



St. Paul United Methodist Church

2013 September Newsletter

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

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.



Second Time Around

The purpose of the St. Paul "Stuff Shoppe" is to put good used clothing and household items into the hands of people who need them. The staff at St. Paul long ago realized that most people do not want a hand out. Instead, they want to be part of the economy by purchasing items at an affordable price. This, in turn, provides much needed income for the St. Paul Outreach Ministry.

Little did we know that we were modeling a solution to what has become a global dilemma. Following are excerpts from an article in the September, 2013 issue of Response magazine, the official magazine of United Methodist Women. The article titled "Second Time Around" was written by Richard Lord.

"Less than 1% of the clothing Americans donate to charities actually ever gets to a person in need. That barely worn winter coat and the jeans with the stain given to charity are more likely to be sold to a recycling firm than given to a low-income family – and that's if they don't end up on a market in a developing nation."

The average American discards about 68 pounds of textiles a year. Of all the clothes donated, 10% is sold in thrift stores, providing income for the charity and bargains for low-income families and individuals who can afford them. The remaining 90% is sold to textile recycling firms, typically for 4 to 6 cents a pound. These companies sort out the 55% in such bad condition that they can only be used as rags or recycled. The rest??? Bundlers ship that to distributors in non-industrialized countries where they are sold to market vendors who sell them to people. For example, a pair of jeans may be purchased for \$7.00, a week's wages in many developing nations. In Africa, where much of the secondhand clothing goes, that represents a 500% markup from the moment the jeans arrive on the continent."

The volume of used clothing handled this way is mind-boggling. Between 1990 and 2003, the U.S. exported 7 billion pounds of used clothing. It is one of the most successful U.S. export businesses. While discarded clothing is a very strong market in many developing nations, it can be devastating to the local economy. In Kenya, between 1990 and 1998, 87 textile factories closed unable to compete against low cost used clothing. In the late 1900's, Zambia lost 30,000 jobs to discarded clothing. Bankruptcies occurred in Malawi, Mozambique, and Uganda. "

But, there seems to be a better way! *"There are people who need clothes. There are people who have clothes to donate. How can donors ensure that their discards will get to the people who need them? The best way is to give them to local charities that serve low-income families and individuals, such as the social service projects of local churches and homeless shelters. The smaller the clothing recipient organization, the more likely that the clothes will be distributed in accordance with the donor's intent. This can be done locally."*

St. Paul United Methodist Church appreciates your generous donations of clothing and household items. Our 'Stuff Shoppe' is run by workers assigned to St. Paul from the Job Center through their WEP program. They carefully sort, display the multitude of items, greet customers and clean the various rooms. They take pride in their accomplishments, knowing that they are helping people in need as well as the church. This is a win-win situation!

St Paul Stuff Shoppe (Thrift Store) is in need of good, clean warm clothing, household items, curtains and blankets. Clothing is needed for women, men and especially children in all sizes.

Please drop off donations on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday between the hours of 9:00am-2:30pm. We would prefer to not have deliveries on Tuesday due to the Community meal that is served. Please call the church office if there is a need to drop off items after 3pm so that arrangement can be made.

Hispanic Ministries at St. Paul UMC

- ♦ **Weekly Worship Service in Spanish for all.**
Every Saturday at 5:30pm.
- ♦ Monday: 6:00-8:00pm
 - ESOL: English for Speakers of Other Languages, for adults.
- ♦ Wednesday
 - 5:30-6:30pm- Las Amigas-support group for Hispanic women in Spanish
 - 6:30-7:30pm-Spanish Bible Study
- ♦ Thursday-10:00am-12noon
 - ESOL: English for Speakers of Other Languages, for adults.

For more information, please contact, Rebekah Clapp, Coordinator of Hispanic/Latino Ministries, at rclapp1@united.edu or 937-252-4467 extension 207.

Ministerio Hispano de San Pablo

- ♦ **CULTOS DE ADORACIÓN:**
Cada sábado a las 5:30pm.

