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United Methodist Church March 26, 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 during the season of Lent. Our message series, "No Other Name" digs into the many names of Jesus Christ to help us gain a fuller understanding of who Jesus is and His many roles. Be sure to take a look at page 9 to see the Lenten worship times in April. We have some new things planned this year, like a prayer labyrinth for Maundy Thursday and a Sunrise Service on Easter. We're also providing invitation cards like we did last Christmas so that you can invite someone to join us for Holy Week or one of our Easter 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!

3ob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God • Grow in Faith • Give in Love

## GLORIFY GOD

## TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Welcome Aaron Cassette, Accompanist Pastor Pam Dubov

\*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

#### \*Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us like Moses in the wilderness, the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

#### People: They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.

Leader: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely. People: Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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*Doxology	Praise God, From Whom	No. 94
*Prayer of Tha	anksgiving	
*Transitional	Hymn Lord Who Throughout These	e Forty Days No. 269
Message	"Jesus the Mediator"	
	Pastor Bob Martin	
Directed Pray	yer	
*Hymn	Ye Servants of God	No. 181
*Renediction		

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: Judy and Ray DeVries 10:30 AM Greeter: Bill & Patsy McLaughlin Bauer

#### 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:



If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org

VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo

#### 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 & Kalea Allison Hall Amanda Swan Audrey Talbert Barbara Bernie & Faye Suarez Larry Bob Larch Bob Perras Bob Riley Bonnie Marlow **Bonnie Wismer** Brad Jones Calvin Anthony Seitz Caroline Zimmerman Carolyn Goodwin Carolyn Nicholas Charlotte Russo Chris, Cassidy & Brett Mark LaPolla Christina Carter Cliff Armbruster Dave David & Cathy David & Nicole Seitz Don Koth Donna Simone Emilie Eric Pitts Evelyn Bradley Gail & Gary Gilbert Quinn Glenda Neville Greg, Meg, Jackson & Baby Boy Seitz Heather Huff-Walker family Jace Michael Jackson Jane Huter Jason Barany family Jax & Judy Jenny Walter Jim Jimmy Harris Joe Evanson John Fady Josh DeLoach June Aldrich Kat Farhangi Kathy Seitz Kendara DeGroat & family

Kenneth A. Kevin, Heather & Malachi Seitz Kim Morris Kristi Burslem Laurie Leen Lily Ann Linda Gray Linda Weaver Hank Lori, Andy & David Loraine Portier Luis Luisa Margie Stillwell Marilyn, Kitty, Brenda Mary Barrett Meghann & Caitlyn Timberlake Michael, Bob, Doris, Jeff, Jay, Doug & Rose Michelle Keiper Mickey Bishop Penny McElyea Praises for St. Paul Ralph Moon Renee Rich Stemboroski **Richard Shreves** Rita Robert & Lori Bailey Robin, Jodie, Matt & Kathy **Roy Neville** Samantha Sandy & Gary Sharon Hensley Shirley Hamrick Staci Day-Hopper Stephen Steve Harvey Susie & Jeff Welch Todd Smyzer Tom Russell Travis Ward Val Barg Vicki & Carter Zackary Kueker

#### **10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

about an hour. Worship is filled with current Chriswith us today!





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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 flow-



ers, class study materials and more. Visit our website: stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this OR code.

#### Flowers

This week's flowers were given by:

Julia Smith, in loving memory of my husband, Alvin ۷ Smith

Last week's flower inscription should have read: Audrey Bittle, in loving memory of my mother, Frances Taylor

Do you have an event or person you would like to honor with flowers? You can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order. Flowers can be donated to hospitals and the homebound, or picked up after 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday or at the church office during the week.

#### Join us in the Courtyard Between Services

Between worship times our praise band does a sound check in the sanctuary. If you arrive early to our 10:30 a.m. worship, we invite you to join us in the courtyard for refreshments and fellowship instead of entering the sanctuary right away. You are also welcome to sit in on the sound check, but be aware that it may be loud.

