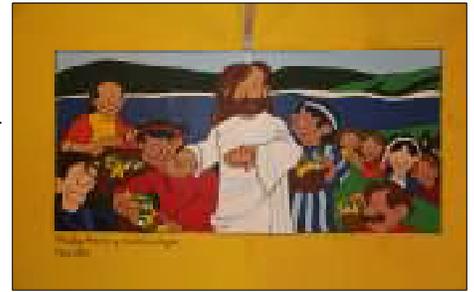


# St. Paul United Methodist Church

## February 2012



The Power of God at Work  
The Story of Living in God's Community

Tawnya Lambert, St. Paul church and staff member, had the awesome opportunity to be a part of a mission trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico in November, 2011. A group of West Ohio members, led by the Rev. John Keeny, King Ave. UMC, Columbus, visited Casa de Misericordia Orphanage, Temple Aleluya UM Church and Community Center and Jehova Sama UM Church. These locations are part of the Oriental Conference which is in partnership with our West Ohio Conference.

Renowned artist, Phillip Martin, was a member of the mission trip group. He organized the main activity of the trip, which was to paint a mural at the orphanage. The 'gringos' and the orphanage residents worked side by side to complete Phillip Martin's beautiful creation. Visit Mr. Martin's website: [www.phillipmartin.info/webpage](http://www.phillipmartin.info/webpage) for details.

Tawnya relates that the orphanage and the two churches work together in community to be God's presence in that particular area of Mexico. The orphanage is a safe haven for children and youth who have nowhere else to turn. There are no social service agencies or safety nets to support this ministry. Much of their volunteer support from United Methodist Churches across the border in Texas has stopped because of fear of border violence. For this reason, the staff and residents were extremely happy to see the folks from West Ohio. They opened their hearts and homes to offer radical hospitality.

Tawnya began her trip with an expectation that she was going to offer her "gifts" to the "poor" children residing at the orphanage. She completed her trip realizing that the children & youth were much more generous with their God-given gifts of generosity, unconditional love and hospitality.

Temple Aleluya is described by Tawnya as being like St. Paul UMC but in a poor rural area. Jehova Sama UMC is more like our suburban churches but in a metro area. The orphanage youth volunteer at Temple Aleluya's Community Center but attend Jehova Sama for worship. The members of Jehova Sama have personal relationships with the children and youth at Casa De Misericordia. In fact, they have become their families. Church members come every Sunday, offering food and fellowship. They spend quality time with the children and youth. Tawnya described her Sunday experience as being one big happy family interacting in peace and harmony.

**Casa de Misericordia**  
**West Ohio Advance**  
**Special #398000**

**Temple Aleluya**  
**West Ohio Advance**  
**Special #398002**



*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.*

## **Day Of Caring 2012...** St. Paul UMC will be one of the many sites for the 2012 Day of Caring. This is the 22nd



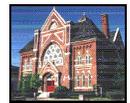
Year for this grass roots organization made up of volunteers committed to increasing personal awareness and personal involvement toward confronting the ever increasing national plight of hunger and homelessness.

Day of Caring is more than a one-day fundraising event. Although this is important in itself, Day of Caring is designed to create personal awareness as the community comes together to make a difference. Every year since 1991, on the last Sunday in February, the community unites to help our less fortunate neighbors.

Please join us at St. Paul UMC on Sunday, February 26th from 10:30am—1:30pm for a delicious brunch. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, and once again this year, an Omelet Bar! Come & order your personalized omelet from Chef Mark Holding of Kohler Catering. Tickets are \$6.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for children/seniors. All proceeds from ticket sales will go to organizations helping with hunger and homelessness issues in our community. Tickets may be reserved by calling the church office at 252-4467 and tickets will be available at the door. There will also be free tickets available for all who need them.