EMPEZAMOS DE NUEVO EL 9 DE SEPTIEMBRE
¡INVITAMOS A TODOS PARA PARTICIPAR!
HAY CUIDADO DE NIÑOS DURANTE

lunes:	6:00-8:00pm	Clases de inglés
miércoles:	5:30-6:30pm	Las Amigas
	6:30-7:30pm	Estudio Biblico
jueves	10:00am-12noon	Clases de inglés

Para más información llamar a Rebekah Clapp,
Coordinadora del ministerio Hispano/Latino en

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Young Peacemakers' Club is launching another year of fun, fellowship, learning and discipleship. Currently, there are 21 children registered for the Junior Peacemakers' group and 16 registered for the Senior Peacemakers group. Returning this year to work with the children are Beth Wiley, Director and UD Work/Study students Scott Jackson, Yesenia Linares and Caitlin Palmiera. We welcome a new cook, Wanda Fox, who has a great deal of experience in food preparation. She has also been volunteering as a Food Pantry escort for a year. We will welcome back all of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters from U.D.as well as the Occupational Therapy Assistant students from Sinclair Community College. We look forward to the return of the Normandy UMC group, led by Tara Keller, and several new volunteers. All the parents have been interviewed and the children are eagerly waiting for September so they can return to YPC.

At a Glimpse...

During July 2013, with your support, St. Paul...

- Served **1582 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**.
- Provided **groceries** to **1032 individuals** for **15,480 meals** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**.
- Put over **940 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$470.00 for the Outreach Ministry.



Dayton
LGBT
Community
Dinner
@ St. Paul
UMC



Saturday, September 14, 2013, is the date of the Greater Dayton LGBT Community Pasta Dinner. The dinner and program is free to LGBT community, family and friends. The sponsoring partners will provide the pasta dishes, tableware and beverages. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share. The evening begins at 5:30pm with a social hour followed by dinner is at 6:30pm. The dinner will be followed by a program with community announcements and entertainment.









SPONSORS: The Dayton LGBT Community Dinner is sponsored by the Greater Dayton LGBT Center, The Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Tree of Life Community, Cross Creek Community Church, the Dayton Gay Men's Chorus, The Mu Crew and AIDS Resource Center Ohio, the Dayton Chapter of PFLAG, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Eternal Joy MCC, Equality Ohio and the Living Beatitudes Community, a ministry of Dignity Dayton.

For more information email lgbtdayton@aol.com or at St Paul UMC reconcilingministry@stpauldayton.org.

Upcoming Dinner: Saturday, November 23, 2013, the annual Greater Dayton LGBT Community Thanksgiving Dinner, featuring turkey, ham & all the fixing's! The sponsoring partners will provide the main courses, tableware and beverages to both dinners. Please bring a side dish, salad or dessert to share.



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 Tues

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Celebration 9:30am 	2 LABOR DAY CHURCH CLOSED	3 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Hope UMC	4 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00—6:30pm 	5 ESOL Classes 10am—11:45am Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	6 	7 Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by Belmont UMC Spanish Worship Service 5:30pm
8 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School After worship United Methodist Women 11am—1pm	9 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—7:45pm	10 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	11 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	12 ESOL Classes 10am—11:45am Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	13 	14 Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by Englewood UMC GLBT Dinner 5:30pm Spanish Worship Service 5:30pm
15 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School Following Worship	16 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—7:45pm 	17 Ministry Team Meeting 9am Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Concord UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	18 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm Mariposa Circle 6:30pm	19 ESOL Classes 10am—11:45am Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	20 	21 Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by Normandy UMC Spanish Worship Service 5:30pm
22 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School Following Worship	23 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—7:45pm	24 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by St. James UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	25 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:30pm	26 ESOL Classes 10am—11:45am Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm	27 	28 Community Breakfast 9:00am Served by Community UMC Spanish Worship Service 5:30pm
29 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School Following Worship 	30 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—7:45pm	SAFE DRIVING TIPS ⇒ Make sure you're well rested before traveling. ⇒ Make sure everyone is properly buckled up. ⇒ Remember to keep a safe distance between you and the car in front of you. ⇒ Obey all traffic signals and speed limits. This is especially true on holiday weekends. ⇒ Don't text while driving. 				

