

St. Paul's News

August 2013



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

It's hard to believe that it is almost August and before we know it the fall season will be right around the corner, especially as I write this during the hottest week of the summer which is also Vacation Bible School week here at St. Paul's. Yet as we begin to move from summer to fall we will also be moving from the excitement of things like Vacation Bible School to more exciting events at St. Paul's in the upcoming month.

Worship for the month will begin on August 4th which a special service where the youth and adults who went to the Alive Music Festival in June will share about their experience. Be sure to join us to hear about the many ways that God worked during this trip. We will end the month on August 25th with Rally Day as we will celebrate all those who have volunteered in our many Christian Education opportunities in the last year. The 25th will also be our annual planning retreat following worship and meal together.

In addition to being an exciting month here at church, August is also a great time for us all to continue to grow in our own personal walks with God. As summer winds down I would invite you to consider if now is the time to renew your commitment or begin a new commitment in your spiritual life. This is a great time of year to focus on reading

the scripture, praying for those in need, or finding a new way to serve your neighbors. I would encourage us all to find ways this month to follow Christ whether it be by continuing something that you are already doing or trying something new. For as we are reminded by Jesus in Matthew 5:16, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Peace,

Pastor Hannah



Sharing Kitchen

June was a busy month for the Kitchen. School is out and the warmer weather brought more to the meals. Christmas in June was held on June 22 with gifts for young and old. Many guests participated in that event.

During the 9 serving days, 495 adults and 110 children came to the Kitchen. Their food was prepared and served by 128 volunteers. As always a special thanks go to the "regular" volunteers who help every day the Kitchen is open.

Special Birthdays

August

11 – Annabelle Shaull
26 – Ann Harry

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



Prayer Focus

As I re-read last month's concerns I realize I could be writing most of that today! Our world remains so troubled.

The natural world continues to plague us. Here we witnessed the devastation high winds and low-grade tornadoes can produce. Let us give thanks that no one was killed, comfort those who lost much, suffered from power outages and water damage. As I write we are in the midst of a devastating heat wave across much of the nation's mid-section. Those elderly, particularly those who live in cities with vast spaces of concrete, without air-conditioning need special prayers. Check on any neighbors regularly. This will be true throughout the summer. The cycle continues as new wildfires are burning in the west.

The world remains plagued with wars. The Syrian conflict goes on with some of the rebel forces now attacking each other. The plight of the refugees increases with 2 million displaced internally and 1 million in other countries. The UN warns this could become a catastrophe and the large number of refugees (in Lebanon, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq and Turkey) could destabilize the area. The UN has asked for much more aid world-wide than has been provided. Both Iraq and Egypt are teetering on the brink of civil wars. I can't begin to sort out who are the good guys and who the bad but I know the entire region needs our prayers.

The recent UN testimony of Malala Yousafzai, the young woman shot in Pakistan for advocating education of girls, reminds us again of the many types and kinds of abuse of women world-wide. Many recent rulings in several states including Ohio health difficulties for women.

Here in the US sexual concerns continue. We have prayed about the frequency of rape in the military and those prayers remain needed. The rest of us live in a sexual, violent culture. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine says we have an obligation to do more to educate young people about rape, an unacceptable horrible crime of violence. We need prayers of insight for those who are creating violent societal messages on television and movies.

Prayers of praise for those who made Vacation Bible School another success. A creative program takes much work by so many. So thank you all. And pray too for the children who attended; may the lessons learned be for a lifetime.

Leanne Wolff
Church and Society



Lunch Bunch



(includes women **and men**)
August 27, 2013 at noon –
Shell Shuckers – Bev Kline
is the contact person –
(419-447-5699)

Table Favor Committee

Summer is moving right along. We will look forward to getting back to our crafting in September. We need time to be together and catch up with one another.

ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

Thanks to all who supported the Missions Committee "picnic" luncheon on July 14th following the worship service! We appreciated the assortment of salads and desserts from those who attended. Close to \$200.00 was collected to use for VBS and Youth Club in the fall.

Many boxes of tissues and single subject notebooks were collected for First Call for Help's back-to-school program. VBS children and parents donated items for this project during VBS week. Everyone's support has been a blessing! Local school children will benefit from these supplies.



Our committee will meet in September to plan and prepare for our fall and holiday mission projects. We welcome Cheryl Armstrong and Julie Fox as new members to our committee. We would like to thank Ann Harry for serving as our chairperson for many years. We will miss her and the efficient way she kept our committee running throughout the years! We will be consulting with her as we take on those responsibilities.

THANK YOU!! Sunday services run more smoothly because of our sound booth technician. Rob Ochier is here most Sundays keeping microphones running and announcements and hymns on the wall. He has a number of trained helpers who fill in when he takes a rare Sunday off. Chris Armstrong, Matt Gabrielson, and Jeremy Faeth also have sound booth skills. We appreciate all they do!

