

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 February 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:15 service

Place label here.

Access church website  
using the quick response  
code.



[paoli-umc.com](http://paoli-umc.com)



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<u>January Helpers</u>		<u>February Anniversaries</u>		<u>February Birthdays</u>	
Greeters		3 Howard & Kathryn Springer		4 Ashley Stroud	
February 2	The Henderson Family	21 Phillip & Janis Easterday		6 Duane Radcliffe	
February 9	The Hall Family			8 Phil Hudleson	
February 16	Annabelle Rominger & Mary LaVerne Boston			9 Frank Barnett	
February 23	Jr. & Darlene McBride			Hilma Rutherford	
Please contact Lesa Farlow at <a href="mailto:l.farlow82@frontier.com">l.farlow82@frontier.com</a> or (812) 723-2333 if you are unavailable as a greeter for any of the above dates.		<u>February Altar Flowers</u>		10 Rachel Carter	
Acolytes		February 2		12 Mitchell Foster	
February 2	Lily & Barrett Hall	February 9		13 Connor Henderson	
February 9	Clara & Colton Henderson	February 16		14 Karen Hudleson	
February 16	Max & Libby Newkirk	February 23		16 Kerry Fleming	
February 23	Tyler & Kalyn Hannon	See altar flowers clipboard across from church office for information.		Joel Stroud	
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.		<b>Martha will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.</b>		22 Aaron Hannon	
Worship Leaders		<b>Cards are encouraged!</b>		Kathryn Springer	
February 2	Jim Bowen	<b>Bliss House rm. 119</b>		23 Phillip Easterday	
February 9	Jim Bowen	<b>3008 S. Shawnee Dr.</b>		24 Martha Denny	
February 16	Howard Detweiler	<b>Bedford, IN 47421</b>		27 Charlotte Lane	
February 23	Howard Detweiler			28 Mary Alice Radcliffe	
				<b>Instagram – @paoliumc</b>	

February 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  
February 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</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 March newsletter  
needs to be submitted by February 20<sup>th</sup>.

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



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Paoli United Methodist Church



LaMont's Lines  
February 2020

Building Confidence for a Strong Future  
What is God Doing in Our Midst?

When congregations develop healthy relational and procedural habits, they build up confidence, they can handle problems, disagreements, and even conflicts without suffering serious injury to the church as a whole or to individual members. Congregations that have worked through disagreements learn they can deal with problems, without long-term harm. As confidence builds, anxiety decreases even when disputes may appear tough or divisive on theological or misconduct issues of the church staff or lay leadership.

The more experience a congregation has in dealing successfully with conflict, the better able church members are in creating a win/win situation for all parties involved.

One more point to consider, the church should never assume we are alone in the situations we face. We are in partnership with God. A key question to remember – what is God doing in our midst? Are we really open to the mysteries of the Holy Spirit moving among us and calling us to speak the truth with love?

For example, over the last three years we have been working on procedural guidelines for our endowment and memorial committee. These guidelines were based in part on the oral tradition of the founding members and past committee members. Today, we have written guidelines in place as to what types of donation we can accept and how to consistently acknowledge gifts to the endowment and memorial committee. All the policies and procedures have gone through an approval process within the endowment/memorial committee and the church Administrative Council. If questions or concerns arise, we have a documented and tested process to answer questions for our endowment & memorial committee.

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)

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat								
<div>Church WiFi password - PUMC WiFi: 8127232965</div>		<div>Remember Paoli United Methodist Church in you will. Contact Skip Lambdin, endowment chair, skip1963@gmail.com or 812-345-3873.</div>												
2	3	4	5	6	7	8								
Communion Sunday	10	Finance 7 PM  Cub Scouts 4:45-8 PM Fellowship Hall	12											
		9					11	13						
		Jr. Church					Staff-Parish 6 PM  Trustees 7 PM	14						
16	17	18	19											
Youth 7 PM		Christian Education 7 PM  Cub Scouts 4:45-8 PM												
Food Pantry Sunday														
23	24	25	26	27	28	29								
Jr. Church Youth 7 PM		Indiana Youth Institute 10 AM – 1:30 PM Fellowship Hall  Cub Scouts 6-8 PM	Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM											
Mission Moment Sunday				<div>February sermon titles &amp; texts</div> <table><tr><td>February 2</td><td>Communion Sunday "Be Happy Attitudes" Matthew 5:1-12</td></tr><tr><td>February 9</td><td>Christian Education Sunday "Excessive Righteousness" Matthew 5:13-20</td></tr><tr><td>February 16</td><td>Food Pantry Sunday "The Gift of Unity" Matthew 5:21-37</td></tr><tr><td>February 23</td><td>Mission Moment Sunday "I Am Pleased. Listen to Him." Matthew 17:1-9</td></tr></table>			February 2	Communion Sunday "Be Happy Attitudes" Matthew 5:1-12	February 9	Christian Education Sunday "Excessive Righteousness" Matthew 5:13-20	February 16	Food Pantry Sunday "The Gift of Unity" Matthew 5:21-37	February 23	Mission Moment Sunday "I Am Pleased. Listen to Him." Matthew 17:1-9
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<div>Particular Sunday Emphasizes</div> <div>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month – Communion 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month - Christian Education/Junior Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month - Food Pantry/Altar Call 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Mission Moment/Junior Church 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month - Stewardship Moment/Altar Call</div>														

