

NEW TO ST. PAUL?



APRIL 17 - NOON CHRISTIAN LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER

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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 to worship with us. Next week, I begin a new message series called "Making Sense of God." It can be difficult, as flawed human beings, to try to understand something as infinitely beyond us as God. But He has reached out to us to show us who He is through His Son and His book, the Bible. Over the next few weeks we will look at specific Bible stories to begin connecting the dots and understanding who God is.

Take a look at this bulletin for information about other upcoming events and ways you can Grow in Faith and Give in Love. 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 thank each of you for being part of the Lord's work here at St. Paul. With God's help there is nothing we can't do!

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Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

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TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Welcome *Greet	Pam Dubov, Certified Candidate fo Oh How He Loves You And Me	r Deacon		
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Apostles' Creed		No. 881		
Prayer with Lord's Prayer Offertory				
	Praise God, From Whom	No. 94		
*Prayer of Thanksg Transitional Song		No. 177		
Message	"If I Should Die Before I Wake" Pastor Bob Martin 1 Corinthians 15:50-58			
Directed Prayer Holy Communion Closing Hymn *Benediction *Postlude	Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross	No. 301		
	*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



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo

Making a Prayer Request

We have included a prayer request section on the Connect Card in this bulletin. If you have a praver request, write it on the Connect Card, tear off, and drop it at the Connection Center or in the offering plate.

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below : McCormack Family Bobby Jill Haseltine Mary Moore **Destiny Burns** Roy & Amelia Neville Steve Brower Tom & Glenda Neville World Peace Melissa and Brett National Election Baby Tyler **Channing Farr** Suzie Evanson Family forgiveness Thelma Blarch Brett, Mark and Chris Betty & Jack Bow-Dean ersox Mark LaPolla Bill and Martha Kat Farhangi Goodin Family Kristi Burslem Barbara Sweat Jace Michael **Bob Hartel** Stanley Mullins Troy & Faye Hartel Kathy Kiser Brevor Birt Dannette Scholet & Bev Hart Family Kathy Ludwick family Sandy Smith David Joan Toth Jodi Ron's mother, Celia Betty & Rose Jeff Keith Alexis Nichols Judy Marc Matheson Don Piro Tracy & Aubrey Hank Brooke Errett Mulchany Ken & Sherry DeRolf Sondra Nauseda Peter Bernadette Shahan Libby Burke & family Maddie Johnson Grandson Brittany Paula Scott Cliff Armbruster Janice & Keith Caitlyn Timberlake Cliff Armbruster Sandy Griggs Caitlynn Timberlake Pat Baker Dave Juli and unborn baby Murray Johnston Josh Safe Travels Madalena & Carlton Cancer patients Niki Cross Grace Rudman Mary Kaiser Pat Baker Darlene Bayer Joyce & Bob Gerber Praise & Thanks Craig Larkin For Pastor Bob Kevin & his children For St.Paul **Bob Hartel** For all blessings Troy & Fay Hartel For Prayer Team Trevor Biat For Great Grand-Don Piro daughter

Deaths

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

> Marilyn Wehner Bill Phillips (uncle of Dee Rogers)

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. 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. This week we invite you to take communion with us. All are welcome at Christ's table. 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 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:

- Marguerite Buchanan in honor of the 35th wedding anniversary of Steve and Cindy Buchanan
- Jane Arnold to my dear sister, Lois Arnold, on her 98th birthday

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.

Stay and Pray

If you have additional prayer needs, you are invited to stay and pray in the chapel after each worship. You are welcome to pray on your own or with a prayer partner from our Prayer Team.

Upper Room

Looking for a copy of the Upper Room? We have copies of the current issue available in the Connection Center. Large print is \$2 and regular print is \$1.

St. Paul United Methodist Church

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How can we pray for you?				
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Include on prayer chain.				
☐ I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister.				

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

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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:
- Serving in the community How:
- Learning more about St. Paul 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:

Discover St. Paul | April 17 at noon New to St. Paul or want to become a member? Join us for an informal lunch in the CLEC.

