



## St. Paul Ministries

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*St. Paul, a United Methodist Church, and so much more...*



## *We Gather Together* . . . . .

The convergence of many gifts, talents and warm hearts continue to give us hope as St. Paul faithfully labors to get new sources of heat and A/C. These upgrades will allow us to be more functional, not just for this winter, but for the future.

Vision It has taken key people to help us envision a total remake of the 135 year old steam system that has been the sole source of heat. It also has required us to believe that we deserve to have the comfort of air conditioning in order to provide a welcoming space for many more to enjoy during the hot and humid Ohio summers. Honestly, neither of these ideas was simply our choice but brought about by the crisis of the boiler being inoperable since Easter. We found ourselves overwhelmed and under resourced. Yet we are assured and have been comforted by you our friends that our presence here on the corner of Huffman Ave. and Fourth St. really matters.

It not only matters to our small membership but to our larger community that comes 7 days a week for programs and services that are offered here. In this community many resources are inaccessible yet a plethora of volunteers and servant leaders join in providing services at this mission sight. In these months we have seen faithful friends and are continually finding new Christian partners who also are providing skilled labor.

**Funding** Small yet sacrificial gifts have been accumulating as individuals from each of our services contribute to "warming St. Paul." Nowhere is this more heartfelt than from the people giving who personally live exposed to the weather. Additionally, with great Joy and amazing talent our Sunday Evening of Music in September resuscitated our hope and raised an additional \$6,000. Friends in the local churches and partnering congregations have sent us gifts. We have local business men who have offered their services for free or at greatly reduced cost. We have just received a large pledge for the major electrical upgrade. We are being gifted with a significant amount from The Pay it Forward Fund from the closure of St. Paul Lutheran Church in the Oregon district on October 31. This will cover the remainder of our financial need for the new system.

**Stewardship** However, whenever possible, and sometimes beyond belief, people from the streets, key servant leaders including trustees, former members, new people who worship with us and men from a sober living house in the neighborhood have worked to demo and remove tons of radiators and pipe, paint and repair flooring in order to keep us operating.

Are we still stressed? Yes, but when we see how far God and God's people have brought us maybe the heat that we still think about is not nearly as exciting as the community of faithfulness that has been demonstrated in every step along the way.

Now we are submitting drawings for permits and ordering the units. In November we hope to start the installation, heat first and A/C by the spring.

— Pastor *Steve*

*For all that has been Thanks and for all that will be YES!* — Dag Hammarskjöld

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# St. Paul UMC Semi-Annual Steak Dinner

Saturday, November 3, 2018

4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Adults — \$10.00

Children (11 & 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**



## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 03 Steak Dinner
- 06 No Kids Connection
- 10 Huffman Neighborhood Association Chili Cook-off
- 11 United Methodist Women following worship
- 18 Hispanic Family & Friends Thanksgiving Dinner  
& Devotions - 6 p.m..
- 19 Kids Connection Family Dinner 5:30 p.m.
- 20 No Kids Connection
- 21 No Kids Connection
- 22 Happy Thanksgiving, Church closed
- 23 Church closed

### Regular Weekly Programs:

Kids Connection  
Youth Group  
Las Amigas  
Food Pantry  
Stuff Shoppe

### Weekly Worship:

Sunday [English] 10 a.m.  
Sunday [Spanish] 6 p.m.  
Tuesday 11:30 a.m.  
Saturday 8:30 a.m.



## At a Glimpse . . . . .

**With your help...** St. Paul served 1,283 meals in September.

**With your help...** St. Paul Pantry served 465 people for a total of 6,975 meals.

**With your help...** the Suff Shoppe sold 1000 items and made \$137.00 We held bag sales and closed the last week in September to put out our new fall and winter selection.

**With your help...** St. Paul distributed 1,917 lbs of donated food and 753 lbs. of donated bakery items.

### NOVEMBER

#### Saturday Breakfast Providers

- 3 Belmont UMC
- 10 Englewood UMC
- 17 Normandy UMC
- 24 Community UMJC

### NOVEMBER

#### Tuesday Lunch Providers

- 6 VISTA/Think Tank
- 13 Normandy UMC
- 20 Bellbrook UMC
- 27 St. Paul Community



It is time to be thinking about Christmas at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We are so blessed by the generosity of all our partners! At this time of year everyone, even those who have very little, has a desire to share in the joy of giving gifts. But some giving can erode human dignity, especially when the recipient is the object of one-way charity.

