



St. Paul United Methodist Church

Easter 2013

Mary Magdalene's Witness

It was still dark. She carefully made her way down the damp path to the tomb, and her eyes filled with tears as she remembered the horror she witnessed such a short time ago. The one person she had loved more than anything in the world had been killed right in front of her. 'What kind of world is it that can kill a man like that?' she thought. 'How could a loving, all powerful Yahweh allow it, especially since he was His chosen prophet? He was so wise, so loving. He cared for everyone and healed so many. He treated us all so special, and we let him down. He had to face the Romans and the jealous priests alone. When they raised the cross in place I saw the look on his face. I did not see the pain of torture; I saw the pain of abandonment. What have we done, My Lord? What have we done? You were our Rabbi, and we let you down. You gave us everything, and repaid you by running away. You fed us. You loved us. You taught us. You gave us hope. You laughed with us. You called Simon your Rock. You called James and John, the Thunder brothers. They were nowhere to be seen – gone, all of them. You were alone on that cross. Near the end I saw that loving look of askance in your eyes. I wanted to touch your face, but I was too scared. So now all I can do is to say good bye to you one last time; I must try to give you a decent burial with these spices. Now that you're gone I don't know what I will do without you, Master.'

She reached the bottom of the hill and she looked for the guards she had been told about, but she saw no one. In the first light of dawn she saw that the stone had been removed. She peered inside and she saw that the tomb was empty. This was too much – she knelt down, spilled all the spices she was carrying from her apron, and started to cry again. She sobbed aloud, "They have taken my Lord away, and I don't know where they have put him."

She heard a voice behind her say, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" Mary thought, 'He must be the gardener, surely he might know something.' She approached him and said, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

He looked directly into her eyes and said, "Mary!"

Mary stared back into his eyes, and a warm, pleasing feeling welled up in the core of her being started to move with a rush through every limb in her body. Her mind fought against it at first because this could not be; she had seen everything that had happened. But this radical amazement overwhelmed her. She could barely stand now as the realization set in. Her heart believed. Her head believed. She believed. This was her Jesus, her Lord. Love and joy overtook her. "Rabbi!" she cried as she knelt before him.

"Mary, I am right here, and I will always be with you until the end of time."

Jesus the Christ lives. Alleluia!

Dan Vanoli, Lay Leader

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Office Hours 9:00am—3:00pm

Pantry Hours 10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH

Stuff Shoppe 10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH
12 noon—2:00pm T

2013



Sun

Mon

Tue

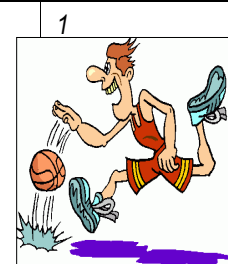
Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!-Sitting Bull



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Breakfast 9:am
Served by
Belmont UMC
Nutrition Class
11am—12:30pm
Sp. Worship
5:30pm

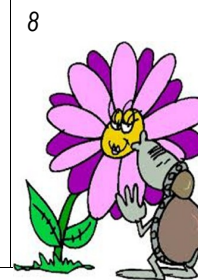
3
Worship
Celebration
9:30am
Sunday School
10:30am
United Methodist
Women 12 noon

4
Sr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
ESOL Classes
6:00pm—8:00pm

5
Worship 11:20am
Lunch Served by
Eastmont UMC
Jr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm

6
Sr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
Las Amigas
5:30pm—6:30pm
Sp. Bible Study
6:30pm—7:30pm

7
Koffee Hour
11:00am
Jr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
ESOL Classes
6:00pm—8:00pm



9
Breakfast 9am
Served by
Englewood UMC
Nutrition Class
11am—12:30pm
Sp. Worship
5:30pm



11
Sr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
ESOL Classes
6:00pm—8:00pm

12
Worship 11:20am
Lunch Served by
Lewisburg UMC
Jr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm

13
Sr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
Las Amigas
5:30pm—6:30pm
Sp. Bible Study
6:30pm—7:30pm

14
Koffee Hour
11:00am
Jr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
ESOL Classes
6:00pm—8:00pm



16
Breakfast 9 am
Served by
Normandy UMC
Nutrition Class
11am—12:30pm
STEAK DINNER
4:30pm—7:00pm

17
Worship
Celebration
9:30am
Sunday School
10:30am

18
Sr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
ESOL Classes
6:00pm—8:00pm

19
Worship 11:20am
Lunch Served by
Tipp City UMC
Jr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
Ministry Team
Meeting 9am

