

# St. Paul's News

November 2015



## *From the Pastor's Pen:*

St. Paul's,

As I begin to write this newsletter article this month I have just completed my yearly report of our congregation for our upcoming charge conference. When I finished I realized how appropriate it is to write this report when we are approaching the Thanksgiving holiday. Because there is much to be thankful for in the life of our congregation. We continue to have strong children's and youth ministry. Our involvement in bible studies and other small groups is up. We are a church that continues to care for others both locally and throughout the world.

Of course it is easy to be thankful when we remember the true reason for our gratitude: we have received salvation and new life through the grace of Jesus Christ. And because of that new life we are able to be a church that offers life and love and grace to each other, our community, and our world. I am reminded of the words found in Colossians 3:14-17, "Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God the Father through him."

As people of gratitude we are called to do everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. And so as we approach this month that we tend to associate with thankfulness I encourage you to not only take some time to offer to God gratitude for our church and other blessings in your life but also to live out this gratitude by seeking to serve Christ in all that you do.

Peace,

Pastor Hannah



Lunch Bunch

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4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lunch Bunch (Includes men & women) We do not meet in November because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Hope to see you in December!



## Table Favor Committee

November 10, 1:15pm Thanksgiving table favors will be assembled and filled with candy. Note the earlier time so we are done before school dismisses. Thank you.



**ST. PAUL'S IN MISSION**

**October Mission Giving:**

**Third Sunday Ingathering Offering**

(Goes to First Call for Help)--\$58.00

**World Communion Sunday—Oct 4<sup>th</sup>--  
\$125.00**

**November 2 & 5 St Paul's UMC** will provide Sharing Partners to help with meal preparations and clean-up at the Sharing Kitchen. At least six workers are needed each day from 8:30am-1:00pm. A sign-up sheet is posted on the kitchen door.

Samaritan's Purse **Shoe Boxes** are being filled and are due back to the church by November 8. Postage for each box is \$7.00 if you cannot fill a box, but would like to donate for postage, make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC and we will include these donations with our shoe box delivery. Any excess money will be sent to Operation Christmas Child to use in their follow-up Bible studies with children who receive shoe box gifts.

Donations received in the **Special Thanksgiving Envelopes** will be given to **F.A.C.T.** (Financial Assistance for Cancer Treatment) of Seneca County.

**United Methodist Student Day Offering** will be collected on November 29. Special envelopes for this offering will be included in the Sunday bulletin.

--Kathy Daniel for the Missions Committee

**ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER**

**November 22, Noon**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Provided: Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, pumpkin pie, bread and tables service

Please bring a salad or vegetable to share.

**RESERVATIONS:** Can be made on Sundays November 8 and 15 or by calling the church office at 447-1743.

A freewill offering will be taken to cover expenses.

Join us for this annual event.



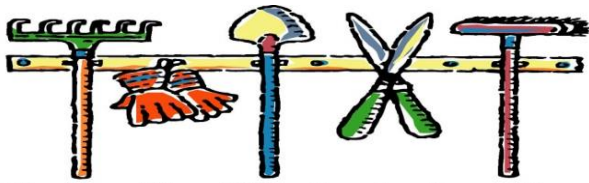
**Thank you** for all the well wishes. My junior year is flying by. I've been keeping busy juggling my classes, my job as a cashier and being a member of the water polo team. Water polo is a new and exciting sport full of strategy and endurance. I'm just trying to learn as I go. As far as classes go, the coolest one I have this semester is called 'The Science of Chocolate.' I get to taste all sorts of chocolate weekly and then learn the history and ingredients of making it.

Let's hope these Buckeyes can get their act together and play some football.

Much Love,  
Sarah Runion



If you would like to donate flowers for the altar any time during the year, please call the church office at (419)447-1743.



### Help Us Maintain the Church Grounds

Cleaning of the church:  
We do not have a janitor so we are depending on volunteers. It is a **BIG** job to keep the church clean. We could use some help. If you could volunteer 1 hour a week, we could designate a small area for you. Please consider helping us!



If you would like the monthly newsletter sent to your email, please contact Jill Lindhorst at [blindhorst@att.net](mailto:blindhorst@att.net) or (419-443-0273).



**Newsletter deadline for the December Newsletter is November 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Please **email or place on disk** in MS Word format (.doc) to [blindhorst@att.net](mailto:blindhorst@att.net).



### Christmas Program

Please mark your calendars for the St. Paul's Children's Christmas Program.

**Dress Rehearsal, Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015**, immediately following Sunday School with light lunch provided--Noon-1:30 P.M. Parent & grandparent volunteers welcome, especially with pre-school age. (Adults are also included for lunch!)

The **program** is **Sunday, Dec. 13**. Costumes provided. **\*Rehearsal for all speaking parts Sun., Nov. 22, 2015--bring your scripts!** Questions: church office 419-447-1743 or 419-447-8527.

### Acolyte Schedule for November:



Acolytes

11/1/2015: Connor McGinnis and Krystal Lawrence

11/8/2015: Allison Johnson and Carter Lindhorst

11/15/2015: Courtney McGinnis and Ryann Arnold.

11/22/2015: A.J. and Robbie Lindhorst

11/29/2015: Robbie and Carter Lindhorst

If your son or daughter is in Third Grade and older and would like to acolyte, please contact Jill Lindhorst at (419)443-0273 or [blindhorst@att.net](mailto:blindhorst@att.net)