

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 January 12th & 26th 10:15 service


Place label here.

Access church website
 using the quick response
 code.



paoli-umc.com

To make a donation,
 use this quick
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January Helpers

Greeters

January 5 Lesa Farlow
 January 12 Sarah & Bob Seidner
 January 19 Julie & Curtis Ralston Family
 January 26 Anthony & Megan Bradley Family

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.

Acolytes

January 5 Tyler Hannon & Colton Henderson
 January 12 Emma Bradley & Harper Ralston
 January 19 Libby Newkirk & Kalyn Hannon
 January 26 Stella & Willson Windhorst

Please contact Dee Ann at deeharmon1@frontier.com or (812) 521-6822 if you are unavailable as an acolyte for any of the above dates.

Worship Leaders

January 5 Jim Bowen
 January 12 Jim Bowen
 January 19 Howard Detweiler
 January 26 Howard Detweiler

January Anniversaries

1 Keith & Debbie Sparks
 12 Jim & Elizabeth Faulkner

January Altar Flowers

January 5
 January 12
 January 19
 January 26

See altar flowers clipboard across from church office for information.

January Birthdays

2 Kevin Fleming
 3 Vivian Miller
 6 Mindy Cochran
 Jerry Stroud
 10 Rhonda Mills
 11 Donna Bonath
 18 Jill Hutslar
 Skip Lambdin
 William Windhorst
 22 Matt Henderson
 26 Laura Easterday
 27 Julie Ralston
 28 Lesa Farlow
 30 Willie Bosley

**Instagram –
 @paoliumc**

January 2020



★ **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
 January 12th & 26th

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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.

Information for the
February newsletter
needs to be
submitted by
January 22nd

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



www.paoli-umc.org



Paoli United Methodist Church



LaMont's Lines
January 2020

Hope

**Hope is fundamental to human life. Indeed, if we are to continue as individuals...
 it is something we require as much as bread and water.**

Ross Fitzgerald, *The Sources of Hope*

Where there is no vision, the people perish.

Proverbs 29:18

“In an age when despair, discouragement, and disillusionment seem to be the predominant emotional dynamics, it becomes increasingly necessary for the Christian faith to unmask, refurbish and communicate its belief in hope.”¹ Based on tradition, the Christian faith believes creation is going someplace and God is proclaiming a future for humanity which is not always obvious.

As is often the case with churches approaching 50 years of existence, the original vision for the future may grow dim and energy to address the future may be lacking. As a church and a people, we are aware of the passing of time and there is a tendency to focus on past accomplishments and direct our energy toward maintaining stability in the present. When this type of attitude takes control of the majority of the congregation’s consciousness the future dimension of time and the hope which goes with it may be lost.

The celebration of Paoli United Methodist Church’s 50th Anniversary is a time when “the living human document” which is called, the church, is given the opportunity to be read, heard, interpreted or re-interpreted in a way which may nurture hope and combat despair. It is one of the key tasks of the Paoli United Methodist Church members to use their personal knowledge, experiences and wisdom of the Christian tradition to integrate truth and trust in God’s promises for a bright future into a holistic and theologically sound manner for the next 50 years.

The role of our church committees in the next two years will be to recognize the interconnectedness and contributions of the past. Then to discern the unique gifts of the Spirit in the present to prepare a direction to go which manifests trust in the future God has prepared for us. It will be a lot of work, but if we trust God, our future is bright.


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)

