

# S t. Paul Highlights



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*I have* loved  
**YOU** *with an*  
**EVERLASTING**  
*Love.*

*I have* DRAWN  
**YOU** *with*  
*loving-kindness*

Jeremiah 31:3

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

DATE	TIME	LECTOR	SERVERS	LITURGIST	BREAD BAKER	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS	GREETERS	MONEY COUNTERS
2/5	8:30 Traditional	Judy Stintsman	Judy Stintsman	Lynette Ozanich	Nancy Dinardis	Jen Hinton Ginny Anderson	Team 1	Tracy Hamilton	D. Batig R. Batig
	11:00 New Song	Bonnie Sears	Thelma Brunett Calyn	Dean Firing		Beth Boerke Lois Wolfe	Team 2	Jan Sultan Randy & Sharon Genther	D. Barrett L. Wolfe
2/12	8:30 New Song	Liz Wittman	Liz Wittman Anna Mae Migra	Sherrill Crawford	Cathy Fazekas		Team 3	Millie Baehr Becky Havel Sandy Henning Amy Russo	M. Grunau W. Hansen
	11:00 Traditional	Dave Hall	Dave Hall Chris Hall	Mike King			Team 4	Kara Krywyj Kelly Brandt	J. Bairoti D. Barrett
2/19	8:30 Traditional	Andrew Ozanich	Linda King Mike King	Meg Montag	Cathy Fazekas		Team 5	Kara Krywyj Kelly Brandt	D. Miller D. Perzel
	11:00 Celebration	Amy Kurek	Alice Chadbourne Calyn Henderson	Jon Montag			Team 6	Anna Mae Migra Nancy Goette Pat Gugliotta Danelle Eikens	D. Lesko
2/26	8:30 Celebration	Lynnette Ozanich	Gail Hansen Dick Henning	Liz Wittman	Loni Flagner		Team 7	Bob Trausch Cheryl Winwood	A. Hinton B. Goette
	11:00 Traditional	Cindy Cain	Linda Jungeberg Betty Krutko	Dave Hall			Team 8	Paul Krutko Barb & Harold Daniels	

**FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER**

- FEBRUARY 2-GROUNDHOG DAY**
- FEBRUARY 5-SUPERBOWL**
- FEBRUARY 14- VALENTINE'S DAY**
- FEBRUARY 20-PRESIDENT'S DAY**





# PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends,

It is difficult to believe that I am beginning the process of closing out my ministry with you. Time flies when you're having fun, I guess. On February 5<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Karl Biermann, from the synod office will be here to install the call committee to begin the search for a new senior pastor. He will also be holding a forum between services to answer any questions you may have about the process. Normally, the call process does not begin until the previous pastor is gone. The bishop feels that because St. Paul's is an active and stable congregation this transition can be more like a relay race; with one pastor directly passing the baton to the next.

One of my goals for this time is to provide a solid foundation on which my successor can build. In the coming year, we will be focusing on involving more people in the work of the congregation. Our constitution requires a number of functioning committees focusing on areas such as outreach, education, worship, and service. This will require the time and effort of a good number of members. Sometimes we think of belonging to a congregation in terms of a cruise ship. There are some paid staff and a few volunteers who make up the crew and the rest of the congregation are the paying customers. The job of the crew is to make sure that needs are met, people are reasonably happy and we don't make a lot of waves. In reality, if St. Paul's is a cruise ship, every member is a part of the crew and is called upon to use their gifts for the good of the whole. I pray that we would begin to move more in that direction and ask that you will be open to serving when you are called upon.

Sincerely,

Pastor Henderson

## St. Paul HIGHLIGHTS

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St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Year-to-Date Financial Summary as of:

