

# St. Paul United Methodist Church

2012 October Newsletter

# Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

### Dream Sabbath Revisited

The Youth and the United Methodist Women of St. Paul U.M.C. sponsored a Dream Sabbath one year ago. In this deeply spiritual service, we prayed, sang and gave witness to the horrific stories of teen age immigrants and their dangerous journeys to the USA. Many came as young children and are now nearing high school graduation.

One year later, the Dream Act has not become a reality but progress has been made in assuring a future for many young people.

### What is Deferred Action?

On June 15, 2012, Secretary of Homeland Security, Janet Napolitano, announced that certain people who came to the U.S. as children and meet several guidelines may request consideration of deferred action for a period of two years, subject to renewal, and would then be eligible for work authorization. Individuals who receive deferred action will not be placed into removal proceedings or removed from the U.S. The Department of Homeland Security can terminate or renew deferred action at any time at the agency's discretion. Deferred action is not a permanent status or pathway to citizenship. Individuals who meet the following qualifications may seek Deferred Action:

- Arrived in U.S. before the age of 16.
- Have continuously resided in U.S. from June 15, 2007 until present time.
- Were physically present in the U.S. on June 15, 2012.
- Are currently in school, have graduated form high school, have obtained a GED certificate or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Coast Guard or U.S. Armed Forces.
- Have not been convicted of a felony or significant misdemeanor.
- Do not pose a threat to public safety or national security.
- Were under the age of 31 on June 15, 2012.

Beginning August 15, 2012 applications, with a fee of \$465, can be submitted for consideration to the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services for Deferred Action & employment authorization.

There are individuals & organizations offering legal assistance. Only a licensed lawyer or accredited represented is authorized & qualified to assist with immigration cases. Please be aware of immigration scams! Please call the free appointment with Jack Grayer, attorney.

Let us unite in prayer as we work to provide many St. Paul youth & young adults hope for their future.

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 <u>all</u> people.

<u>Come & Worship With Us!</u> Tuesday Worship 11:30pm Sunday Worship 9:30am

Sunday Worship in Spanish 5:30pm



### CAN'T AFFORD AN ATTORNEY AND:

-You have a legal problem, or

-You have an immigration problem, or

-You want to know your rights?

**PIXENIA** may be able to help! PIXENIA is an immigration and legal aid consultation service sponsored by the New Hope Project, Inc. Come and discuss your legal or immigration issues with an Ohio Licensed Attorney!

The PIXENIA Immigration and Legal Aid Clinic is open the

following days and hours to first come, first serve walk-ins:

MONDAY	10am to 2:30pm
TUESDAY	l2:30pm to 4:00pm
THURSDAY	10am to 2:30pm
FRIDAY	l 2:00 to 4:00pm
SATURDAY	l0am till noon

All consultations are at no charge. Referrals for representation at no charge to qualified clients.

### PIXENIA Offices are located at 530 Xenia Avenue, Dayton, OH 45410



Visit St. Pauls' new and improved website: www.stpauldayton.org.

Please notify the church office if you would prefer to read the newsletter online instead of receiving a hard copy.

A big thank you goes out to Deb Harvey, a super volunteer from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, who has guided and directed this effort. The Stuff Shoppe (Thrift Store) will reopen on Monday, October 1, 2012. The shop has been closed for more than a week to clean and restock.

The "Grand Reopening" will feature a wonderful assortment of gently used fall and winter clothing for the entire family. In addition, there will be a new assortment of toys, books and household items. Come check it out!

The hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am-2:30pm and Tuesday from 12:30pm-2pm.



### Don't Get Caught In The Cold... Stay Warm This Winter With HEAP

The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally-funded program that helps low and moderate income households pay their heating bills through energy assistance grants. People need not have an unpaid bill to receive assistance.

The Ohio Benefit Bank Can Help. Applying for benefits and filing taxes can be confusing, time consuming, and difficult. The Ohio Benefit Bank is a free service that simplifies the process, making it easier— and faster—for you to access the programs you need to be healthy and secure. For more information or an appointment, please contact St. Paul United Methodist Church at 937-252-4467.

Young Peacemakers' Club is well into another successful school year with 24 children in the Junior group and 16 children in the Senior group. Returning work/study students from the University of Dayton are Scott Jackson and Angie Evanko. We are very pleased to welcome Caitlin Palmiero and Yesenia Linares.

Caitlin comes to us from Cincinnati, Ohio where she lived with her father, stepmother and sister. She has fit well into her YPC role because of childcare experience at a Baptist Church in Cincinnati. Caitlin is a 3rd year Marketing student at the University of Dayton with her plans for the future wide open at this time.

Yesenia comes to us from Cleveland, Ohio where her parents, her 18 year old sister and her 9 year old brother live. Her parents immigrated to the U.S. from Guatemala. Yesenia's special gift to us is that she is bilingual and able to help our children whose first language is Spanish. She is a 4<sup>th</sup> year Civil Engineering student at the University of Dayton and hopes to go to Guatemala in the future to work on improving that country's infrastructure.

