



ASH WEDNESDAY

**JOIN US FOR
WORSHIP ON
FEBRUARY 18
AT 7 P.M.**

**CHILDCARE WILL BE
AVAILABLE IN BLDG. B**

**CAN'T MAKE IT TO CHURCH? STREAM
THE SERVICE LIVE BY CLICKING THE
"WATCH" LINK ON OUR WEBSITE.**



**THE SANCTUARY WILL ALSO
BE OPEN FROM 12-1 P.M.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
RECEIVE ASHES.**

**VISIT PAGE 4 FOR MORE ABOUT
LENT AT ST. PAUL.**



February 15, 2015

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've joined us today for a special message from our Mission and Outreach Team Leader, Pam Dubov. I think you will find her message truly meaningful. I hope you'll also join us for our Ash Wednesday worship on February 18, as we begin the Lenten season leading up to Easter. Our sermon series for Lent is a powerful one. "The Last Seven Days" takes a deep look at the last days of Jesus Christ. I hope you will join us!

Look through 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



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

9:00 Traditional Worship

Prelude
Welcome
*Greet *My Tribute* No. 99
*Hymns *Come, We That Love the Lord* No. 732
I Stand Amazed No. 371
Apostle's Creed No. 881
Prayer Lord's Prayer No. 895
Offertory *Hold to God's Unchanging Hand* Sanctuary Choir
Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95
Prayer of Thanksgiving David McKee, Traditional Worship Leader
Transitional Chorus *I Love You Lord*

Sermon "From Quit to Commit"
Pam Dubov, Certified Candidate for Deacon
Micah 6: 6-8

Directed Prayer
*Closing Hymn *Take the Name of Jesus With You* No. 536
*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 Snapshot

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Our worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. Our message is the same theme and scripture as the message given at 9 a.m. You'll notice every week there's a time in our service to give financially. While this is something we're called to do in scripture, it's also just our way of saying, "We love our church and we want to support it!" However, our guests should feel zero pressure to give today.



ABOUT
60 MIN.



PASSIONATE
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NO
PRESSURE

Know someone who would like to worship with us, but is unable to join us in the sanctuary? Invite them to worship with us live online every Sunday at 9 or 10:30 a.m. Just visit stpaulumc.org and click "Watch."

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, first of all, welcome! We're glad you're here. We hope you find St. Paul a welcoming place to worship, and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



VISIT OUR
WEBSITE
stpaulumc.org



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NEED ANYTHING?

Fill out the red registration pad to let us know how we can help you.
E-mail church@stpaulumc.org.
Call 727-584-8165

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.



Flowers

Today's flowers are given by:

- ♥ Lisa Cunningham in memory of Bob Rogers and grandmother, Geri Strong, on their birthdays
- ♥ Linda Shaw with love and prayers for Vivian White

If you would like to give flowers to the Glory of God in honor of a loved one or special event, 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, at the church office during the week, or donated to members at local hospitals and rehabs.

Deaths

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

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

- Donna Selzer
- Lois Herston
- Judith Rhinehart (Jean Arms's sister)

A Note From Kay Hisey

Dear Pastor Bob and St. Paul Family:

On behalf of my husband, Richard "Dick" Hisey, my family and I would like to express our heartfelt thanks. All the prayers and phone calls were deeply appreciated.

Richard was very blessed to have you all as his friends.

Kay Hisey and Family

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate needs:

