

May 8, 2016

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 on Mother's Day. As we lead into Pentecost our series is "Spirit." God has granted each of us access to an awesome source of power in the Holy Spirit. Are we tapping into this power?

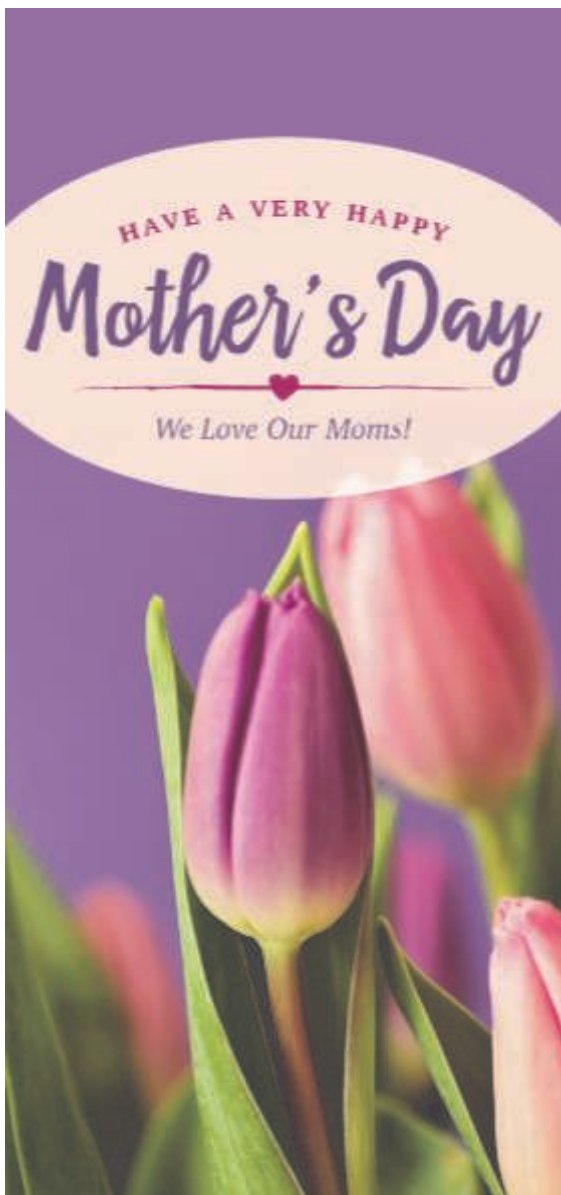
Take a look at this bulletin for information about other upcoming events and ways you can Grow in Faith and Give in Love. I invite you to visit our website at [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org), or stop by the Connection Center off the side of the sanctuary lobby if you would like to know more about 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!

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love





## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

### 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:

Aaron DeVries & family	Kenneth A. Kevin & Heather
Allison and Elise Hall	Kim Morris
All Travelers	Kristi Burslem
Amanda Swan	Libby
Audrey and Michelle Talbert	Lynn Jennings
Beth & Jade Pettey	Maria Hayes
Bety & Larry Smith	Marilyn Foster
Bob Hartel	Mark LaPolla
Brittany Smyrski	Marlene & Dwain Ammerman
Byron & Pam	Marsha Revel
Caritlynn Timberlake	Mary Moore
Carolyn Goodwin	Matt Kamm
Connie Auckmo	Mura
Dave	Neville Family
David & Nicole wedding	Patsy Halliburton
Donna Tope	Peter
Goodin Family	Piro Family
Greg & Meg Jackson	Rich Stemboroski
Jace Michael	Ron and Wanda Barker
Jackson	Ross Durant
Jane Edmondson	Samantha
Jane Huter	Sarah Schultz
Jared Closterman	Steve & Christine Brower
Jenny Walter	Steve Harvey
Jim Lucky	Teachers & Students
John Fady	Todd Smyzer
Joni Allen	Trevor
Josh DeLoach	Vicky Johns
Judy & Family	Warren and Cheryl
Julia & Jill Sassone	Wayne Boyd
Kamalinie & family	Zackary Kueker
Karen Herrill	
Kat Farhangi	
Kathy	
Kathy Martin	
Kayla & Tachia	

### Deaths

Please pray for the friends and families of

Harriet Fisher

Celia Barker

(Ron Barker's mother)

who recently passed on to life eternal.

Prelude		
Welcome	Pam Dubov, Certified Candidate for Deacon	
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies</i>	No. 173
	<i>Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah</i>	No. 127
Apostles' Creed		No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer		No. 895
Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Song	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	No. 393
Message	"Spirit: What Does God Want Me to Do?" Pastor Bob Martin Acts 16:5-10	
Directed Prayer		
Closing Hymn	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	No. 117
*Benediction		
*Postlude		
	*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.

