





November 13, 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 worshiping with us today! We're in the middle of a series called "What If..." that is inviting us to think about the possibilities for our ministries and the future of St. Paul as we look toward accomplishing our strategic initiatives and living into our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith and Give in Love. We do great things for the Lord here, but "what if" we did more? What kind of impact would we have if we took on these "what ifs" that push us even farther in our service of the Lord? Next Sunday we will dedicate our pledge cards during worship. These pledges help us determine what we can accomplish through our ministries. I hope everyone who calls St. Paul home will participate by committing to give something. Every gift matters!

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

Wash F2-Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God • Grow in Faith • Give in Love



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Velocity of Love Aaron Cassette, Accompanist Welcome Pastor Bob Martin

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship today because we love you, and we want to love you more.

People: We come to worship needing love in our lives: love for family, friends, strangers, enemies, and our neighbors.

Leader: In this time of worship, touch our hearts, fill our hearts, open our hearts.

People: Let us be open to your love which passes all understanding. Amen.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty *Hymns No. 64 Rise Up. O Men of God No. 576

Salute to the Armed Forces

Apostle's Creed No. 881 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offertory 'Tis the Church Triumphant Singing Sanctuary Choir *Doxology Praise God, From Whom... No. 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Transitional Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be No. 399 "What If... You Give in Love?" Message Pastor Pam Dubov 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Directed Prayer *Benediction

*Postlude Come to the Lord

> *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: BJ & Alan Suban

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

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop at the Connection Center or in the offering plate. You can call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

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

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David, Nicole and baby Seitz Dawyn Bradley Donna Stevens sister Elaine DeYoung's son

For those serving in the military Frank & Sandy Pelusio

Gilbert Quinn Goodin Family Greg, Meg, Jackson and baby Seitz Hazel Austin **Huff Family**

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Jerry Stewart Jessica Jim Lucky John Arms John C. John Fady John Guss Joni Roeder Joseph

Kenneth A.

Julia Jones & family Julie and Lillyann Karen Goodin Kat Farhangi Kathy Ludwick

Kathy Seitz

Val Barg Wayne Boyd Windell T. White Kevin, Heather, Malachi Zackary Kueker

Seitz Kim Morris Kit Johnston Kris, Stan Kristi Burslem Lee Smith Lesley Nelson Libby Burke

Linda Loraine Portier Margie Stillwell Marguerite Buchanan Marilyn Moore's family Marilyn, Bill, Charlie Mark LaPolla

Maureen Mary Moore Matt

Maura Slingo Maureen Peterson Meghann Timberlake Mel Lynn, Doris, Jamie Mike & family

Mike Bradley Morris Family Neville Family Our country Pat Baker Paul Howell Peter H. Ralph Moon Randy Bell

Ray Rich Stemboroski

Rita

Robert Martin

Robin Ron Kaufmann, Sr. Samantha Sharon Beasey

Sharon Hensley Shirley Shirley Allen Shirley Hamrick Steve & Cindy B. Steve Brower Steve Harvey

Tammy B. Todd Smyzer Tom-Glenda Neville Travis & Jess Ward Trevor Birt

Sue Johnston's sister

Troy Hartel



Making a 2017 Commitment

As we are asking ourselves "What If..." this month,

think about how you personally can be part of our ministries and the life of St. Paul in the coming year. Your annual pledge helps us forecast the level of financial support we will receive and plan our ministry budget. Your pledges and contributions are how we can make the "what ifs" that we've been talking about a reality as we continue, and expand, our work for the Lord.

Please prayerfully consider what you will give back to God and how you will support St. Paul's ministries and mission in 2017. Pledge cards are also available in the pews and in the Connection Center or at the church office. Online pledges can also be made on our website www.stpaulumc.org. We will collect and bless the commitment cards during worship next Sunday, November 20.

Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers were given by:

▼ Joann Koth in honor of the 91st birthday of husband, Don Koth

Our apologies to the family of Shawn Florita Anderson. Last week's flower inscription should have read: Dale and Florita Anderson in loving memory of their daughter, Shawn Florita Keough on her 45th birthday and in celebration of their other daughter, Billie Sitareh Lewis for her 43rd birthday on November 9

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

Use box on top right to chat.

