







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! The last few weeks we've been talking about "What If..." questions that challenge 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. This Sunday we're dedicating our Commitment Cards during worship. These cards help us to determine our budget, and what we will be able to accomplish through our ministries. My hope is that everyone who calls St. Paul home will take part by committing to give something. The size of the gift will be different for each of us, but we can all take part in what St. Paul is doing for the Lord.

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!



Glorify God → Grow in Faith → Give in Love



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Spirit of God Aaron Cassette, Accompanist Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Call to Worship

. Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee No. 89 *Hymns Where He Leads Me No. 338 No. 881 Apostle's Creed Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895 Offertory I'll Go Sanctuary Choir

Praise God, From Whom... *Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Transitional Hymn Take My Life and Let It Be No. 399

Message "What If... You Followed Jesus?" Pastor Bob Martin 1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Directed Prayer

*Hymn Lead On, O King Eternal No. 580 **Dedication of Commitment Cards**

*Benediction

*Postlude I, 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: Anita Schulze & Nancy Otte

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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Allison Hall Amanda Swan

No. 94

Kevin, Heather & Mala-

Amelia Neville Audrey Talbert Kim Morris Bill & Maryln Neville Kristi Burslem

Bob Donegan Larry Bob Hartel Leslie Bob Larch Libby Burke Bobby Quinton Linda

Bonnie Wismer Lori, Andy, David Brad James Margie Stillwell Caitlynn Timberlake Mark LaPolla Carolyn Goodwin Mary Barrett Chad M. Max

Meghann Timberlake Charlie Cox Charlie Petleys Mike & Kathleen Brad-

Children, Youth, Women

Chris Lincoln Moving Transition Chris Mitchell My Children Cliff Armbruster My Family Normandy Woodward Dave

Pat Baker Dave Weitzel

David & Cathy Dubrock Peace in our Country

David, Nicole & baby Penny McElyea Peter H.

Emotional Strength Pray for our President

Gilbert Quinn Ramsey Hardin Greg, Megan, Jackson & Rex Lucas

baby Health Issues

Huff-Walker family

Samantha Jace Michael

Jackson Jane Dinini Jane Dye Jane Huter Jenny Walter Jim Lucky John C. John Fady Josh DeLoach Joy & Brooke Julie & Lillyann Kat Farhangi Kathy Ludwick Kathy Seitz

Kecia Richardson

Sharon & Stephanie Sherry Shirley Shirley Allen Shirley Hamrick Steve Brower Steve Harvey Surgery Susie Cabrera Tammy B. To be Christ-like Todd Smyzer Tom Russell Trevor Birt Troy Hartel Wayne Boyd

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Rich Stemboroski

Rita

Deaths

Kenneth A.

Kevin

Please pray for the family and friends of Ron Kaufmann who recently passed on to life eternal.



Turn in Your Commitment Card Today

Today during both worship

times we will collect the Commitment Cards and dedicate them to the service of the Lord. Making an annual commitment 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 available in the pews or in the Connection Center. Online pledges can also be made on our website www.stpaulumc.org

Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers were given by:

- ▼ Donna Stevens in memory of her daughter, Karen Stevens on her birthday. We miss you so very much; you are always in our hearts. All our love, Mom, Rona & Kay
- Gary and Kathy Gould in loving memory of Mark
- ▼ Rich and Mary Ann Clemow in honor of their 51st wedding anniversary

Do you have an event or person you would like to honor with flowers? You can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order. Flowers can be 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.



Use box on top right to chat.

Chat With Us on Live Stream!

The next time you're joining us for worship online, try out the 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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	Communion Preparation Homeless Feeding: One Sunday per month Open Arms Thanksgiving - Nov. 21: 12-3PM Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry Advent Decorating—Saturday, Nov. 26
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	Surviving the Holidays - Dec. 4
	Cost of Survival Guide Booklet—\$5
	Because of Bethlehem Study—Nov. 30 No cost for this study

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

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

NEXTSTEPS

Want to know more about St. Paul, meet new people, or get more involved? TAKE THE NEXT STEP!



CONNECTION CENTER

cated 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 lunch 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.

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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 22, Pastor Bob 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

No Handicapable Worship This Week

Handicapable will not meet this Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Worship will resume November 30 in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m.

No Griefshare This Week

Griefshare will not meet this Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Meetings will resume in Room 101—Carpenter's Room of the Christian Life Enrichment Center next week at 6 p.m.

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.



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. They are currently studying Max Lucado's, "Because of Bethlehem." 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 Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursdays 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 Today at Noon

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 today. We'll answer any questions you may have, give you a tour of the facilities, and introduce you to some of our staff! Meet at the Connection Center after worship next Sunday and we'll walk over across the street to the Christian Life Enrichment Center together.



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. 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.



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.



No Worship Arts this Week

The kids Worship Arts class is taking the week off for Thanksgiving. Kids

are invited to join us on Wednesday, November 30 when we resume with songs and games and worship God in creative ways. Drop off in the Mariposa Café at 6 p.m. where the kids will have snacks before class. Pickup is in the gym at 7:30 p.m.