I would like to volunteer to help with:

Homeless Feedings

Check as many as apply:



Help on Sunday Mornings

Greeter

Circle one: 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. ☐ Usher

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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 April 17 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 five week class covers basics of our faith. For anyone who wants to become a member of St. Paul, is new to attending church or is coming back to church.

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
 - \Rightarrow Finance
 - \Rightarrow Parenting
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- Topical and seasonal Bible studies and discussion

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for more information about our ministries.

Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info!
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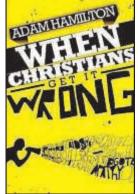
Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes.

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class

Room 202 In **Bldg C**. They are currently doing an Adam Hamilton study on "When Christians Get it Wrong." People who have problems with Christianity and the church often name certain attitudes and behaviors they believe are practiced too often by Christians: judging others, con-



demning people of other faiths, rejecting science, injecting politics into faith, and more. In this study, Adam Hamilton tackles these issues and addresses the how's and why's of Christians getting it right when it comes to being Christ in the world.

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C Crusaders - Conference Room 1 in Bldg B Friendship - Room 201 (Community Room) in CLEC Bereans - Room 101 (Carpenter's Room) in the CLEC

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. this Tuesday on Christian Life Enrichment Center for a time of worship, study, and fellowship. This Tuesday, the Rev. Jeannette Burton will teach. If you have any questions, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233.



Military Prayer List Being Updated

We are starting our Military Prayer List from scratch to make sure we have a current and updated list of those in need of prayer. If you have someone whose name you would like to add to our Military Prayer List, or if you would like a name to remain on the list, please make a note on the Connect Card or call the church office at 584-8165.



April 17 at Noon | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall Are you new to St. Paul? Thinking about becoming a member? 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. Want to join us? Email church@stpaulumc.org, call 584-8165, or fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

Dorcas



Dorcas Sewing Circle meets next Wednesday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help us make simple children's clothing for Haiti, area pregnancy centers and Methodist pre-schoolers. Other projects include lap robes and walker bags for nursing homes and other local and overseas missions projects. Bring a sandwich, and sew to help others!

Hannah

Hannah meets next Tuesday, April 12 at 6:45 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Meetings include refreshments, devotion, prayer, and a program.

Rachel-Lydia

Rachel-Lydia meets Thursday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. This month only they will meet in room 248 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center, which is upstairs and down the hall to the right of the elevator. It is just before the prayer room on the left. Each meeting includes a devotion, refreshments, and more. This month's program will be "Devotional Diversity." Each member will share a devotional booklet or item which they use in daily devotion. Each month the group also passes the donation envelope for their Dennis Memorial Fund Pediatric Medical Mission. The funds raised are used to provide medical equipment and instructional aids for special needs children and youth ages 2-22 at the Sabal Palms Children's Center.





Student Ministry

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

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Dinner is \$3. Students must preregister by the Wednesday before by filling out the online form. After dinner students branch out 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.



This Sunday, and every first Sunday through June 5, we give children and students in 5th and 8th grades, as well as high school seniors, the chance to experience worship at our next age level.

- **5th graders** are invited to join our middle schoolers in the Mariposa Café at 5:30 p.m. for dinner or 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room for worship. Our Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie Johnson, will share an age-appropriate lesson with our 5th graders and they'll join the youth in fun games, worship and more.
- 8th graders have the chance to attend our high school student group.
- High school seniors are invited to join our IGNITE group for adults 18-35. IGNITE will worship with the students in the Youth Room at 6:30 p.m. before inviting seniors to join them in the IGNITE room , room 202, for the rest of the night.



IGNITE will join the students in the Youth Room for worship around 6 p.m. then invite high school seniors to join them in the IGNITE room (room 202) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. E-mail IGNITE leader Felix Koutsourais at c24go1@aol.com for more information. Follow the IGNITE Facebook for more.



Support Student Mission Trip

This summer from July 17-22 our student ministry will work with the Alabama Rural Ministry to serve by providing home repair and day camp



for people living in poverty. If you would like to help fund the trip, visit the envelope display in the sanctuary lobby.

