

# St. Paul's News

April 2015



*From the Pastor's Pen:*

St. Paul's,

Happy Easter! At the beginning of April we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and the beginning of the Easter season in our church. The season of Easter actually lasts for 50 days, beginning at Easter and continuing until Pentecost on May 24<sup>th</sup>. During this time we as the church both celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and seek to live out our lives as people of the resurrection.

During Easter season this year, we will be focusing on the book of 1 John during worship. This short letter near the end of the New Testament teaches us how to live as people who worship the God of eternal life in our everyday lives. We will discuss forgiveness, light, prayer, truth, and love.

As we start this time in 1 John allow me to share some of my favorite verses in this epistle. They are found in 1 John 4:7-12: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."

During the Easter season we praise God who loved us so much that he sent his son into the world to die and conquer death so that we might have a restored relationship with him for eternity. As loved and forgiven people when then seek out ways to love others as God has loved us. Join us this Easter season as we strive to be people who love God and love others in all that we do.

Peace,  
Pastor Hannah



## Special Birthdays

*April*

16—Barb Stallings

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



**Lunch Bunch**

Tuesday Lunch Bunch  
(includes men & women)  
April 28, noon  
T. J. Willie's  
Contact—Renee Hook  
(419)-447-8868

**Table Favor Committee**



**We will not meet in April.** Thanks to the women who helped assemble March & April candy cups when we met in March. They look great and will be

appreciated by the residents at Friedman Village, Ruffing Care of Tiffin, and Seneca House.

**EASTER EGG HUNT!**



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Saturday, April 4 10:00-11:30  
St. Paul's Fellowship Hall for children in  
Preschool-6th Grade  
(Preschoolers need to be accompanied by  
an adult)  
Activities include the Easter Story, crafts,  
egg hunt and games.  
**Donations of wrapped candy needed.**  
Please put in parlor kitchen.  
No plastic eggs needed, we have plenty.  
Adult and teen helpers needed. Set up on  
Friday, April 3 at 7 p.m.  
Contact Melody Woessner 419-447-7837 or  
church office 419-447-1743.



**ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION**

**February & March Mission Giving:**  
**Blanket Sunday, Feb. 8--\$451.00**  
**Third Sunday Ingathering Offering** (goes  
to First Call for Help)--\$88.00  
**One Great Hour of Sharing—**

Donations for **FISH Food Pantry**—Thanks  
to the St. Paul's congregation for the  
**generous** donations of non-perishable food  
items that were collected.

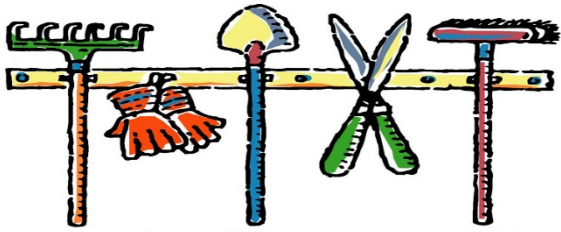
**Peanut Butter for Haiti**—25 jars of Peanut  
Butter will be sent to Christian Mission via  
Station WXML in Upper Sandusky. Thanks  
for your support!

**Henderson Mission Trip for 2015**  
Campbell's Soup Labels can be donated for  
their work. Kathy Daniel is collecting them.

**Brief Missions Committee**—Sunday, April  
29, 11:30 am—Church Office



If you would like to donate flowers for the  
altar any time during the year, please call  
the church office at (419)447-1743.



## Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

### Trustee Board Update:

The trustees have many things to keep them busy:

1. Snow removal—the parking lot is contracted out; however, the sidewalks are done by members of the Trustee Committee—mainly Rich Kinstler and Gary Arnold. Early morning or late evening they were busy with their shovels.
2. Members come in early to check the boilers and turn on heat where needed for that day's activities. Recently the boiler needed repair, and it was fixed so church members would be warm.
3. Bathrooms are constantly in need of some repair. Toilets have been replaced in the bathroom off the Helen Bean room and the bathroom near the choir room. We now will be working to repair & pain the areas around the new toilets.
4. Gym—moisture has caused problems with the floor tile. There have been many tiles replaced. Now lights were installed in the gym.

Misc. items—Grease trap cleaned, light bulbs replaced, window air conditioners put in for the summer & then removed in the fall. A new copier was purchased for the secretary's office. Central air was installed for the sanctuary—a gift from the Vincent & Eleanor Arnold Fund. New drapes in the secretary's office. The Edison chandelier was repaired and all lights are lit. The list is

endless! We have dedicated people on the Trustee Committee!

Cleaning of the church: We do not have a janitor so we are depending on volunteers. It is a **BIG** job to keep the church clean. We could use some help. As of now Rich is doing the BIG JOB of sweeping—3 floors and Marilou is dusting many areas, cleaning the nursery and bathrooms. If you could volunteer 1 hour a week, we could designate a small area for you. Please consider helping us!

Blessing to all—Marilou Hill, Secretary

### Acolyte Schedule for April:

4/5/15: Connor McGinnis and Krystal Lawrence

4/12/15: Kayla and Courtney McGinnis

4/19/15: Robbie and Carter Lindhorst

4/26/15: **ACOLYTES NEEDED**

If your son or daughter is in grade 3 and older and would like to acolyte, please contact Jill Lindhorst at (419)443-0273 or [blindhorst@att.net](mailto:blindhorst@att.net).



Acolytes



**Newsletter deadline for the May Newsletter is April 17<sup>th</sup>**

Please **email** to Jill Lindhorst at [blindhorst@att.net](mailto:blindhorst@att.net).