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| Amy and Caregivers | June Aldrich |
| Baby Edie | June Mayhew |
| Barbara | Justason Family |
| Betty H. | Kat F. |
| Bill and Claire Longman | Kenneth A. |
| Bill Norris | Kevin and Vicki |
| Chris Dugan | Kim |
| Dale Anderson | Kristi B. |
| David Seitz | Larry Daniels |
| Deb Woodhouse | Lea Suprich |
| Diane King | Lloyd French |
| Diane | Marie Nichols |
| Do, Dave, and Moe | Mark LaPolla |
| Don McConnell | Mary |
| Don Mitchell | Mary Moore |
| Doris Mahony | Meg and Greg |
| Elfriede Bohlmann | Mike and Family |
| Elijah | Mike Guseilla |
| Elise Punt | Nancy Stimac |
| Gertrude L. | Paul |
| Greg Garvin | Peg Sherman |
| Harry | Polly and Christy |
| Hisey Family | Rachel |
| Jace Michael | Rollin Brannan |
| Jackson | Ruth Barr |
| Janet Amon | Ruth Pratt |
| Jean Arms | Steve Harvey |
| Jean Collier | Steven Pruitt |
| Jean Troutner | Todd Smyzer |
| Jenny | Tom and Glenda Neville |
| Jerry Stewart | Trish Paulk |
| Jim Lucky | Tyler Grey |
| John Fady | Vivian White |
| John Kays | |
| Joshua | |
| Judy Fowler | |
| Julie Schoneveld | |

To Make a Prayer Request

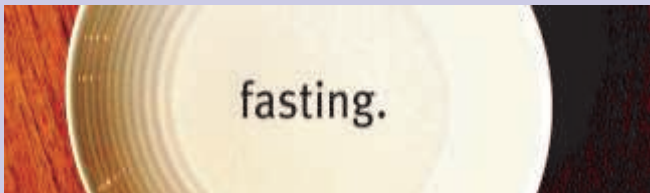
- * Drop your prayer request in the offering plate.
- * Call our prayer line at 727-559-PRAY around the clock to leave a prayer need.

GROW IN FAITH



Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 18 and lasts for the 40 days leading up to Easter on April 5. This is a time for Christians to reflect, pray, fast and give. (Matthew 6:1-18) This Lent, we are challenging ourselves to search deeply within and offer ourselves in sacrifice to God. As we focus on fasting, prayer and giving, we allow ourselves to truly commit to this season of reflection and sacrifice.

Prayer: Our Sanctuary will be open every Monday in Lent (starting March 10-ending March 30) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. for you to pray, meditate and reflect. We have intentionally chosen to set this time during the lunch hour to allow you to skip your lunch. **If you can't make it to the sanctuary we invite you to observe this time in your home or office.**



Fasting: Abstaining from food has been a part of Methodism from the early beginning. John Wesley **considered fasting an important part of a Christian's life.** The key to fasting is to replace the time you would have spent eating with prayer and reflection. We are asking that Monday be the day you set aside as your fasting day. **You should contact your doctor before participating in a food fast.*

Giving: Lent is a time to sacrificially give above and beyond what you normally offer. This can be done financially or you can take something on for Christ. You can commit to serve more than you have or in a different way than you have before.



Join us in the Sanctuary on Palm Sunday, March 29. The 9 a.m. worship will be a special celebratory worship telling the Palm Sunday story through music and readings. The 10:30 a.m contemporary worship will feature students from our Worship Arts class. Children are welcome to attend our Lenten worship services with their parents, but childcare will also be provided in Bldg B.

GROWTHguide

Are you signed up to receive our weekly Growth Guide? This tool 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 and a note that you would like to receive the Growth Guide on one of the red pads in your seat or pew.

Looking for Your Name Badge?

If you requested a badge, you can find it on the table in the Family Room next to the Sanctuary. Need a badge? Contact the church office at church@stpaulumc.org to request one. Please be sure to include your full name as you would like it printed on the badge. If you already have a tag, remember to wear it! In a large congregation like ours, they really help us to learn each other's names!

GROW IN FAITH

Adult Studies

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)

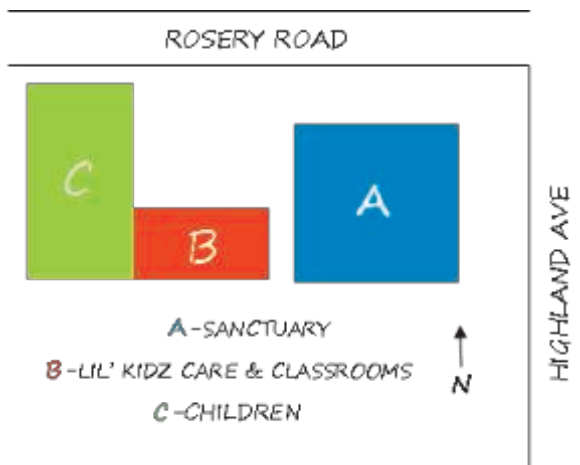
Older adults are invited to the Christian Life Enrichment Center on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. This Tuesday, Feb. 17, Rich Clemow will teach. You are welcome to bring a lunch. For more information contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne by e-mail 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.



