



RUMMAGE SALE

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Early Bird Night
FRIDAY, MARCH 4: 5-8 PM
 Admission: \$1 Donation

SAT, MARCH 5: 8 AM - 2 PM
 Free Admission

Get great bargains on clothes,
 electronics, furniture, housewares,
 books, toys & much more.

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE.



February 19, 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.

Lent is just around the corner, and it is a meaningful time at St. Paul. Be sure to check page 7 of the bulletin to find out about special worship times. Take a look through this bulletin or visit our website to find out 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 *Going Home* Aaron Cassette, Accompanist

Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov

*Greet *Oh How He Loves You And Me*

*Call to Worship

Leader: How are we to live as God's beloved children?

People: We are to have attitudes and actions of compassion and justice.

Leader: How are we to live as neighbors with one another?

People: We are to put on the garments of love and peace.

Leader: Let us come before the Lord in gratitude for all we have been given.

People: Lord, thank you for all you continue to do in our lives. Amen.

*Hymns *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 139

Where He Leads Me No. 338

Apostle's Creed No. 881

Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895

Scripture Reading: Luke 6:41, 10:25-28

Offertory *I'm Gonna Pray Every Time* Sanctuary Choir

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

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Transitional Hymn *Christ From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 550

Message "Connecting With My Neighbor"
Pastor Bob Martin

Directed Prayer

*Hymn *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands* No. 273

*Benediction

*Postlude *Out of the Darkness*

*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: Kay Hisey & Anita Schulze

10:30 AM Greeter: Deb Byrnes & 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.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK
StPaulUMCLargo

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...



DID YOU DO LAST WEEK'S HOMEWORK? DON'T FORGET TO TURN IN YOUR SHEET AT THE CONNECTION CENTER. DON'T HAVE A SHEET? YOU CAN PICK ONE UP THERE.

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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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

Last week there was an error in our flower listing. It should have read:

Bob and Sherry Hartel,
celebrating our 51st Wedding Anniversary!

Congratulations, Bob and Sherry!

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.

Upper Room

Looking for a copy of the Upper Room? We have copies of the current issue available in the Connection Center. Large print is \$2 and regular print is \$1.

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, comment during worship, or share your prayer requests. It's a great way to interact with others who are worshipping online with you!

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests, needs and interests. Tear off and return it in the offering plate, the basket in the lobby, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

Date: February 19, 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 Students
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: 4 - 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 will attend:

Family Fun Night: March 4 at 6 PM
Cost: \$3/person or a max. of \$10/family

Number of people attending: _____

Ages of children: _____

- I want to receive the Lenten Daily Devotional Emails.

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 March 12 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
- 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.

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 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

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 Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Rev. Dr. Berkley Reynolds 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

Soaring Eagles

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

Men are invited to Saturday morning fellowship, prayer and devotions at 8 a.m. Women are invited to join the Soaring Eagles this Sat. for breakfast at 7:30 a.m.



IGNITE: Adults Ages 18-35

IGNITE meets this Sunday at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study and discussion. This week we are starting a series on understanding Islam. We are taking a look at several other belief systems so we can better reach out to share the Good News with those who are not Christians. Next Sunday we will cook and serve dinner to the families at the Ronald McDonald House. For more info about IGNITE email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com



Handicapable Talent Night

This Friday, Feb. 24 | 6:30 p.m. | LuAnne Willey (CLEC)

Everyone is invited to join us this Friday in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC) to support our Handicapable as they share their talents on the big stage. Come and celebrate our Handicapable and their many talents! For more information contact Handicapable Director, Horton Townes at 584-8165 x206.



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

March 25: 9a.m. to Noon

God's Love...Deep and Wide

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

Tickets are \$12 and can be bought in the courtyard between services.

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.

INITIATIVE #1—Introduce Jesus to 20,000 people in a 5 mile radius of our church, so that they experience and share him.

INITIATIVE #2—Follow Jesus' lead to reach out to those experiencing poverty and strive to reverse its effects on our community.



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.

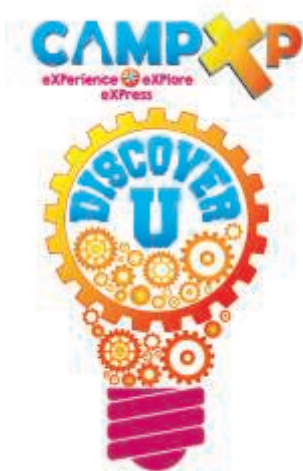
Sunday Morning: Preschool & K-5

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 is 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.



