



TECH SAVVY PARENTING

SUNDAYS AT 6:00 P.M. CLEC - ROOM 201 STARTS TONIGHT

Have a child involved in our Youth Ministry?

Come meet our Source Group Leaders over dinner at 5:30 p.m. and then stay for the class! Page 7 has more.



Interactive Movie Night
All Ages. This Saturday, Sept. 20
6:30 PM. LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall
Visit page 6 for more.



Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a long-time member or a first time visitor, I welcome you to St. Paul United Methodist Church. Thank you for choosing to worship with us!

I'm so glad you're joining us during our "Freedom" series. We're discussing how to find freedom from the hurts and habits we so often encounter along our life's journey. I hope you will invite your friends as I deeply believe the Holy Spirit will be at work in transforming lives in the weeks ahead.

Take a look at this bulletin, or visit our website, for more information on our ministries, our upcoming classes, and all the many ways we are living into our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, and Give in Love.

The Lord is doing amazing things here at St. Paul, and I'm excited that you are all a part of it.



Glorify God

9:00 Traditional Worship

Prelude		Judi Hurst, Pianist
Welcome		
*Greet	Something Beautiful	No. 394
*Opening Hymns	Grace Greater than Our Sin	No. 365
	He Touched Me	No. 367
*Affirmation of Faith	Apostles' Creed	No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer		No. 895
Offertory	Your Name	Sanctuary Choir
Doxology	Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow	No. 95
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Hymn	Think About His Love	

Sermon "Free From Hurt" Pastor Bob Martin
Psalm 30:1-5

Directed Prayer

Special MusicCome to JesusDavid McKee, Worship LeaderHoly CommunionLead Me, LordNo. 473One Bread, One BodyNo. 620Here, O My Lord, I See TheeNo. 623

If you need assistance, please let a greeter or usher know and they would be happy to help. Baby changing tables are located in the family room and in both men and women's restrooms..

10:30 Contemporary Worship

"Free From Hurt" Pastor Bob Martin Psalm 30:1-5

Holy Communion

^{*}Benediction

^{*}Postlude

^{*}Please stand, if you are able.

Glorify God

Automate Your Giving

Have you ever considered automating your gifts to God? It's easy to sign up online to give your gifts automatically. Just fill in your gift amount and choose



recurring at the bottom of the page. It's convenient, easy and secure. Scan this QR code with your smart phone to be taken directly to our online giving page, or visit the "Giving" link at stpaulumc.org.

Flowers

Today's flowers are given by:

- Bette Hayes in loving memory and appreciation of her mother, Sara Floyd
- Michele and Shaun Powers in celebration of their 1st wedding anniversary

Flowers are given in honor or memory of a loved one or special event, but they are also given to the Glory of God. If you would like to give flowers, bouquets are \$40 each. Call the church office at 584-8165 with your desired date and inscription or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. worship or donated to members and friends of the church at local hospitals and rehab centers.

Watch While You Are Away

Can't make it here Sunday morning? It's easy to be a part of our online congregation. Visit stpaulumc.org on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Click on the "Watch" link, then click on the "Play" triangle and you are part of our worship.

Name Badges Can Be Picked Up in the Lobby

If you requested a new name badge, it is ready to be picked up in the lobby. To request a new badge, turn in your old badge at the church office. If this is your first time requesting a badge, e-mail church@stpaulumc.org with your request. Be sure to include your full name as you would like it written on the badge.

Deaths

Please pray for the family of Norman Pierce, who passed away recently.

To Make a Prayer Request

- Drop your prayer request in the offering plate.
- * Join us in the chapel after both services on the first Sunday of each month for additional prayer.
- Submit your prayer online at stpaulumc.org by clicking on "Grow in Faith", then "Prayer."
- Call our prayer line at 727-559-PRAY around the clock to leave a prayer need.