The family of Eleanor Arnold would like to thank you for all your cards, prayers and support following our Mom's fall and recent passing. Her church family was a very important part of her life. What a blessing you all are!



TRUSTEES PROPOSE A PAINTING CONTRACTOR

At the July 17 meeting of the Trustees, Gary Arnold reviewed all the quotes and qualifications of those desiring to paint the white outside on two sides of the church. The board voted to send to the administrative council the quote from Breindenbach's Painting for \$17,500. The Trustees have almost \$10,000 in their maintenance fund. Donations are still being collected. The administrative council will need to redesignate other funds to make up the difference. The front and the Patchworks sides of the church are to be painted this year. Other subjects reviewed at the meeting were the new heat pump at the parsonage, landscaping at the parsonage, the timing on a second quote for the sound system, storm water on the gym floor three times, and a new sweeper for the cleaning angels.



Coed Just for Fun - Church Softball League

Anyone interested in playing church softball this summer, please contact Rob Ochier (567-220-9676). This year we have joined with our neighbors, First Presbyterian, to form a team. The league is open to anyone, Jr. High aged and up. Games are played on Friday nights across from the Tiffin YMCA. Feel free to come and play or come and root on St. Paul's. Wear your St. Paul's shirts to show your team spirit!

- 8/2 – 6 pm – vs Bascom UCC
- 8/9 – 6 pm – vs First Lutheran
- 8/16 – 8 pm – vs Tiffin Catholic
- 8/23 – 8 pm – vs Christ's Church



You won't want to miss our Rally Day worship service on Sun., Aug. 25, 2013, at 10 A.M. Watch for details...Bible presentations, backpack blessing and more!



Save The Date! St. Paul's will be doing a new pictorial directory this fall. The dates to have your picture taken are going to be September 23rd and 24th from 3:00-8:00pm. Actual time scheduling will happen in late August and more information will be available then. There is no cost to have your picture taken for the directory; the only cost occurs if you chose to buy pictures. So start practicing your smiles!



**Newsletter deadline for
September Newsletter is
August 19th**

Please **email or place on disk** in MS Word format (.doc) to amynuala@yahoo.com



Summer is here, so the youth will not be meeting regularly during the summer. In the fall, we will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. The first meeting of the new school year will be on Sunday, September 15th in the Richard Spencer Youth Room at 6:30pm.

Alive 2013 Sharing and Alive 2014 Planning Meeting

During the worship service on Sunday, August 4th, the group that attended Alive 2013 will be sharing our experiences with the congregation. Following coffee hour we will be meeting in the parlor to begin planning our trip for the 2014 Alive Festival. If you are unable to attend the meeting, but are interested in attending the festival with us, please let Rob Ochier know. Alive 2014 will be held June 18-21, 2014 at Atwood Lake Park in Mineral City, Ohio. For more information you may visit their website www.alive.org or ask any of the people pictured below.



Alive 2013 Group Picture



We had a great year at Vacation Bible School!

Children who attended:

Brynn Anspach, Elyse Anspach, Remington Arnold, Ryan Arnold, Ryann Arnold, Abby Bickford, Dominic Bruno, Jose Castillo, Pursia Castillo, Everett Chapman, Thadrid Chapman, Celia Crow, Wyatt Crow, Thomas Daniel, Ginny Faeth, Addison Fortney, Max Fortney, Sydney Fortney, Zane Gabrielson, Dustin Hawk, Makayla Holland, Allison Johnson, Dharani Juarez, Zandra Juarez, Marty Justen, Meredith Kinstler, Krystal Lawrence, A.J. Lindhorst, Carter Lindhort, Robbie Lindhorst, Adriana Lofton, Ava Lucius, Eli Lucius, Gwendolyn Martin, William Martin, Courtney McGinnis, Sofia Paradiso, Isaac Parson, Lydia Ridner, Destiny Robinson, Gabby Shock, Ryder Smith, Eli Snyder, Luke Snyder, Kara Somodi, Kaitlyn Tucker, Nico Vittorio.

VBS Staff:

Cheryl Armstrong, Chris Armstrong, Kaelyn Armstrong, Brian Arnold, Gary Arnold, Sandy Arnold, Hillary Chapman, Brandon Couch, Amber Crow, Jeremy Faeth, Kendullin Fortney, Paul Fortney, Jennifer Fox, Julie Fox, Brandy Gabrielson, Ishea Gabrielson, Nick Gabrielson, Carrie Hawk, Hannah Hawk, Rob Hawk, Karen Kinstler, Molly Lofton, Angie McGinnis, Kayla McGinnis, Beverly Mestrey, Austin Moneer, Amy Ochier, Rob Ochier, Leslie Paradiso, Gabe Parrish, Kyle Paxson, Sandy Ritter, Bonnie Smith, Lizzy Smith, Regina Smith, Bonnie Steinmetz, Hannah Tucker, Amy Vittorio, Melody Woessner.

**A BIG THANKS to all
who helped
and attended!**

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and VBS slideshow.**

