



# St. Paul Ministries

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## Dear Friends and Fellow Servants of Christ,

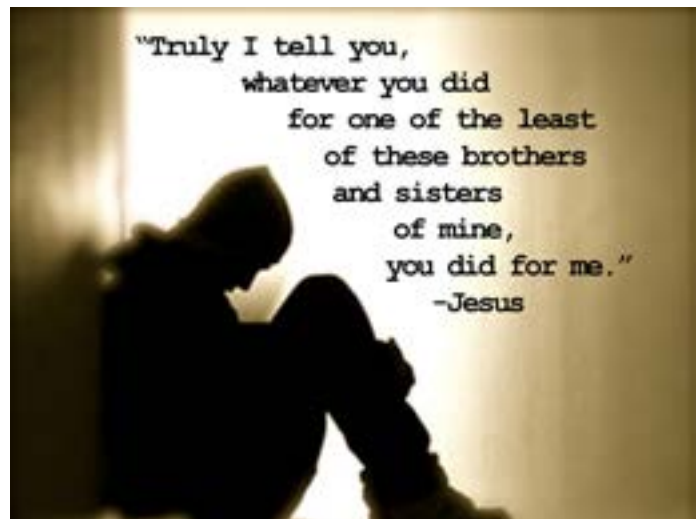
**St. Paul UMC** and the Mission Increase Director, Lori Simms Parks, at the **Life Enrichment Center** are grateful for ways in which each of you and the groups whom you represent have partnered with St. Paul. We, out of both our poverty and abundance, wish to give back and also further our common work in alleviating poverty and serving the poor.

**During Lent on March 11 from 1-3pm** St. Paul UMC with the support of Think Tank INC. will offer a **Poverty Simulation** (COPE-Cost of Poverty Experience). Jesus tells us that the poor will always be with us but maybe we can learn more how to be with the poor.

This is a truth discovery event that allows people to participate in role playing a month in the life of someone in poverty. You need not know a great deal about poverty or you may have served in churches, neighborhoods and agencies that serve the poor. You will not be on stage and singularly called out. Because of funding through the Miami Valley District of the UMC Mission committee we are able to make this possible as a free event. You are being specifically invited because of the partnership that you have with us.

There are a limited number of people who can participate. Therefore, you and your team must personally register with us for the event. The registration will be on a first come first serve bases and it is important that you register participants by name.

This training was developed here in the region and has served as the experience for people who work in agencies like CareSource who serve Medicaid families. Also, COPE has recently been introduced to TD Jakes Ministries, Inc. in Dallas and will become a primary introduction there and elsewhere nationally to working with people in poverty.



### Invitees include:

Partnering churches and groups, particularly, UMWs, serving at St. Paul, Board Members of the LEC, and people in the Huffman neighborhood. Please contact Joan Johnson at [administrator@stpauldayton.org](mailto:administrator@stpauldayton.org) or 937 252-4467 to place your reservations.

Rev, Dr. Steve Gill, Pastor of St. Paul UMC

Lori Simms Parks, Mission Increase Director at the Life Enrichment Center

Don Beebe, coordinator of Tuesday Lunch program St. Paul

Joan Johnson, St. Paul Administrator and president, West Ohio Conf. United Methodist Women

St. Paul United Methodist Church is able to provide free help with tax filing through a grant from the Ohio Association of Foodbanks and many hours of volunteer service. St. Paul is one of 43 organizations across Ohio that received funding to support the expansion of their free tax filing services through the Ohio Benefit Bank.

In 2016, St. Paul serviced 225 residents of the Miami Valley. "This year, we hope to serve even more residents and help them to keep the full tax refunds they have earned," States Vicki Morris, program coordinator. People still interested in making an appointment through OBB can call the church at 252-4467. There are appointments available mornings, afternoons and evenings.

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**There will be Tax Clinics  
on Saturday, March 25, Saturday, April 15  
and Monday, April 17  
from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

**Appointments will be on a first come, first serve basis.**

Community members interested in volunteering as OBB counselors are welcome to call Joan Johnson at 252-4467 for more information.

## A message in the key of G

**G**: is for **Getting it (a journey to the heart of God)**. After all the Bible studies, worship, sermons, financial campaigns, small groups, mission outreach ... What does it mean to really "**Get it**"?

**G**: is for **God**-- the creator of the universe who has pronounced all things **Good** — the one and only — the beginning and the end — the source of life and all that we can ever know or understand or experience. Our journey to the heart of God begins by making God number one and not ourselves. Let's explore and seek to fulfill God's hopes and not just our hopes.

**G**: is for the **Gospel** — the **Good** news that **God** has chosen to be Emmanuel — one of us. "I will be with you always, even until the end of time" Matthew 28:20

**G**: is for **Grace** — that **God** is a **God** of unconditional love for every human being on the face of the earth and for the earth and all of creation. Living **God's Grace** is making room in our hearts for what and who **God Loves**.

**G**: is for **Giving** as our way of life because we are called to be children of **God** — Children of **Good** news — children of **Grace**.

**G**: is for **Grow**. **A prayer for all of us in this new year is that as the notes of the Gospel and Grace and Giving are played out in our lives, we may Grow in our faithfulness to make music for our God who is the composer of life. "I am the way and the truth and the life." (John 14:6)**

Bob Knell for St. Paul UMC, a place to make music together for the Lord our God. (Matthew 25:37-40).