December 31, 2016

Income and Expenses Summary	Current Year Actual YTD	Current Year Budget YTD	Over/(Under) Budget	Previous Year Actual YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Congregational Contributions	\$ 434,824.08	\$ 520,921.00	\$ (86,096.92)	\$ 437,703.07
Building Use	10,564.00	14,220.00	(3,656.00)	11,405.00
Interest	5.84	12.00	(6.16)	4.87
Other Income	5,174.80	6,500.00	(1,325.20)	6,821.81
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 450,568.72</b>	<b>\$ 541,653.00</b>	<b>\$ (91,084.28)</b>	<b>\$ 455,934.75</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Benevolence	43,482.36	54,165.00	10,682.64	43,448.00
Worship	9,004.30	11,125.00	2,120.70	8,184.19
Programs & Services	12,864.02	19,450.00	6,585.98	15,061.80
Property	105,578.68	117,150.00	11,571.32	94,994.11
Staff Salaries and Benefits	263,353.30	277,602.00	14,248.70	243,011.14
Contracted Services	28,368.78	31,961.00	3,592.22	29,200.00
Administration & Support	23,211.94	30,200.00	6,988.06	26,023.49
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>485,863.38</b>	<b>541,653.00</b>	<b>55,789.62</b>	<b>459,922.73</b>
<b>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (35,294.66)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (35,294.66)</b>	<b>\$ (3,987.98)</b>

**Income and Expenses Summary Notes:**

**Income**

The year ending December 31, 2016 has an operating deficit of \$35K, which resulted in a negative variance of \$31K compared to 2015. Congregational Contributions through December 2016 are approximately \$3K less than the total YTD contributions received through December 2015; Building Use/Other Income is approximately \$2K less than this time last year. Total Income at December 31, 2016 is \$5K less than YTD December 2015. Congregational Contributions are under budget by \$86K and Total Income is under budget by \$91K as of December 31, 2016. **Note:** Other Income includes periodic gifts made by Meals on Wheels and the St. Paul Preschool; the Thrivent Choice Donation program; paper recycling proceeds; and other miscellaneous unrestricted income. Note that the Meals on Wheels program at St. Paul ended December 31, 2016.

**Expenses**

Year-end total expenses were under budget by \$55K as of December 31, 2016; however, the total amount is \$26K more than total expenses as of December 31, 2015. An additional payroll (not budgeted) occurred in January 2016 due to the way the pay date fell. Property expenses for the 15-year plan were greater in 2016 than in 2015 and were not offset by other property expense savings as had been the case in 2015. **Note:** Benevolence payments are percentages of contributions. Therefore, when contributions are higher, benevolence payments are higher.

Balance Sheet Summary	As of December 31, 2016	As of December 31, 2015
<b>Assets</b>		
Current Assets (Cash)	\$ 107,953.95	\$ 108,759.92
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00
Invested Assets (Endowment)	543,466.58	521,884.19
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,692,969.53</b>	<b>\$ 3,672,193.11</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,560.13	\$ 570.75
Loan from Endowment Fund	27,655.00	34,000.00
Payroll Withholding	7,569.81	4,062.70
Accrued Expenses	488.65	0.00
Dedicated Fund Balances	108,369.87	81,866.32
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 148,643.46</b>	<b>\$ 120,499.77</b>
<b>Equity</b>		
General Fund	\$ (13,034.51)	\$ 22,260.15
Investments (Endowment)	515,811.58	487,884.19
Fixed Assets (Building)	3,041,549.00	3,041,549.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,544,326.07</b>	<b>\$ 3,551,693.34</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,692,969.53</b>	<b>\$ 3,672,193.11</b>

**Balance Sheet Summary Notes:**

**Dedicated Funds** include contributions designated for specific Council-approved categories (i.e. Memorials/Honorariums, Habitat for Humanity, Sheep and Goats contributions, Youth Trips/Projects, Music Ministry, Youth Ministry, and others). These funds are tracked separately and the contributions and/or expenses are not reflected in the Operating Income and Expenses Summary. A complete listing of the current Dedicated Funds can be found on the full balance sheet.

The *General Fund* balance = Current Assets (Cash) - Total Liabilities.



## Council Corner

Many thanks to the hearty volunteers that joined in Sunday to relocate the pews, sound equipment and Altar furnishings to the Fellowship Hall. Work continued during the week to demo the old carpet and loft risers. Lighting upgrades to LED and refinishing of the pews begins soon. Services will be in the Fellowship Hall for approximately 8 weeks. Please notice the weekly updates to the renovation schedule in the bulletin.

