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THIS SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 29  
9 AM TO NOON

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MORE INFORMATION



November 23, 2014

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!

We're taking a moment to be thankful today as we draw closer to Thanksgiving. I hope you'll also join us as we begin our advent series next week. This year we're taking a light-hearted approach, discovering what some of our favorite classic Christmas movies have to teach us about the real miracle of Christmas.

Take a look at this bulletin, or visit our website, for more information on our ministries, 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.

  
Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

# GLORIFY GOD

## 9:00 Traditional Worship

Prelude

Welcome

David McKee, Worship Leader

\*Greet

*Oh How He Loves You And Me*

\*Opening Hymn

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

No. 139

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100

Worship Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the lands!

**People: Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Worship Leader: Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**People: We are the Lord's, we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Worship Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**People: Give thanks and bless God's name!**

Worship Leader: For the Lord is good;

**All: God's steadfast love endures for ever; God's faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn

*We Gather Together*

No. 131

\*Affirmation of Faith

**Apostles' Creed**

No. 881

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

No. 895

Offertory

*Harvest Carol*

Sanctuary Choir

Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

No. 95

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Transitional Hymn

*Give Thanks*

Sermon

**"Thankful"**

Pastor Bob Martin

Luke 17:11-19

Directed Prayer

Closing Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

No. 92

\*Benediction

\*Postlude

\*Please stand, if you are able.

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

Baptism of Zachary Daniel Lyons

**"Thankful"**

Pastor Bob Martin

Luke 17:11-19



## Online Giving

Each holiday season, St. Paul UMC anticipates and relies on a seasonal increase in contributions. It is through the donations of every individual and family in the congregation that we are able to carry on our ministry now and throughout the year.

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift before the end of the year, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. As the pace of life speeds up around the holidays, you may find electronic giving a welcome way to make contributions.

To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) and click the Giving button, or use this QR code. We also provide online giving cards in the backs of the seats if you would like to take advantage of the convenience of online giving, or of setting up automated gifts, without missing out on the experience of giving during worship. If you gave online, just place one of these cards in the offering plate as you would any other gift.



## Flowers

Today's flowers are given by:

- ♥ Reed Rue in loving memory of his parents, Ken and Mildred Rue
- ♥ Julia Smith in loving memory of her husband, Alvin on his birthday
- ♥ June and Harry Aldrich in celebration of their 64<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

If you would like to give flowers in honor of a loved one or special event, and to the Glory of God call the church office at 584-8165 with your desired date and inscription, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org). Bouquets are \$40. Flowers can be picked up after Contemporary Worship or at the church office during the week. Flowers can also be donated to members and friends of the church at local hospitals.

## To Make a Prayer Request

- \* Drop your prayer request in the offering plate.
- \* Submit your prayer online at [stpaulumc.org](http://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.
- \* "Stay and Pray" in the chapel after each worship on the first Sunday of each month.

## Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for those people listed below with immediate needs:

Barbara Baug	Julie
Bette Ashton	Justason Family
Bill and Claire	Kathy Seitz
Longman	Kevin and Vicki
Brad Finkbiner	Kim Morris
Bruce	Larry Daniels
Carl Graham	M. Izzo
Chris Dugan	Mary Moore
Danny Brewer	Melodie McCanns
Dave, Do and Polly	Mike and Family
David Halliburton	Mike Guseilla
Deb Woodhouse	Nancy Otte
Donna Selzer	Nancy Robbins
Eleanor Berry	Nancy, Kyle and Sherri
F.A. McKenzie	Plate
Florence Harlan	Paul and Sandy
Frank and Sandy	Pete
Pelusio	Roberto
Gail Bouchard	RoseMarie Gresh
George Wilson	Ruth Barr
Goodin Family	Steve Brower
Hannah and Caleb	Steve and Cheryl
Rackarb	Harvey
Jackson	Taylor and Nate
Jan and Lloyd	Todd Smyzer
Janet Amon	Tom and Glenda
Jean and Mike	Neville
Troutner	Tom Jones
Jim Luckey	
John Fady	
Judy Fowler	

