



St. Paul Ministries

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No more Boilers!

God works together in all things. Since April when the one and only 36 year old boiler at St. Paul died we have been watching and following the lead of God as He moves us into a new day and greater comfort here at St. Paul. When we were told that repairing the boiler was hopeless and also told the cost of replacing that steam system, we knew we were either done here or that God would have to show us a way. We were provided with words of support from the city and direction from a former pastor. Out of our Sunday morning congregation a highly experienced contractor began to encourage us to open our minds to new possibilities and to begin to envision a temperature controlled church, not returning to the 1883 or 1908 methods but to the 21st century.

Tom Tobias, former owner of Tobias Heating and Air Conditioning, consulted with us and then offered to do drawings and pull permits at no cost. He would also purchase the heating and air conditioning units at his cost. Ed Berryhill, of our congregation, agreed to serve as the general contractor and through several more walkthroughs discovered a very efficient way to install all the units for the sanctuary, fellowship hall, lounge, the whole lower level, the main office and pastor's office. All of these would have new systems with heat and air conditioning and be easily accessible for service and repair. The installation will in no way impact the beauty of the historic building.

Ed encouraged us to consider removing the old cast iron radiators since they would no longer be needed. This would improve the aesthetics of all the rooms and gain a little more space. Blaine, one of our trustees and a key volunteer, cut and pulled all the old gas lines throughout the building. The radiators were each extremely heavy and we invited the young men of Good Shepherd Ministries, a series of sober living houses in the neighborhood, to remove and scrap the cast iron. They carried out 14,000 pounds (7 tons) of metal opening the door for us to begin painting while we await the drawings and permits for the installation.

The need that we now have is money. Amazingly the total cash expense for all the installation and minimal alteration of the building will be under \$75,000. We have begun by writing a grant request, and know that St. Paul Lutheran intends to share some of the proceeds from the sale of their building in the Oregon District. Yet we also know that many of you have been highly committed to the mission of St. Paul in the past and would be willing to join with us as we move into the future with a long term plan to be in ministry here in East Dayton.

Therefore in celebration of all that God is doing and as an ingathering of financial support, we will be holding a **Fund Raising Concert Sunday evening, September 30 @ 7pm** in the beautiful sanctuary with many friends sharing music selections (see next article for more detail). There will also be wonderful refreshments. There will be free will offering or commitment card. Our hope is that for many of you who have served and sweated here at St. Paul in the past will help us once again to take a big step into a bountiful future. It is my privilege as a pastor to be in the company of people who to this point have never in my three years at St Paul said 'we can't'. We are convinced that **through God all things are possible.**

Pastor Steve

THE GARDEN

by Ruth Moody

*O life surrounding me
Sweet mystery
In everything I see
Come and find me
in the garden.*



SCENES FROM THE GIVING GARDEN @ ST. ANDREW UMC

Special thanks to St. Andrew United Methodist Church for inviting the St. Paul kids to help in the Giving Garden this summer. We began our visits this spring as the garden was just coming to life and spent the summer learning, caring, tending, and gathering all that the garden gifted us. After gathering the produce, the children weighed and prepared the crops to bring down to St. Paul for our community to share. Lunch was always delicious, made from fresh-from-the-garden tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, herbs, and more. There was always crafts, time for reading, and learning about bugs, soil, compost and more. With the end of the growing season coming fast, we are looking forward to making one more trip to St. Andrew to help put the garden to sleep for the winter.

Gardens open up a whole new world of possibilities for hands-on, investigative learning that engages our minds, bodies, and spirits. As the kids head back to school, we are so grateful for the time spent out in God's creation sharing with each other including the little creatures who inhabit garden spaces.

ST. PAUL KIDS CONNECTION

Our after school program begins September 10th with all new programming for children, ages 5 to 14. This unique, research-based program is designed to address the needs of our children and provide developmentally appropriate play activities to help prepare them for school success while allowing them to practice such skills as empathy, imagination/creativity, psychosocial, language/literacy, sensorimotor and also to develop a better understanding of the world and nature around them.

If you have a special gift such as art, music, movement, sports, we invite you to call the church to learn more about how you can share your talents with the kids. We can also use supplies like tempura, acrylic, and finger paints, art and construction paper, colorful pillows, stickers, beads, board games, trucks, dolls, and legos to help fill our new space in the church basement.