Thank you to retiring Council members Dave Hall, Randy Hamilton and Amy Kurek for their service on the Church Council and welcome to new Council members Jack Flick, Randy Genter and Aaron Ozanich. Council officers for 2017 will be:

President - Jon Montag

Vice-Pres.- Eric Prestegaard

Secretary - Randy Genter

Jon Montag,

Council President

Please contact any member of the Church Council with questions or concerns: Dean Firing, Jack Flick, Randy Genter, Scott Harkema, Pastor Henderson, Kara Krywyj, Katie Lappin, Jon Montag, Karen Nemeth, Aaron Ozanich, Eric Prestegaard.



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

## Property Committee News



The renovation project for our sanctuary is off to a fantastic start. For those of you who witnessed the relocation of the sanctuary to the fellowship hall and helped make that happen, many thanks! It was a remarkable thing to watch. We expected to take three days to make the move complete, but you accomplished it in only 3 hours. The unknowns in our project have so far gone all our way. No bad news anywhere. We are ahead of schedule right now by about 3 days, and the lighting revisions in the sanctuary should be complete by January 26th. You will be amazed at how bright the sanctuary is when we resume services there. And we are saving about \$1 per hour when the new lights are on compared to the old lights. The carpeting has been removed and the routing for all of the new cables for the sound system are planned and in process. By the time you read this, the stained-glass will have been repaired and the painters will be hard at work repairing and painting the ceiling and refinishing the pews.

Of concern to us is our financial position at the end of 2016. Our expenses were greater than our income. In order for the congregation to continue the repair and replacement of major items, we need to maintain a positive financial position. If you have not kept pace with your giving goals, please do whatever is possible to make up the difference so that we can continue to plan and rely on the income to meet our budget. Thank you for your support.

Jim Jungeberg

# WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE



## OFFICIAL ACTS

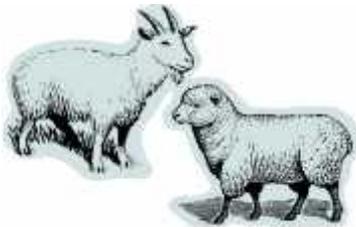
### Baptism

1/8/17 Cormick Joseph Kolozvary

### Funeral

1/21/17 John Nolder

## MEMORIALS



## SHEEP & GOATS FOCUS



Adult Guardianship Services (AGS) of Cuyahoga County and Volunteer Guardianship Program (VGP) of Lorain County provide legal guardians to serve as concerned caring advocates and surrogate decision-makers for indigent, incompetent adults who cannot care for themselves and have often encountered abuse or exploitation. Guardians look after the emotional, social, financial and physical well-being of these vulnerable adults and advocate for the least restrictive living environment possible. They often make end-of-life decisions as well as funeral arrangements. Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry has provided adult guardianship services in Northeast Ohio for more than 25 years.

# Grow in **SERVICE**

Be a model of serving Christ for oth-

## **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 FEBRUARY are**

**Peanut Butter & Jelly**

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 FEBRUARY are**

**Socks & Soup**

**The Community Meal is at the Methodist church while St. Paul's is under renovation, the last WEDNESDAY of each month at 6:00 p.m.**

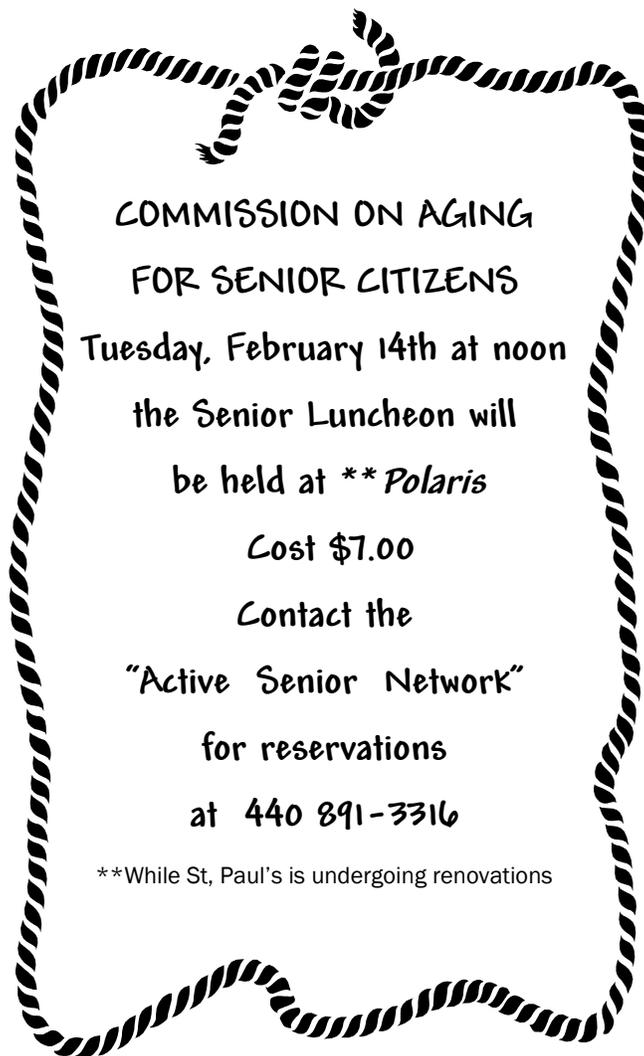
## **WORK BEHIND THE SCENES AT ST. PAUL**

