

Paoli United Methodist Church

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Sunday Schedule:

8:15 a.m. Worship
9:00 a.m. Sunday school
10:15 a.m. Worship


Junior Church July 14th & 28th 10:15 service

Place label here.

Access church website
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paoli-umc.com



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<u>July Helpers</u>		<u>July Anniversaries</u>		<u>July Birthdays</u>		
Greeters						
July 7	Keith & Debbie Sparks	6	Mitchell & Candice Foster	1	Dee Pedigo	
July 14	Jerry & Joanne Stroud	15	Tim & Jennifer Austin		Curtis Ralston	
July 21	Darrell & Suzanne Newkirk	20	Anthony & Megan Bradley	3	Robert Seidner	
July 28	Tim & Jennifer Austin			4	Grant Trinkle	
Please contact Lesa Farlow at l.farlow82@frontier.com or (812) 723-2333 if you are unavailable as a greeter for any of the above dates.				6	Beau Hannon	
Acolytes		<u>July Altar Flowers</u>		11	Jann Jones	
July 7	Information unavailable at time of printing – see bulletin board across from coat closet	July 7	See altar flowers clipboard across from church office for information.	13	Christian Fleenor	
July 14		July 14		14	Reagan Ralston	
July 21		July 21		15	Megan Bosley	
July 28		July 28		20	LaMont Bonath	
Please contact Dee Ann Harmon at deeharmon1@frontier.com or (812) 521-6822 if you are unavailable as an acolyte for any of the above dates.				27	Daria Hall	
Worship Leaders				29	Harriet Foster	
July 7	Howard Detweiler				Greta Kubic	
July 14	Howard Detweiler				Garrett Vincent	
July 21	Jim Bowen				Todd Trinkle	
July 28	Jim Bowen				Megan Bradley	
					Eli Bradley	
				Instagram - @paoliumc		
				Information for the August newsletter needs to be submitted by July 18 th		

July 2019



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Saves us 7% of
purchase price!
If you are making a
purchase on behalf of
the church, please
remember to use our
tax exempt number. If
you do not have that
information, stop by
the church office to
pick up the needed
documents.

Jr. Church
July 14th & 28th

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Prayer Blankets

If you would like your
prayer blanket re-blessed,
contact Annabelle
Rominger at
(812) 865-0927
(812) 723-3190 or
annrobertr@frontier.com.

Please keep our
church coconut oil
and peanut free for
members who are
allergic.



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LaMont's Lines
July 2019

Self-Awareness Series Begins

Scripture speaks of a Creator God and declares God has created human beings in God's own image. This perspective suggests every individual has the potential and responsibility with God to bring about fulfillment of God's creation.

Teachers and leaders in religious education settings are creative when they use their own skills, ideas, and experiences to communicate with others. This may include the ability to relate to others in personal, sensitive and helpful ways.

Through creative methods Christian education provides opportunities to partner with God to being fulfillment to God's creation. In our current culture as teachers, mentors and spiritual guides, there are many different subcultures. When we focus on youth, we need to understand the individual youth may exist within a certain sub-culture. Which subculture did/do we/you belong to in high school? Being aware of these different subcultures may help us understand others.

The Challenge of the Junior/Senior High Sunday School Class

Youth Tribalism

Relatively few churches recognize the existence of high school youth subcultures. Most adult leaders of youth in the church believe teenagers should be organized by age and grade, with every group being cross-cultural and inclusive in its membership. If you take time to observe the seating arrangements at Paoli High School lunch times, personal observation confirms the focus of this article. There are different youth subcultures.

There are about 6 youth subcultures:

1. Jocks – those involved in sports
2. Preppies or Intellectuals – those into books and getting ready for college or run all or most of the extra-curricular activities
3. Socialites – ones who dress up every day
4. Musicians – those into the current musical emphasis of their generation
5. Norms or Straights – those who go to school, class and head home. They may have a part-time job on the weekend or after school.

Sunday Service Times

8:15 A.M. Worship
9:00 A.M. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study
10:15 A.M. Worship

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8 A.M. to 3 P.M.
(closed for lunch 12-1)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Boy Scouts 385 4:45-7 PM Fellowship Hall	2	3	4 Independence Day office closed	5	6
7	8	9 Blankets of Love 1 PM	10	11 Audio Operator training 7 PM	12	13
Communion						
14	15	16 Youth Worker Café 10 AM – 2 PM Fellowship Hall Finance mtg. 7 PM J.O.Y. classroom	17	18	19	20
Jr. Church 10:15 service						
21	22	23 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-8 Fellowship Hall	24	25 Thrive Orange County Fellowship Hall 5-7:30 PM	26	27
Food Pantry Sunday						
28	29	30 Cub Scouts 381 4:45-8 PM Fellowship Hall	31			
Jr. Church 10:15 service						

Particular Sunday Emphasises

1st Sunday of the month – Communion
2nd Sunday of the month - Christian Education/Junior Church
3rd Sunday of the month - Food Pantry/Altar Call
4th Sunday of the month - Mission Moment/Junior Church
5th Sunday of the month - Stewardship Moment/Altar Call

Instagram posts go up on
Monday mornings –
except during holidays!

