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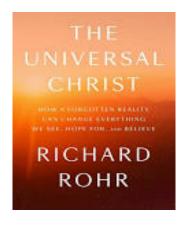
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The Universal Christ Spiritual Growth Workshop

HOW A FORGOTTEN REALITY CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING WE SEE, HOPE FOR, AND BELIEVE

> SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 10:00AM TO 2:00PM ST. PAUL UMC

Where better to see the incarnation of Christ in the world than at St. Paul where we experience Christ daily in the diversity of people, especially those on the margins, who come and go from our place. Here, we hold an incarnational worldview striving to be inclusive and respectful of every thing and every one. From that starting place, we can be lead to actions that are affirming and compassionate towards others and ourselves. Continually leaning into the practice of seeing Christ in every thing and every one is not always easy and at times frustrating but yet it serves as a valuable tool for spiritual growth. In his book, *The Universal Christ*, Richard Rohr describes the incarnational worldview as:

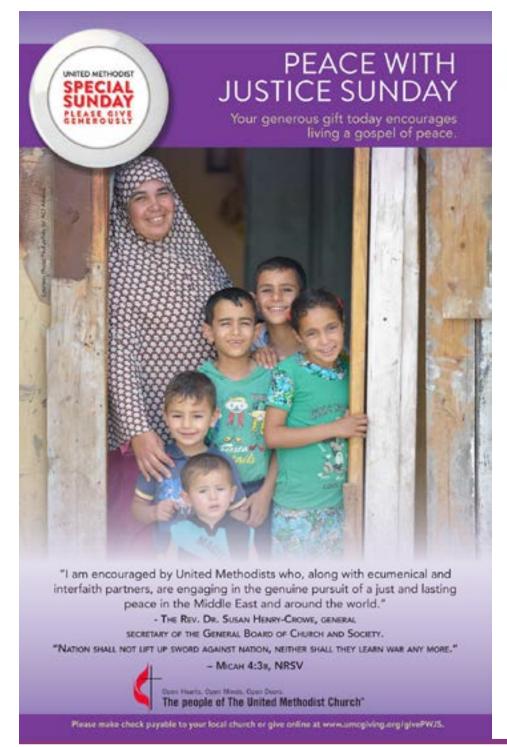
...the profound recognition of the presence of the divine in literally "every thing" and "every one." It is the key to mental and spiritual health, as well as to a kind of basic contentment and happiness. An incarnational worldview is the only way we can reconcile our inner worlds with the outer one, unity with diversity, physical with spiritual, individual with corporate, and divine with human.

Several of us at St. Paul gathered over Lent to read, study, and discuss Fr. Richard's, *The Universal Christ*, and found it to be meaningful to our spiritual work. Through his use of scripture, historical knowledge, and simple truths, he offers readers a door into the sacredness of all creation. As Lent came to a close, we were hungry for more. Others also expressed an interest in joining with us. So the idea for this workshop was born.

You are invited to join us. Included in this workshop will be videos of Fr. Richard speaking from The Universal Christ Conference held in Albuquerque, NM, March 28-31, 2019, along with group activities selected from the book's companion guide developed for small group study.

A freewill offering will be collected to cover lunch. We ask that you do register by calling the church (252-4467) so that we can plan for lunch.

To prepare for the workshop, please read the book which you can buy from wherever you buy your books. If you like to listen to podcasts, you will find *Another Name for Everything with Richard Rohr* to be very helpful.





HUFFMAN NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

On Saturday, June 1, St. Paul will participate along with many homeowners in yard sales scattered throughout the neighborhood.

Plan to attend and receive a map with the locations of the various yard sales.

St. Paul will sell hot dogs, chips and cold drinks, have household items for sale outside, and have our Stuff Shoppe open inside. Our restrooms will be open to the public.

We are accepting good used items that we can sell that day.

BUILDING UPDATE

On December 30th, after being without heat for 9 months, we had heat on the first floor. In late February we roughed in another forced-air unit on the lower level. In May, we were able to purchase and install 20 new energy efficient windows in the fellowship hall (these will help keep our cost down, look nice, and have real screens so we can forgo flies this summer.) In the past week, we have been awarded a permit from the city allowing us to install a 12 ft. structure outside for placing 4 of the 5 new A/C compressors.

On June 17 and 21 the church will close in order to bring 400 AMP of electrical service into the building. This upgrade will support the A/C and enhance the whole building. Optimistically, we will have air conditioning in July for the first time in our 137 years of history. All of this is happening because of generous financial gifts, Christian businesses and a massive volunteer base.





CAMP AND MISSION U REPORT

The registrations are in and the fees are paid! Our campers are looking forward to June 30 when they leave for Camp Wesley in Bellefountaine, Ohio.

It takes great partnering to make this all possible.

We are thankful to the parents who trust us with their children and pay a portion of the camp fee.

We are thankful to our church and United Methodist Women for paying a portion.

We are extremely thankful for the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women's Community Care fund that pays a large portion of each child's fee.

