



REMEMBER

A Service of Baptism Remembrance



January 4, 2015

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Happy New Year! 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 excited that you've joined us this special Sunday as we engage in a unique worship designed to help us remember our Baptism and reaffirm what it means in each of our lives. After worship we invite you to join us for a free pancake breakfast across the street!

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 a part of it.

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Join us after
worship
in the LuAnne
Willey Fellowship

Hall for a
FREE

**Pancake
Breakfast**



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

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Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: Our God who is perfect invites us to this space.

People: **We who are imperfect humbly respond and rejoice.**

Leader: We come broken...

People: **Seeking to be made whole**

Leader: We come unfinished...

People: **Seeking to be brought to Christian perfection.**

Leader: We recognize this time of holy conferencing as a moment in our journey of Christian service.

People: **We celebrate the ministry of all believers gathered in this space and beyond.**

Leader: We are children of God who come to be renewed in our call.

People: **Refresh us, revive us, O God, in this time of becoming.**

*Hymns

Open Up the Heavens

Rejoice, the Lord is King

No. 715

Opening Prayer

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

A Word on Becoming

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-11

Offertory

Assurance

Sanctuary Choir

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 95

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the faithfulness of our covenant God.

People: **We give thanks for all that God has already given us. As members of the body of Christ, in our congregation of St Paul United Methodist Church we faithfully participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness. In our time of ministry this year we will faithfully participate in intentional engagement, mutual respect, sacred listening, trusting in the Holy Spirit who has brought us so that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may live in grace and peace.

Transitional Song

Lead Me, Lord

No. 473

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant

Special Music

Something In the Water

Laura Sullivan

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Renunciation of Sin and Profession of Faith

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:

Pastor: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

People: I Do.

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

People: I Do.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

People: I Do.

Pastor: According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

People: I Will.

Pastor: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried:

He descended into hell; The third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Spirit, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw our people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

Pastor: In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. he was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

People: Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins, and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory.

People: All praise to you eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Remembrance of Baptism

Changed

Praise Band

*Closing Song

*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.

GLORIFY GOD

Online Giving

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options.



To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit our website 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:

- ♥ Peg McConnell, in loving memory of her daughter, Gail, in remembrance of her birthday.

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. Bouquets are \$40. Flowers can be picked up after the second worship, or in the church office during the week. If you'd prefer we can distribute the flowers to members of the church who are home or hospital bound.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available on Sundays outside the sanctuary. Pick yours up after either worship time. If you want offering envelopes, and yours are not in the lobby, please sign the sheet provided on the table.

Deaths

May the spirit of those who've died rest peacefully in the Lord...

Please pray for the families of the people listed below, who passed away recently:

Beulah "Boots" Stapleton
Bob Gerhart
Jean Kummer

To Make a Prayer Request

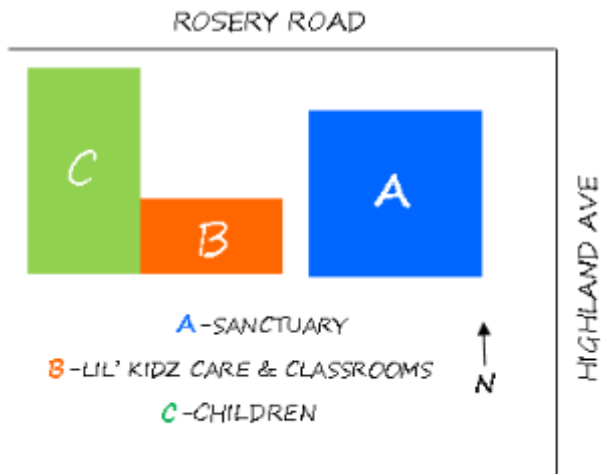
- * Drop your prayer request in the offering plate.
- * Submit your prayer online at stpaulumc.org by clicking on "Grow in Faith", then "Prayer."
- * Call our prayer line at 727-559-PRAY around the clock to leave a prayer need.

