

NOW? WHAT?



January 15, 2017

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a member of our St. Paul family, I'm so glad you've joined us for worship today. After the election I'm sure I'm not the only one who asked, "Now What?" How do we come together after such a divisive election? How can we, as Christian Americans, help to bring healing to our country? Our current series explores these questions. Today I'm talking about renewal. Too often we focus on our personal hopes and dreams, only to lose sight of our true life's purpose, which is to bring the Kingdom of God into the here and now. Through a renewed spirit and purpose, we can truly make the world a better place. What is it God requires?

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.

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

Valentine's Social

FEB. 4
DOORS OPEN AT
5:30 PM

DINNER, MUSIC, DANCING
SILENT AUCTION

*Proceeds support families
dealing with pediatric cancer*

♥ TICKETS: \$25 ♥

Get yours in the courtyard between services.

SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE

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: The work of the Creator is visible.
 All: Let us respond with praise.
 Leader: The example of Jesus is apparent.
 All: Let us respond with obedience.
 Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing
 All: Let us respond with joy.
 Leader: The word of God is calling.
 All: Let us worship in spirit and in truth.
 *Hymns *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* No. 66
Be Thou My Vision No. 451
 Apostle's Creed No. 881
 Scripture Reading: Micah 6:8
 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
 Offertory *Prayer of St. Francis* Sanctuary Choir
 *Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving
 *Transitional Hymn *Lead On, O King Eternal* No. 580
 Message "A Word for Our New President: Renew"
 Pastor Bob Martin
 Directed Prayer
 *Hymn *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* No. 438
 *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
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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 M.	Kenneth A.
Allison Hall	Kevin
Amanda Swan	Kids with cancer
Amy	Kim
Andy	Kim Morris
Ashley W.	Kristi Burslem
Audrey Talbert	Larry
Baby J	Laughten Family
Beth Marshall	Leslee and Family
Bob and Troy Hartel	Leslie
Bob Donegan	Lillyann
Bobby Quinton	Lisa Pierce
Bonnie Wismer	Lori
Brad Jones	Lynn Carr
Brianna	Malachi
Brittany	Margie Stillwell
Caitlyn Timberlake	Mark LaPolla
Cam	Marylin
Carolyn Goodwin	Meg
Chad M.	Mel
Charlie Carr	Mia, Kayla, and Dylan
Cheryl Reyes	Mike and Family
Clark Family	Mike C
Cliff Armbruster	Monique Barnhart
Dave, Do and Barb	Nancy Evans
David	Nicole
Dick and Dee Mayfield	Peace
Dunn Family	Penny McElyea
Elaine DeYong Family	Polly and Christy
For the unsaved	Ralph Moon
Forgiveness	Rich Stemboroski
Gianna	Samantha
Gilbert Family	Sharon Hensley
Gilbert Quinn	Shirley
Greg	Steve Harvey
Healing of cancer	Tammy Barker
Health	The World
Heather	Todd Smyzer
Jace Michael	Travis Ward
Jackson	Trevor Birt
Jamie	Unity
Jan Dale	Vince
Jane H.	Windell White
Jenny Walter	Zackary Kueker
Jim Baker and Linda Baker	
Jim Lucky	
Jimmy Kramer	
Joan Herman	
Jobs	
Joe	
John Fady	
Josh DeLouch	
Kalea Grady	
Kat Farhangi	
Kathy Seitz	

Deaths

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

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
MUSIC



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:

- ♥ Bill and Martha Trainor in celebration of the 94th birthday of Martha and 95th birthday of Bill
- ♥ David Bossard. "Happy Anniversary to my wonderful wife Marilyn on our 50th wedding anniversary."

Congratulations!

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 wait for Flower Ministry volunteers to place them in a glass vase for you. 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 15, 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?

- ☐ 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:

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

I will attend:

- ☐ The Call - Weds. starting Jan. 18
Travel to the early church sites with Adam Hamilton and explore Paul's conversations with different cultures in this six-week study.
- ☐ The Frazzled Female - Weds. starting Jan. 18
This thought-provoking, yet light-hearted, study helps women discover practical, biblical ways to confront issues like managing their time, handling stress and getting along with difficult people.

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.



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 class meets Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.



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 this Sunday. They will be studying "The Call" which focuses on the Apostle Paul.

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**

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, January 17, 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

Prayer Shawl Time Change

Prayer Shawl meets in the Arts and Crafts room 243 in the Christian Life Enrichment Center on Thursdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. until March 16.



IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35

IGNITE meets this Sunday 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study and discussion. This week they're talking about the value of apologetics, or using logic and reason to defend the faith. They will use 1 Peter 3:15 as a basis for discussion. Visit the facebook for updates or contact youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com.



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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.

