



# The CIRCUIT RIDER

Dear St. Paul's Friends,

What a great September we've had at St. Paul's! Now as we go into October, here's what you can expect.

We're coming down the home stretch in our **Work Matters** series. This Sunday, we'll ask **"How Do I Deal with Difficult People?"** That's a big enough topic that we'll spend two weeks on it! We'll end the series asking **"How Do I Leave a Legacy?"**

Then on October 23, we'll launch a new series titled **"ACCELERATE!"** Would you like to pick up the pace of your personal spiritual growth? Have you maybe hit a plateau and you need some encouragement to get back on track? This series will reinforce the habits that build us up to be stronger followers of Jesus Christ. Here's the schedule:

- OCT 23 **How Do I Get More Out of Bible Study?**
- OCT 30 **How Do I Get More Out of Prayer?**
- NOV 6 **The Power of Generosity**
- NOV 13 **How Do I Create Solitude in My Busy Life?**
- NOV 20 **The Power of Friendship in Spiritual Growth**

And this Sunday, October 2, we'll join fellow believers around the globe in observing **World Communion Sunday**.

See you then. We'll be **"Offering Christ and Discovering LIFE!"**

*Pastor Greg Creech*

### Did you know?

- ☞ That Cathy, Ashley, & Amber Petersen recently did mission work in hurricane devastated Haiti?
- ☞ That St. Paul's people have been fixing up a house recently acquired by City Mission for their ministry to the homeless?
- ☞ That 17 people from St. Paul's just finished reading the entire Bible in 90 days?
- ☞ That our own Jan Love was quoted extensively in a recent *Courier* article celebrating 10 years of the Community Dinners in Findlay.

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## CALENDAR

### October

- 2 5:15-6:45 p.m. Discover  
 23 5:15-6:45 p.m. Discover  
 30 5:15-6:45 p.m. Discover



## DISCOVER

**OCTOBER 2, 23, & 30**  
**5:15-6:45**

Join us on Sunday evenings to discover more about the Bible. At Discover your child will build a growing relationship with Jesus and discover actions that will help him/her to follow him!

Each Sunday evening we will explore Bible stories through music, drama, crafts, and games. Discover will be from 5:15-6:45 PM on scheduled Sundays. All children 3 years—5th grade are invited to attend.

Questions? Email or call Laurie Beaty at 419-422-4131 or [laurie@stpaulsfindlay.org](mailto:laurie@stpaulsfindlay.org).

## Forms

All children who attend Kids' Worship, Sunday School, Discover or other Children's Ministry events must have their parents complete a Medical Form and Covenant for us to keep on file.

These forms were mailed and need to be completed as soon as possible.

Please return the completed forms to Laurie Beaty. If you did not receive the forms please talk with Laurie.



## SPIRIT SAFARI SUNDAY SCHOOL

**Join us in October for Sunday School!**

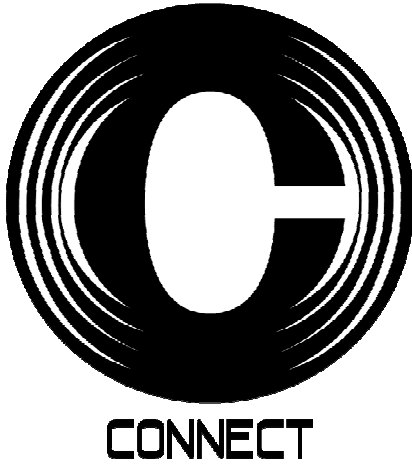
Kindergarteners-4th graders will be learning about the temptation of Jesus and that Jesus is divine and human.

Preschoolers (children ages 3-5) are learning about Noah, the Tower of Babel, and Abraham through songs, games, activities, and prayer in a class that's just for them!

### **Bibles for Sunday School**

If your 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade child has a Bible please have him/her bring it to Sunday School every week. The Sunday School Workshop Leaders will be encouraging the children to dig into the Bible for themselves on Sunday mornings as they learn more from 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.*



## CALENDAR

### October

- 2 Connect (HS 4:30-6:00PM MS 5:30-7:00PM)
- 5 Youth Service Group 5:00-6:30 PM
- 5 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00 PM
- 9 Connect (HS 4:30-6:00 PM MS 5:30-7:00 PM)
- 12 Youth Service Group 5:00-6:30 PM
- 12 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00 PM
- 23 Connect (HS 4:30-6:00 PM MS 5:30-7:00 PM)
- 26 Youth Service Group 5:00-6:30 PM
- 26 Apply Bible Study 6:30-8:00 PM
- 30 Connect (HS 4:30-6:00 PM MS 5:30-7:00 PM)

We are underway for the new school year and things are off to a good start. Service opportunities and Apply Bible Study are happening on Wednesday evening after a Connect Sunday and the first Prayer Partner Breakfast has taken place. If you are in the 6th-12th grade, join us on Sunday evening for a time of crazy fun and engaging conversation. Dinner is provided and you are welcome! You are also invited to join the service ministry and Apply Bible Study. We have a lot of fun planned, so come and check it all out!