Our website provider had a technical problem last week that prevented some people from watching our live stream broadcast. If you would like to watch last week's worship, you can view video of past messages on our website or download audio on iTunes.

### 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](http://www.stpaulumc.org)



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## 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. 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!



ABOUT  
60 MIN.



PASSIONATE  
MUSIC



NO  
PRESSURE

### 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](http://stpaulumc.org) and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.



### Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are given by:

- ♥ Marguerite Buchanan, in loving memory of her mother
- ♥ Jen and Jan Smith, in celebration of their 49th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

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](mailto: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.

### Upper Room

Looking for a copy of the Upper Room? We have copies of the current issue available in the Connection

## St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests or other needs and interests. Tear off and return in the offering plate, the basket by the center exit, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

Date: May 8, 2016 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Attendee              | <input type="checkbox"/> Member(s)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Resident               |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please update my information. |   |

I came today because:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I drove by             | <input type="checkbox"/> I visited the website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I've been here before  | <input type="checkbox"/> I received a mailing  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was invited by _____ |  |
| Other: _____                                    |  |

I want to join your e-mail list:

- |   |                                       |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Pastor's E-Note           | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> This Week at St. Paul Newsletter |                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Children     |
| Other: _____  |                                       |

Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!

How can we pray for you?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- |   |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> For Military Prayer List                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT publish in bulletin.                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Include on prayer chain.                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)

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I will attend:

- ☐ Discover St. Paul Lunch on May 15  
Learn more about St. Paul and its ministries, take a tour, and have lunch!

I would like to volunteer to help with:

- ☐ Martha Ministry  
I would like to help prepare meals for people going through life challenges.
- ☐ Homeless Feedings  
I can help drive the Open Arms truck for the weekly homeless feeding.
- ☐ Transportation Pool  
I can pick someone up on my way to church.

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

**Don't forget to fill out the other side!**

# 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. The next lunch is May 15 at noon.



## STARTING POINT CLASS

This four week class covers basics of our faith. For anyone who 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
  - ⇒ Finance
  - ⇒ Parenting
  - ⇒ 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.

Book of Acts—Led by Linda and Mark Van Putte. Room 204 of **Bldg C** (across the courtyard from the sanctuary).

#### 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 Saturdays 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.

### No GriefShare Meeting Today

Griefshare will not meet this Sunday, May 8, for Mother's Day. They will resume meeting on May 15 in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

### 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 room 101 (Carpenter's Room) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Please note the location change. The group helps families share experiences and support in a spiritually based setting. If you would like more information, contact Kathy Farhangi at [kathyfarhangi@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyfarhangi@yahoo.com) or 727-288-4912



### 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)

This Tuesday, May 10, JOY will move to 2:30 p.m. and host a special concert of the Largo High School Chamber Choir. See below for more information about the concert. If you have any questions, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyn at 584-8165 x233.



### Largo HS Chamber Choir

#### Concert May 10

Everyone is invited to a concert by **Largo High School's Chamber Choir** this Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. The choir is led by our Traditional Worship Leader, Kody Wallace, and will present a program of American spirituals. A love offering will be taken to help support the students through

the purchase of uniforms, folders, music, etc.



There is no IGNITE meeting tonight for Mother's Day. Adults ages 18-35 are invited to join IGNITE in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center next Sunday at 7 p.m. E-mail IGNITE leader, Felix Koutsourais at [c24go1@aol.com](mailto:c24go1@aol.com) for more information. Follow the IGNITE Facebook for more.

# GROW IN FAITH



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Methodist  
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FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

## Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, May 11 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 this Tuesday, May 10 at 6:45 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Meetings include refreshments, devotion, prayer, and a program.

## Rachel-Lydia

UMW Rachel-Lydia meets Thursday, May 12, at 10:30 AM, in Room 101 of the CLEC, the Carpenter's Room. The meeting includes a devotion, refreshments, Bible and Mission study, prayer, and more. The group also passes an envelope for its Dennis Memorial Fund Pediatric Medical Mission. The program this month is "Here's How Dennis Memorial Fund Amazes!" **Brenda Legge, Director of the Sabal Palms Children's Center in Largo, will share how much-needed medical equipment, recently purchased with donations from UMW Rachel-Lydia, has had a powerful impact on the residents' lives.**



## Source Groups

Source Groups are small groups of people who meet regularly to worship, study, pray, serve and more. These groups offer support, as well as the chance to build relationships and to Grow in Faith in a close-knit community of believers. If you would like to join a source group and walk with others in faith together, contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at [bobby.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:bobby.v@stpaulumc.org) or 583-8165 x233. You can also indicate your interest on the Connect Card in this bulletin.



## Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade

Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry  
Director, [alison.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:alison.v@stpaulumc.org)

## SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP

There is no Sunday Night Youth Group tonight.  
Happy Mother's Day!

Next week, students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Dinner is \$3. Students must pre-register 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.



## 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](mailto: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.**



SPUMCLighthouse



**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 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.  
Children's Ministry Center in Bldg C.

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

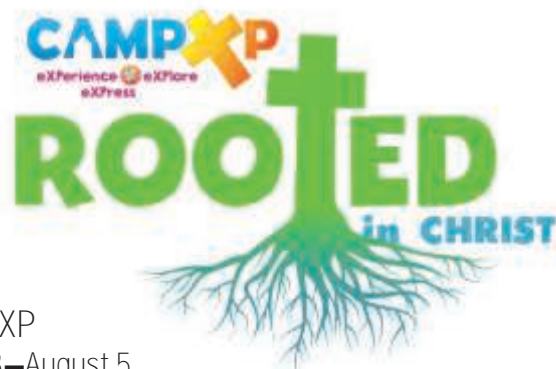


### May Sunday Series: Super Size Me

**When you focus on what you don't have, it can make you miserable.** In 1 Kings 21:1-19, 27, we find King Ahab whining about not getting something he wants. His wife, Queen Jezebel, took matters into her own hands and got Ahab that vineyard. For Ahab, even though he got what he wanted, it was ultimately a bad move for him. God gives us so much. When we focus on what we don't or even can't have, we can become angry and bitter at God for not giving us what we want. God has our best in mind. We should trust Him no matter what.



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 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](http://stpaulumc.org)  
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



## Drivers Wanted

What if you could no longer drive or had no reliable means of transportation? **Wouldn't you feel isolated and lonely?** You might have to miss worship on Sunday, JOY on Tuesday, or the mid-week Bible study. We receive requests from time to time asking for a ride to church for worship or ministry meetings. We would like to

create a pool of volunteers who would be willing to pick up folks on their way to church. If we can get a pool of people who are interested we can spread ride sharing out so that no one person would need to be committed each week.

If you are interested in reaching out in love to others **by participating in a "transportation pool," please call** the church office and ask for Mary or Julia, email [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org), or fill out the Connect Card on page 4 of this bulletin.

## SUN KISSED PRESCHOOL

### Help our Preschool

Below is a wish list of items that the preschool needs. Items with the highest priority are marked with an \*. If you can donate any of these items, drop them off at the preschool office during the week.

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| • *tissues                     | • stickers           | • hula hoops        |
| • *wipes                       | • paper plates       | • balls             |
| • *spoons                      | • coffee filters     | • band-aids         |
| • *play-doh                    | • construction paper | • masking tape      |
| • batteries (AA, AAA, D and C) | • freezer bags       | • duct tape         |
| • dish soap                    | • plastic bags       | • paper towel tubes |
| • hand soap                    | • craft items        | • ziplock bags      |
| • glue                         | • sand toys          |                     |
| • washable paint               | • bubbles            |                     |

## Fall Golf Tournament

We are excited to sponsor a Fall Golf Tournament this year in November. 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](mailto: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 cart on Sunday morning. Contact Horton Townes, Director of Handicapable Ministry at [horton.t@stpaulumc.org](mailto:horton.t@stpaulumc.org) for more information.



## Greeter Coordinator Needed

We are looking for a greeter coordinator for the 10:30 a.m. service. We have volunteers who are willing to greet; now we need someone who can schedule greeters and let them know about their assignments. If you have the gift of organization and you are interested in helping, contact Laurel Fortuna at 584-8165 x208 or [laurel.f@stpaulumc.org](mailto:laurel.f@stpaulumc.org).

## Fabric for Dorcas Sewing Circle

Do you have fabric you can donate to Dorcas Circle? They especially need cotton fabrics to make ditty bags, lap robes and walker bags. Fabric can be dropped off at the church office or in the blue shopping cart in the lobby on Sundays. Be sure to label your fabric donation "Dorcas Sewing."