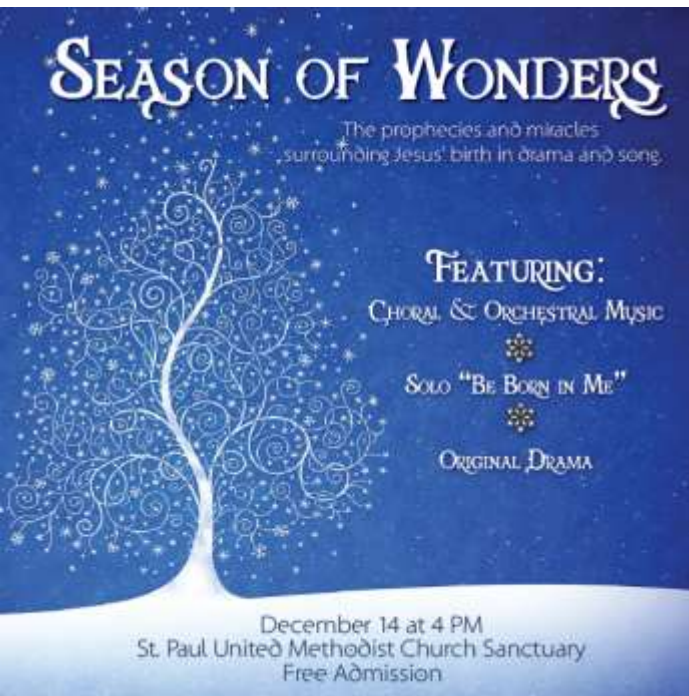
# GLORIFY GOD

## Season of Wonders

December 14 | 4 p.m.

In the Sanctuary

Join the Boyd family on a cozy Christmas Eve as they explore the prophecies of Jesus' birth and awaken the wonders of the Christmas story! With music both fresh and familiar from the inspired pen of Joseph Martin, and drama written specially for St. Paul United Methodist by member, Rachel Shockey, this joyous Christmas production shines new light upon the miracles surrounding the birth of Jesus.



## Be a Part of our Christmas Production

If you play an instrument or love to sing we invite you to take part in our special Christmas program as part of our volunteer orchestra or choir. If you would like to participate, please contact Traditional Worship Leader David McKee at 584-8165 ext. 228 or email david.m@stpaulumc.org

The Worship Arts Ministry also needs volunteers to be on the Backstage Crew and Live Stream Team for the Christmas Production. If you would like to be part of one of these teams, please contact our Senior Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna, at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org or call the church office at 584-8165. x208.



This Advent season we're taking a light-hearted approach with a series that uses beloved Christmas movies to reveal truths about the miracle of Jesus' birth. Join us as we find out how *Miracle on 34th Street*, *The Grinch who Stole Christmas*, and more of your favorite Christmas movies relate to scripture and to the Joy, Peace, Hope, and Love that we focus on during this sacred season.

## GROWTHguide

### Special Advent Growth Guides

During Advent we are including a special Growth Guide in the bulletin each week. Each Growth Guide takes a deeper look at the week's message, as well as providing scriptures, reflection questions and challenge points. During the season of Advent, as we are preparing our hearts for the coming of Jesus, we invite you to use these Growth Guides in your personal meditations, or with your family or small group.

If you would like to continue to receive the Growth Guide by weekly e-mail after the Advent season is over, you can sign up on [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org), or write your e-mail on one of the red pads in the back of the seats with a note that you would like to receive the Growth Guide.

### Christmas Poinsettias

If you want to order a poinsettia to **Glorify God** this year at Christmas, or to celebrate and honor a loved one, be sure to get your orders in by this Thursday. Poinsettias are \$9 each. You can contact the church office at 727-584-8165 or make your order online by visiting [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)



# GROW IN FAITH

## Glory TO THE NEW BORN KING

### Candlelight Christmas

Friday, December 5  
Christian Life Enrichment Center  
Doors open at 6:30 p.m.  
Event begins at 7 p.m.