Take an Envelope

Each envelope is labeled with a number from 1-100. The number on the envelope is how much you'll donate. You may want to pick a number that's significant to you, like an important date. You can take as many envelopes as you like.

Make Your Donation

Put your donation inside the envelope, and place it in the offering plate. Be sure to use the envelope so we know your donation is for the mission trip. If you would like credit for the donation, please include your name inside or on the envelope.

Pray for Our Team

When you take an envelope, we also invite you to take a picture of the mission team and list of the team members so you can pray for them by name.

Worship Arts on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Resumes on April 13 Students are invited to share their creative gifts through drama, video production and more on Wednesdays starting April 13.



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.

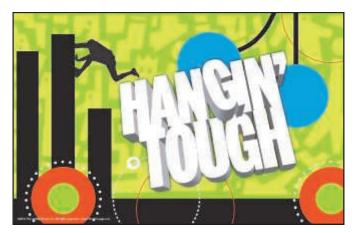
Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Class

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 Center in **Bldg C**.

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



April Sunday Series: Hangin' Tough Bottom Line: When life gets hard, remember God is with you We start off our month on perseverance with Jesus' last words before He returned to heaven. In Matthew 28:20, Jesus gave His disciples the task of sharing His story throughout the world. In Acts 1-2, we discover that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help the disciples accomplish that huge task. Because of the Holy Spirit in our lives, God is always with us. No matter what happens, we can continue to persevere because God gives us the strength we need to continue.





Camp XP June 13–August 5

Kids ages K-5th grade are invited to join us this summer for fun activities, messages of faith, field trips and more! Weekly fee includes: one lunch per week, snacks, field trips, sunscreen, special guest speakers and camp activities such as arts and crafts, sports, water play, visits to the local parks and recreation pools and so much more! You pay only for the weeks your child attends.

Visit our website: stpaulumc.org for more information or to register now.



Children taking part in the Children's Message during last week's Easter worship.

Worship Arts

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Resumes April 13 Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays starting April 13 for a lesson, fun activities, and Children's Praise Choir practice in the Children's Ministry Center.



Give in Love



St. Paul is taking part in a Habitat for Humanity Faith Build this month. The home is being constructed in Pinellas Park by volunteers from many churches. We have one day left that is reserved for St. Paul volunteers on Thursday, April 21. We have limited spots available, so if you would like to participate, you must register individually online with Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas. Visit our website: stpaulumc.org for directions on how to sign up. If you have any questions email our Missions and Outreach Team Leader, Pam Dubov at pam.d@stpaulumc.org This is our opportunity to help a family in our community have a place to call home! Let's answer the call!

Ditty Bag Project

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated items to the United Methodist Women's ditty bag



project! These bags of personal care and other items are given to homeless shelters and migrant work agencies. Our last list of items is below. You can leave donations in the box in the church office or in the sanctuary lobby on Sundays.

FOR APRIL TISSUES (mini packs) SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER IN ONE PENS and PENCILS PENCIL SHARPENERS and GLUE STICKS

Drop Off Open Arms Donations Next Saturday

Open Arms always needs donations of non-perishable 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. 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.

April Flowers

We are entering the season of spring, but we currently do not have sanctuary flowers scheduled for the rest of April. If you have an event or a person you'd like to honor in April, call the church office at 584-8165, email church@stpaulumc.org or visit the Giving page on our web-



site. 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.

Don't Forget to Pay For Easter Flowers

The hydrangeas looked beautiful during our Easter worships. Thank you to all who purchased a flower! If you have not already paid for your Easter flowers, be sure to place your payment in the collection plate, send to our office by mail or drop off in person, or pay through the Giving page on our website: www.stpaulumc.org. Be sure to include your name and mark your payment Easter Flowers. Flowers were \$9 each.



Fall Golf Tournament

We are excited to be sponsoring a Fall Golf Tournament this year in November. This is a great chance to come together, have some fun, and help support St. Paul. The proceeds of the tournament will go toward funding St. Paul's 2016 budget.

If you are interested in helping plan and run the golf tournament; we would love your help. Please call the church office - 727-584-8165 and ask for Arch Johnston or email Arch at arch.j@stpaulumc.org. Watch for announcements to find out more about the tournament as we get closer to the date!

