



St. Paul United Methodist Church

*Empowered by the love of Jesus Christ,
St. Paul United Methodist Church opens to the world
a gateway of service, justice and peace,
and a life in Christ for all people.*

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St. Paul United Methodist Church: A West Ohio Conference Advance Special

St. Paul United Methodist Church was founded over 130 years ago in the East Dayton community where the Huffy Bicycle Company provided jobs, housing and more for workers and executives. Drive around the community and you can still see the historic homes remaining from days when people walked through well-tended neighborhoods to a prosperous church that reflected the security of good jobs and faith, family and friends. Sunday worship and classrooms were filled with well-dressed, contented, Christians of all ages.

Today the historic **Huffman district** of east Dayton (named after the Huffman family of Huffy Bicycle) is home to urban pioneers who have bought and restored houses, yet the area surrounding the church is a pocket of poverty unmatched anywhere else in Dayton. The church's neighbors are people who are homeless, seeking identity and struggling for survival, yet many still know Jesus as savior and reason for existence. **Read Hunger in Huffman.**

Under the leadership of Rev. George Brewer, who pastors both St. Paul and nearby Eastmont United Methodist churches, the St. Paul congregation worships three times per week with each service attracting a unique and important demographic. The Sunday morning congregation is 25-30 mostly older Christians and covenant supporters from other churches whose faith and determination have kept St. Paul alive and growing in service to their neighbors in spite of changing demographics. The Tuesday worshipers are 45-50 persons struggling to survive who continue to worship

passionately, share joys and concerns for one another and have become a strong community of faith and caring to the many others who come for the meal. Saturday's Hispanic worship of 15 -20 adults and children is the only Hispanic ministry in the Miami Valley District and the oldest ongoing Hispanic ministry in the West Ohio Conference.

With the help of our faithful worshipers, hundreds of partner individuals and over 30 partner churches St. Paul provides:

- Over 200 hot meals every Tuesday and 150-200 breakfasts every Saturday morning. We are currently creating a new worship time preceding breakfast.



- A food pantry that provides food for survival to over 250 people each week. As they wait to be served in our hospitality room they receive refreshments, support, and conversation from volunteers.
- An after school program of 45 children and youth called the Young Peace Makers club (YPC) meeting four days a week. They are helped with homework, served a hot meal and taught to follow Jesus.



- Hispanic Community night is on Wednesdays nights with English as a Second Language (ESOL) classes and bible study.



- St. Paul and its outreach services survive on a \$225,000 budget and volunteers from over 30 partner churches who provide food, labor and financial support. In addition many tasks are fulfilled by workers from the "Job Center" who must do service hours to receive public assistance. They dream that with support from partners they will be able to establish a **Freedom School** and a **Justice for Our Neighbors** initiative, both of which would assist neighbors in going beyond survival to sustenance.

The St. Paul congregation sees their church as a **Matthew 25 church**, a place to meet the Lord. "Where have we seen you, Lord?" (Matt.25: 37-40) and currently provide all six

relationships listed in the scripture:

- Feeding the hungry
- Offering water to the thirsty
- Welcoming the stranger
- Clothing the needy
- Visiting those who are sick
- Visiting those who are incarcerated

Recently Pastor George preached in a sermon that whenever we draw lines to separate ourselves from others we find Jesus standing on the other side of the line staring back at us. During the dismissal, he passed out erasers with the challenge, 'Go forth into the highways and byways erasing every line that you can find.'

A number of weeks later during Tuesday church, Robert, a motorized wheelchair-bound man living in the neighborhood; spoke up during worship joy time. He held up his eraser and shared with us that he had been erasing lines wherever he found them and felt that God was using him to make a Christ-like difference in the neighborhood.

To learn more about this Conference Advance Special or to make a

donation to support this ministry, visit <http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/news/st-paul-united-methodist-church-west-ohio-conference-advance-special>

To make a donation from the website is easy, just click the



button and fill out the form provided.

Churches who make gifts to this Conference Advance Special should use the **code WOCoo3**.

St. Paul invites you to stop by for a personal tour and pray with them any time.

Contact Information

St. Paul UMC
101 Huffman Avenue
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Church Phone: 937-252-4467
Office Hours: M-F 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Tuesday Worship: 11:20 a.m.

FREE TAX CLINIC
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**Saturday,
February 7, 2015
11 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

*(Must make less than \$65,000
filing single or
\$95,000 married filing jointly)*

What you need to bring:

- government issued ID
- social security number(s)
- w2's
- 1099's, 1098's
- last year's tax return (if available)
- info about other income
- deduction and credit info

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MENU

Cubed Steak
with Mushroom Gravy
Green Beans
Baked Potatoes
Tossed Salad or Applesauce
Dinner Roll
Beverage
Homemade Desserts

Come dine with us!

