

# St. Paul's News

March 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As we enter into the season of Lent, we enter into a time of reflection and solitude with God as we remember Jesus' 40 days in the desert. Our Lord suffered from human wants, like hunger and thirst, and He was tempted with human desires, like power and privilege. But our God withstood temptation, outlasted the deprivation and completed his wanderings in 40 days (as compared to His people's 40 years of wandering).

Jesus always serves as our example of how to withstand all that is thrown at us in our own wilderness. On Ash Wednesday, we were invited to watch our burdens and sorrows dissolve away in the waters, as we were reminded of the power of the cross and the one who picked it up and carried it for us.

As we enter into these quiet days of lent, remember Jesus' sacrifice for us and prepare for the celebration of Easter Sunday.

**Prayer Challenge:** You are invited to spend intentional time in prayer this lent, as we pray for our church. Each night at 7:00 p.m. we will be praying together for St. Paul's. There will be a prayer focus on our Facebook page or there are copies of the prayer focus list in the church office. Please pray boldly for the Holy Spirit of God to move in a big way at St. Paul's. Let us continue to build on the wonderful things that have been happening and let the Spirit of God break loose in our midst!

This newsletter is full of things that are happening at the church in the coming months. Make sure you read it thoroughly so you don't miss anything. We have Lenten services, Easter plans, Confirmation Sunday, movie night, Youth Annual Conference, District Meeting and Training. So many wonderful opportunities to be grateful for!

We will continue to lean forward in faith and prayer as we approach conference season. There is information regarding General Conference, Jurisdictional Conference and our own East Ohio Annual Conference below. As information or news surrounding each of these conferences becomes available, I will pass it along. There are major issues that the denomination is facing at this time (similar to major issues that we have faced and overcome in the past) and we need to be seeking God's wisdom and guidance as we navigate these challenges. I remain confident that God sees where this road leads and He will remain faithful to us in all things.

Seeking His wisdom in all things,  
Pastor Charlene



**April 5<sup>th</sup> – Palm Sunday**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday:**

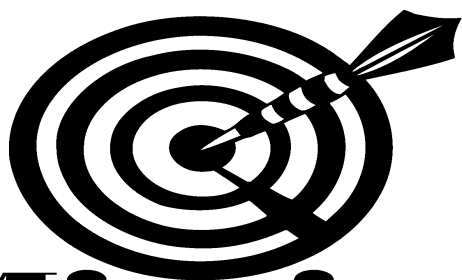
Combined seder meal with  
Faith UMC at Faith 7:00 p.m.

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday**

Pastor Charlene and Pastor Amy  
Vittorio will be leading a Tenebrae  
service at Republic Trinity UMC at  
7:00 p.m.  
All are welcome.

**April 12<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday**

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise Service  
10:15 a.m. – Easter Service



# Mission Report

## February Missions Report:

*Third Sunday Ingathering Offering:* \$115.00 will be donated to First Call for Help to assist those in need in our community.

*Blanket & Tool Sunday* was held on February 16. We collected \$1,256.00 to be sent to Church World Service to purchase blankets to be used around the world in disaster areas.

March 22 will be **UMCOR Sunday** when we collect for what used to be One Great Hour of Sharing. More information will appear in the Sunday bulletin on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

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

--- *Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee*



## *EASTER FLOWERS*

**Easter flowers are ready to be ordered! Flowers are being ordered through Norwesco Greenhouse in Tiffin.**

*Easter Lilies - \$6.85 each*

*Hyacinths, Tulips and Daffodils - \$6.25 each*

**Order forms are in this newsletter and will be in the Sunday morning bulletins beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadline for orders to be submitted to the church office will be Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.**



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR LUNCH BUNCH  
Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 12:00  
at TU Wall Street Pub**

**Please RSVP to Carol Graham  
if you plan to attend 419-447-4865**

From Pastor Charlene and Dave: Thank you to all who sent their thoughts, prayers, cards, and texts while we were both sick! We appreciated knowing that our church family was worried about us and praying for us. Hopefully that won't happen again anytime soon!

-- *Pastor Charlene and Dave*

*Thank you*



**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!!**

- 3/1: Courtney McGinnis and Sofia Paradiso
- 3/8: Carter Lindhorst and Charlie Garcia
- 3/15: Braden Drosky and Sam Patterson
- 3/22: A.J. Lindhorst and Bailey Barnes
- 3/29: Carter Lindhorst and Braden Drosky



### **YOUTH CLUB THANK YOU**

Thanks to all who supported the Youth Club Program. Youth Club just completed its 40th year! Thanks to our church for continuing to sponsor this program and for some anonymous donations to help with our meals. Our average attendance each week was 16 children. We had a great team of 15 faithful adults and teens preparing and leading our activities and shopping, planning and preparing our meals each week. We shared our mealtime each week with the 5 members of the confirmation class. It was a very good and enjoyable year and went by very fast!

**Thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to make this program possible!!!**  
– Melody Woessner



Our confirmation class has concluded their studies and the students are ready to be confirmed. Confirmation Sunday is going to be Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Please plan on joining us at 10:15 for our worship service and help us welcome the newest members of St. Paul's.

2020 Confirmands:  
Ryann Arnold    Charlie Garcia  
Ryan Brown    AJ Lindhorst  
Wyatt Crow



### **YOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020**

Youth Annual Conference is coming up quickly! Are you interested in attending this life-changing time of worship, fellowship, renewal and spiritual development?

**You Should Be!! Don't Miss Out!!**  
See Rob Ochier or Pastor Charlene about attending Youth Annual Conference.  
Friday, June 12 – Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Lakeside Ohio



The Trustee's have worked on the gym floor, basketball hoops and have been busy clearing snow and ice – too much in February.

The Trustee's used \$76,000 of their funds for the roof last year, with the Lord replacing that money and MORE from the estate of Diane Zimmerman. Jesus promised in Luke 6:38 "give and it will be given unto you, a full measure packed down, overflowing ...."

The officers and Melody Woessner have reviewed and approved the use of the gym on Wednesday and Friday nights from 5:00-7:30 by Total Package Martial Arts for self-defense classes. In the future the days could change to Monday and Friday nights.

-- Rich Kinstler



Join us on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall of St. Paul's for a movie night. We will be watching "A Beautiful day in the Neighborhood"

Pizza will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Invite a friend for this fun, family event. *Watch your bulletin for more info.*

## TEAM MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

### FIRELANDS SPRING DISTRICT

**CONFERENCE/TRAINING:** Spring district conference will be held on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### REPUBLIC UMC:

- We will welcome singer Christine Barlekamp to our Flame worship service on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Some of you may be familiar with Christine through her music ministry at the Greater Findlay Area Emmaus community. We are so blessed to have Chris join us and provide music for The Flame worship service. Please join us and hear Chris sing and Pastor Charlene preach on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

### MELMORE UMC:

- Thank you to all who came to the Melmore Soup Supper. All donations will go to the Young Disciples Sunday School Class for mission and ministry work.

### ST. PAUL'S:

- St. Paul's will be hosting a movie night on Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. There will be pizza provided. Please bring a dish to share. Watch your bulletins for details once they are finalized. Details will be shared through all three churches and all are welcome!

## 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