



The CIRCUIT RIDER

Dear St. Paul's Friends,

It's hard to believe that fall is here, and we are already well into October. What a great month we've shared at St. Paul's as we have worshiped and served together. We have another wonderful opportunity before us to fellowship together during our annual Harvest Picnic which will be held at Brugeman Lodge at Riverbend Park on October 30. It always proves to be a great time to not only be able to catch up with old friends but to meet some new ones as well.

This month we've begun a new sermon series called "**ACCELERATE!**". We'll have the opportunity over the next several Sundays to explore different spiritual disciplines that we can practice to help nourish our relationship with God. As we deepen our relationship, one of the inward changes we experience is developing a heart of gratitude. Gratitude is actually a discipline that can be practiced on a regular basis. We'll have a chance to express our gratitude for everything that God has given to us as we join together on Thanksgiving Eve for an informal service at 7:30 p.m.

Join us this Sunday where we'll be "*Offering Christ and Discovering Life.*"

Blessings to you,

Laurie

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Children's Ministry

CALENDAR

October

30 5:15-6:45 p.m. Christmas Musical Practice

November

6 5:15-6:45 p.m. Christmas Musical Practice

13 5:15-6:45 p.m. Christmas Musical Practice

20 5:15-6:45 p.m. Christmas Musical Practice



CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PRACTICE

Christmas Musical Practice started on October 23, and it's not too late for you to join us. All children 3 years-5th grade are invited to participate. We will meet each Sunday evening from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Mark your calendar for these special practice times. The musical will be presented at 10:15 on Dec. 11.



Operation Christmas Child



We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child by filling shoe boxes with small gifts for children who do not normally receive Christmas gifts.

Children will bring their filled shoe box with them to Christmas Musical practice on November 13 and will pray for the children that will be receiving the boxes.

Operation Christmas Child asks for \$7 per box for shipping; if you would like to donate to help with this expense, please talk to Laurie.

Thank you for sharing the Good News of the Savior with a child. More information is available at the Welcome Center.



SPIRIT SAFARI SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us in November for Sunday School!

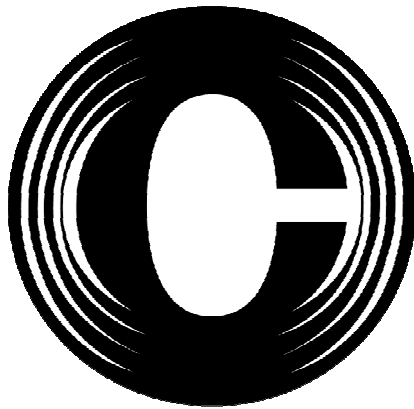
Kindergarteners-4th graders will be learning about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and that they should stand up for God.

Preschoolers (children ages 3-5) are learning about Abraham, Isaac, Hagar, and Ishmael through songs, games, activities, and prayer in a class that's just for them!

Bibles

All third and fourth graders should bring their Bibles to Sunday School every week so they can dig into God's Word.

The Children's Ministry of St. Paul's exists to help children discover God so they are inspired to love God, themselves, and others.



CONNECT

Check us out on
the web @
www.connectsm.com

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October

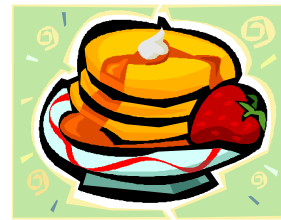
- 26 Youth Service Group 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- 26 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 30 Connect HS & MS 5:00-6:45 p.m.

November

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- 2 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 6 Connect HS & MS 5:00-6:45 p.m.
- 9 Youth Service Group 5:00-6:30 p.m.
- 9 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- 12 Middle School Service Retreat Day
- 13 Connect HS & MS 5:00-6:45 p.m.
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- 20 Prayer Partner Breakfast
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- 23 Apply Bible Study 6:30--8:00 p.m.

We are in our second series of Connect and the discussions are going well. We have made a change to the Connect times for the year, in an effort to make logistics easier on Sunday evenings. Connect, for both high school and middle school students, will be from 5:00-6:45 on scheduled Sundays. Thank you for all your comments and feedback.

Prayer Partner Breakfast
November 20, 9:15 a.m.