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for those people listed below with immediate needs:

Immediate needs:

Amy
 Lee Smith
 Leslee and Family
 Ann Allen

Marguerite Buchannan

Austin Smith Mary Jane Arn Barb, Jack, Dave, Do, Mary Moore

Polly Mike and Family
Barbara Rothmeyer Mike Guseilla
Bonnie Smallwood Moe

Brad Nancy and Destiny Cara Burns

Chris and Lisa Pat
Chris Dugan Pat Zdenek
Christy Paul Caple
Daniel Shockey Regina

Darrin Casey Rollin Brannan
Dot Chancey Ron

Edna Kemp Rose and Frank Elizabeth and unborn Sandra Tremblay

baby Sandy P.
George Monthei Stephanie
Goodin Family Sue

Helen Morrison Tiffany Schuyler Husband, sister Tom Drapp

Tom, Glenda Neville

James Johnson Travel safety
Janet Trov

Jessica Casey Troy and Ashleigh
Joan Poppeck Duncan

Jody United Methodist

Joe Evanson Women
Kathy Tubbs Vonnie Visnich (Susie

Keith Evanson's mother)
Kim Morris Wanda Ditty
Larry Metler Yvonne

SEREANS New Sunday School Class Starts This

Morning at 10:15 a.m. Conference Rm 2 - Bldg B

The new class, "Bereans," is taught by Rich Clemow and will begin by covering some of the foundations of Christianity such as "Who is God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit?" and "What is the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?" Join them today!

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes. All classes are located on the Sanctuary side of the campus and gather at 10:15 a.m.

Inspirations-South Fellowship Hall in Bldg C

Friendship-Choir Room in Bldg C

Crusaders-Purple Door Classroom in Bldg C

Stephen Ministry Meet and Greet Today

You are invited to attend the Stephen Ministry Mission

team "Meet and Greet" today, September 14, immediately following 10:30 a.m. worship. Come, ask questions and listen to the experiences of our present Stephen Ministers. This is the perfect opportunity to find



out what being a Stephen Minister is all about from the people who have experienced the blessings of being a part of this ministry. Pastor Bob will also be there to explain why Stephen Ministry is so important to the church. See you there!

JOY (Just Older Youth) on Tuesday

Our older adults are invited every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. to the Christian Life Enrichment Center, for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. This Tuesday, September 16, Jim Maddrey will teach. You are invited to bring a lunch.

Men's Bible Study on Thursday

All men are invited to be a part of the Men's Bible Study on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in room 220 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

women's ministry

Girls' Night Out Movie Night Sept. 26-7:00 p.m.

Join the St. Paul Women's Ministry in the South Fellowship Hall of Bldg C for a showing of the movie, "Heaven Is For Real." A suggested \$5 donation will be



taken at the door. Candy, popcorn and soda are included. Bring a friend!



Dorcas

The Dorcas Sewing Circle meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to work on sewing projects for local and overseas missions. Supplies are provided. You don't have to be a seamstress to join. Just bring a sandwich and join them in room 243 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center, the Arts and Crafts room. The next meeting is Sept. 24.

Hannah

Hannah meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m. in the room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Meetings include refreshments, devotion, prayer and a program.

Rachel-Lydia

Rachel-Lydia meets on the second Thursday at 10:30 a.m in room 101 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center, the Carpenter's Room. Missions projects include ditty bags, pediatric medical supplies, and more.

Soaring Eagles on Saturday

All men are invited for fellowship, prayer, and devotional on Saturdays at 8 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center, room 201.

Wednesday Night Studies & Classes

Book of Romans Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Room 101 of the CLEC (Carpenter's Room)

Discover what the apostle Paul's letter said to the Romans, and says to us today.

Covenant Bible Study

Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. South Fellowship Hall Cost: Each of the 8 week sections has a \$20 guide. Cost is \$50 for all three. One guide per couple is recommended.

Covenant is an in-depth group Bible Study with three 8 week segments that center around our relationships with God, with each other, and with the world.

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Family Room

Learn how when parents work in tandem with the faith community to raise their children, they increase their parenting capacity exponentially.

Discover St. Paul

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Room 219 of the CLEC

Make connections in a small group environment while learning about St. Paul, United Methodism and what sets us apart from other denominations.



Class Starts Wed., Sept. 17

Taught by: John Bryan - Cost: \$95 per couple Community Room 201 (CLEC)

Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

Young Adult Community Group

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Mariposa Café—CLEC

18 to 35 year old young adults are invited to join our new Community Group. Meet new people, build relationships, and grow closer to Christ and each other.