Summer Camp
Registration is Now Open
This year our Camp XP theme is "Discover U." Kids in K-5th grade will have fun doing projects, playing active games, going on field trips, praising God with songs and discovering more about how God made them and who they are. Visit our website for more information or to register now: stpaulumc.org

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



Family Fun Night: March 4

Join us at 6 p.m. on March 4 for pizza and a fun night of family Jeopardy and more. Cost is \$3 per person or a maximum of \$10 per family. Register on our website stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect Card on page 4.



One Day Camp: March 20

Camp XP presents a one day Adventure Xplorers camp for kids to explore and experience faith, friends and fun when school is out. We are offering a safe and fun environment for your K-5 children to come and play during the Pinellas County School's scheduled "Teacher Work Days." Your kids will have the chance to do fun crafts, play silly games, and not only make new friends but to grow their relationship with God. Get the summer camp experience in one day. The cost is \$20 per child and includes 2 snacks and lunch, as well as activities and all day childcare from 7 AM to 6 PM. Register online at stpaulumc.org.



Son Kissed Book Fair and Movie Night

Son Kissed Preschool invites you to a book fair and movie night. Bring the family for a free night out!

Friday, March 24

6-8 PM

**Children's Ministry Center (Bldg B)
Pizza and Popcorn provided
It's FREE!**



Student Ministry

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



Sunday Youth Group

TONIGHT: HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

Middle schoolers had a retreat this weekend, so tonight's student ministry is high school only. We'll have dinner and games, then watch the movie *Priceless*.



Inspired by true stories, *Priceless* is a powerful drama/thriller about James Stevens who, after the tragic death of his wife and losing custody of his little girl, is at the darkest crossroad of his life. Angry, desperate, and unable to hold down a job, he agrees to drive a truck on a one-time trip cross country for cash -- no questions asked. But when he discovers what he is delivering, he is compelled to save two beautiful and frightened sisters who are unaware of the danger that awaits them. Can love, strength, and faith redefine his past and change the course of his future? This unlikely hero risks it all to save these women, confront the forces that oppose him and ultimately discover the life he was meant to live." The movie is rated PG-13 and deals with the adult theme of human trafficking, but is done very tastefully and without any onscreen sexual activity. Following the movie we'll have discussion.

NEXT WEEK: UPSIDE DOWN

At 5:30, students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner followed by 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 hang out, play in the gym and have a Bible study in the Student Room. Snacks provided.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 1 and lasts for the 40 days leading up to Easter on April 16. This is a time for Christians to commit to a season of reflection and sacrifice through prayer, fasting and giving.

REFLECT & PRAY

We invite you to join our Lenten daily devotional mailing list. Each day you'll receive an short e-mail with a devotion to help you spend some time with the Lord each day during Lent. Sign up on the Connect Card on pg. 3 or 4 to receive the daily devotion e-mail.

FAST

During Lent we have the opportunity to give up something, whether that's food, a leisure activity or something else that has meaning for you. The key is to replace the time you would have spent eating or doing something else with prayer and reflection.

GIVE

Lent is a time to sacrificially give beyond what you normally offer. This can be done financially or by committing to serve in a greater capacity.

LENTEN WORSHIP TIMES

Ash Wednesday: March 1 | 7 p.m. in the sanctuary
Receive ashes and begin the season of Lent.

Cantata: April 4 | 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Join us for this free concert, "The Weeping Tree," presented by our sanctuary choir and musicians.

Palm Sunday: April 9 | 9 and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

Mauddy Thursday: April 14
The Christian Life Enrichment Center is open from 6-7:30 p.m. Join us any time while the doors are open to walk a prayer labyrinth and experience stations related to this holy day.

Good Friday: April 15 | 7 p.m. in the sanctuary
Join us as we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us. Unplugged, reverential music offered by praise team.

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 16

Sunrise Service | 6:30 a.m. outside the sanctuary
Continental breakfast after worship in the courtyard.

9 and 10:30 AM in the sanctuary
Celebrate the risen king with our choir at 9 a.m. and our praise team at 10:30 a.m.



Rummage Sale Donations

If you're planning to donate items to this year's Rummage Sale, be sure to get them in soon! Your gently used items will help us raise money in support of UMW missions and ministries in our community and beyond. There's no better way to give what you no longer need a second life helping others.

