



Easter...

What a miracle, what a moment, what a Savior-

For love like this, we celebrate.

Dear members and friends of St. Paul,

God **loved** the world so much that **He gave** His only son so that whoever would be a **covenant partner** with Him will **live** a rich and full life now and forever. John 3:16

Yes, I've taken a few liberties with the text, but if you read many bible translations, you might say that translation is the key to understanding.

My key questions today are: **What is the Easter message? And How can we understand it from this familiar and beloved scripture passage?** And here's my translation:

Love ----->Give----->Sacrifice----->Commit----->Live

Love: Reflect God's love for all people and for all that He has created. Remember that we are created in His image.

Give: Remember that all that we have comes from God our creator.

Sacrifice: God sacrificed everything to be ours, let us sacrifice everything to be His.

Commit: Pledge your life to be what God calls you to be and to be His partner to help fulfill His pronouncement for all creation that "It is good!"

Live: He's alive so that you can be alive, now and forever..

Now, since I am writing this Easter letter as one seeking to partner with God in ministry at St. Paul Church, and I know that St. Paul is also close to your heart; I must tell you that St. Paul is in a financial crisis. Our ability to pay salaries and increased winter expenses is a day to day question.

It would be an Easter alleluia if our Easter offering exceeded all expectations and enabled St. Paul to continue to fulfill her call to be a place to meet the Lord (Matthew 25:40)..

Grace abounds, Bob Knell, Chair, St. Paul Governing Board

He is not: for he is risen. Matthew 28:6

Volunteer Spotlight



Reverend Bob Knell is a retired pastor from here in West Ohio Conference who attends Normandy UMC. Following his leadership of the very successful Wings of the Morning capital campaign for West Ohio Conference, Bob felt a calling to assist St. Paul UMC using his many gifts and talents. He implemented St. Paul's Governing Board and currently chairs it. In addition, he assists with Tuesday worship and lunch. He also fills the pulpit on Sundays when pastor George brewer is away. Bob has substantially strengthened the Normandy UMC/ St. Paul UMC partnership in many creative ways.

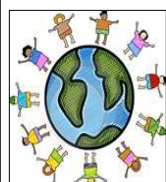
At a Glimpse...During February 2014, with your support, St. Paul...

- Served **1,243 nutritious hot meals** at **Tuesday lunch** and **Saturday breakfast**.
- Provided groceries to **792 individuals for 11,880 meals** through the **Choice Food Pantry**.
- Put over **400 pieces** of good used **clothing** into the hands of many grateful people and made \$188.00 for the Outreach Ministry.

Community Care=Camperships Mission U

This year, children and youth from Wesley Community Center in Dayton, St. Paul UMC in Dayton, Alpha Center in Sidney and Faith UMC in Springfield are asking for your help to have a United Methodist Camping experience. Individuals and organizations are being asked to contribute to camperships through Community Care, a local mission project of the Miami Valley District United Methodist Women.

Send contributions to the Miami Valley District UMW President, Beth Vanoli, 530 Chipplegate Dr., Dayton, OH 45459.



MISSION Ohio Northern University

Four-Day Program: July 7-10

Weekend Event: July 11-13

Day Sampler: July 12

TOPICS:

- ♦ **How Is It with Your Soul?**
- ♦ **The Roma of Europe**
- ♦ **The Church and People with Disabilities**

Course materials may be purchased in advance by calling the Mission Resource Center at 800-305-9857 or visit www.missionresourcecenter.org.

REGISTRATION: Register at www.westohioumc.org, click on "Register for Events." Registration opens March 1-June 15, early bird discount through April 15. If you do not have computer access or need help registering, contact: Peg Addington, Registrar 614-877-4200 maddin0952@sbcglobal.net

SCHOLARSHIPS: A limited number of scholarships are available for first time adult and youth attendees. Scholarships will be awarded as applications are received. Deadline for scholarship requests is April 15.



Tax Filing Deadlines...April 15th

Time is running out, call St. Paul UMC at 937-252-4467 today and make an appointment. It's Fast, Easy and Free.

The Ohio Benefit Bank is here to help, making it convenient and easy to file your state and federal tax returns. If you earned \$60,000 or less last year, please contact the St. Paul UMC Benefit Bank at 937-252-4467 and make an appointment with a trained volunteer counselor. We can assist in filing 2012, 2011, 2010 & 2009 federal and state taxes. We can also file FAFSA forms. We look forward to assisting you. Visit www.thebenefitbank.com or Call 1-800-648-1176 for more information.