GROWTHguide

Day 1: Read Romans 12:9-21, Psalm 30:1-5, and 1 Peter 5:7

God never promises to remove us from our struggles. He does promise, however, to change the way we look at them. The apostle Paul dedicates a paragraph to listing trash bags: troubles, problem, suffering, hunger, nakedness, danger, and violent death. These are the very Dumpsters of difficulty to we hope to escape. Paul, however, states their value. "In all these things we have full victory through God" (Romans 8:35-37). We'd prefer another preposition. We'd opt for "apart from all these things," or "away from all these things," or even, "without all these things." But Paul says, "in" all these things. The solution is not to avoid trouble but to change the way we see our troubles. God can correct your vision.

-- Max Lucado, Just Like Jesus

- Max Lucado asks, "[Has there been a time when] you found good in the bad, purpose in the pain. Did you have this attitude while you were going through the difficulty, or did these insights come later?"
- Do you hold on to the hurt and the pain from your troubles instead of seeing the good? Why? Ask God to help you see your hurts as Jesus sees them: that there is "good in the bad and purpose in the pain." Remember that we can have hope because Jesus has conquered death and overcome our sin, our hurts and our pain.
- Ponder the scripture and ask yourself the question: do you pay back evil with evil or with good? It can be easy to respond to those who hurt us with the intent of hurting them back, but God has called us to be "at peace with all men."

Want the rest of this week's Growth Guide? Sign up for our Growth Guide mailing list or visit stpaulumc.org to download the Growth Guide as a PDF.



Join IGNITE, our young adult group, tonight in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center as they continue their series on "Explicit Gospel." Contact Felix Koutsourais at c24go1@aol.com for details or like the IGNITE facebook page to stay up to date on all of IGNITE's upcoming events: ignitestpaul



Children infant-5th grade Sherri Plate, Children's Ministry Director, sherri.p@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for Infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in Bldg B Lil Kidz Rooms. You will sign in and be given a pick-up card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning Small Group at 9:00 a.m.

Join the **kindergarten through fifth grade** class in **Bldg** C, Small Group Room—Second Floor. Kids will spend time in the computer lab playing Bible Champions and order games that help teach the books of Bible.

Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Class

We have a great preschool class for 3 to 4 year-olds at 10:30 a.m. in the Red Door Room of Bldg C.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to the Children's Worship Center in Bldg C (Second Floor) for Children's Worship. This month we are studying the Books of the Bible. Join us for videos, music, crafts, and games.

Parents Morning Out

Parent's Morning Out on Tuesday and Thursday is a great time for you to get errands done or take time for yourself, without your child(ren). Care is \$10 per child, per day from 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by contacting the Children's Ministry Office at 584-8165, ext. 238.

Interactive Movie Night

For All Ages. September 20, 6:30 p.m.

The Children's Ministry invites you to a free, all ages Interactive Movie Night on Saturday, September 20 in our Christian Life Enrichment Center Fellowship Hall. Join us for an interactive movie experience of the *Wizard of Oz*. We will be singing along to the songs, dressing up in *Wizard of Oz* costumes, and there will be lots of other fun things for the



whole family to do throughout the movie. There will also be a costume contest and prize giveaways!

Sign Up to Receive a Bible

On Sunday, September 28, there will be no Children's Worship at 10:30 a.m. A special Bible Presentation will happen during the Contemporary Service, and families are encouraged to worship together. Children (K-5) who have not received a Bible are invited to sign up now to receive one on September 28. Visit our website, stpaulumc.org, to sign up now.

Live the Story Retreat From Oct. 10—Oct. 12. Warren Willis Camp Leesburg.

Live the Story is a weekend retreat designed to bring 3rd and 4th graders and their parents, or grandparents, into the



Bible story. The weekend will include dynamic storytellers and interactive Bible experiences. Cost is \$110 per participant, which includes all lodging, meals, program cost, and a t-shirt. Come experience the Bible in a fun, interactive way! Visit our website to sign up or for more information: stpaulumc.org



Worship Arts Class Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Worship Arts Room

Kids of all ages will have fun each week learning new ways to see, feel and Glorify God through music, dance, painting, instruments, art and more.



Youth 6th-12th Grade, Alison Van Duyne, Youth Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Night Youth Experience

Most of us measure how we're doing by how everyone else is doing. And it's easy to feel like we don't measure up. Andy Stanley explores the challenge of escaping The Comparison Trap.