### 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!

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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:

- □ Golf Tournament
- □ IGNITE Mentor
- 🗆 10:30 a.m. Greeter

Good Friday Worship—April 14 at 7 p.m. Greeter Usher Easter Sunday: April 16 Greeter Usher 6:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

#### I will attend:

- Discover St. Paul Lunch April 9 at Noon
- □ Intentional Parenting Class Starts April 19–6:30 PM

#### 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 April 9 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 SchoolAt 9:15 and 10:15
  - a.m.

#### SHORT TERM GROUPS

- Topical classes covering things like
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  - ⇒ Finance
  - $\Rightarrow Parenting \\\Rightarrow Caretaking$
- Topical and seasonal Bible studies and

VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG

## **GROW IN FAITH**

#### Adult Studies

#### Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes:

<u>9:15 a.m. Sunday school class</u> Room 202 in **Bldg C** 

<u>10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes</u> 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, March 28, Patsy McLaughlin Bauer will teach. Make a note on your calendar that on April 18 JOY will have a potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share! For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org. or 584-8165.



Join us at 6:30 p.m. on April 4 for a free concert from our sanctuary choir and musicians. "The Weeping Tree" by Joseph M. Martin is a poignant portrait of the cross that uses beloved hymns, newly composed music, thoughtful narration, and simple sacred symbols to create a touching testament of grace. We invite you to experience the majesty of this music and to relive Jesus' journey to the cross.



Wednesday Night Study The Girl's Still Got It Wednesdays | 6:30 PM Room 221–CLEC | Led by Patti Martin In this study of the book of Ruth, walk with Ruth as she travels from Moab to Bethlehem, certain of her

calling, yet uncertain of her future. With best-selling author Liz Curtis Higgs by your side, you will get glimpses into the history, the cul-

ture, the geography, the laws and the customs of the day. Tarry in the corners of their ancient houses, listen to their conversations, and consider every word of every verse until you can say, "I see what God is trying to teach me through this rags-to-riches redemption story he has a plan for my life."



Intentional Parenting: 10 Ways to Be an Exceptional Parent in a Quick Fix World Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Start Date: April 19 Raising kids is a difficult challenge and parents often default to "Quick-Fix Parenting." Let's be honest: it's just a lot easier to try to solve the immediate problems rather than deal with the deeper and more important issues. We know we want to be intentional about our parenting and to have a plan, but sometimes it feels like all we can do is survive each day. This study from veteran parents and best-selling authors, Doug and Cathy Fields, helps you move from Quick-Fix Parenting to Intentional Parenting. The study workbook provides 10 actions you can take today that will impact the future of your children and help you see immediate results in your child-no matter their age.

If you plan to attend, let us know by filling out the Connect Card on page 4.



#### The golf tournament to raise funds for the St. Paul UMC ministry budget is this Saturday at Bardmoor Golf Club!

#### Golf and cart is \$100 per player.

Pick up a registration form for foursomes in the sanctuary lobby today, or the church office during the week. If you don't have a full foursome, we'll place you with other golfers. Everyone is welcome!

#### Hole Sponsorship is \$100.

Sponsorship is \$100 and includes a sign on the course and a listing in the event brochure. This is a great way for businesses to advertise their services, or for individuals to honor a special person or event. We can also take sponsorships in any amount if you would like to donate to St. Paul's ministries but don't want a sign on the course or to play golf.

#### Volunteer to Help with the Tournament

If you are able to help with registrations, directing the golfers or other jobs on the day of the golf tournament, fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

There is still time to register, but please get all registrations in by Tuesday, March 28. You can bring registrations by the church office, email them to church@stpaulumc.org. call our Executive Director of Church Administration, Arch Johnson for more information: 584-8165.





#### IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

IGNITE meets this Sunday at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study and discussion on Islam vs. Christianity. We will begin a new study called "Explore the Resurrection" on April 2. This study demonstrates how the resurrection of Jesus is supported by historical facts, and helps participants understand how the fact of the resurrection affects each of us personally. Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events, and cancellations. If you prefer to receive scheduling notes by text, email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com and include the number where you would like to receive texts.