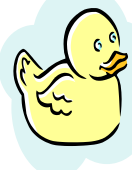
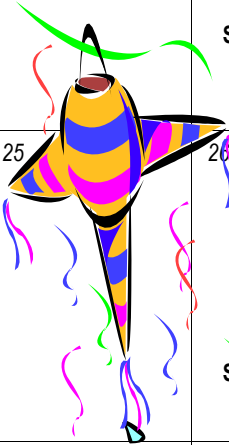
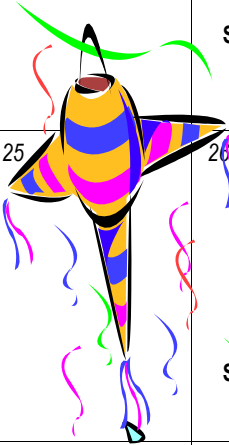
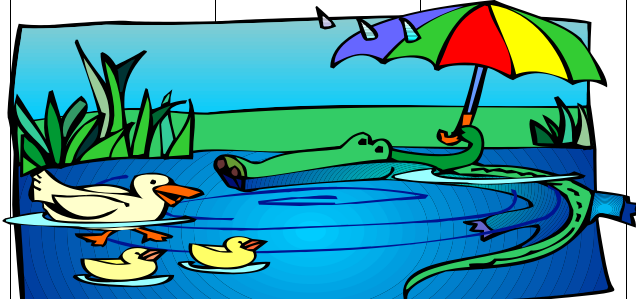


Office Hours 9:00am—3:00pm

Pantry Hours 10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH

Stuff Shoppe 10:00am—2:45pm M,W,TH

12 noon—2:00pm T

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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|  | | 1 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Phillipsburg UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 2 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:45pm | 3 ESOL Classes 10am—11:45am Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 4  | 5 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC Worship in Spanish 5:30pm Prayer Vigil | |
| | 6 Sunday School 10:00am Worship Celebration 11:00am United Methodist Women following Worship | 7 Staff Meeting 8:30am Governing Board Meeting 2:00pm Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm | 8 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by St. Andrews UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 9 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:45pm | 10 ESOL Classes 10am—11:45am Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 11  | 12 Community Breakfast Served by Aley UMC Health Fair 10-2 Worship in Spanish 5:30pm |
| | 13 Sunday School 10:00am Worship Celebration 11:00am Palm Sunday | 14 Staff Meeting 8:30am Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm | 15 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Centerville UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 16 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm Las Amigas 5:00pm—6:30pm Spanish Bible Study 6:30pm—7:45pm | 17 ESOL Classes 10am—11:45am Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 18 Good Friday Church Closed  | 19 Community Breakfast Served by Normandy UMC Worship in Spanish 5:30pm |
| 20 Sunday School 10:00am Worship Celebration 11:00am Easter | 21 Staff Meeting 8:30am Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm | 22 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Bellbrook UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 23 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 24 ESOL Classes 10am—11:45am Koffee Hour 11:00am Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 25  | 26 Community Breakfast Served by Belmont UMC Youth Worship in Spanish 5:30pm Children's Day | |
| 27 Sunday School 10:00am Worship Celebration 11:00am | 28 Staff Meeting 8:30am Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm ESOL Classes 6:00pm—8:00pm | 29 Worship 11:20am Lunch Served by Christ UMC Jr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm | 30 Sr. Peacemakers 4:00pm—6:30pm |  | | | |

**Hispanic
ministries
News**

#NOT1MORE

**STOP
DEPORTATIONS**
THERE'S STILL TIME TO TURN AROUND.
OBAMA, STOP BEFORE YOU REACH 2 MILLION.
APRIL 5th DAY OF ACTION

VELA DE ORACIÓN

Oremos que las familias permanezcan juntas y que el gobierno deje de deportar.

EL SÁBADO— 5 ABRIL 2014 5:30PM

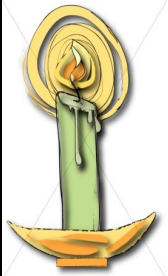
Depués de la vela, habrá una cena. Que traiga un platillo para partir.

Pray for families to stay together and for deportation to end.

The Hispanic Ministries of St. Paul will host a **PRAYER VIGIL**
on Saturday, April 5th at 5:30pm.

There will be a carry-in dinner to follow.