Enjoy entertainment provided by the East Lake High School Madrigal Singers and a wonderful dinner during this night of Christmas joy. Tickets are \$25, and can be purchased in the church office Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. They are also available on Sundays in the courtyard between services.

If you can help by hosting or decorating a table, please let us know when you buy your tickets, or contact Barbara Brash at 584-8165.




**Youth** 6th-12th Grade, Alison Van Duyne,  
Youth Ministry Director, [alison.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:alison.v@stpaulumc.org)

Sunday Night Youth Experience

There is no Youth Group tonight. Join us next week at 5:30 p.m. as we continue our "Silver Linings" series.

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.** The group meets in the Mariposa Café at 5:30 p.m., then branches out to the Youth Room, the Gym or the Fellowship Hall depending on plans for the night. Dinner is \$4.

Amplify - Wednesday Night Bible Study  
There is no Amplify this week. Have a great Thanksgiving!

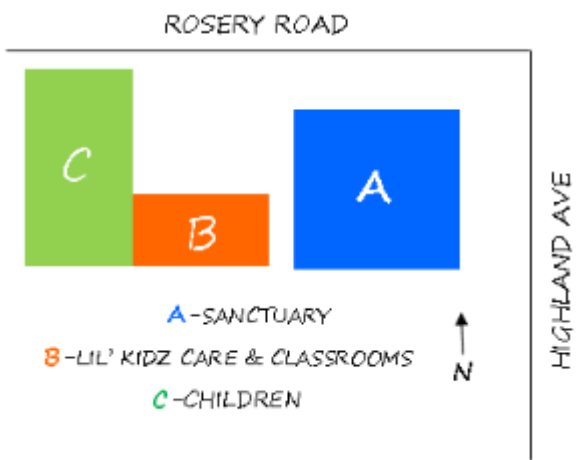
### Young Adults

Sunday evenings at 7 p.m.  
Join IGNITE in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 7 p.m. For more information contact Felix at [c24go1@aol.com](mailto:c24go1@aol.com) or like the IGNITE Facebook page to stay up to date on all of IGNITE's upcoming events.



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.  
The Young Adult Community Group will not meet Nov. 26. Meetings will resume on December 3 at 6:30 p.m.

# GROW IN FAITH



# RESTORE

**Special Called Church Conference**  
 A special church conference will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this conference is to affirm the consensus given at the three recently held church wide meetings to move forward with building repairs.

- The two agenda items for discussion and vote will be:
- A resolution to authorize the Board of Trustees to borrow funds for building, roof, HVAC repairs
  - A resolution to authorize the Board of Trustees to offer for sale the three parcels of land known as the farm store, the old bank and the plot where the house is located.

All active church members are invited to attend.

## SOURCE GROUPS

**Source Groups** are a small group of up to twelve people whose purposes are: **To grow** in their personal relationship with God. **To connect** with other believers by building a community through worship, study, prayer, praise and service. **To support** each person in their faith walk. **To be the hands and feet of Jesus** by serving within their group, church and community. **To enjoy fun and fellowship together.** To get connected with a source group contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at [bobby.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:bobby.v@stpaulumc.org)

**Church Library**  
 Have you visited our church library? We have both fiction and non-fiction Christian books. Come by the Christian Life Enrichment Center by the gym Monday through Thursday and pick out something to read.

- 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 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**
  - Bereans** - Room 201 (Community Room) in the CLEC



**JOY (Just Older Youth) on Tuesday**  
 Older adults are invited to the Christian Life Enrichment Center every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m., for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. This Tuesday, November 25, Jim Maddrey will teach. You are invited to bring a lunch. For more information contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at [bobby.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:bobby.v@stpaulumc.org) or 584-8165.

**Soaring Eagles on Saturday**  
 Men are welcome to join the Soaring Eagles for fellowship, prayer, and devotional on Saturdays at 8 a.m. in the CLEC, room 201.

