

A GRIEFSHARE MINISTRY MOURNING TO JOY

SUNDAYS AT 10:15 AM STARTING JANUARY 31

STEPHEN MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO JOIN OTHERS WHO SHARE THE SADNESS. LONELINESS, REGRETS AND GUILT CAUSED BY GRIEF OVER THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE, GAIN INSIGHT AND LEARN STRATEGIES TO HELP YOU FACE LIFE AND FIND JOY ONCE AGAIN.

REGISTER BY THURSDAY

CALL 584-8165 OR FILL OUT THE CONNECT CARD IN THIS BULLETIN

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE: \$18



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 during this message series, "The Most Important Lessons." Sometimes people ask me, if I only had a handful of messages I could deliver, what would I say? This series is my answer, what I think are the most important and fundamental lessons. I'd also like to invite you to the Discover St. Paul lunch on January 31. If you're new to St. Paul this is a great way to learn more about us, get a tour of the campus, and meet new people all while enjoying a free lunch. If you plan to join us, please fill out the Connect Card on page 4!

Take a look at this bulletin to find out more about our upcoming events and ways you can Give in Love as be begin this new year. I invite you to visit our website at stpaulumc.org, or stop by the Connection Center off the side of the sanctuary lobby if you would like to know more about us and our ministries.

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 His work!

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God - Grow in Faith - Give in Love



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Welcome *Greet	David McKee, Traditional Bobby Van Duyne, Senior Dir Bless His Holy Name	1
*Hymns	Maker In Whom We Live	No. 88
	Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus	No. 462
Apostles' Creed		No. 881
Prayer with Lord's	Prayer	
Offertory	Wonderful, Merciful Savior	Sanctuary Choir
Doxology		No. 94
Prayer of Thanksg	iving	
Transitional Song	More Precious Than Silver	
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Directed Prayer		

Directed Prayer Closing Hymn Have Thine Own Way *Benediction *Postlude

No. 382

*Please stand, if you are able.

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.

VISITING US TODAY?

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



VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate needs:

Allison and Elise Hall Ashley Audrey and Michelle Talbert Austin Betsy Carr's sister and brother Bill Penhallegon Bob Hartel Braeden Johnson Carolyn Goodwin Christopher Dick David and Jessica David Seitz For friends Fred Johnson Glenda Neville's family Gloria Davis Grace Rudman Greg Seitz Gwendolyn Moon Jackson Jenny Walter Jim Lucky Jodi John Fady	Lorrie Marshall Lucy Lynn Jennings Marilyn Wehner Marsha R. Mary Moore Norton S. and daughter Pam Dubov Pat Squires Paul Howell Paula Scott Peter Rae Merrian Ralph Moon Rich Stemboroski Ron Barker Ron Helberg Steve Harvey Thomas Neville Todd Smyzer Travis Trevor Birt Virgil Singleton Warren Panaccione Wayne Boyd Zackary Kuokor
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You May Be On Camera!

Each week we live stream our worship to hundreds online. Although our cameras are directed towards the front of the sanctuary, if you are in the room, you may appear briefly online. Please be aware that cameras are rolling during both our worship times.

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

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. You'll notice every week there is a time in our worship to give financially. This is how we support the ministries and missions of our church. We hope you feel comfortable and experience the love of God with us today!



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

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by:

 Martha and Bill Trainor in celebration of their 93rd and 94th birthdays.

Do you have an event or person you would like to honor with flowers? 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.

Offering Envelopes

Pick up your offering envelopes outside the sanctuary on Sunday after either worship time. If you want offering envelopes, and you cannot find yours on the table, please put your name on the sheet provided on Sunday. Envelopes will be provided for you to pick up on the table the following week.

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 our website: stpaulumc.org and click "Watch."

St. Paul United Methodist Church

Fill out as much as you choose, then tear off and return in the offering plate, the basket by the center exit, or at the Connection Center to the side of the lobby.

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How can we pray for you?

Do NOT publish in bulletin.

Include on prayer chain.

I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister.

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

St. Paul United Methodist Church

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I am interested in:

Rededicating my life to Jesus

- Being baptized
- Becoming a member
- ☐ Joining a Source Group
- Serving at the church

How:

Learning more about St. Paul's ministries

Specifically:

Other:

I need a name tag for:

(Name tags can be picked up in the Connection Center to the side of the lobby two weeks after your request is placed.)

I will attend:

GriefShare Support Group Sundays at 10:15 a.m. starting Jan. 31 Join others who share the sadness, loneliness, and regrets caused by grief over the loss of a loved one. Participants' Guide is \$18.

Discover St. Paul Lunch

Sunday, Jan. 31 | Noon

If you're new to St. Paul, join us for an informal lunch, a tour of the facilities, and the chance build relationships with others and meet some of our staff.