Soaring Eagles

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. | Room 201 (CLEC)

All men are invited to join the Soaring Eagles on Saturdays for fellowship, prayer and devotions. Every last Saturday of the month, women are invited to join the group for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Classes start at 6:30 p.m. Join us at 6 p.m. in the Mariposa Café for desserts and to spend time together. We also have Wednesday activities for kids and middle/high school students.

Who Are the Methodists?

Mariposa Café (CLEC) | Led by Pastor Bob

What do United Methodist's 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? Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. as we dig deeper into what makes Methodism different from other denominations.

Starting Point

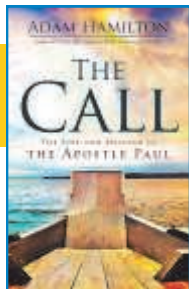
Room 220 (CLEC) | Led by Bobby Van Duyne

This study is for anyone who is new to attending church or to St. Paul. It covers basics of our faith as well as a spiritual gifts assessment to help you figure out how you can use your gifts to serve the Lord.

WEDNESDAYS: STARTING JAN. 18

Two of our Wednesday night classes start this week. You can sign up to attend 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.



EXPLORE FAITH & THE BIBLE

The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul

Carpenter's Room—101 (CLEC)

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.



FOR BUSY WOMEN SEEKING PEACE & BALANCE

The Frazzled Female: Finding Peace in the Midst of Daily Life

Room 221 (CLEC)

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.

We also have classes and activities for children and students. Check this page and page 7 for more information about our Worship Arts class and Amplify study.



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 on Wednesdays

Children in K-5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesday nights for our Worship Arts class. Kids have the chance to play games, sing songs and worship in creative ways.

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.



StPaulChildrensMinistry



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade

Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org



SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Youth Group



TONIGHT

Bottom Line: Relationship > Rules

When it comes to rules, most people fall into one of two categories: rule-keepers or rule-breakers. It seems like the two couldn't be more different, but, believe it or not, there's one thing both types of people have in common: they're always focused on the rules. And sometimes there's no place we see this more than at church. Whether you're a rule breaker or a rule keeper, it's easy to become so concerned with what you're doing right—or *not* doing right—that the rules become the point. But when we make the rules the primary focus of our faith, we tend to lose sight of what's most important: a relationship. When God invites us to be in with Him, He's not inviting us to live a rules-focused life, but rather a relationship-focused life with Him. And as we look at how that truth impacted someone close to Him, we'll see that when we shift our focus from rules to relationship we'll begin to truly step into the life Jesus called us to live.

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.



Wednesday Nights

6–7:30 p.m.

Student Room

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



Super Bowl Party—Feb. 5

All students in grades 5-12 are welcome to attend the Super Bowl Party as it's our second Xperience Sunday! There is no cost for this event and please sign up to bring food to share. You can sign up to bring an appetizer on the Student Dinner

form on our website: stpaulumc.org



SAVE THE DATE

Women's Prayer Breakfast

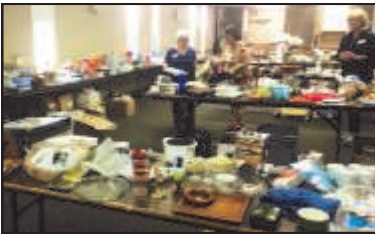
March 25

9a.m. to Noon

SPEAKER: THE REV. DR. CANDACE LEWIS,
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDANT

Tickets will be \$12. We will announce in the bulletin when they are available to buy.

GIVE IN LOVE



Rummage Sale Donations

The United Methodist Women are now accepting donations for this year's Rummage Sale. It's time to clear

out your closet and donate your gently used items! The proceeds of this sale go to support UMW missions and ministries in our community and beyond. There's no better way for what you no longer need to get a second life helping others.

You can drop donations off on the first and last Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon at Open Arms. Please pack your items in a box and be sure to wrap all glass. We cannot accept mattresses or televisions. We reserve the right to refuse items we can't sell.

Flower Ministry Volunteer

After the last service on Sunday a member of the Flower Ministry places the flowers 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.

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 or working on the church staff? Send your resume to Arch Johnston at arch.j@stpaulumc.org.



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 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.



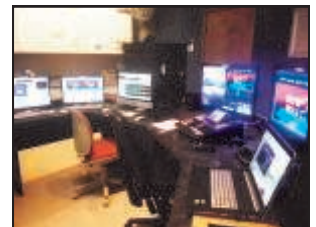
Be Part of Our Community Garden

Did you know there is a community garden at the Open Arms Resource Center? We have a number of plots available. This is a perfect opportunity to build community through gardening. We encourage gardeners of all ages and abilities.

Even if you are only interested in gardening a season or two we are flexible with our plots. If you are interested, please contact Susannah Evans at susannahevens@hotmail.com or 614-578-0171.