Coming this Week

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

Monday, April 4			
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM		
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM		

Tuesday, April 5				
Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM			
Pack-A-Sack Meeting	9:00 AM			
JOY	10:30 AM			
Recovery by Faith	6:30 PM			

Wednesday, April 6 Handicapable 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 7			
Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM		
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM		
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM		
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM		

<u>Friday, April 8</u>

Church Office Closed Handi Luau Party 7:00 PM

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.

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Martha Ministry **St. Paul's Food Ministry**

Did you know that St. Paul has a food ministry? We have five teams of women (men are also welcome!) who are on call during designated months. These eager cooks provide cooked food, at their own expense, to people who are actively involved with St. Paul and need help during a difficult time in their lives.



We provide food for two meals for a person or family with extended illness, after release from hospitalization, after an accident, after the birth of a child or in other crisis situations. Unfortunately we cannot provide food for memorial or funeral receptions due to the number of people to be served. Food allergies or preferences are honored. For example you can let us know if food needs to be without salt or sugar, or gluten-free. We ask that you give our Martha Ministry team at least 24 to 48 hours notice to prepare food, since many of our volunteers work or have other volunteer commitments.

Martha Ministry is a valuable resource for our members. Many live in assisted living or have family who can help, but for those who don't have help or whose caregivers could use a break, Martha Ministry volunteers are here to give you a helping hand.

Contact the church office if you would like to request help from the Martha Mkinistry or if you would like to volunteer as part of this caretaking ministry. Call 727-584-8165 or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org.

Here's a delicious and easy recipe to share:

Easy Beef Stroganoff

Brown one pound of salted & peppered stew beef in small amount of olive oil; add 1/2 to 3/4 cup of water and simmer or low until tender (great for the crock pot). Add minced garlic, mushrooms & chopped onions; cook until onion and



mushrooms are tender; remove any fat/oil residue; add ½ to ¾ can of cream of celery soup. (if not thick enough, add a little cornstarch) Heat until thoroughly mixed. Serve over rice or noodles.



Handicapable Luau Party

Handicapable invites you to a Luau Party on Friday, April 8 at 7 p.m. in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Come do the hula, enjoy some delicious food, and have a great time with adults who have special physical or cognitive needs.





Congratulations, Handicapable Athletes! Saturday, March 12, over 40 members of the Handicapable Ministry participated in the Special Olympics' Area Games held at Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg. What a beautiful day for God's Special People to gather outside and demonstrate their skills in field and track

events. Numberous Handicapable Special Olympians were awarded ribbons and recognized on the winners' platform. Everyone from the



students who participated in the games to the volunteers who gave of their time to make this day possible were winners and all went home truly blessed.



A Moving Holy Week

On Maundy Thursday, the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall was transformed to allow us to walk in Christ's footsteps through the events of the last night of his earthly life. Attendees took time for reflection and prayer at stations for The Last Supper, Footwashing, Anointing, Betrayal, and the Garden of Gethsemane. It was a truly moving

experience and an opportunity to grow closer to God.

On Good Friday, we continued our journey to the cross. Pam Dubov delivered a powerful message on the lessons we learn from the words Jesus spoke from the cross, and our choir and praise band both led us in song.





Preschool Book Fair Our Son Kissed Preschool's Groovy Movie Night and Book Fair was a great success! The

families that attended had a wonderful time, and we improved sales quite a bit from last spring. According to our totals, we put approximately 242 books into kids' hands!



The sanctuary was full on a beautiful Easter morning. Thank you to all our volunteer greeters, ushers and parking attendants for helping to welcome our visitors and guests. The choir and praise band lift-

ed us with triumphant music, and Pastor Bob's mes-

sage gave us all the more reason to believe in Christ's resurrection. Our Coins for Lent bowls were overflowing, and we will let you know how much was collected as soon as it has been counted.



A special thanks to Haynor's Garden Design on 1625 Starkey Rd. for loaning us the plants used in our "Garden on Gethsemane" on Maundy Thursday! It wouldn't have been the same without these beautiful plants!



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