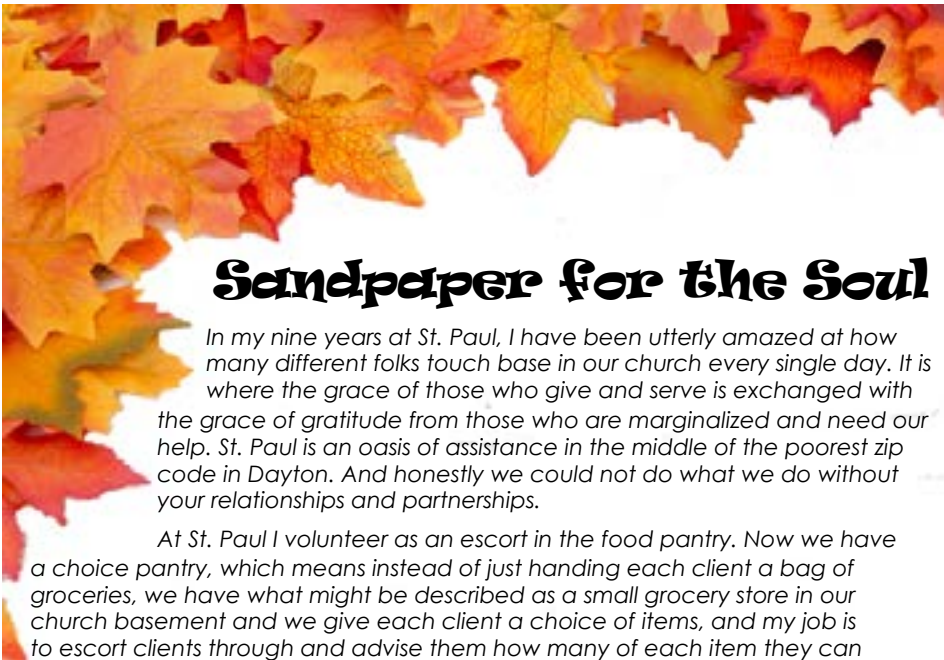




St. Paul United Methodist Church

*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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Sandpaper for the Soul

In my nine years at St. Paul, I have been utterly amazed at how many different folks touch base in our church every single day. It is where the grace of those who give and serve is exchanged with the grace of gratitude from those who are marginalized and need our help. St. Paul is an oasis of assistance in the middle of the poorest zip code in Dayton. And honestly we could not do what we do without your relationships and partnerships.

At St. Paul I volunteer as an escort in the food pantry. Now we have a choice pantry, which means instead of just handing each client a bag of groceries, we have what might be described as a small grocery store in our church basement and we give each client a choice of items, and my job is to escort clients through and advise them how many of each item they can select. My job is to make this experience as pleasant and as gracious as possible. Sometimes that is hard because working on Thursday, the last pantry day of the week finds our pantry out of a lot of items which leaves the client with little or no choice. Sometimes it is hard like when I was taking a man through who just lost his job and for the first time in his life had to accept charity to feed his family.

You know it is easy to love mankind in general; loving mankind in particular, when they are standing right in front of you, presents the real challenge. I have to confess that when I first came to St. Paul, I was more at home reading a book or working on budgets with spreadsheets, but I have discovered that immersing myself in messy humanity, talking to folks, and, yes, developing new relationships is sort of like "sandpaper for the soul." I now think that if God wants me to love more and more people, I need to exercise my heart more to that end, and I know no better way to do that than to get to know as many folks on the edge as I can. Because like it or not, we are all brothers and sisters and equal members of God's one big, happy, dysfunctional family. So I urge you all to take a risk sometime and come join us for Tuesday lunch or Saturday breakfast and sit and eat with the people there and talk to them. Seriously! And whether you are new or old to St. Paul, if you have an idea on how to improve our ministries or start a new one, please tell us because we really want to do more in our neighborhood.

