



St. Paul Ministries

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Who Will Lead?

Here in Ohio and across the nation we will be electing leaders within the month. The money spent, the advertisements, and political contest demand our attention. It is both a part of our civic duty and privilege to participate through our voting.

Yet, there is another type of leadership that doesn't have winners and losers and collectively has the power to change our churches, community and world.

That is Servant Leadership. Outside the religious community these are the code words used to speak of Jesus' Followers.

Oh, we have elected positional leaders in the church, but they, when freed from our national political model, have every opportunity to follow the Jesus model. It is a choice about use of power, notoriety, resources, public and private time and money.

All established leaders in every sector of our society are challenged to invest in an alternative way.



The Apostle Paul spoke and lived these words; Let people regard us in this manner as a servant of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Paul, following the example of Christ (which is available to all), spoke of Jesus having equality with God but emptied Himself and became a servant for the benefit of all.

These examples are held up as unique, but neither Jesus nor Paul nor even John Wesley had any intention of making an elite group to govern and subordinate the masses. None of them were elected leaders of the "Movements" that they inspired. Instead they were the servants who empowered and freed the slaves. They offered the opportunity to be significant without having to degrade or compete with another. They were disruptive in that they offered visible models that included and functioned as a way of peace and harmony. Through personal hardship, suffering and major investment of time and energy without seeking wealth or power, they welcomed and supported unprecedented transformational change.

So here in East Dayton, in the Huffman Neighborhood and at St. Paul we, by worldly standards, are greatly insignificant and under resourced. We are under-educated and needy. Yet in light of the profound realities of Christ, we are good at serving because we do not lead lives expecting privilege or hold and wield power. Many here understand what it means to be servants. As we continue to discover the treasures of the mysteries of God, we may well be the first fruits of an emerging movement of Servant Leaders. Welcoming all into our humble lives and setting is becoming our conscious enlistment to experience the Kingdom of God.

I give myself completely to you, God. Assign me to my place in your creation. Let me suffer for you. Give me the work you would have me do. Give me many tasks, or have me step aside while you call others. Put me forward or humble me. Give me riches or let me live in poverty. I freely give all that I am and all that I have to you. And now, holy God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit- you are mine and I am yours. So be it. Amen. (John Wesley's Prayer)

— Reverend Stephen Gill, Ph.D.



The St. Paul community of faith sincerely thanks everyone who has come forward to make amazing donations and pledges for the roof repair and interior work. The roof repair is now fully funded and work should begin this week. We are still waiting to hear if the interior repair will be covered by insurance. To date, the campaign has raised over \$20,000 in cash and pledges. We thank God for all our faithful partners.

Young Peacemakers' Club

Young Peacemakers' Club began its 2016–2017 school year on September 7. The staff includes Beth Wiley and UD work/study helpers McKenzie Troyano, Taylor Chambers, and Lucy Williams.

Lucy is new this year with YPC but she is in her sophomore year at the University of Dayton. She is from San Diego, California. Lucy is majoring in Political Science and Human Relations. Her extracurricular activities include being on UD's rowing team. The staff is assisted by UD students who are members of the Big Brothers, Big Sisters organization.

To date, there are 20 children enrolled in Jr. Peacemakers for grades K – 3; there are 13 children enrolled in Sr. Peacemakers for grades 4–6.

United Methodist Women

United Methodist Women is the women's mission organization within the United Methodist Church in the United States, focusing on the needs of women, children and youth since 1869. Its programs promote spiritual growth, leadership development, transformative education and service and advocacy.

West Ohio Conference:

Annual Celebration at the Crossroads Center, Lancaster, OH on Saturday, November 12. Contact Joan Johnson for more information.

Miami Valley District: Annual Gathering at Faith Community United Methodist Church, Xenia, OH on Saturday, October 22. Contact Beth Vanoli for more information.

St. Paul local organization:

Buckeye Candy Sale - \$6.00 dozen — orders will be accepted beginning November 1.

St. Paul UMC semi-annual steak dinner

Saturday, November 5, 2016

4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Adults — \$10.00

Children (12 & Younger) — \$5.00

Reservations Accepted

Come dine with us!