Join us on Sunday, November 20, for a light breakfast and time to catch up with your prayer partner. We are again going to be doing the service project challenge, so join us on the 20th to hear more about it! Please let Mark and your prayer partner know if you cannot be at the breakfast.

I just wanted to thank the whole church family for the college scholarship, it has been used for the purchasing of books and other school supplies. Thank you again for your willingness to give!

God Bless,
Meghan Opperman



The Youth Ministry of St. Paul's exists to inspire youth to become Christ-centered, alive in their faith, and equipped to make a difference.

Youth Ministry

Middle School Service Retreat *Saturday, November 12 @ 9:30 a.m.*

This day is all about service and how you can make a difference in the world. You might only look at it as something small and not that big of a deal, but to God it is a BIG deal. We will be meeting in the St. Marks parking lot at 9:30 a.m. to start our morning. We have several different projects lined up and will be tackling them in teams. After we are done with our projects, we will head back to St. Marks to join all of our friends from MS camp and have lunch and an afternoon of fun, celebrating all of the work that has been done. The other churches will be doing service in their towns, before we all join up for lunch and the afternoon. We will be done by 4:00 p.m. for your parent's to pick you up at St. Marks.

What to Bring: Jacket, Bible, Pen and a Positive Attitude

There is no cost for this retreat and registration is due by November 6. Fill out the online registration form to register. This retreat will help you meet part of the requirement for the Special Olympics trip this summer.



Building up Opportunities

At St. Paul's, we believe that persons become better disciples of Christ through education. Discipleship provides ways of putting faith into practice. We feel that it is important to offer these opportunities to the entire family.

Spirit Safari – Children age 3-4th grade will have fun learning God's Word in Spirit Safari Sunday School! Preschool age children learn through songs, Bible stories, and play. Kids in kindergarten-4th grade learn through a variety of hands-on workshops. Join us today!

Club 56 - Club 56 meets in the bean bag room (room 204) during the Sunday School hour. Join us on Sunday morning to eat snacks, play games, and talk about what the Bible has to say that matters for your life now!

Middle/High School Youth – Join us in the Connect Diner (Youth Room) for fellowship and a discussion-based opportunity to grow as a disciple. Beverages and breakfast items served weekly.

The Young Adult Class meets each week in the Library for coffee and doughnuts. They enjoy engaging discussions each week on a variety of topics. Various class members lead the discussion each week.

Encounters with God: A Study of Galatians This class meets in A21 and will begin a Bible study on the book of Galatians. Discussion will be led by John Livingston. Join them for coffee and doughnuts and a great discussion.

Friendship Class – Join this group of women as they read and discuss a variety of books during the coming year.

Keil Class – This class meets each week in Room 202. They are currently studying Scripture using the NIV Bible Study series.

Live Wire Class – Join this class as they study Scripture using the Adult Bible study series. They meet each week in Room 205.



Read and Pray today

Read and Pray today calendars are available at the
Welcome Center and online at
www.stpaulsfindlay.org.

Building Up

Linking Up

St. Paul's Harvest Picnic Sunday, October 30 12:30 p.m.

St. Paul's will host the Harvest Picnic at
BRUGEMAN LODGE
at Riverbend Park.

Friends and family are welcome.

Meats, beverages, and table service provided.

Please bring two of your favorite dishes
(vegetable, salad, pasta, dessert, etc.)
along with serving utensils.

Great eats, good fellowship, fun games, and crafts!!!

Playground is available for the kids.

Come rain or shine—we're in
BRUGEMAN LODGE
with lots of room.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.



Volunteers Needed

The Harvest Picnic team is in need of volunteers to help set up, decorate, serve, and clean up. If you are interested in this ministry, please sign up in the Welcome Center. If you would like more information email Laurie at laurie@stpaulsfindlay.org.