### **ALTAR GUILD IS LOOKING FOR A FEW NEW MEMBERS**

Altar Guild is a great way to serve your congregation while having fun and fellowship. Altar Guild is critical to keeping the worship services going ever Sunday and Holy Day.

The time commitment is minimal and the more members we have, the less each one has to do. We meet once a month for about half an hour. During the course of each year, Altar Guild members are asked to volunteer to support the Sunday services for one month of their choosing. During that month, a group of about 4 ladies shares the various tasks, which include less than an hour a week of cleaning and set up. In addition, during that month early service volunteers arrive about half an hour before service to set up and stay for about 15 minutes after service to clean up. Late service volunteers arrive about 15 minutes before service to set up and stay after for about half an hour to clean up. Members may also help out with special decorating for Christmas and Easter if they want.

New members always have at least one helper so you don't have to worry about not knowing what to do. We especially need late service people. Please consider joining us for our next meeting which is on Monday, February 20th or drop in to the Altar Guild room before or after service to see what we do.



## **COMMISSION ON AGING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

**Tuesday, February 14th at noon**

**the Senior Luncheon will**

**be held at *\*\*Polaris***

**Cost \$7.00**

**Contact the**

**"Active Senior Network"**

**for reservations**

**at 440 891-3316**

**\*\*While St. Paul's is undergoing renovations**

## "Caring for each other as we age"

Together with our neighboring ELCA congregations we are seeking to provide support to members by encouraging participation in quarterly gatherings where information, encouragement & prayers will assist you with the challenges that aging brings to life.

The information is helpful to all seniors and their families.

Presentations will be scheduled quarterly in 2017.

**Wednesday, February 8 at 1:30pm**

**Christ The Redeemer Lutheran Church**

located at 9201 Brecksville Rd (next to the Brecksville Library & Rec Center)  
will host

**"It's a Matter Of Balance"-fall prevention info**

Learn about upcoming "Matter of Balance" classes coming to our area via a grant to RIBBS. This research based program includes factors that affect fear of falling and teach fall prevention strategies.

Chronic conditions increase fall risk - be prepared!

Questions call Parish Nurse Jill Koubal (216/573-1595)



# February Children's Ministry News

## SUNDAY SCHOOL-

Many thanks are being sent to all of our children and families who are taking part in our Sunday School program. It is never too late to sign up for Sunday School. You are always welcome. Please join us at 9:45 each Sunday. Friends, neighbors and grandchildren are always welcome, too!

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH-

We will be meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 26<sup>th</sup> at both the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services. Children of all ages are welcome. Join us for some great Bible stories, crafts, puppet shows, songs, and a chance to make some new friends. Hope to see you.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL-

Believe it or not, it is time to begin making plans for our 2017 VBS week being held July 10-14 from 9:30-Noon. Please mark your calendars. As we all know, lots of volunteers are needed to plan and carry out a safe and well-planned week for our children and the children in our community. It is our hope to plan early so that we can have our best VBS week yet. We would like to begin planning in March so that we are ready well before the summer months begin. Thank you to everyone who continues to support our Children's Ministry programs at St. Paul. Couldn't do it without you!