On Saturday mornings I lead a short devotion and hymn in the sanctuary before we all file into the activity room for breakfast. Recently I was eating breakfast while sitting next to Mike, a soft-spoken man of Arab descent. Honestly my mind started drifting and I was wondering if I had said anything in the sanctuary before breakfast that registered with anyone there. Then Mike jarred me from my daydream with a question, "Do you know what the folks on the street call this church?" "No," I answered. And he replied, "They call this place the little church with the big heart!" It made me smile: grace exchanged for grace!

And if St. Paul is the little church with the big heart, then all our partners become the cardiologist because it is your generosity and active participation in St. Paul's ministries that allows St. Paul's heart to beat stronger and louder reaching more and more people in need. And for that I say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you! Blessings in Christ, Dan Vanoli

In his book, *Holy Currencies*, Eric Law states that our roles as God's children are to be part of the recirculation of resources so that all living things on earth may share God's abundance. For more than 132 years St. Paul has stood on the corner of Huffman and Fourth in East Dayton offering a place for the people of the neighborhood to build relationships. Over the years, the people that have circulated in and out of the church have changed and the mission of the church has changed but the building remains steady, well-worn but well-loved from the many uses and ministries. St. Paul has always looked for ways to use its resources to offer blessings throughout our part of Dayton. Doing so required the sacrifice or letting go of preconceived ideas and facing the hard truth of a neighborhood sliding from middle-class to high poverty. There have been times when resources were poor but still we recirculated what we had out of our abundance and that is why the church remains here still today.

Our faith in the power of God's abundance and the gracious life of Jesus has brought us to a new day once again as we take part in the work of Holy Currencies through the West Ohio Conference and the Miami Valley District. Currently, we are aligning our ministries and leadership roles around the six currencies: Relationship, Gracious Leadership, Truth, Time and Place, Money, and Wellness. It is our hope that, together with our congregation and ministry partners, we will continue the work of mission in a neighborhood that has so many needs.



*Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Circling through earth so all may grow
 Vanquishing fear so all may give
 Widening grace so all may live*

This Thanksgiving Season we at St. Paul United Methodist Church are very thankful for:

The groups who have prepared and served Tuesday Lunch all year.....

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| Aldersgate UMC | Fairview UMW | St. Andrew UMC |
| Aley UMC | Faith Community UMC [2 groups] | St. Augustin Catholic Church |
| Bellbrook UMC | Germantown UMC | St. James UMC |
| Centerville UMC | Hope UMC | St. Paul UMC |
| Christ UMC [2 groups] | Lewisburg UMC | Spring Valley UMC |
| Common Cup | Look to Jesus Ministry | Sugar Valley UMC |
| Community UMC | Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church | Tipp City UMC |
| Concord UMC | Normandy UMC | Union UMC Englewood |
| Eastmont UMC | Phillipsburg UMC | Volunteers of America |

The groups who prepared and served breakfast every Saturday in 2015.....

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| Aley UMC | Community UMC | Normandy UMC |
| Belmont UMC | Englewood UMC | St Charles Catholic Church |
| Belmont UMC Youth | | |

The individuals and group who give their time and talents for Young Peacemakers' Club.....

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| Big Brothers, Big Sisters from UD
and their leader Patrick | Tara Keller
Amy Reese | Violet Trumbore
Linda Daniels |
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The individuals who volunteer in the Food pantry and Hospitality Room.....

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| Vicki Morris | Charmaine Jones | Joyce Kennedy |
| Ralph Daniels | Joyce Kennedy | Janice Daniels |
| Linda Seals | Mark Blakely | Patty Davis |
| Kathy Fader | Clyde Kress | |

The individuals who tutored with the ESOL program in 2015.....

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| Hope Pawelski | Maryellen Beardmore | James Coe |
| Jan Dice | | |

Our tax counselors with the Ohio Benefit Bank program.....

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| Mike Cornelius | Ralph Daniels | Bob Whigham |
| Janice Daniels | Kirby Lupton | |

The individuals who faithfully pick up bread and pastries from Kroger Stores, Dorothy Lane Market and Panera Bread and deliver it to St. Paul.....

