

# ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

December 2012

**As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12**

## **Compassion Means Being With Those Who Suffer'**

Compassion and gratitude are the two words most helpful to understand ministry.

Ministry happens when you participate in the mystery of being with. The whole incarnation, God-with-us, Emmanuel, is first of all being with people. Caring means "to cry out with." Compassion literally means "to be with those who suffer." Ministry means that we lift up the incarnation—we lift up the God who says, "I will be with you."

We are to be precisely where people are vulnerable, not to fix it or change it. That is an unintended fruit of it, but that is not why you are there.



**Lord, help us to be with others  
in their suffering when we are  
tempted to runaway. Amen.**

### Blessings From the Staff at St. Paul UMC

Pastor George Brewer	Joan Johnson
Robin Gann	Cora Crain
Chuck Shields	Rebekah Clapp
Ursula Johnson	Bethany Wiley
Rebekah Sherrick	Ben Johnson
Tawnya Lambert	

*Join us on Monday, December 24th at 7:00 p.m.  
for our traditional Candlelight Service.*



## **Opportunities for Christmas Sharing**

- Provide **new gifts** for our Parents' Shop and Children's Santa Shop. Gifts are needed for all members of the family.
- Provide **gift cards**.
- Provide **cash donations** for utility bills and grocery gift cards. These gifts will be given to families instead of the Adopt-A-Family program that has taken place in past years.
- Provide **wrapped candy** for the piñata and children's treat bags.

For more information, please contact Joan & Tawnya at 937-252-4467.

### **MINISTRY NEEDS**

Tutors to help people learn English.

### **PANTRY NEEDS LIST**

Canned Meat  
Canned Soup  
Cereal/Oatmeal  
Cooking Oil  
Drink Mixes  
Dry Beans  
Hot Chocolate Mix  
Jam/Jelly  
Kidney Beans  
Pancake Mix/Syrup

Bar Soap  
Diapers (size 2, 3, 4)  
Kleenex  
Laundry Soap  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste  
Paper/Plastic Bags

At a Glimpse...During October 2012, with your support, St. Paul...

- Served 1730 nutritious hot meals at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast.
- Provided groceries to 965 individuals for 14475 meals through the Emergency Food Pantry.
- Put over 1300 pieces of good used clothing into the hands of many grateful people and made \$640.00 for the Outreach Ministry.

***Celebrate! The kickoff to your holiday season.  
The Dayton Gay Men's Chorus will serve you three  
courses of Yuletide cheer with that extra special flair!***

***Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 6:00pm***

**Westminster Presbyterian, 125 North Wilkinson St.**

***Tickets \$15.00***

Tickets for *Celebrate!*, the DGMC concert can be purchased via the website, [www.daytongaymenschorus.org](http://www.daytongaymenschorus.org), or at the door.

***This is your opportunity to purchase delicious home-made "Buckeye Candy" from the United Methodist Women at St. Paul UMC. All orders & money are due by Sunday, December 9th. Your orders will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 16th.***









### **Radical Hospitality!**

Renovation is under way in St. Paul's Choice Supplemental Food Pantry. Cora Crain, our Pantry Intake Specialist, is getting a new office. A big thank you goes out to Jerry Murphy and Ralph Daniels for constructing a wall for this new room. Cora's former office will become a Hospitality Center for the Pantry customers. Tables and chairs have been donated by The Normandy UMC Furniture Pantry. People will no longer have to wait in the hall for the intake/pantry process. The Hospitality Center will have beverages, toys for the children, and informational resources. Volunteer hosts/hostesses are needed for the center. Volunteers will offer hospitality and a good listening ear. A generous donation from Rev. Bob and Judy Knell will make it possible to paint and apply new cove molding to the downstairs hallways. Come and visit in the near future!

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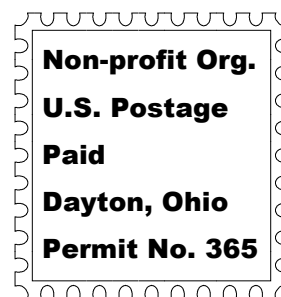


**Office Hours** 9:00am—3:00pm M—F  
**Food Pantry** 10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH  
**Stuff Shoppe** 10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH  
 12:30pm—2:00pm T

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Christmas gift suggestions: To your enemy, forgiveness.          To an opponent, tolerance. To a friend, your heart.          To a customer, service. To all, charity.          To every child, a good example. To yourself, respect.          ~Oren Arnold</p>						
<b>2</b> Worship Celebration 9:30am Youth Leadership Sp. Worship 5:30	<b>3</b> Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	<b>4</b> Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers	<b>5</b> Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5pm Sp. Bible study 6:30pm	<b>6</b> Koffee Hr 11am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	<b>7</b> YPC Christmas on Campus 5pm 	<b>1</b> Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by Belmont UMC
<b>9</b> Worship Celebration 9:30am Youth Leadership Sp. Worship 5:30	<b>10</b> Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	<b>11</b> Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Lewisburg UMC Jr. Peacemakers	<b>12</b> Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm-6:30pm Las Amigas 5pm Sp. Bible study 6:30pm	<b>13</b> Koffee Hr 11am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm-6:30pm	<b>14</b> <i>Church Open</i> 	<b>15</b> Breakfast 9:00am Served by Normandy UMC <i>*Breakfast w/Santa</i> Las Posadas 5:30 PM
<b>16</b> Worship Celebration 9:30am 	<b>17</b> Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm-6:30pm No ESOL	<b>18</b> Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Concord UMC Jr. Peacemakers	<b>19</b> No YPC No Las Amigas No Sp. Bible study	<b>20</b> No YPC No ESOL	<b>21</b> <i>Church Open</i> 	<b>22</b> Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by Belmont UMC Youth
<b>23</b> Worship Celebration 9:30am Youth Leadership Sp. Worship 5:30	<b>24</b> CHURCH CLOSED Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 7:00pm	<b>25</b> Have a Blessed Christmas CHURCH CLOSED	<b>26</b> CHURCH CLOSED	<b>27</b> Church Open For Food Pantry & Stuff Shoppe	<b>28</b> <i>Church Open</i> 	<b>29</b> Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by St. Charles Catholic Church
<b>30</b> Worship Celebration 9:30am Youth Leadership Sp. Worship 5:30	<b>31</b> CHURCH CLOSED	 <p>Happy Holidays</p>				

*\*By Invitation Only!*

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**Join Us...**  
**Christmas Eve**  
**at 7pm**

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



**Come and join us** on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 5:30 pm as we celebrate the Mexican tradition of Las Posadas-in Spanish.

There will be a carry-in dinner to follow. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share, if possible.

**Todos están invitados** el sábado, el 15 de diciembre de 2012 al 5:30pm para celebrar la tradición mexicana de Las Posadas. Tendremos una cena después del servicio y habrá comida, música y mucho más. Por favor de traer un platillo para compartir, si es posible.

**Nochebuena**

**Todos están invitados, lunes el 24 de diciembre de 2012 al 7:00pm.**



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.