



Made New

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2017

NEW TO ST. PAUL?
JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY AT NOON



CHRISTIAN LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER
JOIN US FOR LUNCH AND FIND
OUT MORE ABOUT OUR MISSIONS
AND MINISTRIES.

SIGN UP TO ATTEND
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FILL OUT THE CONNECT CARD



January 1, 2017

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Happy New Year! I'm so excited about this year and the strategic initiatives that we are embarking on as a church. I hope that you are feeling energized and inspired as we begin a new year of ministry and service for the Lord. Together, we are going to accomplish great things, reach out to new people, and share the love of Christ with so many in our community and beyond. I am so grateful that each of you has chosen to be part of our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, and Give in Love!

Take a look through this bulletin or visit our website to find out more about all our upcoming events and everything that is happening at St. Paul as we begin the new year.

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 Aaron Cassette, Accompanist

Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov

*Greet *Oh How He Loves You And Me*

*Call to Worship Kody Wallace, Traditional Worship Leader

Leader: A new day has dawned, a new year begun.

People: **O Lord, call us so we may hear Your voice.**

Leader: The world turns to hopes and dreams of the future.

People: **O Lord, keep us in Your ways and on Your path.**

Leader: We enter this new year with hope and excitement.

People: **O Lord, remind us that You lead us. Guide us as we look to You, and worship You. Amen.**

*Hymns *Ye Servants of God* No. 181
We Three Kings No. 254

Apostle's Creed No. 881

Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offertory *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Sanctuary Choir

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Transitional Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* No. 117

Message "Made New" Pastor Pam Dubov
Psalm 51

Directed Prayer

*Hymn *God of the Ages* No. 698

*Benediction

*Postlude

*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.

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

Stay and Pray Today

If you have additional prayer needs, you're invited to stay and pray in the chapel after each worship. Someone from our Prayer Team will pray with you if you would like a prayer partner.

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:

Allison Hall	John Guss & family
Amanda Swan	Jordan & Karen
Audrey Talbert	Josh DeLoach
Barbara Murray	Julie & Lillyann
Bauman Daughters & their husbands	Kat Farhangi
Bob	Kathleen M
Bob & Joyce Gerber and family	Kenneth A.
Bob & Troy Hartel	Kevin and Vickie
Bob Donegan	Kristi Burslem
Bob Larch	Lauri Ingham
Bonnie Wismer	Libby Burke
Brad Jones	Linda Baker
Brittany	Lori, Andy, David, Jessie
Brooke Errett	Lynn, Lee, Mel, Amy, Stan, Doris,
Caitlynn Timberlake	Marc Pebernet
Carolyn Goodwin	Margaret Forde
Chad and Gladys	Margie Stillwell
Chris and Cody	Mark LaPolla
Cliff Armbruster	Mary Barrett
Cory and Brian	Meghann Timberlake
D. Green family	Mickey Miller
Dave Weitzel	Noreen & John
David & Cathy Dubrok	Patrick McMillan
Dee & Charles Bartlett	Patsy
Don McConnell	Peggy Moon
Elaine DeYoung & family	Penny McElyea
Erin Ester and son	Peter H
Ethan, Larry and Leslie	Polly, Ginger, Do, Dave, Marilyn
Ethel Murphy family	Ramirez family
Evelyn Bradley	Ray
Family's jobs and health	Rex and Bonnie Smith
Family breaking apart	Rich Stemboroski
Gilbert Quinn	Robin, Matt, Marilyn & BJ
Gloria Cantin	Ron and Wanda Barker
Godly guidance for employment and purpose	Roy & Amelia Neville
Holiday travelers & peace for 2017	Samantha
Homeless	Sharon Herman & family
Jace Michael	Shirley Hamrick
Jack & Kim Morris	Sick mother and father-in-law
Jackson	Steve, Cindy & Marguerite Buchanan
Jamie, Kris, Barb, Jodie, Leslie & family	Steve Harvey
Jane Denini	Theresa & Michael
Jane Huter	Lofton
Jenny Walter	Todd Smyzer
Jenny	Tom & Glenda Neville
Jerry Spaulding	Travis
Jim Baker	Trevor Birt
Jim Lucky	Val Barg
Joan	Wayne Boyd
John C.	Zackary Kueker
John Fady	

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

Giving

It's easy to give online! You can make a one time gift or set up a convenient recurring contribution on our website. You can also use our online giving page to make pay for things like worship flowers, class study materials and more. Visit stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.



