

Grieving?
You're not alone.

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Join us today for an encouraging seminar with practical ways to deal with the holiday season and find hope for the future.

SURVIVING
THE
HOLIDAYS
TODAY AT 2 PM
ROOM 201 - CLEC



VISIT PAGE 6 FOR MORE.



December 4, 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 so happy you're worshipping with us during the advent season. This is a great season and one that promises so much joy and celebration! This is a time to relive so many of your positive Christmas season memories along with creating some new traditions of your own. At St. Paul we value your being here and want to extend an invitation to come each Sunday and be part of what our Lord is doing here at the church. Always know, here at St. Paul you have a home and a friend. May your Advent Season be filled with faith, hope, love and peace.

Take a look through this bulletin or visit our website to find out more about all our upcoming Advent events and everything that is happening at St. Paul during this busy and joyful season.

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!



Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude *Romance Sans Paroles* Aaron Cassette, Accompanist

Advent Candle Lighting: Peace

Welcome Pastor Bob Martin

*Greet *Oh How He Loves You And Me*

*Call to Worship Kody Wallace, Traditional Worship Leader

Leader: Let me hear what God the Lord will speak

People: For he will speak peace to his people....

Leader: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will meet each other.

People: We meet you here, Lord, prayer and praise join hands, scripture is embraced, and our voices unite in hymns to you.

Leader: Speak to our hearts in this hour of worship, and show us the path to peace. Amen.

*Hymns *Come Thou Almighty King* No. 61
Blessed Be the God of Israel No. 209

Apostle's Creed No. 881

Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offertory *An Anthem for Communion* Sanctuary Choir

*Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Transitional Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* No. 203

Message "Giving Up On Perfect" Pastor Pam Dubov
Matthew 1:18-25

Holy Communion *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

*Hymn *Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether* No. 632

*Benediction

*Postlude *The Love of 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: Loretta Siegfried & Nancy Brock

This Sunday's 10:30 AM Greeters: Linda Benoit, Dawn Green, Kathy Seitz

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



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo

Hear Our Prayer

Our prayer list is on page 9 this Sunday.



Lighting the Advent Candles

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us as we light the four candles of the Advent Wreath. At St. Paul we use three blue candles, and one pink candle to represent joy, along with one larger, white candle in the middle as the Christ candle. The lighting of the first candle symbolizes hope and expectation, while the second symbolizes peace, the third joy and the fourth love. The white Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

Making a 2017 Commitment

Your pledges and contributions are how we can make the "what ifs" that we've been talking about this month a reality as we continue, and expand, our work for the Lord. If you missed our Celebration Sunday, you can still turn in a card through the end of the year. Pick up a card in one of the pews or in the Connection Center and place it in the offering plate, drop it off at the church office or mail it to us. Online pledges can also be made on our website: stpaulumc.org

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. Today we are serving Communion, which reminds of us Christ's love and sacrifice for each of us. All are invited to take part in the Lord's meal. 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

Flowers

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. If you are picking flowers up on Sunday, please give the Flower Ministry volunteers time to place the flowers in the glass vases after the last service. The brass vases in the sanctuary should only be handled when wearing gloves to preserve the brass finish. Please enter through the front of the sanctuary and receive flowers at the altar. The side doors are locked for security.

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!

Deaths

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

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: December 4, 2016 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

I am a:

- 1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest
 Regular Attendee Member(s)
 Winter Resident
 Please update my information.

I came today because:

- I drove by I visited the website
 I've been here before I received a mailing
 I was invited by _____
Other: _____

I want to join your e-mail list:

- Weekly Pastor's E-Note Growth Guide
 This Week at St. Paul Newsletter
 Youth Children
Other: _____

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

How can we pray for you?

- For Military Prayer List
 Do NOT publish in bulletin.
 Include on prayer chain.
 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:

Open Arms Christmas Toy Distribution

- Help with Set-Up
- Help give toys away on Dec. 23

Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

Flower Ministry—4th and 5th Sunday

Christmas Eve

- Usher
- Greeter
- Parking Lot Attendant

Which service can you help with?

- 6 PM (Be here at 5:15 PM)
- 8 PM (Be here at 7:15 PM)
- Both

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

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

NEXT STEPS

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



CONNECTION CENTER

Our Connection Center is located in the room to the side of the sanctuary. Stop by if you have any questions, need information, or would like to speak to someone about St. Paul.

DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Discover St. Paul is an informal lunch focused on who we are as a church, our mission, core values, a tour of the facilities, and a chance to meet some of our staff and new people who are also interested in the church. The next Discover St. Paul Lunch is on Jan. 8 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 - Conference Room 2 in **Bldg B**

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, December 6, Todd Smyzer 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



IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35

IGNITE meets tonight at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study and discussion of 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.



Invite Someone To Worship This Advent

The Christmas season is a time when many are seeking God, questioning what this season is all about, and looking for meaning in their

lives. It is a time when many hearts are open, and that makes it a perfect time to reach out and extend an invitation to join you in worship. A simple invitation is one of the most powerful tools we have when it comes to our Strategic Initiative of reaching 20,000 people for Jesus.

To help make it easier to reach out, there are invitation cards in the Connection Center and in the backs of the pews with our Christmas Eve service times and a little information about St. Paul. Take a few cards and carry them in your wallet or your purse. That way, if you meet someone that doesn't have a church family or doesn't know the Lord, you'll have the cards with you to help you make an invitation. You never know what an impact you can have on someone else's life if you reach out, and what an impact they can have on others if their hearts are moved by God.



Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets next Wednesday, December 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help make simple children's clothing

for Haiti, area pregnancy centers and Methodist pre-schoolers and other local and overseas missions projects.

Hannah

The Hannah Circle meets next Tuesday, December, 13 at 6:45 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Meetings include refreshments, devotion, prayer and a program.

Rachel-Lydia

The United Methodist Women's Rachel-Lydia group meets at 10:30 a.m. this Thursday, Dec. 8, in the Mariposa Café (Christian Life Enrichment Center.) The monthly meeting includes a devotional, Bible comment, UMW Response Magazine, special prayers, and Dec. program: "Celebrating Blessed Christmas Together!" A pot-luck luncheon will be served, so bring a dish to share! New faces are welcome!

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Today, 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 practical ways to deal with emotions and traditions, helpful tips for surviving social events, and how to find hope for the future. Join us today 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.



Carolyn Goodwin, St. Paul Missionary, Shares Her Story Next Sunday

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 helped 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. She will also share the story of her sudden evacuation with other personnel from their compound in Yei due to 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.

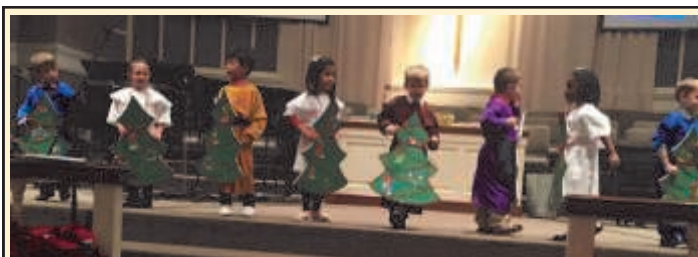


Advent Study:

Because of Bethlehem

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Mariposa Cafe (CLEC) | Free

Take some time each Wednesday night during this busy season to remember the real reason for the season. The child in the cradle became the King on the cross. Because of Bethlehem, we have a Savior in heaven. Join Pastor Bob for a study written by Max Lucado, "Because of Bethlehem." Come at 6 p.m. for desserts, beverages and fellowship. Class begins at 6:30 p.m. There is no book needed or cost to attend.



Son Kissed Preschool Christmas Program

This Saturday, December 10 | 6 p.m. | Sanctuary
Our preschoolers invite you to a special Christmas program filled with music and more. This Saturday, join us in the sanctuary and experience the joy of the season through the eyes of our children!



Join us on Christmas Eve for one of our candlelight Christmas Eve worship times. At 6 p.m. we will have contemporary worship, including a children's message. At 8 p.m. we will have a traditional worship. Both worship times include candlelighting.



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.



Wednesdays: Worship Arts

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 focusing on the meaning of Advent.

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 the gym.



Student Ministry

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



Sunday Student Worship



Bottom Line: God is working in your story. For a season that's supposed to be about celebrating all that God has done for us, Christmas can also be a season that leaves us wondering where God is, what He's up to, and why He hasn't come through in the ways we hoped He would. People have been feeling this way at Christmas for a long time—all the way back to the very first Christmas. One of the less focused on characters in Christmas story was Simeon—a guy who was eagerly waiting and watching to see how God might come through for His people. As we look at the way the Christmas story unfolded for Simeon, we'll see that God is always working in our lives—sometimes in ways we don't expect.

At 5:30, students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner. Dinner is \$3. Students must pre-register for dinner by the Wednesday before by filling out the online form at stpaulumc.org. The group then branches out to the Youth Room, the gym or the Fellowship Hall for group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Time together ends at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Nights

6–7:30 p.m. | Student Room

Students are invited to a Wednesday Bible study to get into God's Word. Students hang out, play in the gym and have a Bible study in the Student Room. Snacks provided.

