



St. Paul United Methodist Church- May 2013 Newsletter

Sunday Worship-9:30am

Tuesday Worship-11:20am

Saturday Worship in Spanish-5:30pm

The 2013 Camping Experience!

MISSION u...

United Methodist Women have a strong legacy of transforming ministries with women, children and youth globally. Here in West Ohio Conference, United Methodist Women co-sponsor annually the largest conference mission education event, Mission u. The 2013 theme for Mission u [formerly West Ohio Conference Cooperative School of Christian Mission] is Learning Together for the Transformation of the World. The following St. Paul youth [grades 7 - 12] will be participating : Justin Ankeney, Jarett Crain, Paul Crain, Jessie Geer, Elizabeth Hernandez, Chad Hopkins, Alejandro Martinez, Victoria Martinez, Bethany Maynard, Dayana Palma, Marlin Urvieta.

"The "culture of call" that is nurtured in our wonderful West Ohio United Methodists Camps creates experiences that will guide our young campers on a path that ultimately produces mature Christians leaders, adept at building relationships and well-formed in their faith. And the spiritual development is fun! Whether on the team challenge course, singing praise songs at an evening worship service, or seated around a crackling campfire, God uses these and many other moments at camp to foster spiritual growth in fun, real and transforming ways."

Quote from: Gregory V. Palmer, Resident Bishop, Ohio West Area

Community Care = Camperships + Mission u

The United Methodist Women of the Miami Valley District have inherited a process for sending inner city children and youth to camp. Community Care =Camperships + Mission u is a local mission project of the district UMW with a legacy going back many years to the Urban Ministry Auxiliary. This year, scholarships will be awarded to children and youth from Wesley Community Center, St. Paul UMC, Alpha Community Center and inner city churches in Springfield. The district UMW members are doing a great job of turning their faith, hope and love into action by raising funds for inner city children and youth to have a transformational camping experience. Plans are under way for 20 St. Paul Children to attend Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine. You and/or your organization may contribute to Community Care=Camperships + Mission u by sending donations to Miami Valley District UMW c/o Joy Denlinger, Treasurer, 3225 Southdale Dr., Unit 9, Kettering, OH 45409.

Research has shown that a summer camping experience for children and youth can equal one whole year of Christian education in Sunday School.

Camp Wesley boasts over 225 acres of gently rolling fields, including a 20-acre lake, near Bellefontaine Ohio. Campers can participate in a wide range of outdoor activities, including swimming, canoeing, fishing, campfires, cooking, archery and nature hikes. Added attractions are a 120 foot water slide and the 30 foot blob! Every year, St. Paul children are eager to get to Camp Wesley and are sad when they have to leave this beautiful natural setting & their new friends. As they journey home, the children are full of stories, songs and plans for the next year's trip to camp.

Children in other parts of West Ohio Conference participate at **Camp Widewater** in Liberty Ohio or **Camp Otterbein** near Logan, OH. The West Ohio Conference Camping Program provides an excellent example of the merits of being a "connectional church."

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.



Another Extraordinary Tax Season

St. Paul UMC has just completed another very successful tax preparation season partnering with the Ohio Benefit Bank. The season began with a walk-in Tax Clinic on Saturday, February 2nd which benefited 20 individuals. During February, March and through April 15, over 350 tax returns were completed.

This successful outreach program which is appreciated by so many low income & elderly individuals is possible only because of the dedication of the following **volunteer tax counselors** who gave a great deal of service hours:

Janice Daniels	Ralph Daniels	Kirby Lupton
Jane Pearson	Don Pearson	Munsup Seoh
Shawna Martinez	Tawnya Lambert	
Arthur Mills Jr.	Brent Sigley	

St. Paul has become a popular place for FREE tax preparation because hospitality is extended and all the volunteers engage their clients graciously.

A big "thank you" goes out to each one of them!

PANTRY NEEDS:

Crackers	Drink mixes	Pineapple
Fruit cocktail	Ketchup	Mustard
Pancake mix	Syrup	Ramen Noodles
Cooking Oil	Tuna, Spam & Treet	
Bar soap	Dish soap	Laundry Soap
Garden tools	Fans	Tissues

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

- Served **1553 nutritious hot meals** at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast.
- Provided **groceries** to **910 individuals** for **13,650 meals** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**.
- Put over **1000 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$207.00 for the Outreach Ministry.
- There were bag sales for 3 weeks in March. The Stuff Shoppe was closed the last three weeks in March to clean and restock for the Grand Reopening on April 2nd.



Summer Fun at St. Paul UMC...

Register for a program of fun-filled activities for children in Kindergarten – Grade six. During the month of June, there will be structured activities for the children on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The program will include Arts and Crafts, Games, Movies, Reading and a special outing. Call or come into the church office to register.

- ♦ Mondays beginning June 3 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm [snack included]
- ♦ Wednesdays beginning June 5 from 5:00pm – 7:30pm [dinner included]
- ♦ Thursdays beginning June 6 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm [snack included]

Dayton LGBT Community Spring Cookout @ St. Paul UMC

Saturday, May 18, 2013, is the date of the Greater Dayton LGBT Community Spring Cookout. The dinner and program is free to LGBT community, family and friends. The sponsoring partners will provide fried chicken and vegetarian entrees, tableware and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.