## Coming this Week

### Sunday, May 8

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
<b>Lil' Kidz Nursery</b>	8:45 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
<b>Lil' Kidz Small Group</b>	9:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 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

### Monday, May 9

Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
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### Tuesday, May 10

<b>Sonrise Men's Study</b>	6:30 AM
Pack-A-Sack Meeting	9:00 AM
Largo Choir Concert	2:30 PM
Recovery by Faith	6:30 PM
UMW: Hannah	6:45 PM

### Wednesday, May 11

UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Pastor Bob's Study	6:30 PM
Starting Point	6:30 PM
Handicapable	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

### Thursday, May 12

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

### Friday, May 13

*Church Office Closed*

### Saturday, May 14

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
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Visit our website  
[www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org) for our full  
 calendar.

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E-mail [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) or call  
 the church office if you have an  
 event to schedule.



## John Powers Retirement Celebration

The District Superintendent of our Gulf Central District of the United Methodist Church is retiring. His retirement celebration will be held on Sunday, May 22. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Retirement Celebration

in Honor of The Reverend John Powers

Sunday, May 22, 2016 at 3:00 PM

Pasadena Community UMC  
 227 70th St S. St. Petersburg FL 33707

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by visiting [www.flumc.org/events](http://www.flumc.org/events), clicking the event link on the calendar and filling out the registration form.

## Handi Helps Provide Free Health Screenings

Last year the Handicapable Ministry partnered with Healthy Community Tampa, which is part of Special Olympics Florida, to offer about 50 people free health screenings. This year, we are planning to offer 250 screenings, including Healthy Hearting, Fit Feet, Special Smiles and Fun Fitness. All adults and children ages eight and up with an intellectual or physical ability are invited to come and get free screenings.



In addition to the important health screenings, it's going to be a fun afternoon with an appearance by Raymond, the Rays mascot at 11 a.m., a professional DJ, food, and educational sessions on various health topics.

If you know someone who qualifies, contact the Director of our Handicapable Ministry, Horton Townes at [horton.t@stpaulumc.org](mailto:horton.t@stpaulumc.org) or 727-584-8165 x206 to register them for their free screenings.



## Harriet Fisher Memorial Service

Saturday, May 14 at 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Park Funeral Home

on the corner of 54th Avenue North and 49th Street

# GOOD NEWS



## Handicapable Works with Area Churches

Saturday, April 23,  
Horton Townes,  
Director of the St. Paul Handicapable Ministry and his

wife, René, attended the One Roof Initiative Symposium at Idlewild Baptist Church in Tampa. St. Paul United Church was one of 30 churches represented at the Symposium that offered insight into working with developmentally disabled children, youth and adults in areas such as communication, positive behavior support, welcoming adaptive families to church and adapting curriculum.

Horton and René were able to talk with representatives from several area churches that are interested in launching their own adaptive ministry for adults and share how **our Handicapable Ministry is reaching out to God's Special People**, not only through our Handicapable family inside the church but also to shut-ins and handicapped children in the community.

## Preschool Hosts Play

Last month, Timeless Tales Theater visited our preschool and presented "The Boy Who Cried Wolf" to our students. Timeless Tales is a children's theater that puts on entertaining and educational shows based on fairy tales. Special activities like this, Soccer Shots, Water Days, and more are part of what make Son Kissed such a special place for kids! Thank you to all our Son Kissed teachers and staff for the wonderful job they do!



## Ministry Leaders Inspired at Conference

**Last Sunday Pastor Bob taught on the Holy Spirit's** role in helping us to pour into the next generation. He **mentioned St. Paul's commitment to partner with families** and help pass on an authentic faith to their children and students. As part of this effort, St. Paul sent our age level ministry team of Brittany Smyrski (Preschool Ministry Director), Kaitie Johnson (Children's Ministry Director), Alison Van Duyne (Student Ministry Director) and Bobby Van Duyne (Senior Director of Ministry) to the Orange Conference in Atlanta for continuing education and training. They had the privilege of learning from some of the top Next Generation leaders and thinkers about the latest research on childhood development and ways to share the gospel at every age level.

They were also continually reminded by the theme of the conference that **"Every Week Monday is Coming."** This theme is a challenge to understand the real life struggles that many children, students and families face when they leave our doors on Sunday and enter into the rest of the week. The team was inspired to reimagine how we minister to families and find new ways to support them throughout their challenging circumstances. The Ministry team left the conference invigorated, inspired and excited to apply what was learned at the conference to our ministries.

We invite you to be a part of our mission to pass on the faith to the next generation in our community by serving in our Children or Student Ministry teams. Please contact Bobby Van Duyne at 727-584-8165 x 233 or email [bobby.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:bobby.v@stpaulumc.org).



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