





**TODAY IS
SCOUT
SUNDAY.**



Visit page 5 for more information about the scouts participating in today's worship.




 **ST·PAUL**
United Methodist Church
February 12, 2017

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a member of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us for worship today. Our current series is called "How To Neighbor." My hope is that all of us will be inspired by this series to reach out and make some new relationships in our community. Each week we'll challenge you to do a "homework assignment" based on the week's message. If you do the homework let us know on social media or on our Connect Card. Check page 2 for more information, and visit page 6 to see a few great stories about what some of you did for the week one homework.

If you're new to St. Paul or would like to get connected to our ministries and others, I hope you'll attend the Discover St. Paul lunch today. 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



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

- Prelude *Leaves on the Seine* Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
 Welcome Felix Koutsourias, Lay Leader
 *Greet *Oh How He Loves You And Me*
 *Call to Worship
 Scout: When we stand at the edge of fear and worry,
People: God invites us to step into the waters of faith and trust.
 Scout: When we stand at the edge of the world's pain and need,
People: Jesus invites us to step into the land of humble service.
 Scout: When we stand at the edge of our hunger and thirst:
ALL: the Spirit invites us to sit at the Table of grace.
 *Hymns *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* No. 64
Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast No. 339
 Apostle's Creed No. 881
 Scout Prayer
 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
 Scripture Reading: **Isalah 61: 1-4, 6**
 Offertory *Go Ye Into All the World* Sanctuary Choir
 *Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving
 *Transitional Hymn *Christ From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 550
 Message "Our Neighbors in Poverty"
 Pastor Pam Dubov
 Directed Prayer
 *Hymn *Abide With Me* No. 700
 *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.

9 AM Greeters: BJ & Allen Suban

10:30 AM Greeter: Sharon Herman

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.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK
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Looking for the Prayer List? See page 9.



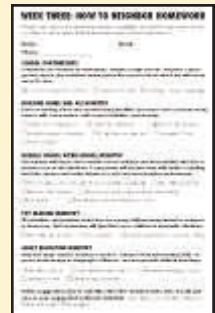
Our current message series "How To Neighbor" is all about reaching out to those around us in meaningful ways. We want to be a church of not just words, but action, so each week we'll give a homework assignment with a concrete action you can take that week to live into the week's message.

If you take on the week's homework, let us know you did it and share what happened or what you learned from your experience.

- Post about what you did or something you learned from it on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter. Be sure to include the hashtag #HowtoNeighbor so we can share each other's stories.
- If you don't have a social media account, fill out the Connect Card on page 4 each Sunday and we'll share your stories in the bulletin.

THIS WEEK: YOUR HOMEWORK IS...

Pray over the ministry possibilities listed in the handout in this bulletin. Choose one or two areas where you feel called to serve and turn in the sheet next Sunday.



DID YOU DO LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK? DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THE CONNECT CARD ON PAGE 4.

VISIT PAGE 6 FOR A FEW STORIES FROM WEEK ONE!

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.



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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:

- ♥ Judy Willey, "Happy Birthday to my loving husband Ron!"
- ♥ Bob and Sherry Hatch, celebrating our 51st wedding anniversary!
- ♥ Eleanor and Gordon Berry, in memory of our parents and the celebration of our 63rd 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.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mark and Ashley VanHooser on the birth of their daughter, Capri Rose, born in Madison, AL on February 3. Proud grandparents are Bob and Dede VanHooser.



Edith Mazzoli Memorial Service
Saturday, February 18 at 11 a.m.
St. Paul UMC Sanctuary

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: February 12, 2017 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
 Weekly St. Paul Newsletter Children
 Lenten Daily Devotional Youth
 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 help with:

Rummage Sale

Set Up: Mar. 1: 1PM Mar. 2: 8AM Mar. 3: 8AM

At Sale: Mar. 3: 5 - 8 PM Mar. 4: 8 AM - 2 PM

Live Streaming Ministry 9 AM 10:30 AM

Praise Choir at 10:30 AM Worship

Courtyard Refreshments on Sundays

I did last week's "Homework"

Tell us about your experience or something you learned

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 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. 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
- At 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.



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.



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 class

Room 202 in **Bldg C**

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in **Bldg C**

Bereans - Conference Room 2 in **Bldg B**

Friendship—Room 201 (Community Room) - **CLEC**

This Sunday Dr. Berkley Reynolds begins a 7 week series on the book of Romans to the Friendship Class. If you're looking for a Sunday class, this a great starting place to jump in!



