



# St. Paul United Methodist Church

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

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**ALLELUIA!**  
*He is Risen*



## From Light to Darkness, from Darkness to Light

Beginning with Ash Wednesday we join Jesus as he turns away from one phase of his life and ministry and heads off to another. We accompany him on the road to Jerusalem during the forty days of Lent that end on that ominous dark night when he and his twelve disciples gather in that upper room to share the meal we now call the Last Supper. That journey takes us from the joyful light of Jesus' ministry of proclaiming the glorious good news of the arrival of God's Kingdom to excited crowds, miraculous feedings, healings, and driving out demons galore to a growing darkness day by day as Jerusalem draws

closer and opposition and threat increase to Jesus and his message: "The time that we have all been waiting for has finally come! God's kingdom is at hand! Repent – change your hearts and your lives, and believe the glad tidings of God's grace and mercy now offered to all!" (Mark 1:15)

In the words of the great Shaker hymn, Lord of the Dance,

*I danced on the sabbath and I cured the lame, the holy people said it was a shame;  
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high; and they left me there on a cross to die.  
I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black; it's hard to dance with the devil on your back...*

And then on the morning of the third day,

*They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, but I am the dance and I still go on...  
I am the life that will never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

As John's gospel tells us of Jesus, God's Living Word made flesh, "What has come into being in (or through) him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it." (John 1:4-5)

The road we travel on together this Lent/Easter season is a journey from light into darkness, and from the blackest darkness of Good Friday into the searing brightness of God's glory in the Risen Jesus on Easter morning – a brightness that will never fade or grow dim. A light emerging from darkness of despair and death that, by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit, we might have the opportunity to see rekindled the loving smiles of hundreds of volunteers who serve the Lord and in the smiling faces of the hundreds who are served weekly through the ministry of St. Paul; a light shining bright in the face of a child participating in the YPC after-school program; a light shining ever brighter in the discovery of the depth and breadth of God's love in a Tuesday, Saturday, or Sunday time of community worship or a Wednesday evening Las Amigas; a piercing light that goes forth into the darkness of a neighborhood in need, bringing the never-ending, undefeatable light of God's powerful agape love in and through the Risen Jesus.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all wherever you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

Let us dance on together as God's St. Paul people!

Pastor George Brewer

## One Great Hour of Sharing is Sunday, March 15



**Follow this link to donate online now:**

**DONATE NOW**

### 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.

*Contemporary English Version*

## 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*

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN NEWS . . . . .

### • SUNDAY, MARCH 1

St. Paul UMW will meet following worship for a light lunch and the annual Call to Prayer and Self Denial Program.

### • SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Online registration opens for West Ohio Conference Cooperative Mission u at [www.westohioumc.org](http://www.westohioumc.org). Scholarship opportunities are available.

### • SATURDAY, MARCH 21

#### ***Caring for God's Creation: Food for Thought!***

**Location:** Normandy Church  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Featuring Bible Study, plenaries, workshops, worship and a wonderful lunch, all planned around enhancing our awareness of food and


drink. What we eat affects us, all those around us, and relates to a majority of social justice issues. A registration form can be found on the West Ohio Conference UMW website:

[www.westohioumw.org](http://www.westohioumw.org).

Click on "Events," then "Miami Valley Spring Event."

### • SATURDAY, APRIL 18

***Exploring Your Personal Spirituality*** — A spiritual growth opportunity from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at King Ave. United Methodist Church in Columbus, Ohio. The \$5.00 registration fee includes lunch. **(Make checks payable to WOCUMW and send to Sylvia Kempton, 322 Zane Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601.)**