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#### Watch The Case for Christ Movie

Join IGNITE leaders, Benjamin and Rachel Shockey on Thursday, April 6 at Regal Park Place Plaza for an advance movie showing of *The Case for Christ*. Based on the true story of an award-winning journalist who, working to disprove the newfound Christian faith of his wife, begins chasing down the biggest story of all time... with unexpected, life-altering results. Everyone is invited to join them at the Chipotle at Park Place Plaza for dinner beforehand at 7 p.m.

Buy tickets for the Fathom advanced showing ahead of time at http://caseforchristmovie.pureflix.com/tickets/fathom



**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 4year-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 Wednesday

Worship Arts class for children ages 3 through 5th grade meets Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Kids have the chance to play games, make crafts, sing and praise the Lord. 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 who were in K -5th grade during the 2016-2017 school year 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:



## Student Ministry

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



#### Sunday Youth Group



#### TONIGHT

Bottom Line: Jesus gives you all access to God. There's nothing better than an all-access pass. Whether it's a backstage pass at a concert for your favorite band or a front row seat at the championship game for your favorite team, having all access makes a great experience even greater! Without an allaccess pass there's a limit to how close you can geta hall you can't walk down, a seat you can't sit in, a rope you can't cross. In other words, there's something keeping you from truly getting up close and personal to the action. And at some point, most of us have probably felt the same way about God. Even though we show up at church, pray the prayers, and sing the songs, we feel like there's something keeping us from getting as close to God as others seem to be. It's as if we're experiencing God from the cheap seats. But that's not how God intended us to feel. In fact, God went out of His way to make sure that everyone could move past the barriers and get closer to Him. And as we'll see this week, when we take hold of the all-access pass God's offering us, there's no longer anything holding us back from experiencing the greatest possible thing-a relationship with Him.

Students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance on our website. Time together ends at 8 p.m.



Wednesday Nights Student Room – 6:00 p.m. Students are invited to a Weds. Bible study to get into God's Word. Students will hang out, play in the gym and have a Bible study in the Student Room. Snacks provided.

## **GIVE IN LOVE**

### UMW Scholarships for Students

The St. Paul United Methodist Women are offering two scholarships for students.

Bruce Shaw Law Enforcement Education Scholarship

Purpose: Provide financial assistance to a student who wishes to follow a career in law enforcement, which would require attendance to a police academy, a college degree (AA, BA or an advanced degree), a fire academy or any specialized training for which you would have to pay. This includes but is not limited to, a police officer, lawyer, fireman, sheriff's deputy, fish & game warden, park ranger, or police officer working for a private organization which requires specific training. Amount: \$500

Requirements: In 150 words or less, explain your goals, how you would use the scholarship money, and why you are deserving of this scholarship.

#### St. Paul UMW Higher Education Scholarship

Purpose: To provide financial assistance to a graduating senior or woman who is planning on attending college, university or trade school for the Fall 2017 semester.

Amount: \$1000

Requirements: In 150 words or less, explain your goals, how you would use the money, and why you are deserving of this scholarship.

#### To Apply for Either Scholarship

E-mail Lyn Sears at lynsears57@gmail.com or call 480-7961 for an application or more information. Deadline for submitting application with essay is April 10. Scholarship winners will be notified by May 15.



#### Discover St. Paul Lunch

If you're new to St. Paul, thinking about joining, or want to know more about us and our missions and ministry, we invite you to join us on Sunday, April 9 after the 10:30 a.m. worship for an informal, free lunch at noon. We'll answer any questions you may have, introduce you to some of our staff, and help you start to get connected at St. Paul. Lunch is held in the Christian Life Enrichment Center across the street. Fill out the Connect Card on page 4 or send an e-mail to church@stpaulumc.org if you plan to attend.



#### 10:30 a.m. Greeters

We are in need of additional greeters for the 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Greeters need to be at the church by 10 a.m. to welcome worshipers in the lobby and outside the sanctuary doors. They stay in

position until 10:40 to make sure latecomers are welcomed. Fill out the Connect Card if you would like to be a greeter at 10:30 a.m. You can serve one Sunday a month or as many Sundays as you would like!

#### Lenten Hospitality

We need a few greeters in the lobby and outside the sanctuary doors for our Good Friday worship on April 14. Worship begins at 7 p.m. so greeters should arrive at 6:30 p.m. and stay in position until 7:10 p.m.