MENU

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





Dates to Remember — Fall 2016

Regularly-scheduled activities

The following activities will continue throughout the months of October and November:

- Sunday Morning Group Study: 9 a.m.; Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.
- YPC - Sr. Peacemakers, M & W/Jr. Peacemakers T & Th: 4-6 p.m.
- Tuesday Worship: 11:40 a.m. followed by lunch at Noon
- Saturday Breakfast: 9 a.m.
- Las Amigas (Hispanic-Latino Womens Support Group): Wednesdays 6:45 p.m.
- Spanish Bible Study and Worship: Sundays 5 p.m.

Special Notes:

- **Sunday, October 30:** Interactive Bilingual Service — Come learn about All Saints Day and the Mexican tradition of Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). You are invited to bring item(s) to add to the altar such as fall flowers, fruit, pumpkins (carved or uncarved), Mexican sugar skulls, Milagros (trinkets), colorful garlands, baked goods, photos of loved ones who have passed -- use your creativity! All of these will be used to adorn the altar. Members of our Hispanic-Latino community will tell stories about their experiences with the Mexican Day of the Dead.
- **No YPC Wednesday, October 26; Monday, October 31** (Trick or Treat)
- **Sunday, November 6:** United Methodist Women following Worship
- **Sunday, November 13:** Church Conference during Worship
- **Monday, November 21:** YPC Family Dinner
- **No YPC Tuesday, November 22, Wednesday, Nov. 23, Thursday, Nov. 24** (Thanksgiving Break)
- **Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25:** Church closed (Thanksgiving)

October Calendar:

Tuesday Lunch:	4	Aldersgate UMC
	11	St. James UMC
	18	Tipp City UMC
	25	Christ UMC
Breakfast:	1	Belmont UMC
	8	Aley UMC
	15	Normandy UMC
	22	Belmont UMC Youth
	29	St. Charles Catholic Church

November Calendar:

Tuesday Lunch:	1	Faith Community UMC
	8	St. Paul UMC community
	15	Normandy UMC
	22	Bellbrook UMC
	29	Lewisburg UMC
Breakfast:	5	Belmont UMC
	12	Englewood UMC
	19	Normandy UMC
	26	Community UMC

Office Hours:

M-F:.....9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Food Pantry:

M, W, TH:10 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

Stuff Shoppe:

M, W TH:10 a.m.–2:45 p.m.

T:12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.

August Worship Attendance:

8/7/2016	53
8/14/2016	24
8/21/2016	36
8/28/2016	42



Christmas Joy 2016

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 the year, everyone, even those who have very little material resources, have 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 the Young Peacemakers' Club, Youth activities, 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, sports equipment 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 trees. From this project the children and youth learn much about the joy of giving.

Listed below are some ideas for items needed in the Parents' Shop: *[please, no violent toys]*

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| Star Wars | Super Heroes | Pokemon |
| Basketballs & pumps | Legos | Lincoln Logs |
| Hot Wheels & Accessories | Paw Patrol | Doc McStuffins |
| Frozen | Barbies & Accessories | Monster High |
| Disney Princess | Baby Dolls & Accessories | Aeropostle Gift cards |
| Itunes cards | 5 Below Gift cards Shoes | Kmart, Target, Kohls Gift cards |
| Clothing [newborn-age 17] | | Games |



At a glimpse

During August 2016, with your support, St. Paul UMC

- **served 1,253 delicious hot meals at Tuesday lunch and Saturday breakfast;**
- **provided groceries for 511 individuals and food for 7,665 meals; 1,581 lbs. of donated food; 1,365 lbs. of donated bread and pastries through the Emergency Food Pantry;**
- **placed hundreds of pieces of clothing in the hands of many grateful people; had \$2 and \$1 Bag Sales; and made \$127.00 for the Outreach Ministry. Closed the last week of the month, cleaned and restocked an all new selection of fall and winter clothes.**

Servant Leader Opportunities

- People to **teach English** in ESOL classes at St. Paul — Thursdays evenings. Please call Derek Petrey at 937-
- People to provide **childcare** for Las Amigas, Wednesdays 6:45–8:45 p.m., and ESOL classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays 6:30–8:30 p.m.
- A **team to organize** and improve the Stuff Shoppe
- People to **work on bikes** at LEC
- **Landscaping** at St. Paul



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