Flowers

This week's flowers are given by:

- ♥ Peg McConnell in loving memory of her loving husband, Jim, on their wedding anniversary
- ♥ Wini Hampton in loving memory of Bud Hampton, whose life was well lived and leaves a lasting memory, with continued admiration for the time we shared together

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 home-bound, 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.

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: January 1, 2017 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:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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?

- | |
|---|
| <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:

- Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry
- Flower Ministry—4th and 5th Sunday

I will attend:

- Discover St. Paul Lunch - Jan. 8 Noon
- Who Are the Methodists? - Weds. starting Jan. 11
- Starting Point - Weds. starting Jan. 11
- The Call - Weds. starting Jan. 18
- The Frazzled Female - Weds. starting Jan. 18

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. The next Discover St. Paul Lunch is next Sunday, 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. The next class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. starting Jan. 11.



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:

The 9:15 a.m. Sunday school class that meets in Room 202 of Bldg C resumes January 15. They will be studying "The Call" which focuses on the apostle Paul. The DVD allows participants to visit real life biblical sites guided by Adam Hamilton as they follow Paul's journey and ministry.

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C

Friendship - Room 201 (Community Room) in CLEC

Bereans - Conference Room 2 in Bldg B

WEDNESDAYS: STARTING JAN. 11

We have Wednesday activities for all ages groups. See pages 6 and 7 for our Children and Student Ministry activities. You can sign up to attend any of our adult classes by marking the Connect Card on page 4 of in this bulletin or contacting the church office at church@stpaulumc.org or 584-8165.

Come at 6 p.m. for coffee and desserts in the Mariposa Café. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m.

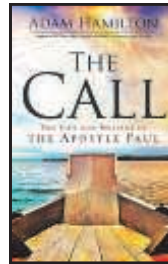


Starting January 11

Starting Point

This four week class is open to anyone who is new to the church or is coming back to the church after time away. It covers basics of our faith and a spiritual gifts assessment. Led by Bobby Van Duyne.

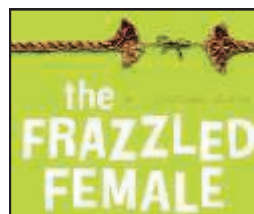
Starting January 18



The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul

Follow the journeys of Paul, beginning with his dramatic conversion, as he spread the Gospel through modern-day Greece and Turkey. Travel to the early church sites with Adam Hamilton and explore Paul's conversations with different cultures. In this six-week study, you are invited to experience faith through Christ's greatest teacher and missionary. Led by Pastor Pam Dubov. Note: Start date is now Jan. 18.

Starting January 18



The Frazzled Female:

Finding Peace in the Midst of Daily Life

This thought-provoking, yet light-hearted, study is designed to help women discover practical, biblical ways to confront issues like managing their time, getting along with difficult people, handling stressful situations and more. This study helps participants grow in their relationship with Jesus; and ultimately experience peace, joy, and a saner lifestyle. Led by Patti Martin.



WEDNESDAY CLASS SPOTLIGHT **WHO ARE THE METHODISTS?**

As United Methodists, we are rooted in the power of the Holy Spirit. The founder of the Methodist movement, John Wesley, was an Anglican priest whose life was focused on drawing closer to the path of scriptural and spiritual holiness. Wesley determined that to do so involved "methods."

What do United Methodists believe? What is our focus for mission and ministry locally, as well as globally? How did the Methodist movement begin? Why was it important then, and still today? Pastor Bob will lead a midweek study beginning January 11 called "Who Are the Methodists?" Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. as we dig deeper into what makes Methodism different from other denominations.

This ten week study will look at topics like:

- Who was John Wesley and why was his influence in Christianity so important?
- The growth of Methodism
- **How do Methodists "do" theology?**
- **What is so amazing about "grace?"**
- Understanding our doctrines as a church
- Unpacking the Sacraments
- **What does it mean to be a "global" church?**
- The importance of membership

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. each Tuesday for worship, study and fellowship. Join us this Tuesday, January 3. 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

Flip Flop Support Group

The Flip Flop Support Group for families with loved ones in prison or who have been released from prison meets on Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Carpenter's Room (room 101) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Contact Kathy Farhangi for more information at 727-288-4912.