 <b>2015 Mission u</b> Ohio Northern University		
Four-Day Program: July 6-9	Weekend Event: July 10-12	Day Sampler: July 11
<b>TOPICS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Created for Happiness: Understanding Your Life in God</i></li> <li>• <i>Latin America: People and Faith</i></li> <li>• <i>The Church and People with Disabilities</i></li> </ul>		
<small>Course materials may be purchased in advance by calling the Mission Resource Center at 800-305-9857 or visit <a href="http://www.missionresourcecenter.org">www.missionresourcecenter.org</a>.</small>		
<b>REGISTRATION:</b> Register at <a href="http://www.westohioumc.org">www.westohioumc.org</a> , click on "Register for Events." Registration opens March 1-June 15, early bird discount through April 15.		<b>SCHOLARSHIPS:</b> A limited number of scholarships are available for first time adult and youth attendees. Scholarships will be awarded as applications are received. Deadline for scholarship requests is April 15.
<b>If you do not have computer access or need help registering, contact:</b>		Peg Addington, Registrar 614-877-4200 <a href="mailto:maddin0952@sbcglobal.net">maddin0952@sbcglobal.net</a>

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# march 2015

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sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11:00 a.m.  UNITED METHODIST WOMEN Following Worship	2 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6-8 p.m.	3 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m.  LUNCH 12 noon Served by Eastmont UMC  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	4 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.	5 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 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.  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.	12 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 Englewood UMC  STEAK DINNER 4:30-7 p.m.
15 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.  ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING	16 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.	17 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m.  LUNCH 12 noon Served by Tipp City UMC  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	18 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.	19 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 Lewisburg UMC  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	25 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.	26 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 Community UMC
29 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.  PALM SUNDAY	30 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.	31 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m.  LUNCH 12 noon Served by Aldersgate UMC  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  LAS AMIGAS 6:45-8:15 p.m.	<p><b>Please join Pastor George for a weekly Lenten Bible Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• February 19 thru March 26.</li> <li>• Time: 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</li> <li>• Location: Eastmont UMC on the corner of Woodman and Woodbine Ave.</li> </ul>		<p><b>Office Hours:</b> M-F: 9 a.m.-3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Food Pantry:</b> M, W, TH: 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>Stuff Shoppe:</b> M, W TH: 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m. T: 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.</p>	

In February ESOL tutors **Mary Ellen Beardmore** and **James Coe** were in our volunteer spotlight, and this month we highlight another of our wonderful tutors, **Jan Dice**:

**Q: Tell us a bit about your background.**

**A:** "I am a child of God, and I want to use every minute of the precious time that He has given me since my healing of cancer in 1990 to serve Him. I have been married to my High School sweetheart (first date 1957) for 50 years in October (he's still my SWEETHEART). We were blessed with two adopted children (a 43-year-old son who gave up his law practice to become an Episcopalian priest, and a 37-year-old daughter who gave us our precious grandson). I taught Spanish in high school for 32 years and retired three years ago to help care for our grandson who was diagnosed as autistic at that time. I enjoy music (choir and bells at church), mission trips, theater, and caring for my fellowman (Beavercreek FISH, Miami Valley Women's Center, and Good Neighbor House)."

**Q: How did you hear about the ESOL tutoring opportunity at St. Paul UMC?**

**A:** "Our dear friend, Joy Bossman, a member of St. Paul UMC, told me about the program, and she knew how much I missed my 'kids'

at Spring Valley Academy."

**Q: How long have you been tutoring?**

**A:** "I did Spanish tutoring here in my home while my children were growing up, and this is my third year in the ESOL program at St. Paul."

**Q: Describe what you do as a tutor. Do you enjoy it?**

**A:** "I enjoy my students, and I desire so much to help them, but I'd much rather be teaching Spanish. I taught English on four different mission trips in China and Thailand, and realized just how difficult my native tongue is to learn with all it's exceptions to the rules!?! As a tutor, I spend a lot of time on the oral with questions and answers, and group pronunciation drill. I try to use vocabulary that is practical for everyday situations. I have a lot of fun teasing — especially with 'I don't + verb' rather than 'I no + verb,' I so very much look forward to meeting with my class each week, and hope that they feel at ease and are encouraged to practice their new language." ■



volunteer  
spotlight



## At a glimpse . . . . .

**During January 2015, with your support, St. Paul UMC**

- served **1561 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**;
- provided groceries to **837 individuals** for **12,555 meals** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**;
- held bag sales, and put over **1000 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$122.50 for the Outreach Ministry.



## Pantry needs list . . . . .

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

## Servant Opportunities

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

