

JOIN US STARTING SEPT. 20 FOR A SEASON OF REVIVAL

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September 6, 2015 Welcome from Pastor Bob

Welcome to St. Paul United Methodist Church! Whether you're a long-time member or a first time guest, I'm glad you're here. We're finishing our "Disciple" series this Sunday, and I'm very excited about our season of revival beginning Sept. 20. I hope you will join us Sundays as we talk about what we can do as believers when our faith loses its power and vitality. I would like to invite you to join us on Wednesdays as well, starting on Sept. 23, when we will begin host a weekly prayer worship in the sanctuary. I truly believe that prayer changes things, and I hope you will come pray with us and invite someone to experience God's power with you.

If you would like to know more about St. Paul, our ministries, and our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, and Give in Love, I invite you to look through this bulletin, to visit our website at stpaulumc.org, or stop by the Connection Center on Sunday mornings.

I'm so excited about what the Lord is doing here at St. Paul, and I thank each of you for being a part of it.

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



9:00 Traditional Worship

Prelude Welcome	David McKee, Traditiona	al Worship Leader		
*Greet	Oh How He Loves You And M	le		
*Hymns	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jeho	ovah No. 127		
	He Leadeth Me	No. 128		
Apostles' Creed		No. 881		
Prayer	Lord's Prayer	No. 895		
Offertory	Even In the Valley	Sanctuary Choir		
Prayer of Thanksgiving				
Transitional Choru	us Lead Me, Lord	No. 473		
Message	Disciple: The Heart of Giving Pastor Bob Martin	J		

Directed Prayer

- Holy Communion
- *Benediction
- *Postlude

*Please stand, if you are able.

2 Corinthians 8:1-16

If you need assistance, please let an usher know and they would be happy to help. Baby changing tables are located 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 scripture and message are the same theme as the 9 a.m. worship. Today we are sharing God's holy meal, Communion. All are welcome at the table, you do not need to be a member or a United Methodist to join us. You'll notice every week there's 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 and support our church!"



ABOUT 60 MIN. PASSIONATE MUSIC 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, 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:







JOIN OUR MAILING LIST



LIKE OUR FACEBOOK: StPaulUMCLargo



Online Giving

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or you plan to make an additional gift, we encourage you to use our electronic giving options. To set up a recurring giving schedule, or



to give a one time gift online, visit stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.

Flowers

This week's flowers are given by:

- ♥ Peg McConnell in loving memory of husband, Jim and in remembrance of his birthday
- Marilyn Bossard in celebration of Dave's birthday

Want to honor a special person or event? You can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order. Flowers can be picked up after the second worship or at the church office during the week.

Did You Serve Outside St. Paul This Week?

God calls us to be "salt" that flavors the earth with his love. Did you serve outside St. Paul this week? If you served in the community, volunteering or reaching out to someone unchurched or in need, take one of the "Salty Service" cards in the back of your seat or pew, and place it in the collection plate during the offering. No need to write your name, just place the card in the plate.

Hymn Sing Along at 8:50 a.m.

On Sunday mornings we invite you to join us at 8:50 a.m. as we begin our traditional worship by singing the great songs of our faith. Come and raise your voices in praise as we approach the throne of grace!

Deaths

Please pray for the families of the people below who recently passed on to life eternal:

> The Reverend Jim Rowland (former associate pastor at St. Paul) Michael Shelley (unborn baby of Trish and Andrew Shelley)

To Make a Prayer Request

- Drop your prayer request in the offering plate.
- Call our prayer line at 727-559-PRAY(7729) around the clock to leave a prayer need.

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate needs:

Allen Suban Allison and Elise Hall Amy Audrey and Michelle Talbert Audrey Talbert Barb and Jodi Bev Bill Penhallegon Bob Montague **Bonnie Wismer** Bridgett and Family Chris Dugan Chuck and Dixie Dave and Do David and Kathy Dubrock Rani Davidson Dena Devon Gilbert Family Glynn Savage and Mary Jack Jackson Janet Amon Janet Gibson Jenny Walter Jim Lucky John Fady Joyce Julie Robinson Karen Goodin

Kathy Tubbs Kenneth A. Kim Morris Larry Harmon Leslee and Family Lori Jennings Mae Mark Harvey Mary Moore Mike Natalie Pierce Ninfa Patrick McMillan Peter Polly and Christy **Rich Stemboroski** Roy and Amelia Neville Sharon Stan Steve and Chris Brower Steve Harvey Tammy Todd Smyzer Trish and Andrew Shelley and Cody Spencer Victoria Spencer William

Stay and Pray

If you need additional prayer, stay and pray today in the chapel after each worship. Someone will pray with you, or if you prefer, you are welcome to pray silently.



Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes. All classes gather at 10:15 a.m. Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C

Crusaders - Conference Room 1 in Bldg B

Friendship - Choir Room in Bldg C

Bereans - Room 201 (Community Room) in the CLEC

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us in the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 10:30 a.m., for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. This Tuesday, September 8, Rich Clemow will lead. JOY's current study "Growing in the Faith" is on the book of James. For more contact Traditional Worship Leader, David McKee at 584-8165 x228.

Stephen Ministry Invites you to: TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS September 21 | 6:30 p.m.



Room 201 (Christian Life Enrichment Center)

Members of the congregation and friends are invited to join Stephen Ministers as they learn tips for helping caregivers remain strong and healthy as they care for others. **"Tips for Caregivers"** will be presented by Kelly M. Siegel of Empath Health (Hospice), which provides caregiving counseling and free caregiver support sessions. Resources will also be available including Empath Health's Tips for Caregivers and the Caregiver Handbook from the Department of Elder Affairs, Area Agency. These resources include information about things like getting started, finding help, educating yourself, taking care of yourself, **providing "heavy" care, how to let go when the time** comes and more.

If you plan to attend, contact Mary Vaughn in the church office: 584-8165.



Gulf Central Night of Worship

September 19 | 5 p.m. | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall Join us in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 19 at 5 p.m. for an evening of worship. Leaders from Methodist churches all over the area will inspire you with music and more as we come together to worship and praise God!



IGNITE

This Sunday, is an IGNITE Study Sunday. We are currently studying "Prepared" by Andy Stanley. Are you ever afraid someone will ask you why you believe what you believe? What if you were confident you had the answer to the most important question about your faith? For more information e-mail IGNITE leader Felix Koutsourais at c24go1@aol.com. Like the IGNITE Facebook!



Girls' Night Out

Friday, September 25 | 7 p.m. | South Fellowship Hall The St. Paul Women's Ministry invites you to a Girls' Night Out on September 25 at 7 p.m. in the South Fellowship Hall. A \$5 donation at the door includes all the popcorn, soda and candy you can eat, door prizes and lots of fun! The movie is *Woman In Gold*, starring Helen Mirren and Ryan Reynolds, which tells the story of one woman's battle for justice as she seeks to recover her family's possessions seized by the Nazis.





Rachel-Lydia

United The United Methodist Women's Rachel-Lydia group meets at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sep-

tember 10, in the Carpenter's Room (Room 101) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. The meeting will encourage and share strong UMW ministries, including a devotional, Bible comment, UMW Response Magazine, special prayers, and the passing of our Dennis Memorial Pediatric Mission monthly donation envelope. Our speaker is Horton Townes, Director of St. Paul's Handicapable Ministry, always a lively speaker. He will tell us how Handicapable reaches out to Sabal Palms Children's Center and others in the community. Refreshments are provided. Encourage a guest to attend UMW Rachel-Lydia with you. New faces are welcome!

If you would like to donate to Rachel-Lydia's Pediatric Mission Fund, you can pick up a copy of *The Stubborn Ear*, by Rosemary Potter, at the church office for a donation of \$8.



Our Next Sermon Series: Revival

On September 20 we will begin a season of revival at St. Paul. Our new "Revival" series will be focused on reigniting the flame of faith in our lives and in our church. No matter who we are, we all have times when our spiritual lives begin to wilt and our faith becomes less vital. This series will help us revive our passion and fire for the Lord. As part of our season of revival, we will also hold a weekly Wednesday night prayer worship.

Be sure to take a look at the childrens' paintings we will display in the sanctuary during our Revival series. They will also be used in our bulletins and graphics. Each one represents a child's prayer.



Weekly Prayer Worship

We are living in troubled times full of violence and poverty. Our nation has become divided. Families are struggling to make ends meet. Now is the time for us to come together in prayer.

