



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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Belong...

Believe...

Bless...



St. Paul Ministries have been centered in the historic Huffman district of East Dayton since 1883. The building and the activities within have become a major hub and community gathering place for a series of holistic services in recent years.

*At St. Paul there is a quality of **belonging** that begins with a small but vital core membership that extends outward to include numerous neighborhoods, community people, partnering churches and social service agencies. This gathering together is anything but homogeneous. The resulting mix is complex, vibrant and multifaceted. Those coming and going throughout the week are often those who feel isolated and left behind in other settings, but the experience at St. Paul makes it easy for all to feel a sense of **belonging**. Many initially arrive for very nonreligious purposes, but the Spirit entices the community into a deeper exploration of what makes St. Paul special and inclusive.*

*How can such divergent groups coexist? This begins with the aspect of **belief**. When not oppressed by a dogmatic approach to the Good News, people are naturally inclined toward open conversation—both formal and informal—regarding **belief**. RESPECT guides this interaction. St. Paul generously welcomes people to partake of numerous opportunities for worship, study, service or respite without having to first commit to doctrine. Four weekly worship services offer easy entry into a teaching and contemplation of the Bible and its call on life.*

*The strongest expression of community is service. At almost every exchange, there is an opportunity to **bless** and be **blessed**. This is not a one-way street—although perhaps unaware in the moment, the people passing through the doors of St. Paul bring many gifts. The **blessings** flow and circulate throughout the convergence of those with multiple theological perspectives, educated and non-educated, wealthy and poor, citizens and non-citizens, incarcerated and free, seniors and children, and so much more, weaving a richness of service.*

*To explore, contemplate and replicate this community and its many ministries, the congregation, with the help of the United Methodist District and the Annual Conference, has adopted a lens through which to look, explore and appreciate this experience. The lens has been envisioned, articulated and even coached by Rev. Eric Law in his work called Holy Currencies. He has offered—to what is likely thought of as a poor church, within a city, community and world of scarcity—a way to see and manifest a **cycle of many blessings**.*

Reverend Steve Gill



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St. Paul United Methodist Church has several years' experience in running one of the largest tax preparation sites in the Dayton area. At this time, we have 5 experienced volunteer tax preparers who are offering appointments weekdays during the morning, afternoon and evening in order to accommodate as many people as possible. Vicki Morris, our program coordinator, will set you up with an appointment by calling the church at 252-4467.

There are still tax appointments available through Friday, April 15!
***There will be first come/first serve tax preparation on Thursday, April 14 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Camp Wesley and Mission u

Summer brings wonderful opportunities for the St. Paul children and youth. The well-known saying "It takes a village to raise a child" certainly rings true for the experiences that our campers are looking forward to.

St. Paul children in grades 2–6 are given an outdoor camping experience at beautiful Camp Wesley, the United Methodist campgrounds near Bellefontaine. St. Paul youth have the opportunity to attend Mission u at Ohio Northern University in Ada. This event is a cooperative effort of the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women and the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Church. Each child's family will contribute \$30. St. Paul's congregation will contribute \$15. and St. Paul United Methodist Women will contribute \$15. toward each child's registration. The balance will be provided by The Community Care Fund of the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women.

Each St. Paul camper will receive a camp bag with towel, wash cloth, shampoo, soap, soap dish, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, sunscreen and insect repellent. Donations are needed for these items as well as pillows and sleeping bags.

Did you know...

... that St. Paul made \$2,800.00 on the recent and very successful Steak Dinner? A heartfelt thank you goes out to everyone who supported our semi-annual fundraiser.

...that we have Steak Dinner Salad Dressing for sale? Call the church office at 252-4467 to reserve a pint of delicious salad dressing for \$3.00.

...that we will be making sub sandwiches on Saturday, April 2? Call to place a sub order or check to see if we have extras to sell after April 2.



April 2016

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<p>Office Hours: M-F:.....9 a.m.-3 p.m.</p> <p>Food Pantry: M, W, TH:10 a.m.-2:45 p.m.</p> <p>Stuff Shoppe: M, W TH:10 a.m.-2:45 p.m. T:12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">February Worship Attendance:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2/7/2016 27 2/14/2016 32 2/21/2016 29 2/18/2016 29</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;"><i>Sub Sale</i> <i>Sat.,</i> <i>April 2!</i></p>						<p>²</p> <p>COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Belmont UMC</p> <p>Sub Making Project</p>
<p>3 Bible Sharing 10 a.m. WORSHIP 11 a.m. Confirmation Sunday UMW Spanish Bible Study and Worship 5-7 p.m.</p>	<p>4 Stuff Shoppe Grand Reopening Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Huffman Historic Neighborhood Meeting - 7 p.m.</p>	<p>5 WORSHIP 11:30 a.m. LUNCH - 12 noon Served by Eastmont UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Zumba 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p>6 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.-12 Noon Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Las Amigas 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>7 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>9 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Aley UMC</p>
<p>10 Bible Sharing 10 a.m. WORSHIP 11 a.m. Spanish Bible Study and Worship 5-7 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>12 WORSHIP 11:30 a.m. LUNCH 12 noon Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Zumba 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p>13 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.-12 Noon Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Las Amigas 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>14 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>16 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Leadership Planning Retreat 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Life Enrichment Center</p>
<p>17 Bible Sharing 10 a.m. WORSHIP 11 a.m. Spanish Bible Study and Worship 5-7 p.m.</p>	<p>18 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>19 WORSHIP 11:30 a.m. LUNCH 12 noon Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Zumba 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p>20 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.-12 Noon Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Las Amigas 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>21 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>23 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Belmont UMC Youth</p>
<p>24 Bible Sharing 10 a.m. WORSHIP 11 a.m. Spanish Bible Study and Worship 5-7 p.m.</p>	<p>25 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>26 WORSHIP 11:30 a.m. LUNCH 12 noon Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Zumba 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p>27 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.-12 Noon Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m. Las Amigas 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>28 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m. Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.</p>		<p>30 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by St. Charles Catholic Church</p>

volunteer spotlight



A big thank you to Darrell and Francia Moore (*left*) who once again supported St. Paul's Hispanic Ministry with their God-given musical talent at yesterday's Easter Celebration. Four new families participated, bringing the attendance to a total of 21 adults and 13 children.

The Easter program included a Worship Service in Spanish followed by an Easter egg hunt, a simple meal, and a visit from two Easter Bunnies.

Below right: Several of our Community Members passing the Peace of Christ after the Service.



Needs List . . .

Canned Soups

Canned Vegetables

Boxed Potatoes

Canned Beans

Bagged Beans

Canned Fruit

Cereal

Plastic Drink Pitchers

Booster Seats for the Table

Long heavy duty extension cord



At a glimpse

During February 2016, with your support, St. Paul UMC

- served 1,192 delicious hot meals at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast;
- provided groceries for 538 individuals and food for 8,070 meals; 1,731 lbs. of donated food; 928 lbs. of donated bread and pastries through the Emergency Food Pantry;
- placed 200+ pieces of clothing in the hands of many grateful people and made \$129.00 for the Outreach Ministry. (We have not been able to open the Stuff Shoppe after lunch on Tuesdays because we do not have a cashier. Please consider volunteering!)

• Mission u — July 7–10 4 -day program:

Adults: \$270

Weekend program:

Adults: \$210 + \$40 child

• Camp:

July 5–7 — Ages: 7–11

July 5–8 — Ages: 12–17

Servant Opportunities

- Food Pantry Escorts
- Host/Hostess for the Pantry waiting room
- Thrift Store Cashier/Volunteers



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