





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 worshipping with us this Sunday as we begin a new series on Parables. Parables are short stories that have a deeper meaning. Through parables Jesus sought to reveal the truth of the Kingdom of God and to teach us the meaning of life. Some of these stories are simple to understand, while others are more challenging. Over the next few weeks we will take a deeper look at what the parables of Jesus mean for our faith and our lives today.

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.

Thank you for being part of the Lord's work here at St. Paul. With God's help there is nothing we can't do!





TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

PreludeWe Are His PeopleAaron Cassette, AccompanistWelcomePastor Pam Dubov

Back to School Blessing

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Call to Worship

Leader: We give thanks for all children—for their playfulness, for their curiosity and for their joyfulness. As students go beyond the boundaries of home, God will guide them to find strong and true friendships.

People: We rejoice for those called to lead and to care for them. Grant, O God, that our children and the adults who minister to them might grow in your love.

Leader: We give thanks for all those who learn—children, youth, young adults and adults. Instill in them a desire to grow in wisdom and understanding

People: We thank you, O God our creator, for teaching us through your word and through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymns	Come, Christians Join to Sing	No. 158
-	Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast	No. 616
*Apostles' C	reed	No. 881

Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895

OffertoryCreate in Me a Clean Heart, O GodSanctuary Choir*DoxologyPraise God, From Whom...No. 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Directed Prayer Holy Communion

*Closing Hymn Abide With Me No. 395

*Benediction

*Postlude Sing Out Earth and Skies

*Please stand, if you are able.

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





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. You can also call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate prayer needs:

Do, Dave, Polly Chrissy, Doris, Chuck Bev, Jane, Jack Paul Jerry & family Barb, Paul, Lynn & Leslee Jamie, Ryan, Amy & Stan Our Military

Paul and Mom
Paul & Joanie
Anna Riley
Brad Jones
Josh DeLoach
Mike Ruchak
Libby and family
Peter

Rich and Mary Ann Clemow Julie LeClerc Miller Mark Naedel Julie & baby Lillyann Grace Jane Huter Josh Phyl Bailey

Chad
Claire and Caroline
Zimmerman
Mark LaPalla
Kat Farhangi
Jace Michael
Jessica
Maria Hayes
Christina
Ola Joseph
Trevor Birt
Loraine Portier

Tom & Glenda Neville

Mary Moore Samantha Shirley Shannal Susie Cabrera Kevin & Heather David & Nichole Megan, Greg & Jack-

Megan, Greg & Jac son Kathy Seitz Matthew Eckley Bobby Quinton Windell T. White Christyal Herrell Susannah's mom Penny Upp Dawn Green and

family
Michael K
Michael K., Jr.
Anna Morrice
Jim Lucky
Kenneth A.
Todd Smyzer
John Fady
Jackson
Steve Harvey
Kim Morris
Jenny Walter
Rich Stemboroski
Allison and Elise Hall
Audrey and Michelle

Talbert
Zackary Kueker
Carolyn Goodwin
Wayne Boyd
Bonnie Wismer
Praise for Healing

This Sunday's 9 AM Greeters:
BJ & Alan Suban
10:30 AM Greeters:
Kathy Seitz and Deb Byrnes

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 are serving Holy Communion. All are welcome at Christ's table. 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** and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.

Flowers

Today's flowers were given by:

 Marguerite Buchanan in loving memory of her mother, Linda West

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.

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of Pastor Reuben Carl Evenson (Josephine Nelson's brother) who recently passed on to life eternal:

Stay and Pray

If you are in need of prayer, we invite you to stay after either worship time and pray in the chapel. Members of our Prayer Team will pray with you if you would like a prayer partner.

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!

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	Being baptized
	Becoming a member
	Joining a Source Group
	Serving at the church
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	Greeting ☐ Ushering ☐ 9 AM ☐ 10:30 AM
	Rummage Sale Pick-Ups
	Martha Ministry—June/December Team
l wi	ill attend:
	GriefShare Support Group Starting Sept. 14 Cost of required class workbook: \$18
	Starting Point Class: Sept. 7
	Discover St. Paul Lunch: Aug. 21
	Marriage Enrichment Class: Sept. 7. Cost: \$20
	Half Truths Study: Sept 7. Cost: TBA
	Family Fun Night: Saturday, Sept 3 \$3/person or \$10/family Number Attending: Ages of Children:

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

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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

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 Discover St. Paul lunch is August 21.