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate needs:

Baby Olivia	Judy Lazanis
Barb and Bob	Julie Schoneveld
Barb and Elaine Meser	Justason Family
Barbara Baug	Kathryn
Betty Addy	Kathy Haines
Betty Lee	Kevin and Vicki
Charlie and Bill	Larry and Mary Lou Daniels
Chris Dugan	LaVone Van Swol
Christy	Lawrence Lotze
Cindy Grow	Leslee and Family
Dave	Mary Ann Clemow
Deb Woodhouse	Mary Moore
Do, Andrew	Michael and Lucy
Donna Selzer	Mike and Family
Doris and Chuck	Moe
Dorothy Neal	Nancy Burns
For stability during college	Pat Mullen
Fran	Pat Zdenek
Geraldine Martin	Peter
Goodin Family	Peter, Megan, Hank, Adriana
Harriett Savas	Polly
Helen	Rick
Jackie Hook	Rollin Brannan
Jackson	Rose and Frank
Jan Pitts	Sandy and Dave P
Jane Huter	Sandy Davis
Jean McClinchy	Sandy Rice
Jean Troutner	Shirley Hamrick
Jerry and LaVon Wert	Steve Brower
Jerry S.	Terri Piper
Jim Lucky	Todd Smyzer
Jim Roach	Tom & Glenda Neville
Jody	Tom Jones
Joe C.	Tommy Thompson
John Fady	Tyler Gray
Joyce Walker	
Joye deChester	

GROW IN FAITH



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) Resumes This Week

JOY resumes this Tuesday, January 6 invite older adults to join them on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. For more information contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Dyne by e-mail at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or by phone at 584-8165.

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 218 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

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.

Young Adults

Sunday evenings

There is no meeting of IGNITE this Sunday. Next week IGNITE will resume at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center.



For more information contact Felix at c24go1@aol.com or "Like" the IGNITE Facebook page to stay up to date on all IGNITE's upcoming events.



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

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join our

Wednesday night Community Group. Meet new people, build relationships and grow closer to Christ.

GROWTHguide

The Growth Guide is a tool we offer to keep you connected to God all week long. This guide takes you deeper into Pastor Bob's message, and offers daily scripture readings and reflection. You can find our Growth Guide on our website, pick up a paper copy in the lobby, or receive the Growth Guide by weekly e-mail. To receive the Growth Guide by e-mail, write your e-mail on and a note that you would like to receive the Growth Guide on one of the red pads in your seat.



United Methodist Women Rachel-Lydia

UMW Rachel-Lydia group will meet this Thursday, January 8, in the Christian Life Enrichment Center, Room 101, at 10:30 a.m. This week's meeting will include devotions, a look at Psalm 14, a view of UMW RESPONSE magazine, and distribution of the inspirational booklet used to support the pediatric medical mission at Sabal Palms Children's Center. Breakfast goodies will be served! A Guest Speaker from the Audubon Society will present a lively and visual talk: *Birds of the Bible*.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Register for Wednesday Classes

Register now for our winter session of Wednesday classes. We have new classes for adults and children, as well as several ongoing groups that we invite you to join. Each class or group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Cost: \$95 per couple | Starts Jan. 14

FPU presents biblical, practical steps to help you get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!

Covenant Bible Study | Starts Jan. 14

Covenant begins their second section, **Living the Covenant**, which focuses on how the community lives out **their Covenant in faithful love and how it's applied** to actual relationships in everyday life. You need to have attended the first section to continue with this class.

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity | Starts Jan. 14

This class teaches parents that when they work in tandem with the faith community to raise their children, they increase their parenting capacity exponentially.

Hebrews Bible Study | Starts Jan. 28

This Bible study focuses on the book of Hebrews. All adults are welcome. Please note that the Hebrews Bible study begins on Jan 28.

Visit stpaulumc.org to register for a class now!

Remember, we also have ongoing groups and classes for all ages on Wednesdays that you are free to join in on at any time, including our Young Adult Community Group and our Wednesday night Youth Bible Study, Amplify. Both groups resume January 7.



