



St. Paul United Methodist Church

January 2012



Just a few days ago, we celebrated the birth of Jesus. Jesus spent his life living out one mission: "I came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10). And every moment of the last three years of Jesus' life, he prepared his followers to do the same thing: "Go and make disciples of all nations....." (Matthew 28:10).

The mission hasn't changed in 2000 years. Here at St. Paul, that is our call. Make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. No matter what we're doing, no matter how we're doing it, it is all the means to one end: making disciples. Telling new people about Jesus and helping to grow the ones who are here into radical followers of Jesus Christ!

So how do we do it? How do we live out this great commission? Here at St. Paul Church, we spent the last several months looking at areas where we thought we could be most effective at doing that one thing: making disciples! And those five areas will be our focus for 2012.

First of all, we are **committed to continuing to revitalize our worship**. Are we reaching new people AND growing the ones who are here? We've made some changes in worship the past several months designed to reach new people for the sake of Jesus and to help people take another step toward becoming radical followers. As we move forward, what things must we do to create an atmosphere where people will meet God and grow in Him?

Secondly, we want to **reclaim our community for Christ**. What would happen if St. Paul began to stand up and take the neighborhoods surrounding it back for Christ? It's time for us to try. Getting out into the community. Meeting the people. Building relationships. Discovering their needs, wants and desires. Praying for them and the neighborhood. Becoming a part of it again. Finding out from them what the church they would attend would look like. And finding creative ways to connect their hearts and passions to God through the work we do as a church.

Thirdly, we want to **reenergize and refocus our children and youth ministries**. Young Peacemakers Club and the Youth Leadership Circle are both strong ministries. But what could we do better? How could we use these ministries to make disciples? Maybe we could better connect to the families of the children who are involved in the program here at St. Paul! What if some of us made a regular commitment to follow up with kids and their families from the program. Not just the program staff, but those who are a part of the church family here at St. Paul.

Fourth, we are **recreating our Hispanic ministry to be more "parish-focused."** We have a connection with many Hispanic families and access to many more who are not already here. It is estimated that 10 to 15% of the population in east Dayton is Hispanic. This community needs a church. And we have the opportunity to do more! What would that look like?

Finally, we are **developing a discipleship plan!** Once people have connected, in one way or another through our intentional efforts to bring them into relationship with Christ, we must provide opportunities for lifelong growth and transformation. If we will ever really grow, then we must be intentional about it. How? Through prayer and study and accountability and service, followers grow in their love for God and passion for His kingdom.

We have before us an incredible task! To make disciples of Jesus for the transformation of the world. Led by the Holy Spirit and working together as a team united for the sake of Christ, imagine what we can accomplish. I am excited about how God may use us to accomplish his task as we are obedient to His call in 2012. God bless us all!

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.



Tax season has arrived and in today's economy more people are looking to squeeze every dollar out of their tax return. Tax filing can be confusing and difficult and too many tax filing services require fees and many offer Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs) which strip millions in fees each year from the earned-income tax credits paid to working parents, ultimately reducing the amount of their tax return.

St. Paul UMC is partnering with The Benefit Bank (TBB), a web-based, counselor-assisted program to help low to moderate income wage earners obtain **FREE** assistance in filing federal and state income tax returns, claiming the Earned Income Credit (EIC) and Child Tax Credit.

People with household incomes of less than \$60,000 can come to St. Paul UMC to file a tax return at no cost. Tax refund can be received within seven to ten days through TBB e-file. Call 937-252-4467 to make an appointment.

*For more information about The Benefit Bank,
please call 1-866-887-6060 or visit their website at www.thebenefitbank.com.*

At a Glimpse...During November 2011, with your support, St. Paul...

- Served **1443 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**.
- Provided **groceries** to **951 individuals** for **14,265 meals** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**.
- Put over **1100 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$549.00 for the Outreach Ministry.