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# *Save the Date for St. Paul's Steak Dinner!*

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

**4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

**Adults — \$10.00**

**Children (12 & Younger) — \$5.00**

**Reservations Accepted**

*Come dine with us!*

## **MENU**

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





## Needs List . . .

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| Bagged Beans              | <b>Canned Vegetables</b><br><i>(a variety of colors for good nutrition)</i> |
| Bagged rice               | Cereal  |
| Boxed Potatoes            | Pasta   |
| Boxed Macaroni and Cheese | Spaghetti Sauce   |
| Canned Beans              | Boullion<br><i>(beef and chicken)</i>                                       |
| <b>Canned Fruit</b>       |   |
| <b>Canned Soups</b>       |   |

## Dates to Remember — Spring 2017

### Regularly-scheduled activities

*The following activities will continue throughout the months of March, April and May:*

- **Sunday Morning Group Study:** 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
- **United Methodist Women:** 1st Sunday of the month, after Sunday Worship
- **YPC** — Sr. Peacemakers, M & W/Jr. Peacemakers T & Th: 4-6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday Worship:** 11:40 a.m. followed by lunch at Noon
- **Saturday Breakfast:** 9 a.m.
- **Las Amigas** (Hispanic-Latino Womens Support Group): Wednesdays 6:45 p.m.
- **Spanish Bible Study and Worship:** Sundays 5 p.m.
- **Council on Ministries:** 3rd Tuesday of the month, at 4 p.m. (unless rescheduled)

### Special Notes:

#### Lenten Schedule — (Bilingual Services):

- **Ash Wednesday Service:** March 1 - 7-8 p.m.
- **Wednesday Lenten Services** (a light meal will be provided by St. Paul's Hispanic Ministry):  
March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5; Meal served at 6 p.m./Service at 7 p.m.
- **Palm Sunday:** April 9 - 10 a.m.
- **Holy Thursday Service and Carry-in Dinner:** April 13 - Dinner at 6 p.m./Service at 7 p.m.
- **Good Friday:** Church Closed
- **Easter Sunday Celebration:** Breakfast 9 a.m., Service 10 a.m.;  
**Spanish Easter Service:** 5 p.m.; **Easter Celebration:** 6 p.m.

### Other:

- **Finance Meeting:** Sunday, March 5 - 9 a.m.
- **Cope Simulation:** Saturday, March 11 - 1 p.m.–3 p.m.
- **Daylight Savings Time:** Sunday, March 12 - begins at midnight
- **Steak Dinner:** Saturday, March 18 - 4:30–7 p.m.
- **Council on Ministries:** Tuesday, March 21 - 4 p.m.
- **Tax Clinics:** Sat., March 27, Sat., April 15, and Mon., April 17 - 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- **YPC Spring Break:** Monday, March 27–Thursday, March 30; Stuff Shoppe closed

#### Saturday Breakfasts in March:

- 4 Belmont UMC
- 11 Englewood UMC
- 18 Normandy UMC
- 25 Community UMC

#### Saturday Breakfasts in April:

- 1 Belmont UMC
- 8 Aley UMC
- 15 Normandy UMC
- 22 Belmont UMC Youth
- 29 St. Charles  
Catholic Church

#### Tuesday Lunches in March:

- 7 Lewisburg UMC
- 14 Aley UMC
- 21 Spring Valley UMC
- 28 Tipp City UMC

#### Tuesday Lunches in April:

- 4 Eastmont UMC
- 11 Centerville UMC
- 18 Christ UMC
- 25 Bellbrook UMC

#### 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.

#### September-December Worship Attendance:

<b>1/1/2017</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>1/8/2017</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>1/15/2017</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>1/22/2017</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>1/29/2017</b>	<b>30</b>



**UMCOR SUNDAY**  
(FORMERLY ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING)

**YOUR GENEROUS GIFT TODAY ENSURES UMCOR'S RESPONSE IN TIMES OF CRISIS.**



"None of us is exempt from a disaster; while we may not be directly impacted by an event, we may be called upon to assist others in their relief and recovery efforts."  
Rev. Tom Ventosa, Disaster Response Coordinator, New York Annual Conference



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**NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY**  
Your generous gift today educates Native American seminarians and empowers Native American outreach.



"Many ... are looking for a stronger connection to God. The introspective nature of native people could add a dimension for those seeking greater awareness and closeness with God."  
CHERYL OETZKOW, NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



The people of The United Methodist Church

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well." — PSALM 139:14, NRSV

**WEST OHIO CONFERENCE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
SPRING EVENT  
RACIAL JUSTICE SPIRITUAL RETREAT**

Racial Justice is a key mission work priority for United Methodist Women, with an event planned every other year to help keep us focused and sharpe our awareness. In order not to conflict with the UMW National Assembly set for May of 2018 in Columbus, Ohio, this year a combination Spring Spiritual Retreat centering on the Charter for Racial Justice is being planned for April 29 in Hilliard, Ohio. Guest speakers and music will lead us into a time of reflection, discussion and action plans. There is no registration fee, however the registration deadline is April 19 to Sylvia Kempton. For information on how to register for this event, please contact Joan Johnson - 937-252-4467.



*At a glimpse . . . . .*

During January 2017, with your support, St. Paul UMC

- served 1,241 delicious hot meals at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast;
- provided groceries for 8,745 meals; 2,364 lbs. of donated food; 2,100 lbs. of donated bread and pastries;
- placed over 500 pieces of clothing in the hands of many grateful people; and made \$237 for the Outreach Ministry.

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