### FOOD PANTRY NEEDS LIST Fixins' for Chili **Canned Soup/Creamed Soup** Canned Fruit **Kidney Beans Canned Meat Canned Vegetables Cereal/Oatmeal** Tomatoes Dry Beans (Pinto, Navy, etc...) **Instant Potatoes** Tomato Paste & Sauce Jelly or Jam Macaroni & Cheese Manwich sauce Chili Seasoning **Peanut Butter** Snacks (cookies, jell-o,...) Sugar Saltine Crackers Diapers Dish Soap Laundry Soap Shampoo Toothpaste Plastic/Paper Grocery Bags



**Office Hours** Food Pantry Stuff Shoppe

9:00am—3:00pm 10:00am—2:30pm 10:00am—2:30pm I 2:30pm—2:00pm



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Stuff Shoppe Grand Reopening Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes	2 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Fairborn UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	3 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study	4 Koffee Hour\ 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm United Methodist Women	5	6 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC
7 Worship Celebration 9:30am	8 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00PM—8:00PM	9 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by New Hope UMC, Preble Co. Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	10 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	11 Koffee Hour 1:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	12	13 Community Breakfast Served by Aley UMC
14 Worship Celebration 9:30am Wesley Community Center Fundraiser Concert 4pm	15 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00PM—8:00PM	16 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Germantown UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Leadership Team	17 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	18 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	19	20 Community Breakfast Served by Korean UMC District UMW Annual Celebration & Leadership
21 Worship Celebration 9:30am	22 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00PM—8:00PM	23 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Aley UMC Flu Shots Jr. Peacemakers	24 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study	25 Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	26	27 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC Youth
28 Worship Celebration 9:30am	29 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00PM—8:00PM	30 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Tipp City UMC Flu Shots Trick or Treat 6:00pm—8:00pm NO YPC	31 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	<ul> <li>Fall Maintenance tips for Your Home</li> <li>Make sure the caulking around doors and windows is adequate to reduce heat/cooling loss.</li> <li>Replace your furnace filter &amp; have a heating professional check your heating system.</li> <li>Check all window and door locks for proper operation.</li> <li>Check your home for water leaks.</li> <li>Clean leaves and debris from gutters.</li> </ul>		

### UMW UPDATE

- Thursday, October 4 at 7:00 p.m.-Program by Cecelia Long, Executive Director of Mercy ٠ Manor
- Saturday, October 20– Miami Valley UMW Annual Meeting and Leadership Training at Germantown UMC. Keynote Speaker will be Linda Bales Todd.
- Sunday, November 4 at 11:30 a.m.-Program: World Thank Offering.
- Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.-West Ohio Conference UMW Annual Celebration at Grove City UMC. Bishop Palmer will do devotions and communion. There will be a Mission Day experience in the Columbus area on Friday, November 9.
- Tuesday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. The United Methodist Women of Centerville UMC have invited all the St. Paul women (Anglo & Hispanic) to their Christmas program entitled "An Upside Down Christmas." Call the church office for transportation.

**OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRISTMAS** Our Parents' Christmas Shop will be Saturday, December 8th this year. The parent's of all children in Las Amigas, Young Peacemakers' Club, Young Leadership Circle and Sunday School will be given an appointment to shop for their children. The prices on all the new items will be approximately 1/5th of the actual value.

The following new items valued at \$10 -\$100 are needed:

Toys and Games for ages birth-17 Sports Equipment

**Bikes/Scooters** 

Electronics such as Video Game Systems, DVD players, IPODs, Stereos, etc...

Gift Certificates, such as, K-Mart, Best Buy, etc...

For a detailed list of gift suggestions, visit our website: www.stpauldayton.org.

The Parents' Shop is a wonderful way to help low income parents provide Christmas for their families. Please help make this year's Parents' Shop the biggest and best shopping experience ever!

The **Children's Santa Shop**, will take place the week of December 5th. All the children and youth in the various St. Paul programs will have the opportunity to select gifts, free of charge, for all members of their immediate family. All the gifts will be wrapped, tagged, and sent home to put under the Christmas tree. The Santa Shop helps the children better understand the concept of giving as well as receiving at Christmas time.

### New Gifts valued at \$5.00 or less for all members of their immediate family and supplies, such as, tissue paper, gift bags of all sizes, wrapping paper and scotch tape are needed.

In addition, donations of cash and/or dift cards [Kroger's or Meijer's] will be very much appreciated. These donations will be used to provide food for the holidays or to pay bills for families in need.

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

- Served 1189 nutritious hot meals at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast.
- Provided groceries to 1144 individuals for 17,160 meals through the Emergency Food Pantry. •
- Put over **900 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$445.00 for the Outreach Ministry.

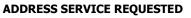
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Food Pantry Donations Urgently Needed!



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### WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY A Churchwide Special Sunday of the United Methodist Church

October 7, 2012



"I want to be a pastor with a global focus and also pursue opportunities to serve in missions and advocacy within The United Methodist Church." 2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you must make up your own mind about how much to give. But don't feel sorry that you must give and don't feel that you are forced to give. God loves people who love to give.

In 1975, 6-year-old Julie Fleurinor and her family fled Haiti for Miami, along with thousands of other refugees escaping oppression and poverty. Today, thanks to a World Communion Scholarship, she dreams of returning home someday to bring healing and hope to her beloved but beleaguered native land.

Remarkably, Fleurinor is earning two master's degrees: one in divinity from United Methodist-related Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in Evanston, III., and one in social work from Loyola University in Chicago.

She plans to use her training to provide holistic ministry—spiritual and social—to struggling communities in both the United States and Haiti.

"I want to be a pastor with a global focus on missions and advocacy," says Fleurinor, now a member of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference. She is passionate about helping Haitian-American immigrants and supporting Haiti's recovery from its devastating 2010 earthquake that claimed 300,000 lives.

Fleurinor says the World Communion Scholarship is a blessing for which she prayed fervently because of the high cost of seminary education. "I'm really thankful for it."

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.

To read additional stories of lives changed by your gifts to the World Communion Sunday visit www.umcgiving.org.

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