Chat With Us on Live Stream!

the church office during

the week.

The next time you're joining us for worship online, try out the new chat feature on the right

of the screen. You can greet others during our greeting time, comment during worship, or share your prayer requests. It's a great way to interact with others who are worshipping online with you!

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!

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	Homeless Feeding: One Sunday per month	
	Open Arms Thanksgiving - Nov. 21	
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	Surviving the Holidays - Dec. 4	
	Cost of Survival Guide Booklet—\$5	
	Discover St. Paul-Nov. 20	
	Because of Bethlehem Study-Nov. 30	

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. Our next lunch is next Sunday, Nov. 20 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
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 - ⇒ Caretaking
- Topical and seasonal Bible studies and

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG

for more information about our ministries.

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Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Room 202 in **Bldg C** (Children's building). Currently studying Adam Hamilton's "Half Truths."

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C

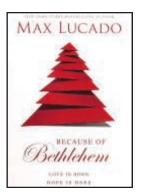
Crusaders - Conference Room 1 in Bldg B

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 for worship, study and fellowship. This Tuesday, November 15, Patsy McLaughlin Bauer will teach. Bring a lunch and eat together. Beverages are provided by the church. For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233 or bobby.v@stpaulumc.org



Advent Study: Because of Bethlehem

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 30 - Dec. 21

Mariposa Cafe (CLEC) | Cost: Free
This year Pastor Bob will lead a
Wednesday night Advent study
written by Max Lucado, "Because
of Bethlehem." It's easy to get
caught up in the secular excitement of Christmas, but this study

brings us back to the real reason for the season. Christmas begins what Easter celebrates. The child in the cradle became the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a Savior in heaven. This is the heart shaping promise of Christmas. Long after the guests have left and the carolers have gone home and the lights have come down, God's promises endure.

The class begins November 30 and runs through Dec. 21. Come at 6 p.m. for desserts, beverages and fellowship. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, let us know by marking your Connect Card. There is no book needed or cost to attend.



IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35

Our IGNITE group for adults ages 18-35 meets on Sundays at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Join them for study, discussion, social times and service. Contact IGNITE leader, Felix Koutsourais at c24go1@aol.com for more information. You can also visit their facebook for updates.

SURVIVING HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 4 | 2 to 4 p.m. | Room 201 (CLEC) When you're grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our Surviving the Holidays seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

Join us for this encouraging seminar. Refreshments and childcare provided. Cost of the Survival Guide booklet is \$5. It includes over 30 daily devotions with insights from GriefShare experts, powerful Scriptures and prayers, as well as tips to manage the holiday season during this difficult time.

If you plan to attend, register by calling the church office at 584-8165 or filling out the Connect Card.





Candlelight Christmas Tickets are On Sale Join us on December 2 for this year's Candlelight Christmas dinner. This year we have a live nativity beginning at 6:10 pm in the lobby of the Christian Life Enrichment Center and caroling before dinner. Doors to the fellowship hall open at 6:30 p.m. Our program will be performed by the Largo High School Madrigal Singers, directed by our own Traditional Worship Leader, Kody Wallace.

Tickets are now on sale in the courtyard between services on Sundays. They will also be sold in the church office on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday from 10 a.m. to Noon. If you would like to decorate and/or hostess a table please visit the ticket table on Sunday to sign up and get pertinent information. Table assignments are first come, first served. Dishes from the church will be available for \$5 so hostesses only need to bring centerpieces/silverware.

Listen to Past Messages on iTunes

Our past messages are available on iTunes! Download the messages you missed, or the ones you want to hear again and listen anywhere you listen to music! Visit stpaulumc.org and click the podcast link, or go to the iTunes store and search for St. Paul UMC.





