

St. Paul's News February 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

John 15:12 tells us to love each other as Christ has loved us. God calls us to love each other and all those we encounter in the world with the radical love of Jesus Christ. As we enter into February, the month that reminds us of all things love related, I remind us all of this call to love others the way that Jesus has loved us!

February will bring an end to Youth Club for this session (it's fortieth year). It has been a wonderful time of gathering and education for our young people. We have seen some new faces at youth club and that brings great joy to the leaders.

Confirmation class will also come to a conclusion at the end of February. This confirmation class has been an absolutely joy to teach. The kids have challenged me with tough questions and have had a lot of enthusiasm during our times together. We have also worshipped together at the joint Wednesday night worship with Melmore UMC. I know that these memories will weave themselves into the faith stories of our kids. Please pray for Ryann, Wyatt, Charlie, AJ and Ryan as they prepare themselves for the service of confirmation in the spring.

Last year, we spent much time focusing on individual discipleship. I felt that God was calling our congregation to deepen our own personal faith and now I believe that God is calling us to expand that call to discipleship into a small group setting. I am in the

process of discerning where God is leading St. Paul's in developing small groups for our congregation members.

If you have any ideas about small groups or have had a great experience with small groups that you would like to share, please shoot me an e-mail or text or give me a call. I would love to hear your perspective.

On February 9th, I will not be in worship, as I will be serving as the Spiritual Director for the Women's Walk to Emmaus gathering in Findlay. In my absence, Ben Lindhorst will lead us in worship and my friend April and her music group, Melody Road, will be here to share their music as our message. Melody Road is comprised of vocalists, guitar and keyboard and they are very faithful and talented folks who love to share God's love through music. Please plan on being in worship and maybe even invite a friend to hear Melody Road.

In all things we seek His holy wisdom,
Pastor Charlene





Acolytes

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!!

- Feb. 2: Courtney McGinnis, Sam Patterson
- Feb. 9: Sofia Paradiso, Braden Drosky
- Feb. 16: Ryann and Remington Arnold
- Feb. 23.: Carter Lindhorst, Bailey Barnes

Happy February Birthdays!!

24 – Bernard Eley



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

Mission Report

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering of \$111.00 will be donated to First Call for Help to assist those in need in our community. This offering will be collected on February 9th and *Church World Service Blanket and Tool Sunday* will be on February 16.

\$1,215.00 was collected in the *Special Christmas Offering Envelopes*. This money will be divided between First Call for Help's Heating Fund and Morrison House.

Human Relations Day Offering was collected on January 19th receiving \$143.00.

Thank you to the St. Paul's congregation for faithfully supporting our many Missions projects throughout the year!

-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee

FACT of Seneca County expresses its appreciation to St. Paul's United Methodist Church for the generous gift of \$585.00 from the Thanksgiving Special Offering.

FISH of Tiffin expresses its appreciation for the very generous support of \$625.00.



St. Paul's Annual Chili Cook-Off February 23rd after Sunday School.

Bring your best chili and compete to be crowned *CHAMPION* or come and enjoy some great chili and vote for your favorite!!!



Table Favor Committee

Table Favors continue to be made and delivered to Friedman Village and Seneca House residents once a month. If you are Interested in helping, please contact Kathy Daniels.



let's do lunch

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
LUNCH BUNCH**

**Tuesday February 25th
12:00 PM
at Bob Evans**

**Please RSVP to Gary Bigley
if you plan to attend
419-448-4680**

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

There are several available options for you to receive ashes during Ash Wednesday worship.

Day Time Service: *Pastor Charlene, Pastor Amy Vittorio and Pastor Marilyn Coney (from Faith UMC) will be offering a Community Ash Wednesday service at Elmwood at the Shawhan on Ash Wednesday (February 26th) at 3:45 p.m. This would be a wonderful day-time opportunity for you to come and receive ashes and share in a time of worship with some of the beloved residents at Elmwood.*

Evening Service: *As you know, we have celebrated special Lenten services with Faith UMC for the past several years. After consulting with our worship chairs, this year, Pastor Charlene, Pastor Amy and Pastor Marilyn would like to include Republic Trinity UMC and Melmore UMC in those worship services. What a wonderful opportunity for our extended church families to worship together during this holy time. Ash Wednesday worship will be held at Melmore UMC at 7:00 p.m. We will still have our combined choirs (and hopefully the choir will have more singers with the inclusion of Republic Trinity and Melmore UMCs.) If you are interested in participating in the combined choir, please come to practice at 6:00 p.m. at Melmore UMC.*

TEAM MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

FIRELANDS SPRING DISTRICT CONFERENCE/TRAINING: Spring district conference will be held on Saturday, March 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There are flyers for the conference available in all three church offices. If you are interested in attending the Spring Conference/Training, please see the pastor.

YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Calling all Youth: Youth Annual Conference is an awesome opportunity for spiritual development, fellowship and fun! If you are in sixth grade and up, please talk to the pastor or your youth leader about attending Youth Annual Conference June 12-14, 2020 at Lakeside.

MELMORE UMC:

- **Soup Supper:** The annual Melmore UMC Soup Supper will be Saturday, February 15th beginning at 5 p.m. As always, we will have a wide variety of soups. Meals include all you can eat soup, home baked bread, a salad or applesauce, and one dessert. Coffee, water and lemonade. Price: Adults \$7.00. Children 10 and under \$4.00. All profits go to outreach projects.

REPUBLIC TRINITY:

- Come and check out The Flame praise and worship service at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings. A wonderful time of uplifting music and study of the word of God. Come and worship with Trinity (202 Broadway Street, Republic)

February 19th: Bethel Pregnancy Center will be presenting a program to young people at Melmore UMC about the importance of good decision making in relationships for young people. The program will start at 6:15 and they would welcome any young person and their parent to attend.

March 9th: Lynn Tucker Roberts from Opportunities for Ohioans is coming to present a program about job opportunities for young people in Seneca County. This program is open to all young people and would be a valuable experience. The program will start at 6:15 p.m. Please join us for this valuable program.

Firelands District Youth Events

- **DYC Overnight Lock-In:** TBA
February 7, 2020
- **Sleepover to help with Race at the Rock**
May 2, 2020

Important 2020 Dates in the United Methodist Church (Local, East Ohio, Jurisdiction & General Conference)

- May 4-15: Quadrennial General Conference – Minneapolis, Minnesota
- June 12-14: East Ohio Youth Annual Conference – Lakeside, Ohio
- June 15-19: East Ohio Annual Conference – Lakeside, Ohio
- July 15-18: North Central Jurisdictional Conference - Fort Wayne, Indiana