



## St. Paul United Methodist Church

*Empowered by the love of Jesus Christ,  
St. Paul United Methodist Church opens doors  
of service, justice and peace to the world,  
and windows to a life in Christ for all people.*

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## St. Paul UMC – built 1883

1:24 Scale Model built 2015 by Jerry Murphy



*St. Paul United Methodist Church  
is more than brick and mortar  
to the people whose lives it has touched.  
The church has continuously sought meaningful ways  
to serve its parishioners and neighbors  
by reflecting Christ's teachings in its actions.*

Doris Bieber – Historian 1990

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# Memories: Christmas 2015

At the beginning of a new year, the St. Paul staff can look back at Christmas 2015 with deep gratitude. The Parents' Christmas Shop, held on Saturday December 5, was very successful. The splendor of the shop was due to all the generous toy, clothing and money donations. Thirty families were able to provide Christmas for their children because of the shop.

On Tuesday, December 8, **all the children in Young Peacemakers' Club were given the opportunity to attend Christmas on Campus at the University of Dayton.** This joyful event was special this year because each child was accompanied by their Big Brother or Big Sister from UD. The 'Bigs' organized everything from maps and traffic control to a special part just for the St. Paul Children!

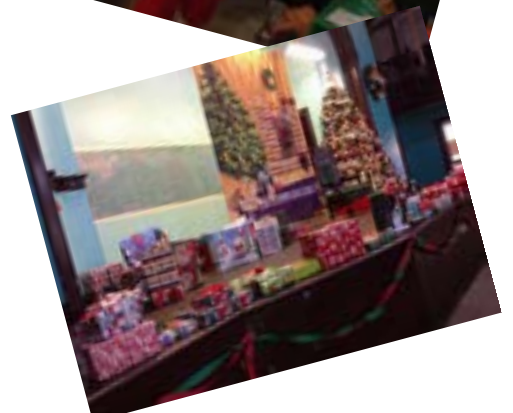
On Saturday, December 12, **Normandy United Methodist Church once again gifted the St. Paul children and their families with a wonderful Breakfast with Santa.** Santa arrived safely to pose with each family of children while Janice Daniels snapped their photos.

During the week **following the Parents' Shop, Ruthanne Lamb and helpers set up the Santa Shop in the lower level of the church. Each child in Young Peacemakers' Club and in the Hispanic Ministries was able to select a gift for each member of their immediate family.** A group of gift wrappers, organized by Pam Eyler, wrapped all the presents selected by the children and put them in individual bags for the children to take home and place under the Christmas tree. A special thank you goes out to the following super volunteer gift wrappers:

**Centerville United Methodist Women:** Peggy Hewitt, Leigh Ann Kleinschnitz, Ruthann Senne, Miriam Snyder, Judy Keller, Roberta Boyer, and Gretta Debois.

**Eastmont United Methodist Women:** Pam Eyler, Pat Petrey, Glenda Vance, Maxine Anderson, Maryann Coats.

**Normandy United Methodist Women:** Mary Jean Megginson, Violet Trumbore, Martha Willis, Pat Moorefield, Jennifer Biggs and Debbie Preston.



