

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 December 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:15 service

Place label here.

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December Helpers		December Anniversaries		December Birthdays	
Greeters		11 Bert & Dee Pedigo 18 David & Karen Foster 24 Brack & Karen Coulter 31 Howard & Judy Detweiler		1 Mary Alice Caraway Emma Fortner Jeanette Kintz 8 Elizabeth Faulkner 14 Janis Easterday 16 Stella Windhorst Willson Windhorst 18 Sarah Seidner 20 Ryan Eubank Roarke Sparks 22 Kevin Mills 27 Holly Vincent 31 Abby Newkirk	
December 1 Phillip & Janis Easterday December 8 Bob & Sarah Seidner December 15 Matt & Catherine Henderson December 22 Frank & Linda Barnett December 29 William & Sarah Windhorst		<b>December Altar Flowers</b> December 1 December 8 Jim & Elizabeth Faulkner December 15 December 22 December 29 See altar flowers clipboard across from church office for information.			
Please contact Lesa Farlow at <a href="mailto:lfarlow82@frontier.com">lfarlow82@frontier.com</a> or (812) 723-2333 if you are unavailable as a greeter for any of the above dates.					
Acolytes		<b>Lighting of the Advent Candles</b>  8:15 Dec. 1 – Robert & Sarah Seidner Dec. 8 – LaMont & Donna Bonath Dec. 15 – David & Karen Foster Dec. 22 –  10:15 Dec. 1 – Rex & Ann Babcock Dec. 8 – Frank & Linda Barnett Dec. 15 – Willie & Jackie Bosley Dec. 22 – Skip & Martha Lambdin		<b>Instagram – @paoliumc</b>	
December 1 Michael Hannon & Max Newkirk December 8 No acolytes – Youth Program December 15 No acolytes – Christmas Cantata December 22 Emma Bradley & Harper Ralston December 29 Libby Newkirk & Kalyn Hannon					
Please contact Dee Ann at <a href="mailto:deeharmon1@frontier.com">deeharmon1@frontier.com</a> or (812) 521-6822 if you are unavailable as an acolyte for any of the above dates.					
Worship Leaders					
December 1 Jim Bowen December 8 Howard Detweiler December 15 Jim Bowen December 22 Jim Bowen December 29 Howard Detweiler					

December 2019



★ Tax Exemption 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  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>

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Prayer Blankets  
If you would like your prayer blanket re-blessed, contact  
Annabelle Rominger  
(812) 865-0927  
(812) 723-3190 or [annrobertr@frontier.com](mailto:annrobertr@frontier.com).

Information for the January newsletter needs to be submitted by December 19<sup>th</sup>

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



[www.paoli-umc.org](http://www.paoli-umc.org)



Paoli United Methodist Church



LaMont's Lines  
Church Christmas Letter  
December 2019

Greetings,

Donna continues to work at Lifeline Youth and Family services as a regional manager. She is responsible for two regions in the State of Indiana. Donna is licensed by the state as a Mental Health Therapist. She travels about 5 days a month. When not working, Donna keeps track of her family which includes her nephew, Lucas. Ask her to show you pictures of Lucas. The pictures may be of him attending Purdue sports events.

LaMont continues working on the parsonage property in his spare time. Currently, he is creating a fire break on the West side of the parsonage. If you need firewood, call.

In October, Donna and LaMont went to Denton, Texas to participate in the wedding of LaMont's niece, Kyra. Kyra and Greg will be working out in the California desert for three years. Kyra's father, Kyle, is just happy both have paying jobs! Harold, LaMont's father, used the occasion to get together the Bonath clan. Harold had two brothers and one sister in his family. All brothers and his sister are deceased. About 18 family members attended the wedding from Iowa and Minnesota.

On the way back to Indiana, Donna and LaMont stopped at the Sam Rayburn museum in Bonham, Texas. Sam Rayburn was the speaker of the House of Representatives during the tenure of six presidents until 1961.

May you share in the joy of the birth of our savior during this Christmas season. I leave you with this prayer.