For more information, www.unc-gbcs.org.FaithinAction or
www.notonemoredeportation.com



Feria de Salud para la Comunidad Latino/Community Health Fair

Sábado, 12 de abril, 10:00am-2:00pm

101 Huffman Ave, 45403

Habrá traductores de español

ANÁLISIS GRATUITOS

Presión sanguínea, azúcar en la sangre, colesterol,
y examende sida confidential

Proveedores de servicios medicos con recursos
comunitarios y servicios de salud.

Saturday, April 12th 10:00am-2:00pm

101 Huffman Ave, 45403

FREE ANALYSIS

Blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, and
confidential AIDS testing

Medical service providers with community resources
and health services.

Children's Day / El Día de los Niños

El Día De Los Niños (Children's Day) is an annual celebration which honors and commemorates children and their importance in society. The celebration underlines fundamental values that help to promote the nurturing and caring of children, such as, family involvement in the lives of their children, improvement in the lives of their children, improvement in child literacy, acceptance of multiculturalism and celebration of cultural heritage.

Please come and celebrate El Día De Los Niños on Saturday, April 26th at 5:30p.m.

Following the worship celebration, there will be a meal and a piñata for the children. Please bring a dish to share.



El Día De Los Niños es una celebración anual. El Día es para honrar y conmemorar a los niños y su importancia en la sociedad. Se celebra valores fundamentales que apoyan a la promoción de alimentar y cuidar de niños, como la participación de los padres en las vidas de sus niños, el mejoramiento de alfabetismo de los niños, la aceptación del multiculturalismo y la celebración de patrimonio cultural.

Por favor vengan para celebrar

El Día De Los Niños en la Iglesia Metodista Unida de San Pablo, el sábado, 26 de abril a las 5:30 de la tarde.

Después del culto de celebración, habrá una cena y una piñata para los niños. Por favor traigan un platillo para compartir.

Come Worship With Us!



Sunday Worship

11:00 am

Tuesday Worship

11:30 am

Worship in Spanish

Saturday-5:30 pm

Lent 2014



April 13 (Sun)

PALM SUNDAY Worship Celebration

April 17 (Thur)

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm

April 18 (Fri)

ST. PAUL UM CHURCH CLOSED

GOOD FRIDAY PEACE & JUSTICE WALK, Noon -3:00p.m.

Courthouse Square, Downtown Dayton

April 20 (Sun)

EASTER CELEBRATION 11 am

Fabric Frenzy



Do you sew?

Quilt?

Do Crafts?

Join Us for a

Fabric Sale

April 12th from 11am-2pm

Bag: \$1.00

St. Paul United Methodist Church,
101 Huffman Ave.

Did you know....

- ♦ that St. Paul UMC made \$1100.00 from our recent Steak Dinner! A very sincere "Thank You" go out to all the volunteers and to all the people who came to dine. A special note of appreciation to the wonderful musicians from Bellbrook UMC.
- ♦ that the "Stuff Shoppe" will reopen on Monday, March 31 with a new selection of Spring & Summer clothing and a new selection of household items.
- ♦ that the United Methodist Women will hold a global Assembly in Louisville, Kentucky. April 25-27. St. Paul will be represented by Joan Johnson, WOC UMW President; Beth Vanoli, Miami Valley District President; Tawnya Lambert, WOC Hispanic Language Coordinator and Joy Bossmann. Stay tuned for details after this great event.
- ♦ that St. Paul will hold a Sub Sale in May. Details to come in next month's newsletter.
- ♦ that without your prayers & support, we could not do all that needs to be done in our community.

According to a new report by the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC), more than 1 in 5 Ohioans experience food hardship in 2012. According to the same report, Dayton ranks 4th in the nation for food hardship.

PANTRY NEEDS:

Canned Meat (ex. tuna, spam,...)

Canned Fruit (ex. pineapple,...)

Canned Vegetables (mixed veggies, peas...)

Canned Soup/Ramen Noodles

Cereal & Oatmeal

Jelly/Jam

Juice

Dry Beans (Great Northern, Pinto,...)

Kidney Beans

Mac & Cheese

Pancake Mix

Pancake Syrup

Pasta & Sauce

Saltine Crackers

TAXABLE ITEMS:

Bar Soap

Diapers (all sizes)

Dish Soap

Kleenex

Laundry Soap

Shampoo

Toothbrushes & Paste

CHURCH NEEDS:

Plastic/ Paper Grocery bags

Rakes and Shovels

Rain Ponchos

Yarn

Paper Shredder

Hangers for children's clothes

Craft items

Gently Used Men's & Children's Clothes

Pencils & Pens

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.