Our Live Stream Room is Empty Without You

Volunteers help each Sunday to stream our worship live for those who can't attend in the sanctuary. We are always in need of people to put lyrics on the screens, run cameras and more. No experience necessary. Mark the Connect Card or contact Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org if you want to help.



Coming this Week

Sunday, January 15

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Confirmation Class	9:00 AM
Sunday School: The Call	9:15 AM
Bereans	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
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, January 16

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Church Office Closed

Son Kissed Preschool Closed

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

Weds. Night Fellowship	6:00 PM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Starting Point	6:30 PM
Who Are the Methodists?	6:30 PM
The Frazzled Female	6:30 PM
The Call	6:30 PM
Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Amplify	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, January 19

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	4:00 PM
Handbells Rehearsal	5:30 PM
Intercessory Prayer	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Friday, January 20

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 21

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
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If you have an event to schedule,
contact us at 584-8165 or e-mail
arch.j@stpaulumc.org



Buy Your Tickets Now for Our Valentine's Social

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 4** for a **Churchwide Valentine's Social**. Doors open at 5:30 p.m, dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Join us for a fun evening that will help raise funds to support families who are dealing with Pediatric Cancer. **Our hope is to partner with All Children's Hospital and donate funds to help provide gas and food cards to families whose loved ones are staying on the All Children's Pediatric Cancer floor.** The children are well taken care of, but parents and family members have to travel back and forth and could use help offsetting their costly travel and meals.

The event will include a silent auction, dinner, music and dancing. The event is open to the public and all ages, so please plan on coming and invite your friends and neighbors. **Dinner will be catered by It's Your Day Catering** and music will be provided by Just Two Duo. Cost is \$25 a person and tickets may be purchased in the courtyard in between services. Remember, this is for a great cause, helping families who are going through the difficult challenge of having a child with cancer.

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.



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.

Submit Your Ministry Schedule for 2017

If you have not submitted your 2017 ministry events, they are not on our calendar. Events do not roll over from year to year, so even if your group or ministry has been meeting for many years, you still need to submit your ministry's schedule. There are many ministries at our church, and we rent our facilities as well, so please help us keep our calendar accurate and ensure that your ministry will have the meeting space it needs.

Submit your ministry's meeting dates, preferred room, and if you are on a regular schedule, any dates your ministry will not meet due to vacation, etc. to Executive Director of Church Administration, Arch Johnston. You can e-mail this information to arch.j@stpaulumc.org, drop it off at the church office or call 584-8165 x245.

GOOD NEWS

Thank You from the Sabal Palms Children's Center

Dear St. Paul United Methodist Church,

Words cannot express the tremendous positive impact the Handicapable Ministry and Horton Townes have had on the residents of Sabal Palms, especially the children and young adults. For over a year Horton, Renee and several members of the Handicapable group visit Sabal Palms Children's Center every month and conduct a "Pizza and Prayer" worship service with a sing along, special prayer time and a short but meaningful lesson, appropriate for our residents' abilities and interests. Our "Pizza and Prayer Service" is the first designated church service we have ever had at the Children's Center. The children and teens look forward to the event every month. Andrea and Donny from Handicapable do a great job helping Horton lead the service and their involvement provides a great opportunity for socialization for the young adults who reside at Sabal Palms. It is through these monthly gatherings Fanny and Alyssa, who are both six years old, have acquired a valuable life skill; they have learned how to pray. When Horton brought Handicapable to Sabal Palms over a year ago, Fanny and Alyssa could barely sit through the service, now they look forward to it every month. At prayer time both girls now know to be calm, close their eyes and bow their heads. Words do not convey the profound impact this has had on their lives. We are truly grateful for the services the Handicapable Ministry and Horton Townes provide for the children and young adults at Sabal Palms. We are so fortunate to have them be a part of our lives.

Sincerely,
Kory Blair, CTRS
Director of Life Enrichment



Andrea, Donny, Kory Blair and Fanny

Handicapable Shares Gifts and Worship with Sabal Palms Children's Center

As described in the note from Kory Blair on the left, the Handicapable Ministry conducts a monthly worship service at Sabal Palms Children's Center. In January, they also brought some special gifts for the residents including a large swing and photos and a DVD of the residents at their recently held Christmas Party. Assisting in the service were Handi students, Andrea and Donny and their mother, Vickie Anderson, all of whom have been mainstays of Handicapable for years. Kory Blair, Life Enrichment Director for **The Children's Center**, read a beautiful hand-written

prayer that our St. Paul Student Ministry recently gave to one of the young residents. What a blessed evening was had by all! As you can read in the note to the left, the Handicapable Ministry is having a great impact through this outreach.



Andrea, Donny, Vickie, Fanny, Kory and Alyssa with the swing Handicapable gave the residents

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



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