Discover St. Paul Lunch

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 Jan. 8. We'll answer any questions you may have, give you a tour of the facilities, and introduce you to some of our staff! Please mark the Connect Card on page 4 or send an e-mail to church@stpaulumc.org by Jan. 5 if you plan to attend.

SOURCE GROUPS

Source Groups are small groups of people who meet regularly to worship, study, pray, serve and more. These groups offer support, as well as the chance to build relationships and to Grow in Faith in a close-knit community of believers. If you would like to join a source group and walk with others in faith together, contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or 583-8165 x233. You can also indicate your interest on the Connect Card in this bulletin.

IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35

IGNITE resumes meeting on January 8 at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study and discussion. Contact IGNITE leader, Felix Koutsourais at c24go1@aol.com for more information. You can also visit their facebook for updates.



[ignitestpaul](https://www.facebook.com/ignitestpaul)



Children *Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Johnson,*

Director of Children's Ministry, kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Nursery Care is available today 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

Preschool and K-5 are invited to attend their own worship and lessons in the Children's Ministry Center in Bldg C at both 9 and 10:30 a.m.



Worship Arts Returns January 11

Children in K-5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesday nights starting January 11 as we resume our Worship Arts class. 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.



NEXT SUNDAY: Fifth graders are invited to join the Student Ministry. They will eat dinner together at 5:30 p.m. in the Mariposa Café, followed by worship, fun games, and study until 8 p.m. Kaitie Johnson, Children's Ministry Director, will attend with the fifth graders and help guide them.



[StPaulChildrensMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulChildrensMinistry)



Student Ministry

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

 SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Youth Group

It's a question we all answer over and over again. Sometimes the answer is an easy, "Count me in!" Other times it's tougher. As we get to know some of Jesus' followers, we'll talk about the decision they faced, why they could have walked away, and what led them to say, "I'm in."



Bottom Line: Following God starts with knowing your need. Have you ever felt far away from God? Maybe you've been a part of church your entire life, but now, when you're singing songs, reading your Bible, or listening to your pastor talk about God, you don't feel anything. Or maybe you've never really felt close to God at all and find yourself wondering how everyone else seems to have figured it out. No matter where you're coming from, it's hard to feel *in* with God when we feel far from Him. But the good news is that we're never as far from Him as we think we are. In fact, the Bible gives us story after story of some of God's most faithful followers who at one time or another seemed to be far away—on the outside wanting to get in. This week we'll look at one of those people in particular and how drawing close to God and choosing to be *in* changed her life forever. We'll learn that the first step to drawing closer to God—to saying we're all in with Him—is simply acknowledging how much we need Him.

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 Student 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.



Confirmation Starts This Friday
Confirmation Class begins with an overnight retreat this Friday, January 6. This eleven week class is offered to students in Grade 6 and above. It challenges students to think theologically and ask deep questions about the Bible, Methodist history and doctrine, and their lives as people of faith. Confirmation marks a new phase in student's faith formation, one in which they are starting to think about what they believe and why they believe it.

Confirmation class will meet in the Student Room in the Christian Life Enrichment Center on Sundays from 9-10 a.m. The cost for the class is \$35 which will help to cover various teaching materials. You can register or find out more about what the class will cover on our website: www.stpaulumc.org

Wednesday Nights

6—7:30 p.m. | Student Room
Resumes January 11

Amplify returns on Wednesday, January 11. Students are invited hang out, play in the gym and have a Bible study in the Student Room. Snacks provided.



Middle School Winter Retreat

Middle schoolers are invited to a weekend retreat February 17-19. During the weekend, they'll have the chance to grow closer to God through worship and quiet time with the Lord. The students also get lots of free time for fun activities like swimming, a petting zoo, canoeing, basketball, volleyball, human foosball, tennis, mini golf and a lot more. Cost is \$80 and includes four meals, lodging and transportation. A \$40 deposit is

due on Sunday, January 15 and the remaining \$40 is due on February 12. Students are welcome to bring friends along with them. If you're interested, please e-mail our Student Ministry Director, Alison Van Duyne - alison.v@stpaulumc.org.

GIVE IN LOVE

LOVING HEARTS MEMORIAL FOOD MINISTRY

Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

This year St. Paul begins 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 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.

Help Put Away Christmas Decorations

We will put away the Christmas decorations for another year on Tuesday, Jan. 3 at 10 a.m. If anyone is able to help, please join us in the sanctuary.