20
Sr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
Las Amigas
5:30pm—6:30pm
Sp. Bible Study
6:30pm—7:30pm

21
Koffee Hour
11:00am
Jr. Peacemakers
4:00pm—6:30pm
ESOL Classes
6:00pm—8:00pm



23
Breakfast 9am
Served by
Community UMC
Nutrition Class
11am—12:30pm
Sp. Worship
5:30pm

24
Palm Sunday
Celebration
9:30am
Sunday School
10:30am

25
SPRING BREAK
NO YPC
NO ESOL
CLASSES

26
Worship 11:20am
Lunch Served by
St. James UMC
SPRING BREAK
NO YPC

27
SPRING BREAK
NO YPC
NO LAS AMIGAS
NO BIBLE
STUDY

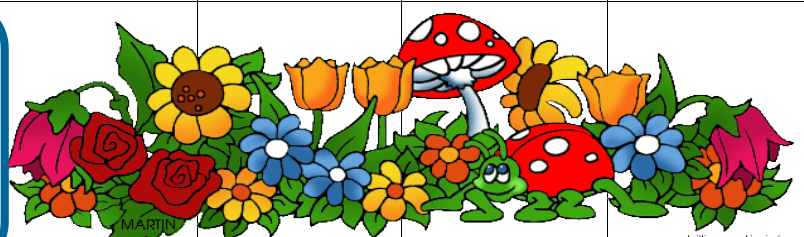
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Koffee Hour
11:00am
NO YPC
Holy Thursday
Carry in Dinner
5:30pm
Service 7:00pm

29
GOOD
FRIDAY
CHURCH
CLOSED

30
Community
Breakfast
9:00am
Served by
St. Charles UMC

31
Easter
Celebration
9:30am
Sunday School
10:30am

Please Join US-
Easter Celebration
9:30 a.m.



**St. Paul UMC
Semi- Annual
Steak Dinner**

Great Food!



Tickets:
Adults \$9.00
Children (10 & under)
\$4.50

Come Dine With Us!

Saturday, March 16, 2013
from 4:30 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
101 Huffman Ave. (937) 252-4467

MENU

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

Mission U

**Learning Together for the Transformation of the World,
July 8-14, 2013, Ohio Northern University.**

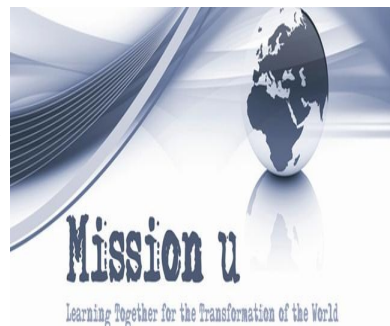
- ◆ Four (4) Day Program, weekend Event, Day Sampler
- ◆ Mission Education for men, Women, Young Adults, youth & Children
- ◆ Spanish Language Track for Weekend Event
- ◆ Family Package for the Weekend Event

All adult students will take Walking Sacramentally, Walking

Justly. In addition students choose either, The Roma of Europe study or Poverty study.

Registration Brochures and Scholarship Information: www.westohiocsocm.org or contact

Joan Johnson, Registrar, at 937-252-4467





A very successful Day of Caring was hosted at St. Paul UMC on Sunday, February 24th. We sold 25 Adult tickets and 25 Seniors and distributed free tickets more than 150 people. The menu included: pancakes, sausage, coffee, orange & apple juice, warm cinnamon applesauce, donuts, sausage gravy & biscuits and made to order omelets.

We would like to extend our gratitude to Tara and Mike Keller for underwriting our free site.

