

# St. Paul's News

June 2016



*From the Pastor's Pen:*

**St. Paul's,**

***It has been a busy month of May as we celebrated graduates, welcomed confirmands into membership in our church, and remembered those in our congregation who passed away in the past year. Just as it has been a busy month in the life of our local denomination, it has also been a busy time in our larger United Methodist denomination. From May 10-20 our United Methodist held its General Conference, an event held every four years featuring delegates from around the world who are tasked with making official decisions for our church and celebrating the good that we have done throughout the world.***

***This year as United Methodist we were able to celebrate 60 years of ordination for women, the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Africa University, and the upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of United Methodist Women. We also praised God for the success of our Imagine No Malaria ministry. Since we started Imagine No Malaria in 2008, the death rate of malaria in Africa has been cut in half. However, we still have work to do, so the UMC is announcing the beginning of the Abundant Health Initiative. Six million children die each year of preventable diseases like malaria, our new goal as a church is to reach one million children with life saving prevention measures by 2020. As***

***Abundant Health gets going pay attention for ways St. Paul's will be involved. In the midst of celebration our sisters and brothers in the faith also debated and sought God's will on many issues facing our church. We approved additional bishops and funding for the church in Africa, which continues to grow and reach new people. We passed a new budget with a slight increase from the last four years.***

***We continue to be a church deeply divided on issues surrounding human sexuality. Following leadership that was requested by our bishops, the conference voted to form a special commission to study and make decisions regarding how our church will face these issues. We will want to keep all those making these difficult decisions in prayer for the next several years. If you want more information concerning this commission or issue feel free to talk to me or visit the denominational website ([umc.org](http://umc.org)) or our annual conferences website about General Conference ([eogc16.com](http://eogc16.com)). Even in the midst of these difficult decisions I believe that we continue to be a denomination and a local church that seeks to live out our mission statement to "Make Disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World."***

**Peace  
Pastor Hannah**





**Tuesday  
Lunch Bunch**  
(This is for men & women)  
**June 28, 2016**  
Backroads Diner (Attica)  
Marilyn Hutchins is the contact  
419-447-9720



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



**Table Favor Committee**

**NO session in June or July. Have a good summer!**



**May Mission Giving:**

**Third Sunday Ingathering Offering**  
(Goes to First Call for Help)- **\$32.00**

Thanks to those who made donations for Health Kits! Due to your generous donations we will be able to buy supplies for **40-45 Health Kits**. These will go to Lakeside in June and be used around the world as needed throughout the year.

Thanks to committee members who supplied treats for the May 29<sup>th</sup> coffee hour!

**A BIG THANK YOU** for all the food donations and workers for two recent funerals at St. Paul's!!

**- Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee**



# Thank You



for your Kindness



## Trustee Report

Thanks to everyone for the phone calls, cards, and all of your prayers.

**-Renee Hook**

A special thanks to all of you that sent my mom, Mildred Durst, birthday cards. You helped make the celebration of her 100th birthday a special occasion. Your thoughtfulness and love were greatly appreciated.

**Sincerely,  
Karen Kinstler & Millie Durst**



**Newsletter deadline for the July  
Newsletter is June 17, 2016.**

Please **email** to [secretary@tiffinstpauls.org](mailto:secretary@tiffinstpauls.org)

Our Committee and volunteers are a dedicated and busy group!

The west side of the church roof has been repaired. The middle rail going up the side steps will be fixed and remounted.

The eaves now need attention as there are numerous holes. The roof over the Educational portion of the church will need to be replaced in the near future.

Gaylen continues to pain and caulk the inside windows. His next project will be the parlor windows.

We appreciate the continued cleaning and sweeping from our volunteers, Melissa Rennels and John Patterson. Rich and Marilou now have help and they invite any and all who would like to volunteer and hour or two a week to contact either of them.

Many of our major projects are depending on monies available and therefore some needed repairs will be put on hold, as money is a constant issue. The small repairs are being done by our members at a substantial savings. If you notice anything that needs attention in the building, please bring it to our attention

Blessings, Marilou Hill



***Congratulation to our 2016 St. Paul's Graduates***

We celebrate with our youth who recently graduated from Columbian High School:

Jeremy Faeth, plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in Integrated Social Studies Education

Hannah Hawk, plans to attend Bowling Green State University and major in Journalism

Tyler Hawk, plans to attend Ohio University and major in Music Education

Kayla McGinnis, plans to attend Columbus College of Art and Design and major in Illustration

Elizabeth Smith, plans to attend Kent State University and major in Architecture



***Congratulations to the following students on their Confirmation!***

On Sunday May 22, we welcomed six youth into membership at St. Paul's.

Congratulations to our confirmation class:

Jacob Brown, son of Mike and Nancy Brown

Zane Gabrielson, son of Matt and Ishea Gabrielson

Allison Johnson, daughter of Mike and Amanda Johnson

Krystal Lawrence, daughter of Fred and Sandy Ritter

Carter Lindhorst, son of Ben and Jill Lindhorst

Courtney McGinnis, daughter of Darrin and Angie McGinnis





# Vacation Bible School 2016

July 17 - 21

from

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

at St. Paul's UMC

At the Surf Shack, kids encounter God's awesomeness through Bible stories and learn how we're meant to experience an epic adventure each day. Surfers and Lifeguards will glide through beach-themed music, crafts, science activities, recreation, Bible stories, and more, and will get stoked about God's mission in their lives.

VBS is open for all children in preschool through the completion of sixth grade.  
All teen helpers must have completed seventh grade or higher.

**Don't miss our closing celebration on July 21 at 8:00 at St. Paul's!**



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

"Remember that the LORD is great and awesome!" Nehemiah 4:14b