Hannah

Ladies of all ages are welcome to join us on Tuesday, February 14 at 6:45 p.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center in the Community Room (201). We meet every second Tuesday for Christian fellowship, prayer support, good programs and refreshments. Our mission this year is to help Open Arms, Son Kissed Pre-school, Love Fund, Pregnancy Center, and families who are dealing with Pediatric Cancer. Our program for **February is "Command Your Clutter" given by Sharon Toston.** Please come and bring a friend.

Help Complete Our Yearly Audit

Each year we undergo an audit to ensure that our balances are correct, and we are following all prescribed procedures as set out by the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Part of the auditor's work is verifying that our giving statements are correct and accurate. To do this she randomly checks 20 statements. The people selected will receive a letter in the mail from our auditor, Kimberly Ford, CPA, asking you to confirm that you received a copy of your statement and that it is correct. If you get one of these letters, please respond as directed in the letter. We will announce the outcome of the audit when it is finalized in March.

Sign Up for Lenten Daily Devotional

Lent begins on March 1, Ash Wednesday, and continues through April 16. This is a time when many of us attempt to focus more fully on God and to Grow in Faith as we prepare for the coming of Easter. To help guide you along your Lenten journey, we invite you to sign up to receive a daily devotional e-mail. This short e-mail will include a brief thought, scripture or challenge points to help you spend a little of each day with the Lord during the Lenten season.

The Growth Guide will be on hiatus during this season, and we will not automatically subscribe anyone without their permission, so if you would like to receive the Lenten Daily Devotional e-mail you will need to sign-up on the Connect Card on page 3 of this bulletin or on our website stpaulumc.org



Today is Scout Sunday

The Scout Law says that a **"Scout is reverent", and Scouts of all ages promise to do their "duty to God."** These values strengthen character in family, community and faith. Today we are celebrating Scout Sunday with Cub Scout Pack 468, Boy Scout Troop 468, and Venture Crew 468 all of which meet here at St. Paul. You will notice Scouts and Crew from 468, in our congregation today, as well as participating in both of our worship times. Let us take this opportunity to recognize these young people and their leaders for their contributions to scouting.

Participating Scouts

- Kenny Ankenbauer
- Nicky Ankenbauer
- Gyfton Bjornberg-King
- Derek Boing
- Richard Dolson Jr
- Ryan Flurnoy
- Noah Granger
- Robert Kaiser
- Ben Mason
- Matthew Nelson

- Atticus Ulrich
- Kiy Otto
- Teagan Otto
- Riley Welch

Scout Leaders

- Scott Boing
- Richard Dolson III
- Russ Welch

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for worship, study and fellowship in the Lu-Anne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC). This week, February 14, Patsy McLaughlin Bower will teach. You are invited to 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

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.



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 today for an informal, free lunch at noon. We'll introduce you to St. Paul's missions and ministry, answer any questions you may have and introduce you to some of our staff! Lunch is held in the Christian Life Enrichment Center across the street. You can meet us in the Connection Center after the 10:30 a.m. service if you'd like to walk over together.



EARLY BIRD SALE
FRIDAY, MARCH 3
5 - 8 PM
Admission: \$1 Donation

SATURDAY, MARCH 4
8 AM - 2 PM
Free Admission



IGNITE: Adults Ages 18 to 30-somethings

IGNITE meets this Sunday at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study and discussion. What is the Christian worldview and how does it compare to other religions? Join us tonight as we talk about these questions and discuss Romans 12:2 and Colossians 2:8. For more info about IGNITE email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com



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Week One Homework

We had some great reports from those of you who did your "homework" on week one and reached out to meet your neighbors.

Take a look at a few of the stories that were shared.

"Our homework assignment was continually on my mind this week although I am not able to walk distances in my neighborhood. So I made it a point to go out and talk to the neighbors who were walking their dogs in front of my house. In addition, I received an invitation online to join a group called nextdoor.com. I accepted and now am learning about some of my neighbors online." - Joan Browder

"Gave a prayer shawl and grief comfort list to someone mourning in my residential park." - Rosemary Potter

"I invited three of my neighbors to church, gave them a bulletin and left several in our clothes care center."

- Ralph Moon

"I spent time with a next door neighbor instead of just saying 'Hi, how are you.' They were so appreciative and asked me to come back anytime. I felt blessed." - Judy Bobb

"Baked cookies for three neighbors. Cooked two meals for two elderly neighbors." - Russell & Carmen Munyan

"Provided a needed ride to a new co-worker. Gave some money to a person in need of a new electrical bike that was stolen-only means of transportation. Our neighbors are everyone around us." - Matt and Joyce Smith

If you did the week two homework and prayed for your neighbors, don't forget to fill out the Connect Card or make a post on social media.