### **At a Glimpse...During 2011, with your support, St. Paul...**

- Served **14, 109 nutritious hot meals** at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast.
- Provided **groceries to 10, 934 individuals** for **164,010 meals** through the **Choice Food Pantry**.
- Put over **11,000 pieces** of good used **clothing** & household items into the hands of many grateful people while at the same time earning \$5,280.00 for the Outreach Ministry budget.



## **2012 West Ohio Cooperative School of Christian Mission**

**Week School-July 9-12(Mon-Thur) Weekend Event-July 13-15(Fri-Sun) Day Sampler-July 14 (Saturday)**

Exciting Mission Studies, great music, passionate worship, enrichments, fellowship, interaction with Persons in Mission, crafts, movies, mission projects, beautiful surroundings, private rooms, good food and lots of ice cream are just some of the features that make the Cooperative School of Christian Mission a great experience for people of all ages. Make this the year that you bring family and friends to Ohio Northern University and join in. You'll be glad you did!

### **2012 MISSION STUDIES**

**Immigration in the Bible**-Exploring the Biblical and theological understanding of immigration immigrants and migration this study will enable participants to examine what it is to be a sojourner and to live into the Biblical mandate of hospitality for "the strangers" in our midst.

**Haiti, An Overview**-Focusing on the cultures that shaped Haiti's past and the ongoing legacy of colonialism, the study offers glimpses into the heart and soul of Haiti's people. The study also includes the impact of the devastating January 12th earthquake in 2010

**Poverty**- Focusing on becoming agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world this study highlights the connections between scripture church tradition compassion for the poor social outreach and social justice.

**School Highlights:** \*Tracks for Adults, Young Adults, Youth and Children. \* Korean & Spanish Language Tracks  
\*One, Three & Four Day Programs \* CEU's for Clergy & Lay Speakers

**For more information or questions, contact Joan Johnson at [jajume@aol.com](mailto:jajume@aol.com) or at 937-252-4467, or visit the West Ohio Conference website at [www.westohioumc.org](http://www.westohioumc.org) and enter Cooperative School of Mission in search box.**

**Scholarships Available!**

### **St. Paul Sub begins Sunday, February 12th**

**Order a delicious 6 inch sub from St. Paul. The cost of the subs is \$3.00 each. Orders and Money must be turned in to the church office by Monday, February 27th. Stop by the church office or call 937-252-4467 to place an order.**



**Seth Schlotterbeck shares why he is an ESOL tutor:**

*I can still remember the moment, when as a child, I could suddenly read! It was as though an entire world were open to me; I could find out things for myself, besides what we learned in school. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to travel abroad a number of times, sometimes to places where I had little or no comprehension of the language. Now, this is OK for travel, and it can even heighten the mystique of being in another country, but it is no way to live day-to-day.*

*I have never taught anything besides Sunday School, but I'd like to help welcome new people into our community and ease the transition to a new culture, if I could. What better way than teaching ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) at St. Paul? I know very little Spanish, and the beginning level students I work with naturally are not yet proficient in English. But we have a good time working it out, and they have made real progress. And, I'm getting at least as much from the experience as they are.*

**You, too, can have this rewarding experience and provide a great volunteer service at the same time! St. Paul UMC is looking for tutors for classes, tutors for one-on-one tutoring, and class helpers. There are opportunities for daytime and evening classes. Perhaps God is calling you to be a servant in the Hispanic Ministries area of St. Paul UMC. Please contact Tawnya Lambert at 937-252-4467.**