Worship Arts Class Changes

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

When class resumes Jan. 14 we will change our Worship Arts Class format to better fit the needs of the kids and youth involved. Students will sign up for specific tracks that include different types of art or music (ex. guitar, singing, video, etc.) so they can focus on **Glorifying God** in the ways that fit their talents. We will also be offering a separate "KidServe" track at the same time on Wednesdays.



KidServe

Begins January 14

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Worship Arts Room

It's challenging to raise selfless kids today when selfish attitudes are so embedded into the fabric of our culture. KidServe is about teaching kids to look beyond themselves and serve others, counting on God's help every step of the way. In the process, they'll become more like the greatest servant of all: Jesus!

KidServe will provide children the opportunity to:

- ♥ participate in kid-friendly service projects
- ♥ develop a culture of service in their families
- ♥ empower kids to organize and lead service projects, campaigns or service based events

Weekly service projects include preparing lunches, toiletry bags, and first aid kits for the homeless, creating and writing encouraging cards, filling care packages for military troops, learning to crochet homeless sleeping mats, prayer shawls, blankets, or hats, off-site visits to local nursing homes and much more. We hope your child will join us to learn more about having compassion and generosity toward others.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES:
STPAULUMC.ORG

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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 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 Mornings for K- 5

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.

Parent's Morning Out

Parent's Morning Out is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This 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. to 12:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by calling the children's Ministry at 584-8165 x238.



Son Kissed Christmas Program a Big Success
Son Kissed Preschool had their annual Christmas Program on December 13. The kids were adorable, and did a great job singing their songs. We are blessed to have such great kids and supportive families at Son Kissed. A special thank you to everyone who came out to watch the kids tell their version of the Christmas story.



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

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP



TONIGHT: NO WORRIES

Bottom Line: When God's worrying about your worries, you don't have to. Everybody worries. We stress about our family, school, future, friends, and about a million other things. Unfortunately, our worries don't seem to accomplish much. Think about it. Have you ever stressed out about something so much it fixed itself? Probably not. But what's the alternative? The Apostle Paul had plenty to worry about. He had been threatened, beaten, shipwrecked, and arrested, but he still found the courage to say, "Do not be anxious about anything." As we take a closer look at Paul's words, we find that God has given us an alternative. He has provided a way for us to give away our worries and replace them with peace.

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner. The group then branches out to the Youth Room, the gym or the Fellowship Hall for group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Time together ends at 8:00 p.m.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Youth Room - 6 p.m.

Students are invited to this midweek Bible Study where you can hang out, eat, and get into God's Word.

GIVE IN LOVE



Open Arms Needs Your Used Christmas Cards

If you normally dispose of the Christmas cards you receive, please DON'T! Our Open Arms Ministry would like to use the fronts of your cards for the 2015

Christmas Gift Trees. A box is in the sanctuary lobby today where cards can be dropped off, and will be in the office workroom for collection during the week. Make sure that the front of the card has no writing on it. You can cut off the back of the card or we will remove the backs before using them.



Courtyard Pavers Project Underway

Pavers are currently being put in the courtyard. This project is expected to be complete before January 16. The courtyard is off limits during the project. Please use alternate doors and exits. Hospitality is on the east of the front doors this Sunday and next Sunday. Thank you for your cooperation and flexibility. This is a temporary inconvenience, but the new courtyard will be safer, more beautiful and a real blessing for all of us to enjoy.



Handicapable Carol for Residents at Belleair Health Care

Handicapable Ministry closed their highly successful year by visiting Belleair Health Care on December 18. About fifty of the ministry's **Caroling Choir** spread joy among residents and staff alike by singing Christmas carols and handing out Handi-made Christmas cards and other goodies. The Thanks to all our Handi singers and crafters for *Giving in Love* this Christmas season!