Holy God, thank you for past and present relationships. In my relationship with you and others I have learned many things. One of the things I have learned was the ability to understand my strengths and weaknesses. I continue to ask for discernment and spiritual understanding from the Holy Spirit during Christmas. Blessed be the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sincerely,

Donna and LaMont

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)

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Children's Christmas Program Practice 6-7 PM Hanging of the Greens 10:15 Communion Sunday	2 office closed	3 Blood Drive 3-7 PM Fellowship Hall	4 Choir 7 PM	5	6	7 Habitat House clean-up 9-11:30 AM
8 Children's Christmas Program 10:15 service J.O.Y. class party Little Creations Christmas Program 6 PM Christian Education Sunday	9	10 Diane Dillard Fellowship Hall 3-8:30 PM	11 Choir 7 PM	12	13	14 Cantata Rehearsal 9 AM
15 Christmas Cantata 10:15 service Youth shopping at Walmart 5 PM Christmas party at Harmon's 8 PM Food Pantry Sunday	16	17 Cub Scouts Fellowship Hall 6-8 PM	18 Choir Pitch-In Fellowship Hall 6:30 PM	<div>December sermon titles &amp; texts</div> <div>December 1 Communion Sunday "Teach Us" Isaiah 2:2-4</div> <div>December 8 Christian Education Sunday "Baptism" Matthew 3:1-11</div> <div>December 15 Food Pantry Sunday "Remember" Luke 1:46b-55</div> <div>December 22 Mission Moment Sunday "He is Born" Isaiah 7:10-16, Matthew 1:18-25</div> <div>December 29 Howard Detweiler leading services, TBD</div>		
22 Mission Moment Sunday	23	24 Christmas Eve Services 7 & 10:30 PM office closed →	25 Merry Christmas!			
29 Stewardship Sunday	30	31	<div>Particular Sunday Emphasizes</div> <div>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Communion</div> <div>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month - Christian Education/Junior Church</div> <div>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month - Food Pantry/Altar Call</div> <div>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Mission Moment/Junior Church</div> <div>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Stewardship Moment/Altar Call</div>			

Remember Paoli United Methodist Church in you will.  
Contact Skip Lambdin, endowment chair,  
skipl1963@gmail.com or 812-345-3873.

The 7 Levels of Giving

1. Giving to the poor, but with bad grace
2. Giving with a good grace, but not enough
3. Giving enough but only after being asked
4. Giving without being asked
5. Giving without knowing who will benefit from the gift
6. Giving without the beneficiary of the gift knowing who is helping
7. Fighting poverty, by giving to help the poor; the means to escape from poverty



Backpack for Blessings  
January 2, 2020  
6 PM  
Friends Church (basement)  
301 N. Gospel St.

We need 15 volunteers to help fill bags. If you can help, contact Catherine Henderson (812) 653-0491 or [c3564@hotmail.com](mailto:c3564@hotmail.com).

If you aren't familiar with Backpack for Blessings, a non-profit organization feeding school-aged children. Backpacks are filled with nutritious, child-friendly, easy-to-prepare food to take home on weekends. Children count on school meals throughout the week and are likely to be left hungry on weekends if not for Backpack for Blessings.

Members in nursing & retirement facilities

Martha Denny Rm. 119  
Bliss House, 3008 S. Shawnee Dr.  
Bedford, Indiana 47421  
Rosemary Noble Rm. 307B  
Garden Villa, 2111 Norton Ln.  
Bedford, Indiana 47421  
Marilyn Rutherford Bivins Rm. 210,  
Betty Cromwell Rm. 506  
Bill Cromwell Rm. 306  
Paoli Health & Living, 559 W. Longest St.  
Paoli, Indiana 47454

Pastor visits the homebound & retirement facilities once a month.