Meet the St. Paul Tutors for English Speakers of Other Languages

Cheryl Scroggins has been working in the Public Health field for 29 years. She is a member of Bethesda Temple Apostolic Church where she is part of the Ministerial Team, teaches Sunday School and sings in the choir. She has two adult children and five grandchildren. Cheryl feels that her life is much more interesting and enriched by working with her students at the St. Paul ESOL program.

Pat Guerriero is a member of Centerville UM Church and a former member of Vandalia UM Church. She enjoys reading, Sudoku puzzles, counted cross stitch and flower gardening. She has a black lab named Audra who never tires of playing 'fetch'. Pat hopes to help her students become comfortable with the English language so that they are confident in all they do.

Rev. Steve Hayes, a retired United Methodist Pastor, received his cultural immersion in 2003 when asked to lead a Bible study while visiting a church in Guatemala. That visit gave him a very small taste of the courage it takes for the folks to come to St. Paul's ESOL Classes to work in a new language. They are people from different places and backgrounds who are now surrounded by the English language and working to master it.

Steve recommends tutoring to anyone who would like to support some very hard-working people. It is not necessary to speak Spanish or any other second language in order to be a tutor. He enjoys the opportunity to serve as a bridge for folks working to learn and improve their English skills. Steve would be glad to talk with anyone considering the possibility of working in this outreach ministry at St. Paul UMC.

Other tutors include: **Rita Kohler, Seth Schlotterbeck, Dennis Kuehn and David Rose.**

The tutors are of varied ages and from all walks of life. Would you like to have more information about this exciting servant opportunity? Training is available and you can basically choose your own schedule. Please call Tawnya Lambert at 252-4467 or email her at office@stpauldayton.org.

At St. Paul UMC, we always end the year with gratitude and thanks to God for all our many blessings. Here is a sampling of some of our recent gifts:

- The Parents Shop on December 3rd was filled with wonderful toys & clothes because of very generous donations. Over 45 families experienced the dignity of purchasing affordable gifts for their children.
- The Children's Santa Shop gave all children & youth in our programs an opportunity to give nice gifts to all their family members. All the gifts were donated. They were also wrapped by Santa's helpers from Eastmont UMC, Centerville UMC and Normandy UMC. We thank Peggy Hewitt for coordinating the wrapping project so well.
- Christmas on Campus at U.D. was Thursday, December 8th. University of Dayton students sponsored 40 Young Peacemakers for a wonderful evening of fun, games and gifts.
- Continuing a 25+ year tradition, Normandy UMC sponsored a festive Breakfast with Santa on December 10th. Over 85 children and their parents were served breakfast. The children had their pictures taken with Santa who, with his helpers, also distributed wonderful gifts. A special thanks to Ursula Johnson for taking the pictures. We are very grateful to Joe and Sharon Steele, who did a great job organizing Breakfast with Santa for their first time, this year.
- Our Las Posadas Service was a very meaningful experience for approximately 80 people. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who planned the program, participated in the play and cooked all the delicious food.

PANTRY NEEDS LIST

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| Canned Fruit | Canned Soups | Dish Soap |
| Canned Meat | Canned Veggies | Shampoo |
| Cereal | Oatmeal | Toilet Paper |
| Pancake | Syrup | Toothpaste |
| Macaroni Cheese | Jam/Jelly | |
| Hot Chocolate | Peanut butter | |
| Drink mixes | Sloppy Joe sauce | |
| Saltine crackers | Sugar | |



Church Needs: Men's Winter Hats and Gloves
Stuff Shoppe Needs: Good, Gently Used Clothing (especially for Children and Men)

Servant Opportunities:

- Food Pantry Escort
- Data Entry in the Food Pantry on Monday or Wednesday
- Tutors to teach English
- OBB Tax Counselors



Greater Dayton Events of MLK Jr. Holiday Celebration

Sunday, January 15, 2012 MLK Musical Celebration at 6:00pm.
 Phillips Temple Church, 3620 Shiloh Springs Rd., Trotwood, OH 45426 (Free)

Monday, January 16, 2012

11:00 am MLK March and Rally will begin at Welcome Stadium, 1601 S. Edwin C Moses Blvd. and end at the Dayton Convention Center, downtown. Special guest include Colb DeLion and T.R.U.