St. Paul member, Mary Snyder



Open Arms Ministry Distributes Christmas Gifts to Families in Need

Friday, December 19, the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall was ready for the crowd

of area families awaiting the opportunity to pick from over 500 gifts given by church members, friends of the church and other organizations. Volunteers took care of each guest from the time they arrived, until they departed the church with arms overflowing with beautiful gifts. Each person present could feel the love of St. Paul Church and the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. None of this would have been possible without the strong leadership of Yvette Carter and the help of volunteers from our Open Arms Ministry and area support groups. Thanks to everyone who gave gifts and gift cards, and all who volunteered to make this extraordinary event possible. May God continue to pour His blessings upon you in the upcoming New Year!



Andrea Spensiero with former guest organist, Edith Evans



Yvette Carter with staff from Fifth Third Bank, which has supported Open Arms by collecting food and other donations

Coming this Week

Sunday, January 4

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
Pancake Breakfast	10:00 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Group	5:30 PM

Monday, January 5

Bells of St. Paul	5:30 PM
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 6

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
JOY	10:30 AM
Recovery by Faith	6:30 PM

Wednesday, January 7

Handicapable Ministry	6:15 PM
Youth Amplify	6:30 PM
Young Adult Group	6:30 PM

Thursday, January 8

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:30 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM

Friday, January 9

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 10

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	3:00 PM



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Steve and Cheryl Harvey

At some point in our lives, we have probably all had a time when we needed others to lift us up in prayer and ask God to provide us with courage, faith, patience, wisdom, or whatever was needed to meet life's obstacles. Long-time members Steve and Cheryl Harvey, pictured above leading a prayer, have been lifting people's needs up this way for years as faithful intercessory prayer warriors here at St. Paul. Thursday evenings they can both be found in the Upper Prayer Room in our Christian Life Enrichment Center praying for each request submitted to our prayer list. They are also the leaders of a Tuesday night Source Group, graciously opening their home to the group for meetings. In the past they served for many years in our Stephen Ministry and, at one time, assisted in the Youth Ministry. Steve is currently undergoing chemotherapy, but he and Cheryl have continued to maintain their commitments to St. Paul. Thank you, Steve and Cheryl. What a difference you are making in so many lives.



Coffee with the Pastor

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul UMC or you have questions about the church or its ministries, Pastor Bob invites you to join him for coffee on Sunday, January 18 at 11:45 a.m. This will give you a chance to meet with Pastor Bob, ask him questions, learn a bit more about what it means to be a member of St. Paul, and just spend some time getting to know him and others a little better. If you would like to attend, you must RSVP by January 14 by e-mailing church@stpaulumc.org or calling 584-8165.

GOOD NEWS



Bay News 9 Features Handicapable Ministry Tomorrow!
Horton Townes, the Director of our Handicapable Ministry, is being featured as a Bay News 9 "Everyday Hero." Earlier this month Horton, and Handi members Wendy Johnson and her daughter Estelle, were interviewed for the story, which will air tomorrow, January 5 on Bay News 9, starting at 5:53 a.m. and re-air each hour throughout the day. Tune in to see this valuable St. Paul Ministry

highlighted. We are so proud of Horton and the Handicapable Ministry for all the ministry has accomplished in the last 17 years. What a great opportunity to show the wider community what God is doing at St. Paul through this ministry. You can read below about just one of the events the Handicapable held this month.



Kids at Ponce DeLeon Elementary Thank Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry recently distributed hats and scarves to children at Ponce DeLeon Elementary. Regina Kamensky's class, pictured above, thanked the ministry with a hand-drawn book of pictures like the one on right. Each picture and note was drawn by a child who received a hat or scarf. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is busy making more hats and scarves for the homeless and others in need. You can join them on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in room 243 of the CLEC.



Handi Celebrate with Christmas Banquet

On December 12, the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall was packed with over 200 smiling members of our Handicapable family. The evening was filled with a scrumptious meal, a surprise visit from Santa Claus, and some spirited dancing. The beautiful centerpieces on each table, made by the family of Handi student Crystal Huddelson, were taken by attendees whose generous donations will help keep this ministry going strong in the upcoming new year. The evening was truly a signature event for **God's Special People**. Many thanks to all who made it possible!



Check our Facebook for more pictures
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