July sermon titles & texts

July 7 Communion Sunday
 “Wisdom”
 Proverbs 2:6-12

July 14 Christian Education Sunday
 “Confidence”
 Proverbs 3:21-27

July 21 Food Pantry Sunday
 “Serving Alone”
 Luke 10:38-42

July 28 Missions Sunday
 “The Lord’s Prayer”
 Luke 11:1-13

The Mourner’s Bill of Rights

1. You have the right to experience your own unique grief.
2. You have the right to talk about your grief.
3. You have the right to be tolerant of your physical and emotional limits.
4. You have the right to feel a multitude of emotions.
5. You have the right to experience “griefbursts.”
6. You have the right to make use of ritual.
7. You have the right to embrace your spirituality.
8. You have the right to search for meaning.
9. You have the right to treasure your memories.
10. You have the right to move toward your grief and heal.

Southern Indiana Human Trafficking Coalition

National Human Trafficking Hotline: 1-888-373-7888
or text INFO or HELP to BE FREE (233733)

If you suspect a minor is being trafficked you must call The Indiana Department of Child Services Hotline at 1-800-800-5556

Local
Suicide Prevention
Line

812.422.1100
www.southwestern.org

Help is available
24 hours, 7 days a week

Local AA meetings

Paoli
Mondays, 10 A.M.; New Hope Christian Church
Tuesdays, 8 P.M.; Paoli Wesleyan Church
Orleans
Wednesdays, 8 P.M.; American Legion Post 69
French Lick
Sundays, 7 P.M.; Springs Valley Wesleyan Church
Wednesdays 7 P.M. Beechwood Christian Church

For up to date changes on AA meetings visit:
<http://www.district10.area23aa.org>

Members in nursing & retirement facilities

Martha Denny Rm. 119
Bliss House, 3008 S. Shawnee Dr.
Bedford, Indiana 47421
Mary Margaret McCoy
Westview Nursing Center, 1510 Clinic Dr.
Bedford, Indiana 47421
Rosemary Noble Rm. 123A
Garden Villa, 2111 Norton Ln.
Bedford, Indiana 47421
Bud Caraway Rm. 300, Bill Cromwell Rm. 306,
Paoli Health & Living, 559 W. Longest St.
Paoli, Indiana 47454

Pastor visits the homebound & retirement facilities once a month with Harold Minton.

Emergency Contact Information

Pastor LaMont’s contact information –
E-mail: paoliumc@frontier.com
Cell: (812) 653-5677 (text available)
Parsonage: (812) 723-8111

Megan’s contact information –
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Cell (use for emergencies): (812) 653-0063

Reminder!

Please do not block the East entrance under the canopy during church hours.

Thank you!

Unspoken Prayer Concerns

June 9
8:15 – 2
10:15 – 11

June 16
8:15 – 3
10:15 – 9

June 23
8:15 – 2
10:15 – 8

The process used by the pastor has been visualizing each person who raises their hand at either the 8:15 or 10:15 service. Then he prays for God’s grace to be active. If you have a suggestion on another way to acknowledge unspoken prayer concerns, please contact pastor LaMont.

Prayer of Blessing

(Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and protect you! The Lord deal kindly and graciously with you! The Lord bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace!

Possible Prayer for Unspoken Prayer Requests

Celebrations & Member Care



Lifting up others in prayer and giving thanks

The earnest, heartfelt, continued prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available – dynamic in it working. James 5:16 AMP

Celebrations

Seen in the newspaper – Aaron Hannon Madison Street

“40 yrs. ago today” June 5-7, 1979 Greg Rominger



updated 6/17/19

Our church’s prayer list –

Frank Albert	Jeremy Hicks
Rex Babcock	George Holaday family
Harold Bonath (hospice care)	Anna Hudelson
LeRoy Boyer	Phyllis Kaiser
Mike Burton	Steve & Sheryl Kingston
Bud Caraway	Payton Krider
Sharon Collier	Derrick Lambdin
Sharron Cousineau	Joyce Lewis & family
Donna Crews	Clarence Martin
Bill Cromwell	Chet Messengale
Deegan Epperson	John & Mary Ruth Miley
Larry Evans	Rosemary Noble
Jeff Hebert	Paulette Purkhiser
	Mark WittenHagen

What Is a Church Secretary?

