



St. Paul Ministries

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Ministry Meet and Greet:

Say Hello to Your New Program Manager!



Hi friends! My name is Natasha Ivery and I'm the new Program Manager for the Dayton Equity Center (DEC), an extension ministry of the United Methodist Church, and I'll be serving with you all here at St. Paul. You may have seen me around preaching messages of diversity and spirituality in the pulpit, being Pastor Ashton's scribe or petting dogs for the Blessing of the Animals, but I am also a seminary student at MTSO getting my M.Div to be ordained as a deacon along with my MASJ (Master's of Arts in Social Justice).

In this 2024 Year of Believing (and Lent, the first of 5 liturgical seasons for the year), I encourage you all to find your own sacred liturgy in the ordinary practices of everyday life. Often, we get so caught up in the mundane, adult tasks of each day that we forget to see the wonders, signs and magic of God that can liberate us so we can liberate each other and the world. Take some time to lean into that each day and see how you grow in God! I have been fasting from Twitter and social media and I invite you to join us as we clear space to hear more from the One who made us and calls each of us "Beloved Child."

Ivery's Call to Ministry

My call to ministry was one that came excitedly but I soon realized how hard it actually is to unlearn, die to yourself and Christ daily and still maintain a sense of wonder and spirituality. It is sacrifice, not glory. In a recent sermon, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot: On Black Spirituality, Race and Religious Impact," I talked about how the spirituality of the Black church was derived from slavery, grit and survival. The spirituality and liveliness you see is Black pain made into song and worship that gives the global church an underscore of hope in perilous times. I am honored to have the task of keeping that spirituality alive at McKinley and St. Paul United Methodist Church. This hope gives me the strength to follow Christ in helping people restore their hope, while gaining job-readiness and resources via the Dayton Equity Center.

Ash Wednesday:



Did we see you at our Ash Wednesday service? It was incredible to see so many smiles representing our different worshipping communities. The scriptures, sermonettes and songs brought us into the remembrance of Christ's love and sacrifice for all, something we center during the Lenten season. One of my favorite verses might be a little morbid at first glance, but it's connected to that sentiment "We are dust, and to dust we shall return." Isaiah 40:6b, 8 says

6b "All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field....

8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever"

As we look out at snow melting on our withered grass and faded flowers, we remember that life is precious, fragile and temporary. The life we have comes from God, breathing into humankind. As we journey through this season, my prayer is that we take time to be grateful and look to the giver of life who raised Jesus from the dead and promises the same for those who believe. Please join us at St. Paul for Maundy Thursday Service on March 28th, Good Friday on the 29th, and Easter Sunday, March 31st at 10:30am as we commemorate the God who lived, died and rose again for us!



Domingo de la Resurrección

Estimadas familias:
Les invitamos a celebrar con nosotros el
Domingo de la Resurrección
31 de marzo, 2024 a las 6:45 p.m.

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Inviten a su familia y amigos... ¡**¡¡ TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!**!

Después del culto realizaremos una fiesta con la búsqueda de huevos para los niños y la visita de los conejos.

Para más información, enviar un mensaje por texto a 937-586-8578.



FREE TAX PREPARATION

For families earning \$70,000 or less

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101 Huffman Ave, Dayton OH 45403

First come, first served!

▪ Note for this year: **Drop off tax materials**

January 29 – April 10, 2024
M, W, F 9:30am – 1:30pm

Service provided by



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program

Please bring:

- W-2 (2023) and other required documents
- Forms and packet from 2022
- Tax-deductible receipts
- Bank name, account number, routing number
- Photo ID
- Dependents' social security cards

Our VITA Tax Preparation Program will end Wednesday, April 10

JOIN US FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE!



March 29th, 6:30 pm
St. Paul UMC
101 Huffman Ave.



Father, Forgive them



Today you will be with me ...



Woman: This is your son



My God, My God,



I Thirst



Father, into Your Hands



It is finished



Food Pantry Needs List

Jelly continues to be our #1 need!

- Canned Vegetables
- Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed Potatoes
- Shampoo
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Beans
- Pasta
- Mac & Cheese
- Dish Soap
- Soups
- Shelf Milk
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Laundry Soap

Statistics

In February, with your help, St. Paul:

- Served 362 people in our Choice Food Pantry. Clients receive food for 3 meals a day, for 5 days.
- Distributed 1177 hot meals on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- Assisted 110 people with their tax preparation through the VITA program.
- Provided good used clothing & household goods in our Thrift Store, making \$591.00 for our Outreach Ministries.

****Please consider a monetary gift this Easter Season to assist St. Paul in serving the least, the last and the lost****