Ash Wednesday Worship

The season of Lent begins on March 1, with Ash Wednesday. Join us at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary to receive ashes. The sanctuary choir will provide music as we worship and prepare our hearts and minds for the Lenten season.



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.

We've got such a great group, we've outgrown our old drop off area, so drop off is now in the Community Room (201) on the second floor of the CLEC. You can go up the stairs or use the elevator on the right side of the lobby, then head down the hall to the left. 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 Youth Group



TONIGHT: ALL IN

Bottom Line: Following Jesus starts with a step. When faced with a decision in your life, have you ever stopped to ask yourself this question: is it worth it or not? Sometimes a relationship with Jesus feels just like this, too. We know what God says about following Him—what choices we'll have to make, habits we might have to change, things we might have to give—and we find ourselves wondering if it will be worth it in the end. The good news is that asking this question **doesn't make you any less in** with God. In fact, some of Jesus' own disciples probably asked themselves the very same thing before they followed Jesus! As we **wrap up this series we'll learn from Matthew, a tax collector** that had a lot to lose, that taking that first step to follow God is always worth it in the end.

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.

NEXT WEEK—FEB. 19: HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

Next week the middle school students have their retreat, so our Sunday night Student Ministry will be high school students only.

Wednesday Nights

6—7:30 p.m. | Student Room

Students are invited to hang out, play in the gym and have a Bible study in the Student Room. Snacks provided.



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 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 at Open Arms weekdays on Monday through Thursday, as well as on the first and last Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Wednesday and Thursday, March 1 and 2, donations can be dropped off at the CLEC. Please pack your items in a box and be sure to wrap all glass. We cannot accept mattresses or televisions.

Rummage Sale Volunteers Needed

This year's Rummage Sale is March 3-4. We need helpers to set up before the Rummage Sale on Wednesday, March 1 at 1 p.m. and on Thursday and Friday beginning at 8 a.m. Lunch will be available for volunteers on Thursday and Friday—a donation would be appreciated to cover food costs.

We also need lots of volunteers during the sale on Friday and Saturday to greet, cashier, and help with sales and food. Fill out the Connect Card on page 4 or contact Sherry Shields at 581-5835 if you would like to volunteer.

UMW Ditty Bag Project

This year our goal is to donate 140 "Ditty Bags" filled with personal care and other items for the homeless and migrant organizations. We hope to fill 60 men's, 45 women's and 35 children's bags. We can do it with your help! Each month look for a list of items you can donate to the project. This month's list is below:

1) Children's books (reading and coloring books)

- 2) Shampoo/Conditioner (all in one) for adults and children
- 3) Razors for men and women
- 4) Brushes and combs

Drop these items off in the Connection Center on Sundays or in the labeled shelf in the church office during the week.

Use Music to Praise the Lord!

- **PRAISE CHOIR**—If you love to sing along to the radio but don't feel ready to sing on your own, we invite you to join our 10:30 a.m. Worship Praise Choir! We will be scheduling rehearsals soon and would like to hear from you now if you are interested. Fill out the Connect Card on page 4, or contact Josh Hardin, Contemporary Worship Leader at josh.h@stpaulumc.org or 584-8165.
- **SANCTUARY CHOIR**- Planning has begun for our Lenten season cantata! Now is a great time to join our sanctuary choir and be part of this musical event. Anyone is invited to join the choir for rehearsals on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the choir room.
- **DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?** If you play an instrument, you can use these gifts to Glorify God as well. If you're interested in being part of the Lenten cantata, or other future worship opportunities, contact Traditional Worship Leader, Kody Wallace to let him know your experience and which instrument you play: Call 727-584-8165 or e-mail kody.w@stpaulumc.org.

Hospitality Help

We're looking for team members to help with refreshments in the courtyard on Sundays. Can you help with making coffee or cleaning up after the refreshments are served? Fill out the Connect Card and we will contact you with more details about when and how you can help.



When families are suffering with grief over the loss of a loved one, there is a great need for the church family to rally around them and show their love and support. Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry does this by providing food for memorial receptions at no cost to the family. If you are interested in volunteering to help provide food, or if you have a need for the Loving Hearts Ministry, please contact the church office at 584-8165.

