



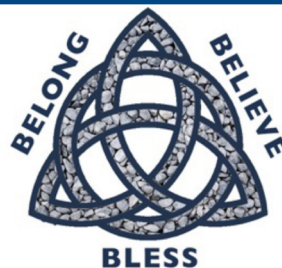
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Letter from the pastor

The Global Village

The concept for a Global Village actually started when Rev. [Peter Matthews](#) received a letter from a friend who said he would do great things in his life. One of the things she named as a future accomplishment, was the creation of a Global Village. Peter shared the letter with me and I think both of us put it on the back burner for a time. During that time we were both serving in the Ohio River Valley District.

When I became District Superintendent of the Miami Valley District, and Peter moved to a church in the area, we again began to talk about the concept of a Global Village and what the key components of the village would be. We decided it would be to enlarge the footprint of African American and Urban UMC through building relationships, education and a commitment to excellence.

We started with a plan that would allow the African American Churches in the MIV to be connected and to have assistance with issues pertaining to making the administration of the churches more effective and efficient. Another desire was to connect to a seminary and a local college so that students would have the opportunity to spend time in actual local churches and community settings and to have the college students who participated matriculate at the seminary.

We took the plan to Bishop Palmer and he agreed to lead a meeting of the AA Clergy and Laity in the MIV so that they could begin to grasp the concept. Additionally, Peter and I held Town Hall Meetings in each of the churches. At first the going was slow, but we finally picked up momentum when we introduced the churches to Paragraph 216 of the 2016 Discipline of the United Methodist Church. All but one of the churches in the area went through the process and now each of the churches has a Five Year Plan for Building Maintenance, has had a complete and thorough audit of their books by an outside agent, has been trained in asset mapping and finding local partnerships, has made and implemented plans for an extension of the congregation's footprint in the community and all of the pastors of the churches are now enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry Program at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio.

Additionally, as the vision has grown for the Global Village we have started a cohort of African American and Urban Pastors who will be available to coach other pastors in the West Ohio Annual Conference. We are connected to each of the Black Colleges throughout the United States and hope to have student cooperative housing in conjunction with the Methodist Theological School of Ohio so that these students can be interns in churches in urban and African American Churches and Communities throughout the West Ohio Area.

We are delighted to welcome St. Paul to the Global Village and will begin by conducting a comprehensive study of the St. Paul facility in October of 2022.

For more information about the Global Village, please contact Rev. Dr. [Jocelyn Roper](#) at jocelyn@mckinleyumc.org or at 513-706-7410.



Wild Church? What is that?

You are invited into a new monthly worship experience called Wild Church. It is a way to think about our faith as Christ-followers that includes both worship of God in nature and the blessings of community. At Wild Church you will be called not only to open your heart and mind but also your senses—hearing the voice of God in the the song of birds, feeling God's presence in the wind, seeing God's beauty in the trees and animals.

Wild Church isn't just another church worship service outside. It is a way to be a participant with creation. We learn, worship, meditate, pray, and practice with the trees. God is present in creation and can be understood through creation—you are in the sermon, the song, the scripture. Worship will happen when your heart is caught up in the beauty of the moment.

Come and experience a deeper relationship with our creator by exploring the gift of creation. To learn more, contact Beth Vanoli at academyforspiritualpractice@gmail.com.



*Altar from the August 20
Wild Church Gathering*

OUR NEXT WILD CHURCH GATHERING

Bergamo Center
4400 Shakertown Rd.
Beavercreek, OH 45430

Saturday, October 15
10am to Noon

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME!

Like many others nationwide, the children who participate in St. Paul's Hispanic faith community were super excited about going back to school!

Thanks to the generosity of various churches such as Christ Church and Eastmont, as well as a generous individual donation from Rev. Deb Holder, we were able to distribute backpacks chock full of school supplies to all 35 of the children who participate in our programs. The smiles we saw show how thankful the kids were to receive them!



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

On the 4th Tuesday of every month, a group of five volunteers from North Riverdale Lutheran Church set up a give-away table during our lunch time. Our folks are so thrilled to receive toilet paper, flipflops, sox, hats, gloves, scarves, hygiene items and cleaning supplies. The group is led by Susan who has experience working with homeless people. They volunteered at St. Paul Lutheran Church before it closed. Susan relates that their group has a small budget but really relies on donations from the North Riverdale parishioners. St. Paul is so appreciative of this caring ministry.



Children's Santa Shop

Again this Christmas season, St. Paul will sponsor a Children's Santa Shop on Saturday, December 10. New this year will be the addition of inviting the children of the Huffman Historic Neighborhood to participate. Each child will have the opportunity to select a gift for every member of their immediate family. Then a volunteer group of Santa's Elves led by Pam Eyler will wrap all the gifts.

We need a lot of assistance to make this program a success. New gifts in the price range of \$5-\$10 are needed for babies, boys, girls, teens, men and women. These donations can be brought to the church from now until December 9. Our hours are 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays. Also, please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer for gift wrapping.



Steak Dinner Update

After much thought, prayer and discussion the St. Paul Lead Team has decided not to try to have a Steak Dinner this Fall. We have experienced a small outbreak of COVID among the staff and members. We are not sure if people are ready to come to an inside dinner.

As you know, the Steak Dinner is a fundraiser for our ministry. Right now, the food costs and food availability are still volatile. It is our sincere desire to have a Steak Dinner in the Spring. We will be looking for volunteers and dessert donations. Please keep us in your prayers.

Pantry Needs List

Jelly
Canned Soups
Canned Vegetables
Canned Fruits
Ramen Noodles
Snacks

Canned Meats
(Chili, Pasta, etc.)
Paper Products
(Toilet paper, tissues,
feminine hygiene,
diapers)

Laundry and Dish Soap
Personal Hygiene Items
Plastic grocery bags
*Disinfectant wipes for
church use

