

# St. Paul's News

March 2014

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## *From the Pastor's Pen:*

People of St. Paul's,

On Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup> we heard these words in our worship service, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:13-14). During the sermon we were challenged to think of ways that we are being the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Thanks to all who participated and submitted their examples. Here are some of the ways that we here at St. Paul's are being the salt of the earth and the light of the world:

- Making Valentines for shut-ins and people needing an extra bright spot in their day
- Greeting students every morning and giving hugs to comfort, encourage, or just show love to some that don't get it otherwise
- Checking on neighbor after she received threatening phone call
- Told a coworker that he was a beacon for Christ in the way he presents himself
- Gave special attention to a teen in hopes of her feeling God's love
- Had a conversation with a friend about God

- Driving alongside a youth to make sure he got home safely with his bike in a snowstorm
- Sending birthday cards to shut-ins
- Prayer card ministry on Sundays
- Monthly table favors for Assisted Living Facilities
- Mission programs to help those in need
- Sending bulletins to shut-ins
- Visiting shut-ins
- Plowing driveways for older neighbors

If you can think of more ways that you or somebody else in our congregation are the salt of the earth and the light of the world, feel free to submit them for next month's newsletter by dropping them off at the church office or emailing them to Pastor Hannah ([tuckerhe1@gmail.com](mailto:tuckerhe1@gmail.com)).

It continues to be a joy to have the privilege of being the salt of the earth and the light of the world with you. We are going to move this month in the season of Lent, the 40 day period before Easter. Be on the lookout for these worship and study opportunities coming up in Lent.

Ash Wednesday—We will have a combined worship service with Faith UMC here at St. Paul's at 7:00pm on March 5<sup>th</sup>. You will have the opportunity to receive the ashes on your forehead and we will celebrate Holy Communion together.

During the season of Lent we will be experiencing a sermon series during our Sunday morning worship called "The God Story." In our time together we will be looking at some of the highlights of our scripture story and seeing how these stories culminate in the story of Easter.

Finally during Lent there will also be a Bible Study on Monday evenings that goes along with the sermon series. The group will meet Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the church parlor and will study the scripture from the previous Sunday. Don't worry though, there will be no pop quizzes on the sermon in Bible Study!

Looking forward to this Lenten season with you all.

Peace,  
*Pastor Hannah*



**Special Birthdays**  
*February*

27 – Renee Hook

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

### Lunch Bunch



(includes women **and men**)  
March 25—at noon  
Bob Evans Restaurant  
Gary Bigley is the contact  
(419) 448-8680



### Table Favor Committee

We will meet Tuesday, March 11, 1:30pm to assemble St. Patrick's Day cards for the three facilities we support. Thank you!



### ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

January & February have given us an abundance of snow and cold weather. In spite of that our Mission projects have continued to be on schedule.

Third Sunday Ingathering Offerings:  
Jan.\$83.00 & Feb. \$85.00  
(Given to First Call for Help to use in the Tiffin Community)

Human Relations Day Offering in January  
\$35.00

February's Blanket Sunday collected  
\$470.00

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be collected on March 30

Thanks again for your continued support for St. Paul's Church Mission Projects!

Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee



### Youth Club Thank You

Thanks to all who supported the Youth Club Program. We just completed our 34th year! Thanks to the church for continuing to sponsor this program and also for some anonymous donations. Carolyn Gittinger

and Sandy Rittter prepared and served delicious meals every week with assistance from Amanda Johnson, Allison Johnson, Virginia Faeth, Krystal Lawrence, Evan Glick and Aaliyah Kleinhenz. Diana Patterson kept track of attendance each week. Our average attendance was 18 children. Bible classes were taught by Kyle Paxson, Brian Arnold, Pastor Hannah Tucker, Diana Patterson, and Karen Kinstler with assistance from Hillary Chapman. Gym time was led by Jeremy Faeth and Gabe Parrish with assistance from Robbie Lindhorst, Tyler Hawk and Nate Wise. Crafts were led by Sandy Arnold, Leslie Parrish and Melody Woessner with assistance from Virginia Faeth. Thanks to Rob Ochier for showing the movie at our "Happy Birthday Jesus" Party. Thanks to all the parents for faithfully bringing the children to participate in the program and to all the volunteers for their time and dedication to keep this program going!



“EAST OHIO SUMMER CAMPS— provide children and youth with unique opportunities to: have fun, explore their faith and make new friends

The mission of each East Ohio Camp and Retreat ministry site is the same but the Locations are distinctly unique.”

Camp Aldersgate, Camp Asbury, and Camp Wanake each have a separate brochure that explains their summer activities. All age levels may participate starting with grade 1 in the fall of 2014.

More information may be found at: [www.eastohiocamps.org](http://www.eastohiocamps.org). Pastor Hannah or Kathy Daniel may be contacted if you would like to look at a brochure. Camps fill up quickly, so early registration is a good idea.

If you need assistance with camping fees, scholarship money may be available through the Trustee Funds.

This is a good way to get away, make new friends, and have a great time!



### YOUTH CLUB BOWLING RESCHEDULED

Wednesday, March 12 is going to be Youth Club bowling night from 6:00-7:30 at Heritage Lanes Bowling Alley. The cost will be \$2.50 per game and \$1.00 for shoes. No bowling will be allowed in socks. If shoe size is smaller than child size 13, bring clean, dry tennis shoes to wear to bowl. Please bring extra money if you wish to purchase anything to eat or drink.

Youth Club members should be brought to the bowling alley at 6 p.m. and picked up promptly at 7:30 p.m. Children in Pre-School and Kindergarten must be accompanied by an adult. Extra help by parents is greatly appreciated. Parents are welcome to bowl!

### ALIVE FESTIVAL 2014



The Youth Fellowship is planning a trip to the Christian Music Festival, Alive. The festival is to be held June 18-21 at Atwood Lake Park. We are inviting anyone who is interested in attending to join us. If you were not able to make the meeting we had in January and did not receive the information we emailed to those we knew were interested, please let us know. To

view the artists and speakers scheduled, as well as the other activities available at Alive, visit [www.alive.org](http://www.alive.org) For more information, contact Rob Ochier.

### **Upcoming Dates to Remember:**

April 13<sup>th</sup> – Spaghetti Dinner after Sunday School. Contact Rob Ochier to donate food or for more information.

June ??? – Car Wash



Our February meeting was filled with love as the youth competed for prizes doing various Valentine's Day activities. We planned the next few months' activities and chose the scripture for our skit for the Youth Led Worship Service in May. The meeting ended with some free time in the gym and youth room.

Meetings are 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of every month unless we have a special activity taking place. Youth Fellowship is open to anyone in grades 6-12. Contact Rob or Amy Ochier for more information. Bring a friend or two!!

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sunday, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30pm – 8:00pm – Bowling at Heritage Lanes in Tiffin. Bring \$10 for 2 games of bowling, shoes (no bowling is socks will be allowed), pizza, and a drink. Bring money for extra drinks, snacks, and our annual Dance, Dance Revolution game playing while we wait for rides. ☺

Sunday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – Our St. Patty's Day Eve Party. Bring a **GREEN** snack to share, wear **GREEN**, be ready for

some **GREEN** activities, and listening to **GREEN** music.

Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – Youth Service Planning and Easter Activities

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> – No Meeting – Happy Easter!!!!

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm – Youth Service Planning

Dates to keep in mind:

May 11<sup>th</sup> – Youth Led Worship Service  
May 16<sup>th</sup> – Relay for Life (We have been asked to work at the Welcome tent on the Coe St. entrance)  
June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – Alive!



### **Newsletter deadline for April Newsletter is March 19th**

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

