



October 16, 2016

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Welcome to St. Paul United Methodist Church! Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time attendee, I'm glad you're worshipping with us today! We have a new study starting this Wednesday night called **Losing Your Religion**. This is an Andy Stanley study that I think many of you would find very interesting. It compares many of the world religions with Christianity and demonstrates some commonalities, as well as what makes Christianity different and how it is the fulfillment of what humans have been searching for through religions throughout time.

Take a look through this bulletin for other ways you can get involved in our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, and Give in Love. I also invite you to visit our website at stpaulmc.org or stop by the Connection Center at the side of the sanctuary lobby if you'd like to speak to anyone about St. Paul 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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Martin".

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love



New Wednesday Night Study
Join us in the Mariposa Café starting this Wednesday night for a four week study called "Losing Your Religion" by Andy Stanley. See page 5 for more.

GLORIFY GOD

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

- Prelude *Swallows in Flight* Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
 Welcome Pastor Bob Martin
 *Greet *Oh How He Loves You And Me*
 *Call to Worship
 Leader: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.
 People: Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths. Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are our Savior, and our hope is in you all day long.
 Leader: All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.
 People: Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of our youth or our rebellious ways; forgive our iniquity though it is great.
 *Hymns *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* No. 133
God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us No. 100
 *Apostles' Creed No. 881
 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
 Offertory *Without Him* Sanctuary Choir
 *Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving
 *Transitional Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 117
 Message "Heroes: Peter" Pastor Pam Dubov
 Matthew 26:69-75 and Acts 4:8-13
 Directed Prayer
 *Closing Hymn *I Surrender All* No. 354
 *Benediction
 *Postlude *Alive in Christ Jesus*

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know.

Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

This Sunday's 9 AM Greeters: Jean Arms & Kay Hisey

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 SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo

Making a Prayer Request

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:

"For Haiti with Love" mission group	John C. John Fady
"Happy" Rideout	Josh DeLoach
Agnes Davis	Julie and Lillyann
All affected by Hurricane & flooding	Kami and Karaline
Allison and Elise Hall	Karen Goodin
Amanda	Kat Farhangi
Amy, Fred, Stan & Mel	Kenneth A. Kim Morris
Audrey and Michelle Talbert	Kristi Burslem
Bill & MaryIn Neville	Kristina Whited
Bill and Michele	Lee, Lynn
Bishop family	Leslee & family
Bob Hartel	Loraine Portier
Bob Larch	Lori, Andy, David,
Bobby Quinton	Joann & Leslie
Bonnie Wismer	Mackey
Brad Jones	Marjorie
Caitlynn Timberlake	Mark LaPolla
Carmen Perez	Mary Barrett
Carolyn Goodwin	Mary Jane
Christyal Herrell	Mary Moore
Cliff Armbruster	May Wainwright
Darrell Filip	Megan, Jake,
Dave Weitzel	Dominic & Charlotte
Dave Weitzel	Meghann Timberlake
Do, Dave, Polly	Melinda and Brandi
Don Naja	Mike & family
Doris, Jamie, Barb & Jack	Nita Lyon
Evelyn Sukosd	Paul and Mona
Faith Bishop	Praise God
Family	Rich Stemboroski
For a son with medical problems	Rita
For daughter Sherry to find job	Samantha
Dottie; home with Hospice	Sherl & Ed
Gilbert Quinn	Shirley
Glenda Neville	Starnes Walker
Jace Michael	Steve Harvey
Jackson	Tammy B.
Jane Huter	Thomas and Suzanne Peach
Jane, Jeff	Tina H.
Janet Golbois	Todd Smyzer
Jenny Walter	Trevor Birt
Jim Lucky	Troy Hartel
Job for Daughter	Wanda & Ron Barker
	Wayne Boyd
	Wendy, Tom, Aiden
	Whitney Smith
	Windell White
	Zackary Kueker

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
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NO
PRESSURE

Online Giving

One way to prioritize your giving is to set up recurring contributions online. It's convenient and easy to set up on our website! You can also use our online giving page to make one time gifts or additional gifts, and pay for things like worship flowers, class study materials and more. Visit our website, stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.



Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers were given by:

- ♥ Paula Scott in loving memory of her husband, C.R. Scott
- ♥ Dennis and Jane Willis in celebration of their 3rd wedding anniversary
- ♥ Happy Birthday, Judy Willey, from husband, Ron

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 donated to hospitals and the homebound, or picked up after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday or at the church office during the week.



Memorial for Ruth Luchesi
Monday, October 17 at 10 a.m. in the
St. Paul UMC Chapel

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

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

Date: October 16, 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:

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|---|--|
| <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?

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|---|
| <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.)

I would like to volunteer to help with:

- 10:30 AM Ushers
- 10:30 AM Communion Stewards
- Stephen Ministry
- Homeless Feeding: One Sunday per month
- Golf Tournament on Nov. 5
- Martha Ministry
 - Jan/July
 - May/August

I plan to attend:

- Losing Your Religion—Weds at 6:30 PM

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. Join us for Discover St. Paul today 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

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

Room 202 in **Bldg C** (Children's building)

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 **CLEC**

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday in the Christian Life Enrichment Center for worship, study and fellowship. This Tuesday, October 18, Pastor Bob will teach. Bring a lunch and eat together. The church provides drinks. For information contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233.



