



St. Paul Ministries

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ST. PAUL CELEBRATED **Earth Day**

21 APRIL 2024

APRIL

Birds sing,
The air is clear,
My seeds have sprouted.
A nest is tucked like precious treasure
Into the Maple tree
In a world glistening with dew.
The beauty of the earth is revealed



The service included the Poem
"April"
by Sylvia Downey

Sylvia is a poet, composer
and artist who lives here
in the Huffman neighborhood.
She is thirteen years old.

Hurrah! St. Paul just completed another very successful VITA Tax Preparation Program. This free service is a real blessing for low-and-middle income people and our clients are very appreciative. This tax season, our team was able to assist 302 people with their federal and state returns. Clients received 241 federal refunds totaling \$303,281 with an average of \$1,258.43. Clients received 249 Ohio refunds, totaling \$69,640 with an average of \$279.68.

The St. Paul team consisted of 4 tax preparers: Kirby Lupton, Arthur Mills, Mike Cornelius, and Don Hayashi. In addition, Joan Johnson, Jemita Warden, Robin Gann, and Don Hayashi assisted with the intake process for everyone. Thanks for all the hard work!

HUNGRY FOR TAQUITOS? SAVE THE DATE!

Last year's taquito sale was so successful, we made it an annual event! **Our second annual Hispanic-Latino Ministry Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 4 to 7 p.m.** Tickets are available in the church office to purchase in advance. Remember to bring your tickets when you pick up your order. **The deadline for purchasing the tickets is Thursday, May 2, 2024.** In addition to the complete dinner (see sample ticket below), individual tickets are available for the Golden Taquitos (\$8); 8 oz. cup of Cowboy Beans (\$3); 8 oz. cup of Rice Pudding (\$3) or a 32 oz. container (\$9); 32 oz. container of Pozole (\$13); and refreshing Horchata (8 oz. cup for \$1 or 32 oz. container for \$4). Come out and support this grassroots fundraiser that benefits St. Paul Ministries.

	<p>COMPLETE DINNER / \$13.00</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>4 golden taquitos dorados (toppings on the side)</p> <p>1 cup frijoles charros (cowboy beans)</p> <p>1 cup rice pudding</p>
	<p><i>*Tickets sold in the church office until Thursday, May 4*</i></p>
	<p>ORDER PICK-UP:</p> <p>Saturday, May 4, 2024, 4-7 pm.</p> <p>Present your tickets at St. Paul UMC - Dayton</p> <p>101 Huffman Ave. - Dayton, Ohio - 45403</p> <p><small>Funds to benefit Hispanic-Latino Ministry</small></p>

Volunteer Opportunities

- People to assist with gardening and landscaping
- People to work in the Stuff Shoppe (thrift store) Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Tasks include cashiering, sorting, hanging, etc.
- Individuals willing to be called as substitute volunteer food pantry escorts for our Choice Pantry
- People with a willingness to offer homework assistance and fun activities for children with safety in mind. Background check required.

Please contact Joan Johnson at 937-252-4467 or administrator@stpauldayton.org if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

With your help, in March, 2024, St. Paul:

- Served 350 in our Choice Food Pantry, providing food for 3 meals a day for 5 days.
- Provided 659 meals on Tuesdays
- Provided 562 meals on Saturdays
- Helped 89 clients with filing their taxes
- Served people weekly in the Stuff Shoppe, providing good used clothing and household items; closed the last week of the month for cleaning and restocking; made \$385.00 for our Outreach Ministries