



St. Paul Ministries

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Letter from the Pastor

We have made it to 2022. We have enjoyed a wonderful Christmas season and had the opportunity to celebrate Christmas Eve during a beautiful Candlelight Service with our friends at Hope Collective. It was a wonderful night of song, reading, prayer, worship, and of course, seeing the beauty of God in the sanctuary as the lights went out and the candles were lit.

Pastor Sue Whigham did an outstanding job in providing leadership with our Multi-Cultural Ministries as we celebrated Las Posadas. We were also blessed by, Joan Johnson, Deaconess Beth Vanoli, and a host of others worked together to organize several events geared towards the children in our community to include a Santa Shoppe and Breakfast with Santa. A huge thank you also goes out to our ministry partners for your constant prayers, support, and willingness to serve in the mission of St Paul Church and Christ our Lord. We couldn't do all of this without you.

This reminds me of a favorite scripture found in 1 Corinthians 12:12-13, "The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So, it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit, into one body – whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free – and we were all given the one spirit to drink."

In the text written by Paul in verses 1-11, prior to the ones I listed above, Paul outlined some of the Spiritual Gifts that God has given to each of us. He continues in verse 11 by saying, "All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He gives them to each one, just as He determines."

Could you imagine if we all had the same gift? There wouldn't be any variety! What a different world that would be, and I don't believe that much would get completed for the body of Christ. God has a plan for each and everyone one of us (Jeremiah 29:11). To execute God's plan, we all need to pull together as one, and use the gifts that God has given each of us in order to grow Christ's Kingdom here on earth. One body, unified in Jesus Christ, working to love and care for those around us.

As we move further into 2022, my prayer is that we will all continue to work together, pulling together, and being the Body of Christ.

God Bless,

Pastor Ben Webster



The Christmas Season was spectacular at St. Paul! On Saturday, December 4 the Santa Shop was held for 40 children who were able to select gifts [free of charge] for all their family members. Thank you for all the wonderful donations that made this project possible. Special thanks to Faith Community UMC and Eastmont UMC who made this a designated project. Thanks also to volunteers Pam Eyler, Catelin Ankeney, Beth Johnson, Makayla White, and Kenny Lee McDonald.

On Wednesday, December 8 Santa's Elves wrapped all the children's presents and returned them to go under the Christmas trees. This year's Elves came from Eastmont UMC, Centerville UMC, Crossroads Church and Normandy UMC. Thanks for your loyalty to St. Paul!

Breakfast With Santa, sponsored and planned by Normandy UMC was Saturday, December 11. This is a 30+ year tradition that was interrupted last year due to Covid. Everyone was excited about the opportunity to have a yummy breakfast, talk to Santa Claus, have a photo taken and receive a gift. A great big thank you to Rebecca Haberlandt and her great team!

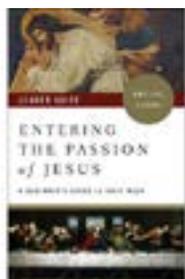
Thank you for all the generous donations of sox, hats, gloves, hygiene kits and gift cards. We continue to distribute them during these cold winter days.



**WE HAVE AN URGENT NEED FOR VOLUNTEER GROUPS
FOR TUESDAY LUNCH AND SATURDAY BREAKFAST!**

We are looking for a group of 4 – 6 people to serve Tuesday Lunch on the second Tuesday of odd numbered months: March 8, May 10, July 12, September 13, and November 8. We also have the following 5th Tuesdays available: March 29, August 30 and November 29. In addition, we are looking for a group of 4 – 6 people to cook and serve Saturday Breakfast on the 4th Saturday of odd numbered months: March 26, May 28, July 23, September 24 and November 26. Please get the word out for us as we try to give new volunteers the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ.

LENTEN STUDY—Looking for a lenten study? Here are two virtual options for you to consider. To learn more or to register, email Beth Vanoli at vanolibeth@gmail.com.



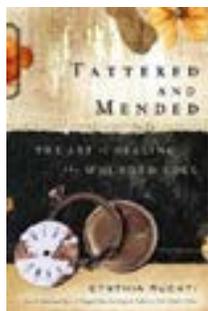
Centering Prayer Circle

***Entering the Passion of Jesus*
by Amy Jill Levine**

March 2-April 9

Wednesdays, 3:00-4:00 pm and Saturdays, 10-11 am

Entering the Passion of Jesus provides a rich and challenging learning experience as author, professor, and biblical scholar Amy-Jill Levine explores the biblical texts surrounding the Passion story.



Organized by West Ohio United Methodist Women

***Tattered and Mended:
The Art of Healing the Wounded Soul*
By Cynthia Ruchti**

Sundays

March 6, 13, 20, 27
4:00pm

Artisans can reclaim exquisite beauty from the broken, frayed, and hopefully shattered—perhaps once thought beyond repair. But what about us? What of the wounds that keep us from living the life we want to live? In *Tattered and Mended*, readers walk through a gallery of reclaimed and restored art as well as broken and restored lives of those who have gone before us. With a gentle touch and personable wisdom, Cynthia Ruchti shows how even the most threadbare soul can once again find healing and hope.

Thank You!

COVID has changed so many things in the life of St. Paul just as it has your personal lives. Donations have continued to pour in and for that we are very grateful! But usually people bringing donations knock on the office door and then are directed to the red double doors by the alley. Because of this change, folks are not coming in to sign the donation clip board. If you need a thank you/ tax receipt for yourself or your organization, please notify Joan Johnson at administrator@stpauldayton.org or call 937 252-4467.

FREE TAX PREPARATION
For families earning \$70,000 or less
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First come, first served!

- Note for this year: **Drop off tax materials**
January 24 – April 11, 2022
M, W, F 9am – 1pm

Please bring:

- W-2 (2021)
- Forms and packet from 2020
- Tax-deductible receipts
- Bank name, account number, routing number
- Photo ID
- Dependents' social security cards

Service provided by



Volunteer Income Tax
Assistance program

Needs List

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| Plastic grocery bags | Cases of bottled water | Canned meat |
| Canned vegetables | Canned fruit | Canned pasta [spaghetios, etc] |
| Cereal | Jelly | Snacks |
| Boxed potatoes | Hot chocolate | Hygiene items |