

St. Paul Highlights



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Sunflowers Mirrors of Glory

ALWAYS REMEMBER THE SUNFLOWER
WHOSE FACE LOOKS TOWARD THE SUN.
SHE DRINKS HIS BEAUTY IN HER FACE
AND LIKE HIM SHE BECOMES.

HER GLORY IS LIKE HIS GLORY-
IT'S STRONG AND TRUE AND GOOD.
YOU KNOW SHE IS A SOURCE OF JOY;
HER SEED GIVES LIFE AND FOOD.

THIS SPECIAL FLOWER HAS MUCH TO GIVE
THOUGH FRAGRANCE SHE HAS NONE.
SHE TEACHES US TO LOOK ABOVE
AT GOD'S OWN PERFECT SON.

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✝ **To know and serve Christ by reaching out in love to all** ✝

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	SERVERS	ACOLYTE	BREAD BAKER	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
8/7	8:30 Blended	Bette Idemoto	Mel & Sue Grunau		Betty Krueger	BarbSpatz Sue Michaud	Team 1	Tracy Hamilton Marie Herr	D. Batig R. Batig
	11:00 Blended	Jane Krisher	Bev Hubler Danelle Eikens			Nancy Thompson Barb Daniels	Team 2	Jan Sultan Randy & Sharon Genther	D. Barrett L. Wolfe
8/14	8:30 Blended	Judy Stintsman	Judy Stintsman Dick Henning		Betty Krueger		Team 3	Millie Baehr Becky Havel Sandy Henning Amy Russo	M. Grunau W. Hansen
	11:00 Blended	Dave Hall	Dave & Chris Hall				Team 4	Kara Krywyj Kelly Brandt	J. Bairoti D. Barrett
8/21	8:30 Blended	Mel Grunau	Rudy & Carol Spagnuolo		Max & Taylor Krug		Team 5	Kara Krywyj Anna Mae Migra	D. Miller D. Perzel
	11:00 Blended	Danelle Eikens	Alice Chadbourne Calyn Henderson				Team 6	Nancy Goette Lynn Morella Pat Gugliotta Danelle Eikens	D. Lesko B. Schindler
8/28	10:00 Rally Day Bluegrass	Marilyn Niksa	Liz & Jeff Campbell		Max & Taylor Krug		Team 7	Bob Trausch Cheryl Winwood	A. Hinton B. Goette

AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 21ST—REV. WILKINS TO PREACH AT 8:30 AND 11:00

RECEPTION IN PARLOR BETWEEN SERVICES

AUGUST 28TH—RALLY DAY—ONE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM

BLUEGRASS SERVICE

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS





PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,
On the Sunday evening following the shooting of the police officers in Dallas, Pastor Pat Hunt of Heritage Congregational Church

invited the community and members of the Berea Police Department to spend some time in prayer and reflection and to support and encourage those who protect and serve. There was talk about the need to come together and learn to listen to one another and to have long standing beliefs and prejudices examined. Most of us tend to be locked into a very narrow world view. On Facebook I see statements regarding black lives matter, blue lives matter, gay lives matter. It is not a contest; all lives matter. But at the same time, I think we must admit that in the course of our history as a nation there have been many times that black lives did not matter as much. How do we come to understand one another? I called Pat and suggested that we take the opportunity to sit down together, black and white, and share our lives and experiences. For example, when there is a murder in Cleveland, I am not surprised when it takes place on E. 79th and Woodland. I expect that. I look at the nightmare in Chicago and wonder, Don't those black lives matter? I can talk about the breakdown of the family or the skyrocketing number of out of wedlock births in the black community and that informs my understanding of black on black crime. What would happen if I were to sit around a table with folks who see the world differently and say, "Help me to understand" or "What am I missing" or "What has been your experience?" I have been very blessed to have people in my life like Pat or Charles See who make my world bigger by being able to have open, honest and caring conversations. Martin Luther King, Jr. had a dream that one day the sons of former slaves and the sons of of former slaveholders would be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood. Sadly, in many ways, we continue to wait for that dream. Here, in Berea, at least, Pastor Hunt and I are planning a way to make that happen in small and simple ways. I will let you know when the conversations will take place.

