

# *St. Paul's News* January 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We have closed the page on another year and we open the pages to this brand new year that God has gifted us with. What shall we do with 365 new opportunities to continue the work of Jesus? What an exciting prospect!

At the end of the year, I tend to think back on the milestones of the year and I thought I would share some 2019 highlights here.

As I sit here and write this, I can hear the murmur of people working in the Sharing Kitchen. The voices are familiar as St. Paul's is staffing the Sharing Kitchen today. It is a joy to hear the sounds of friends as they bustle around and prepare a wonderful meal for the guests who will come. A nice crowd has gathered outside the door and they are waiting for their meal on this rainy and cool December day. I think of the crowds that gathered and waited for Jesus to care for them...and I remember how blessed we are to carry on His holy work. I am humbled.

2019 was a wonderful year at St. Paul's. The departure of Amy Ochier was a bittersweet moment, as we knew we would miss her presence every Sunday, but we were so excited to see God call her forward into pastoral ministry. We are so blessed that Rob and Ginny come back to St. Paul's as often as they can and we always welcome them back with joy. Our prayers continue for Pastor Amy O! God is doing a new and a great thing through her ministry.

We had the blessing of adding new members to our congregation this year and I had the honor of baptizing several. We welcomed the Drosky family into membership and were

thrilled that Leslie Paradiso made the commitment to become a full member of St. Paul's (though she has been a committed attendee for many years).

Our average weekly church attendance has continued to increase and we have had wonderful holiday worship with our church families.

Our youth ministry remains a central focus of our ministry here at St. Paul's. We are currently in the middle of our 40<sup>th</sup> year of Youth Club! What an amazing ministry for Tiffin. We have a consistent number of kids who attend each week and I know that they are blessed by their time here.

One of the highlights of my year this year is teaching our confirmation class. We have five confirmands in the class and they are an absolute joy to me. We have had the opportunity to travel to Melmore UMC several Wednesday evenings for youth worship with the young people there. It has been a joy! I can't wait until we confirm these young people in the spring. What a blessing they are to our church!

We had several weddings in our church this year. How exciting to see these new couples begin their lives together. We had everything from simple ceremonies to elaborate weddings...and God was worshipped in each ceremony and marriages began. How joyful!

St. Paul's is truly a wonderful place, filled with faithful people who desire to follow God where He leads us. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us in 2020!

Blessings ~ Pastor Charlene



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!!

Happy January Birthdays!!

*20-Jan Rennels  
23-Shirley Counselman*



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

# Mission Report

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering of \$85.00 will be donated to First Call for Help to assist those in need in our community.

F.A.C.T. (Financial Assistance for Cancer Treatment). \$585.00 was collected in the Special Thanksgiving Offering Envelopes.

United Methodist Student day Offering will be on December 2<sup>nd</sup> \$520.00

A report will be given later showing the money received for the Special Christmas Offering going to Morrison House and First Call for Helps Heating Fund.

Alternate Poinsettia Giving:  
Sharing Kitchen: \$48.00  
Connections: \$80.00

Thank you to those who were able to volunteer to help in the Sharing Kitchen on Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and December 30<sup>th</sup>.

Human Relations Sunday Offering will be on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

-Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP WILL BE  
HAVING A LOCK-IN ON SATURDAY JAN. 25<sup>TH</sup>**

**ALL TEENS ARE INVITED TO COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS TOO!!  
PLEASE CONTACT ROB OCHIER FOR MORE INFORMATION  
567-220-9676**



## 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 assisting with this project, contact Kathy Daniel.

*Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift that you gave to me. I so appreciate all of you and am humbled to serve as your pastor. We appreciate all that you do for the church.*

*Blessings-Pastor Charlene*

I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL OF THE LOVE AND SUPPORT YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AND MY FAMILY, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS WORKING HERE! IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH AND GET TO KNOW ALL OF YOU. YOU WILL BE MISSED, AND I WILL THINK OF YOU OFTEN. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEND A LETTER TO LET ME KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING OR JUST TO BRIGHTEN MY DAY OUR NEW ADDRESS IS:

**MICHAEL AND TERESA NARTKER  
1168 FUDGE DRIVE  
BEAVERCREEK OH 45434**



**Introducing our new secretary Joyce Randell:** The SPRC is pleased to announce that they have hired a new staff person for St. Paul's. Due to Teresa's recent move, the office was in need of a new administrative assistant. Joyce Randell has been hired to fill that position.

Joyce comes with many years of office experience and we feel that she will be a wonderful addition to St. Paul's. Joyce is a woman of Christian faith. She currently attends New Beginnings Assembly of God (where she was friends with Teresa and her family). Joyce comes highly recommended and we are excited to work with her.

Joyce will be working similar hours to Teresa, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30-12:00 p.m. She can be reached in the office during those hours at 419-447-1743. If there are office issues outside of Joyce's scheduled hours, please contact Pastor Charlene on her cell phone at 567-207-0553. If you are around the church, stop by and welcome Joyce to our ministry team.

# let's do lunch

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
LUNCH BUNCH  
TUESDAY JANUARY 21st  
12:00 PM  
AT TJ WILLIES  
IT WILL BE HOSTED BY  
PASTOR CHARLENE  
PLEASE RSVP  
TO PASTOR CHARLENE  
IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND  
567-207-0553**

## **Firelands District Youth Events**

- *District Youth Conference Meeting  
January 12, 2020 | 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.  
Norwalk First UMC  
60 W Main St., Norwalk, OH 44857*  
  
*Youth from St. Paul's, Republic Trinity  
and Melmore will be attending this DYC  
Meeting. If you would like to attend,  
please see your pastor. All are welcome!*
- *DYC Overnight Lock-In: TBA  
February 7, 2020*
- *Sleepover to help with Race at the Rock  
May 2, 2020*

## **A New Year's Plan**

*I tried to think of a clever new phrase—  
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,  
A motto to live by this coming New Year,  
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.*

*And then I heard His still small voice  
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:  
With each new dawn and close of day  
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."*

*"Don't look back, caught in regret  
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;  
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,  
No, live in this moment, for I Am here."*

*"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.  
You are held secure by my strong hand.  
Give me this one thing—your all in all;  
Into my grace, let yourself fall."*

*So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.  
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.  
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,  
To give Him my everything—all that I am.*

*--Mary Fairchild*



## **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