



JESUS

Light of the World

Dear St. Paul friends in Christ,

Our attempts with human words, music, lights, gifts and decorations to express and experience the mystery and wonder of this season that the creator of the universe loves

us so much that he chooses to become one of us and lives among us too often leaves us empty and unfulfilled. The years roll around, and each Christmas can just become more of the same hectic, commercial, secular holiday.

If you're looking for a new way to express your love to our Lord Jesus this Christmas and experience His affirming blessing, consider meeting the Lord at St. Paul where we seek to serve those who are homeless, hungry, addicted, and seeking identity and hope (Matthew 25: 40). Worship with us before Tuesday meal as our community gathers to express their love and joy for the Lord's gift of each other. Join us for worship on Christmas Eve. Over 1200 people will be served a hot meal this season at Tuesday meal, Saturday breakfast, and supper for our Young Peacemakers after school children. Visit the "hospitality room" where people gather to be served refreshments and conversation as they wait to be served at the food pantry. Nearly 1000 people will receive life sustaining food each month. Over 100 children will be provided Christmas gifts by our partners at Normandy UMC at "Breakfast with Santa." **Just stop by and pray with us** and meet some of those faithful volunteers from the "Job Center" who sort clothes and food and care for our building as part of their commitment in order to receive food stamps and public assistance. You may also meet some of our faithful volunteers from over 30 partner churches who hold everything together here at St. Paul.

When you write a Christmas check to St. Paul this year you might choose to write a note to family and friends that you are having a difficult time choosing just the right gift for, and tell them that that you have contributed to the Lord's work at St. Paul this Christmas in their honor. And if you pass those names and addresses to us we will also share with them how much that gift means to us.

Grace abounds at St. Paul.

Bob Knell, Chair

St. Paul Governing Board, a values driven governance

Volunteer Spotlight

The volunteers from Lewisburg United Methodist Church stand out as a "5Star" Tuesday Lunch group. They prepare & serve 5 delicious meals every year. St. Paul folks look forward to their creative menus which usually include bread pudding. One summer menu featured 400 chicken breasts which Jackie Gross & Joanne Whipp personally prepared on outside grills. They are very resourceful in using homegrown fruits and vegetables from local farmers. They also reach out to locate meat producers in order to bring nutritious meals to St. Paul. Jackie and Joanne orchestrate this great Lewisburg volunteer venture. St. Paul is very thankful for this wonderful partnership.



If your church group or organization would like to participate in a meaningful mission experience, the following 2015 Tuesday Community Lunch dates are available:

- January 6**
- January 13**
- July 21**
- December 1**
- December 8**

Please call
937-252-4467
to reserve a date.

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

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The Steak Dinner held on Saturday, November 1st was the most successful fundraiser ever! Because of the generosity of many donors, the hard work of many volunteers, the talent of the "@6" music group from Bellbrook UMC and from the loyalty of all our guests, St. Paul made \$2500.00 for our Outreach Ministries in our East Dayton Community.

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This is your opportunity to purchase delicious homemade "Buckeye Candy" from the United Methodist Women at St. Paul UMC. All orders & money are due by Sunday, December 8th. Your orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 14th.



At a Glimpse...During October 2014, with your support, St. Paul...

- Served **1639** nutritious hot meals at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast.
- Provided **groceries** to **881** individuals for **13,215** meals through the **Emergency Food Pantry**.
- Put over **1000** pieces of good used clothing into the hands of many grateful people and made \$538.00 for the Outreach Ministry.

Join the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus as present

"Joyful Jazz!"

Joined by special guest, The Bill Burns Quartet, this jubilant concert event is sure to have you swinging and ringing in the holiday season from start to finish. The DGMC Holiday Concert has become one of Dayton's favorite winter traditions!

Saturday, December 6, 2014 at 6:00pm

Tickets \$15.00

Westminster Presbyterian Church, 125 North Wilkinson St.

Tickets for "Joyful Jazz" the DGMC concert can be purchased via the website, www.daytongaymenschorus.org, or at the door.

CHURCH NEEDS LIST

- Coffee Kleenex
- Paper Towels
- Hats, Scarves & Gloves
- Blankets

PANTRY NEEDS LIST


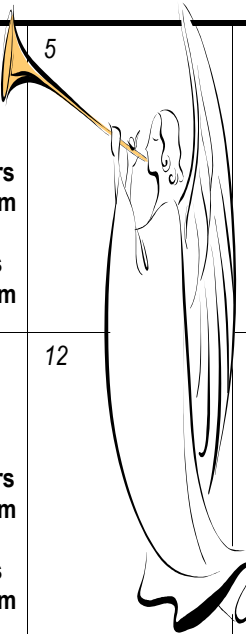



- Canned Meat
- Canned Soup
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Cooking Oil
- Drink Mixes
- Dry Beans
- Hot Chocolate Mix
- Instant potatoes
- Jam/Jelly
- Kidney Beans
- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Bar Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Paper/Plastic Bags