Starting Wednesday, September 23, we are offering a mid-week prayer service which continues through November 4. Each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. we will gather in the sanctuary to be filled with music and focus our prayers on specific concerns we are facing in our local community, state, nation and world. When you come all we ask is that you "expect a miracle."

Invite Someone to Join Us

Our prayer worship is intended to reach out to the community because we believe prayer can make a real impact. Pick up an invitation card in the Connection Center that you can use if you would like to invite someone but aren't sure how to break the ice. Let's truly make an effort to reach out to the community and share God's power and love outside the walls of St. Paul.



Construction Update

I am writing this early this week as I am heading out of town on vacation. Work has been progressing and the new windows and doors in Bldg C are almost installed. With the impact of the rain this week, work **may not be fully complete depending on the crews'** availability to work.

We have heard from the insurance company that the covered walkway was denied as a claim due to "normal wear and tear." At first glance, you would think we could just take the walkway down and use the money allocated for putting the flat roof on the structure to pay for the work of removal. It turns out it is a little more complicated than that. The overhang was actually built into our building. If we take down the covered walkway, there will be repair to the exterior walls of the Christian Life Enrichment Center, which include adding new exterior styrofoam, texturizing the new pieces to match the exterior, painting it and repairing the concrete sidewalk. We are getting bids to see what the cost will be.

Final work on the HVAC systems is taking place and final cutover of the chiller yard should take place this week. We are on schedule to be done by the end of September, but folks, there are still so many little details, we need your prayers. God has really been looking over this project and despite record rains, we are finishing strong and on schedule.

Have a blessed week.

Blessings, Arch Johnston Executive Director of Church Administration

Church Office Closed on Monday for Labor Day The church office will be closed Monday, September 7 for Labor Day. Normal office hours resume on Tuesday, September 8.

Pastor's Coffee

If you're new to St. Paul, are interested in becoming a member, or would just like to know more about St. Paul and our ministries, Pastor Bob



invites you to join him for coffee on September 20 at 11:45 a.m. in the Connection Center (located off the side of the sanctuary lobby.) If you'd like to attend, please let us know you're coming! E-mail church@stpaulumc.org by September 16.

Walk to Emmaus

Men: October 1-4 | Women: October 8-11 The Walk to Emmaus is an experience of Christian spiritual renewal and formation that begins with a threeday intensive weekend. It is an opportunity to meet Jesus Christ in a new way as God's grace and love is revealed to you through other believers. If you're interested in attending the Walk to Emmaus in October, there are applications available online at www.aldersgateemmaus.org. Fill out the application and send it to Keith Stanton so he can give you a sponsor. If you have any questions, contact Keith at 424-9833 to find out more.



Carolyn Goodwin Thank You Party and Auction

Carolyn Goodwin, one of our St. Paul members, is about to enter the mission field in the South Sudan as a missionary for The Mission Society. Before she goes to Africa in October she

would like to invite everyone to a thank you party and silent auction on Sunday, September 27 from 2 - 6 p.m. in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship and come to bid! If you want to donate items to the auction, please contact Mary Vaughn at crackermary41@gmail.com or Darlene Coburn at dar567@tampabay.rr.com. All proceeds from the night will support Carolyn's mission to provide healthcare education in the South Sudan through the purchase of necessities such as a bike for her transportation and a solar energy source. To get an early look at some of the items that will be available visit: carolyngoodwinsblog.blogspot.com





Children infant-5th grade

Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for infants to 4 -year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. The location has changed temporary during our construction process and will meet in Bldg C, in the Yellow Door room halfway down the hall of the preschool 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**.

Sunday Morning for K-5

Sunday Morning Small Group at 9:00 a.m. South Fellowship Hall in **Bldg C**.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. South Fellowship Hall in **Bldg C**.

Parent's Morning Out

Parents, do you need some time to yourself without the kids? Parent's Morning Out is an affordable, safe place where your kids have fun while you. PMO is available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost is just \$20 per day, per child. Reserve a spot by calling the Children's Ministry at 584-8165.





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

Sunday Night Youth Group TONIGHT: WHITEWATER RAFTING

Have you ever been whitewater rafting? It's a blast. You jump in a boat with your friends and make your way down a river, laughing and splashing along the way. But there's also something terrifying that can happen-rapids. There are places in every river where something stirs up the water and you and your friends can be headed for disaster. You don't have to be in a boat to feel that way with your friends. Maybe this sounds familiar. Things are going fine. Then your friendship hits some rapids. There's drama. And if we aren't careful, sometimes our responses create more problems. But what else can we do? King Solomon, the author of Proverbs, tells us we have another option when it comes to conflict with those closest to us. And while his words don't guarantee we'll never see rapids in our friendships, they do help us steer around them and find our way to calmer waters.