Support This Year's Student Mission Trip

Last year many of you helped our students pay for their mission trip with the Alabama Rural Ministry. On that week long trip students worked hard to serve by providing home repair and a day camp for people living in poverty. This year we have two mission trips planned, one out of state trip for our high schoolers from March 11-19 and one in-state trip for our middle-schoolers. If you would like to help fund the students' mission trips, visit the envelope display in the sanctuary lobby starting January 8 and take an envelope with a donation amount on it.



In addition to donations, our students will need lots of prayer. We will provide a list of team members who are going on the trip so everyone can cover the trip in prayer.

Mission Envelopes will be in the sanctuary lobby on January 8

Job Openings

St. Paul has immediate openings for two part-time administrative positions:

- **Administrative Assistant** – Work with the Sr. Pastor and coordinate membership data. Hours would be Tues., Weds. & Thurs. 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
- **Receptionist** – Greet visitors to the church office, answer phones, coordinate office machines and mail. Mon–Thurs. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Interested in serving on the church staff? Send your resume to Arch Johnston at arch.j@stpaulumc.org.

Coming this Week

Sunday, January 1

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

Monday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 3

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

Wednesday, January 4

Handicapable	6:15 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, January 5

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, January 6

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 7

Basketball	8:15 AM
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Upcoming Sermon Series: Now What?

For over two years our nation's focus has been on the presidential election. Time, energy, emotion...anger, scandal, name calling. There have been no holds barred and our nation has been engulfed in this one event. Now that the election is over the time has come to refocus and to unite. As Christian Americans, what is our role in moving forward? The election is over. **Now What?**

Join us for this three week series starting Sunday, January 8.

Next Sunday: A Word for the People of America: Repent

The election season created a huge chasm between many in our country. What role should the church play in bringing about healing and restoration?

Jan 15: A Word for Our New President: Renew

Once repentance takes place a disciples' heart is primed for renewal. What does it mean to renew one's heart? Renewing the mind and the heart is central to moving forward.

Jan 22 :A Word for the People of God: Refocus

Taking the focus off the negativity of the presidential election challenges us to put our eyes on something else, something bigger than ourselves. Our focus should be on something that requires God to reveal His presence and power in our midst. Just think what it would look like if we focused on God's work through our two strategic initiatives.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Our strategic initiatives are goals we can't meet without God's help and the guiding purpose for our church over the next 5 years.

SUBMIT YOUR EVENTS

If you have not submitted your ministry's schedule for 2017, your events and meetings are not on our calendar.

Contact Arch Johnston at arch.j@stpaulumc.org or fill out a facilities request form at the church office to ensure your rooms are reserved.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #1

INTRODUCE JESUS TO 20,000 PERSONS IN A 5 MILES 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.

GOOD news



Handicapable Carols at Belleaire Heathcare

The Handicapable Ministry closed their highly successful year by Giving in Love. They put on their most festive Christmas outfits and visited Belleair HealthCare on December 16 where 28 carolers from the ministry spread joy by singing Christmas carols in the dining hall. After caroling, Handi members met at Largo Central Park for dinner and the chance to look at the beautiful Christmas lights. Our Handicapable family is so grateful to have the love and support of St. Paul Church and to be a part of its ministries! May God bless you all in 2017!



Son Kissed Preschool Put on a Great Show

Our preschoolers did a great job with their Christmas songs and dances at this year's Christmas program. Thanks to all our kids for sharing your talents! A big thank you also goes to all our preschool teachers who do such a wonderful job all year round.



Families sharing snacks in the courtyard.



Visit our Facebook for more pictures: [StPaulUMCLargo](#)



Delivering gifts for the residents

Prayers Shawls & More Delivered to Highland Pines Nursing Home
On Friday, December 16, representatives from our Stephen Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry visited Highland Pines Nursing Home to deliver the Christmas gifts you helped provide: prayer shawls, hand-knitted scarves, lap robes, hair moisturizers, skin moisturizers, socks with non-slip strips, deodorants, and more. Thank you to all the knitters and Stephen Ministers who participated and helped make this Merry Christmas possible! Subway also provided cookies at half price which were shared along with Christmas carols and the love of Jesus as our group visited with some of the residents. What a blessing for us all! This is what Christmas is all about!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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