When I began this position nearly a year ago, I was unsure what to expect. After being on the “outside” of the operations for nearly 27 years, I thought I had a general idea of what a church secretary did; but, I can honestly say now I was incredibly naïve with that thought.

When you see the bulletins each Sunday, or the slides, the monthly newsletters, or you receive congregational or personal e-mail from me, please know that it is not just another box I check off each day. Every bit of information and effort I am able to give this congregation is done thoroughly. Each obituary I send out, each wedding I schedule, each event I coordinate is done with love and prayer. When I receive phone calls each week from individuals seeking money to keep their electricity on or their water running – food in their children’s bellies – or clothes on their back – I act with great compassion. I do not think of what they may have done to get themselves in these situations. I do my best not to judge. I treat them as I would hope someone would treat me if I were ever in their position.

When I accepted the position as the church secretary here at the Paoli United Methodist Church, I assumed it would be just like any other clerical position I’d occupied in the past. I never dreamt it would have such an impact on me – both personally and professionally.

I am not looking for praise or recognition. I want this congregation to know wholeheartedly I do not just come in each day and fill in blanks with information and move on. I get to interact with some really amazing people. I am fortunate enough to learn some very valuable life lessons and I feel privileged to be able to serve this church and watch my children grow up surrounded by such a wonderful congregation.

Thank you for embarking on this journey with me and for your continuous support and encouragement!

Megan Bradley, Church Secretary

LaMont’s Lines continued...

6. Druggies – those who use prescription or illegal drugs. This would include alcohol.

Most students know the tribe or subculture they belong to, and they know which subculture they do not belong to! Much like most adults, teenagers tend to socialize with persons who are just like them. As a general rule, a white Protestant congregation draws its regular attendees from intellectuals, preppies, students, straights and norms. Jocks or socialites come only to parties or trips. Druggies and musicians only appear if compelled by parents.

When this concept of youth subcultures is applied to local church youth ministries, how do you plan for youth programs? Which youth subcultures provide the most participants for the youth group and high school Sunday school class?

Our Church Website

www.paoli-umc.com

(click on Worship & Spiritual Growth, then click on Book Reviews)

On our website a section has been created called Book Reviews. About two times a year, I post a book review on certain books I would recommend to the congregation. Most are nonfiction, some are spiritual or religious, and others are about the Internet or social media. My goal in posting these reviews is to encourage the practice of active reading.

Content Rules – How to create killer blogs, podcasts, videos, e-books and webinars by Ann Handley and C.C. Chapman, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc. in 2011.

Content Rules help the reader understand the importance of writing good content which needs to be interesting and provide valuable information for use on social media sites. You will learn how to identify an audience, how to develop a distinct point of view and voice. You will also learn how to construct a narrative which is exciting and engaging.

In chapter one the point is made for designing content to give valuable, helpful and remarkable information to others. This will allow you to be viewed as an expert and build trust.

Chapter four, the user experience is driven by words. So the entire structure of your page or app flow is focused on words. Put another way, the language you use and the tone of your writing can help forge a distinctive identity.

One of the benefits for me was the definitions and examples of a white paper and an e-book. A white paper (a research report, summary or technical report) focuses on facts, usually a simple issue and is about 12 pages long.

An e-book is a book published electronically designed to be downloaded or read on a screen. The size of an e-book varies.

I would recommend the book, however, start by reading the conclusion and then read the rest of the book. Happy reading!

Midwest Mission Center now UMCOR cooperating depot

The Midwest Mission Distribution Center (MMDC) at Chatham, IL., South suburb of Springfield, and the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) have signed a memorandum of understanding. MMDC is now a Cooperating Depot in the UMCOR relief supply network.

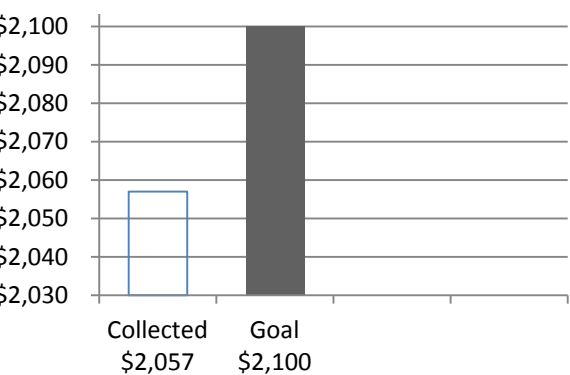
For more information visit:
www.midwestmissiondc.org
or call
217-483-7911



Mission Section

Food Pantry Building
annual goal
April-June 2019

Second Mile Giving to the Food Pantry



I. Food Pantry
Alleviating Food Insecurities

If you are bringing items for the food pantry, please take them to the sanctuary foyer and place them in the designated area. We don't want to miss any donations!