NEXT STEPS



STARTING POINT

If you're new to St. Paul, we invite you to come to our next Pastor's Coffee on Sunday, March 15 at 11:45 a.m. to find out more about us and our ministries.



ATTEND

We encourage you to attend one of our worship times regularly. If you're unable to join us in the sanctuary for any reason, you can join us live online by visiting stpaulumc.org and clicking on the "Watch" link.



PLUG IN

If you've been attending St. Paul, but you'd like to connect with others or dig deeper into your faith journey, contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne by emailing bobby.v@stpaulumc.org. We offer studies and groups for adults, children and youth.



SERVE

Are you looking for a way to serve? Check out Give in Love section, or contact our church office at church@stpaulumc.org. We would love to help you find a way to serve that fits your spiritual gifts!

All Wednesday Night classes and groups, except for Handicapable, will not meet this week. You are invited to join us in the Sanctuary for Ash Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.

GROW IN FAITH



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

Our preschool class for 3 to 4 year-olds meets at 10:30 a.m. in the Red Door Room of Bldg C. This month's theme is: **Jesus Loves Everyone!** This week preschoolers will hear how Jesus showed love to a woman who was rejected by everyone for the bad things she had done.

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 available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per day, per child. Reserve a spot by calling the Children's Ministry at 584-8165 x238.

No Wednesday Activities This Week

There is no Kids Serve or Worship Arts this week. Instead, kids and youth are invited to join us in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday worship. Childcare is also provided in Bldg B.

Junior Counselors for Camp XP

This year rising 6th-10th graders are invited to attend Camp XP as Junior Counselors. Join us for fun activities and field trips, while helping to guide our younger campers. Cost is \$35/week for food, field trips, etc. Plus \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Registration deadline is May 15.



This year Camp XP will explore messages of faith and enjoy fun activities based on favorite animated movies and characters! Each themed week is based on a different animated movie like *Despicable Me* or *Toy Story*, giving kids a fun and familiar starting point on which to build lessons of faith.

Camp runs from June 8 to August 7.

Ages: K-5th Grade.

Costs: You pay only for the weeks your children attend. Cost is \$95 per week. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is also due on registration.

June 8 - 12: **God's Love is to Infinity and Beyond**
June 15 - 19: **God is Always With you!**
June 22 - 26: **God Will Never Let You Go!**
June 29 - July 2: **God Helps Us Make the Right Choices**
July 6 - 10: **How Can I Build a Strong Faith in God?**
July 13 - 17: **Jesus is Our Hero!**
July 20 - 25: **God's Not Dead, He's Surely Alive!**
July 28 - Aug. 1: **Have The Best Day Ever With God**
August 3 - 7: **I Can Serve God and Others**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES

August 3 - 7 6:15-8:30 p.m.

Minion Factory: *Who(m) do you serve?*

Registration Is Open Now
STPAULUMC.ORG

Visit our website for more information on camp and Vacation Bible School. We have limited spots available this year, so be sure to get your registration in as soon as possible.

GROW IN FAITH



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP



TONIGHT: Not Against

Bottom Line: Even when you fail, He is for you. **There's nothing worse than feeling like a failure. Whether it's a bad quarter in the football game, a failing grade, or a total face-plant in the middle of your dance recital, failure is not fun. And for a lot of us, that feeling isn't limited to school or sports.** Sometimes, we even feel like a failure in our relationship with God. We make mistakes. We sin. And **it's easy to judge ourselves** harshly and become discouraged. The Apostle Paul was no stranger to that feeling. Prior to writing most of the New Testament, **Paul wasn't such a good guy. He was an epic failure.** And through his words, we discover the encouraging truth that even when we fail, God is for us.