New Wednesday Night Study Starts This Week: Losing Your Religion

Join us in the Mariposa Café this Wednesday as we start a new four week study: **Losing Your Religion** by Andy Stanley. Since the beginning of time, people have established elaborate rituals and traditions in an attempt to bridge the gap between the seen and the unseen, to understand and appeal to the divine. This study compares Christianity with other world religions, talks about how faith and religion can sometimes be at odds, and explains how the message of Christ serves as the fulfillment of religion. Meet in the Mariposa Café at 6 p.m. for refreshments and time together. Study starts at 6:30 p.m.

Church Conference

Wednesday, October 26 | 7:45 PM | Sanctuary
Join us on October 26 for our Church Conference! This will be a time to celebrate our ministries and elect leaders as recommended by the Nominations and Lay Leadership Team. All active members of St. Paul are encouraged to attend. Childcare will be available.



Share Your Story

If you have a story about what St. Paul has meant to you, ways this church has touched you and your family, or ways you have seen the church making a difference in the community, we want to hear from you. Contact us on facebook or send an e-mail to church@stpaulumc.org. We want to celebrate all that St. Paul is doing and share your stories!



Discover St. Paul Lunch This Sunday

Noon | Christian Life Enrichment Center

If you're new to St. Paul, thinking about joining, or 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 the 10:30 a.m. worship. We'll answer any questions you may have, give you a tour of the facilities, and introduce you to some of our staff! Meet in the Connection Center after the 10:30 a.m. worship and a group of us will walk over to the Christian Life Enrichment Center together.



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.



Worship Arts on Wednesdays

Children in K-5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesday nights. Each week kids will have the opportunity to sing, and worship God in creative ways. Kids are currently working on a Thanksgiving song.

Drop off begins at 6 p.m. in the Mariposa Café (Christian Life Enrichment Center). We'll have snacks and then move to Room 201 (Community Room) of the CLEC. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in Room 201.



Student Ministry

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



SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP



TODAY: Chain Reaction

Bottom Line: Fight for forgiveness for your family. Sometimes the reasons for conflict are good, and sometimes they're just plain ridiculous. But while we can't always control what causes the conflict, we can control the way we respond to it. As we look at the way God responded to conflict with those closest to Him, we see that His move is the best one we can make for not only families, but ourselves as well.

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 Weds. before by filling out the online form on stpaulumc.org. 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 p.m.



NEXT SUNDAY: Fall Fest

Students are invited to join us in the yard next to the pumpkin patch for hot dogs and chips, roasting marshmallows, a hayride, games, a costume contest, and pumpkin carving contest. Cost is \$3.

Wednesday Nights

6-7:30 p.m. | Youth Room
Students are invited to a Wednesday Bible study to get into God's Word. Students will hang out, play in the gym and have a Bible study in the Youth Room. Snacks provided.





IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35



Join IGNITE tonight at 7 p.m. in the IGNITE Room (202) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Next Sunday, October 23, IGNITE is planning to have a movie night and see "I'm Not Ashamed." E-mail IGNITE leader, Felix Koutsourais at c24go1@aol.com for more.

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CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC

GOLF TOURNAMENT: NOV 5

On Saturday, November 5, we are hosting a golf tournament at the Bardmoor Golf and Tennis Club! The tournament is a best ball scramble format with prizes for both men and women. There are lots of ways to get involved:

Put Together a Foursome and Play Golf

Golf, cart and lunch is \$100 per player. You can pick up a registration form for foursomes in the sanctuary lobby today, or the church office during the week.

Hole Sponsors

Hole sponsorship is \$100 and includes a sign on the course and a listing in the event brochure. Businesses, families, or individuals can sponsor a hole. We have letters at the church office and in the Connection Center that you can use to approach a business or individual that might be interested in sponsoring, as well as sponsor sign-up forms.

Help the Day of the Tournament

We'll need help signing people in, directing people through the course and more. Sign up on the Connect Card!



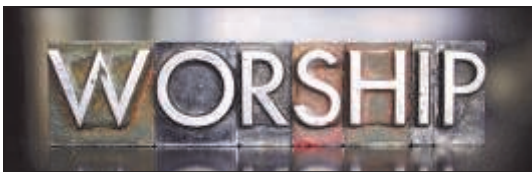
GIVE IN LOVE

Candy Donations Needed

The Spooktacular is a City of Largo event where our Pre-school and Children's Ministry are able to introduce our ministries to new families. The booth is free, but we have to provide the candy. We still need more candy to meet the requirements, so if you can donate, please drop off bags of individually wrapped candy in the blue shopping cart on Sunday or at the church office during the week. **The last day to donate is October 27.** Any type of individually wrapped candies are welcome.