If you have not yet turned in your Medical Form or Youth Covenant to Mark, please fill them out today. Forms and additional information are always available on our website. Thanks!

**Be sure to check out the website for up-to-date information on upcoming events and ministry details. Summer camp information will be posted as we get those details worked out. You can also find forms to download and the entire Connect calendar online as well.**

**Check us out on  
the web @  
[www.connectsm.com](http://www.connectsm.com)**

**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

# Youth Ministry

Dear St. Paul's Family and Scholarship Committee,

Thank you so much for awarding me the church scholarship. It will be very helpful as I prepare for my final semester at Michigan State University. Your support over these past few years has meant so much and will never be forgotten. Thanks again!

God Bless,  
Lindsey Shafer



St. Paul's Scholarship Committee,

Thanks for awarding me with the scholarship again this school year. The money came in handy last year and it will be used wisely again this year. Thank you for helping me continue my education at The Ohio State University.

Sincerely,  
Gregory Toupalik



Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you for the scholarship money and your support over the years. The scholarship money will help with my expenses of college this year. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!  
Elizabeth Shuler



St. Paul's Church

Thank you very much for once again awarding me a scholarship from St. Paul's. I appreciate the support and prayers of my church family for my college education. Thanks again for your financial support.

Love,  
Andy Shuler



## 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 3-4<sup>th</sup> 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-4<sup>th</sup> 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.



# Building Up



### *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](mailto:laurie@stpaulsfindlay.org).**

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.

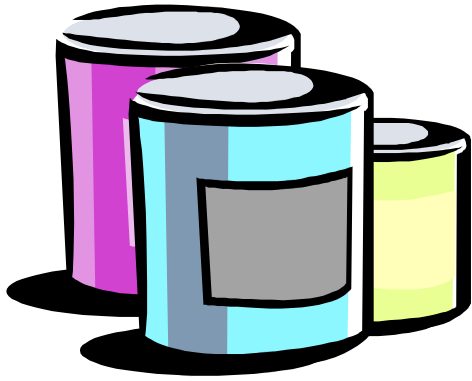
Please bring two of your favorite dishes  
(vegetable, salad, pasta, dessert, etc.)  
along with serving utensils.

Great eats, good fellowship, fun games, and crafts!!!  
Playground is available for the kids.

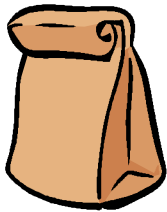
Come rain or shine—we're in  
**BRUGEMAN LODGE**  
with lots of room.

Please sign up at the Welcome Center.





**GRAB-N-GO**  
**5:00 p.m.**  
**10-13-11**



*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](http://www.stpaulsfindlay.org).

***Chopin Hall  
Mobile Food  
Pantry***

**10,000 pounds**  
of food to be distributed.  
No income/eligibility  
requirements.

**October 8**

First Presbyterian Church  
2330 S. Main St., Findlay

And

**October 22**

U of F @ Winebrenner  
950 N. Main St., Findlay

A representative from each family will need to attend to receive food. One person will not be able to receive food for multiple families. Hancock County residents only.

(In case of inclement weather, listen to local radio for cancellation.)

**Divining In**

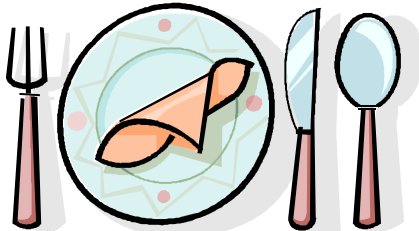
## Community Dinner FREE Gift Schedule

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.**  
**October 23, 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, October 20**  
**11:30 a.m.**  
**Marie's**



On Thursday, October 20, at 11:30 a.m. we will meet at Café Maries. Sign up at the Welcome Center by Sunday, October 16.

**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**





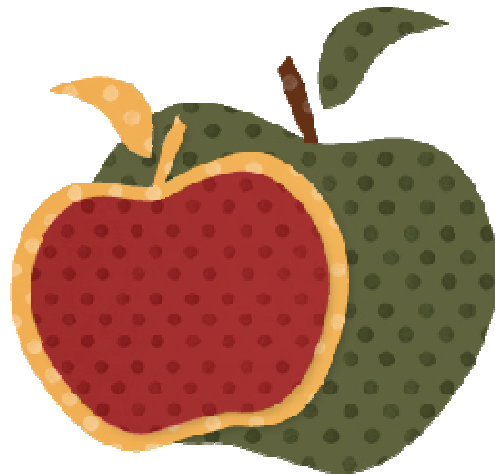
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### Schedule of Services

Sundays

Contemporary Celebration—8:00 a.m.

Sunday School—9:15 a.m.

Traditional Worship—10:15 a.m.



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