

# *St. Paul's News* AUGUST 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This is the day that the Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad! I can hardly believe that August has come already. This has certainly been a quick summer season. Soon it will be time for school and thoughts of fall.

We have had a busy summer at the church. Vacation Bible School was a huge success. We hosted 31 children during the week and they all had a great time. Thank you to Kyle Paxson and Brian Arnold and all of those volunteers who made VBS possible. Some of our youth presented a VBS overview on the Sunday following VBS. They told our congregation of the bible stories that they studied, showed a picture slide show for the congregation to review and thanked our volunteers. What a joy it is to have youth involved in leading worship. I remarked to the congregation that our young people are the leaders of today in the church and seeing how involved our young people are at St. Paul's is a pure joy!

Speaking of church leadership, we have begun a new church year and have welcomed some new (and some returning) leaders to St. Paul's. There are copies of our leadership roster available in the office if you have not received one. The lay leadership development committee worked very hard at identifying potential leaders in our congregation. The committee specifically focused on engaging young people in leadership and most leadership committees now have youth representatives.

Please pray for these leaders as they begin or continue their work at St. Paul's.

Call for Prayer: Friends, we are seeking God's heart and direction for St. Paul's. I am asking for all church members to specifically pray for St. Paul's. Our lives should be covered with prayer and I am asking that you cover our church with your prayers. Please pray for direction for me as I continue to lead St. Paul's. Pray for God's will for our church; that leaders will seek the heart and will of God for our church. Please pray for those who we have not yet reached and who don't have a church home or possibly even a relationship with Jesus Christ. Pray for growth for our church. Be bold in your prayers! Seek the heart of God, talk to Him and ask Him for His blessings on our ministries and missions.

I am looking forward to another year of ministry here at St. Paul's. God is doing a new thing here! We have seen some new faces in worship and are new relationships are forming. I have seen evidence of deepening discipleship and stronger relationships with Christ among our church members. God is good! And He is making good of all things happening here and I am excited for what He will do next.

Blessings,

Pastor Charlene



# **Mission Report**

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## July Missions Report:

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering  
\$33.00

Will be donated to First Call for  
Help to assist those in need in our  
community.

We voted to donate \$140 to SMYL of  
Seneca County for the purchase of  
fair passes for mentors and mentees  
to attend a day at the Seneca County  
Fair.

In September, we will be collecting  
non-perishable food items for FISH  
Food Pantry of Tiffin.

Thanks to the church members for  
their continued support for all of our  
Missions projects!

-Kathy Daniel for Missions  
Committee

Table Favor Committee will meet on  
September 10<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 pm at Kathy  
Daniels home. If you plan to attend,  
please let Kathy know.

# HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAY!!

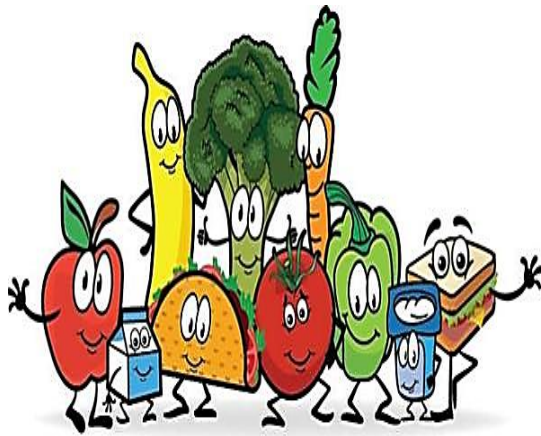
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*If you are over 80 and would  
like your birthday listed,  
contact the church office.*



PLEASE JOIN US IN  
CELEBRATING COMMUNION ON  
AUGUST 11<sup>TH</sup> INSTEAD OF THE  
4<sup>TH</sup> THIS MONTH!



If your son or daughter is in Third Grade or older and would like to acolyte, please contact Jill Lindhorst at 419-443-0273.

Please consider helping us!!