Promoting Our
Church in the
Community

Monday-Friday
Faith Break
WUME

Weekly - the Paoli
News Republican
church section -
worship schedule

24/7
www.paoli-umc.com
Google Reviews
Instagram -
@paoliumc



Share life
Give blood



Stats from our
June 20
Blood Drive

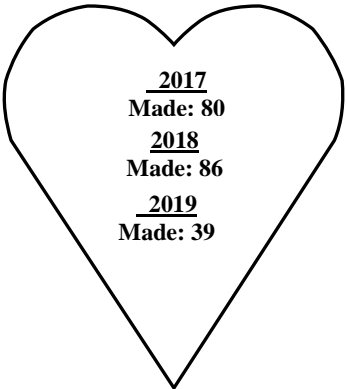
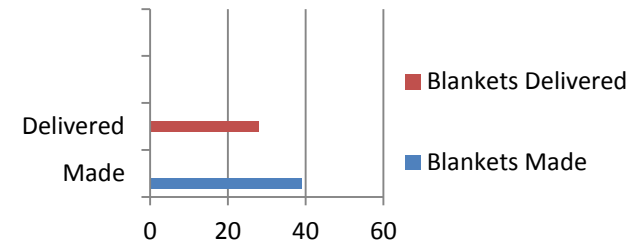
20 donors
26 pints collected
7 Power Red donations
3 first-time donors

Upcoming Drives
December 3, 3-7 PM
April 14, 2020, 3-7 PM



A Helping Hand
To Others
"If your heart be
as my heart, give
me your hand"
-John Wesley

II. Blankets of Love
Total # made (to date) in 2019
Alleviating Emotional Insecurities



III. Blood Drives
Alleviating Blood Insecurities

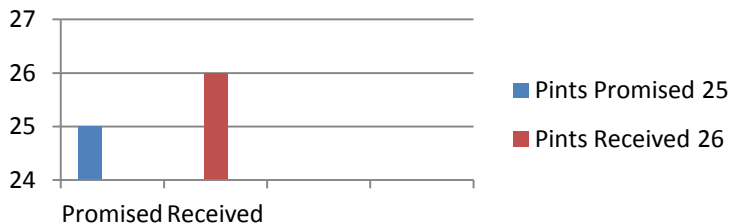
★ Thanks, Terri Hannon, for helping schedule donors for the 6/20 drive!

I would like to thank everyone for making our blood drives such a success! Prior to our drive in March 2019, we had not hosted a blood drive in over ten years. I am incredibly proud of our church for coming together and alleviating blood insecurities in our area.

Each one of our drives has proven to be more successful than the last and I hope this trend continues.

With our church possessing the special blood type needed for the Power Red donations; we have now decided to be put on a donation schedule of 3x per year. A whole blood donation may occur every 54 days, whereas a Power Red donation can only occur every 112 days.

Our church's next blood drive will take place on December 3 from 3-7 PM. I will reach out to our donors in November to start sign-ups for that drive. If you like to plan ahead, our drive for the Spring of 2020 will be April 14, 3-7 PM.



The Complex Issue of Diversity -
Confronting the Homogenous Unit Principle

To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak.
I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means
save some. I Corinthians 9:22

We would like to believe the church follows the Apostle Paul's example of becoming all things to reach all people; however, this perspective is very unlikely. People are attracted to and also attract people who share similar interests or life experiences. The research conducted within the church growth movement contends pluralism and a rapid numerical increase in membership are incompatible. The homogenous unit principle declares churches grow when they seek people who are the same kind of people as the existing members of a congregation. Examination of evidence suggests this principle does reflect reality. Why? Consider these perspectives:

1. The Judeo - Christian tradition is not about pluralism rather its focus is on monism. The Old Testament focuses on people who leave behind many Gods to follow the one true God. The New Testament reinforces monism.
2. As we consider American history, the Articles of Confederation were rejected to favor a single strong central government. Thus, diversity or pluralism stands against historical American political thought.
3. Many denominational mergers in the last century of American Protestantism have been dominantly anti-pluralistic. American religious history has many examples of splits, schisms, divisions and break away movements. For example, consider the emergence of huge, independent and homogenous mega churches.

It's one thing to acknowledge the challenge, but how do you apply a principle to your specific, local congregation?

A Blessing From Beyond
The Endowment Fund

An advantage of having an endowment fund for our church is that your gift allows you to continue to support the ministry and mission work of this church for generations to come.

Your gift can live beyond your time here, and your generosity of spirit and self-giving attitude will be remembered by all who benefit from your gifts.

So leave something to our church's endowment fund when you depart this earth. Your blessing will be ours and yours! It makes a difference.

Contact Endowment Chair,
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for more information