Special thanks to the following volunteers for their hard work & dedication:

Bethany Maynard	Ben Johnson	Matthew Shade	Robin Gann	Chef Mark Holding
Tracie Maynard	Larry Adkins	Ray Johnson	Beth Vanoli	Donnah Faber
Nicholas Mooney	Shawna Martinez	Cora Crain	Jessie Geer	Rebekah Clapp
Orion Ramey	Tawnya Lambert	Joan Johnson	Paul Crain	Dayana Palma
Victoria Martinez	Bernarda Trejo	Torey Mooney	Victoria Martinez	Steffany Maynard
Irene Urvieta	Marlin Urvieta	Alejandro Martinez	Rosario Urbieto	Aaron Ellison
				Esmeralda Urbieto

St. Paul UMC made \$415.50 for the Day of Caring event through ticket sales and generous donations.

Hunger is Not a Choice...

Giving is...

As more people are hit by the economic crisis, we anticipate the need in our Food Pantry may continue to increase. Here is a list of some of the items we are always in need of...

Canned Meat (ex. tuna, spam,...)

Canned Fruit (ex. pineapple,...)

Canned Veggies (peas...)

Canned Soup/Ramen Noodles

Cereal & Oatmeal

Jelly/Jam

Juice

Dry Beans (Great Northern, Pinto,...)

Kidney Beans

Hot Chocolate mix

Mac & Cheese/ Instant side dishes

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Pasta & Sauce

Saltine Crackers

Taxable Items Needs:

Kleenex

Bar Soap

Laundry Soap

Diapers (all sizes)

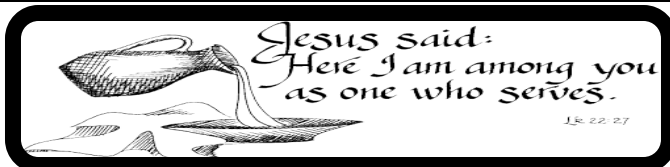
Shampoo

Dish Soap

Toothbrushes & Paste

CHURCH NEEDS:

Plastic/ Paper Grocery bags



Servant Opportunities

- ⇒ **Work Groups (adults) needed immediately for the downstairs hallway painting project.**
- ⇒ **Tutors for Speakers of Other Languages are urgently needed! Classes are on Mondays & Thursdays from 6:00-8:00p.m.**
- ⇒ **Host/ Hostesses are needed for the Food Pantry Hospitality Room. Monday or Wednesday or Thursday from 10:00a.m. to 2:30p.m.**

Tutors are Needed to Teach English

You do not need to know Spanish or other second language to teach English. You don't need to be a trained teacher. This is very rewarding volunteer opportunity. Tutors are needed immediately! Childcare is provided for children of ESOL students. We are also in need of individuals and groups available to assist with childcare.

If anyone is interested in teaching English to individual students or a class, provide resources, activities or educational information or provide childcare or children's activities to our groups, please call 937-252-4467.

Empowered by the love of Jesus Christ, St. Paul United Methodist Church will open doors of service, justice and peace to the world, and windows into a life in Christ for all people.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Angels Among Us

Marian McKiernan stands in her 1890-era home in Middleburgh, N.Y., gazing at photos taken on Aug. 29, 2011 — the day after Hurricane Irene sent muddy river water swirling through the town. As windows broke under the weight of water, mud and debris cascaded into her home.

"Those volunteers have been wonderful. I call them my Methodist angels. I hope that name sticks."
Jacque Riley, homeowner, Middleburgh, N.Y.



Since then, thanks to volunteers, McKiernan has been repairing her house and regaining a sense of normalcy. She arranges photos on stacks of new drywall that soon will go up. "I'm starting to feel like myself again," she said.

McKiernan is just one of many flood survivors who express gratitude for United Methodist Volunteers in Mission and others.

"These volunteers not only fix houses," said Jack Hill, project manager for the Upper New York Annual Conference. "They also fix people's lives just by showing up to help."

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has supported the conference as it aids flood survivors, first with more than 2,000 cleaning buckets, then with grants totaling \$120,000.

One Great Hour of Sharing calls United Methodists to share the goodness of life with those who hurt. The offering provides administrative support for the United Methodist Committee on Relief as it responds to disaster survivors and people in need around the world.

United Methodists relate to One Great Hour of Sharing by supporting UMCOR's ongoing work, responding in times of disaster and telling the story of UMCOR's ministry

Please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Join United Methodist everywhere by participating in the special offering that supports UMCOR'S vital work. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing lay the foundation for UMCOR to manifest God's steadfast

love throughout the world. Please Give Generously on Sunday, March 10, 2013. Learn more at www.umcsgiving.org/OGHS!