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. The next Starting Point class begins September 7.

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

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.

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 in the Christian Life Enrichment Center for worship, study and fellowship. This Tuesday, August 9, Bobby Van Duyne will teach. If you have any guestions, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233.



August 21 at Noon | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall If you're new to St. Paul, thinking about joining, or just want to know more about us and our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith and Give in Love, we invite you to join us for an informal free lunch after worship on Sunday, August 21. We'll answer any questions you may have, give you a tour of the facilities, and introduce you to some of our staff. Planning to attend? E-mail church@stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin and let us know you're coming.

IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35

There is no IGNITE meeting tonight. IGNITE will resume next Sunday, August 14 at 7 p.m. in the IGNITE Room (202) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. E -mail IGNITE leader, Felix Koutsourais c24go1@aol.com for more information.



UMW: Rachel-Lydia

The United Methodist Women's Rachel -Lydia group meets at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, August 11, 2016, in the Carpenter's Room 101, of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. The monthly meeting will encourage and share strong UMW ministries, including a devotional, Bible comment, UMW Response Magazine, special prayers, and fall extension of the Dennis Fund Memorial Pediatric Mission. Our program this month is on "Members: How We Share God's Gifts and Talents." Refreshments will be served. New faces are welcome!



Grief Share Support Group

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. starting September 14

Required Workbook: \$18

GriefShare is a weekly grief support group that will meet in the Ignite Room (202) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center starting September 14. The group is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has suffered the death of a loved one, and offers an opportunity to share the journey through grief with others who understand how you feel. All of the group leaders have suffered a loss of their own and have been where you are now. Weekly meetings include informational videos from grief recovery experts, small group discussion and support, and a workbook with personal study exercises and more. The cost of the workbook is \$18. The group will last 13 weeks, and you do not have to attend every week, just come when you can. This group is open to the public, so if you know of anyone who is dealing with grief, please pass on the group information to them.

If you plan to attend, please register by September 8 so we can make sure we have enough books for everyone. You can call the church office at 727-584-8165 to register, or fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin. Childcare is provided. Let us know the age of your child when you register.

Year-to-Date Financial Update From Executive Director of Church Administration

JUNE	2016	2015	2014
Income	\$670,737	\$638,693	\$636,004
Expenses	\$703,958	\$749,975	\$672,469
Net	(\$33,221)	(\$111,082)	(\$36,465)

I have good news! We have had five months of strong income, which allowed us to operate in the black through May. We now enter the summer months where historically church income trends lower due to people travelling. As income lowers, expenses over the summer generally rise to support the many student and children's ministries such as summer camp and Vacation Bible School, so we close the books for June with our expenses exceeding our income by \$33,221. This means we are currently running a deficit. Even with this fluctuation, you can see from the chart above that we are ahead of our prior three years.

Another piece of good news is that the investment our Board of Trustees made installing new windows, HVAC systems and roofs is paying dividends in our electric costs. We continue to see savings in the operations of our facilities.

Let me thank every one of you for your continued support of the mission and ministry of St. Paul UMC! Please take time to review your recently received giving statement. If you find you need to catch up on your pledge or offering due to summer travel you may do so at any time. Let us all thank God for the dynamic summer of ministry we have experienced and look forward to the coming fall!

Blessings, Arch Johnston Executive Director of Church Administration



Student Ministry

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

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP



TONIGHT Back to Hogwarts Bash 5:30 - 8 PM. \$5

Tonight students will meet in the Hogwarts satellite campus (the Christian Life Enrichment Center) for a special banquet in the "Great Hall" and lots Harry Potter themed fun including frozen butterbeer, games and more.

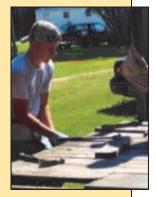
Be sure to check the back page or visit the Student Ministry facebook for pictures and details from last month's student mission trip!