TONIGHT: Looking Around

Bottom Line: Take your cue from the one who made you. Who is the one person you'd love to hear say, "you're awesome"? Is it your dad? A coach? A sibling? A teammate? We all have a tendency to look toward other people when we want to know if we're okay. And if we're honest, most of us have a nagging suspicion that we fall short no matter how hard we try. It's human nature to look for approval, but what if we've been looking in the wrong place? God has something to say about whether we're okay, whether we "measure up". And it may not be what you think. As we take a closer look, His opinion of us may provide something we haven't yet found comparing ourselves to others.

Join the middle and high school youth on Sunday nights from 5:30—8 p.m. for group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Meet in the Mariposa Café at 5:30 p.m. and then the group will branch out to the Youth Room, the Gym or the Fellowship Hall depending on plans for the night. Dinner is \$4.



Parents' Meeting with Source Group Leaders Tonight

Source Group Leaders are the ones who connect personally with your student each week. They challenge them to apply the Word of God to their lives, and listen

to their struggles, their victories and their prayer requests. Tonight, parents of Youth Ministry students are invited to a Source Group Leader meet and greet where they will have the chance to connect with Source Group Leaders. Parents and students will eat dinner in the Fellowship Hall together at 5:30 p.m., then parents will have an opportunity to speak with Source Group Leaders, to share how they can pray for you and your family this year, and to partner together to better reach your student for Christ.

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Sundays at 6:00 p.m. Room 201 of the CLEC (Community Room). Starts tonight.

After dinner and the meeting, parents are invited to stay for our Tech Savvy Parenting class at 6:00 p.m.

This class offers practical tools to help parents understand the technology their children are using, as well as to set responsible limits and ensure that the entire household is using technology wisely.



Sign Up to Help with the Pumpkin Patch

It's almost Pumpkin Patch time! We're asking that our students work at least 3 shifts. They'll earn money in their Youth Account, or they can use the time for community service hours. Adults, parents/grandparents, college students, we need your help too! You can sign up by visiting stpaulumc.org and clicking on the Pumpkin Patch Sign Up link.

jive in love



Arts and Crafts Show Volunteers Needed



The 19th Annual Arts and ** Crafts Show is Saturday, October 11 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event raises a lot

of money for the missions of St. Paul, and is a great opportunity to welcome the community. We need lots of help on the day of the event, as well as some help getting set up on Friday. If you can volunteer, please visit our website stpaulumc.org and fill out the sign up form. You can help for 2 or 3 hours at a time, or stay the whole day.

Help with the Pumpkin Patch



Join with us for this great fall tradition as we serve the community through this year's Pumpkin Patch!

We will need plenty of volunteers to help with unloading on October 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The youth will be helping out with the patch from Oct. 8-Oct. 30, but we need at least one adult per shift. If you can take a shift, sign up online by visiting stpaulumc.org! The money raised will help the Youth Ministry reach students for Christ through worship, retreats, missions and events.

Volunteers Needed to Support Ponce de Leon Elementary School

The Back to School Jubilee has ended, but we would like to continue to grow our relationship with the families at Ponce de Leon Elementary by providing volunteers who can serve as tutors, teachers' assistants or office volunteers. There is no cost, but volunteers will need to complete an application and provide a copy of a picture ID for a background check. Volunteers do things like help in art class, read with students, or help them with math. If you are interested, please e-mail Pam Dubov at pam.d@stpaulumc.org or call the church office to leave a message for Pam. This is a great opportunity to see the children we served in August again, and to share the love of our Lord and St. Paul with our new friends at Ponce.

Candy Donations for Spooktacular

Our Children's Ministry will be hosting a booth at the City of Largo Halloween Spooktacular again this year. This is a wonderful way to introduce our Children's Ministry and St. Paul to new families. We need donations of individually wrapped candy to give out at the booth. If you can donate, please drop your candy off at the church office or in the shopping cart in the lobby.

Recoating the Gym Floor

Regular maintenance of the gym floor prevents costly damage and repairs later on, while maintaining good traction and a safe playing environment. The Basketball Ministry of St. Paul would appreciate your assistance in raising funds toward the \$2,446 cost of recoating the floor. If you are willing and able, please make your donation check(s) payable to St. Paul UMC and write "Gym Floor" on the "for" line. You may also donate using our online Giving page at stpaulumc.org.



