



# St. Paul United Methodist Church

April 2012

When I came to St. Paul Church 13 months ago, I came with great hope and expectation. I came hoping that God would bring unity and clarity of vision to His church at 4<sup>th</sup> and Huffman in Dayton, Ohio. And I came expecting God to do marvelous things! Through a variety of changes and challenges, I believe God is accomplishing all of those things in new and fresh ways. I am excited about the five-fold vision that God has given St. Paul as God works to help St. Paul Church become everything He desires it to be:

1. Revitalize worship
2. Strengthen children and youth ministry and discipleship
3. Reach the community around us
4. Refocus Hispanic ministries (parish-model vs. ministry-model)
5. Renew a commitment to adult discipleship

I have been excited to watch as new faces become a part of the Sunday morning and Tuesday morning worship experiences. I have been excited as I see the very positive changes in efforts to make young disciples through the Young Peacemaker's Club. I have been excited to experience the revitalization of an Hispanic ministry that I believe will have a huge impact in the lives of our Hispanic neighbors. I have been excited to see the positive changes in our leadership structure, one that allows leaders to accomplish ministry more effectively as they choose to do so. And though there are adjustments to be made, I have been excited to see what I believe have been some positive changes in worship in the past year.

As of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012, my time of service at St. Paul Church will come to an end. My work at New Hope Church and the many changes that are taking place in the ministry there are consuming an amazing amount of time. It is no longer possible for me to serve both churches in a way that meets the needs of either congregation. I have been honored and privileged to meet and to know all of you and to serve God by serving St. Paul Church. I do not know with certainty what the future holds for St. Paul Church or for any of you individually, but of this I am certain: Jesus Christ is Lord and He reigns over east Dayton. That is good news, for you and for St. Paul and for all the world. It means that ultimately, God's will shall be accomplished, that the community where you serve will have the opportunity to meet Jesus and confess Him as their Lord and Savior. And it means that there is always hope for the church and for each of us so long as we love God and are obedient to His purposes for our lives.

I have enjoyed my time in ministry with you and I love you all! Thank you for your grace and even for the challenges; it is in the midst of challenge and pain that we most often grow. May God bless you as you charge after God's marvelous future for you here at St. Paul!

Because of His Amazing Grace,  
Jeff Cartwright



## Summer 2012!

The children of St. Paul United Methodist Church are getting ready for an amazing summer of camping. They are looking forward to faith-building opportunities, life-changing experiences, and great outdoor adventures at Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine, Ohio.



The youth of St. Paul United Methodist Church are also getting ready for an amazing experience at The West Ohio Conference Cooperative School of Christian Mission at Ohio Northern University.

These transforming opportunities are made possible by the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women through their Community Care project. We are extremely grateful for their faithful generosity. This camping initiative certainly aligns itself with the mission emphasis of United Methodist Women for children and youth. Please support their Community Care project which enables inner city children to experience camping in a Christian atmosphere.

New to the Dayton area and St. Paul UMC, I am very excited to become a part of what God is doing here. I am a recent college graduate and a newlywed, moving to Dayton because my husband, Ben, has a job at Wright-Patterson. I am not, however new to the United Methodist Church or to Hispanic Ministry. I graduated in December from Asbury University with a degree in Spanish and International Communications. My interest in the Spanish language and culture comes from the many Latin American mission internships and trips I have been apart of through the United Methodist Church in western PA. I was very excited to get connected to St. Paul's Hispanic Ministries when a friend asked me to help out with the weekly Wednesday night Bible study in Spanish.

Then I was presented with the opportunity to come on staff and coordinate the English as a second Language Program. In the short time I have been at St. Paul UMC, I have been blessed by the people's heart for service and their commitment to bringing the Kingdom of Christ to earth. I look forward to serving alongside of you in the coming months.

Tutors are needed to teach English and you do not need to know Spanish or other second language to teach English. You don't need to be a trained teacher. This is very rewarding volunteer opportunity. Tutors are needed immediately! Childcare is provided for children of ESOL students. We are also in need of individuals and groups available to assist with childcare.

If anyone is interested in teaching English to individual students or a class, provide resources, activities or educational information or provide childcare or children's activities to our groups, please call me 937-252-4467.

-Rebekah Clapp-ESOL Coordinator

### Hunger is Not a Choice...

### Giving is...

According to the US Census Bureau, in 2010, 21 million people lived in working-poor families. This translates into nearly 9.6 percent of all American families living below 100 percent of poverty have at least one family member working.

#### PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Meat (ex. tuna, spam,...)	Canned Fruit (ex. pineapple,...)	Canned Vegetables (mixed veggies, peas...)
Canned Soup/Ramen Noodles	Cereal & Oatmeal	Jelly/Jam
Dry Beans (Great Northern, Pinto,...)	Kidney Beans	Juice
Pancake Syrup	Pasta & Sauce	Pancake Mix
		Saltine Crackers

#### TAXABLE ITEMS:

Bar Soap	Diapers (all sizes)	Dish Soap	Kleenex
Laundry Soap	Shampoo	Toothbrushes & Paste	

#### CHURCH NEEDS:









Plastic/ Paper Grocery bags	Shop Vacuum
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#### THRIFT STORE NEEDS:

Infant & Baby Clothes	Household items
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Office Hours 9:00am—3:00pm  
 Pantry Hours 10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH  
 Stuff Shoppe 10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH  
 12 noon—2:00pm T



