

St. Paul's News

March 2015



From the Pastor's Pen:

St. Paul's,

On Wednesday February 18, we began the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Lent is the season that occurs for 40 days (not including Sundays) before Easter. It is typically a season where we as Christians focus on repentance and renewal of our faith before we celebrate the resurrection of Christ at Easter. Lent is a time to intentionally focus on your faith, especially any aspect of your faith life where you believe God may be calling you to improve. On Transfiguration Sunday I challenged those of you who braved the arctic conditions to consider this question during Lent: What am I going to do to allow for Christ to change me this Lent?

I hope and pray that all of you may take some time to consider that question during this season. Because Lent is not just a time where we give things up because it is tradition or trendy, Lent is a time when we should seriously consider how God is calling us to deepen our faith. So yes you may decide to give something up, or you may decide to add something, or you may decide to be more intentional about something. That isn't what matters. What matters is that you use this time to grow as a disciple of Jesus Christ.

You may also want to consider joining in with our congregational Lenten practice. If you were in worship during the first Sunday in Lent you heard that we will be joining in covenant as a congregation to pray for all the members of our church family during the next 40 days. You will find in the newsletter the list of names for the entire season Lent in case you are unable

to be with us in worship each week. Please know that I made all effort to include everybody and spell names right, but I am not perfect so it is very possible that I have made a few mistakes. But most importantly I encourage you to pray for each other this Lent. Take some time to lift each other up in prayer, that God will continue to be at work in the lives of all in our church.

Peace,
Pastor Hannah

Lenten Prayer Covenant:

During the season of Lent you are invited and encouraged to join in covenant with our congregation to pray for the members of our church family during the next 40 days. Pray daily. Pray weekly. Pray alone. Pray with your family. But most importantly just pray.

Week 1—February 22-28: James Alberts and Janice Nord, Gary and Sandy Arnold, Keith, Kathy, Brady, Marissa, Hunter and Madison Bigley, Jennifer Crawford, Jeff Fox, Rob, Carrie, Hannah, Tyler, and Dustin Hawk, Bud and Agnes Huston, Jim and Jean Law, Norina Martin, Susan, Jeff, and Samantha Morehart, Lois Payne, Liz Runion, Lizzie and Gina Smith, Sandy Stewart, Rex, Melody, Jamison, and Abriella Woessner

Week 2—March 1-7: Chris and Cheryl Armstrong, Matt, Anne, Katie, and Ryan Arnold, Ned and Joan Brinkman, Josh, Amber, Wyatt, and Ceillia Crow, Julie Fox, Barry, Lori, Cheyanne, and Ethan Heyman, Mina Huston, Steve and Denise Lawson, Mary McClung, Jack and Vicki Noller, Gary and Melissa Rennels, Sarah Runion, Wayne and Shirley Smith, Margaret Thomas, Mikayla Woessner

Week 3—March 8-14: Kaelyn Armstrong, Willis Arnold, Thelma Bush, Pat Curran, Matt, Ishea, Nick, Brandy, and Zane Gabrielson, Marilou Hill, Marilyn Hutchins, Gwen Lewis, Doug and Sally McDonald, Rob and Amy Ochier, Jeremy and Ginny Faeth, Jan Rennels, Tim Runion and Laura Wallrabenstein, Mark, Amy, Lauren, Nicholas, and Cara Somodi, Hannah Tucker, Carl and Elaine Yager

Week 4—March 15- 21: Nathan Armstrong, Rod and Kate Berlekamp, Hillary Chapman, Bill and Kathy Danie, Randall and Carolyn Gittinger, Duane and Jean Hoffert, Mike, Amanda, and Allison Johnson, Ben, Jill, Robbie, Carter, and AJ Lindhorst, Darrin, Angie, Kayla, Connor, and Courtney McGinnis, Leslie, Sofia Paradiso and Gabe Parrish, Sharon Rigby and Jeff Kuhn, Lloyd and Renee Sand, Megan Somodi, Amy and Nico Vittorio

Week 5—March 22-28: Allison Arnold, Jeanette Berry, Lindsay, Thadrid, and Everett Chapman, Janet Dutt, Tom and Carol Graham, Renee Hook, Rich and Karen Kinstler, Paul Lobdel, Bev Mestrey, John and Diana Patterson, Sandy Ritter and Krystal Lawrence, Nick Saxton, Joe Stacy, Kathryn White

Week 6-March 29-April 4: Brian, Ryann, and Remington Arnold, Gary Bigley, Shirley Counselman, Bud and Faye Eley, Ann Harry, Dorothy Hostetler, Gaylen and Bev Kline, Butch and Molly Lofton, Claude and Helen Montz, Kyle Paxson, Emily Runion, Annabelle Shaull, Barbara Stallings, Mattie Wible



Special Birthdays
March

25—Renee Hook

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



Lunch Bunch

Tuesday Lunch Bunch
(Includes men & women)
March 24, noon
Sentinel Career Center
Contact—Gary Bigley
(419) 448-4680

Table Favor Committee



March 10, 1:30 pm will be our next session and hopefully we will be able to complete two projects.