**Are you receiving Pastor Bob's E-Note?**  
 Each week Pastor Bob sends out an e-mail with updates about what's going on at St. Paul. If you aren't receiving it and would like to, write your e-mail down on one of the registration pads with a note that you would like to receive the E-Note. You can also e-mail [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) with your request.

# GROW IN FAITH



**Children** *infant-5th grade*  
Sherri Plate, Children's Ministry  
Director, [sherri.p@stpaulumc.org](mailto: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 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. This month their theme is "Thank you, God, for everything!"

## Sunday Mornings for K- 5

This month K-5 students are focusing on prayer and stewardship.

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

Meets in either the computer lab in Room 203 or the Small Group Room in 207 of Bldg C.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Meets in the Children's Worship Center, Rooms 206/208 of Bldg C.



## Worship Arts Class

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

There is no Worship Arts class on Nov. 26. Kids of all ages are invited to join us when we resume on December 3 as we learn new ways to see, feel and **Glorify God** through music, dance, painting, instruments, art and more. Youth have the opportunity to sing, take lessons, and participate in worship.

FREE Parents Night Out  
"Let's Go to the Movies"  
Saturday, December 6 | 5-9 P.M.  
Ages: Infant—5th Grade



All elementary and preschool kids are invited to join us for this year's free Kids' Movie Night on December 6. The movie is *Santa Buddies*. We will also have:

- Pizza and Popcorn
- Bounce House
- Games and Crafts
- Dance Party
- Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long
- Special Visitors

... And lots more fun!



Some of the kids from last year having a great time.

There is no cost. Childcare and all the fun activities are free! Parents, this is a great chance to take an evening to yourself, while your kids have fun at the movies with us! Know a parent who would love a night off? Let them know about this event. It's free and open to the public!



Use this QR code or visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) to register for Parents Night Out

If you can help volunteer during the Parents' Night Out event, please sign up on our website.

# GIVE IN LOVE

## Candlelight Christmas Hostesses Needed

If you're planning on attending Candlelight Christmas, please consider decorating or hosting a table. You can let us know you would like to hostess when you buy your tickets, or by contacting Barbara Brash at 584-8165. More information about the event is on page 5.



## Christmas Decorating Day

Join us this Saturday, Nov. 29 from 9 a.m.—Noon to help adorn the sanctuary and church grounds with Christmas decorations. We will have refreshments and music as we joyfully prepare the sanctuary for the Advent Season. RSVP to [laurel.f@stpaulumc.org](mailto:laurel.f@stpaulumc.org) or just show up and bring friend! The more the merrier!



## Parents Night Out Volunteers

Do you have a heart for children? Come and help the Children's Ministry with their Parents Night Out event! Last year we had about a hundred kids attend this event, so we need lots of help. The event is December 6 from 5 to 9 p.m. If

you can help with the kids or the set-up, please sign up online now: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) The kids have a lot of fun at this event, but so do our volunteers!

## Be a Part of our Hospitality Team

Can you help make Sundays at St. Paul a welcoming and uplifting experience? Our Hospitality Teams need you! Contact Hospitality Coordinator, Sue Johnston, at [archandsue@aol.com](mailto:archandsue@aol.com) or call 584-8165 if you can help with refreshments between services. If you're interested in becoming an usher or a greeter contact John Hamilton at [john.hamilton@baycare.org](mailto:john.hamilton@baycare.org) or 515-1971.

Even if you aren't an official part of a Hospitality Team, you can still show God's love by welcoming visitors, sharing an extra smile or saying hello to someone new each Sunday!

## Open Arms Thanksgiving

Open Arms is distributing 300 Thanksgiving meals tomorrow, November 24. If you can help with distribution please call Open Arms Director, Yvette Carter at 586-5380. Thank you for helping us give these families something to be thankful for this year!