Parent's Night Out

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 Student Worship
Bring a dish to share tonight and join us at 5:30 p.m.
for a potluck Thanksgiving Feast!

Tonight's Message: Choose To Change You

Have you ever laughed at someone else's cringeworthy moment, when someone face planted or slipped up and said something stupid? Sometimes we move from teasing and mocking what someone *did* to mocking who someone *is*. That's shaming other people and, whether we want to admit it or not, we're all guilty of it. But is that really the way we want to live? Is that really how we want to make other people feel? It's definitely not the way God wants us to live! Jesus gives us instructions on exactly what He *wants* us to do when it comes to the way we treat other people. And if we can apply it to our own lives, we'll find that while we may not be able to change what other people do, we can definitely change the way we treat them.

There is no Amplify study this Wednesday night due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

GIVEINLOVE

Helping with the Open Arms Thanksgiving Giveaway Tomorrow?

Volunteers who are planning to help on Monday, November 21 by serving as greeters and escorts should report to the CLEC at noon. The worship and food distribution will go from 1 until 3 p.m. Thank you for your help!

Blood Drive Today

The bloodmobile is here today rom 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.



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 with physical and memory. Many do not have family here and would be the love of Jesus at this special time of year!

Anyone who knits or crochets is invited to help with this Christmas project. You can 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. Stephen Ministry will deliver the prayer shawls and scarves along with some personal care items 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 by e-mail at butterflyplants6@aol.com.

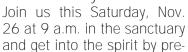
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Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

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 This Saturday





paring God's house for the coming of his son, Jesus! All ages are welcome!

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.

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

Sunday, November 20

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 Sunday Youth Group 5:30 PM **IGNITE** 7:00 PM

Monday, November 21
Open Arms Thanksgiving Giveaway
Girl Scouts 6:30 PM

7:00 PM

Boy Scouts

Tuesday, November 22
Sonrise Men's Study
JOY (Just Older Youth) 10:30 AM

Wednesday, November 23 Volleyball 7:45 PM

Thursday, November 24
Church Office Closed



Friday, November 25 Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26
Basketball 8:15 AM
Advent Decorating 9:00 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.



Come Hear From St. Paul Missionary, Carolyn Goodwin December 11 | 3 p.m. | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall

St. Paul member Carolyn Goodwin has been serving as a missionary in South Sudan over the past year. She is temporarily back home, and on December 11, we invite you to come to the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall from 3 to 4 p.m. to hear Carolyn share her experiences in South Sudan. You will hear about the work she did with the orphans many of you gave to help provide rain boots for, the work she did with women in prison, and about her efforts to assist and improve the medical care available in Yei, South Sudan. She will also share the story of her sudden evacuation with other personnel from their compound in Yei to Uganda due to the unrest and violence in South Sudan, and how they were able to remove the children from the orphanage to the relative safety of a refugee camp in Uganda. Undaunted by the recent upheavals, she plans to return to Africa in January 2017 and will share some of what God is now calling her to do.

St. Paul is very proud of Carolyn and her missionary work. Let's all come hear her story and show our love and support by giving her a great send off as she sets out on her next African adventure for our Lord. Carolyn's Support Team will provide refreshments.

Change in Office Hours

Our office hours are changing effective Monday, November 14. We will be open one hour later from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will still be open Monday through Thursday.

Please note that we are closed on Thursday, November 24 for Thanksgiving.



GOOD NEWS

Recently we asked for stories that share what St. Paul has meant to you. These are just a few of the wonderful responses we received. Our ministries already touch so many lives, what if... we accomplish our strategic initiative of introducing 20,000 people to Christ over the next 5 years. Think about the impact we can make on our community, and our world!

St. P aul means so much, it is difficult to begin. A Ithough I am over 1,000 miles away now, and cannot attend, my heart is there and it will always be "my church." ... Being involved in the daily workings and activities at St. P aul made me a better person and a better Christian.

- Helen Lackey

My name is Cyndy, I first attended St. Paul's Handicapable Ministry with my client, Crystal. Crystal has been a part of St. Paul's ministry since she was 17. She proudly boasts that she was the first member. Crystal looks forward to coming every week and enjoys all the functions St. Paul hosts. They attend fun events, retreats, sports outings, community outings, as well as visiting those who are in nursing homes, etc [...] I have been coming with Crystal since December 18, 2014. I also enjoy the camaraderie, support and friendship of the ministry. I feel it is a very important part of all the members lives. It offers a sense of belonging, friendship, support to all inclined. Everyone who attends is truly blessed by St. Paul's Handicapable and we are fortunate to have Horton and his wife, Rene. I have also seen/witnessed prayer circles and incredibly the prayers worked for the people who needed them.

I am on the flower menistry, and it is such a blessing to me when I selwer the flowers! I am suppose to be the one blessing the person and they and up blessing one.

If you want to share how St. Paul has impacted your life or how you have seen St. Paul touch others, you can drop off a note at the church office or send us an email: church@stpaulumc.org. We will share more letters in the coming weeks.

life in the right / direction

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for each other and enjoying
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I have started visiting hospitals, rehab centers and nursing homes for St. Paul. Since I have been making these visits I can really feel the presence of God in my life. I am so lucky to be able to do this.

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



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