

St. Paul's News

January 2015



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

Happy New Year! It is exciting to begin a new year together. I hope and pray that it will be one of many blessings and experiences of God's grace and love for you and your loved ones. As a church I look forward to spending time together worshiping and serving God. (Hopefully this winter doing so with less snow!)

As we begin the New Year, we will be spending some time in worship discussing the Psalms. The book of Psalms is one that teaches us not only how to pray but also about the God that we are praying to. We will look each week at a different Psalm and see what that Psalm teaches us about who God is and then in turn who we are as people of God.

The Adult Sunday School class will also be beginning a new topic this January. The class will be studying "Making Sense of the Bible" by Adam Hamilton. If you have ever wondered about how our bible came together, why it contains the books it does, or the importance of our scriptures for our lives today then this class is for you. Even if you have not attended Sunday School in a long time (or ever) you are welcome to join us for this study.

Finally, I hope that we as a church can continue to pray together for one another and for the many ministries we support and participate in. For we have indeed been called by God and are being used by God to share hope, love, and grace with each other, our community, and our world.

Peace,
Pastor Hannah

Special Birthdays January

20—Jan Rennels
23—Shirley Counselman
27—Mina Huston

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



Lunch Bunch

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Tuesday Lunch Bunch
(Includes men & women)
January 27—at noon
Bob Evan's Restaurant
Contact—Kathy Daniel
(419)-448-8418.

Table Favor Committee



January 13, 2015—
1:30p.m.
Happy New Year!

In December we received this note:

Thank you for the beautiful table favors you make for Friedman Village. The table favors are so beautiful, so much appreciated, and the candy delicious. I know it takes hours to put those together, then you give them away. You all are a wonderful example of God's love here on earth.
Happy Holidays!

Janis Aldrich

ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

December Mission Giving

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering \$126.87

Special Christmas Offering—First Call For Help—Emergency Heating Fund \$_____

Henderson Mission Trip for 2015

A group will go from Faith UMC. We received donations for their trip through alternate poinsettias in December. \$103 was collected. If you would like to save Campbell's Soup Labels (give to Kathy Daniel), we can donate those for the Henderson Mission work, also.

\$150 was collected for the Sharing Kitchen through alternate poinsettias in December.

Humans Relations Day Offering will be on Sunday, January 18.

In February we will schedule a Sunday for Blanket and Tools and donations will be given to Church World Service.

--Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



Dear St Paul's,

Thank you very much for your generous gift to me on my birthday. I appreciate your support, generosity, and encouragement. It continues to be a joy, privilege, and just a whole lot of fun to be your pastor.

Peace,
Pastor Hannah



To St. Paul friends,

As we begin a new year, I wanted to write a few words about coffee hour. When we began having a social time after church (many years ago), people were asked to provide about 10-12 dozen cookies, punch, and coffee. We would have a cup of coffee, a cookie, and conversation. Over the years, coffee hour had grown to be a "brunch", not just a cookie or two. I feel some people may shy away from doing the coffee hour because of the time involved and the cost of all the "goodies". I would like to suggest we return to the "simple" coffee hours - cookies and maybe a snack such as crackers or pretzels. None of us need five or six cookies - one or two should be enough. The idea is a social time - not a lunch. My suggestion would also be if no one signs up for a certain Sunday - we would not have it that day. We are unique in the fact that we do provide the social time each Sunday, but it has reached a point where we need to cut back. Please let me know how you feel about my suggestions. I would appreciate the feedback.

Sally McDonald



**Newsletter deadline for the
February Newsletter is
January 23rd**

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