## LUNCH BUNCH

ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR LUNCH BUNCH

Tuesday  
July 20th

12:00 pm

@ Fat Head's in Republic  
We will meet at the church at 11:30 and carpool there

Contact Diana Patterson for more information 419-992-1028



***You won't want to miss our Rally Day worship service on Sun., August 25th, 2019 at 10:15 A.M. This will be a time of celebration of everyone who has worked with Education Ministries, Bible presentations, special music and more!***

82 percent

of people are likely to attend church

if invited

by a friend or relative.



Pastor Charlene will be on vacation  
Monday August 19<sup>th</sup> thru August  
23<sup>rd</sup>.

The church office will be closed  
while Teresa is on vacation  
Thursday August 29<sup>th</sup> thru  
September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The church office will be open the  
following hours August 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> and  
September 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

Mon/Wed: 8:00-1:30 pm

Tues/Thur: 8:00-1:00 pm

Wed/Fri: 8:30-12:00 pm



Are you interested in becoming a member  
of St. Paul's? Church membership is  
important and enables you to become  
more fully involved and invested in the  
Body of Christ. Pastor Charlene will be  
offering a membership class within the  
next few months. Please see her if you  
are interested in attending the new  
member class.



To Our St. Paul's Church Family  
You are all invited to attend the  
wedding of Josh Spears and Liz  
Runion. The wedding will be an  
"open church" wedding on  
August 31, 2019 at 3:30 p.m.  
Everyone is also invited to the  
reception, immediately following  
the wedding at Tiffin Rangers  
Camp Hertzner (3543 N CR 33) in  
Tiffin. Please RSVP if you plan to  
attend the reception – text or e-  
mail to Sarah Runion at  
[sarah.runion12@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.runion12@gmail.com)  
or 567-938-1397 by August 15<sup>th</sup>  
Please dress casually and no gifts  
are expected; just come and  
share our joy on this happy  
occasion!

## TEAM MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

**BETTER TOGETHER (formerly known as the Collaborative Ministry Team):** The Better Together team is studying Half Truths, a study by Adam Hamilton. Half Truths discusses familiar phrases and statements that people say that are not necessarily theologically correct. It is an interesting study and has spurred some very interesting discussions. Even more important than the content within the study is the relationships that are being formed between folks from all three churches in our connection. Small groups are essential to growth personally and as a body. John Wesley considered the small group gathering to be an essential element in Methodism and we carry on this vital tradition today when we meet to study and talk and grow together.

Attention Youth: The Better Together team has committed to taking a group of young people to the Firelands District Youth Fall Rally on Sunday, September 22, 2019. If you are interested in attending this afternoon youth gathering please see your pastor or a member of the Better Together Team.

### Upcoming Events Across the Connection:

**Republic Trinity UMC** will have a booth at the Republic Block Party on August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Stop by and visit.

### OUTDOOR WORSHIP



We are planning on offering an outdoor worship service in the side yard on September 1, 2019.

Members from First Presbyterian have been invited to join us (Pastor Katie is out of town that day.) Mark your calendars now to join us for this special outdoor worship service.

### IT'S ALMOST APPLE DUMPLING TIME



It's that time of year again! Youth Fellowship will need your help with making apple dumplings. The dates for apple dumpling work days will be on Saturdays in late August or early September. We need plenty of help so that we can make the dumplings needed to sell on Heritage Fest weekend. The proceeds from the apple dumpling sale help our youth attend Youth Annual Conference.

Help our kids!! Please see Rob Ochier for any questions.

### ROOF UPDATE

Work continues on the East side of the roof. We are hoping that roof will be completed during the month of August. What a relief it will be to have this project completed!

Please see Pastor Charlene or any trustees with questions regarding the roof project.

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

Pastor Charlene will be offering a confirmation class beginning in the fall. If your child has not been confirmed and you are interested in them participating in confirmation class, please see Pastor Charlene as soon as possible. Thank you!