October 13: 5:30—7 p.m. | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall

We are beginning preparations for our Christmas Production on December 14! The Drama Ministry is holding an audition on Monday, October 13 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Auditions are first come, first served. These auditions are open to the public, so let your actor friends know! We are looking for:

- Two 40-50 year old adults, one male & one female
- Two children, one boy and one girl, ages 9-14
- One senior adult aged 60-75

Rehearsals will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 6-7 p.m. Please contact Volunteer Drama Director, Rachel Shockey, at rachel.s@stpaulumc.org, to RSVP for the audition.

Coming this Week

Sunday, September 14		
Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM	
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:45 AM	
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM	
Lil' Kidz Small Group	9:00 AM	
Bereans	10:15 AM	
Crusaders	10:15 AM	
Friendship	10:15 AM	
Inspirations	10:15 AM	
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM	
Lil' Kidz Class	10:30 AM	
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM	
Youth Group	5:30 PM	
Tech Savvy Parenting	6:00 PM	
IGNITE	7:00 PM	

Monday, September 15
Bells of St. Paul 5:30 PM

Tuesday, September 16
Parent's Morning Out 8:30 AM
Sonrise Men's Study
JOY Ministry 10:30 AM

Wednesday, September 17 Handicapable Ministry 6:15 PM Financial University 6:30 PM Covenant 6:30 PM **Book of Romans** 6:30 PM Parenting Beyond 6:30 PM Young Adult Community 6:30 PM Discover St. Paul 6:30 PM Worship Arts Class 6:30 PM Volleyball 7:45 PM

Thursday, September 18

Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM

Parent's Morning Out 8:30 AM

Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer 7:00 PM

Friday, September 19
Church Office Closed
Fullness of Joy 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles 8:00 AM Interactive Movie Night 6:30 PM

Due to space, not all events are listed here. Visit stpaulumc.org to see our complete calendar.





Carl Simon

There are many things to admire about Carl Simon, member of St. Paul since October of 2005. Ever since he and his wife, Linda, joined the church, it has been a familiar sight to see Carl carrying his Bible as he and his wife enter church for worship or Bible study. For years, Carl has been active in the men's early Tuesday morning Bible study. He also currently serves on the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations. Whether he is speaking encouraging words in Bible studies, church meetings or in one-on-one conversations, Carl is dedicated to sharing the good news of Jesus with others. Carl's commitment and love for our church and all he does to support the church with his time, talents, service, financial support and witness are an excellent example for all of us. Carl and Linda, we love you with the love of The Lord!

Is Your Group or Event Information Correctly Listed on Our Calendar?

Do you lead a group meeting at St. Paul? Please visit the calendar on our website, stpaulumc.org, under the Calendar and Resources link and make sure the information on your group is correct. If your group has changed times or locations, or is on hiatus, please e-mail church@stpaulumc.org and let us know.

Good News





Proud grandparents with Audrey.

Pastor Bob Welcomes a Granddaughter

On September 4, Bob and Patti Martin were blessed by the birth of a healthy new granddaughter, Audrey Elizabeth, weighing nine pounds, 10 ounces. Bob and Patti's daughter LeighAnne and the baby are both doing well. Praise God for this blessing, and thank you for your prayers.



Hillsong leads worship through music at Experience Conference

Staff Draw Closer to God at Conference

Thanks to generous gifts from donors who support the continued education of our ministry staff, three of our staff were able to attend a worship conference in Orlando the first week of September. Shaun Powers, Laurel Fortuna, and Alison Van Duyne were all blessed to immerse themselves in worship, and soak up God's love.



Handicapable Cheer on the Rays One of the activities the Handicapable love to do is see our Tamp Bay Rays play baseball. Thursday evening, September 4, over 40 Handicapable baseball fans saw the

Rays play the Toronto Blue Jays. Even though the Rays lost the game in extra innings by a score of 1 to 0, everyone enjoyed being a part of the fun atmosphere at Tropicana Field. Many thanks go out to David and Kendra Pless, who gifted our Minis-

Night of Joy

Rain couldn't keep our students from a fun night full of Christian music at Disney World on September 5!

try 15 tickets for the game. Go Rays!





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