Lenten Study

Feb. 17—March 23 | 6:30 PM Explore the Gospel of John, the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels.

□ I would be interested in attending Sunday School at 9 a.m.

 \Box I am interested in leading the class.

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

NEXTSTEPS

Want to know more about St. Paul, meet new people, or get more involved? TAKE THE NEXT STEP!



CONNECTION CENTER

Our Connection Center is located in the room to the side of the sanctuary. Stop by if you have any questions, need information, or would like to speak to someone about St. Paul.

DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Join us on Jan. 31 at noon for an informal lunch focused on who we are as a church, our mission, core values, a tour of the facilities, and a chance to meet some of our staff and new people who are also interested in the church.





STARTING POINT CLASS

This class is for anyone who is new to attending church or is coming back to church. It covers topics like who we are as Methodists, a spiritual gifts assessment, and basics of our faith.

ONGOING GROUPS

- Age level groups (ex. JOY, IGNITE)
- Source Groups (Small groups of twelve or less)
- Sunday School

SHORT TERM GROUPS

- Topical classes covering things like
 - ⇒ Finance
 - \Rightarrow Parenting
- ⇒ CaretakingTopical and
- seasonal Bible studies and discussion

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG

for more information about our ministries.



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 - Room 201 (Community Room) in CLEC Dr. Berkley Reynolds will teach on Colossians in the Friendship Class today and next Sun., Jan. 24.

Bereans - Room 101 (Carpenter's Room) in the CLEC

Are you interested in attending Sunday School at 9 a.m.? Fill out and return the Connect Card on page 4.



JOY (Just Older Youth) Older adults are invited to join us in the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays. JOY is currently studying the Sermon on the Mount in "Living Life Right Side Up." This Tuesday, Jan. 19, Jim Maddrey will teach on "What do you do?" Come and be a part of this time of wor-

ship, study, and fellowship. If you have any questions, contact Traditional Worship Leader, David McKee at 584-8165 x228.



Small Things, Big Difference Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Jan. 13–Feb. 3 | Courtyard Often we make major resolutions for the new year, then become discouraged when we can't keep them. This class is about learning how to em-

brace making small, manageable, incremental changes that really add up. The class meets outside under the courtyard lights. Join us at 6 p.m. for refreshments. Class starts at 6:30 p.m. In case of bad weather or cold we will meet in the sanctuary. Nursery provided. Children and youth are invited to attend their own Wednesday activities at the same time.



GriefShare Support Group Begins Jan. 31 Sundays | 10:15 a.m. | Mariposa Café

Stephen Ministry is hosting a 13 week GriefShare Support Group beginning January 31. The group will be held at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings, immediately following the 9 a.m. worship service in the Mariposa Café (CLEC). The \$18 participants' guide, "Your Journey from Mourning to Joy," gives insight and strategies on how to face life after losing a loved one and find joy once again. Join others who share the sadness, loneliness, regrets and even guilt caused by our grief over the loss of someone we loved dearly. Please call the church office at 584-8165 or fill out and return the Connect Card on page 4 to register by this Thursday, January 21 if you would like to join us.

Soaring Eagles

Saturday 8:00 a.m. | Room 201 (CLEC) All men are invited for fellowship, prayer and devotionals with the Soaring Eagles on Saturdays. The last Saturday of the month ladies are invited to join the group for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Sermon Videos Temporary Unavailable

One of our computers failed, so we are temporarily unable to post videos of our past sermons. The problem began with the December 24 worship and we are still working to resolve the issue. We are able to provide **audio recordings starting with last Sunday's sermon.** You can download audio of past messages free on iTunes. Visit our website: stpaulumc.org

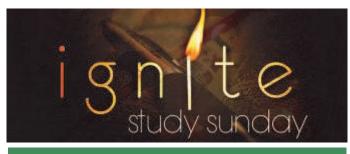






Jan. 31 | Noon

Are you new to St. Paul? Join us for this informal lunch to find out more about who we are as a church, our mission, and core values. We'll also give you a tour of the facilities, and introduce you to some of our staff as well as other new people who are interested in the church. Want to join us? Email church@stpaulumc.org, call 584-8165, or fill out the Connect Card on page 4 of this bulletin by Wednesday, January 27.



Adults Ages 18-35



IGNITE

Join IGNITE tonight at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center as they continue their study, "Daring Faith." E-mail IGNITE leader Felix Koutsourais c24go1@aol.com for more information. Follow the IG-

NITE Facebook to keep up to date on their activities.