1pm-3pm MLK Convention Center Workshops for all ages. (Free)








For more information, visit www.mlkdayton.org or call 830-8962.



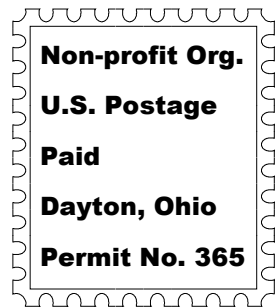
JANUARY 2012



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 T

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School & Children's Breakfast following	2 CHURCH CLOSED 	3 Worship 11:30am Community Lunch Served by New Madison UMC AA Diversity 7:00pm	4 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm 	5 Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm 	6 	7 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC ESOL Tutors Gathering 11:00am
8 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School & Children's Breakfast UMW Fellowship	9 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30pm	10 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Spring Valley UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm	11 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30pm Pathfinders 6:30pm	12 Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm	13 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon 	14 Community Breakfast Served by Englewood UMC ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon
15 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School & Children's Breakfast Spanish Bible Study 5:30pm	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day CHURCH CLOSED 	17 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Augustine Catholic Church Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm	18 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon Youth to Christ UMC 3:30pm Pathfinders 6:30pm	19 Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm 	20 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon 	21 Community Breakfast Served by Normandy UMC ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon
22 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School & Children's Breakfast Hispanic Worship Service 5:30PM	23 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30pm	24 Worship 11:30am Community Lunch Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm	25 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon Youth to Christ UMC 3:30pm Pathfinders 6:30pm	26 Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm 	27 ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon	28 Community Breakfast Served by Community UMC ESOL Classes 10am—12 noon
29 Worship Celebration 9:30am Sunday School & Children's Breakfast following	30 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm Youth to Christ UMC 3:30pm	31 Worship 11:30am Lunch Served by Double I Sunday School Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm AA Diversity 7:00pm	<p><u>General guidelines for keeping your home warm and efficient:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean or replace furnace filters every month. • Set your thermostat to 68°F when you're at home and awake. • Seal air leaks in the attic, basement and crawlspace, and also around windows and doors. • Insulate inside of windows with heavy-duty, clear plastic sheets. • Weather-strip doors that lead to cold or outside areas. • Wrap and insulate waterlines to prevent them from freezing. • Repair leaky faucets. 			

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Human Relations Day **Sunday, January 15, 2012**

The Human Relations Day offering is helping students at Philander Smith College engage in ministries that advocate for solutions to injustice, hunger, homelessness and other social ills.



Let's Get Radical: Think Justice

Radical means "from the root or foundation." That is how Jesus changed lives and how we, his followers, are called to change the world.

Being in ministry with the poor requires a radical or fundamental approach to overcoming not just the consequences but also the causes of poverty. It's a matter of justice.

Your Human Relations Day offering supports vital community ministries that teach and advocate for justice, especially among people struggling to survive in the margins of society.

For example, students at United Methodist-related Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Ark. Are becoming more involved in social concerns with help from the United Methodist Voluntary Service program. Combing academics with activism, the tiny, historically black college-with "Think Justice" as its motto-is teaching students to pursue justice for a better world.

During one Thanksgiving week students explored and responded to the worsening plight of hunger and homelessness in central Arkansas. They hosted a Faces of the Homeless symposium, volunteered at a shelter and soup kitchen, slept in cardboard boxes outdoors overnight and collected food and clothing for 100 needy families.

Other lessons have come from a letter-writing campaign to lobby for tougher drunk-driving laws and public forum with consciousness-raising guest speakers.

Your gifts to Human Relations Day provide avenues to restored relationships through ministries like Youth Offender Rehabilitation, Community Developers self-improvement programs and United Methodist Voluntary Services community advocacy programs. It's time to think and support justice, to become radical in changing lives and changing the world. Please give generously.