God bless,
Pastor Henderson

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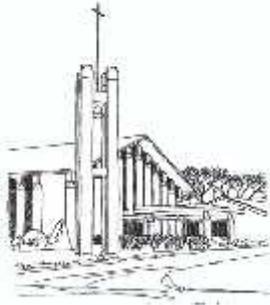
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Council Corner

"Congrats" to Susan Moore and her staff for another outstanding Vacation Bible School Week. Thanks for their hard work!

Early this year, the Church Council appointed a Sanctuary Update Committee to consider and plan renovations in the Sanctuary. The bulk of the planned work, including painting the ceiling and replacing carpet, will likely occur in 2017 after review and approval by the Council and the Congregation.

You will notice some changes in the next few weeks. Please review the Property Committee's Report.

The financial reports continued to look good with a positive year end forecast. With God's help this will continue.

Do not forget to attend our 150th Anniversary Big Event on July 31st!

God Bless!

Randy Hamilton

Council President

Please contact any member of the Church Council with questions or concerns: Dean Firing, Dave Hall, Randy Hamilton, Scott Harkema, Pastor Henderson, Pastor Kelly, Kara Krywyj, Amy Kurek, Katie Lappin, Jon Montag, Karen Nemeth, Eric Prestegaard



Grow our *RESOURCES* Have the infrastructure and resources to realize our vision



Property Committee News

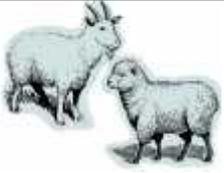
The Sanctuary Update Committee formed by the Church Council has continued to develop cost and timing estimates for several of the proposals made that received a general acceptance by the group. The more precise estimates and bids are now allowing formation of a detailed plan for the sequence of events and expenditures. During the week of July 18th, some modifications will be made in the Sanctuary to "test drive" some physical changes before making them permanent. All representatives of the Update Committee have agreed that removing the first pew on each side and moving the modesty wall (in front of the pew) back accordingly will provide much need room between the communion rail and the first pew. The platform on which the altar sits has also been revised to allow the altar to be moved forward and allow more room behind for movement. These changes are only temporary at this point, and can be undone easily if the trial indicates an unforeseen issue. The lighting over the altar area has also been converted to LED fixtures at this time to restore light over the pulpit and upgrade at the same time. The full Sanctuary Update Committee will meet on Aug 2, 2016 to review the feedback and the overall project costs and timing in preparation for making a formal plan for submission to the church council and inclusion in the 2017 budget.

The plywood over the window opening in room J-1 is a result of removal of the existing window unit to insure that the new replacement windows that arrive soon for installation will fit properly.

Property Committee thanks you for the confidence you have shown in our recommendations, and for your continued faithful financial support. This is an exciting time as the congregation is now turning the corner from making necessary overdue repairs to renewals. Your continued support is essential in enabling us to follow through on our long-range plan for repairs and renovations to our church home.

Jim Jungeberg

Grow in *SERVICE* Be a model of serving Christ for others



SHEEP & GOATS FOCUS

ST HERMAN HOUSE - CLEVELAND



Founded in September 1977, St. Herman's has Over 35 years of service to the poor and homeless population in Ohio City. As of January 1, 2012, we officially changed our name to St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality, Inc. There is a new board made up of local Orthodox Clergy, parishioners, and community members that are motivated to ensure that St. Herman's Orthodox House of Hospitality remains an integral part of Ohio City while providing services necessary to meet the need of the community.

HOW WE HELP

FOOD

In the past year, we served over 73,000 hot meals. We are one of the only shelters in Ohio, and in the nation, that serves three hot meals a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. Additionally, the last five working days of every month, we provide grocery bags for women with dependent children. As a matter of course, as many as 800 bags of groceries will be distributed to over 250 families. As part of our hospitality outreach, we have available emergency food, bread, and pastries whenever needed. Also, we own and operate a 75-acre farm that we use in our farm-to-table initiative, and which is being developed as a recovery ranch for persons struggling with addiction..

OCCUPATION

The St. Herman's jobs program, "Program Services," provides employment for eligible men in our shelter. We partner with local Churches, businesses, and residencies to provide employment for our shelter residents. Typically, over half of our men are employed full or part-time through Program Services or through employment secured through other partner agencies in the neighborhood.

