

St. Paul United Methodist Church

October 2014 Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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.



Walking With Palestinian Christians Conference

It was my privilege to attend this 3 day conference at Ginghamburg UMC in August. It was really an international conference with people from Palestine and Great Britain as well as people from all over the U.S. in attendance. There were about 200 people there and almost everyone there had visited Israel and Palestine at least once. Some of us have been there several times, and a few of us have been to Gaza, too. Everyone there was and is committed to working for peace and justice for Israel and Palestine.

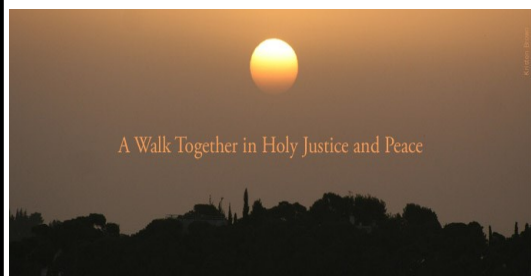
The energy level was extremely high, and we had several excellent speakers including the top staff people for the United Methodist Boards of Global Ministry and Church and Society, the president of the World Methodist Council, directors for the UM Peace and Justice program and the Human Rights program, our own United Methodist missionary Alex Awad, Lynn Hybels (wife of the founder and pastor of the famous Willow Creek Church), Mike Slaughter (pastor of Ginghamburg UMC) and a very moving speaker who lived in Gaza and who still has family there. A Palestinian journalist/filmmaker showed us clips of the film which she made on location of Gaza

during one of the Israeli sieges there including the bull-dozing of her own home by Israeli military.

We had about 20 different workshops from which to choose, and we also divided into topic groups focused on specific courses of action which we can follow such as education, trips to Israel/Palestine, changing U. S. policy, etc.

I think we all left the conference both exhausted and energized—exhausted because of the intensity of the experience, and yet energized from having been with so many other folks who feel as passionately as we do about the need for changes to bring about peace and justice for Israel and Palestine. That energy will carry forward into many different forms of specific action in the weeks and months to come.

Bob Hadley, St Paul Governing Board



Excerpts from a prayer by the Leaders of Churches in Jerusalem

Remember those in prison, as if you were there yourself. Remember also those being mistreated, as if you felt their pain in your own bodies. Hebrew 13:3

With these words we pray together for those who are in prison all over the world, those easily forgotten. We pray especially for the political prisoners of Palestine and Israel. We pray for the sick among them and those who cannot handle the hardship of a prison cell, for the children and women who are mistreated behind bars. We also remember those left behind, the families who are bereaved as their beloved ones are sent to prison. We pray for inner transformation for those who committed crimes, and in need of conversion. We pray for hearts and minds that are haunted by hatred and fear, that will soon find peace and reconciliation in souls and in the societies.

...we pray for a just peace settlement and reconciliation, a peace where there will be no more political prisoners behind bars and where harmony will prevail in the hearts of all the peoples of this region. We pray for God's mercy, for freedom for those in shackles and for peace in our time. Amen.

- ♦ Sunday, October 5 following church —Meet at South Park UMC.
- ♦ Saturday, October 18– District Annual Meeting @ Urbana UMC
- ♦ Sunday, November 2 at 12:00pm —Program: World Thank Offering.
- ♦ Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.-West Ohio Conference UMW Annual Celebration at Powell UMC. Keynote speaker– Rev. Joyce Fry. There will be a Mission Day experience in the Columbus area on Friday, November 7.
- ♦ Sunday, December 7 at 12:00 p.m. Program: Celebrating Our Year & Pledge Service.
- ♦ The UMW will be selling homemade Buckeye Candy during the holidays. Order forms are available from any UMW member and also in the church office.



Pride for Parents

It is time to be thinking about Christmas at St. Paul United Methodist Church. We are so blessed by the generosity of 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 parents who have children in our Young Peacemakers' Club, Youth Program, Hispanic Ministries and Worship to have as much pleasure in seeing their children open presents on Christmas morning as those with abundance.

As caring friends of St. Paul, we invite you to provide new toys, clothing, shoes and electronics 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 in his/her family. Small 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.