Pastor's Emergency Contact Information

Pastor LaMont's contact information –  
E-mail: [paoli793umc@gmail.com](mailto:paoli793umc@gmail.com)  
Cell: (812) 653-5677 (text available)  
Parsonage: (812) 723-8111

Megan's contact information –  
Email: [secretary.paoliumpc@frontier.com](mailto:secretary.paoliumpc@frontier.com)  
Cell (use for emergencies): (812) 653-0063

Local help for people with Medicare

A free counseling service from the  
Indiana State Department of Insurance  
1 (800) 452-4800  
[www.medicare.in.gov](http://www.medicare.in.gov)

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>

Unspoken Prayer Concerns

November 3  
8:15-2  
10:15-11

November 10  
8:15-3  
10:15-9

November 17  
8:15- 2  
10:15- 7

November 24  
8:15- 1  
10:15- 13

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.

Local Suicide Prevention Line

(812) 422-1100  
[www.southwestern.org](http://www.southwestern.org)

Help is available  
24 hours a day,  
7 days a week

The purpose of this page is to help congregational members locate resources or information which may be helpful.



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

Our church's prayer list –

Debra Handy Asbell  
Marilyn Rutherford Bevins  
Lois Babcock family  
Rex Babcock  
Harold Bonath (hospice care)  
LeRoy Boyer  
Denise Bruner  
Mike Burton  
Ron Carnes  
Sharon Collier  
Sharron Cousineau  
Donna Crews  
Betty Cromwell  
Bill Cromwell  
Deegan Epperson  
Larry Evans  
Denise Hamilton  
Steve Hickman

updated 11/26/19

Anna Hudelson  
Phyllis Kaiser  
Ali King  
Steve & Sheryl Kingston  
Payton Krider  
Derrick Lambdin  
Charlotte Lane  
Joyce Lewis & family  
Clarence Martin  
Chet Messengale  
John & Mary Ruth Miley  
Rosemary Noble  
Marjorie Patton  
Paulette Purkhiser  
Dan Radcliffe  
Sarann Weeks



Celebrations

Seen in the newspaper –  
Aaron Hannon  
Maggie Vincent  
  
“20 years ago, November 23-25, 1999”  
Arthur Dillard

Mission Information continued...

Food Pantry Loan

\$100,000


\$50,000

\$0

Remaining

■ Remaining \$69,157

On average, the Paoli United Methodist Church accounts for \$600 each month for the food pantry.




Our Church's Clean-Up Day

December 7<sup>th</sup>  
9-11:30 AM  
1015 S. Indiana Ave.  
French Lick, IN 47432

Youth Christmas Shopping

December 15<sup>th</sup>  
5 PM  
Meet at service desk in Walmart  
Christmas party at Harmon's to follow



As with each year, the Paoli United Methodist Church is the final project crew for the habitat house.  
Kiana Simpson and her daughter, Hadley, are looking forward to spending Christmas together in their new home.  
The home dedication will take place December 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM.  
  
Thanks to those who devote time each year to the Apostles Build in our community!

New Lock on East Doors

As of the first week of November, a new magnetic lock has been installed on the East doors. This is one the first steps the trustees are taking in the advancement of the church's security.  
You will notice a keypad to the right of the doors. During the week (Monday-Thursday) you will need to ring the bell icon for entry. Once you press that button, there will be a two second wait period then you may pull the door open. Megan has a button in her office that allows her to unlock the door without having to get up and be seen (part of our new security plan).  
Employees of the church have an electronic key fob or a key card that gives them access inside. If you will need entry to the church after-hours or on a weekend, please let Megan know and she will give you the pin number to the keypad.  
As with anything, there is a learning curve to this new magnetic lock. Please be patient with us as we try our best to navigate it.

NOTE: The East doors will be unlocked for BOTH services on Sundays. There is no need for a key card or pin number for entry.


Worship Committee

During the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup> and for each thereafter, members of the congregation will receive an e-mail letting them know about the 8:15 and 10:15 worship service events. Please note members of the worship committee below:

Linda Barnett  
Mike Benham  
Karen Foster  
Daria Hall  
Dee Ann Harmon  
Eric Harmon  
Suzanne Newkirk

Love Offering


The Staff-Parish committee is seeking a love offering for our staff –  
*LaMont Bonath, Joe Boston, Mary LaVerne Boston, Megan Bradley, and Karen Foster.* You can give your offering to any committee member.