CLOTHING

Every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday we open up our Clothing Pantry which provides clothing, shoes, and hygiene products to all who come. Over 500 men avail themselves to the Clothing Pantry each year. We also partner with Easter Seals, distributing clothing through their pantry. Each year we distribute shoes to homeless and needy children in the public and charter schools. When the holiday season comes around, we host giveaways of winter coats and wrapped gifts.

SHELTER

At any given time, we can shelter up to 28 men. In recent years, we have shelter 50 to 70 men and should reach our goal of 80 to 100 men each year by partnering with other agencies who can aide us in the challenging work of transitioning men from homelessness to independent living. Recently, we acquired a neighboring property which will serve as a Transitional House. Housing up to 12 qualified men at any given time, the House will provide a bridge those seeking to transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Qualified individuals will have achieved six months of sobriety, and income, and ongoing case management.

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE



OFFICIAL ACTS

Funerals

7/8 Richard F. Stanley

7/26 Randall (Bob) Bassett

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Richard Stanley

Dick & Sandy Henning

WHEELS FOR THE WORLD

– EQUIPMENT DRIVE



Community Volunteer Opportunity

A monthly communion service initiated by Pastor Pam and Linda Jungeberg for the residents of Parkside Villa Nursing Home in Middleburg Heights has been very well received, with 20 or more residents attending. The brief service is held at Parkside Villa the third Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM. Individual visits and communion for immobile residents are made following the service.

If you would be interested in assisting Pastor Pam in this service, and have an hour and a half (usually less) available that 3rd Thursday, please contact Linda Jungeberg (440-238-8865) for details and scheduling.

Wheels for the World collects used wheelchairs, walkers, canes and crutches to be refurbished and sent to other countries where these items are not so easy to obtain. The equipment does not need to be in good condition. The equipment that is donated is cannibalized or refurbished by Federal prison inmates, then packed and shipped to the various countries that Wheels for the World teams travel to (there is a team going somewhere every 3-4 weeks throughout the year!). These teams, composed of therapists, mechanics, evangelists and other support personal, fit and modify the chairs for people in the other countries.

The Ohio region of Wheels for the World is having their equipment drive on Aug 13th this year. If you have wheelchairs, canes, walkers, or crutches to donate, please bring them to Room F by Aug 11th.

If you have questions, please call Jan Bairoti, 440-234-1535.



Music Notes

Summer is quickly passing and so I wanted to take a minute to thank everyone who has offered their musical talents for special music these past Sundays.

For this fall, I would like to remind everyone to mark their calendars for the start of their choirs and praise teams. Rehearsals will resume as follows:

Thursday, August 25- 7:00 pm—Faithful Ringers
Wednesday, September 7—5:30 pm—New Song
6:30 pm—Praise Choir
7:30 pm—Covenant Choir
Thursday, September 8—6:00 pm—Celebration

We are planning a festival worship service for Reformation Sunday, October 30th, followed by a potluck lunch. I am putting together a “German Band” to play a few selections before and after lunch. If you are interested in playing, please contact me. Dale Hukill

If you would like to join a choir or praise team, please see Dale, Culley Coughlin or Lois Schlott. We would love you have you sing with us!



Summer Schedule

August

August 7. 2pm We'll be attending Tania's Grad Party as a group.

August 14, 6-8pm. Let's have a fun afternoon at Huntington Beach, possibly with ice cream!, before our seniors go off to college and the new school year starts! Parents and siblings if you'd like to join us please do! We will need a few drivers as well.

August 21, 6-8pm. Game Night at the church! Let's have some fun and celebrate the beginning of the new school year!

August 28, 6:30-8pm. We'll be starting a new Bible study. Stay tuned!

August Children's Ministry News

VBS THANKS-

As you have probably heard, our 2016 "Cave Quest-Following Jesus-The Light of the World" VBS was a week enjoyed by all. It was truly a joyful, blessed week. We had the privilege of hosting 150 young people and 60 adults participated in some capacity. We sang songs, danced, listened to Bible stories, watched puppet shows, made crafts, enjoyed snacks, played games, and spent time in Bible Adventures. We participated in two outreach projects. Our VBS families brought in food for the Church Street Ministries each day and our children & families also donated money in our quarter tube to be sent for research for the childhood kidney disease ARPKD. We were so pleased to have children, youth & adults join us from 23 different churches.