Needs List:

- Tutors to teach English Monday or Thursday evenings
- Speakers or Activities for the Las Amiga's (Women's) Group
- Shop Vacuum (small)
- Paperback Dictionary's

Fixins' for Chili
Kidney Beans
Tomatoes
Tomato Paste & Sauce
Chili Seasoning
Saltine Crackers

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meat
- Canned Soup
- Canned Veggies
- Cereal/Oatmeal
- Dry Beans (pinto, navy)
- Jam or Jelly
- Pancake mix
- Syrup

- Food Pantry Escorts
- Hospitality in Food Pantry
- Plastic bags & Paper sacks
- Bar soap
- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Dish Soap
- Laundry Soap



*Just a reminder-
 Daylight Savings
 Time ends on Sunday,
 November 2nd so set
 your clocks back one
hour when you go to
 bed on Saturday
 night, November 2.*

At a Glimpse... During August 2014,
 with your support, **St. Paul...**

- Served **1743 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**.
- Provided **groceries** to **854 individuals** for **12,810 meals** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**.
- Put over **600 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$292.00 for the Outreach Ministry.

St. Paul UMC

Semi-Annual Steak Dinner

101 Huffman Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45403

937-252-4467

Saturday, November 1, 2014

From 4:30pm - 7:00pm



Adults \$10.00 and

Children (10 & younger) \$5.00

MENU

Cubed Steak
with Mushroom Gravy
Green Beans
Baked Potatoes
Tossed Salad or Applesauce
Dinner Roll Beverage
Homemade Desserts

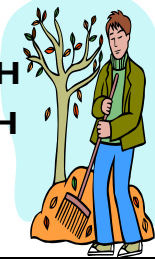
Come Dine with Us!



Office Hours
Food Pantry
Stuff Shoppe



9:00am-3:00pm M—F
10:00am-2:30pm M,W,TH
10:00am-2:30pm M,W,TH
12:30pm-2:00pm TU



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Girl Talk 6:30pm—7:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	2 Koffee Hour 11:00 Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	3 	4 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC
5 Worship Celebration 11:00am United Methodist Women To South Park UMC	6 Governing Board Meeting 2:00pm Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	7 Worship 11:20am Lunch 12 Noon Served by Aldersgate UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	8 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Girl Talk 6:30pm—7:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	9 Koffee Hour 11:00 Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	10 	11 Community Breakfast Served by Aley UMC
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"The righteous give and do not hold back." -PROVERBS 21:26 b, NRS V

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY PREPARES FAITHFUL STUDENTS AROUND THE WORLD TO CHANGE THE WORLD-OCTOBER 5, 2014

your GIFT REDUCES DEADLY DISEASES...Cholera, tuberculosis, malaria and HIV — these are just a few of the diseases Hellen Dziwa hopes to prevent in her native Zimbabwe with help from a World Communion Scholarship.

Her mission is critical: "I am currently working in a hospital where the wards are always full with sick people," she said. "I feel that if I am trained as a public health nurse, I will add . . . to the few who can help people stay healthy."

EMPOWERING THROUGH LEARNING...Thanks to a World Communion Scholarship, Dziwa attends Africa University in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe, to pursue a master's degree in public health.

"Most health conditions that keep people in hospitals can be prevented," she said. "I will be giving health education to the community," Dziwa said, "ensuring laws and regulations pertaining to public health are adhered to by the community."

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY. YOUR GIFT MATTERS. Your financial gift prepares faithful students like Hellen to change their world through service for Christ. The United Methodist World Communion Sunday offering prepares students around the world to lead and serve. Thank you!

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children. The offering benefits World Communion Scholarships, the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program.

United Methodists relate to World Communion Sunday by informing qualified people, especially youth and young adults, to apply for scholarships and by giving generously to the special offering, which often enables first-generation students to attend college.

Your gifts to the World Communion Sunday offering equip racial- and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities. Please give generously on World Communion Sunday!



"I will ensure global health by empowering people." -
HELLEN D ZIWA

World Communion Scholar, Africa
University, Old Mutare, Zimbabwe

Volunteer Spotlight Sinclair Community College Occupational Therapy Assistants

St. Paul UMC partners with Sinclair Community College to benefit all the children in the Young Peacemakers' Club. Students in Sinclair's Occupational Therapy Assistants' Program volunteer on Tuesdays and Wednesdays to provide supervision, creative activities and one-on-one attention for the children. The O.T. students gain clinical insight by interacting with our children, some of whom have special needs and many of whom are living below the poverty level.

The YPC staff is so appreciative of the professional quality that the Sinclair students bring to the after school program. Thank you to the following 2nd year OTA's...Samantha, Amanda, Stan, Kim, Kelsey, Christina, Chelsey & Megan. Thank you to the following 1st year OTA's...Beth, Grace, Kyla, Tara, Kelly, Maria, Alleah and Daryl.