Register for Confirmation

Confirmation Class begins with a retreat on Friday, January 6. This class challenges students to think theologically and ask deep questions about the Bible, Methodist history and doctrine, and their lives as people of faith. Cost for the class is \$35 and it is open to students in Grades 6 and above. You can register or find out more about what the class will cover on our website: www.stpaulumc.org

GIVE IN LOVE



Open Arms Angel Trees

Please take a tag from one of the Angel Trees in the lobby to help our Open Arms Resource Center provide toys for over 500 children.

- Buy a gift based on the information on the tag you choose, and drop your unwrapped gift off in the blue shopping cart in the sanctuary lobby or at Open Arms by December 20.
- Leave all presents unwrapped so parents can "shop" for their children's toys in our Christian Life Enrichment Center. Please bring a roll of wrapping paper or a gift bag with your donation. Parents will use these to wrap their gifts after they choose them.

This is a wonderful way to share the joy of Christmas with children in need, and we are counting on you to help us again this year. If you can't donate, consider helping with set up and distribution. Call Open Arms Director, Yvette Carter at 727-586-5380 or mark the Connect Card if you would like to volunteer.

Help with Christmas Eve Worship

Each year we welcome many visitors during our Christmas Eve services, and we need lots of friendly and warm people to help as ushers, greeters and parking lot attendants at our 6 p.m. Contemporary and our 8 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve worship times. Both worships will include the lighting of candles. These services are so important as an opportunity to open our doors and show the love and kindness of St. Paul with new people, as well as old friends. If you can help with any of these jobs at either worship time, fill out the Connect Card or contact our Senior Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.

L♥VING HEARTS MEMORIAL FOOD MINISTRY

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.

Flower Ministry Volunteer Needed

After the last service on Sunday a member of the Flower Ministry takes the flowers out of the brass containers and arranges them in glass vases for the **person who ordered them. If the purchaser doesn't want to keep the flowers, the Flower Ministry volunteer takes them to someone in our church family who is in the hospital or a rehab center.** In this way the sanctuary flowers not only help to beautify the sanctuary for worship, and recognize a special event or person, but also share the love of our church family with those who are sick or hurt. We need a volunteer to remove and deliver flowers each 4th Sunday and the on five 5th Sundays in 2017. Call the church office at 727-584-8165 or fill out the Connect Card if you can help one Sunday a month.

Donate Chocolates for the Homeless

At the Christmas homeless feeding we like to include a special gift of chocolate as a holiday treat. To bless those who have nothing with this small token of love, drop off your donations of individually wrapped chocolate candy in the blue shopping cart on Sundays or at the box in the church office during the week. We are accepting donations until Dec. 22.



Coming this Week

Sunday, December 4

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
Surviving the Holidays	2:00 PM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Student Worship	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, December 5

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

Tuesday, December 6

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

Wednesday, December 7

Griefshare	6:00 PM
Students: Amplify	6:00 PM
Fellowship and Snacks	6:00 PM
Advent Study	6:30 PM
Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, December 8

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:30 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, December 9

Church Office Closed

Handi Christmas Banquet	6:00 PM
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Saturday, December 10

Basketball	8:15 AM
SKP Christmas Program	6:00 PM

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

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:

Al and Pat Lewis	Jace Michael	Melinda and family
Al Misuraca	Jack DeLoach	Mike
Allison Hall	Jackson	Mike Bradley
Amanda Swan	Jan Dale	Mike Day
Amelia Neville	Jane Denini	Mr. and Mrs. Ray
Audrey Talbert	Jane Huter	Rafferzeder
Barbara	Janice Dale	Nancy's brother Ray
Barbara Murray	Jean and John Arms	Patrick McMillan
Blessing in job and spirit	Jenny Walter	Peace in nation, world and family
Bob Hartel	Jerry Stewart	Penny McElyea
Bob Larch	Jim Lucky	Peter & Amy
Bobby	Joan Pitts	Peter H
Bobby and Lynn	Joanne's mother	Ralph Moon
Bobby Quinton	John C.	Rich Stemboroski
Bonnie Wismer	John Fady	Richard Hendrix
Brad Jones	John Guss	Rita
Brewer family	Jordan Goodin	Robert Martin
Brian	Joseph Smith	Robin
Brianna	Josh DeLoach	Robin, Matt
Brooke	Judy's sister Thelma	Roy, Amelia Neville
Caitlynn Timberlake	Julie & Lillyann	Samantha
Carolyn Goodwin	Kalea' Grady	Sarah
Chad M.	Ka'ren Herrell	Shelby
Channing and Debbie	Kat Farhangi	Shirley
Charlie Cox	Kathleen Tauge	Shirley Allen
Children, youth & women's protection	Kathryn Warren's son & family	Shirley Hamrick
Cliff Armbruster	Kathy Deitz	St. Paul family
Connie and Roger's family	Kathy Ludwick's friends and family	Steve Harvey
Cousin Tom	Kenneth A.	Tammy Barker
Curtis Wilson family	Kevin & Vickie	Todd Smyzer
D.J. Goodin	Kevin, Health & Malachi	Tom & Glenda Neville
Daughter's college graduation	Kim Morris family	Trevor Birt
Dave	Kit Johnston	Troy Hartel
Dave and Cathy Durbrock	Kristi Burslem	Ty, Jodie
Dave Weitzel	Libby burke	Val Barg
David, Nicole & baby	Linda	Wayne Boyd
Dean and his mom	Lori, Andy, David and Leslie	Zackary Kueker
Dewyne Bradley	Margie Stillwell	Praises
Don and Darlene Mitchell	Marguerite, Steve & Cindy Buchanan	Thank you for prayers for my son.
Dottie's family	Marilyn Bossard	Thankful for safe summer trip.
For families to be closer to God	Marilyn Moore's family	Praise for prayers and the ones who pray.
Future of our country	Mark	Thank you for live stream ministry. You all have made it possible for me to stay connected to Sunday worship.
Gilbert Quinn	Mark LaPolla	
God's guidance in finding job	Mary Barrett	
Greg, Meg, Jackson & baby	Mary Moore	
Heather and health issues	Matt	
Huff/Walker family	Megan and family	
	Meghann Timberlake	

Stay and Pray Today

If you have additional prayer needs, you're invited to stay in the chapel after each worship time. Someone from our Prayer Team will be happy to pray with you, or you are welcome to spend time alone with the Lord in prayer if you prefer.

GOOD NEWS

Open Arms Gives Away 400 Thanksgiving Dinners
 Thanks to all of you who donated or volunteered to help make it possible for Open Arms Ministry to provide a Thanksgiving meal to over 415 families in our community! That's over 1,600 people who were able to have a Thanksgiving meal they couldn't have had without help. We also received help and additional donations from Lake Palms Community Church, Walmart, Aldi, Save-A-lot, Pastor Lewis, The Refuge and WellCare. Thank you!

St. Paul Welcomes New Members

Last Sunday we welcomed eight new members into our St. Paul Family. Received into membership were Judy Bobb (affiliate member), Rebecca Carefoot, Traci and Stacy Day-Hopper, Josh and Ashley Hardin, Kody Wallace, and Sharon Ward. Please welcome our new members when you see them and make them feel at home. If you are new to St. Paul and would like to know more about us, our next Discover St. Paul lunch is January 8 at noon.



Open Arms Director, Yvette Carter, Pastor Pam, Pastor Bob



Worship for those receiving dinners



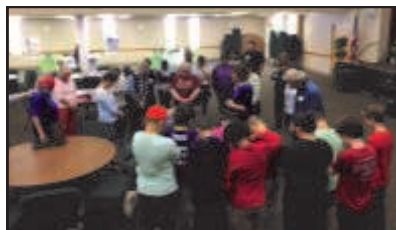
Judy Bobb



Ashley and Josh Hardin



Save-a-Lot provided 100 bags of food!

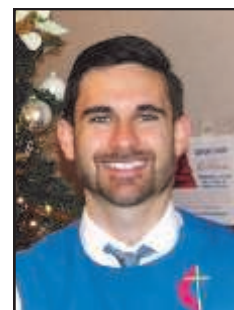


Volunteers praying before the event

Visit Facebook for more pictures
[StPaulUMCLargo](#)



Stacy and Traci Day-Hopper



Kody Wallace

Dorcas Circle Gives to Nursing Homes & Children
 The ladies of the Dorcas Sewing Circle have had a busy year! On Nov. 9 they packed up 120 lap robes and 50 walker bags, all made by the ladies of the circle, for delivery to 11 nursing homes. On Nov. 30, they divided up the clothing they made for babies and preschoolers at local Methodist preschools and pregnancy centers, as well as children in Haiti through "For Haiti with Love." This group of women is dedicated to providing for as many as possible! If you would like to Give in Love through sewing, join them on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts room.



Rebecca Carefoot



Sharon Ward

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



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