Source Groups

Source Groups are small groups of people, twelve or less, who meet regularly to worship, study, pray, serve and more. These groups offer support, fellowship, and the chance to Grow in Faith in a close-knit community group of fellow believers. If you would like to join a source group and walk with others to journey in faith together, contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 583-8165 x233 or e-mail bobby.v@stpaulumc.org

GHTHO

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



TONIGHT: ELECTRICITY

Bottom Line: If you want to get the most out of life, stay close to the Source of it. Have you ever seen the show The Amazing Race? Every week as teams literally race around the world, they are given unique tasks to complete in cities they know next to nothing about! At some point in every episode, the teams find themselves having to ask for help. Some ask for help quickly and run off on their own to try and figure it out. Isn't this how many of us approach God? We go to Him for help with big moments and then move on quickly without Him. We don't remember that He wants to do more than just help us. He wants to guide us. He wants to go with us. He wants us to remain with Him. Even Jesus' own disciples struggled to grasp what it looked like to stay close to Him. As we look at how He explained it to them, we get a clearer picture of what it means to remain in closeness with God and the impact that can have in our lives.

Join the middle and high school youth from 5:30-8 p.m. Students are invited 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. for dinner, then branches out to the Youth Room, Gym or Fellowship Hall. Dinner is \$3. Students must register online in advance by the Wednesday before. Visit www.stpaulumc.org to reserve a meal.

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

Students are invited to share their creative gifts through drama, video production and more on Wednesdays. Drop-off students in the courtyard between 6 and 6:30 p.m. They will then move to another location based on the night's activity.





Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Johnson, Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie.j@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 the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and be given a pickup 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. Children's Ministry Space in **Bldg C**.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m. Children's Ministry Space in **Bldg C**.



January Sunday Series: Power Up!

TODAY - Select your words carefully. When we lean into God's power and select our words carefully, we may show others a glimpse of God's grace, which could change them forever. Our memory verse shows us that self-control is like surrounding ourselves with a wall of protection from consequences that could hurt us. For week three, we'll look at Proverbs 21:23 – "Those who are careful about what they say keep themselves out of trouble."



Follow Our New Children's Ministry Facebook Lots of exciting things are happening in our Children's Ministry this year. If you want to keep up with everything that's going on, follow our new Children's Ministry Facebook:

StPaulChildrensMinistry

Parent's Morning Out Ends This Month

Parent's Morning Out is a safe place where your kids can have fun while you take time for yourself on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost per child is \$20 per day. PMO will go on hiatus at the end of Jan, so be sure to make alternate arrangements for your children starting in February.



Worship Arts For Children and Youth Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays for a lesson,

games and activities, and children's praise choir practice. Drop off children between 6 and 6:30 p.m. in the courtyard. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. Pick up children at 7:30 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Space. Youth have their own Worship Arts activities where they can share their creative gifts in various ways through drama, video production and more.



Help with Live Streaming

Our Live Stream Ministry brings 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 laurel.f@stpaulumc.org. No experience is necessary!



Blood Drive February 7

We are hosting a blood drive on Sunday, February 7 from 8:45 a.m. until noon. At our last drive we collected six unit of blood for local area hospitals. Every donation can save up to three lives so together we can save 18 or more lives if we meet or exceed that total again this time! Anyone who donates will receive the gift of a cozy Oneblood Fleece Blanket. If you are able to donate, please plan to roll up your sleeves and help save lives in our local community.



Rummage Sale Donations

Our United Methodist Women's annual Rummage Sale is coming the first weekend of March! Admission is \$1. We are taking donations now. Please wrap your donations and place them in a box. Do-

nations can be dropped off at Open Arms at any time. Pick-ups are on Saturdays only. Contact Marjorie Jaggers at 727-403-7902 to schedule a pick-up. We will not pick up mattresses, TVs or organs.

United Methodist Women Scholarship

The St. Paul United Methodist Women Higher Education Scholarship is available to any graduating high school senior girl or to any women already in college or seeking to attend college in the fall of 2016. A total of \$1,000 will be awarded to one or more recipients who are selected. **The deadline to fill out an application is March 1**. Winners will be notified by May 1. For more information and an application, contact Lyn Sears at 480-7961



Greeter Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a greeter coordinator for the 10:30 a.m. service. We have plenty of volunteers who are willing to greet, so we need someone who can schedule 10:30 a.m.

greeters and communicate scheduling and assignments. If you have the gift of organization and you are interested in helping, contact Laurel Fortuna at 584-8165 x208 or email laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.

Homeless Feedings

Each Sunday afternoon we feed the homeless in Clearwater. We need people who are willing to help cook, serve and clean up as we bring a warm meal and God's love to those who have nothing. If you're interested in helping, contact Contemporary Worship Leader, Shaun Powers at 584-8165 x225.



