



# St. Paul Ministries

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## A NEW KID'S PROGRAM STARTING THIS FALL AT ST. PAUL

Several years ago we had a reunion of Young Peacemakers Club graduates from the early 2000s. It was amazing to see how many returned, some bringing their kids. What a great time of remembering, laughing, and connecting with these young adults. St. Paul kids always seem to find their way back whether it be bringing their own kids to after school, “coming home” to have their babies baptized, checking in on Facebook, or volunteering their time on special projects, etc. Over the last 50 years of children’s programming, kids have been a gift to St. Paul and St. Paul has been a gift to the kids that have passed through our doors. Program offerings have had many different iterations—Saturday Morning Program, Pink Panthers, and Young Peacemakers Club—but no matter how the programs have changed, St. Paul has always strived to create a space to help our children flourish and grow to their full potential. For 20+ years the Young Peacemakers Club has been a place where children come after school for snacks, meals, homework help and more, but times change and so do our children’s needs.

In the past 2 decades children have lost over 8 hours of play per week, and we can attest to this as we see our children in the after school program spend more and more time on homework which leaves less time for play and other valuable opportunities. Research also shows that children have lost more than just play. The ability to play is not only critical to being happy, but also to sustaining social relationships, developing resilience, reducing stress, and being a creative and innovative person. To address our children’s developmental need for play, **St. Paul will be starting a new child-centered program called *Kid’s Connection* dedicated to purposeful, creative play.** This unique, research-based program is designed to address the needs of our children and provide developmentally appropriate play activities to help prepare them for school success while allowing them to practice such skills as empathy, imagination/creativity, psychosocial, language/literacy, sensorimotor and also to develop a better understanding of the world and nature around them.

*Kid’s Connection* will be meeting after school four days a week starting in September. If you want to learn more about this innovative program, we are available to present to your church or group or you can arrange a visit to St. Paul.



### FIVE COMPONENTS OF CREATIVE PLAY

- ☑ **INSPIRE:** Connect with a child’s interests.
- ☑ **IMAGINE:** Encourage boundless dreaming
- ☑ **BUILD:** Take one or a few ideas and make them real
- ☑ **PLAY:** Test things out experiment, make better
- ☑ **SHARE:** Present the artifact in a meaningful public context

## A Story of a Boiler and its Community

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We at St. Paul consistently find that our challenges are a way to watch how God is at work, frequently in a manner that is unexpected.

On the Thursday before Easter we discovered that **The Boiler** stopped operating (we have steam heat with one big boiler installed 36 years ago). The boiler, three window air conditioning units, 6 ceiling fans and God control our temperature.

On Saturday the day before Easter it was very cold. (While I know that most churches would have canceled), by the grace of God a young member with a truck and another of our trustees rented a big propane blower. When the boiler people arrived the next week, we discovered that our boiler had deteriorated and there was nothing but rusted metal. It was done. However this will likely be a win for the scrap metal collectors in the community.

We prayed for the weather to change but as you all know we had the longest and coldest spring in recorded history for our area. However, a new attendee who had been worshiping with us for a month asked if he could help. He turned out to be a technician who installs a lot of furnaces in historical homes in the area. Also, he had a large kerosene blower that he lent us for the duration of the long, cold spring. He also told us that it would be best to find an engineer to develop and draw plans that can be submitted to the city.

Meanwhile several people who are boiler certified came by to look at our system and told us that with some smaller units and a new configuration of heating and maybe even A/C in several spaces that we could totally renovate and greatly improve the levels of comfort in the building. (Our 1883 building with its 1908 addition is used every day of the week.)

Although open 7 days a week, the spaces used each day vary. If you have been in the building you will note that we have a beautiful and well used sanctuary and fellowship hall. Our kitchen and pantry

and lower level classrooms have also been renovated in the past two years. The majority of the work is being done by amazing volunteers and skilled underemployed people in our community. When we have some money we are happy to pay some local, skilled people.

This week an engineer from a major HVAC company will come and volunteer to give us insight and possible plans for moving ahead. This company has been very generous in the East Dayton area and with larger institutions. We will have the summer to watch how God unfolds this story. We ask for your prayers. Remember here at St. Paul we see God at work on a daily basis where the Body of Christ and our neighbors come together.

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St. Paul children learning about composting at the St. Andrew UMC Giving Garden when they visited in April.

## 2018 Summer Programming for St. Paul Children

Every other Wednesday during the months of June and July you will find our children at St. Andrew's *Giving Garden* where they have been invited to come, serve, and learn. This year our children will be helping to maintain, pick, and clean vegetables that will be shared with the St. Paul and Wesley Community Center neighborhoods located in the midst of food deserts where fresh produce is not readily available. Our kids will also be learning to prepare their own lunch with the wonderful things from the garden.

We are so excited about this partnership with St. Andrew and appreciate the ladies who are taking the time to plan and work with kids who often do not have the chance to get outside and get their hands into dirt.

### Praise the Lord for Partnerships!

St. Paul UMC is sponsoring **18 children** to Camp Wesley and 6 youth to Mission u.

The following children will be attending **Wesley Sleepover July 5-6:**

Lauryanna Simmons      Jared Cardoso      Edwin Palma      Derron Robinson

The following children will be attending **Splash-A-Palooza July 1-3:**

Natalee Craft      Lilian Perdue      Elijah Goodpaster      Emily Bobo  
Miracle King      Christopher Chadwell      Amerakiss Pratt      Shayla Reyes  
Hector Reyes      Jordan Wessler      Dominic Cardoso      Delfina Palma  
Treyton Spencer      Jarrettka Hoover

The following youth will be attending **Mission u at Ohio Northern University July 5-8:**

Ericka Ankeney      Caitlin Ankeney      Alayna Ankeney      \*Violet Murray  
\*Belinda Washabaugh      \*Kimberly Washabaugh

*\*First Timer scholarship recipients from West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women.*

The total cost of each child's registration fee is a result of combined contributions from each child's family, St. Paul UMC, St. Paul United Methodist Women, Miami Valley District UMW Campership Fund, and West Ohio Conference Camps. We are very appreciative of the largest portion which is paid by the MIV District United Methodist Women!





# volunteer spotlight

St. Paul recently completed another **successful tax season** with the help of five devoted volunteers. Our Ohio Benefit Bank tax preparation site assisted 176 people in filing 358 state and federal tax returns. Vicki Morris coordinated all the appointments for our tax counselors Blaine Albert, Mike Cornelius, Kathy Hamilton, Kirby Lupton and Arthur Mills, Jr. The average federal refund for our folks was \$1,374 while the average Ohio refund was \$192.

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## Tuesday Lunches

### June

Concord UMC

Normandy UMC

Community UMC

Centerville UMC youth

### July

Germantown UMC

Spring Valley UMC

St. Paul UMC youth

Lewisburg UMC

Union UMC

### August

Christ UMC

Sugar Valley UMC

Tipp City UMC

New Madison UMC

## Saturday Breakfasts

### June

Belmont UMC

Aley UMC

Normandy UMC

Belmont UMC youth

St. Charles Catholic Church

### July

Belmont UMC

Englewood UMC

Normandy UMC

Community UMC

### August

Belmont UMC

Aley UMC

Normandy UMC

Belmont UMC youth

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## *Needs List*

Food items with pop top cans • Manual can openers  
Shampoo • Soap of all kinds • hangers  
Paper towels • Plastic grocery bags  
Canned vegetables • Canned Fruit • Canned meat  
Boxed potatoes • Pork & Beans • Jelly or Jam