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: Preschool & K-5 Kids ages 3-5 and K-5th grade are invited to join us in the Children's Ministry Center in Bldg C at both 9 and 10:30 a.m. for Children's Worship and age-appropriate lessons.

August's Sunday Lesson Series Weird Science



THIS WEEK

Bottom Line: I should trust and obey even when I think my way is better.

We kick off the month at the beginning of the Bible with Adam and Eve in the magnificent paradise God created for them. Yet, as we discover in Genesis 3:1-24, Adam and Eve decided that they would rather make up their own rules than follow God's. Rather than trusting God's plan, they trusted their own. The consequences they faced changed history.

"Trust in your leaders. Put yourselves under their authority. Do this, because they keep watch over you." Hebrews 13:17a, NIrV





Fill out the connect card on page 4 to preregister now for a fun night for the whole family! Our Finding dory themed night will include dinner, lots of games and activities, a devotion, and more.

Cost: \$3/person or a maximum of \$10/family





Help on Sunday Mornings

- Worship Arts Technical Crew—We have some outstanding volunteers on our Techical Crew, but we are still trying to build a larger team to help behind the scenes during worship. We especially need helpers at 9 a.m. We have jobs for all ages and physical abilities, from running the lyrics on the screen and other behind the scenes jobs. You do not need any technical knowledge or special skills to help out, we will train you!
- Greeters and Ushers—Each Sunday our ushers and greeters are some of the first faces people see as they come to worship. We need friendly people to welcome folks as greeters, and to take part in worship as ushers at both worship times.

If you can help in any of these ways one or two Sundays a month, please fill out and turn in a Connect Card or contact our Senior Director of Worship, Laurel Fortuna 584-8165 x216 or email her at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.



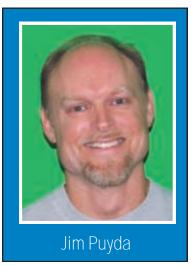
United Methodist Women Rummage Sale

If you have furniture or gently used household items you'd like to donate to the March 2017 Rummage Sale, we are now accepting donations. You can drop items off in the trailer on the north side of the Open Arms building on the second Saturday of each month between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please wrap all glass items and pack them in a box.

Furniture pick-ups will begin in December. We do not have anyone to help us pick up furniture right now, which is why we're making the trailer available for drop offs. If there are any strong individuals who are able to help make pick-ups, please let us know by filling out the Connect Card in this bulletin. If you have any questions, you may contact Rita Fowler at 585-0273.

SPOTLIGHT

For over 15 years, Jim Puyda has been a member of and volunteer for the St. Paul Handicapable Ministry. Jim arrives early for the Wednesday worship services and helps in so many ways throughout the evening. A few of our students come early around 6 p.m. to play basketball in the gym, and he is always there to help them with



their shooting. Once basketball is over, Jim goes up to our computer lab, where he assists Beverly, Kathy, Libby, Allen and other volunteers who help make our computer time fun and an excellent learning experience.

Jim has also been actively involved as a coach for our Handi Special Olympians in track and field events and bowling. All of our Handi family members especially love it when Jim uses creative video special effects on his Special Olympics DVDs.

A couple of weeks ago when Handicapable had special guests from Van Dyke Church in Tampa, Jim gave our guests a tour of our basketball gym, computer lab and explained in detail what our Wednesday evenings at Handi are like. Jim always represents the ministry well! He is one of God's Special People who is so skilled in making others feel welcomed at our events. Jim, we love you with the Love of the Lord and count our blessings that you are such a faithful part of all we do with Handicapable!

Coming this Week

Sunday, August 7

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Stay & Pray	10:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Stay & Pray	11:30 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth	5:30 PM

Monday, August 8

Boy Scouts 7:00 PM

Tuesday, August 9

Sonrise Men's Study
JOY (Just Older Youth)
UMW: Hannah
6:30 AM
6:30 AM
6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 10

UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, August 11

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

Friday, August 12

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 13

Basketball 8:15 AM

Due to space not all events are listed here. Visit our website www.stpaulumc.org for our full calendar.