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| Jan Brandt | Wiley and Deana Edington | David and Sandy West |
| Mike and Misty Cornelius | Bob Pressler | |

- All the congregations and individuals who donate food and clothing**
- All the groups and individuals who donate toys, clothes and money for The Parents' Christmas Shop and the children's Santa Shop**
- All the dedicated donors who underwrite the entire ministry at St. Paul United Methodist church**
- All the St. Andrew's members who work in their Giving Garden**
- Our youth volunteers from Juvenile Court**
- All the Christ UMC folks who donated coats for our YPC Children**
- All the David's UCC members who make 200 sets of fleece hats, gloves and scarves for St. Paul**
- Marilyn Morris for getting the St. Paul newsletter ready to mail each month**
- Jerry Murphy and Mark Blakely for their weekly volunteer work to help maintain the church building**
- Morris McDaniel for hauling off all the cardboard we accumulate around St. Paul**
- Terry Ronald for his tech support**
- Deb Harvey for help with the website**



November 2015

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
1 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m. United Methodist Women Thank Offering	2 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Huffman Historic Neighborhood Meeting 7:00 p.m.	3 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m. LUNCH - 12 noon Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Zumba 7-8 p.m.	4 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.-12 Noon Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Las Amigas 6:45-8:15 p.m.	5 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	6 YOUTH JUSTICE ADVOCATES (YJA) WEEKEND BEGINS	7 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Korean UMC YJA Weekend
8 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m. St. Paul Church Conference During Worship	9 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	10 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m. LUNCH - 12 noon Served by Normandy UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Zumba 7-8 p.m.	11 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.-12 Noon Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Las Amigas 6:45-8:15 p.m.	12 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	13	14 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Englewood UMC Conference UMW Annual Celebration
15 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.	16 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	17 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m. LUNCH 12 noon Served by Lewisburg UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Zumba 7-8 p.m.	18 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.-12 Noon Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Las Amigas 6:45-8:15 p.m.	19 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	20	21 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Normandy UMC GLBT Thanksgiving Dinner
22 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.	23 YPC Family Dinner 5:30 p.m. (Children come with their families)	24 WORSHIP 11:20 a.m. LUNCH 12 noon Served by Bellbrook UMC No YPC Zumba 7-8 p.m.	25 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.-12 Noon No YPC Las Amigas 6:45-8:15 p.m.	26 THANKSGIVING CHURCH CLOSED	27 CHURCH CLOSED	28 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Community UMC
29 WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m. Choir Practice 6 p.m.	30 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	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.				

Sunday Worship Attendance:	
9/27/2015	32
10/4/2015	26
10/11/2015	30
10/18/2015	21
10/25/2015	38

Children's clothing is an urgent need!

Children's Christmas Wish List

Star Wars
 Super Heroes
 Pokemon
 Basketballs & pumps
 Legos
 Lincoln Logs
 Hot Wheels & Accessories
 Paw Patrol
 Doc McStuffins
 Frozen (Elsa, Olaf, etc.)
 Barbies & Accessories
 Monster High
 Disney Princess
 Baby Dolls & Accessories
 Aeropostle Gift Cards
 iTunes Cards
 5 Below Gift Cards

Kmart Gift Cards
 Clothing
 (for ages newborn-17)
 Shoes



United Methodist Student Day is November 29, 2015



At a glimpse

During September 2015, with your support, St. Paul UMC

- served **1360 delicious hot meals** at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast;
- provided groceries for **11070 meals; 1742 lbs. of donated food; 1750 lbs. of donated bread and pastries** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**;
- held \$1.00 and \$.50 Bag Sales during the month and made \$83.00 for the Outreach Ministry. Closed the last week in September to clean and display a new assortment of fall and winter clothing.

WEST OHIO CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

42nd Annual Celebration

OUR CALLING:

To Welcome
 A Sustainable Future

Saturday, November 14, 2015

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Powell UMC

Contact Joan Johnson at
 937-252-4467
 for more information.

Servant Opportunities

- Food Pantry Escorts
- Host/Hostess for the Pantry waiting room
- Volunteer office receptionist



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