This year we were fortunate to have a wonderful group of volunteer musicians. They truly helped to make our week one with lots of great memories. We had the sanctuary rocking!

We ended our week with a pizza picnic lunch and enjoyed a closing program with a Sing-a-long with all of our VBS families and friends. We ended our day with a visit from a Naturalist from the Metroparks who talked to us about animals and their habitats and she brought along a cool box turtle. I hope that you will take a minute to see all of the pictures from our week together. They will be displayed on the bulletin board by the east doors during the month of August. You will get a first hand look at our children, teens and adults in action.

I also want to thank the children, youth, and adults who decorated our float, walked in the Berea Grindstone Parade and came to our family picnic & swim at Longbrooke Pool. Thanks to all who attended our events and helped to make this such a special week.

A project such as this could never be accomplished without the joining together of so many people with so many different gifts. I want to thank our congregation for their continued support of our Vacation Bible School program. I thank you for giving so generously of your time, talents, and loving care to the children that were given to us for our VBS week. Thank you for reaching out and sharing God's word and love to so many children from St. Paul and our local communities. I hope that you know how much I appreciate all that you have given to our VBS program. It could not have been done without all of you! God bless you.

Susan Moore

August

Children's Ministry Calendar

August 7th 3-4:00 Play Uno at the Aristocrat

August 14th See you in Worship at 8:30 & 11:00

August 21st 10:00-10:45 Sunday School Teachers' Meeting (Sunday School Office)

August 28th 10:00 One Worship Service with the Commissioning of our Sunday School Staff & the Blessing of Backpacks
11:15 Bluegrass Rally Day Celebration



CELEBRATE



150 YEARS
ST PAUL LUTHERAN

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

The 150th Anniversary Committee continues to work on future events for our celebration. We hope you have enjoyed the recent visits from sons of the congregation and past Pastors, and of course the “Big Event” July 31st.

Pastor Wilkins August 21st

Our next occasion will be having Pastor Wilkins with us on August 21st. Pastor Wilkins served our congregation as an Associate Pastor from 1972 to 1977 with Pastor Menchhofer. The congregation had bid farewell to our Parish Worker, Della Koester, and decided to call a second pastor to assist and have primary oversight of the youth programs. Ever since 1972, St Paul’s has had two pastors. Pastor Wilkins, affectionately known as Pastor Bill, was known to many of the St. Paul youth who attended Bible Camp at Lutheran Memorial Camp. Pastor Bill worked at the camp during his college years, and his wife, (well girlfriend at the time) Mary, was the camp nurse. Pastor Bill will preach at both the 8:30 and 11:00 service on August 21st. A reception will be held between services in the parlor, so plan to stay or come early to visit with Pastor Wilkins.

Other Pastors scheduled to come visit are:

Pastor Eric Rauch - Sept 18, 2016 (past Senior Pastor)

Pastor Deborah Michaels - Oct 16, 2016 (daughter of the congregation)

Other Upcoming Events:

Save the dates for 2 more activities in the fall.

Oct 30th 499th Anniversary of the Reformation

One service at 10:00

Followed by Oktoberfest in the Fellowship Hall

Nov 6th All Saints Day Services 8:30 and 11:00

Special focus on ALL members of St. Paul’s since 1866

Also past 150 years and future 150 years

Watch future Highlights articles and the bulletin board across from Pastor Tom’s office for details as they come available.

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BEREA FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS....

Each month we collect food to help stock the pantry located at 85 So. Rocky River Drive in Berea.

**The ITEMS for AUGUST are
Spaghetti & Spaghetti Sauce**

Place Items in the Grocery Carts in the Narthex or near the Fellowship Hall

COMMUNITY MEAL DONATIONS....The items are distributed along with items donated to Church Street Ministries to help those in attendance.

**The ITEMS for AUGUST are
Laundry Soap, Dish Soap,
Cleaning Supplies**

The Community Meal is back at St. Paul's on the last WEDNESDAY of each month at 6:00 p.m.