



# 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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Dear Friends of St. Paul,

A paradigm is a way of thinking about something. When applied to the church, the best description of the church-paradigm is to ask the question, "How do you invite someone to come to your church?" Do you tell them about all the wonderful programs and ministries and music and bible studies and social groups for all ages, where they can make friends (certainly all valid reasons to check us out)? Or do you invite them to come to where our creator is changing lives and making followers of Jesus?

When I was pastor and leading a new members' class, I would always ask, "What has brought you to our church?" And the most common answers had to do with the youth and children's programs and the music, and quite often just that we were of the right age and professional/culture set where I feel at home. Then I would suggest, "look around our church and explore, 'what's missing,' and then consider whether that is what the Lord is calling you here to fulfill?"

You see, on the one hand the church-paradigm is not that much different than that of the YMCA or the rec. center or a lodge or service club, but on the other hand, we are a people called together by our Lord and called to follow His lead (certainly a much more difficult sell).

At St. Paul we call ourselves **A Place to meet the Lord** (read Matthew 25: 34-40). **Will you come and join us?** This newsletter will offer many opportunities to engage in the Lord's work here, or just come down and check us out and see what's missing. And I must say that often the most unseen thing that is missing is your financial gift that makes all the things you see possible.

Grace abounds,

Bob Knell

St. Paul Governing Board chair



Our journey with Christ is also a journey to connect with one another.

This year our friends from Normandy UMC have been invited to worship with us on Holy Thursday. Pastor Jim Riggs and Pastor George Brewer will lead us in a moving Tenebrae worship and Holy Communion.

**Holy Thursday Worship**

**7 p.m.**

**April 2**



# Summer Fun!

Two wonderful opportunities are offered to the children and youth at St. Paul UMC, based on their attendance and participation.

**Camp Wesley** in Bellefontaine, Ohio, has 225 acres of land that God has created for children for exploration, spiritual growth and adventure. First time campers will attend a 3 day/2 night camp while older campers will have a 6 day experience.

**Mission u** is held at Ohio Northern University in July. Several of our youth will be attending this exceptional mission education event sponsored by United Methodist Women, West Ohio Conference, and the Conference Hispanic Ministries. Youth will be provided multiple opportunities for mission education, worship, and fellowship. They will study Latin America: Places, Culture, and Faith.

*These summer activities are made possible by generous gifts from the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women's Community Care Project. Please be generous with your donations for camping.*

## Did you know that ...

- The **St. Paul Steak Dinner** was a joyous event with great food, great fellowship, great volunteers and wonderful flute music by Tara Keller? Over \$2200 was made for the St. Paul Outreach Ministry.
- **St. Mark's Episcopal Church** printed a parish cookbook and donated the profit of \$799.00 to the St. Paul Food Pantry? What a wonderful example of partnering to assist those in need in East Dayton.
- **Young Peacemakers' Club** has two new faces from the UD Federal Work/Study Program? **McKenzi Troyano**, a sophomore from Vermillion, OH, is a psychology major who plays piano and sings and participates in the Alpha Phi Sorority. **Natalia Hernandez**, a bilingual freshman from Puerto Rico, is majoring in international business management and human resources. They both love working with the YPC children as well as providing childcare for the Hispanic Ministries programs.

## New conference strategies generate excitement among Hispanic/Latino leaders



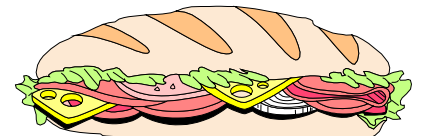
**Part of the Hispanic/Latino Ministries Leadership Team (WOC) Front Row, L-R: Patricia Herferd, Nilsa Salicetti, Edinson de Arco, Susan Whigham, Juan Bustos. Back Row: Herica Beline, Jurandir Beline, Dee Sticklely-Miner. Missing from photo: Alamar Arriaga, Henry and Dani Folgoso, Soraya Montano, and Jose Rios.**

The West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church is developing a new strategy to strengthen Hispanic/Latino Ministries. The Conference acknowledges that our voices as Hispanic/Latino leaders must be heard and empowered, as we are the ones called to build the vision.

In order to better coordinate our efforts, Rev. Dee Sticklely-Miner, director of connectional ministries, explained that the Conference intends to bring in a Hispanic National Plan Missionary to help us unify the Hispanic/Latino Ministries of the East and West Ohio Conferences.

At the March 16 meeting, in addition to enjoying a much-needed time of fellowship with one another at Mason UMC, Rev. Nilsa Salicetti compiled information about our various ministries to facilitate the strategic planning of the Conference's efforts. We are excited about the possibilities that may open up as a result of this new focus.