We are also in need of extra ushers and greeters for Easter Sunday. We want to make sure that all of our Easter guests are welcomed on this day of celebration. Our 9 and 10:30 a.m. greeters will be needed at the usual time, and we also have a Sunrise Service this year at 6:30 a.m. which greeters and ushers will **need to arrive for by 6:10 a.m. If you haven't greeted** before and want to see what it's like, this is a great time to try it out without making a commitment. Fill out the Connect Card to let us know you'd like to help.

#### 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) Deodorants Men's and Ladies
- 2) Toothbrush/Toothpaste Adult and Kids
- 3) Pencils/Pens
- 4) Spiral notebooks

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

#### Coming this Week

Sunday, March	26
Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	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
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday,	March 27
Girl Scouts	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 28		
Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM	
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM	
GriefShare	1:00 PM	

Wednesday, March 29		
Handicapable	6:15 PM	
The Girl's Still Got It	6:30 PM	
Children: Worship Arts	6:30 PM	
Students: Amplify	6:00 PM	
Volleyball	7:45 PM	

## Thursday, March 30Men's Bible Study7:00 AMPrayer Shawl Ministry4:00 PMHandbells Rehearsal5:30 PMIntercessory Prayer6:00 PM

AA Meeting	7:00 PM
<u>Friday, N</u>	March 31

**Choir Rehearsal** 

### Church Office Closed

7:00 PM

Saturday, April 1	
Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Golf Tournament	1:00 PM

If you have an event to schedule, contact us at 584-8165 or e-mail arch.j@stpaulumc.org



#### MAUNDY THURSDAY PRAYER LABYRINTH April 13 from 6-7:30 PM

Join us in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall anytime from 6-7:30 p.m. to walk a prayer labyrinth and visit stations related to Communion and Baptism.

A prayer labyrinth is not a maze, but a path to walk with reflection points to help guide your prayers. Walking toward the center, we pray over our sins and burdens. In the center, we let go of whatever it is we're carrying, and empty ourselves before God. Take as much time as you need in the center to receive whatever God has for you. As we walk back out of the labyrinth, we focus our prayers on how we will reach out to the rest of the world.

We will provide "finger labyrinths" for those who have trouble walking so you can "walk the labyrinth" with your fingers while remaining seated.



Invite Someone to Join Us for Holy Week Take an invitation card or two from the Connection Center or the backs of the pews and invite someone to join us for Holy Week or one of our Easter worship times.



We cannot fully experience the celebration and joy of Easter without first experiencing the suffering and darkness of Good Friday. Join us in the sanctuary as we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us with a reflective time of worship led by our unplugged Praise Band.



6:30 AM SUNRISE SERVICE OUTSIDE SANCTUARY Stay for a continental breakfast after worship in the courtyard.

> 9 AM TRADITONAL IN THE SANCTUARY

10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY

# **GOOD NEWS**



#### Student Mission Trip Wrap Up

Our Student Ministry students and leaders enjoyed serving two families while in Webster Springs, WV. At one home we replaced their entire kitchen floor, helped to reroute a stream of water that was flowing underneath the house, replaced drywall, and painted almost every ceiling in the house that had been stained by propane heating. In the other home, we rebuilt a deck that was falling apart, replaced drywall and painted many of the rooms.

The students experienced snow and cold weather, with temperatures dropping to 15 degrees, that allowed them to better understand the weather challenges many people in the north face. Some are even without heating in their homes during these cold months! The students also played in the snow, having snowball fights and sledding. For some it was the first time they'd had the chance to experience snow.

Experience Mission will continue to serve this very poor community and is helping make sustainable changes to better the lives of the people living there. It was very powerful to take part in the work they are doing. Our students loved having the opportunity to serve, and are so thankful and blessed to have been given this amazing experience through the generosity of the many congregation members who contributed! Thank you all!

Visit the Student Ministry Facebook for more pictures SPUMCLighthouse







Tearing out and replacing kitchen floor

Working on building a new deck, interior painting and more







Having fun in the snow!



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



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