

Mission Moments -- “St. Paul for All”

“St. Paul For All” is an annual event that brings the St. Paul church family together in one afternoon of service, at different “mission fields” throughout Columbus, hence the name “St. Paul For All.” Held each Spring, on a Sunday afternoon immediately following the 10:55 worship service, this annual day of service has grown from 9 service areas and 220 participants in 2012, to 15 service sites and over 400 participants in 2018! Each year, a “menu” of service opportunities and job descriptions are made available for church members to choose what service they feel called to do. Ranging from opportunities such as stuffing envelopes for agency fundraising drives, hosting cookouts, picnics and game days for underprivileged and at risk children, to actual carpentry, painting, landscaping, and building renovation or demo work, St. Paul For All Day is organized so the EVERYONE, no matter what their age, physical abilities, or skill sets might be, has at least one service opportunity to participate in. Before the actual day of the event, the work sites selected as St. Paul For All venues are planned out, prepped with all necessary supplies, and ready to go so that participants arrive able to get right to work. Then, on the morning of the actual service day, the congregation is “commissioned” as missionaries at the dismissal of worship, picks up a sack lunch, prepared by one of our work teams, (that includes a love note of encouragement written and drawn by our St. Paul children) and heads out into the community to serve at their selected site. St. Paul for all Day is also organized so that families have an opportunity to serve together. What better example of being “The Hands and Feet of Christ” for our little ones than for them to not only watch their parents and grandparents serve others, but to actually work alongside them, serving others, in Christian Love? Also, in spite of the name, St. Paul for All Day is not only a day of missions’ activities for us, but is also a great day of invitation and evangelism for our church as participation is open to ANYONE that wants to roll up their sleeves and join us in service and love to those in need in our area.

Next year’s St. Paul for All event will be held on April 28th, and we anticipate even more people volunteering to be a part of the day. With that in mind, we need your help! As the planning for St. Paul For All Day - 2019, goes into full swing, we anticipate even more volunteers and are looking for new areas and mission fields to send our volunteers into. Are you a part of a local ministry or service agency in town that might benefit from our help? Do you have an idea for a new way that we can share The Love of Christ with others, at no cost to the agency we serve, as part of our service day? Or, do you have any questions or want more information about St. Paul For All Day? Please contact Tammy Reynolds at tjreynolds3@gmail.com or call the church office.