<div>People who have signed up for Lenten Bible Study:</div> <div>Mary LaVerne Boston Jim &amp; Rachel Bowen Steve Byfield Jim &amp; Elizabeth Faulkner Carolyn Van Sickle</div>	<div>Members in nursing &amp; retirement facilities</div> <div>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 &amp; Living, 559 W. Longest St. Paoli, Indiana 47454</div> <div>Homebound – Charlotte Lane 312 Fair St. Paoli, IN 47454</div> <div>Pastor visits the homebound &amp; retirement facilities once a month.</div>	<div>Unspoken Prayer Concerns</div> <div>January 5 8:15 - 0 10:15 - 6</div> <div>January 12 8:15 - 0 10:15 - 9</div> <div>January 19 8:15 - 0 10:15 - 11</div> <div>January 26 8:15 - 1 10:15 - 5</div> <div>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.</div>
<div>Women of the Bible Jr/Sr High School Sunday School topics Feb. 2 – Esther Feb. 9 – Ruth Feb. 16 - Mary, Mother of Jesus Feb. 23 - Mary Magdalene</div>	<div>Pastor's Emergency Contact Information</div> <div>Pastor LaMont's contact information – E-mail: <a href="mailto:paoli793umc@gmail.com">paoli793umc@gmail.com</a> Cell: (812) 653-5677 (text available) Parsonage: (812) 723-8111</div> <div>Megan's contact information – Email: <a href="mailto:secretary.paoliumpc@frontier.com">secretary.paoliumpc@frontier.com</a> Cell (use for emergencies): (812) 653-0063</div>	<div>Local Suicide Prevention Line</div> <div>(812) 422-1100 <a href="http://www.southwestern.org">www.southwestern.org</a></div> <div>Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week</div>
<div>Suggested Lenten Study Book – Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition by Steve Harper</div>	<div>Local help for people with Medicare</div> <div>A free counseling service from the Indiana State Department of Insurance 1 (800) 452-4800 <a href="http://www.medicare.in.gov">www.medicare.in.gov</a></div>	
<div>Senior Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup> 10:15 service</div>	<div>Local AA meetings</div> <div>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</div> <div>For up-to-date changes on AA meetings visit: <a href="http://www.district10.area23aa.org">http://www.district10.area23aa.org</a></div>	<div>The purpose of this page is to help congregational members locate resources or information which may be helpful.</div>
<div>Thank you for your responses to the survey insert the last two weeks. It was a 23 to 1 vote to not have electronic bulletins.</div>	<div>The 7 Levels of Giving</div> <div>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</div>	



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 –

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

updated 1/27/20

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



★ Special thanks to  
Suzanne & Darrell Newkirk &  
Garrett Vincent  
for taking down all of the  
Christmas decorations!

Seen in the newspaper  
Kevin Mills



Faith Break Themes, Topics or Scriptures February 2020

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 3 Gospel of Matthew                             | 17 Black History Month              |
| 4 Who is God's Representation to the World?     | 18 Black History Month              |
| 5 Basic Characteristics of the Gospel of Luke?  | 19 Lenten focus                     |
| 6 The Gospel of Luke, emphasis on prayer        | 20 Lenten focus                     |
| 7 Gospel of Luke, emphasis on women             | 21 Lenten focus                     |
| 10 Grace is received not achieved               | 24 Lenten focus                     |
| 11 In Matthew, Jesus fulfills the Old Testament | 25 Ash Wednesday                    |
| 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday                   | 26 Ash Wednesday                    |
| 13 The Gospel of Luke is the Universal Gospel   | 27 What can come from a short life? |
| 14 Valentine's Day                              | 28 Black History Month              |

NEW security at EAST entrance  
by Megan Bradley

In addition to the new magnetic lock/keypad at the East doors, we have now had a camera installed. This feature is placed right above the keypad to the right side of the East doors. If you have a key fob or know the code to the keypad, you may still enter as usual. If you do not have a fob or know the code, press the button underneath the camera, "Amocam." This will alert the church office someone is at the door. We have an intercom system hooked up to the camera where I can see you and let you know the door is unlocked. I am in the process of getting approval for decals with instructions on using the intercom system. Bear with us as we continue taking steps to further improve the safety of our church. It is a continuous learning curve for the staff, as well as, our members.



