

Join us for a summer filled with faith, fun and friendship!



8 Weeks of Camp June 13- August 5

Time: 9 AM - 4 PM Early and late care available from 7 AM - 6 PM for an additional fee.

#### Ages: K-5th Grade

Field Trips, Crafts, Games, Sports, Swimming, Movies, and More





#### 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. I'd like to invite you to attend my Wednesday night study on the Book of Hebrews. This is an in depth study of the scripture and includes a lot of historical and Biblical context that Join us in the courtyard at 6 p.m. for fellowship and refreshments. The study will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Children and youth have their own Worship Arts activities at the same time.

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

## GLORIFY GOD

#### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

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| *Hymns                                                       | Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almig                                         | 5                 |
|                                                              | Jesus Calls Us                                                           | No. 398           |
| Apostles' Creed                                              |                                                                          | No. 881           |
| Prayer with Lord's                                           | -                                                                        | No. 895           |
| Reception of New                                             | Members                                                                  |                   |
| Offertory                                                    | Here I Am, Lord                                                          | Sanctuary Choir   |
| *Doxology                                                    | Praise God, From Whom                                                    | No. 94            |
| *Prayer of Thanksgiving                                      |                                                                          |                   |
| Transitional Song                                            | Majesty, Worship His Majesty                                             | No. 176           |
| Message                                                      | "Listening for God in the Bible"<br>Pastor Bob Martin<br>1 Samuel 3:1-10 |                   |
| Directed Prayer<br>Closing Hymn<br>*Benediction<br>*Postlude | Take Time to Be Holy                                                     | No. 395           |
|                                                              | *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

#### Making a Prayer Request

We have included a prayer request section on the Connect Card in this bulletin. If you have a prayer 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 with immediate prayer needs:

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#### Deaths

Please pray for the families and friends of **Carol Cummings** Elaina Hernandez who recently passed on to life eternal.

Want to watch our worship online? Visit stpaulumc.org and click on the "Watch" link at 9 or 10:30 a.m. to be part of our online congregation. Past messages are also available on our website: www.stpaulumc.org

#### 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. Today we are welcoming new members! After worship, we invite you to introduce yourself to our new members or to someone you haven't met before. You'll notice 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:

- Roger and Nadine Crockett for their 11<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration
- Rich and Mary Ann Clemow in honor of their birthdays
- Ken and Cathy Durbak in celebration of their 22<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary

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 10:30 a.m. worship or at the church office during the week.

#### 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.

### 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. Only new information is needed—you do not need to fill out the entire card or repeat your requests each week.

| Date:       | April 24, 2016        | 9 AM        | 10:30 AM           |
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For Military Prayer List

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!

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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:

☐ Starting Point Class Beginning May 4 Wednesday night class covering basics of the Methodist faith, spiritual gifts assessment and more. See page 6.

#### I would like to volunteer to help with:

- Fall Golf Tournament Help plan or run our golf tournament fundraiser this fall.
- Homeless Feedings I can help drive the Open Arms truck for the weekly homeless feeding.

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

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## **NEXT**STEPS

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**

Discover St. Paul is 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 four week class covers basics of our faith. Our next class begins May 4. For anyone who is new to attending church or is coming back to church. See page 6 for more.

#### 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
  - $\Rightarrow$  Caretaking
- Topical and seasonal Bible studies and discussion

#### VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG

for more information about our ministries.

## GROW IN FAITH

#### 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 classes

"Satisfied: Discovering Contentment in a World of Consumption" by Jeff Manion. Room 202 In **Bldg C.** This study provides an inspiring and transformative vision for living a deeply contented life in our consumer-driven culture.





NEW CLASS Begins TODAY Join us for a new Sunday School class beginning today at 9:15 a.m. in room 204 of Bldg C (across the courtyard from the sanctu-

ary). Led by Linda and Mark Van Putte, this class will open with a study on the Book of ACTS.

#### 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

#### Soaring Eagles

All men are invited for fellowship, prayer and devotionals on Satrudays at 8 a.m. This Saturday, and every last Saturday of the month, ladies are invited to join the group for breakfast at 7:30 p.m.

Help Us Update the Military Prayer List 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, call the church office at 584-8165, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org



#### Wednesday Study-Book of Hebrews

Is there one particular book that lends itself to drawing closer to God in times of challenge? The Book of Hebrews was written as a strong testimonial to our Christian faith and its purpose is to help those who read it dig deep and keep the faith when they are discouraged. Pastor Bob's study on Hebrews will answer the tough questions on faith as well as learn the foundation from which The Book of Hebrews was written. Meet in the courtyard at 6 p.m. for snacks and time together. Study begins at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

#### 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, April 26, Rich Clemow will teach. If you have any questions, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233.