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.

Wednesday Night Bible Study

There is no Amplify this week. Youth are invited to join us in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.



Hannah Tea Tickets On Sale This Week

Ladies of all ages, you are invited to the annual Hannah Tea, March 22 at 4 p.m. in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Save the date for a ladies' evening of delicious food and a program from motivating spiritual speaker, Peggy Farmer. If you would like to decorate and hostess a table, please contact Barbara Brash at 581-4833. Tickets go on sale this Monday, February 16 in the office work room from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday.

Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

IGNITE

Tonight at 7 p.m.

Join our IGNITE group for young adults (ages 18-35) at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. They're following a daily New Testament reading plan. They are currently reading Acts. You can jump in at any time. Visit their facebook, [ignitestpaul](https://www.facebook.com/ignitestpaul), for more of the reading schedule. Contact Felix at c24go1@aol.com or "Like" the IGNITE Facebook to stay up to date.



Young Adult Community Group

This Wednesday, young adults are invited to join us in the sanctuary for our Ash Wednesday worship at 7 p.m.

GIVE IN LOVE



Rummage Sale Donations

It's time to clean out your closets, drawers, and storage areas for our annual rummage sale! We need the gently used items you no longer use! The sale is Friday, March 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and we are collecting items now. Please pack your items in a box and wrap glass so it will not be broken. Items may be dropped off at the back entrance of the Open Arms Resource Center across from the CLEC Monday-Thursday until 2:30 p.m.

We will be picking up furniture this month. If you need a pick up, please call UMW President, Rita Fowler, at 585-0273. We cannot accept mattresses, sleeper sofas, televisions, desks or entertainment centers. We reserve the right to refuse items we cannot sell.

Rummage Sale Volunteers

We will need men and women to price and sort items on March 4 and 5. Even if you cannot stand or lift, we have a job you can do. Lunch will be available for a donation, or you can bring your own. We also need helpers to cashier and bag on Thursday night and during the day on Friday while the sale is open. Contact UMW President, Rita Fowler, at 585-0273 if you can volunteer.

Rachel-Lydia Inspirational Booklet

February is the last month to get the UMW Rachel-Lydia group's booklet, *Inspirational Food for Thought*. If you haven't already, pick up a copy of this booklet written by group members. The booklet is available for a suggested minimum donation of \$5. All donations support Rachel-Lydia's pediatric medical mission ministry at Sabal Palms Pediatric Center. For your booklet, contact Rosemary Potter 727-712-8401 or Claire Covert 535-7472.

Easter Lilies

Please join us in providing lilies for the sanctuary this Easter. The cost is \$9. What a wonderful way to acknowledge and honor someone's life, or to celebrate the risen King. Please order online, using the "Holiday Flowers" option on our giving page, or call the church office at 584-8165. Don't forget to include your inscription! Lilies can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. Easter worship.



Bulletin Advertisers Needed

Would you like to help out St. Paul in a unique way? If so, why not advertise in the St. Paul weekly bulletin? Not only will you expand your business outreach, but you will help us offset our printing costs— a win-win for everyone. If you're interested, please call Greg Maurer from our printer, Messner Publications, at 941-243-3206 or email Gmaurer@MessnerPublications.com for more information.

Employment Opportunity

We have several job openings available within our Children's Ministry.

Lil Kidz Caregiver — Teach and care for kids on Sunday mornings, Tuesday and Thursday mornings, Wednesday evenings, and during special events and meetings as needed.

Summer Camp Positions — We have positions for camp counselors age sixteen and up. We are also looking for an Assistant Camp Director, who will help coordinate, plan and run the camp. These are great opportunities for youth, college students, teachers, or others who are looking for a fun summer job.

Visit our website at stpaulumc.org to fill out the employment application for one of these job openings.

