

St. Paul's News

December 2014



From the Pastor's Pen:

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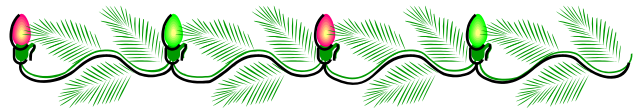
Happy Advent! Advent is the season of the church where we slow down, reflect, and wait expectantly for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I know that it seems crazy to think about slowing down and waiting during this time of year when everything seems to be moving at hyper speed, but this makes it all the more important for us as the church to be observing Advent.

I hope and I pray that we can all find some time this Advent to slow down and prepare for the coming of the Christ Child into our world. I know that it might feel overwhelming to even think about slowing down when there are so many gatherings, concerts, parties, and events to attend and so much decorating, baking, and shopping to do. But allow me to offering some suggestions. Perhaps your family will have an Advent tradition such as a calendar or an Advent wreath at home that you will take time together to mark the days of the season. Maybe you commit to in the midst of busyness to attend worship every week during Advent. Perhaps you will take some time to help and serve those in need during this time of year. Or maybe you will be sure to pause on Christmas morning to read the Christmas story from the scripture. Whatever it is that you and your loved ones decide to do, I pray that you will take the time and not just prepare to celebrate Christmas, but prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In conclusion, there are just a couple of special events coming up in the life of our church family as we prepare for Christmas. First, the children and youth will present a play of the Christmas Story in worship on December 21st. There will also be much special music from the children, youth, and adults this day. In addition, please take note that our tradition Christmas Eve candlelight service will be at 7:00pm on Wednesday December 24th.

May you be blessed this Advent season as you wait, prepare, and expect the miracle of the birth of our Savior!

Peace,
Pastor Hannah



Special Birthdays *December*

- 13 – Faye Eley
- 14 – Pastor Hannah Tucker
- 16 – Carl Yager

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





Lunch Bunch

Tuesday Lunch Bunch
(Includes men & women)
December 9—at noon
Sharon Rigby & Jeff Kuhn
have invited us to their
home, 750 Twp. Rd. 1172 (near Sentinel).
They will serve a variety of sandwiches, hot
soup & dessert. (419) 934- 3525.



We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the
month. In November, we held our annual
lock-in with 22 youth attending! Youth
Fellowship is open to anyone in grades 6 –
12. Contact Amy or Rob Ochier with any
questions or concerns.



Table Favor Committee

Happy Holidays to all our
devoted crafters! Our
work is done for this year
and we won't meet again
until January 2015.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Dec. 7th @ 6:15pm-8:00pm –
(NOTE EARIER TIME) We will meet at the
church to car pool to St. Francis to view the
Live Nativity. Families are invited to attend
and we will need to know how many are
attending to make sure we have enough
room in vehicles. They will be collecting
new hats, gloves and scarves for those in
need if you would like to bring something to
donate. Please dress appropriately to be
outside.



ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

November Mission Giving—

34 Shoe Boxes were sent to Operation
Christmas Child. We collected \$324 in
postage money. This was more than we
needed to cover the cost of the shoe box
postage. The remaining money will be sent
to Samaritan's Purse and used to supply
monthly Bible Study material to twelve
children for one year. These Bible studies
are a follow up for the children who receive
shoe box gifts. Thanks to **ALL** who helped
to brighten the lives of needy children
around the world this Christmas season

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering:
\$29.00 (Given to First Call for Help to use in
the Tiffin Community)

Thanksgiving Offering—F.A.C.T. \$ _____

Sunday, Dec. 21st @ 6:30pm-8:00pm –
Ugly Sweater Party – wear your ugly
Christmas sweater and bring a gift (think
dollar tree – no more than \$5) for a white
elephant gift exchange.

The youth requested that we start a Remind
101 account for the youth fellowship.
To subscribe: send a text to 567-404-5941
with the message @stpaulsyf or email
stpaulsyf@mail.remind.com with the subject
blank. Note: It is connected to Rob's
account for the TC soccer team, so
messages will say they are from Coach
Ochier.

--Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Tiffin Winterfest & Victorian Weekend Dec. 5, 6, and 7 – There are a number of exciting activities and events scheduled throughout the weekend (Tiffin University and Heidelberg University Christmas Concerts at the Ritz, Tree Lighting, Horse and Buggy Rides, Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Parade, Ice Skating, Petting Zoo, Ice Sculptures, several different open houses, an English Afternoon Tea, Historic Holiday House Tour, and a Live Nativity).

Our church will be participating in a couple different ways. Members are encouraged to take part with other area churches in the Carolers Walk at 6pm on Friday, Dec. 5, from our church or Trinity UCC. Our church will offer a Church Open House Tour on Saturday, Dec. 6, 1-4pm, where we will share with people about our history. We will also be selling baked and frozen Apple Dumplings starting after the Christmas Parade until 4:00pm (or when we run out).

Bagpipe Concert Dec. 21 - On Sunday, December 21, at 2 PM, First Presbyterian Church (Tiffin) will host a concert by Bagpiper Andrew Bova, currently working on his PhD in bagpipes in Scotland! This concert is free to the public. A free will offering will be taken. He will also be playing in the morning worship of First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin

First Lutheran Church in Tiffin will host the Toledo Symphony under the direction of Sara Jobin, Thursday, December 18th at 7:30 p.m. The symphony will present *A Christmas Celebration*, a program of sacred music, which will include one number featuring the church's Schantz organ played by the church organist, Curtis King. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 and can be purchased at First Lutheran, 300 Melmore Street in Tiffin, daily Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information please contact the church at 419-447-1323.



Poinsettia Order Form

Plants will be placed on the altar for Sunday, Dec. 21st and the Dec. 24th

Christmas Eve Service. They may be picked up after either service. The cost is \$7.50. This year there are two alternate options. You may choose to give a gift to the Sharing Kitchen or the Henderson Mission Trip rather than purchasing a plant. Please complete this form and return it to the church office by Dec. 7th or place it in the offering plate with your check. Checks may be payable to the church and marked for "Poinsettia" in lower corner and on your envelope. Thank you!

Poinsettia/Gift given in honor of: _____

Or in memory of: _____

Given by: (Your name as you want it listed) _____

Please check:

I prefer Red _____ or White _____

Please give plant to a shut-in _____ or I will take plant _____

Use money for Sharing Kitchen _____ or Henderson Mission Trip _____



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