Summer with St. Paul's Hispanic-Latino Ministry:

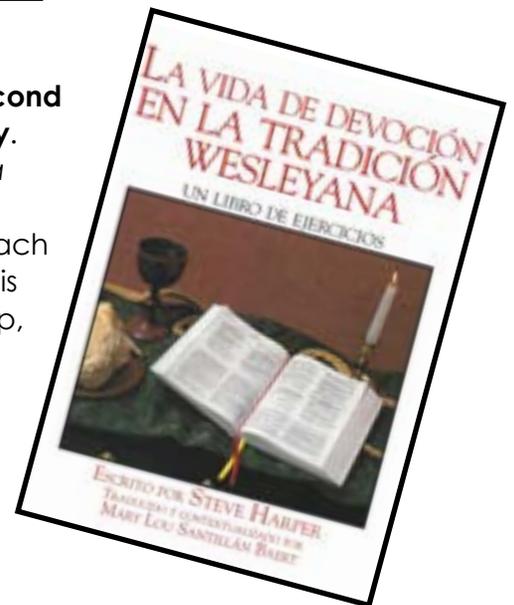
BASKING IN THE SON

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at work in St. Paul's Hispanic-Latino faith community!

Two children were baptized "Mexican style" in July – the **first baptisms ever** from the Hispanic community at St. Paul: Christopher Anthony Monroy (Age 9) and Evelyn Samantha Monroy (Age 7).



On August 11 at Middletown First United Methodist Church, thirteen Hispanic leaders from various churches in Ohio gathered for **the second of a series of classes leading to a certification in Lay Servant Ministry**. This year, Pastor Susan Whigham taught "*La vida de devoción en la tradición wesleyana*" (*Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition*) by Steve Harper. The students actively participated in the class, and each received a certificate of completion. Thank you to all who made this training possible: David Finney of Lebanon, who provided leadership, purchased the leader's manual and the student workbooks; Henry Folgoso, Associate Pastor of First UMC in Middletown, and his wife, Dani Ortega; John Wagner, Senior Pastor of First UMC Middletown, and many lay servants who provided outstanding hospitality throughout the day.



Also in August, we joyfully celebrated the return from Mexico of Magui Mikalauskas and her two children, Carson and Catherine. Nearly three years ago, the family traveled to visit family in Mexico, but were prevented by ICE to return to the United States. Magui's husband, Travis, had to stay in the U.S. with their two oldest children because of his job and the boys' studies, while Magui was forced to remain in Mexico with the two little ones, both of whom are U.S. Citizens. We, at St. Paul were heartbroken over the loss of our dear community members and grieved the forced separation of this precious family. We wrote letters, and were encouraged when **Geoff Daniels from the office of Senator Sherrod Brown agreed to expedite her case through the Senator's contacts in Washington**. We prayed. We continued to pray. We never stopped praying. Finally, our prayers were answered, and Magui and the children were allowed to come back! **Welcome Home, Magui, Carson and Catherine!**



WARMING ST. PAUL BENEFIT & MUSIC FEST



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

6:30PM-8:30PM

FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

Join us for a night of music and fellowship to benefit the St. Paul furnace fund.

September Calendar

- 3 Labor Day – church closed
- 9 Blessing of the book bags & school supplies during Worship United Methodist Women following worship
- 10 Kids Connection begins: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 4:00 – 6:30pm.
- 13 Youth Group every Thursday 4:00 – 5:30pm
- 16 Hispanic-Latino Ministry regular schedule begins with Spanish Worship, Sundays at 6 p.m., and Las Amigas, Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.
- 30 “Warm St. Paul” Musical Benefit, 6:30pm

Note: the Stuff Shoppe will be closed the week of September 24. It will reopen with all new fall and winter fashions on Monday, October 1.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 3 - Steak Dinner



At a Glimpse

During June and July, St. Paul, with your help, served 1,000 people in our Food Pantry. This means food for 15,000 meals was provided. Friendly, dedicated volunteers interacted with all of these folks.

During June and July, St. Paul served 2,553 nutritious meals on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

During June and July, the Stuff Shoppe thrift store distributed 1,000 items of clothing and household goods while making \$455.00 for Outreach Ministries.

Also, during this same time frame, 26,475 lbs. of food items were donated as well as 3,133 lbs. of bread and pastries. All of this bounty is delivered by dedicated volunteers from the area.

August, 2018 Breakfasts

- 4 Belmont UMC
- 11 Aley UMC
- 18 Normandy UMC
- 25 Belmont UMC Youth

August, 2018 Lunches

- 7 Christ UMC
- 14 Sugar Valley UMC
- 21 Tipp City UMC
- 28 New Madison UMC

September, 2018 Breakfasts

- 1 Belmont UMC
- 8 Englewood UMC
- 15 Normandy UMC
- 22 Community UMC
- 29 St. Charles Catholic Church

September, 2018 Lunches

- 4 VISTA thru Think Tank Inc.
- 11 St. Andrew UMC
- 18 Aley UMC
- 25 Concord UMC

October, 2018 Breakfasts

- 6 Belmont UMC
- 13 Aley UMC
- 20 Normandy UMC
- 27 Belmont UMC Youth

October, 2018 Lunches

- 2 Aldersgate UMC
- 9 Christ UMC
- 16 Tipp City UMC
- 23 North Riverdale Lutheran