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# February 2016

sunday	monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
<p><b>Worship Attendance:</b></p> <p><b>12/6/2015 35</b></p> <p><b>12/13/2015 52</b></p> <p><b>12/20/2015 40</b></p> <p><b>12/24/2015 77</b></p> <p><b>12/27/2015 28</b></p>	1 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	2 WORSHIP 11:30 a.m.  LUNCH – 12 noon Served by Christ UMC  Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.  Zumba 7-8 p.m.	3 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.–12 Noon  Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.  Las Amigas 6:45-8:15 p.m.	4 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	5	6 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Belmont UM
7 Small Group 9:30 a.m.  Bible Sharing 10 a.m.  WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.  Spanish Bible Study and Worship 5-7 p.m.	8 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	9 WORSHIP 11:30 a.m.  LUNCH – 12 noon Served by Centerville UMC  Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.  Zumba 7-8 p.m.	10 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.–12 Noon  Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.  ASH WEDNESDAY Service - 7 p.m.	11 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	12	13 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Aley UMC
14 Small Group 9:30 a.m.  Bible Sharing 10 a.m.  WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.  Spanish Bible Study and Worship 5-7 p.m.	15 No YPC President's Day	16 WORSHIP 11:30 a.m.  LUNCH 12 noon Served by Normandy UMC  Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.  Zumba 7-8 p.m.	17 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.–12 Noon  Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.  Taizé Service Dinner 6:30 p.m.	18 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	19	20 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Normandy UMC
21 Small Group 9:30 a.m.  Bible Sharing 10 a.m.  WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.  Spanish Bible Study and Worship 5-7 p.m.	22 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	23 WORSHIP 11:30 a.m.  LUNCH 12 noon Served by Christ UMC  Jr. Peacemakers 4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.  Zumba 7-8 p.m.	24 ESOL Classes 10 a.m.–12 Noon  Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.  Taizé Service Dinner 6:30 p.m.	25 KOFFEE HOUR 11 a.m.  Jr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	26	27 COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 9 a.m. Served by Belmont UMC Youth
28 Small Group 9:30 a.m.  Bible Sharing 10 a.m.  WORSHIP CELEBRATION 11 a.m.  Spanish Bible Study and Worship 5-7 p.m.	29 Sr. Peacemakers 4-6:30 p.m.	<p><b>Office Hours:</b> M-F:.....9 a.m.–3 p.m.</p> <p><b>Food Pantry:</b> M, W, TH: ..... 10 a.m.–2:45 p.m.</p> <p><b>Stuff Shoppe:</b> M, W TH: ..... 10 a.m.–2:45 p.m. T: ..... 12:30 p.m.–2:00 p.m.</p>		<p><i>Save the date:</i></p> <p><i>Steak Dinner</i></p> <p><i>March 12</i></p>		



**FREE TAX ASSISTANCE** is available to most low and moderate income Ohio households through The Ohio Benefit Bank [OBB]. Free tax services through the OBB include free e-filing and ability to receive your refund in as little as 7 – 10 days, with not fees or other charges. Since the program's inception in 2006, the OBB has helped hundreds of thousands of Ohioans claim tax credits and benefits that are worth millions of dollars.

St. Paul United Methodist Church has several years' experience in running one of the largest tax preparation sites in the Dayton area. At this time, we have 5 experienced volunteer tax preparers who are offering appointments weekdays during the morning, afternoon and evening in order to accommodate as many people as possible. Vicki Morris, our program coordinator, will set you up with an appointment by calling the church at 252-4467.

A Tax Clinic is being offered on Saturday, January 30 from 11am until 2pm. The tax preparers will do people's taxes on a first come, first serve basis.

## Hispanic Ministry Update

**LAS POSADAS**, a traditional Mexican Christmas celebration is held annually at St. Paul UMC. The 2015 event was a big success, with more than 50 people in attendance.

Members of our Hispanic community helped to organize the event, and did a beautiful job with the pageant. After the Service, all were invited to a traditional Mexican Christmas feast, complete with piñatas for the children. For the first time ever, thanks to a special donation from the Life Enrichment Center, three excited children received a brand new bicycle!

Thank you to all of our donors and to the West Ohio Conference for helping to support this ministry because, without you, none of this would be possible.

In addition to our regular Las Amigas program, which is a Hispanic women's support group connected with United Methodist Women, we began to offer a **Sunday evening Bible Study and Worship Service in Spanish** starting on January 3, 2016. We are excited about the potential for transformation and growth through this ministry.

**Special thanks to Francia and Darrell Moore**, leaders with the Esperanza Viva Hispanic Ministry in Mason, Ohio, for helping us to develop a Spanish Worship Service at St. Paul. Francia is a native of Colombia, South America, and is a good role model for our women. Darrell's talents as a guitarist and as a former school teacher are a valuable addition to our programs. For the first time ever, we have not just babysitters for the children, but someone who is able to help them grow spiritually as well.



## At a glimpse.....

**During November and December, 2015, with your support, St. Paul UMC**

- served **2,395 delicious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**;
- **provided groceries for 1,339 individuals and food for 20,085 meals; 2,674 lbs. of donated food; 3,028 lbs. of donated bread and pastries** through the **Emergency Food Pantry**;
- **placed 1,200 pieces of clothing in the hands of many grateful people** and **made \$693.00 for the Outreach Ministry.**

### Lenten Programs at St. Paul UMC

#### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

February 10

#### TAIZÉ SERVICE and Dinner

Wednesdays during Lent  
6:30 p.m.

### Servant Opportunities

- Food Pantry Escorts
- Host/Hostess for the Pantry waiting room
- Thrift Store Cashier



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