## OUR ARISTOCRAT CHILDREN-

Our Aristocrat Ministry is now in its 13<sup>th</sup> year. Please consider joining us for this valuable time to serve local children in need and a chance to meet some new St. Paul people as well. We meet in the dining room in the children's building on the first Sunday of each month from 3:00-4:00. Many of the young people that we see are teens that go to Berea-Midpark High School, if they are able. If you are a St. Paul middle or high school student, this would be a great chance to serve other young people in need. Folks of all ages are needed. The Aristocrat kids love to play Uno and we spend time just being together. Please consider joining us. It is an hour well spent for the Aristocrat folks and all of us that visit. Please see Susan if you have any questions. Thanks so much.

# February

## Children's Ministry Calendar

February 5<sup>th</sup> 9:15-10:15 Recorders  
9:45-10:45 Sunday School

February 12<sup>th</sup> 8:30 Children's Church  
9:45-10:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Children Sing in Worship  
11:00 Children's Church

February 19<sup>th</sup> 9:00-9:40 Ukuleles (SS Office)  
9:45-10:45 Sunday School

February 26<sup>th</sup> 8:30 Children's Church  
9:45-10:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Children's Church



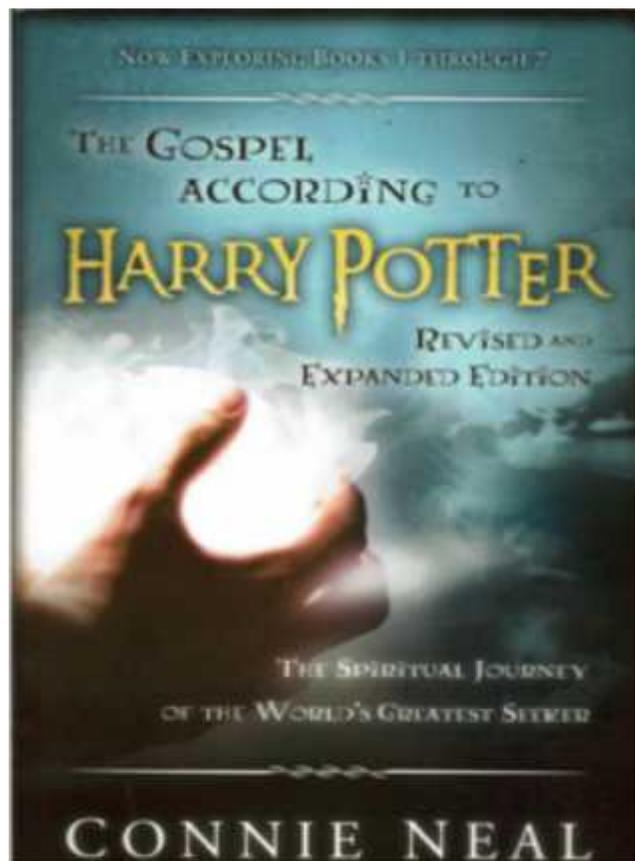
With the new year, a new Bible study will begin...."The Gospel According to Harry Potter".

During Amanda's maternity leave, Jenna will be leading the youth group.

The schedule for February is as follows:

February 5, 6:30-8pm Begin Harry Potter Bible Study

February 19, 6-8:30pm Watch Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone





*PRAISE CHOIR IS CELEBRATING ITS 30<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY*

On January 28, 1987, God called 16 men and women to come together in the Youth Room. And, with them, He formed Praise Choir. There was a sense of exuberance and dedication from the very beginning, a feeling of being "ALIVE" for Christ. The name Praise Choir was adopted, because our main purposes were to "PRAISE THE LORD" and enhance worship for our church family by presenting meaningful praise anthems. Our first anthem, "ON EAGLES' WINGS," was offered on March 8, 1987.

God put a desire in our hearts to have weekly devotions to ensure that we would also be "GROWING TOGETHER" in our faith and knowledge of Him and His Will for our lives. And, inasmuch as prayer is an integral part of a life of faith, God encouraged us to pray for His people. So, at the end of our rehearsal time, on the Sundays when we sing, we offer "A PRAYER" asking, "Lord, please let the words of our anthem "TOUCH YOUR PEOPLE ONCE AGAIN" and encourage their hearts to love You even more."