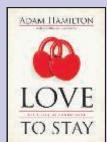
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Join us on Wednesday Nights This Fall

In September we have studies and activities planned for all age groups on Wednesday nights starting September 7. Join us in the Mariposa Café at 6 p.m. for fellowship and snacks, then at 6:30 p.m. make your way to one of the classes or groups below.

Marriage Enrichment Class: "Love to Stay" Community Room (201)

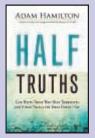
What is it that makes a marriage last? From the moment you say, "I do," marriage involves many different dynamics that can be challenging, yet also rewarding. Pastor Bob and his wife Patti will lead a marriage enrichment class using the study authored by Adam Hamilton, "Love to Stay." Each week will offer an opportunity for couples to dig



deeper and find the abiding truth that will help marriage last forever. Seating is limited so it's important to sign up if you plan to be part of this wonderful study. You can fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin or call the church office at 727-584-8165. Cost is \$20, which includes a book.

Starting Point - Mariposa Café

This four week class is open to anyone who is new to the church or is coming back to the church after time away. It covers who we are as Methodists, basics of our faith and a spiritual gifts assessment.



Half Truths Study

This Adam Hamilton study examines common Christian clichés and phrases like "God helps those who help themselves" and "God won't give you more than you can handle" and compares them to the message and ministry of Jesus. The study deepens our understanding of God, our relationship with our Creator, and our relationships with each other. Cost TBA.

Grief Share - Ignite Room (202) See page 5 for more about this grief support group.

Worship Arts for Children - Arts and Crafts Room (243)

Kids are invited to join us for music, worship activities and more. Kids will also have the opportunity to share the songs they've learned during worship on special Sundays like Mother's Day.

Student Ministry Bible Study - Youth Room

Students are invited to a weekly Bible study as they take time to get into God's Word each Wednesday.

Handicapable Ministry

Each week Handicapable hosts their Wednesday worship at 6:15 p.m. in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Anyone is welcome to attend!

Good News

Student Mission Trip

Twenty-two of our students and five adult leaders served in Tuskegeewith the Alabama Rural Ministry (ARM) from July 16-22. The theme of the week was "Simplicity" and the students lived this out as they served. They stayed at a church with spotty air conditioning. With the heat index sometimes hitting 116, the nights in the bunk rooms were hot. The students and leaders showered outdoors in a trailer. They all took turns making meals, doing clean up, leading devotions and other jobs that rotated all week.

Our students divided into groups, two of which worked on home repairs, and one of which provided day camp for underprivileged kids. Many of our students had never painted, scraped, or used tools prior to the trip, so it was quite a learning experience. The first home repair group did a kitchen renovation on a flood damaged trailer. They pulled up damaged flooring and put in new floors, as well as cabinets, shelving, and a new oven donated by the St. Paul team. The second home repair team helped restore running water to a woman's home. Her pipes burst in early 2015 and she'd been living without running water since then. They also took down her rickety deck and replaced it with a sturdy one. Students sealed wood, used power tools, helped weatherproof her roof, and dug holes for the new deck. A huge thank you to Mark Miller, Kelly Goehl, Joel and Sharon Johnson, and Alison Van Duyne, our adult leaders. They were crucial to making this trip to happen!

The rest of our students led the Alabama Rural Ministry's free day camp, which is provided by different church volunteer groups throughout the summer. Our day camp provided worship, arts and crafts, snacks and recreation. Students used the story of Ruth to teach the kids to accept others who are different, and built relationships with the children, many from single-parent homes and many who were impoverished.

It was hard work and an eye opening experience for many of the students, just two of which had been on a mission trip prior to this. Everyone who attended the trip was blessed beyond measure by the relationships built with the families we served and with the different church groups that were there with us. For many of the students this trip was possible because of your donations through the Coins for Lent and the Mission Envelopes projects. Because of you, we were able to cut the students' costs in half from \$300 to \$150. We are so grateful to everyone who took part in this mission trip through giving and prayer! We look forward to serving again next summer!

 $\label{thm:constraints} \mbox{Visit Facebook for lots more pictures: SPUMCLighthouse}$





Praying during devotions





Our crew with homeowner in the kitchen they renovated. Some of the homeowners also joined students for dinner.





Students led free day camp







Students built a new deck and helped restore running water.

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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