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 PALM SUNDAY Worship Celebration 9:30am</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following</p>	<p>2 Stuff Shoppe Grand Reopening</p> <p>SPRING BREAK No Sr. Peacemakers</p> <p>No ESOL Classes</p>	<p>3 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Grace UKC</p> <p>No Jr. Peacemakers</p> <p>AA Diversity 7:00pm</p>	<p>4 No Sr. Peacemakers</p> <p>No Las Amigas No Spanish Bible Study</p>	<p>5 HOLY THURSDAY No Koffee Hour No Jr. Peacemakers No ESOL Classes Carry In Dinner 6:00pm Service 7:00pm</p>	<p>6 GOOD FRIDAY CHURCH CLOSED Walk for Justice 12 noon UMW Bake Sale At Cato's 3:00pm—6:00pm</p> 	<p>7 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC</p>
<p>8  EASTER Worship Celebration 9:30am</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following</p>	<p>9 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>10 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Centerville UMC</p> <p>Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>AA Diversity 7:00pm</p>	<p>11 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ U Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Sp. Bble Study 6:30pm—7:30pm Pathfinders 6:30pm—7:30pm</p>	<p>12 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>Immigration Clinic 5pm—7pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>13 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon</p> 	<p>14 Community Breakfast Served by Aley UMC</p>
<p>15 Worship Celebration 9:30am</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following</p>	<p>16 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p> 	<p>17 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Bellbrook UMC</p> <p>Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm Ministry Meeting 6:00pm</p>	<p>18 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ U Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Sp. Bble Study 6:30pm—7:30pm Pathfinders 6:30pm—7:30pm</p>	<p>19 Koffee Hour 11:00am</p> <p>Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>20 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon</p> 	<p>21 Community Breakfast Served by Normandy UMC</p>
<p>22 Worship Celebration 9:30am</p> <p>Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following</p>	<p>23 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>24 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Christ UMC</p> <p>Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>AA Diversity 7:00pm</p>	<p>25 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ U Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Sp. Bble Study 6:30pm—7:30pm Pathfinders 6:30pm—7:30pm</p>	<p>26 Koffee Hour 11:00am</p> <p>Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p> 	<p>27 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon</p>	<p>28 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC Youth</p> 
<p>29 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following</p> <p>Hispanic Worship 5:30pm</p>	<p>30 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm</p> <p>ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>					

Sunday Worship  
9:30am



Tuesday Worship  
11:30am

Palm Sunday, April 1st

9:30am



Sunday School following service



**Holy Thursday Bilingual Service:**

7:00pm (Carry-in dinner 6:00pm)

St. Paul UMC

**Good Friday: 12noon**

"Walk for Justice"

Old Courthouse Square, Downtown

GDCC Easter Sunrise Service at Historic Carillon Park

6:30am

**St. Paul UMC Easter Celebration**

**9:30am**

**El Dia De Los Niños** (Children's Day) is an annual celebration which honors and commemorates children and their importance in society. The celebration underlines fundamental values that help to promote the nurturing and caring of children, such as, family involvement in the lives of their children, improvement in the lives of their children, improvement in child literacy, acceptance of multiculturalism and celebration of cultural heritage.

**Please come and celebrate El Dia De Los Niños on Sunday, April 29th at 5:30p.m.**

Following the worship celebration, there will be a meal and a piñata for the children. Please bring a dish to share.

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Los Niños



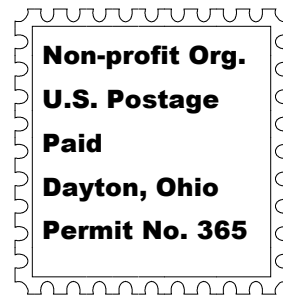
Children's Day  
April 29th

**El Dia De Los Niños** es una celebración anual. El Dia es para honrar y conmemorar los niños y su importancia en sociedad. La celebración en los valores fundamentales que apoyan a la promoción de alimentar y cuidar de niños, como la participación de los padres en las vidas de sus niños, el mejoramiento de alfabetismo de los niños, la aceptación del multiculturalismo y la celebración de patrimonio cultural.

**Por favor vengan para celebrar El Dia De Los Niños en la iglesia Unida de San Pablo, el domingo, 29 de abril a las 5:30 de la tarde.**

Después del culto de celebración, habrá una cena y una piñata para los niños. Por favor traigan un plato para compartir.

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**NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
SUNDAY**

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give.  
But don't feel sorry that you must give and don't feel that you are forced to give.  
God loves people who love to give.

*"I want to broaden my horizons, share my culture and all that I've learned, and try to show people there can be a better life for everybody." — Lauren Oxendine, Lumbee, Robeson County, N.C.*

Spiritual Connections is a youth-mentoring project of the faith-based Sacred Pathways Inc. in Robeson County, N.C., that provides food and other basic needs to low-income people. While its roots are among the Lumbee people, the project is racially diverse, like the county it serves. Supported by United Methodists through the **Native American Ministries Sunday** offering, Sacred Pathways counsels and nurtures young people, teaching them to work cross-culturally to improve their lives and their communities. That includes seeking answers to widespread poverty and decreasing numbers of school dropouts, teen pregnancies and gangs.

Members of the interracial Youth Leadership Cabinet, drawn from area high schools, learn critical thinking skills, team building, self-esteem and personal goal setting. They also learn to respond creatively to concerns such as saving the environment and fighting global hunger and homelessness. "This program taught me so much that I will take with me wherever I go," says Lauren Oxendine, 19, who made new friends and discovered a passion for community service as a cabinet member. "I want to broaden my horizons, share my culture and all that I've learned, and try to show people there can be a better life for everybody."

Your gifts on **Native American Ministries Sunday** fund ministries that pave the way for those who aspire to serve Christ's church by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Because of your generosity, young people like Lauren discover a world worth saving, congregations become stronger, seminarians prepare to serve, and communities are transformed. Join United Methodist everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR'S vital work. Your gifts to **Native American Ministries** lay the foundation for UMCOR to manifest God's steadfast love throughout the world. Please Give Generously on Sunday, April 22, 2012.