But, because we are "BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING," we also felt God leading us to extend His love and "CARRY THE LIGHT" to others outside of St. Paul's walls. So we have offered yearly programs at Assisted Living facilities, complete with anthems and hymn sing-alongs (later, adding Nationality songs with Christian lyrics and comedy routines). The first of these events was held at the Deaconess Home in Brecksville.

"IN HIS TIME," God saw fit to choose 31 songs from Praise Choir's repertoire of anthems to serve as hymns, which are now being sung regularly by the congregation in our blended worship services. Some are calls to worship, asking parishioners to humble themselves, thank God, and praise Him, as they "COME INTO HIS PRESENCE." Others call for members to contribute "FREELY, FREELY" or to "REACH OUT AND TOUCH" others for Christ. And yet others "SHOUT TO THE LORD," "LET THERE BE PRAISE," "BECAUSE HE LIVES." Some plead, "OPEN OUR EYES, LORD" to see Your Will for our lives, because we want to be "SEEKERS OF YOUR HEART" and "GLORIFY THY NAME" in everything we do. Some simply say "I LOVE YOU, LORD" or "FATHER, I ADORE YOU." But most testify to how "GREAT IS THE LORD" and declare that the "LORD, BE GLORIFIED," because, as the precious "LAMB OF GLORY," He is worthy of all our praise.

Now, after 30 years, we, in Praise Choir, still "GET ALL EXCITED" about praising Christ, and we find ourselves saying, "LET'S JUST PRAISE THE LORD" together. It really is true that "THE LONGER I SERVE HIM," the sweeter He grows. He is "WORTHY OF WORSHIP," and we can still find "10,000 REASONS" to "BLESS HIS HOLY NAME."

The only two desires we still have are that: 1) Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, will always "FIND US FAITHFUL," and 2) He will continue to use us to spread the "GOSPEL TO THE WORLD," because "IT'S STILL THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD," and "PEOPLE NEED THE LORD."

So, as we continue to "HONOR THE LORD" with our songs of praise, we also "GIVE THANKS" with grateful hearts to God for you, our church family. We feel "WE ARE SO BLESSED," because you have given us the opportunity to "CELEBRATE JESUS" with you for all these years. You truly have been a blessing to us. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given us over the years. It's been our honor and privilege to worship with you and serve you as well.

As Praise Choir celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, there is only one more thing to say. And that is, "TO GOD BE THE GLORY"—ALL the glory!

In Christian love,  
Praise Choir





Greater Cleveland  
**Habitat**  
for Humanity®

and



## Habitat News : 2017

According to Ron Kear, Lutheran Project Leader, the plans assigned to our crew by GCHFH for this year are as follows: 3 houses that need substantial rehab, 11816 and 12504 Parkhill Ave., 12508 Soika Ave.. There are 2 other houses needing less work.

GCHFH has now started hiring contractors to do drywall, siding, windows, roof & gutters to give the crews a boost and complete more houses. Last year 28 families acquired a home with "a hand up, not a hand out", a Habitat slogan. Good management and funds from the very successful Restores had made this possible.

Our crew has continued to work through the unpleasant weather, although some of them escape to Florida until spring, so it's a small crew! Thank you volunteers!

Thank you for your continued support to help families own their own homes, and help rebuild the neighborhoods in Cleveland!

In His Service Together, Pastor John and Mary Evans

PS: If you have items that you are divesting and could be used by someone else--remember the Restore (they will pick up large items). It's also a great place to find some great bargains when you are rehabbing your own home. PHONE # 216-429-3631 EXT. 238

