



# St. Paul United Methodist Church

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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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## *A remnant . . . . .*

*My wife and I have been married 42 years this summer and each of us has things that we hold onto. I have a thousand books and she has remnants of fabric from things that she has sewn over the decades. Regularly she asks me to go through my closets and bookcases to pare down my things. I always react by suggesting she go through her boxes of fabric. A few months ago one of our sisters-in-law told her of a project of sewing simple dresses for girls in Africa. These dresses come in all sizes, and finally Elaine has taken remnants of fabric and cut out and sewn dresses for these girls. The really cool thing is that she has used this project as a way of enlisting and teaching our twelve year old granddaughter to sew and to be interested in international missions. This is an example of being repurposed.*

*I tell this because I have heard some reference of St. Paul being a remnant. I sense that it sounds negative and devaluing. But from a Biblical view the remnant was the faithful who had remained or returned and served as the rebirth of the Jewish nation.*

*St. Paul has remained while so many churches have closed and left, and like the others who have remained they have struggled to find identity and sustainability. St. Paul's story is one of perseverance and has benefited from those who are tenacious enough to not give up. I believe that in God's timing this is a season of repurposing St. Paul and maybe the missional thrust of the broader church. This is happening in concert with other leaders, congregations and sectors of the city. Simultaneously I am experiencing my own sense of being repurposed. Over the past 40 years I have served and helped hospitals, a university, community missions, churches and not for profits to see a larger, comprehensive vision for the future. Today the work is primarily about transforming lives.*

*Over the last several months God made it very clear to me and others that St. Paul UMC is strategically located to be part of a transformational work in the heart of a community that has been largely deserted and left to deteriorate. Is this not where Jesus is most likely to be seen at work? Is this not where the majesty and manifestation of God's power can be revealed? Is this not where the church is both called to the essence of mission and able to lead in discipling those who have been discounted and left behind?*

*It seems that St. Paul's faithfulness is now only to be surpassed by God's.*

Steve

# THE ANKENEYS AT MISSION U. . . . .

When Justin Ankeney first came to Mission u on a youth scholarship, it was still called School of Christian Mission and he was just going into 9th grade. This June he graduated from high school and still looks forward to being here at ONU. Justin has loved Mission u from the first time he came. Every year he would go home and excitedly tell his family how much fun he had during the week. After hearing so much about Mission u from Justin, two of his younger sisters, Ericka and Laura, ventured to come, also on youth scholarships from United Methodist Women. That was all it took to hook them on coming back year after year. In 2014, Caitlin was old enough to join her brother and sisters. Then last but not least, Alana, the youngest of the Ankeney clan was able to come to Mission u this year to complete the full house. It's great to see all five siblings together here for the 4-Day Youth School. Next year, we hear that mom



and grandma may be coming just to see what all the fuss is about. Thanks to United Methodist Women from all over the conference, these youth have had the privilege to learn first-hand about mission. What a great witness and legacy UMW has left with this family. It is generosity and nurture such as this that spreads the love of Christ in ways that cannot even be imagined. You, United Methodist Women, are truly LOVE in action.

**HOLY CURRENCIES**

**Cycle of Blessings**

**Sustainable & Missional**

## St. Paul's Holy Currencies

In 2013, West Ohio Conference, under the leadership of Bishop Gregory Palmer partnered with Rev. Dr. Eric Law of the Kaleidoscope Institute to provide the conference and it's churches a means to move toward sustainable and missional ministries using the Holy Currencies model.

This model is built on the idea that valuable currency includes more than money. It also includes the currencies of relationship, truth, wellness, time and place, and gracious leadership. It is the constant recycling of these assets that enables growth, rejuvenates

communities and allows us to live in the abundance of God. All six currencies must be balanced and flowing in order for ministries to be sustainable and missional.

Over the next year we will be exploring St. Paul's currencies of abundance with our new pastor, Dr. Rev. Steve Gill, who has worked with Eric Law at the Life Enrichment Center here in East Dayton. One of St. Paul's assets has always been it's ability to partner with others in the wider community to help achieve what we couldn't achieve on our own. Taking our assets, such as our currency of relationship, we will be using the Holy Currencies model to improve and expand our ministries making them not only sustainable but a blessing flowing in to and out of the greater community. Everyone will have the opportunity to be involved in this process. Look for more information in the future to see how you can be part of this work.