Making our Church  
Safe for All

Our Teaching Ministry  
Revitalizing, Strengthening, and Expanding our Sunday School

What is the role of Sunday school?

What is the place of the Sunday school in the total teaching ministry of your congregation? Is it the central component? Does it supplement the teaching done in the sermon? Does it stand alone as a lay-owned and lay-led organization in which volunteer leaders make most or all of the policy decisions? Or is it conceptualized as simply one component of a much larger system of Christian education in which paid staff are the most influential policymakers?

Consider these two assumptions that do not apply to every congregation. First, it is assumed here Sunday school is the principal organized component of the teaching ministry in your congregation. Second, it is assumed the decision has been made to begin the process of expanding the teaching ministry in your congregation by strengthening, revitalizing, and enlarging the Sunday school. Those two assumptions do not fit, nor are they appropriate for every church, but both are part of the context of our discussion.

- I. Therefore, the first step in expanding your teaching ministry is to focus on improving the Sunday school.
- II. The second step is to decide whether the Sunday school will be designed to offer learning opportunities to every slice of the population or only to a minority.
- III. The third step is to agree on goals, priorities, and motivations.

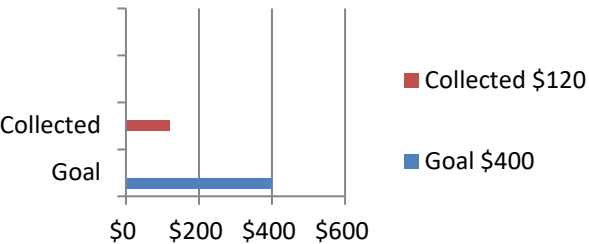
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II. Blankets of Love

January-March

Alleviating Emotional Insecurities



Category	Amount
Collected	\$120
Goal	\$400

United Methodist Mountain Mission church's pickup date: **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Emergency Needs: men's shoes, men's winter clothes, winter shoes/boots, socks & underwear, plus-size clothing, women's purses

Needs: men's & children's summer clothes, good pots & pans, good used furniture, small appliances

Processing Plant Needs: rubber bands, 16 oz. coffee cups, air fresheners (aerosol cans), 33 gallon black trash bags, 13 gallon trash bags, paper towels, Pine-Sol, dust mops, toilet bowl cleaner, sugar, toilet tissue, Windex


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<sup>3/4</sup>  
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

Our Church Giving to Missions – 2019

Faith Promise = \$2,496 (includes Habitat for Humanity & other local/national needs)

Food Pantry = \$6,523

Blankets of Love = \$1,920


UMCOR = \$1,598

Community Service = \$3,266 (this money comes via our endowment & currently goes to the Paoli Ministerial Association)

\*\*some smaller amounts to Conference offerings\*\*

Approximately 75% of our mission giving this past year has gone to local needs and services. The above figures do not include time spent in volunteer services & donated items (food for food pantry). Your giving to missions brings blessings to many people, many who we may never meet. As a recent sermon by Pastor LaMont suggested, this is part of the Kingdom of God at work.

Howard Detweiler – Church Mission Chair



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

This month we will continue learning nursery rhymes. Many of the children are making great progress on number recognition, letter formation, sounds, and blends. They are beginning to read 3 letter words. Soon they will be reading 3 word sentences. We continue to work on counting and shapes, as well. We have talked a lot about helping others. We have talked about how we can help, who we help and how that helps us worship the Lord.

Miss Autumn – Director

Miss Jeanette – Teaching Assistant

Using A Direct Mail Strategy to Grow for 50 more years!

A direct mail strategy is simple – get an initial response, then follow up, follow up, follow up.

1. Select a target group or market.

2. Present your attributes in a language people understand.

3. Set up small groups of people to give them more information (like Sunday School classes)

4. Develop a prospect list and contact them by phone, text or letter.

5. Think about the long-term and short-term results you want.

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After agreement has been reached on those first three questions of (1) is Sunday school the place to begin to expand the teaching ministry of your church, (2) will the Sunday school seek to serve everyone or only part of the population, and (3) what do we want to accomplish in and through the Sunday school, it is appropriate to look at other key questions.

I. What are your central organizing principles?

II. Is the power of redundancy important?

III. What are the choices offered in Sunday school?

IV. Who are your teachers?