#### JOY Will Host a Special Concert May 10

On Tuesday, May 10 JOY will move to 2:30 p.m. and host a concert by Largo High School's Chamber Choir, which will present a program of American spirituals. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the concert! A love offering will be taken to

help support the students through the purchase of uniforms, folders, music, etc.

#### Adults Ages 18-35

Adults ages 18-35 are invited to join IGNITE in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 6:15 p.m. tonight for dinner and a movie. E-mail IGNITE leader, Felix Koutsourais at for more information. Follow the IGNITE Facebook for more.



**MIN FAITH** 



#### Calling All Graduates!

If you're graduating this year, we want to honor you on Graduation Sunday, May 22. Please send a photo, your name, the school you're graduating from and future plans to Communications Coordinator, Rebecca Carefoot, at rebecca.c@stpaulumc.org so we can include you in our bulletin and worship celebration. If you will be attending worship May 22, let us know which service time you will attend. The deadline to send in information is May 16.



### Begins May 4

This four week class is open to anyone who is new to the church or is coming back to the time church after

away. It covers who we are as Methodists, basics of our faith and a spiritual gifts assessment. We'll meet Wednesdays in the courtyard at 6:30 p.m. If you're planning to attend, please fill out the connect Card on page 4 or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org to let us know you're coming.

#### Source Groups

Want to be part of a small group that meets 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, contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or 583-8165 x233.

#### Flip Flop Support Group

This support group for families with loved ones in prison, or who have been released from prison, meets Friday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Community Room (room 201) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. The group helps families share experiences and support in a spiritually based setting.



#### **Student Ministry**

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

#### SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

Have you ever had a moment where you knew you needed to step up? No matter the situation, you knew that you had two choices: either step up to the opportunity or step back and miss it altogether. TO-



#### NIGHT: WHO AM I?

Bottom Line: Who God is matters more than who you're not. Who are you? Have you ever thought about how you'd answer that question? A long time ago people were known by a label that went with their name. Alexander the Great. Richard the Lion Heart. Winnie the Pooh. So when you're asking yourself that question-who you really are-you're essentially asking yourself what adjective goes in your blank. Unfortunately for a lot of us, we tend to focus less on who we are and more on who we are not. As we pick up with Joshua this week, we find him unsure of who he who is. And to help him step up, God gives him a pep talk of sorts that not only helps him discover who he is but, more importantly, whose he is.

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.

#### Worship Arts on Wednesdays

Students are invited to share their creative gifts through drama, video production and more on Wednesdays. Drop off in the courtyard starting at 6 p.m.



**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 you can help others persevere Through Hebrews 12:12-15, kids will learn that others are watching us as we persevere through difficult times. When our friends or family members are having trouble, they can look to our example and be encouraged to stick with it. After we go through a difficult time, we often have a chance to help others through similar situations. We want kids to learn that as they trust God and persevere, they will set an example and encourage others to do the same.



StPaulChildrensMinistry



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

mer 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 or scan this QR code for more information or to register now.





#### Worship Arts

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays for a lesson, fun activities, and music in the Children's Ministry Center. Join us at 6 p.m. in the courtyard before class for snacks! Pick up is in the Children's Ministry Center at 7:30 p.m.



## GIVE IN LOVE



#### Help Provide Rain Boots for Children in South Sudan Carolyn Goodwin, a St. Paul

member, recently began serving as a missionary in South Sudan, Africa. Since her arrival in Yei, Carolyn has become involved with two orphanages and is learning about what the children need to improve their

lives. One of these things is rain boots because of the long 8-9 month rainy season. Believe it or not, the rainy season in South Sudan begins in April and can extend through November. The boots are needed to help the kids get through the mud holes and protect their feet from hidden rocks, broken glass, snakes and other debris.

Carolyn has been able to locate a source in Africa that will provide the boots if we can provide the funding. It costs about \$7 to buy a pair of rain boots for one child. If you can help, place a donation in one of the rain boots located in the Connection Center or the church office. For taxdeductible donations, please make



your check payable to The Mission Society with "Carolyn Goodwin-Rain Boots" in the memo line. Cash is also welcome, but not tax-deductible. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of rain boots for the children. If we raise more than is needed for the orphanages, boots will be provided to other South Sudanese children in need. If you have questions:

Megan Armstrong: 727-776-4943 or MeganArmstrong235@yahoo.com Mary Vaughn: 727-586-0164



#### Sanctuary Flowers for May

They say April showers bring May flowers, but we don't currently have any sanctuary flowers scheduled for May! If you have a person or event you'd like to celebrate, 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.



