be interested in doing talk to Pastor Hannah or Amy Ochier for more information.

VBS Work Nights

The work nights for this year's VBS will be held on July 1, 2, 8, 9, & 10 from 7 – 9 pm. Please contact Kyle Paxson for more information or if you'd like to help at 567-220-6115.



Summer is here, so the youth will not be meeting regularly during the summer. In the fall, we will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the health kits that were sent to Annual Conference. This year we sent 25 kits.

Many of the youth will be assisting in VBS again this year. VBS is July 13th – 17th this summer.



**Newsletter deadline for the
August Newsletter is July
19th**

Please **email or place on disk** in MS Word format (.doc) to amynuala@yahoo.com



ALIVE FESTIVAL 2014

A group of thirty youth and adults from St. Paul's UMC attended at least part of the Alive

Music Festival at Atwood Lake Park this year. For four days we listened to music and speakers that moved us in many ways. It was wet and muddy this year, but all who attended had a great time!

We will be sharing our experiences with the congregation during worship on August 3rd. We want to thank all of you for your support to make this experience possible. We have already begun to plan for next year. If you would like to join us, mark your calendars for June 17 – 20, 2015!

Personally, we would like to thank the other adults who took 4 days of their summer to attend the festival with us. Without them it would have been impossible to give the youth the experience that they had.

-Rob and Amy



Alive 2014 Group Picture



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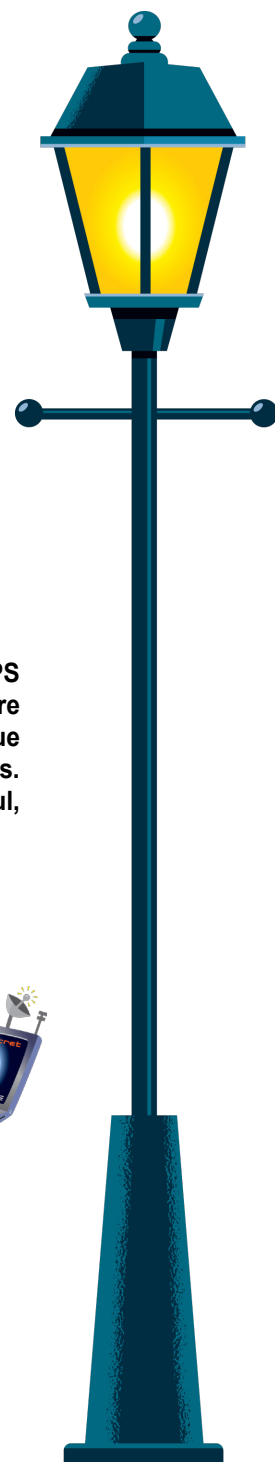
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2014

JULY 13 - 17 FROM 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.
AT ST. PAUL'S UMC



Synchronize your watches! Decode the clues! And set your GPS for an amazingly fun time at International Spy Academy where kids train to become special agents for the one true God. Intrigue abounds as they learn to discern the one true God from counterfeits. Children will be encouraged to love God with all their heart, soul, mind and strength!

DON'T MISS OUR
CLOSING
CELEBRATION
ON JULY 17
AT 8:00 AT
ST. PAUL'S!



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 Kendullin Fortney for
more information or if you'd
like to help!

