

# St. Paul's News

October 2014

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## *From the Pastor's Pen:*

St. Paul's,

Happy October! It is great to be starting the fall season. As we begin October together I wanted to share with you all some exciting things we will be doing as a church in the next couple of months. As many of you know I am currently working towards becoming a fully ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. Some of you may remember when two years ago I worked towards and was successfully commissioned as what is called a provisional elder. However, at that time much of the work I did was very individual and did not involve you as the congregation.

Without going into an in depth explanation of the ordination process of the United Methodist Church (which trust me, would be the most boring newsletter topic ever), know that one of the different aspects of working on ordination as compared to commissioning is that this time much more of what I will be doing will be involving you as the congregation as well. You might want to think of it this way: I was commissioned to serve you, St. Paul's UMC, as your pastor and your role is to help to prepare me for ordination. I fully believe that ordination is something that we do together. It is a celebration of the ministry and mission of our entire congregation not just what I do as your pastor.

We have already been doing things together that are required for my ordination work. Several of you are currently attending a bible study that is part of the requirement. Some of our worship services have been and will continue to be recorded to be submitted to the Board of Ordained Ministry. The Pastor Parish Relations Committee has filled out much paperwork. Yet, the largest opportunity for participation is starting in October. For seven weeks in October and November we will be studying together as a church different ways to share our faith stories. Now you might be thinking what's a faith story? Or do I even have a faith story? Or how do I share my faith story? Or why in the world would I want to share my faith story? These are all good questions and questions that we will be answering together during the next couple months through sermons, worship, adult Sunday School, and activities you can do at home with your family.

It is my hope and prayer that this time will be fruitful for us as congregation as we come to discover and share the many ways God is working in our lives and in our community. If you have any questions about this project or have a desire to learn more about ordination in the United Methodist Church feel free to ask. Most importantly, know what a privilege and an honor it is to me to be able to serve this congregation during this important time in my own ministry.

Peace,  
Pastor Hannah



Special Birthdays  
October

20 – Kathryn White

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

“Shoe Box Ministry—Operation Christmas Child” Samaritan’s Purse—By mid-October we will be distributing red & green shoe boxes that can be filled with items to be sent to needy children around the world at Christmas. Watch for our display in the Fellowship Hall on the Prayer Card table. More information will appear in our Sunday bulletins.

--Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



**Lunch Bunch**  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch Bunch  
(Includes men & women)  
October 28—at noon  
Megan’s Alpine  
Julie Fox is the contact  
(567) 247-5686



**Newsletter deadline for the November Newsletter is October 24th**

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



**Table Favor Committee**

There will be no session in October since we have worked ahead. We will meet in November to work on two projects again. Holiday time will be here soon!



**Youth Club**

Program for all area children - Preschool - 6th Grade

Registration (Parents please attend)  
Wednesday, October 1 5:30-6:30 pm (no meal).

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
46 Madison St. 419-447-1743

Youth Club meets Wednesdays Oct. 8 - Feb. 26 from 5:30-7:30.

Complete schedule available at registration. Activities include: Bible Study, Crafts, Gym Games and Dinner. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

**ST. PAUL’S IN MISSION**

**September Mission Giving-**  
Third Sunday Ingathering Offering:  
**\$101** (Given to First Call for Help to use in the Tiffin Community)

**Thanks to members** of the Missions Committee for the donations of snacks for the coffee hour on September 28. Donations were collected for the Youth Club Program this fall.



In the fall, we will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. At our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the school year, we planned some fun activities for the fall. We also watched a clip from the movie "Forrest Gump" and talked about sacrifices, especially Jesus' sacrifice for us. At our 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in September, we got a little crafty and creative by tie dying. Youth Fellowship is open to anyone in grades 6 – 12. Contact Amy or Rob Ochier with any questions or concerns.

#### Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Oct. 5th - We will be meeting at the church around 1:45pm to car pool to the Corn Maze at Reihm's Farm by Old Fort. The cost is \$7 a person and families are invited to go with us. Please let Rob or Amy know you are going, any friends you are bringing, and if parents can drive.

Sunday, Oct. 19th @ 6:30pm-8:00pm - We will have our annual Fall costume party. Bring a snack to share, wear a costume and be ready for some fun!

Save the date for our annual Lock-in! It will be **Saturday, Nov. 8th** from 6:30pm-after Sunday school the next morning. We will be planning the details at our Nov. 2nd meeting.

The youth requested that we start a Remind 101 account for the youth fellowship. To subscribe: send a text to 567-404-5941 with the message @stpaulsyf or email [stpaulsyf@mail.remind.com](mailto:stpaulsyf@mail.remind.com) with the subject blank. Note: It is connected to Rob's account for the TC soccer team, so messages will say they are from Coach Ochier.



A recent card from Barb Stallings included the following: "I've been thinking of my wonderful friends at St. Paul's. All the adults and children have been so thoughtful! I love the pictures that you have sent me! Hope you are all doing well! I have had my ups and downs, but right now I'm doing great. I would love to see all of you & my church again. Maybe next summer we can get back up there. God bless & love to all of you."

Blessings,

Our sanctuary now has air conditioning and even though we will have to wait for next year, it is truly a blessing. A big thank you to the family of Vincent and Eleanor Arnold for providing the funds.

St. Paul's Trustees  
Marilou Hill, Secretary