## The St. Paul Sub Sale is coming!



Many of you have been waiting and asking. **You may place a sub order beginning Monday, April 13. The last day to place orders and pay for the subs is Sunday, April 26.** Call the church office for more information. The delicious made-fresh subs have ham, salami, bologna, cheese, onions and banana peppers on a **6 inch sub bun for \$3.00.** Please spread the word and help us make this sub sale the most successful ever!

## Do you have an email address? Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter!

Please help us be good stewards by signing up to receive our e-newsletter. By doing so, we will be able to save on mailing costs and directly apply the savings to support the missions of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

**Signing up is easy!** Just send an email to [saintpauldaytonnews@gmail.com](mailto:saintpauldaytonnews@gmail.com) with the word SUBSCRIBE in the subject line, then **include** your **first** and **last name** in the **body of the email**, as well as your **mailing address** and **phone number** to help us keep our records up-to-date.

ALLELUIA!  
*He is Risen*



# april 2015

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<p><b>Please join the Hispanic faith community for a welcome dinner in honor of Missionary Manuel Padilla. Date: Tuesday, April 7. Time: 6:00 p.m. Location: St. Paul UMC, 101 Huffman Ave., Dayton, OH 45403. An RSVP will be included in the Easter bulletin, or look for the link on <a href="http://stpauldayton.org">stpauldayton.org</a>.</b></p>			<p>1 <b>NO</b> SR. PEACEMAKERS  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.</p>	<p>2 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  <b>NO</b> JR. PEACEMAKERS  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.  <b>HOLY THURSDAY SERVICE</b> 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Belmont UMC</p>
<p>5 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.  <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>6 STUFF SHOPPE GRAND REOPENING  <b>NO</b> SR. PEACEMAKERS  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.</p>	<p>7 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m.  LUNCH — 12 noon Served by Christ UMC  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  <b>MANUEL PADILLA DINNER 6 p.m.</b></p>	<p>8 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.</p>	<p>9 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Aley UMC</p>
<p>12 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.</p>	<p>13 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING 2 p.m.  SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.</p>	<p>14 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m.  LUNCH 12 noon Served by Bellbrook UMC  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>15 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.</p>	<p>16 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Normandy UMC</p>
<p>19 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.  <b>NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY</b></p>	<p>20 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.</p>	<p>21 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m.  LUNCH 12 noon Served by St. James UMC  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>22 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.</p>	<p>23 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Belmont UMC Youth</p>
<p>26 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.</p>	<p>27 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.</p>	<p>28 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m.  LUNCH 12 noon Served by Lewisburg UMC  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  LAS AMIGAS 6:45-8:15 p.m.</p>	<p>29 SR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  SPANISH BIBLE STUDY 6:45-8:15 p.m.</p>	<p>30 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  JR. PEACEMAKERS 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  ESOL CLASSES 6 p.m.-8 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Office Hours:</b> M-F: 9 a.m.-3 p.m. <b>Food Pantry:</b> M, W, TH: 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m. <b>Stuff Shoppe:</b> M, W TH: 10 a.m.-2:45 p.m. T: 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.</p>	

As this newsletter goes to print, St. Paul is running the home stretch of another very successful Ohio Benefit Bank Tax Season. St. Paul received a \$5,000 grant that made this free service possible for a great many low and moderate income folks. Our five very dedicated tax counselors are **Mike Cornelius, Janice Daniels, Ralph Daniels, Kirby Lupton, and Bob Whigham. Yesenia Linares** did a super job of scheduling and following up on all the appointments. Next month, all the tax season statistics will be reported. A great big **THANK YOU** goes out to each of the volunteer tax counselors.



volunteer  
spotlight



**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*



## At a glimpse . . . . .

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

- served **1214 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**;
- provided groceries for **8,460 meals; 942 lbs. of donated food; 2,783 lbs. of donated bread and pastries** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**;
- put over **400 pieces** of good used **clothing** and household items into the hands of many grateful people and made \$166.00 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               |                              |
| Canned Fruit                   | Pancake Mix           | <b>Church Needs:</b>         |
| Canned Meat                    | Pasta                 | Electric roasters            |
| Canned Soups                   | Peanut Butter         | Heavy duty extension cords   |
| Canned Veggies                 | Rice                  | Plastic water pitchers       |
| Cereal                         | Saltine Crackers      | Plastic & paper grocery bags |
| Dish Soap                      | Shampoo & Conditioner | Sugar                        |
| Drink Mixes                    | Sloppy Joe Sauce      |                              |
| Hot Chocolate                  | Sugar                 |                              |

## Servant Opportunities

- Tutors to teach English
- Food Pantry Escorts
- Host/Hostess for the Pantry waiting room
- Evening and Saturday childcare workers for Hispanic Ministry — 12+ hours per week/ 8 mos. a year — \$8.10 per hour/**Must be 18+, reliable, able to pass background check.**