You can drop donations off at Open Arms Monday through Thursdays from 1-3 p.m., as well as this Saturday, Feb. 24 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 and conditioner 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 near 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 19

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
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, February 20
Church Office Closed for
Presidents' Day

Tuesday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 22

UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Weds. Night Fellowship	6:00 PM
Handicapable	6:15 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 23

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

Friday, February 24

Church Office Closed	
Handi Talent Night	6:30 PM

Saturday, February 25

Soaring Eagles	7:30 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:

Al Misuraca	Jackson	Max
Allison Hall	Jackson Seitz	Meghann & Caitlyn
Amanda Hunt & family	Jake & Vera Foust	Mel
Audrey Talbert	Jane & Paul Denini	Michael
Barbara	Jane Huter	Mikalya, Nicholas & Jennifer
Betty	Janice	Mike and Family
Bob & Troy Hartel	Jean Arms	Mikayla Bishop
Bob Larch	Jenny Walter	Natalie & Rachelle
Bob Riley	Jim Lucky	Pastor Bob & Patti
Bob Stimac	Jim Melchin	Pastor Pam
Bobby Quinton	John Fady	Penny McElyea
Bonnie Doroshov	Joseph Smith	Peter H.
Bonnie Wismer	Josh DeLoach	Rich Stemboroski
Brad Jones	Kalea Grady	Richard Kramer
Brian	Kat Farhangi	Richard Shreves
Carolyn Goodwin	Kathy Seitz	Rita, Ron
Cherie	Kecia	Ruth Ann
Chris	Kelly	Samantha
Christyal Herrell	Ken	Shirley & Kevin
Cliff Armbruster	Kenneth A.	Shirley Hamrick
Darlene Mitchell	Kevin & Vicki	Steve Harvey
Dave	Kevin, Heather & Malachi	To be a better Christian
Dave Weitzel	Kim	To be a better witness
David & Nicole & baby boy	Kit Johnston	Todd Smyzer
Dean Perdue	Kitty	Tom
Dick & Dee Mayfield	Kristi Burslem	Toni Yost
Don	Laurie	Travis Ward
Donald Simonetti	Libby B.	Trevor Birt
Donna	Lillyann	Will McCormick
Dorothy Miller	Linda Weaver Hank	Windell T. White
Elaine McCarthy	Lori, Andy & David	Zackary Kueker
Evelyn Bradley	Lynne and Vince Delella	
Gilbert Quinn	Margaret	
Greg, Meg & baby boy	Margie Stillwell	
Heather	Mark LaPolla	
Jace Michael	Mary Barrett	
Jack Meyer	Mary Jane	



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 next Sunday, 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!

GOOD NEWS



Handicapable Celebrates 20th Anniversary

Two hundred sixty five of our Handicapable gathered in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, February 8, to celebrate the ministry's 20th year of operation. The delicious meal was prepared

Founder of Handicapable, Dr. Bill Fritz, with Ashely, Dawn and Sunni.

by Michael and Yvette Carter. Vickie Anderson, long-time volunteer for Handicapable, took snapshots of Handi members and had them sign their photos for insertion into a scrap book that was later given to Handicapable Director, Horton Townes.

Dr. Bill Fritz, founder of Handicapable, and his wife, Joan, were special guests for the evening. Dr. Fritz presented Horton with a beautifully hand-written thank you card from Friends Ministry of Trinity United Church in Ontario, Canada, for all the support materials the Handicapable Ministry has shared with them through the years. Dr. Fritz also honored Horton with an artistically sculptured piece entitled, "In the Palm of God's Hand." A DVD of the early years of the Handicapable Ministry was also shown as the Handicapable Family remembered and celebrated the ministry's history and lifted up praise and thanksgiving! What a blessing to have this inspiring ministry continue to grow and reach people after 20 years!



Yvette Carter, Director of Open Arms, and husband Michael cooked dinner with the help of a few other Open Arms volunteers.

Linda VanPutte is Our New Missions and Outreach Team Leader

We are happy to welcome Linda VanPutte as the new Team Leader for the Missions and Outreach Team. Linda is a Certified Candidate for Ministry and currently serves as a Hospital Chaplain. Linda brings incredible experience to the position from her time at Ebenezer UMC in Virginia. There, she served as Director of Missions where she organized and led a team that developed working relationships with community agencies and churches leading to the formation of 10 new ministries. Under her leadership, mission participation grew from 50 individuals to over 500 individuals per year! She also served in missions to Sierra Leone Africa on 5 occasions and created and managed a ministry that coordinated care of local refugee families. **All refugees under the ministry's care secured employment and citizenship.** We are so blessed to have Linda serve in this leadership role at St. Paul!



Giving in Love for Valentine's Day

Our Handicapable made valentines at their recent craft night and distributed them at the Sabal Palms Children's Place.

Matt and Noah, pictured at left with Angela and Donny, presented a thank you card made by the residents. Children at Ponce DeLeon Elementary also made valentines for us to distribute at nursing homes and to shut-ins. Thank you to our valentine makers and the Handicapable Ministry for delivering them.



Cards from Ponce DeLeon

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



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