"It is the flowing of these currencies that give them value. The dynamic exchanges of these currencies are what circulate and regenerate resources, making a ministry sustainable and missional." *Holy Currencies* by Eric H. F. Law



# dates to remember

Summer at St. Paul always includes **Camp Wesley** and **Mission u!** Four Young Peacemakers Club members attended Camp Wesley from Sunday, June 28 through Thursday, July 2. **Emily Bobo, Damien Chadwell, Danielle Maney** and **Jack McCoy** came home talking about next year already! They all had a wonderful experience as did the nine youth who attended Mission u at Ohio Northern University in July. St. Paul's youth attendees were **Justin Ankeney, Laura Ankeney, Ericka Ankeney, Catelin Ankeney, Elayna Ankeney, CJ Hopkins, Jessie Geer, Dayana Palma,** and **Daniel McCoy**. St. Paul had the most youth from one church and the most youth from one family. Justin and CJ were recognized for six years of Mission u attendance and Justin played his guitar during the Bishop's worship service. These life changing experiences were made possible by scholarships from the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women's Community Care, by two first timer scholarships from the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women and by individual donations. Indeed, it does take a village to raise a child!

***This newsletter is an abbreviated summer edition while some of the ministries at St. Paul are on a summer break. We will resume the monthly calendar in the September issue. The following are dates to remember:***

- August 1** Breakfast served by Belmont UMC
- August 2** Elizabeth Heft's consecration as she departs for Bethlehem, Palestine to teach.
- August 3** Huffman Historic Neighborhood Association Meeting 7:00 pm
- August 4** Lunch provided by Faith Community UMC
- August 8** Breakfast served by Aley UMC
- August 11** Lunch provided by Union [north] UMC
- August 15** Breakfast served by Normandy UMC
- August 18** St. Paul Governing Board Meeting 2:00 pm
- August 22** Breakfast served by Belmont UMC youth
- August 25** Lunch provided by Sugar Valley UMC
- August 29** Breakfast served by St. Charles Catholic Church

***\*\*\*Thanks to Germantown UMC, St. Augustin Catholic Church, Vandalia UMC, and Lewisburg UMC for providing the lunches for the Tuesdays in July.***

***Please join us... as we send Elizabeth out***

*Join us for Worship and Commissioning at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 2 at St. Paul.*

*Stay to share a Middle Eastern meal with us beginning at noon.*

*Please dress casually and coolly: there is no air conditioning in the fellowship hall.*

***RSVP by July 19: Janet Heft, 21 Euclid St., Versailles, Ohio***

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# volunteer spotlight



One of St. Paul's definite needs in the summer is transportation for our children to get to Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine. This year, Carl and Bev Roberts stepped up to the plate and assumed this responsibility. They are longtime members of Germantown United

Methodist Church. Carl is recently retired, so they reached out to us. They drove our four campers and all their gear to camp on Sunday, June 28 and returned on Thursday, July 2 to bring them home. They experienced the check-in lines, all the luggage, a stop at McDonald's and everything that goes with this experience! We are so thankful for their willingness to help out!

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## At a glimpse . . . . .

During May and June 2015, with your support, St. Paul UMC

- served **2963 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**;
- provided groceries for **22,350 meals**; **1037 lbs. of donated food**; **3301 lbs. of donated bread and pastries** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**;
- put over **1500 pieces** of good used **clothing** and household items into the hands of many grateful people and made \$760.00 for the Outreach Ministry.



## Pantry needs list . . . .

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|---|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Boxed Potatoes                                    | Lotion                   | Toothpaste                      |
| Canned Beans<br>(Pinto, Black,<br>Great Northern) | Oatmeal                  | Sewing supplies                 |
| Canned Fruit                                      | Pancake Mix              | School supplies                 |
| Canned Meat                                       | Pasta                    |                                 |
| Canned Soups                                      | Peanut Butter            | <b>Church Needs:</b>            |
| Canned Veggies                                    | Rice                     | Electric roasters               |
| Cereal  | Saltine Crackers         | Heavy duty<br>extension cords   |
| Dish Soap   | Shampoo &<br>Conditioner | Plastic water<br>pitchers       |
| Drink Mixes                                       | Sloppy Joe Sauce         | Plastic & paper<br>grocery bags |
| Hot Chocolate                                     | Sugar                    |                                 |
| Jam/Jelly   | Syrup                    |                                 |

## 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.**