**Hispanic Ministries at St. Paul UMC...**

- **Monthly worship services in Spanish.** The next service will be held on Sunday February 26 at 5:30pm followed by a carry-in dinner.
- **Bible study in Spanish.** Each Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm. The group, led by Rebekah Clapp, is currently studying the Gospel of John.
- **Las Amigas (The Friends)** is a program for Hispanic/Latino women. Las Amigas encourages development for women promoting education, activities, discussions, diversion, and support. The women meet each Wednesday from 5pm-6:30pm. *If you have an activity or program that you would like to share, please contact Tawnya Lambert.*
- **ESOL classes** are being held at St. Paul UMC on:
  - Monday and Thursday evenings from 6pm-8pm
  - Friday and Saturday mornings from 10am -12noon
- **Tutors are needed.** You do not need to know Spanish to teach English. You don't need to be a trained teacher. This is very rewarding volunteer opportunity. Tutors and class helpers are needed immediately! Childcare is provided for children of ESOL students. We are also in need of individuals and groups available to assist with childcare.
- If anyone is interested in teaching English to individual students or a class, provide resources, activities or educational information or provide childcare or children's activities to our groups, please call 937-252-4467.

**Hunger is Not a Choice...**

**Giving is...**

As more people are hit by the economic crisis, we anticipate the need in our Food Pantry may continue to increase. Here is a list of some of the items we are always in need of...



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| <b>Canned Meat</b> (ex. tuna, spam,...)      | <b>Canned Fruit</b> (ex. pineapple,...) | <b>Canned Vegetables</b> (mixed veggies, peas...) |
| <b>Canned Soup/Ramen Noodles</b>             | <b>Cereal &amp; Oatmeal</b>             | <b>Jelly/Jam</b>                                  |
| <b>Dry Beans</b> (Great Northern, Pinto,...) | <b>Kidney Beans</b>                     | <b>Juice</b>                                      |
| <b>Pancake Mix</b>                           | <b>Pancake Syrup</b>                    | <b>Mac &amp; Cheese</b>                           |
| <b>Taxable Items Needs:</b>                  | <b>Bar Soap</b>                         | <b>Saltine Crackers</b>                           |
|  | <b>Laundry Soap</b>                     | <b>Kleenex</b>                                    |
|  | <b>Diapers (all sizes)</b>              | <b>Toothbrushes</b>                               |
|  | <b>Shampoo</b>                          | <b>Toothpaste</b>                                 |
| <b>CHURCH NEEDS:</b>                         | <b>Shop Vac</b>                         | <b>Upright Vacuum</b>                             |

# FEBRUARY 2012

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
			<p>1 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30 Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Sp. Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm Pathfinders 6:30</p>	<p>2 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>3 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon <b>Love</b></p>	<p>4 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon</p>
<p>5 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following</p>	<p>6 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>7 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Lewisburg UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm Ministry Team 6:00pm</p>	<p>8 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30 Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Sp. Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm Pathfinders 6:30</p>	<p>9 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>10 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon <b>사랑 sah rang</b></p>	<p>11 Community Breakfast Served by Aley UMC ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon Hispanic Worship Team 10:30am</p>
<p>12 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following UMW Fellowship Sub Sale Begins</p>	<p>13 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30 ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>14 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Normandy UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm</p>	<p>15 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30 Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Sp. Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm Cyber Safety 6</p>	<p>16 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>17 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon <b>Amor</b></p>	<p>18 Community Breakfast Served by Normandy UMC ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon</p>
<p>19 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following</p>	<p>20 PRESIDENTS DAY  CHURCH CLOSED</p>	<p>21 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Look to Jesus Ministries Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm</p>	<p>22 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30 Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm BILINGUAL ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00pm</p>	<p>23 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm</p>	<p>24 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon <b>Liebe</b></p>	<p>25 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC Youth ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon</p>
<p>26 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School &amp; Children's Breakfast following DAY OF CARING 10:30—1:30</p>	<p>27 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30 ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm Sub Orders Due</p>	<p>28 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Centerville UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm</p>	<p>29 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30 Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Sp. Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm Pathfinders 6:30</p>			

### St. Paul UMC Congregation's Second Mile Giving

St. Paul UMC believes in the connectionalism of the United Methodist denomination. St. Paul's Outreach Ministry is the recipient of mission dollars from many generous individuals, groups, congregations plus the Miami Valley District and West Ohio Conference.

