



St. Paul Ministries

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AN UNEXPECTED BLESSING

A large group of youth and their leaders from Dahlenega & Cumming United Methodist Churches in north Georgia arrived in Dayton the last weekend in June. This well-organized group had made plans to work at Wesley Community Center, Good Shepherd Ministries, and St. Vincent de Paul in addition to St. Paul. They were given housing at Christ UMC, Kettering and their cook was able to use the kitchen facilities. Each day [Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday] a different group of approximately 12 kids arrived at 9:00am eager to serve. They had so much energy and enthusiasm that it was hard to keep them busy! A great deal of work was accomplished:

- Carried and spread 7 yards of playground mulch
- Made an Aldi's run to stock up the food pantry
- Weeded all the flower beds
- Cleaned a large children's room downstairs and prepared the floor for waxing
- Staffed the Tuesday Lunch under Joyce Kennedy's supervision
- Stocked and cashiered in the Stuff Shoppe
- Unloaded and spread 80 bags of mulch at the Huffman Neighborhood's Jamison Garden at the corner of Ringgold and E. Fourth St.

This is just a list for St. Paul UMC!

They worked equally hard at several other places. For fun, the mission group had a day at King's Island plus a Reds/Braves ballgame.

It was really hard to say thank-you enough and also to say goodbye. St. Paul has been so blessed by this wonderful example of connectionism in the United Methodist Church.

[please enjoy the collage of photos on page 2 provided by our volunteer, Mary Kahn]



A STORY OF LOVE AND COMMITMENT

Hope Collective is a vibrant 'newer' United Methodist congregation meeting on Sunday mornings at the Neon Theater under to the able leadership of Pastor Jon Morgan. For over two years, a group from Hope Collective has served a delicious homemade breakfast the first Saturday of every month at St. Paul.

We interviewed the breakfast organizer, Chris Bass who serves with his wife, Jennifer, their children Payton & Parker and friends. We asked "Chef Chris" how this wonderful outreach began. He answered, "my friend, Jon Morgan, came to me and asked if I would be interested in helping with a food ministry at St. Paul. I said it would be my honor to serve. My mission has been to prepare the food in a way that conveys love, caring and quality. I want people to feel like they are enjoying a home cooked breakfast."

Wow! Chef Chris has met and exceeded these goals! Funds to underwrite the breakfast are raised through the church, through personel donations from family, friends and co-workers. Each month, there are generally 6 – 10 volunteers.

A HUGE Thank you goes out to Chef Chris and all the dedicated volunteers from Hope Collective UMC



**Our next Wild Church will be Saturday, July 22
10am-Noon
Mount St. John**

4435 E. Patterson Rd. - Beavercreek, OH 45430

Upcoming Wild Church at Mt. St. John:

August 19 - September 16 - October 21 - November 18

KIDS ARE NOT ONLY WELCOMED, THEY ARE ENCOURAGED!

Park in Parking Lot D. You will see us gathering near the Grotto. Dress appropriately for an outside event and bring a lawn chair to put in a circle as we gather. If you have a favorite poem or reading that you want to share relating to a nature theme, you are welcome to bring it. Please note that weather is always a consideration. If you have questions, you can email Beth Vanoli at vanolibeth@gmail.com or text 937-901-9649.



The Sub Sale is back by popular demand!

Our delicious freshly made subs come with ham, salami, bologna, cheese, onions, banana peppers and pizza sauce on a 6" bun. The cost is \$5.00.

You may place a sub order with payment beginning Monday, July 17, 2023. All orders and money must be in by **Monday, August 7, 2023**. Subs will be available for pickup on **Friday, August 11** - 12:00 noon to 2 p.m.

Please spread the word and help make this sub sale a successful fundraiser for St. Paul!

BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS LIST

The first day of school is fast approaching! Thanks to generous donors, each year, St. Paul is able to distribute school supplies to approximately 40 needy children in our community. This year, we would like to distribute the supplies on **Thursday, August 10**, as most schools start the following week.

Items needed: Book bags, #2 pencil packs, packs of 12 crayons, boxes of tissues (2 boxes per student), paper towels (1 pack per student), glue sticks, large erasers, dry erase markers, pack of 12 washable markers, blunt scissors, plastic 2-pocket folders, pronged (multiple colors, up to 10 per student), composition notebooks (wide ruled and college ruled), headphones (NOT bluetooth), disinfecting wipes (1 pack per student), ziplock bags (gallon, quart and sandwich size), pencil boxes or bags, liquid hand sanitizer, three-ring binders, notebook paper (wide ruled and college ruled - 2 packs per student), pencil sharpeners, highlighters (3 colors), black or blue pens, spiral notebooks, index cards (1 pack per student), packs of 5 dividers, combination padlocks for high school students, flash drives.

PANTRY NEEDS

Peanut Butter & Jelly
Canned vegetables (corn, peas, carrots or mixed)
Canned fruit
Ramen noodles
Cereal
Canned meat
2 pound bags of rice and beans

THE WEST OHIO CAMPING MINISTRY

St. Paul UMC has been an active part of our conference's church camp ministry for many years. For several years, St. Paul sent the most children & youth from any one congregation to Camp Wesley. This was possible because of generous contributions from Miami Valley District United Women in Faith, other groups and individuals.

But of course, the COVID years changed everything. As our culture was changing, so must the camps. There seemed to be insurmountable challenges around staffing and property upkeep. Last year, we had children signed up for camp but it was cancelled at the last minute. This year, all camping was cancelled before we had anyone registered.

It was expected that a resolution would be introduced at 2023 Annual Conference [held in Dayton] to sell Camp Widewater & Camp Asbury but retain Camp Wesley in Bellefontaine. This motion was tabled to make way for further study.

Many of you are aware that the Miami Valley District United Women in Faith's Community Care account has a sizeable balance designated for camperships. For the time being, this will be held for the designated purpose. Keep in mind that there are currently a great many changes in the United Methodist Church at the district, conference, and national levels. Let's covenant to be in prayer as we move into our new future together.