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. Dinner is \$4.



Worship Arts Class Returns In September Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | September 23–November 4 South Fellowship Hall (Bldg C) The Worship Arts Team is so excited to have time with your children on Wednesday nights starting September 23! All kids are invited to our Worship

Arts Class! Kids will experience worship in different ways during an experience time. After that we will have breakout time for kids in 3rd grade and older who are interested in playing an instrument and for all ages interested in singing and praise! Parents are invited to attend the Prayer Worship

instrument and for all ages interested in singing and praise! Parents are invited to attend the Prayer Worship Time in the Sanctuary. Our goal is to teach your children about worship arts and prepare pieces they can share in church on Sunday. If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 584-8165.



Connection Center Hosts Needed

Our new Connection Center is a great place to go for our guests or anyone who wants more information about St. Paul. This is a very important place to serve since our welcome center hosts are the face of church. If you are a welcoming, helpful and positive person please consider serving during one or two shifts. Our hope is to have enough hosts that we can create a schedule/rotation and hosts would only need to serve every few weeks. We are building the team now, so this is a great time to join us! The shifts are:

Before the first worship service: 8:25-9:05 In between worship services: 9:50-10:40 After the second worship service: 11:25-11:50

If you are available, please email your shift preference and how often you would like to serve to Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.



Help with Live Streaming Our Live Stream Ministry brings our worship to hundreds who can't attend St. Paul in person. If you are interested in helping to bring God's

word to those who can't join us in person, visit the Connection Center today or contact our Senior Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at 584-8165 x208 or by e-mail at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org. No experience is necessary, we will give you all the training you need!

Volunteers Needed for the Arts and Crafts Show

Our United Methodist Women are hosting the 20th Annual Homespun by Hearts and Hands Arts and Crafts Show on October 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This is a large, well attended event so they need lots of volunteer help to make sure everything runs smoothly! If you can help visit our form online at www.stpaulumc.org and sign up for one of the available jobs. All ages and abilities!



Pack-A-Sack

Through the Pack-a-Sack program we have been providing food for 50 children at Belcher Elementary to take home on the weekends. Without Pack-a -Sack these children would go hungry when they don't have access to school lunches. Deb Byrnes has

been packing the food, delivering it and running this entire ministry herself! We would like to continue this ministry, but to do that we need help, including people who are strong enough to carry and deliver the food once a week to Belcher Elementary School. If you would like to know more about this program or help us continue to feed these 50 children, join us in the Nursery Building (Building B) next door to the sanctuary for a short meeting next Sunday, September 13 between the 9:00 and 10:30 service.

Open Arms Donation Drop Off This Saturday Open Arms always needs donations of nonperishable food, baby items, toiletries like toothpaste and shampoo and toilet paper among other



things. If you have items to donate you can drop them off at Open Arms on the second Saturday of each month between 9 a.m. and noon. The next drop off day is this Saturday, September 12. Items can also be dropped off at the church office during the week or placed in the blue shopping cart in the sanctuary lobby any Sunday.

If you would like to get connected to a one of our ministries or learn more about how you can Give in Love at St. Paul contact the church office by email at church@stpaulumc.org or by phone at 584-8165. You can also visit the Connection Center today off the side of the sanctuary lobby to speak with someone about serving.

Coming this Week

Sunday, September 6		
Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM	
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:45 AM	
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM	
Lil' Kidz Small Group	9:00 AM	
Stay & Pray	10:00 AM	
Courtyard Coffee	10:00 AM	
Bereans	10:15 AM	
Crusaders	10:15 AM	
Friendship	10:15 AM	
Inspirations	10:15 AM	
Stay & Pray	11:30 AM	
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM	
Youth Group	5:30 PM	
IGNITE	7:00 PM	

Monday, September 7 Church Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8		
Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM	
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM	
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM	
UMW: Hannah	6:00 PM	
Recovery by Faith	6:30 PM	

Wednesday,	September 9
UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM

Thursday, September 10		
Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM	
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM	
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:00 AM	
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM	
Choir Rehearsal	7:20 PM	
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM	

Friday, September 11 Church Office Closed

Saturday, September 12		
Basketball	8:15 AM	
Open Arms Food Drop	9:00 AM	

Some events are not listed due to limited space. Visit our website www.stpaulumc.org for our full calendar.