At the same time, the congregation sends their apportionments to the district and conference monthly, observes The Special Sundays, and reaches out to others in time of need. The following is a recap of St. Paul's Second Mile Giving for 2011:

Human Relations Sunday= \$43.00

Native American Awareness Sunday= \$23.13

World Communion Sunday= \$89.00

Wings of the Morning (Tuesday Worship Offering) = \$226.18

One Great Hour of Sharing= \$193.71

Peace With Justice Sunday= \$48.18

Student Day= \$60.18

#### UMW FELLOWSHIP

St. Paul UMC United Methodist Women will host their next meeting on Sunday, February 12 at 12 noon. The program, "Homelessness & Incarceration" will be presented by Jane Benner, Program Director at Volunteers of America Dayton Correctional Center. A light lunch will be served.



We will collect men's hygiene items, such as deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, bar soap, etc..., for the VOA.

#### Alternative Gift Markets

During the past Christmas season, St. Paul was represented at 2 Alternative Gift Markets on November 5, 2011. The alternative shopping opportunities were held at St. Leonard's Retirement Center [co-sponsored by Bellbrook UMC] and at Southminster Presbyterian Church. At each site, St. Paul had a colorful display telling the story of one of our Outreach Ministry programs. Shoppers donated to St. Paul and were given a card/ornament to represent a gift given in someone's honor. In addition to making \$ 832.00 for St. Paul's ministry, the volunteers were able to talk with many new people and get the word out about our ministry.

# St. Paul UMC

## Semi-Annual Steak Dinner

101 Huffman Ave., Dayton, Ohio 45403

937-252-4467

Saturday, March 31, 2012  
From 4:30pm - 7:00pm



Adults \$8.00 and  
Children (10 & younger) \$4.00

#### MENU

**Cubed Steak  
with Mushroom Gravy  
Green Beans  
Baked Potatoes  
Tossed Salad or Apple-  
sauce  
Dinner Roll Beverage**

## Come Dine with Us!

**St. Paul United Methodist Church**  
**101 Huffman Ave.**  
**Dayton, Ohio 45403**  
**(937) 252-4467 Fax: (937) 254-5227**



ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Sunday  
 February 26, 2012  
 @ St. Paul UMC  
 Day of Caring  
 Pancake Brunch  
 10:30am-1:30pm

[www.stpauldayton.org](http://www.stpauldayton.org)

[office@stpauldayton.org](mailto:office@stpauldayton.org)

**Bilingual Ash Wednesday Service**  
**February 22**  
**7:00 p.m.**



**"Miércoles de Ceniza" (bilingüe)**  
**22 de febrero**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**FILE YOUR INCOME TAXES FOR FREE !** Get your total refund & file your taxes completely free. See below how the Benefit Bank stacks up against other tax services. St. Paul UMC is partnering with The Benefit Bank (TBB), a web-based, counselor-assisted program to help low to moderate income wage earners obtain **FREE** assistance in filing federal and state income tax returns, claiming the Earned Income Credit (EIC) and Child Tax Credit. People with household incomes of less than \$60,000 can come to St. Paul

UMC to file a tax return at no cost. Tax refund can be received within seven to ten days through TBB e-file. Don't miss out on getting assistance with free tax preparation.

**Call 937-252-4467 to make an appointment.**

*For more information about The Benefit Bank, please call 1-866-887-6060 or visit their website at [www.thebenefitbank.com](http://www.thebenefitbank.com).*

	<b>Benefit Bank</b>	<b>Paid Tax Service</b>
<b>Refund Amount</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>
Preparation Fee	\$0	\$146
Refund Loan Fee	\$0	\$100
Admin Fee	\$0	\$55
Interest	\$0	\$130
State Return	\$0	\$26
<b>Total Fees</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$427</b>
<b>TOTAL REFUND</b>	<b>\$3,200</b>	<b>\$2,743</b>