THE HOPPERS

NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT

DECEMBER 31, 2011

7:00 PM (DOORS OPEN AT 6:00 PM)

GATEWAY CHURCH

9555 COUNTY ROAD 9, FINDLAY

TICKET PRICES:

\$20 RESERVED SEATING (ADVANCE SALE ONLY)

\$16 GENERAL ADMISSION (ADVANCE SALE PRICE)

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED AT HCCH OR AT THE ARTS PARTNERSHIP

\$18 GENERAL ADMISSION AT THE DOOR - DAY OF CONCERT

FOR GROUP RATES OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE HANCOCK CHRISTIAN CLEARING HOUSE AT 419-422-2222 OR TSTAH@HCCHFINDLAY.ORG

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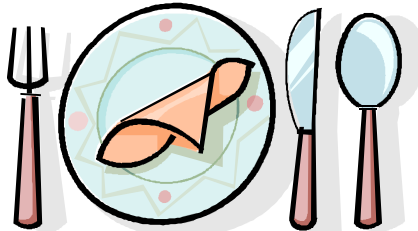
Community Dinner FREE Gift Schedule

In addition to providing our guests with a delicious meal on the 4th Sunday of every month, we also send them home with a free gift. In 2011, we will give household and personal hygiene items. The guests have expressed their appreciation for receiving these items! If you choose to donate to this ministry at any time during the year, then please leave your donation behind the desk at the Welcome Center or place your donation on the wire shelves just inside the door to the basement.

- ◆ October - laundry detergent
- ◆ November - Toilet Paper (4 rolls)
- ◆ December - To Be Announced

Opportunities to Serve Mark Your Calendar

- ◆ 2nd Thursday of every month—Grab-n-Go
- ◆ 4th Sunday of every month—Community Dinner



COMMUNITY DINNER
11:30 a.m.
November 27, 2011



The next bloodmobile sponsored by St. Paul's will be held on **Wednesday, November 23, from 12:00-6:00 p.m.** at Parkview Church. A sign up sheet is available in the Welcome Center. **Please sign up for a time to donate your blood which is the gift of life to another person!**

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 17

11:00 a.m.

Tony's



On Thursday, November 17, at 11:00 a.m. we will meet at Tony's. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, November 13.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
HELPING IN HAITI!

Order a delicious loaf of homemade pumpkin bread for your Thanksgiving table and SUPPORT CHILDREN IN MISSION POSSIBLE SCHOOLS IN HAITI!

Mission Possible is a Findlay-based ministry, operating Christian schools in Haiti and the Dominican Republic

Share God's blessings, from your thankful heart, with children of Haiti!

Price \$4.00 per loaf

Place your order at Welcome Center on Oct. 30, Nov. 6 and 13. Pick up your freshly baked pumpkin bread, Sunday morning, Nov. 20.

Offered by St. Paul's Circle Six



2011 Festival of Sharing

Many thanks to all who participated in some way in the 2011 Festival of Sharing campaign in September! We had generous support in all areas as the numbers will show.

We assembled **54 School Kits, 36 Health Kits, and 11 Baby Kits**. We have never had that many baby kits—some babies will be well clothed at the beginning of life! All of our kits go to a distribution center of Church World Service and are then sent to places of need somewhere in our country or a country far away.

The **Bake Sale** was held on two Sundays and had many wonderful items offered on both Sundays. We gathered **\$452.20** in donations which has already been sent in to be used in an area of need.

The **Blanket Sunday offering** amounted to **\$2,167.00**. With the money from this offering Church World Service buys blankets and other essential items needed by people caught in poverty or natural disasters.

Thank you again, St. Paul's, for being generous.

St. Paul's Mission Team



GRAB-N-GO
5:00 p.m.
11-10-11



*St. Paul's
Grab-n-Go
ministry is an
extension
of our
Community
Dinners.*



KATRINA MISSION 2011

November 5

You can be a part of this mission with your gifts. Make your checks to St. Paul's Church. Note "Katrina" on the memo line.

The Katrina portion of the church website has been updated. Check it out at www.stpaulsfindlay.org.




Divings In

Dear St. Paul's Family and Friends,

Thank you doesn't seem enough for all you have done for me during my health challenges. Your cards, phone calls, visits and especially your prayers have been a timely source of encouragement and strength. May God's love surround you in the same way I have felt your love and strength surrounding me.

Yours in Christ,
Joan Foreman



Jenna Elizabeth Baker

Born on October 5, 2011,
to
Josh & Melinda Baker



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Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 23, 2011

7:30 p.m.



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