**Saturday, March 14, 2015
4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Adults — \$10.00
Children (10 & Younger) — \$5.00
Reservations Accepted**



St. Paul UMC semi-annual steak dinner



february 2015

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 Worship Celebration 11 a.m. United Methodist Women following Worship	2 Sr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. ESOL Classes 6 p.m.–8 p.m.	3 Worship 11:20 a.m. Lunch 12 noon Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	4 Sr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	5 Koffee Hour 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. ESOL Classes 6 p.m.–8 p.m.	6	7 Community Breakfast 9 a.m. Served by Belmont UMC
8 Worship Celebration 11 a.m.	9 Governing Board 2 p.m. Sr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. ESOL Classes 6 p.m.–8 p.m.	10 Worship 11:20 a.m. Lunch 12 noon Served by Centerville UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	11 Sr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	12 Koffee Hour 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. ESOL Classes 6 p.m.–8 p.m.	13	14 Community Breakfast 9 a.m. Served by Aley UMC
15 Worship Celebration 11 a.m.	16 Presidents Day Church Closed	17 Worship 11:20 a.m. Lunch 12 noon Served by Normandy UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	18 Sr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Miércoles de Cenizas) 6 p.m.	19 Koffee Hour 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. ESOL Classes 6 p.m.–8 p.m.	20	21 Community Breakfast 9 a.m. Served by Normandy UMC
22 Worship Celebration 11 a.m.	23 Sr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. ESOL Classes 6 p.m.–8 p.m.	24 Worship 11:20 a.m. Lunch 12 noon Served by Faith Community UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m.	25 Sr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. Las Amigas 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m.	26 Koffee Hour 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.–6:30 p.m. ESOL Classes 6 p.m.–8 p.m.	27	28 Community Breakfast 9 a.m. Served by Belmont UMC Youth

notes

Please join Pastor George for a weekly Lenten Bible Study — February 19 thru March 26.
Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Eastmont UMC, on the corner of Woodman and Woodbine Ave.

Office Hours:

M–F: 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Food Pantry:

M, W, TH: 10 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

Stuff Shoppe:

M, W TH: 10 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

T: 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

The volunteers at St. Paul United Methodist church allow us to minister to those on the margins of society in many different ways. Their giving spirit and compassion is much appreciated. **This month we spotlight our ESOL tutors who teach English to speakers of other languages on Mondays and Thursdays.**

Mary Ellen Beardmore (a.k.a. Maria Elena by her students), coordinates the Thursday evening ESOL classes. She has a background in computer science, health sciences and social sciences, and has worked with engineering drawings as well. She is married and has two granddaughters.

Mary Ellen learned about our ESOL program while studying Spanish. Rick, a former tutor, told the class about his experience at St. Paul. Students may volunteer as part of a community college's service-learning/honors program.

She has been tutoring for two semesters. "I am enjoying my tutoring experience," she said.

Two more volunteers currently tutor at St. Paul: Hope Pawelski and Jan Dice. Hope and Jan tutor on Monday evenings.

James Coe is a member of the United Methodist Church. He has a background in computer programming, and hopes to find work in his field by summer. He is currently taking advanced programming classes to remain on the cutting edge of technology.

James heard about our ESOL program from a friend at Normandy UMC, who told him about the opportunity. He is ESOL certified by the former Miami Valley Literacy Council.

James enjoys going to the gym and playing basketball. He also speaks a little Spanish. "Tutoring is work because you need to prepare, but it's fun!", he said.



volunteer
spotlight



At a glimpse

During December 2014, with your support, St. Paul UMC

- served **1257 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**;
- provided groceries to **704 individuals** for **10,560 meals** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**;
- put over **1000 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$528.00 for the Outreach Ministry.



Pantry needs list

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| Boxed Potatoes | Jam/Jelly | Syrup |
| Canned Beans | Lotion | Toothpaste |
| (Pinto, Black, Great Northern) | Oatmeal | Church Needs: |
| Canned Fruit | Pancake Mix | Men's winter gloves |
| Canned Meat | Pasta | Plastic & paper grocery bags |
| Canned Soups | Peanut Butter | Gently used coats |
| Canned Veggies | Rice | Warm blankets |
| Cereal | Saltine Crackers | |
| Dish Soap | Shampoo & Conditioner | |
| Drink Mixes | Sloppy Joe Sauce | |
| Hot Chocolate | Sugar | |

Servant Opportunities

- Tutors to teach English
- Food Pantry Escorts
- Host/Hostess for the Pantry waiting room
- Ohio Benefit Bank Tax Counselors