E-mail church@stpaulumc.org or call the church office if you have an event to schedule.



Auction to Benefit St. Paul: Donations Needed

October 17 | 5 p.m. | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall

This October St. Paul's Finance Team is hosting an auction, the proceeds of which will go to fund our St. Paul budget and ministries. It's going to be a fun night with food for sale, a live auction hosted by an auctioneer, and a silent auction.

We hope you'll come and bid to help benefit St. Paul, but we also need your donations to make this auction a success! Below are just a few ideas of the types of donations we are looking for:

- Services (ex: oil change, spa treatment, round of golf, hotel stay, yard work)
- Tickets to events (ex: sporting events, concerts)
- Gift cards of any size
- New Goods (ex: kitchen sets, appliances, electronics, jewelry, cosmetics, collegiate or local team items, holiday/seasonal)

Please note that if you are donating a physical item, it must be in new or "like new" condition. We reserve the right to refuse items that aren't right for the auction. If you have a question about donations please contact Pam Tribble at the church office: 584-8165 x211 or Sharon Zimmerman: 742-7733. Remember, donations are tax deductible!

We have letters available in the church office that you can use if you would like to ask a business to make a tax deductible donation to benefit St. Paul. Drop donations off at the church office Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Be sure to include the value of the item with your donations. If you have a large item that needs to be picked up, please let us know in advance so we can approve the item and schedule a pick-up. We will also need some volunteers to help serve and prep food. For more information about the event contact Grant Corrigan at grant.corrigan@gmail.com



Submit Your Ministry Schedule for 2016! If you lead a St. Paul ministry, please be sure to submit your meeting dates for 2016 as we are already starting to reserve rooms for next year. Meetings are not automatically scheduled for the next year, so even if you have recurring meetings or have been meeting for years, you still need to submit your ministry's

schedule. There are many ministries at our church, and outside parties that rent our facilities as well, so please help us keep our calendar accurate and up to date to ensure that each ministry has the space it needs.

You can submit your schedule to Rachel Shockey in the church office. The easiest way is to visit our online calendar at www.stpaulumc.org and submit a "Room Request" under the Reservations tab. You can also submit your schedule by e-mailing rachel.s@stpaulumc.org, dropping it off at the church office, or calling 584-8165.



Welcoming New Members

Last Sunday we were blessed to welcome five new members into our family. Received into membership were Andrew and Karen Muirhead, Andrew and Trish Shelley, and Trish's son Cody Allen Spencer. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our new members and make them feel at home! If you have family members and friends who are without a church home, why not invite them to join you at St. Paul and help introduce them to our wonderful ministries.



Andrew and Trish Shelley, Cody Allen Spencer, Andrew and Karen Muirhead

Baptism Celebration

Sunday, August 30 during our 10:30 a.m. worship we witnessed the baptism of little Eli William Snyder, son of Kristine and Matthew Snyder, as well as the baptisms of our new members Trish Shelly and her son Cody. We are so blessed each time we have the chance to participate in this beautiful moment of commitment.



For more pictures from last Sunday visit our facebook: StPauIUMCLargo

Ponce De Leon Excited About Partnership with St. Paul

Ponce de Leon Elementary School in Largo partnered with St. Paul at our recently held Back to School Jubilee. Many of the children who received supplies attend



Horton Townes presents Greg Logan, Asst. Principal and Paula Texel, Principal with collage of **Ponce de Leon's participation in** our Back to School Jubilee

Ponce de Leon and several teachers, as well as Principal Paula Texel, were present to help volunteer. During the upcoming school year, several church members will volunteer their time to bring encouragement and assistance to the students and staff. Another example how St. Paul is Giving in Love in our community.



Open Arms Blessed to Receive Donations Open Arms recently received \$1,000 worth of food from the United Methodist Cooperative Ministries as well as 250 jars of peanut butter from Sharing the Harvest. Praise God and many thanks to these organizations! These donations will help to feed 3,000 each month through our Open Arms Resource Center. If you would like to donate to Open Arms see page 8.



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