So many are suffering because of Hurricane Matthew and we want to respond as a church with aid to those in need. The Florida Conference is not ready to receive flood buckets yet, so we are focusing on monetary donations right now. We are accepting special donations for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) so we can join with all United Methodist churches to provide relief to storm victims both nationally here in the USA and internationally in harder hit areas such as Haiti.



Help on Sunday Mornings

Looking for a way to get

involved but not sure where to start? If you are here Sunday morning why not get plugged in to helping make worship happen? We are looking for ushers and communion servers at 10:30. Ushers hand out bulletins, help people to their seats, collect the offering, answer questions and represent the joy of St. Paul UMC. Communion servers come forward at communion time and distribute the elements to the congregation. Instructions for all positions is provided. No experience is necessary. If you are willing to be part of the team on a rotational basis contact Laurel Fortuna, Senior Director of Music & Worship Arts at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org or call 584-8165 ext. 208 or fill out the Connect Card.



If you would like to give toward disaster relief, please make your check out to St Paul with a designation in the memo section for UMCOR relief and whether you would like your donation to be used to aid those in the USA or Internationally. Use one of the designations below so we can make sure your donation is going where you want to give:

Homeless Feeding Ministry

We have lots of cooks, but are in need of volunteer servers who will serve the homeless one weekend a month from 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Tasks involve lifting large pans of food, visiting with our guests and helping to clean up. If you can help, please fill out the Connect Card on page 4.



- Write "UMCOR USA" in the memo line: If you would like your donation to help those affected by Hurricane Matthew in the U.S.
- Write UMCOR INTERNATIONAL in the memo line: If you would like your donation to help those affected by Hurricane Matthew outside the U.S. (Haiti, Bahamas, etc.)

Nursery Volunteers

We need nursery volunteers to help take care of the younger children during Sunday worship. If you're interested, contact our Children's Ministry Director, Kaitie Johnson at 727-584-8165 x238 or kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org for more information about the requirements of being involved in our Children's Ministry.

You can also give online at www.stpaulumc.org, just be sure to select one of the UMCOR options on our Giving page.



Coming this Week

Sunday, October 16

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Half Truths Study	9:15 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
Discover St. Paul	12:00 PM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Group	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, October 17

Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM
Girl Scouts	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
Luchesi Memorial	10:00 AM

Tuesday, October 18

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM

Wednesday, October 19

Students' Amplify	6:00 PM
Children's Worship Arts	6:00 PM
GriefShare	6:00 PM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Fellowship Time	6:00 PM
Love to Stay	6:30 PM
Losing Your Religion	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, October 20

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Handbells Rehearsal	5:30 PM
Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Friday, October 21

Church Office Closed

Patch Bash	6:00 PM
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Saturday, October 22

Basketball	8:15 AM
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Due to space not all events are listed here. Visit www.stpaulumc.org

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Arts and Crafts Show Volunteers

The annual Arts and Crafts show, which supports the ministries of the United Methodist Women in our community and at St. Paul, could never happen without many volunteers. This year's volunteers helped set up the Christian Life Enrichment Center and helped vendors load and unload their crafts. They also took registrations, welcomed people and helped them find their way around, helped vendors on the day of the show, served lunch in the Mariposa Café, did door prize drawings and announcements, and more. We are so grateful for everyone who worked so hard to make this year's show a success! For more pictures visit our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo



Son Kissed Preschool invites your family to join us this Friday, October 21 in the pumpkin patch for the Patch Bash. Come and play games, do crafts, eat snacks, take pictures and have a lot of fun together.

GOOD NEWS



Arts and Crafts Show is a Huge Success

The 21st annual Homespun by Hearts and Hands Arts and Craft Show was a huge success with 94 vendors taking

part in the show and over 1,300 people in attendance. Many accolades were received from the vendors for all the extra help they received loading and unloading, and all the help and assistance they received from our volunteers.

The United Methodist Women want to thank all our volunteers for the wonderful job they did. They were a big part of the event's success and helped to make the day run smoothly. We also appreciate everyone who attended and bought hand-crafted gifts. Proceeds of this event support the ministries of the United Methodist Women, which include Open Arms and other missions and outreach in our community. Thank you everyone for supporting these ministries!

Check page 9 for more on our volunteers, or visit our Facebook for more pictures of the event: StPaulUMCLargo



Line to enter the show.



Handicapable Ministry at their booth



Thanks Pumpkin Patch Volunteers

Our pumpkin patch faced some challenges this year as the unloading was delayed by the weather, but a dedicated group of volunteers and students came out on Saturday morning and unloaded the truck. Huge thanks to everyone who helped to do the heavy lifting! We also appreciate everyone who has signed up to fill shifts at the patch. The patch is open every day so come pick out a pumpkin!

**HANIDCAPABLE
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WORSHIP**
CELEBRATE GOD'S GOODNESS
**WEDNESDAY
NOV. 16 - 6:30 P.M.**
LUANNE WILLEY FELLOWSHIP HALL
JOIN US FOR JOYFUL MUSIC
AND WORSHIP LED BY THE
MEMBERS OF OUR
HANDICAPABLE MINISTRY.

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



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