January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat							
<div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px;"> Church WiFi password - PUMC WiFi: 8127232965 </div>			1 office closed No choir New Years Day	2 Backpack for Blessings 6 PM Friends Church basement	3	4	5 Youth at Harmon's 6-7 PM Howard leading services No Communion	6 Ad Council 7 PM	7	8 Choir resumes 7 PM	9	10	11 Boy Scouts visiting from Evansville staying in Fellowship Hall
12 Jr. Church 10:15 Christian Education Sunday	13	14 Cub Scouts 4:45-8 PM Fellowship Hall	15 Choir 7 PM	16	17 Boy Scouts visiting from Tennessee staying in Fellowship Hall	18							
19 Youth at Harmon's 6-7 PM Food Pantry Sunday	20	21 Christian Education meeting 7 PM Cub Scouts 4:45-8 PM Fellowship Hall	22 Choir 7 PM	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> January sermon titles & texts January 5 No Communion on Sunday "Light" Howard leading services John 1:12-18 January 12 Christian Education Sunday "Baptism" Isaiah 42:1-9, Matthew 3:13-17 January 19 Food Pantry Sunday "You Are Not Lacking" Isaiah 49:1-7, I Corinthians 1:1-9 January 26 Mission Moment Sunday "Kingdom of Heaven" Isaiah 9:1-4, I Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23 </div>									
26 Jr. Church 10:15 Mission Moment Sunday	27	28 Cub Scouts 4:45-8 PM Fellowship Hall	29 Choir 7 PM	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">  <p style="text-align: center;">Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. - Mother Teresa</p> </div>									

Particular Sunday Emphasizes

- 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

Remember Paoli United Methodist Church in you will.
 Contact Skip Lambdin, endowment chair,
 skip11963@gmail.com or 812-345-3873.



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.

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.

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

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, Bill Cromwell Rm. 306
Paoli Health & Living, 559 W. Longest St. Paoli, Indiana 47454

Homebound –
 Charlotte Lane
 312 Fair St.
 Paoli, IN 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
 Cell: (812) 653-5677 (text available)
 Parsonage: (812) 723-8111

Megan's contact information –
 Email: 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

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

December 1
 8:15 - 2
 10:15 - 8

December 8
 8:15 - 0
 10:15 - 15

December 15
 8:15 - 0
 10:15 - 14

December 22
 8:15 - 0
 10:15 - 16

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

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.

Church Committee Concerns

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

Our church's prayer list –

updated 12/16/19

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

- 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 family
Paulette Purkhiser
Dan Radcliffe
Rex Tuell
Sarann Weeks



-Since our 2018 cantata, we have added 4 more Adult Choir members

-We had 16 children and youth participating in the Christmas program

-The youth shopped and donated for 6 Silver Bells, 2 Angel Tree children and the local food pantry

-The Christian Education committee increased the college scholarship amount starting in 2020

Seen in the newspaper

"40 years ago" Nov. 27-29, 1979 Duane Radcliffe

"40 years ago" Dec. 18-20, 1979 Darrell Newkirk Duane Radcliffe

Michael Hannon as Rolf in Sound of Music - Nov. 21-23, 2019

-PUMC helps with Jubilee Christmas

"Hope is Fundamental..." continued from page 5

Possibility and Risk 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Change is part of life's reality and cannot be prevented. Hopeless people resist change. People with hope try to manage change and make it a positive experience.

Hope and Community Romans 8:26

Hope is communal and relational. Hope exists in the shared experiences of others. Faith communities who have hope are people who are meaningfully connected to other people.

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Hope in Pastoral Care and Counseling by Andrew Lester

The trustees ask -

Please remember there is no parking under the East canopy at any time. You may utilize this entrance for drop-off & pick-up, but please do not leave your vehicle in this area. Thank you!