Coming this Week

Sunday, February 12

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	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
Discover St. Paul	12:00 PM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, February 13

Girl Scouts	5:30 PM
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Tuesday, February 14

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM
UMW: Hannah	6:45 PM

Wednesday, February 15

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, February 16

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, February 17

Church Office Closed

Saturday, February 18

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

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	Heather	Mel, Mary Jane, Ruth Ann
Amanda Swan	Jace Michael	Michael
Amy, Beth, Janice, Chris	Jack Meyer	Michele Keiper
Audrey Talbert	Jackson	Mickey Bishop
Beth's father	Jake & Vera Foust	Mike
Blake	James	Peter H.
Bob & Troy Hartell	Jane Denini	Rachell and Gail
Bob Larch	Jane Huter	Randy Kraft
Bobby Quinton	Jean Arms	Rich Stemboroski
Bonnie Wismer	Jenny Walter	Richard Shreves
Brad Jones	Jesse Cairo	Robert & Joyce Gerber's family
Brian	Jim Lucky	Robert Donegan
Carolyn Goodwin	John Fady	Roger Gety
Charlie Merritt	Joseph Smith	Rosemary Potter
Charlotte R.	Josh DeLoach	Samantha
Christine Brower	Judy Barone	Sharyn Hebert's mother
Christine V. & family	Justin, Mikayla, & Nicholas	Shirley
Christy, Do, Dave	Kalee Grady	Shirley & Kevin
Cliff Armbruser	Kat Farhangi	Steve Harvey
Courage to witness	Kathy Seitz	Tammy Barker
Darlene Mitchell	Kenneth A.	Thank you for the prayers
Daughter & son-in-law	Kevin & Vicki's	Todd Morris Smyzer
Dave	Kim Moore	Travis Ward
Dave Weitzel	Kim Morris	Trevor Birt
David & Nicole Seitz & baby boy	Kit Johnston	UMW groups
Dick & Dee Mayfield	Kristi Burslem	Victims of scams
Don Koth	Lexis Nichols	Windell White
Don Mitchell	Libby Burke	Women, youth, children
Donald Simonetti	Lillyann	
Donna, Sandy & Daniel	Linda & Hank Weaver	
Evelyn Bradley	Lori, Andy, David	Deaths
Frank Joseph	Louise	Please pray for the family and friends of Evelyn Anderson and John Nicely who recently passed on to life eternal.
Gilbert Quinn	Margie Stillwell	
Greg, Meg, Jackson & baby boy	Mark LaPolla	
Healing	Mary Barrett	
	Mary Woodard	
	Meghann & Caitylyn	



Save the Date: Golf Tournament

This year's St Paul UMC Golf Tournament is Saturday, April 1 at 1 p.m. at the Bardmoor Golf Club. We had a great time last fall and are hoping even more people will join the fun this year. We have 7 weeks to put foursomes together and find hole sponsors. Let's make the most of it! Sign-ups will begin February 26 so call your friends and start putting your team together now. For questions, call Arch Johnston in the church office at 584-8165. FORE!



Valentine's Social Raises \$1,400

About 100 people attended our first Valentine's Social, and enjoyed dancing and a delicious dinner catered by **It's Your Day Catering**. People bid on Valentine's themed baskets during a silent auction, and the event raised over \$1,400 for support of families experiencing pediatric cancer. Phil and Athena Gray shared their experience with Johns Hopkins Hospital and how expensive it can be for families as they travel to and from the hospital and the cost for incidental meals while being there with their children. The money raised will go to buy gas cards and food cards to help those families. 100% of the money raised will go to John Hopkins. Thank you everyone who helped plan the event, set-up, make baskets, and sell tickets. The people who attended enjoyed the social atmosphere and look forward to gathering again next year in support of this worthy cause.



Kids Worship Arts Class is Growing

Our Wednesday Worship Arts Class for kids has outgrown their old drop-off space. Drop off is now in the Community Room-201 starting at 6 p.m. The kids are currently working on something special to share with us in worship during Lent. All children ages 3 through 5th grade are welcome to attend.

Celebrating Baptisms

We've been blessed recently to celebrate two baptisms. On January 8, we baptized Riley Coral Shelley, daughter of Tricia and Andrew Shelley. On January 29 we baptized Audrey Elaine Small, daughter of Amelia Small and Cpt. William Small. Audrey's father is deployed in Korea but joined us for the baptism via Facetime. It is a blessing for all of us to witness these baptisms and to take the opportunity to remember our own baptism and rededicate ourselves to the Lord.



Baptism of Riley Coral Shelley



Baptism of Audrey Elaine Small



2016 Year End Budget Report

We are pleased to let you know that we finished 2016 \$7,480.79 in the black. This is the first time in many years that our tithes, offerings and income have fully met the needs of the ministries of the church. In 2016 we did not have to request funds from the Board of Trustees to balance the budget. We also did not have to transfer money from our Working Capital Fund, a savings fund where we have allocated money to help the church with cash flow in the summer when our bills are highest. On behalf of the Finance Team, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you for your faithfulness and commitment to St. Paul's ministries. It takes all of us working together to make **these ministries possible!** We're looking forward to a great 2017!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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