Coming this Week

Sunday, February 15

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
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Group	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, February 16

Bells of St. Paul	5:30 PM
Max Lucado Study	6:30 PM
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, February 17

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
JOY	10:30 AM
Recovery by Faith	6:30 PM
Adult Basketball	8:00 PM

Wednesday, February 18

Sanctuary Open For Ashes	12- 1 PM
Handicapable Ministry	6:15 PM
Ash Wednesday Worship	7:00 PM

Thursday, February 19

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

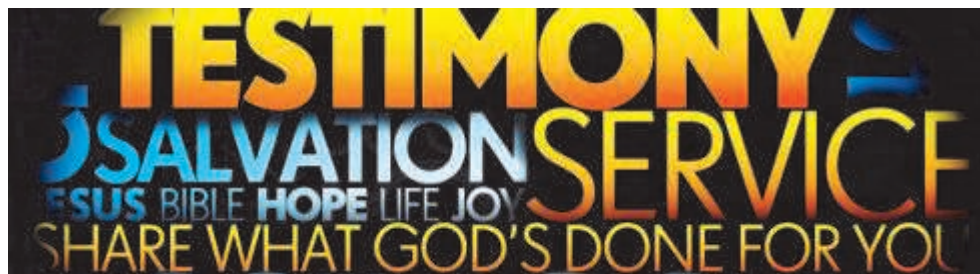
Friday, February 20

Church Office Closed

Adult Basketball	7:30 PM
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Saturday, February 21

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:15 AM—5:30 PM



God's Blessing of Joy

By Mary Vaughn

Have you ever prayed for Joy? This is one of the questions Margaret Feinberg asks in *"Fight Back with Joy."* After thinking about it, everyone in the Vaughn Source Group decided that none of us had ever prayed for joy. What about you? Have you ever prayed for joy?

Because of God's fierce love for us, he wants us to experience joy in this life he has provided for us. Feinberg stresses that we are to find Joy Bombs each and every day. Joy Bombs are blessings God provides for us each day, which we often fail to recognize as gifts from God. Laughter is one of the paths to joy, so as an exercise to begin the first week of our Feinberg study, the Vaughn Source Group made hats out of construction and tissue paper with lots of ribbon, sparkles, bows, etc. What a fun time we had! It was a hoot! Talk about laughing!

If you are not in a Source Group, I strongly suggest that you consider one. Not only does it provide Bible study and fellowship, but you are building a family of support. Your fellow group members are the people who will support you in times of trouble and share your times of joy.

"I have told you these things, that my joy and delight may be in you and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing." - John 15:11 (amplified)



What to know more about **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, by phone at 584-8165 x233 or be e-mail at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org

GOOD NEWS



Phase One of Courtyard Project is Complete!

Our new courtyard was open for the first time last Sunday, and a large crowd gathered to enjoy the space during our "soft opening" after worship. Although the courtyard is not yet complete as we begin "phase 2" of the beautification project, we're excited by the huge amount of progress so far. When completed, the courtyard will receive an official dedication after each worship. Our plan is for the courtyard to be used, not just for Sunday fellowship, but for outdoor weddings, evening concerts, and more.

Thanks to the anonymous church member who underwrote the cost of this improvement for blessing us with their generosity. And thanks to all our Hospitality Team volunteers who give of their time in providing refreshments, making coffee and acting as hosts and hostesses for fellowship time on Sundays!



Youth Participate in Adventure Run

Saturday, Feb. 7, several of our Youth Ministry students took part in the city of Largo's Dirty Adventure Run, a 3K obstacle course that left them muddy but triumphant.



Growing Group From Royal Palms

In recent months the number of residents who come to St. Paul on the Royal Palms bus has grown! The bus used to bring only two or three ladies, but last Sunday, February 8, we had seven residents

(pictured above) who attended our traditional worship. It's wonderful to see this group of "Royal Palms Royalty" growing. Have you seen a new face during worship lately? Why not introduce yourself and say hello!



Please fill out the Missions and Outreach Survey included with this bulletin.

As we plan our missions and outreach focus for 2015, the Missions and Outreach Team would like to know where your heart lies. Please take a moment to fill out the included survey and drop it in the collection box in the lobby, or visit stpaulumc.org to take the survey online.



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