Finance & Christian Education Committees

Italian Pasta Dinner Survey Response

September 22, 2019

31 survey responses were recorded

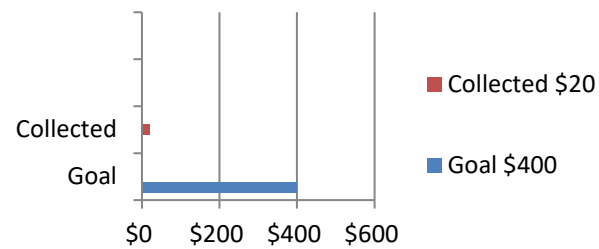
- 1. On a scale of one to seven, one being the lowest rating & seven being the highest rating; how would you rate the Italian Pasta Dinner on September 22 from 5-7 PM? 24 gave a rating of 7, 3 gave a rating of 6, 3 gave a rating of 5, 1 gave a rating of 1
2. Should the Italian Pasta Dinner be an annual event around the same time each year? All surveys said yes
3. What did you like most about the dinner? conversation, family, participation, lots of choices, smiling faces of youth, atmosphere, music, food was great
4. What needed to be improved? more advertising, servers to remember what drinks each person had, more pasta options with white sauce, salad forks for desserts, more people, portions too small (reverse from 2019), drink refills, offer a "sampler" option of pastas.
5. How was the variety of food served? 28 said very good, 3 said good
6. Did the servers take your order in a timely manner? All surveys said yes
7. Were the servers courteous and attentive to your questions and comments? All surveys said yes
8. On a scale of one to seven, one being the lowest rating & seven being the highest; how would you rate the entertainment offered? 20 gave a rating of 7, 2 gave a rating of 6, 2 gave a rating of 5, 2 gave a rating of 4, 5 did not rate
9. Should an entertainment segment be offered next year? 26 said yes, 1 said no, 4 did not answer
10. How did you hear about the Italian Pasta Dinner? announcement during worship/bulletin, church newsletter, invitation to attend, outside church sign
11. Other Comments expand it an hour more, very professional, enjoyed spending time with church family, food was great

quick response code for church website



Mission Section

**II. Blankets of Love
January-March
Alleviating Emotional Insecurities**



Upcoming Blood Drive

Put our next drive on your calendars - April 14, 2020. Our goal for this blood drive is to collect 28 units promised to the American Red Cross. Once we set a goal with them, they pledge this amount to local hospitals.

Your continuous support for this mission service project is appreciated!

Become a Power Red donor!

- Must possess a negative blood type
- Donation counts are 2 units instead of 1
- Takes approximately 30 minutes longer than a whole blood donation
- Can only donate every four months

Faith Break Themes, Topics or Scriptures – January 2020

Week 4, January 20

Micah 6:8
Reconciliation
The Sacraments
Luke 10:25-37
2 Peter 3:8

Week 1, January 1

Forgiveness 1
Gift of laughter
Forgiveness 2

Week 2, January 6 – Study of Luke

Study of Luke, general overview
23:32-34
12:32-47
20:27-38
Do you believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ?

Week 3, January 13

What are your thoughts on the interconnectedness of all Christians?
How do we learn to pray?
God's divine graciousness
John 1:14
John 15:26

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

Tins are needed for our college care packages – ideal dimensions are 10.5x2^{3/4} Thank you!



Drop off tins above church mailboxes



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



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



Little Creations

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

The children did an amazing job at their Christmas program on December 8th. Miss Jeanette & I are so proud of them! This month at Little Creations, we will be learning rhyming words. We will continue to work on letter recognition and sounds, as well as, number recognition and counting.

Miss Autumn



to Frank & Linda Barnett for all of the hard work and supplies they've done/provided down in the Preschool kitchen!

“Hope is fundamental to human life...”² so, consider this....

Hope and Reality John 15:26³

People who have hope do not need to dodge facts or obscure data. Hope provides the courage to face whatever life throws at us. “Hope does not avoid the pain of finite existence nor is it naïve about suffering.”⁴ However, hopelessness often attaches itself to unreality. People with hopelessness may attach themselves to fantasy and illusion.

Reality and Reason Luke 1:78-79

Reality is generally perceived from a unique personal point of view based on interpersonal and cultural experiences. Any two people may have differing perspectives of an event both have witnessed. Or differing points of view about a relationship both have experienced. Thus, it would seem reality is in a given situation for a particular person. When hope is present, an individual begins to perceive reality in a larger frame of reference. Hope is imaginative, intuitive, integrative, and wholistic.

Hope and Possibility Isaiah 42:9

Hope is orientated toward the future. Hopelessness views the future with suspicion, anxiety or apathy. Put another way, hope and hopelessness affect how we think about the question, what comes next? Hope is a sense of the possible, while hopelessness is ruled by the sense of the impossible. It views the future as closed.

Possibility and Imagination Romans 12:2

Hope can imagine the future. It is not overwhelmed by the present moment. Hope is constantly imagining the unknown future. Imagination supports hope by consistently considering a way out, constructing a new point of view by seeking a wider awareness of life. Imagination conceptualizes a possible future and forms it into a vision.

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