#### 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 or 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!

#### Donate Books and Magazines for Shut-Ins

Our Handicapable Ministry is delivering books and magazines to nursing home residents and shut-ins. If you have books you would like to donate to Handicapable for shut-ins and other book lovers, you can drop books off at the church office during the week or leave them in the blue shopping card on Sunday morning. Contact Horton Townes, Director of Handicapable Ministry at horton.t@stpaulumc.org for more information.

#### 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

#### Coming this Week

| Sunday, April 24      |          |  |
|-----------------------|----------|--|
| 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  |  |
| 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 |  |
| Homeless Feeding      | 3:30 PM  |  |
| Youth Group           | 5:30 PM  |  |
| IGNITE                | 6:15 PM  |  |

|          | Monday, | April | 25      |
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| Boy Scou | its     |       | 7:00 PM |

| Tuesday, April 26   |          |  |
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| 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 27 |         |  |
|---------------------|---------|--|
| UMW: Dorcas         | 9:00 AM |  |
| Worship Arts        | 6:30 PM |  |
| Pastor Bob's Study  | 6:30 PM |  |
| Handicapable        | 6:30 PM |  |

| <u>Thursday, Apr</u> | <u>ʻil 28</u> |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Men's Bible Study    | 7:00 AM       |
| Prayer Shawl         | 5:30 PM       |
| Intercessory Prayer  | 7:00 PM       |
| Choir Rehearsal      | 7:00 PM       |

#### Friday, April 29

Church Office Closed Handi Hoedown Party 7:00 PM

Soaring Eagles 7:30 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.

### VOLUNTEER SPOTLCHT

## Maria Sauter and her Handi

Special Olympics Team Long-time St. Paul member, Maria Sauter, is one of the Handicapable Ministry's key leaders. For over 15 years she has been in charge of our Special Olympics programs including coaching and training our Special Olympians, as well as the administrative requirements of competing. Under Maria's leadership, our ministry has seen athletes earn hundreds of ribbons and medals in track and field events and bowling events in area and state games, as well as the National Special Olympics.

#### At Handicapable's Worship Service

on March 16, Maria recognized and praised other volunteers who have supported her in these efforts **saying: "I want to thank Jim, Vickie,** Becky and Steve for all they do for Special Olympics. I truly appreciate all their help. Without their help I could not do what I do and we would not have a St. Paul Special Olympic group. Athletes please give a big hand of applause to all these **individuals!"** 

Maria, St. Paul echoes your sentiments and gives you and all of your volunteers an enthusiastic round of applause as well. The love and accomplishments that have been generated as a result of you and all the other volunteers helps make our Handi Ministry a shining light in the community!



Maria Sauter and Andrea Spensiero, who competed in the National Special Olympics in 2014.





Jim Puyda Vickie Anderson





Becky Moon

Steve Brower



Some of our Handicapable athletes

# GOOD NEWS



The final total raised by the Coins for Lent project was \$3,016!

Thank you to everyone who donated coins for the Youth Mission Trip and UMChildren's Home! Students Serve at Sabal Palms Last Sunday, April 17, our youth students served by visiting seniors and children at Sabal Palms. The students spent time with residents, playing

games and visiting, sharing music and leading worship. Thanks to our youth



leaders for their help and to the McMillans for cooking lunch!

Visit Facebook for more pictures:



Thank You, Coin Counters! Special thanks also go out to all our tireless coin counting volunteers, especially Mike and Marilyn Becker and Millie Price (pictured above) and Maggie Corrigan. Together they counted thousands of dollars worth of coins! We are so grateful to you and everyone who pitched in to count our coins!





#### Handi Reaches Out to the Community

For months, several Handicapable members have been following the example of Jesus by showering area shut-ins and handicapped children with the love of The Lord. On April 11 and April 12, Handicapable provided worship services for The Children's Center in Largo and the Sylvan Rehab in Clearwater. What a joy to witness and share the Good News! Pictured at left are Donny and Andrea



who helped with announcements and music at The Children's Center, and at right are Joannie, Tom, Amy, Rene and Rhonda who delivered magazines and spent time with the residents of Sylvan Rehab. We thank God for allowing us these opportunities to share the love of Jesus with our friends in the community!



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E-mail: church@stpaulumc.or Prayer: (727) 559-PRAY