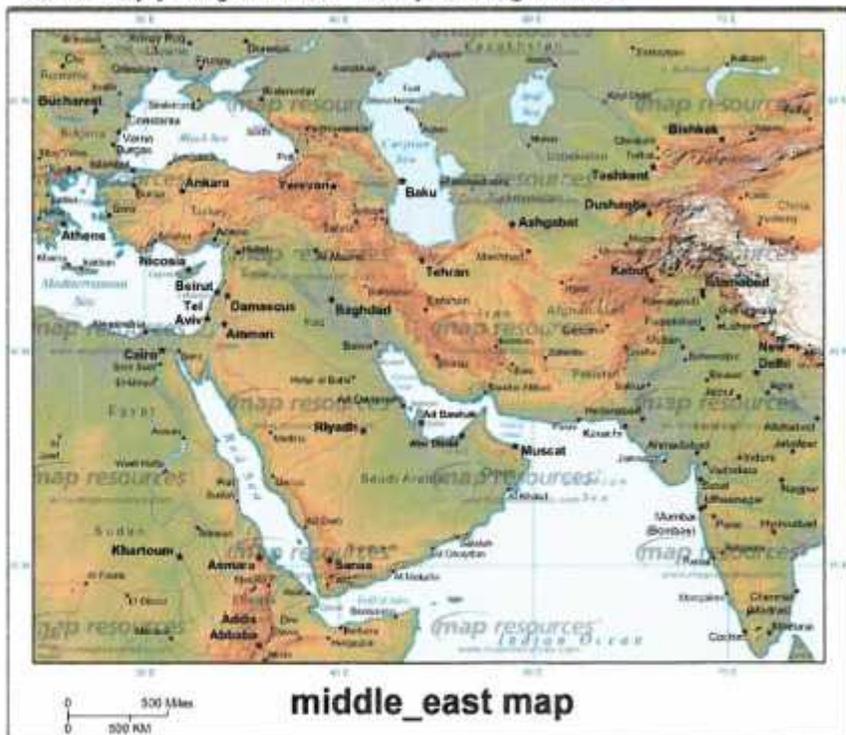


## REFUGEES: WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?

### Second in a Series

The past two months I have been discussing various situations with refugees in the Middle East, to provide education and awareness of the situation and provide some intimacy for you and make the situation more personal. This month I'd like to remind you of an 'old' story from the first year I went there in 2014.

In 2014 we had an opportunity to meet and share dinner with about a dozen refugee families. The host organization, which Wheels for the World works with, is also working with refugees of all faiths from Syria and Iraq that have fled to Jordan. On Friday night, several families were invited to dinner at our guesthouse. I sat with a family that had just fled Iraq 4 days earlier. The older couple was a furniture maker in Mosul, with them was their daughter and son-in-law and four young children who had lived in Baghdad. They spoke very limited English, so I learned their story through an interpreter. When ISIS took over the Mosul area, all homes of Christians were marked with a large red mark of paint on their homes, this family's home was one of them. About a week before I meet them, ISIS gave the family an ultimatum: convert to Islam, leave, or pay an enormous tax and maybe not be killed. They had 2 days to convert, leave or pay. All their assets were frozen and they were allowed only to take the clothes they have on them. This family managed to get to Baghdad, where their daughter and her family were living. From there they were lucky to fly to Jordan (I suspect the daughter in Baghdad still had resources to buy airline tickets). But other families walked from northern Iraq or Syria – hundreds of miles through mostly desert terrain, some elderly, some very young children. Can you imagine that?



I was amazed by this family's composure just 4 days after arriving in Jordan. They are accepting of whatever lies ahead, without any real dream or intention, but just going with the flow while keeping their strong faith. I tried to imagine how I would be, and just cannot really fathom it. But, I am sure, I would have been a basket case. We are so blessed! Please keep all the refugees from this war-torn part of the world in your prayers! And Thank God for the freedoms of America.

### What *Would* Jesus Do?

If you are moved to assist in anyway or have questions, talk to me on Sunday morning, or by phone.

- Jan B.

# Renovation Progress!



Fellowship Hall Transformed to  
Temporary Sanctuary

No More Carpet!



Organ Covered Up

New Lights Going In



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276 EAST BAGLEY ROAD  
BEREA, OHIO 44017  
440-243-1144  
WWW.STPAULBEREA.ORG

**FIRST CLASS**

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Valentine's Day Trivia

- \* *In Victorian times it was considered bad luck to sign a Valentine's Day card.*
- \* *About 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are exchanged each year.*
- \* *Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.*
- \* *Physicians of the 1800s commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.*
- \* *More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.*
- \* *189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on Valentine's Day.*
- \* *In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."*