Discover St. Paul Lunch Next Sunday, Nov. 20 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 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, November 20. We'll answer any questions you may have, give you a tour of the facilities, and introduce you to some of our staff! If you plan to attend, send us an e-mail at church@stpaulumc.org by November 17 or fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin. Meet at the Connection Center after worship next Sunday and we'll walk over to the CLEC together.



Join us in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall this Wednesday, November 16 at 6:30 p.m. for a worship led by our Handicapable Ministry. We will celebrate the 20th year of the Handicapable Ministry with a video showing the growth of the ministry over the years and enjoy special music provided by children from our Worship Arts class and one of our worship leaders



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.

This Wednesday: Thanksgiving Worship
The children from our Worship Arts class will perform
during the Handicapable Thanksgiving Worship this
week. Kids should be here by 6 p.m. and wear nice
clothes. Drop off is in the normal room 201
(Community Room). After performing the kids will play
a game in the gym. Pick-up in the gym at 7:30 p.m.

Parents are invited to attend the worship and watch



Parent's Night Out

their kids perform!

Take the night off while your kids have fun at a special PJ party with lots of activities, food and more. It's free! Infant through 5th grade children are welcome. Register now for this free event: www.stpaulumc.org





Student Ministry

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



SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Youth Group



TONIGHT

Join us tonight for a Sunday Fun Day! At 5:30 p.m., students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner. Dinner is \$3. After dinner we'll have fun together with lots of games and spend time having fun together. Time together ends at 8:00 p.m.



Confirmation Class Parents' Meeting Tonight

Sunday, November 13 | 5:30 p.m. Anyone from 6th grade through high school is welcome to be part of our Confirmation Class starting in January. The class is 12 weeks and covers many aspects of our faith. At the end of the class students are invited to

join St. Paul UMC on Confirmation Sunday, April 23, 2017. Parents are invited to come find out more and ask any questions they have about confirmation at a Parents' Meeting tonight when they drop their students off for dinner at 5:30 p.m.

There is no Amplify study this Wednesday night. Students are invited to attend the Thanksgiving Worship led by our Handicapable Ministry at 6:30 p.m. in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall.

GIVENLOVE

Open Arms Needs Toilet Paper

In addition to food and clothes, Open Arms distributes personal necessities like diapers and toilet paper that are not covered by food stamps and other assistance. We are currently in need of toilet paper. The next time you're at the store, think about buying an extra pack of toilet paper for someone in need. You can leave your donations in the blue shopping cart in the sanctuary lobby on Sunday or the church office during the week.



Open Arms Thanksgiving

If you would like to donate food items to help over 350 families receive a Thanksgiving dinner this year, we are still in need of:

mashed potatoes stuffing green beans jars of gravy

We will be packing food on Nov. 20 for the Nov. 21 giveaway so please bring all food items in before next Sunday. You can drop food items off at the church office this week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon-Thurs. To give a monetary donation toward the purchase of turkeys, place your donation in the offering plate and label it, "Thanksgiving Turkeys."

We also need volunteers to help guide families through the line on Nov. 21. If you would like to help with this, fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin.

Blood Drive Next Sunday, November 20

The bloodmobile will be here on Sunday, November 20 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. One in three of us will need a blood transfusion at some point in our lives. You can help to fill the need and save lives! All donors receive a free Oneblood fleece blanket and a wellness checkup. Make an appointment online by visiting www.oneblooddonor.org and using sponsor code #12488 or come by the Big Red Bus on Nov. 20.

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Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

When families are suffering with grief over the loss of a loved one, there is a need for the church family to rally around them and care for them. In 2017, St. Paul will begin a new ministry called the Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry to serve grieving families by providing food for memorial receptions. We need volunteers who are willing to help provide food from one of three menu choices (desserts, finger sandwiches, or pot luck). Because of the nature of the event, volunteers should be aware that there would probably be a short notification period for food preparation.

If you would like to join in the Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry beginning 2017 and are willing to provide food for memorial receptions, or if you have questions, call the church office at 584-8165 or fill out the Connect Card in this bulletin.