We want Christmas to be filled with both joy and dignity for everyone. We want struggling families who have children in Kids Connection, Youth Group, Hispanic Ministries and Worship to have as much pleasure in seeing their children open presents on Christmas as those with abundance.

As caring friends of St. Paul, you are invited to provide new toys, clothing, shoes, electronics, art supplies, bedding sets and sports equipment for children birth through age 17 for our Parents' Christmas Shop. The shop offers "Pride for Parents" because they may purchase gifts for all their children at a price that fits their budget. No one wants to be a charity case but everyone loves a bargain!

A second opportunity is our Santa Shop where each child or youth in our programs selects, free of charge, a gift for each member of his/her family. Small new gifts [\$1 - \$5] for all ages are needed. Volunteers wrap all the gifts so the children can place them under their Christmas tree. From this project, the children and youth learn much about the joy of giving.

***The Parents' Christmas Shop will be held on Saturday, December 8 so donations need to be in by the first week in December.*** Donations will be accepted from now until then because we have ample locked storage. The Santa Shop will be held the week of December 10.

## *Needs list . . .*

### **FOOD PANTRY:**

Canned meat  
Canned vegetables  
Canned fruit  
Canned soups  
Crackers  
Hot chocolate  
Jelly  
Swiffer products

### **CHRISTMAS SHOPS:**

Toys for children birth - age 17

***(Popular examples:***

*Legos, Slime, Shopkins,  
Hatchimals, Barbies,  
ear buds, etc.)*

Clothing for children birth - age 17

Shoes for children birth - age 17

Sports equipment

Electronics

Games

Stuffed animals

Hair straighteners & accessories

Bikes

Riding Toys

\$1 - \$5 gifts for Moms, Dads  
& Siblings



# SAVE THE DATE!

...for our annual Hispanic-Latino Christmas Celebration

## — Las Posadas —

Sunday, December 16, 2018 at 7 p.m.

*Carry-in dinner and piñatas  
after the Service.*

*If possible, please bring a covered dish  
or dessert to share.*



 **UNITED METHODIST  
STUDENT DAY**  
Your generous gift today enriches ministry  
and connects students to their faith.



**"I WANT TO CONTINUE SERVING MY CHURCH AND HELP THE YOUTH OF  
FUTURE GENERATIONS NAVIGATE LIFE AND BECOME LEADERS JUST LIKE  
THOSE IN THE CHURCH HELPED ME TO BECOME."**

**ALEXIS BAZYDOLA, GIFT OF HOPE SCHOLAR**

 **The people of The United Methodist Church**

**"For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and  
understanding." — Proverbs 2:6, NRSV**

## YOUR GIFT HELPS GROW FAITH AND KNOWLEDGE

Alexis Bazydola of Lebanon, Tennessee, credits her family and church with giving her a solid faith foundation to build on as she navigates college.

"My life always consisted of a strong church presence. My mom and dad always ended up being my Sunday school teachers or (vacation Bible school) leaders, which helped me to grow closer to them."

Bazydola also formed lasting bonds with fellow members of Lebanon First United Methodist Church and through her work with the Tennessee Annual Conference.

"I think the biggest joy I had in my life was when I came to be more involved in the conference. The friendships I had shaped me as an individual and they continue to help me to become a better person. They challenge me on my faith walk with God (and) help me to see the world from so many different perspectives. The church has given me a home and a family for so many years and continues to do so even now that I am in college," she says.

A student at the University of Connecticut, Bazydola hopes to work for the National Hockey League after graduation. She says the Gift of Hope scholarship she received allowed her to attend college without worrying about finances. She encourages churches to continue to give generously on United Methodist Student Day to lift up students on their educational and faith journeys.

"I would be nowhere without my amazing God. I want to continue serving my church and help the youth of future generations navigate life and become leaders just like those in the church helped me to become."

## YOUR GIFT TODAY MATTERS

Your contribution enriches ministry and connects students to their faith. The United Methodist Student Day offering makes a difference for people like Alexis Bazydola. Thank you for your generous gift!