We are thankful to Camp Wesley for their beautiful facility and their dedicated staff.

We are thankful to West Ohio Conference for some partial scholarships.

We are thankful to Christ UMC, Kettering, for letting us use their van to transport the children and to Bruce Heft for driving the van.

This year's campers are:

Jered Cardoso
Jarrettjka Hoover
Miracle King
Layla Johnson
Courtney Knox
Nathan Knox
Caleb Lehmkuhle
Jazmine Lehmkuhle
Lauryanna Simmons
Isaiah Southern
Treyton Spencer
Jordan Wessler

Robert Wiseman

Mission u will take place at Otterbein University July 18-21. Our own Beth Vanoli is Dean this year! Goin gfo the first time are Dominic Cardoso and Lily Perdue. All the Ankeney family have several years' experience at Mission u's. Katelin and Alayna will attend the Senior Youth Session and Ericka, who has attended for five years, will assist with the younger youth. Justin Ankeney, Laura Ankeney and CJ Hopkins will attend the Young Adult Session for the first time.

2019 Normandy Scholarship Award Recipient

Itzel Marquez, longtime member of St. Paul's Hispanic-Latino Ministry has been named the recipient of the 2019 Normandy UMC Scholarship Award in the amount of \$2,500.

Itzel graduated from Stebbins High School in 2018 with a 3.79 GPA, and is currently in her second year at Sinclair Community College. After completing her Associate Degree at Sinclair, she plans to enroll at the University of Cincinnati to pursue a major in Architecture and a minor in Business.

Itzel has worked at St. Paul as Pastor Susan's right-hand person for the past

three years. Some of her duties include child-care, overseeing the children's activities in our Sunday School program, helping to prepare for special gatherings around Christmas, Easter and Mothers Day, food prep and clean-up. Itzel is responsible and dependable and is a great role model for the younger children. We are proud of Itzel, and are excited to witness how she puts her faith into action. We pray for God's blessing upon her educational career and her life.



Thank you, Normandy UMC, for making this scholarship possible!

SUMMER CALENDAR

June

- 1 Yard Sale
- 12 Kids Connection to Giving Garden @ St. Andrew UMC
- 16 Spanish Worship 6:45 pm
- 17 Church closed
- 20 Las Amigas 6:45 pm
- 21 Church closed
- 26 Kids Connection to Giving Garden @ St. Andrew UMC
- 30 Children go to camp

July

- 2 Children return from camp
- 4 Church closed
- 10 Kids Connection to Giving Garden @ St. Andrew UMC
- 14 Spanish Worship 6:45 pm
- 18 Las Amigas 6:45 pm
- 18 Mission u begins
- 21 Mission u ends
- 24 Kids Connection to Giving Garden @ St. Andrew UMC

August

- 11 Spanish Worship 6:45 pm
- 15 Las Amigas 6:45 pm
- 24 Universal Christ event
- 30 Sub sale

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 \$4.00.

You may place a sub order with payment beginning Thursday, August 1, 2019.

All orders and money must be in by Thursday, August 22. Subs will be available

for pickup on Friday, August, 30 after 12:00 noon.

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

Needs List

For the food pantry:

Canned Fruit • Canned Vegetables • Canned Meat
Canned and Boxed Potatoes • Soups

For campers:

Toothbrush Holders • Plastic Soap Dishes • Ankle Socks for boys, girls, and adults Sling Book Bags (available at the \$5 Below store) • Flash Lights

Summer Meals

Jun

Tuesday Lunches

- 4 North Riverdale Lutheran
- Normandy UMCConcord UMC
- 25 Restoration Church Youth

Saturday Breakfasts

- 1 Belmont UMC
- 8 Aley UMC
- 15 Normandy UMC
- 22 Belmont UMC Youth
- 29 St. Charles Catholic Church

July

Tuesday Lunches

- 2 Germantown UMC
- 9 Christ UMW
- 16 Lewisburg UMC
- 23 St. Paul Youth
- 30 Union UMC (North)

Saturday Breakfasts

- 6 Belmont UMC
- 13 Englewood UMC
- Normandy UMC
- 27 Community UMC

August

Tuesday Lunches

- 6 Christ UMW
- 13 North Riverdale Lutheran
- 20 Tipp City UMC
- 27 New Madison UMC

Saturday Breakfasts

- 3 Belmont UMC
- 10 Aley UMC
- 17 Normandy UMC
- 24 Belmont UMC Youth
- 31 St. Charles Catholic Church

TAX SEASON 2019

St. Paul completed another very successful tax season in cooperation with the *Ohio Benefit Bank* who supplied the software program and limited tech support. The future of the tax assistance program is in question. We ask for your prayers because we feel that this program is very beneficial to the low income and elderly in our community.

Deep gratitude goes out to our volunteer tax counselors:

Mike Cornelius, Kirby Lupton and Arthur Mills, Jr. Many thanks to our one employee, Vickie Morris, who did all the scheduling and record keeping.