Help Decorate for Advent on Nov. 26

Join us Saturday, Nov. 26 at 9 a.m. in the sanctuary and get into the spirit by preparing God's house for the coming of his son, Jesus! All ages are welcome. Fill out the Connect Card to let us know you're coming, or just join us on Nov. 26.



Poinsettias Deadline This Friday The poinsettias that fill the sanctuary each Advent are a beautiful part of the season. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to a loved one, you can call the church office at 584

-8165 or use the "Holiday Flowers" section of our Giving page to place your order. Poinsettias are \$9 and the deadline is this Friday, November 18. Don't forget to include your inscription!

Help with the Rummage Sale

The United Methodist Women need people to help pack items for next year's rummage sale on either a Tuesday or Thursday morning. This is not a weekly event. Please let Rita Fowler know if you can help by calling 585-0273.

Coming this Week

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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
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Sunday Youth Group	5:30 PM
Confirmation Meeting	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, November 14

Girl Scouts 6:30 PM Boy Scouts 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 15

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

Wednesday, November 16

Students' Amplify 6:00 PM
GriefShare 6:00 PM
Thanksgiving Worship 6:30 PM
Volleyball 7:45 PM

Thursday, November 17

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, November 18

Church Office Closed

Preschool Thanksgiving 12:00 PM

Saturday, November 19

Basketball 8:15 AM

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

E-mail church@stpaulumc.org or call the church office if you have an event to schedule.



Knitters and Crocheters Needed Stephen Ministry and the Prayer Shawl Ministry are joining together to provide prayer shawls and scarfs to 120 residents at Highland Pines Nursing Home. The residents at Highland Pines are elderly with physical

and memory problems and many do not have family here. Please help us show them the love of Jesus at this special time of year!

Anyone who knits or crochets is welcome to help with this Christmas project. You are invited to join the Prayer Shawl Ministry on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room if you would like to knit or crochet with others. You are also welcome to knit or crochet on your own and turn in your finished items at the church office. We only ask that as you are knitting or crocheting, you pray for the people who will be receiving these special gifts this Christmas. If you can't think of what to pray, you can pray your favorite Bible verse, the Lord's prayer...whatever you wish. Stephen Ministry will deliver the prayer shawls and scarves along with other items such as socks with no-slip strips, skin moisturizers, hair conditioner, and more in mid-December.

We have some yarn available at the church, or you can buy your own. For more information about the project or to request yarn, contact Patsy Halliburton at butterflyplants6@aol.com.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Strategic Initiative #1

Introduce Jesus to 20,000 persons in a 5 mile radius of our church, so that they experience and share Him.

Strategic Initiative #2

Follow Jesus' lead to reach out to those experiencing poverty and strive to reverse its effects on our community.



Jim and Madeline Johnson's earthly remains were laid to rest here at St. Paul in a private service last week. Jim passed in 2014 and Madeline in 2008. They were longtime members of St. Paul.

GOOD NEWS



Handicapable Craft Night

Fifty-five of our Handicapable gathered in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall on Friday, November 4, to create a variety of Christmas cards, gifts and craft items for the upcoming Christmas season.

God's Special People love using their talents to bring joy to others. Special thanks go out to Handi student Crystal, pictured at right, who made a beautiful Christmas poster we will be taking to our friends at The Children's Center in a few weeks. We also give many thanks to Ola Joseph, Nancy Otte and Vickie

Anderson, among others, who have faithfully helped our students create their crafts through the years.



Congratulations!

If you were in worship on Oct. 30 you know that Edith Mazzoli recently turned 100 years old! Congratulations, Edith! Here she is with the flowers Pastor Bob presented during worship.



Students Serve at Sabal Palms

Last Sunday our Student Ministry had a "Serve Day." After worshipping and eating lunch together, the students wrapped and delivered presents for the disabled children and young adults at the Sabal Palms Children's Center. The students sang for the residents, played games with them, read to them, and spent time together. They also had the chance to minister to some of the senior adults living at Sabal. Palms. What a great way to share the love of Christ!





Congratulations!
Congratulations to Ann and Carlton Ward on the birth of their grand-daughter on Oct. 30:
Susannah James Ward

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



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