Staff-Parish Committee Members:


Linda Barnett  
Jim Bowen  
Howard Detweiler  
Janis Easterday  
Darrell Newkirk  
Annabelle Rominger  
Jerry Stroud  
Holly Vincent

Checks may be made payable to PUMC

Sincerely,  
  
Jim Bowen - chair

The Staff-Parish committee requests donations to be in by December 15<sup>th</sup> to allow time to distribute your gifts.

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Mission Section

### II. Blankets of Love

#### October-December

#### Alleviating Emotional Insecurities




Category	Amount
Collected	\$130
Goal	\$400

### Alleviating Food Insecurities

#### I. Food Pantry

If you are bringing items for the food pantry, please take them to the sanctuary foyer and place them in the designated area.

### Save recyclable bags



Thank you to those who donated items to Throop's Jubilee Christmas!

Tins are needed for our college care packages – ideal dimensions are 10.5x2<sup>3/4</sup> Thank you!

December 3<sup>rd</sup>

3-7 PM

Fellowship Hall



**American Red Cross**

Together, we can save a life

17 of 28 spots filled

**Needed - 2-3 volunteers to work the drive. Please contact Megan.**

We are approaching our third blood drive here at the Paoli United Methodist Church. Our drive in June was successful, collecting over 27 units! We hope we will be able to collect 27 units this time, too.

Our blood drives are successful because our large amount of Power Red donors. Power Red donations count as 2 units instead of 1.

During a Power Red donation a machine is used to cycle out a concentrated amount your red blood cells and cycle back in your other platelets & plasma. To be a Power Red donor you must possess a negative blood type (O-, O+, B-, A-) and be of a certain height and weight.

Visit [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) to sign up. You may also contact Megan at the church office (812) 723-2965 to sign up or with questions.




**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](http://www.paoli-umc.com)  
Google Reviews  
Instagram – @paoliumc



December 3, 2019  
3-7 PM

**III. Blood Drives**

**Alleviating Blood Insecurities**

Upcoming Drives  
April 14, 2020  
3-7 PM



**A Helping Hand To Others**

“If your heart be as my heart, give me your hand”  
-John Wesley

**Additional Mission Information**

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# Little Creations

Christmas Program

December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM

Preschool Classes:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
8:30-11:30 AM, 12:30-3:30 PM

Early Preschool Classes:  
Tuesday, Thursday  
8:30-11:30 AM

This month Little Creations students are learning all about Christmas and why we celebrate it. We are learning about baby Jesus, who his parents were, and that He is God's Son. We will learn about the importance of giving. God gave us Jesus, the best Christmas present ever, so we also need to give to others.

We are working hard on our songs for the Christmas program. The program will be on Sunday December 8th at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

Academically, the students will begin to review some things that they have already learned. We are halfway through the alphabet so we will begin to review those letters and sounds that we have already worked on. The students are already beginning to read 3 letter words. We will continue to work on counting to 30 and recognizing the numbers 1-10. The students have been working hard on writing their names correctly and are doing a great job.

Miss Autumn

2022

50 Year Anniversary of the

Paoli United Methodist Church

In preparation for the Paoli United Methodist Church’s 50 year anniversary, our Charter and 50 year members have been recording their stories about this church when it was being built and the early years. The stories will be posted on Instagram monthly during 2020. By posting these recordings, it will leave the church with a visual history for future generations.

The 50 year anniversary committee will be gathering pictures from our members. Please do not give the committee original photographs. Make copies and label them with your name, date of the event, and a brief description about the picture. Or you may scan them and e-mail them to the church office.

If you have a story about an adult Sunday school class, contact Megan Bradley to set up a time to record. This will be our next topic for monthly postings on Instagram for our 50 year anniversary.