Your Generous Gifts benefits The United Methodist Committee on Relief located at the General Board of Global Ministries. With this offering, The United Methodist Church rebuilds lives and communities around the world by helping the United Methodist Committee on Relief keep its promise that 100% of your designated gift goes to specific causes.

HANG ON!

LET US CONNECT YOU TO YOUR FULL REFUND

Too often, Ohioans lose out on getting their maximum tax return because of high filing fees.

Hang On! The Ohio Benefit Bank is here to help, making it convenient and easy to file your state and federal tax returns.

If you earned \$60,000 or less last year, please contact the St. Paul UMC Benefit Bank at 937-252-4467 and make an appointment with a trained volunteer counselor. We can assist in filing 2012, 2011, 2010 & 2009 federal and state taxes. We can also file FAFSA forms. We look forward to assisting you. Visit www.thebenefitbank.com or call 1-800-648-1176 for more information.



- The Stuff Shoppe (Thrift Store)...**
- will have specials (bag sale) beginning March 4th.
 - CLOSED Monday, March 25th thru Thursday, March 28th.
 - We will reopen on Tuesday, April 2nd with a new collection of Spring & Summer clothing.



March 10, 2013

At a Glimpse...During January 2013, with your support, St. Paul...

- Served **1,201 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**.
- Provided groceries to **1,160 individuals** for **17,400 meals** through the **Choice Food Pantry**.
- Put over **600 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$289.00 for the Outreach Ministry.

Lent 2013



February 13	ASH WEDNESDAY	LENT BEGINS
March 2 (Sat)	FAMILY UNITY PRAYER VIGIL-	
	Worship Service 5:30p.m. & Carry-In Dinner to follow	
March 10 (Sun)	ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING , Sunday School following church	
March 24 (Sun)	PALM SUNDAY Worship Celebration , Sunday School following church	
March 28 (Thur)	MAUNDY THURSDAY-	
	Carry-In Dinner-5:30p.m. & Worship Service 7:00p.m.	
March 29 (Fri)	ST. PAUL UM CHURCH CLOSED	
	GOOD FRIDAY PEACE & JUSTICE WALK , Noon –3:00p.m.	
	Courthouse Square, Downtown Dayton	
March 31 (Sun)	EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at Carillon Park-6:30a.m.	
	EASTER CELEBRATION AT ST. PAUL UMC-9:30a.m.	
April 1 (Mon)	ST. PAUL UM CHURCH CLOSED	



Family Unity Prayer Vigil... As an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation, St. Paul UMC is sponsoring a Family Unity Prayer Vigil on Saturday, March 2nd at 5:30p.m. We will witness to our support for just and human immigration reform. When we join for prayer and action with people of faith around the country, we will focus on three areas of concern: protection for immigrants, empowerment of people of faith to speak out more boldly for immigrants, and moral courage for members of Congress to show leadership in enacting humane immigration reform. The prayer vigil will be in Spanish and English. There will be a carry-in dinner following the 5:30p.m. worship.

Las Amigas: A New Hispanic Circle

On January 23, 2013, the Local Organization of UMW at St. Paul–Dayton kicked-off a new Hispanic Circle called Las Amigas. The women shared in a pledge program and read an article together from *Response Magazine* (January 2013). The article, “Las Hijas de Dios Negocian la Paz” by Harriet Jane Olson, led to a thoughtful discussion on how women can help to bring peace to the world. Joan Johnson and Beth Vanoli, officers of the Local Organization, discussed what it means to be part of United Methodist Women.

Much of the groundwork for this Circle was laid last summer when four Las Amigas, along with their children, spent the weekend attending Mission U at Ohio Northern University. Those who had attended related stories about the classes, worship, and fun they experienced, encouraging others to be part of the event this year. Before the meeting was over, they discussed possible mission projects to explore in the future. A special thanks to Rebekah Clapp, who serves as St. Paul’s Hispanic Worship Coordinator, for her help.

The Local Organization of UMW at St. Paul–Dayton and the Miami Valley District UMW welcome our Latino sisters and look forward to building a supportive fellowship with them as we join together in advancing our work in mission.