The evening begins at 5:30pm with a social hour followed by dinner at 6:30pm. The dinner will be followed by a program with community announcements and entertainment.

SPONSORS: The Dayton LGBT Community Dinner is sponsored by the Greater Dayton LGBT Center, The Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Tree of Life Community, Cross Creek Community Church, the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus, The Mu Crew and AIDS Resource Center Ohio, the Dayton Chapter of PFLAG, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Eternal Joy MCC, Equality Ohio and the Living Beatitudes Community, a ministry of Dignity Dayton.

For more information email lgbtdayton@aol.com or at St Paul UMC reconcilingministry@stpauldayton.org.

Upcoming dinners in Fall 2013

Saturday, September 14, Annual Pasta Dinner.

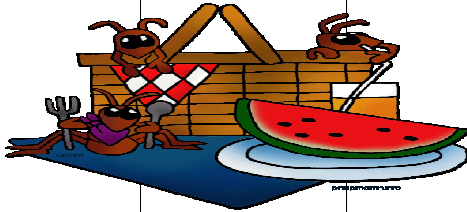


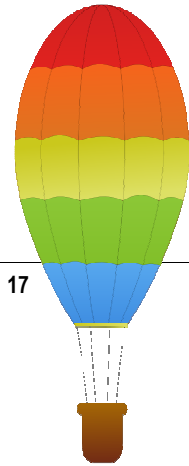






Saturday, November 23, the annual Greater Dayton LGBT Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

The sponsoring partners will provide the main courses, tableware and beverages to both dinners. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.





Office Hours	9:00am—3:00pm M—F
Food Pantry	10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH
Stuff Shoppe	10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH 12:30pm—2:00pm T

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	2 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm United Methodist Women 7:00pm	3 	4 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC Spanish Worship Service 5:30pm
5 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School Following worship	6 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm 	7 Worship 11:20am Community Lunch Served by Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	8 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	9 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	10 	11 Community Breakfast Served by Englewood UMC Spanish Worship Service 5:30pm
12 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School Following worship 	13 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	14 Worship 11:20am Community Lunch Served by Fairview UMW Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	15 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	16 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm		18 Community Breakfast Served by Normandy UMC Spanish Worship Service 5:30pm
19 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School Following worship	20 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm 	21 Ministry Team Meeting 9:00am Worship 11:20am Community Lunch Served by Concord UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	22 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	23 Koffee Hour 11:00am Young Peacemakers Club End of Year Celebration ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	24 	25 Community Breakfast Served by Community UMC Spanish Worship Service 5:30pm
26 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School Following worship	27 MEMORIAL DAY CHURCH CLOSED 	28 Worship 11:20am Community Lunch Served by Aley UMC	29 	30 		

PEACE WITH JUSTICE SUNDAY

Sunday, May 26, 2013

Offering supports justice, mercy for sojourners

Fleeing an abusive boyfriend, "Maria"* arrived in Grand Rapids, Mich., by bus with her young daughter one night, scared and desperate. She had fled her native Mexico because of violence, and now she was on the run again. Despite lacking legal immigration status, she needed to find safe harbor and someone who felt her fragile life was worth protecting.

At a local victim services agency, staffer Nikole Krueger helped Maria get settled. Then she introduced her to West Michigan Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON), a ministry funded in part by the United Methodist Peace with Justice Sunday offering, where immigrants with little income receive help in seeking legal status or U.S. citizenship.

The West Michigan Conference JFON have served more than 1,200 clients from 60 nations since 2004, providing free legal consultation and representation for persons seeking permanent residence, citizenship, refugees status, and special visas.

Staff and dozens of volunteers take their mission into the community, promoting justice and mercy for undocumented immigrants and educating others to join in the national call for comprehensive immigration policy reform.

Those who journey across perilous borders to reach this land of hope and freedom know all about long roads. What they need most is what United Methodists who give to this Special Sunday offering represent: loving friends to journey with them. Justice for Our Neighbors Ministry will soon be coming to West Ohio Conference ~ Watch for details. Please Give generously.

*not her real name

ANNUAL TRASH & TREASURE NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALES

Huffman Historic District and St. Anne's Hill Historic District will come together on **Saturday, June 8, 2013** to host the annual Trash N' Treasure Neighborhood Yard sales. There will be many individual yard and garage sales throughout the two neighborhoods.

St. Paul UMC will open the Thrift Store and have a sidewalk sale on Huffman Avenue from 9:00am-2:00pm with a great selection of items.

Restrooms will be open to the public.

We will begin selling lunch and bake sale items from 11:00am -2:00pm.

Donations of desserts, small appliances, household items, toys, etc... will be accepted June 5-7. There will be rented tables in and around the church with sale items. If you are interested in a table space, call 937-252-4467 for more information.

Hurry-in for
all the bargains!



UMW
News...

On Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm, St. Paul UMW will be holding a cluster meeting with local Organizations from Eastmont, South Park, Korean, Community, Alex and St. Andrew. The young women of the Mariposa Circle will be hosting this event honoring mothers. The program will be from a United Methodist Church Board of Church & Society initiative and a UMW Social Action focus called "Healthy Families, Healthy Planet." All United Methodist Women from across the Miami Valley District, who would like to learn more about this important initiative, are invited to attend this event. Please call the church, 937-252-4467, to make a reservation.