Stuff Shoppe (Thrift Store) CLOSED Sept. 23-26

- ⇒ Carry a first aid in your car.
- ⇒ Check your car's fluids levels, windshields wipers, and tire pressure.
- ⇒ Create a car safety kit. A few suggestions: jumper cables, flashlight with extra batteries, non perishable foods like nuts or granola bars & bottled water.

URGENT PANTRY NEEDS

Boxed Meals (s/a Hamburger Helper)
 Canned Fruit (Fruit Cocktail, Pears, Peaches, etc...)
 Canned Meat (Tuna, Spam, chicken, etc...)
 Canned Pasta (Ravioli, Spaghetti-O's, etc...)
 Canned Soup (Any Creamed, Vegetable, etc...)
 Canned Veggies (Creamed Corn, Mixed veggies, Peas)
 Cereal Cooking Oil Instant potatoes
 Jelly Manwich Sauce Snacks

ANY TAXABLE ITEM, such as...

Bar Soap Dish Soap Deodorant
 Laundry Soap Shampoo Toothpaste



St. Paul operates on Vol-
 unteer" power! Every
 day, numerous volun-
 teers provide countless
 hours of valuable service.
 There is no way to list
 them all at one time or
 to say thank you enough

times. "Volunteer Spotlight" will appear in
 each newsletter and will feature one volunteer
 chosen randomly. This month, our Mainte-
 nance Supervisor, Robin Gann, asked to recog-
 nize Jerry Murphy, a volunteer from Christ
 UM Church in Kettering. In the past, Jerry has
 been part of a group working on the handicap
 ramp and rehabbing the Food Pantry Intake
 Office. Several months ago, he made a com-
 mitment to give one day a week to St. Paul.
 What a great gift! Jerry is here when the
 church opens at 9:00am and quietly works for
 6 hours. He has patched and painted all the
 walls and ceilings in the downstairs hallways.
 Jerry is always willing to do whatever is asked
 of him and he brings his own tools! Good job!

- Church Van
- Electric Weed Eater
- Fans

Church Needs

- Food Pantry Escorts
- Hospitality in Food Pantry
- Plastic bags & Papers sacks

- Tutors to teach Eng-
 lish (afternoon &
 evening)
- Speakers or Activities
 for the Las Amiga's
 (Women's) Group

Did You Know....

- ♦ that there is a Community Blood Drive
 scheduled for Wednesday, September 4th?
 It will be held at St. Helen's Parish Center
 on Burkhardt Rd. from 4:00pm until
 7:00pm. The Community Blood Center has
 the Blood Drive posted online
 (Givingblood.org) so you may register to
 give blood.
- ♦ that the local unit of United Methodist Wom-
 en is very active at St. Paul? Please join us
 for a gathering on Sunday, September 8th
 at 11am.
- ♦ that the "St. Paul Partner's" group will meet
 with Bob Knell on Tuesday, Sept 17th at
 1:30pm?
- ♦ that THE CROP WALK is Sunday, October 6,
 2013 at Island Park? The Dayton CROP
 Hunger Walk invites you to join us again this
 year at beautiful Island MetroPark in Day-
 ton. Groups can register and begin walking
 anytime between 12:30 and 2:30. Come and
 join us as we walk to end hunger, on step at
 a time. Contact Nick Kiger, 614-481-4416,
 nkiger@churchworldservice.org for more in-
 formation.
- ♦ that it is time to begin planning for Christ-
 mas at St. Paul? The Parents' Christmas
 Shop will be Saturday, December 7th. New
 toys, clothing, shoes, sports equipment, gift
 certificates and electronic equipment are
 need for children and youth of all ages.