



## St. Paul Ministries

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## A Plentiful Harvest

The World Council of Churches has designated September 1 – October 4 as the official liturgical Season of Creation. Christians around the world are praying and caring for creation. This time of harvest is a vivid reminder of all the gifts that God gives us from the earth. It is our duty to care for the earth in the same way we care for one another.

At St. Paul we have the opportunity monthly to worship at Wild Church at Bergamo Center. Led by our resident Deaconess, Beth Vanoli, Wild Church grounds us in the awesomeness of all creation as we find roots outside the physical building of the church. Beth also offers weekly virtual prayer circles currently using the book, *Grounded*, by Diana Butler Bass. Beth's spiritual offerings are open to the public.

We at St. Paul have been blessed with a beautiful summer and a bounty of donations. Robin has faithfully tended our raised garden [see photo] and it has been a blessing for our neighborhood. People stop by and take what they need. There has been no vandalism except by the critters. Adding marigolds to the garden has helped. The raised gardens were a gift from volunteers, Mike and Judy Kreutzer and they were built by Jerry Murphy. Christ Church Kettering supplied some of our plants. It really does "take a village".



We have also been blessed with scrumptious donations from the harvests of others. A big THANK YOU goes out to the Giving Garden at Mosaic UMC, Christ UMC Kettering, Otterbein Lebanon UMC, and numerous individuals who brought beautiful tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, squash, zucchini, onions, potatoes, green beans, okra and herbs. Most Tuesdays we were able to set a table outside for people to choose some produce when they came for Tuesday Lunch. We appreciate your willingness to share.

"God is the ground, the grounding, that which grounds us. We experience this when we understand that soil is holy, water gives life, the sky opens the imagination, our roots matter, home is a divine place, and our lives are linked with our neighbors' and with those around the globe. The world, not heaven, is the sacred stage of our times...***Grounded: Finding God in the World-A Spiritual Revolution*** by Diana Butler Bass.

— Joan Johnson

# St. Paul UMC Annual Steak Dinner

Saturday, October 21, 2023

4:30 p.m.–7 p.m.

Adults: \$15.00

Children (11 and younger): \$10.00

*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**

## Food Pantry Needs

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Canned Vegetables

Boxed and Canned Potatoes

Reusable Plastic Bags

Mac and Cheese

Canned Fruit

Canned Beans

Pasta and Spaghetti Sauce

Canned Meats

Cereal

## Volunteers Needed

- Volunteers are needed in thrift store to sort, hang, straighten and cashier any Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.
- Volunteers are needed to sub for our regular Food Pantry volunteers when they need to be off.
- Volunteers are needed to assist Robin with weeding our flower beds.
- Volunteers are needed on Thursday evenings to assist our After School Enrichment Program coordinators with young immigrants.