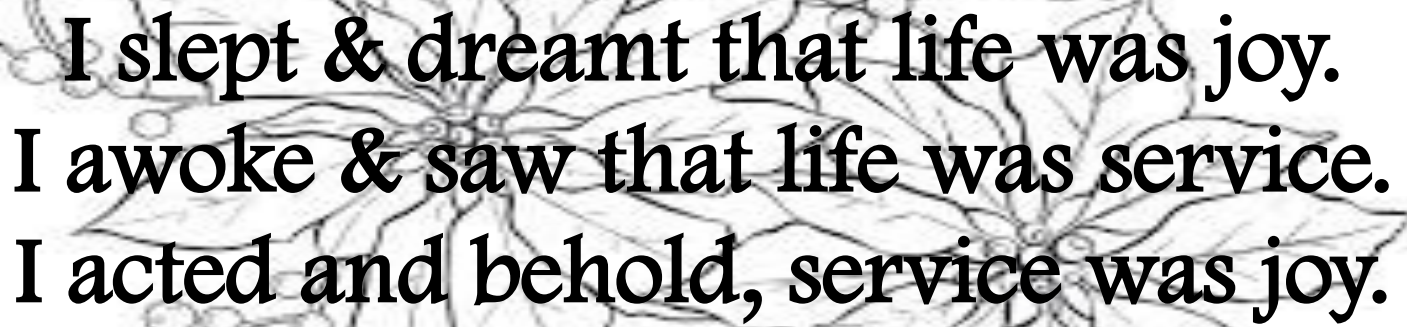
DECEMBER

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Office Hours 9:00am—3:00 pm M—F
 Food Pantry 10:00am—2:30 pm M,W,TH
 Stuff Shoppe 10:00am—2:30 pm M,W,TH
 12:30pm—2:00 pm T

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Governing Board Charge Conference 2:00pm Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes	2 Worship 11:20am Lunch 12 noon Served by Faith Community UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	3 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Girl Talk 6:30pm—7:30pm Spanish Bible Study	4 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	5 	6 Breakfast 9:00am Served by Belmont UMC Parents' Christmas Shop
7 Worship Celebration 11:00am United Methodist Women Following Worship	8 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Santa Shop ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	9 Worship 11:20am Lunch 12 noon Served by Germantown UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	10 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Girl Talk 6:30pm—7:30pm Spanish Bible Study	11 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	12	13 Breakfast 9:00am Served by Aley UMC Breakfast With Santa 9:00am
14 Worship Celebration 11:00am Buckeyes available	15 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	16 Worship 11:20am Lunch 12 noon Served by Lewisburg UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	17 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Girl Talk 6:30pm—7:30pm Spanish Bible Study	18 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	19 Christmas Party For WEP Workers	20 Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by Normandy UMC
21 Worship Celebration 11:00am 	22 NO Sr. Peacemakers NO ESOL Classes	23 Worship 11:20am Lunch 12 noon Served by Concord UMC NO Jr. Peacemakers	24 CHURCH CLOSED Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00pm	25 CHURCH CLOSED	26 CHURCH CLOSED 	27 Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by Belmont UMC Youth
28 Worship Celebration 11:00am	29 NO Sr. Peacemakers NO ESOL Classes	30 CHURCH CLOSED 	31 CHURCH CLOSED	<p>***** Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness. To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart. To a customer, service. To all, charity. To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect. ~Oren Arnold *****</p>		



I slept & dreamt that life was joy.
I awoke & saw that life was service.
I acted and behold, service was joy.

Poem by Tagore

Blessings from the Staff

Rev. George Brewer
Chuck Shields

Joan Johnson
Beth Wiley

Tawnya Lambert
Rebekah Clapp

Robin Gann
Cora Crain



Come and join us on Saturday, December 20, 2014 at 5:30 pm as we celebrate the Mexican tradition of Las Posadas in Spanish. There will be a carry-in dinner to follow. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share, if possible.

Todos están invitados el sábado, el 20 de diciembre de 2014 al 5:30pm para celebrar la tradición mexicana de Las Posadas. Tendremos una cena después del servicio y habrá comida, música y mucho más. Por favor de traer un platillo para compartir, si es posible.



Opportunities for Christmas Sharing

- Provide **new gifts** for our Parents' Pride Shop and Children's Santa Shop. Gifts are needed for all members of the family and are needed by **December 6th**.
- Provide **gift cards**.
- Provide **cash donations** for utility bills and grocery gift cards. These gifts will be given to families instead of the Adopt-A-Family program that has taken place in past years.
- For more information, please contact Joan or Tawnya at 937-252-4467.



Join us on Wednesday December 24th at 7:00 p.m. for our traditional Candlelight Service.
Nochebuena- Todos están invitados, miercoles el 24 de diciembre al 7:00pm.