Ditty Bag Project

With your help our United Methodist Women supplied homeless shelters and migrant work agencies with 100 ditty bags last year!

We hope to increase our pledge to 125 bags this year, and we need your help! From January through April, we will feature items that will help us reach our goal of 125 bags. Leave donations in the box in the church office or in the sanctuary lobby on Sundays. Keep an eye on the bulletin each month for a new list of items.

FOR JANUARY

Shampoo-Conditioner Combo (Adult & Child) Deodorant (Men & Ladies) Notebooks (Adult and Child)

Sanctuary Flowers

We do not have any flowers scheduled for Jan. 24 and 31. Do you have an event or a person you would like to honor by giving flowers 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.

Coming this Week

Sunday, January	17
Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:45 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Lil' Kidz Small Group	9:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Group	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, January 18 Office Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day

<u>Tuesday, Januar</u>	<u>y 19</u>
Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
JOY	10:30 AM
Volleyball	1:00 PM
Cub Scouts	7:00 PM

<u>Wednesday, J</u>	anuary 20
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Small Things Class	6:30 PM
Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, January 21 Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM Prayer Shawl 5:30 PM Bells of St. Paul 5:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal** 7:00 PM Intercessory Prayer 7:00 PM

Friday, January 22

Church Office Closed

Saturday, Jani	uary 23
Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM

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.

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Today is the Last Day to Submit a Revised Pledge

If you are planning to submit a pledge or to revise a previous pledge to help us meet our proposed 2016 budget, please make

sure to submit those pledges today. We will review pledges starting tomorrow, and revise the budget if necessary. Budget cuts will affect our staff and ministries, so we hope everyone will take advantage of this last day to help us meet our budget goals and accomplish all we hope to do for the Lord in 2016.

If you would like to make a pledge, you can drop a Commitment Card in the offering plate or at the Connection Center, or make your pledge on our website: stpaulumc.org. To adjust a pledge write "ADJUST MY PLEDGE" on your new Commitment Card.

JOHN: The Gospel of

Church-wide Lenten study

Feb. 17–March 23

The Gospel of John is the most deeply spiritual of the four gospels. It includes some of the loftiest and most loved verses in all the Bible: "And the Word became flesh ...," "For God so loved the world...," "You who are without sin cast the first stone...," "I am the resurrection and the life...," "I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

The writing is filled with rich images and profound truths, and John notes that his aim is for his readers not only to believe in Jesus Christ,

Topics Include:

- The Word Made Flesh
 - The Miraculous Signs of Jesus
 - The "I Am" Sayings of Jesus
- The Farewell Discourse • The Arrest, Trial, and
- Crucifixion of the King • Eternal Life

but to "have life in his name." This Lent, join Adam Hamilton and experience a season of spiritual growth and life-changing renewal during this series: "John: The Gospel of Light and Life." We will read and explore the entire Gospel of John as we prepare our hearts and minds during the Lenten season.

We would like to launch Sunday School classes at 9 a.m. on Sundays for those who attend the 10:30 a.m. worship. The first study would be based on this series. If you are interested in attending or in leading a 9 a.m. Sunday School class, please fill out and return the Connect Card on page 4 or call 584-8165.







Youth Begin Confirmation Class This year's confirmation class began with an overnight retreat in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Pastor Bob and his wife, Patti, joined the students to help teach them about creation, sin, redemption and the Holy Spirit. The rest of the class will cover more faith basics as well as what we believe as Methodists. Students spent time in prayer and discussion, took part in learning activities and had fun hanging

out together overnight. When they complete their class, students will be confirmed during worship on February 21.

Visit Facebook for more pictures LighthouseYouthMinistry





Suncoast Singers Concert

The Suncoast Singers of Florida shared a wonderful patriotic musical program with us last Sunday, Jan. 10. About 125 people attended in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the Suncoast Singers for blessing us with this free program! All proceeds of the love offering taken at the concert support the ministries of St. Paul.



to make our new family directory complete

WE NEED

Photo Directory Final Days We have two extra days scheduled to take pictures for the photo directory. There are still quite a few families who are not represented with photos in our directory. If you haven't taken your photos yet, please reserve a time on Monday, Feb. 1 or Tuesday, Feb. 2 and help

make this directory a true representation of St. Paul. You do not have to buy any photos to be included in the directory, and everyone who participates gets a free 8x10 with no purchase necessary. To reserve your photo appointment, visit our website stpaulumc.org - and click on the link under News and Announcements. You can also sign up in the Connection Center on Sundays or call the church office. If your appointment was cancelled due to the photographer's car accident, please be sure to schedule a new time on Feb. 1 or 2.

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor Address: 1199 Highland Avenue in Largo, 33770 Phone: (727) 584-8165

Office Hours: 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday-Thursda