Thank you for the table favors. The residents enjoy them! Thanks for thinking of us! May God bless you in the new year. From the residents of Ruffing Family Care Center.



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar any time during the year, please call the church office.



ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION

February Mission Giving:

Blanket Sunday, Feb. 8--\$451.00

Third Sunday Ingathering Offering (Goes to First Call For Help)- \$65.00

Donations for **FISH Food Pantry** will be collected during the season of Lent. A table will be available at the front of the sanctuary from February 22 through March 29. The Missions Committee will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items during this time.

Peanut Butter for Haiti will be collected during the month of March. The Missions Committee will provide a basket under the table at the top of the first set of steps in the main entrance. Please bring 16 oz jars of peanut butter with a quarter taped to the top.

On March 14 several Missions Committee members will serve the Saturday **lunch for the Habitat Workers**. If you would like to help serve or make a food donation, please contact Kathy Daniel. Thank you!

March 22 we will include special envelopes in our Sunday bulletin for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Your generous gifts to this fund helps cover the operating expenses of UMCOR and allows 100% of your designated donations to get to those who need them most.

Henderson Mission Trip for 2015 A group will go in June from Faith UMC. If you would like to save Campbell's Soup Labels (give to Kathy Daniel), we can donate those for the Henderson Mission work.

--Kathy Daniel for Missions Committee

Acolyte Schedule for March:

3/1/15: Connor McGinnis and Krystal Lawrence

3/8/15: Allison Johnson and Carter Lindhorst

3/15/15: **ACOLYTES NEEDED**

3/22/15: **ACOLYTES NEEDED**

3/29/15: Robbie and Carter Lindhorst

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.



Acolytes

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.



Thank you so much for the card. So far this semester has been great. Although I wish it wasn't so cold, but don't we all! I am very excited to get to the warmer days because two of my classes have multiple field trips planned to some of the metro parks nearby. The majority of my classes are focused on my major. I love learning about the natural history of Ohio, public land management and the National Park Service. My ROTC class is going just fine along with my cashier job at the dining hall.

I hope most of you watched at least part of the game. Us kids are still in celebration mode down here!

P.S. If anyone wants a national champs shirt just let me know.

God Bless,
Sarah Runion

YOUTH CLUB THANK YOU

Thanks to all who supported the Youth Club Program. We just completed our 35th 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 and Virginia Faeth. Diana Patterson kept track of attendance each week. Our average attendance was 15 children. Bible classes were taught by Kyle Paxson, Brian Arnold, Pastor Hannah Tucker, Diana

Patterson, and Karen Kinstler with assistance from Amber Crow, Virginia Faeth and Hillary Chapman. Gym time was led by Jeremy Faeth, Gabe Parrish and Oliver Stevens with assistance from Robbie Lindhorst. Crafts were led by Sandy Arnold, Leslie Paradiso, Amber Crow and Melody Woessner with assistance from Virginia Faeth. Thanks to Rob Ochier for showing the movie at our "Happy Birthday Jesus" and Closing Parties. Thanks to all the parents for faithfully bringing their children to participate in the program and to all the volunteers for their time and dedication to keep this program going!

The Worship Committee met in February and wants to thank everyone for their continued service in providing weekly coffee hours. As Sally McDonald had mentioned in the January newsletter, it is fine to provide a very SIMPLE coffee hour. The purpose of the coffee hour is to have fellowship and not to have lunch! We are also in favor of not having a coffee hour if nobody signs up - that way Sally (or anybody else) doesn't need to feel obligated to *do something*. Hopefully by keeping a simple format it will be easier to keep the calendar filled with hosts and hostesses for coffee hour, but if there is a Sunday with nobody signed up, I'm sure we can still fellowship even without a cookie in hand.



Newsletter deadline for the April Newsletter is March 20th

Please **email** to
blindhorst@att.net.