## Donate Bibles for Pinellas County Jail

Do you have any extra Bibles you can donate? We are collecting used Bibles for prisoners in the Pinellas County Jail. The jail hands out about 500 Bibles a week to people who desperately need God's Word in their lives. If you can donate, drop your Bibles off at the church office Mon-Thurs. from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



## Employment

### Employment Opening

For full job posting visit the "Calendar and Resources" tab on [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org).

Part-time Accompanist Education/Experience: High level performance, knowledge of worship and theological understanding to assist with music selection, 4+ years experience accompanying worship, strong organizational skills, strong interpersonal skills, ability to work creatively with worship team and volunteers, committed to Christ and called to service.

If you are interested in being considered for this position, please send your resume or employment history to [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org).



## Coming this Week

### Sunday, November 23

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
<b>Lil' Kidz Nursery</b>	8:45 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
<b>Lil' Kidz Small Group</b>	9:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

### Monday, November 24

Bells of St. Paul	5:30 PM
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### Tuesday, November 25

<b>Sonrise Men's Study</b>	6:30 AM
JOY Ministry	10:30 AM
Recovery by Faith	6:30 PM

### Wednesday, November 26

Volleyball	7:45 PM
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### Thursday, November 27

*Happy Thanksgiving!  
Church Office Closed*

### Friday, November 28

*Church Office Closed*

### Saturday, November 29

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Christmas Decorating	9:00 AM

Due to space, not all events are listed here. Visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) to see our complete calendar.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Dave and Marilyn Bossard

Retirement has not slowed down long-time members Dave and Marilyn Bossard as they continually find numerous ways to stay busy serving others and their church. You may have seen Dave volunteering with our very successful Back to School Jubilee in August. Marilyn volunteered with our Arts and Crafts Show this October. Both also share a love for animals and often dog-sit for friends and neighbors. Another one of their favorite displays of discipleship is their faithfulness in bringing The Reverend Barbara Brokhoff to worship. Dave and Marilyn, thank you for being faithful disciples of Christ!

## You Can Still Make a 2015 Pledge

If you haven't had the chance to make a pledge in support of our 2015 Ministry Budget, we invite you to use one of the cards in the backs of the seat or pew, or to make your pledge online by clicking the Refuel button on our website, [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org). With your support and God's help we can do so much to reach the world for Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider what you will give back to God this year and how you will support our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, and Give in Love.

# GOOD NEWS



**Youth Girls' Night Out**  
 Our Youth Ministry Girls' Night was an AWESOME event! The guest speaker, Wendy Fitzgerald, took the movie, *Frozen*, and applied it to the girls' faith walk. She encouraged the girls to be doers of the Word, to check the condition of their hearts, and to live their lives sacrifi-



cially for the Lord and others. We were so blessed by Wendy from *If... Then Movement*. It was also fun to have girls from First UMC of Clearwater and their youth director join in as well. Thanks to all the students and Ministry Team members who helped make this event so memorable!

Visit Facebook for more pictures:  
[LighthouseYouthMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/LighthouseYouthMinistry)



Janet Essley

## Congratulations, Special Olympians!

The Handicapped Ministry has been blessed through the years in having a number of their Special Olympians selected to attend and participate in the State Games held at Disney World in Orlando. The weekend of November 14 and 15, Janet Essley and Noreen Alvarez represented Handicapped in bowling. Maria Sauter, Special Olympics Head Coach for the Handicapped, reported that Janet and Noreen each won a bronze medal. Congratulations to not only Janet and Noreen but



Noreen Alvarez



Janet and Noreen with David & Maria Sauter

to all others who participated and **those who cheered God's Special People** on to victory! We are so proud of each of you!



## Handicapped Girls Share in *Frozen* Experience

Ten girls from our Handicapped Ministry were invited to view the scenery in the Youth Room and learn more about the *Frozen* themed sleepover event held for our youth girls November 7. The Handi girls had a lot of fun trying to name each of *Frozen* characters. Thanks to Alison and our youth for inviting the girls to join in on this fun event!



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