

# Risen

EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 16, 2017



# Glorify God

## 9 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

Prelude Aaron Cassette, Accompanist

\*Processional *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* No. 302

\*Hymn of Celebration *Easter People, Raise Your Voices* No. 304

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

People: His faithful loves endures forever!

Leader: The stone rejected by the builders has now become the cornerstone.

People: **This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous to see!**

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made!

People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov

\*Greet *Oh How He Loves You and Me*

\*Apostles' Creed No. 881

Prayer *Lord's Prayer* No. 895

Scripture Reading: John 20:1-8, 24-29

Offering *Hallelujah Chorus* Sanctuary Choir

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

### \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sermon "Jesus is Lord" Senior Pastor Bob Martin

\*Closing Hymn *Christ is Alive, Let Christians Sing* No. 318

\*Benediction

Postlude

\*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, please let a greeter or usher know and they would be happy to help.  
Baby changing tables are in both men and women's restrooms.

## 10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SNAPSHOT

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Our 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. Our message is the same theme and scriptures as our 9 a.m. worship. You'll notice every week there's a time in our service to give financially. While this is something we're called to do in scripture, it's also just our way of saying, "We love our church and want to support it!"



ABOUT 60 MIN.



PASSIONATE MUSIC



NO PRESSURE

Kids EGG HUNT

Look through the bulletin for eggs like this to color!



## Welcome from Pastor Bob

Today is Resurrection Day! All around the world, Christians are gathering to celebrate the greatest miracle of all, Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and His resurrection allows common people like you and me to be assured that God's grace is sufficient for all our needs. Easter Sunday is a time of miracles and every Easter Sunday, I come to church expecting just that: a miracle. I know before the day ends I will witness something miraculous God will do in my life. and I know that will also be true for you. On behalf of all our staff, let me welcome you to St. Paul United Methodist Church and tell you just how important you are to us. This church is a wonderful place for you to make new friends, as well as deepen the friendships you already have. There is something exciting about what God is doing here, and I hope you will become part of our wonderful church family. If I or any of our staff may help you or get you connected here, please email us at church@stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect Card on the next page. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, and be glad in it!

*Bob Martin*  
Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

St. Paul United Methodist Church  
**CONNECT CARD**

# Welcome

## First time here?

We are so glad you have joined us on this day of celebration! We hope that you experience the life changing message of Jesus Christ, and that you will visit us again. Look through this bulletin to find out more about some of our ministries. **We offer two services on Sundays; Traditional Worship at 9:00 a.m. and Contemporary Worship at 10:30 a.m.**



**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 of the lobby. We would love to speak with you!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST



LIKE OUR FACEBOOK:  
[StPaulUMCLargo](https://www.facebook.com/StPaulUMCLargo)

## Share Your Easter Pictures

Visit the courtyard between services for light refreshments and place a flower on the flower cross. If you take a picture with the cross, or any time during our Easter celebration, post it on social media and tag it **#EASTERSTPAUL** so we can all see and share each other's pictures. It's like making an online photo album!

## Giving Made Easy

We encourage you to check out our convenient electronic giving options. We offer both recurring and one time online giving. You can scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) to securely give.



## Watch Our Services Live

If you're unable to make it to church, or you know someone out of town who would like to attend St. Paul, join our online family! Both our 9 a.m. and our 10:30 a.m. worship services stream live online. Just visit [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org) and click on the WATCH link.

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests, needs and interests. Tear off and return 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 are relevant to you.

Date: April 16, 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
- This Week at St. Paul Newsletter
- Youth       Children
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!

### How can we pray for you?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- 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!**

# 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 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 are relevant to you.

I am interested in:

- Rededicating my life to Jesus
- Being baptized
- Becoming a member
- Joining a Small 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 more information about:

- Vacation Bible School     Kids Summer Camp
- Student Ministry     Student Retreats
- Son Kissed Preschool     Adult Studies
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend:

- Discover St. Paul: May 7 at noon  
New to St. Paul or want to become a member?  
Join us for an informal lunch in the CLEC.
- Parenting Class  
Weds. at 6:30 PM | Begins on April 19  
See page 7 for more.
- Colossians Bible Study  
Weds. at 6:30 PM | Begins on April 19  
See page 7 for more.

*Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info.*

# 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

This informal lunch focuses 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. It's also a chance to meet new people who are also interested in the church and start building relationships. The next Discover St. Paul Lunch is May 7 at noon.



## STARTING POINT CLASS

This class is for anyone who is new to attending church or is coming back to church. It covers topics like who we are as Methodists, a spiritual gifts assessment, and basics of our faith.



## ONGOING GROUPS

- Age level groups (ex. JOY, IGNITE,)
- Source Groups (Small groups of twelve or less)
- Sunday School 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



**TREEHOUSE**  
Children's Ministry

**Children** *Infant-5th grade. Kaitie Johnson,*  
*Children's Ministry Director, kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org*

Children's Ministry offers support and interactive Bible lessons relevant to a child's life. Your child will have fun, learn about God's love for them, and connect to others.

## Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the Nursery in **Bldg B**. Sign in and be given a pick-up card that you will need to pick up your child.

## Sunday Morning for Preschool & K-5

Kids ages 3-5 and K-5th grade are invited to the **Children's Ministry Center** on Sundays at both 9 and 10:30 a.m. for their own worship and lessons.



## Summer Camp

Gear up for a summer of fun at CampXP! This year's theme is Discover U, where kids can discover they were built for a purpose. Kids in K-5th grade are invited to

join us for arts and crafts, sports and games, fun field trips to places like the pool and the aquarium, dress up days, and lots more. Lunch and snacks are included. Visit our website for more or to sign up now: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)

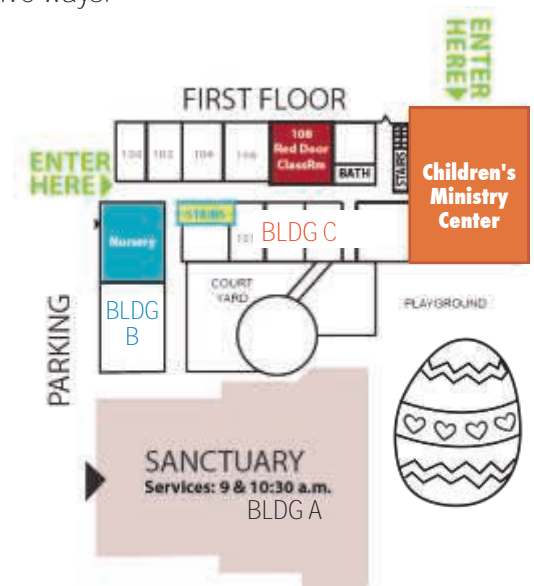
## Free Vacation Bible School

Kids and their families are invited to our free Vacation Bible school this July. Join us for active songs and dances, play teamwork building games, do crazy crafts and learn about God and his love!



## Worship Arts Class

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Room 201—CLEC  
Children ages 3–5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays in the Christian Life Enrichment Center for the opportunity to sing, do activities and worship God in creative ways.



# SON KISSED PRESCHOOL

At Son Kissed Preschool children learn and grow in a safe, caring, faith-based environment. The preschool offers full and part time programs, year-round for kids ages 1 through pre-kindergarten. Morning snack and lunch provided. We are a Free VPK and School Readiness provider. For more information about our award-winning preschool visit [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org) or call 585-8596.





# Students

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



We're a student ministry striving to love Jesus and love others. This year we're focusing on sharing our faith and service. All are welcome to join us!

## Sunday Youth Group

**There is no Sunday Youth Group today.** Join middle and high school students next Sunday night from 5:30–8 p.m. for **group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Small Groups.** The group meets in the Mariposa Café, in the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, then branches out depending on activities. Dinner is \$3. Register for dinner online.



## Sunday Serve

"Sunday Serve" days allow students to Give in Love in various ways including visiting the Children's Center for disabled children and youth at Sabal Palms.

## Mission Trips

Many of our high school students go on a week long out of state mission trip each year. This year they did home repair in West Virginia over spring break with Experience Mission. Last year they did home repair and offered a free Vacation Bible School for kids in Alabama.



 SPUMCLighthouse

## Student Retreats & Summer Activities

Our Student Ministry offers retreats, service projects, and lots of summer fun each week including:

### Summer Xplosion: June 4-9

We kick off the summer with a week packed with fun events to get students excited about Student Ministry and about Jesus. This week also helps them connect with other students as they do fun activities like a Lock In, Photo Scavenger Hunt, and Messy Olympics.

### Teen Valley Ranch: June 25-July 1

Trip includes daily worship and devotion plus lots of fun: tubing, rock climbing, archery, zip line, horseback riding, and all kinds of crazy group games.



### Tuesdays All Summer Long

Each week students are invited to fun events like Teen Tidal Wave at the Highland Rec Center, sunset at the beach, movie nights, team challenges and more.

### Wednesday Serve

Students are invited to come to church each Wednesday from noon to 5 p.m. during the summer. We'll eat lunch and hang out, then serve by leading the kids at Camp XP in games, service projects, and activities.



### Adults 18–30s

**There is no IGNITE meeting today.** Next Sunday at 7 p.m. join them in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center as they continue their "Explore the Resurrection" series that looks at historical and factual proof of the resurrection. On Sunday, April 30 they will Give in Love by feeding the homeless in Clearwater. If you want to serve with them, meet by the church lobby by 3 p.m. on Sunday. Follow their Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events and cancellations or contact [youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com](mailto:youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com).

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## Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of all ages are invited to *Grow in Faith* at one of our Sunday school classes. Some classes meet on the sanctuary side of campus while others are located in the Christian Life Enrichment Center across the street. See map on pg. 5 for Bldg B & C.

9 a.m. Sunday school class

Room 202 In **Bldg C**

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

**Inspirations:** Purple Door Classroom (101) - **Bldg. C**

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

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



## Just Older Youth (JOY) on Tuesdays

Join us for "JOY" on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This is a time for fellowship, singing and study, as well as a chance to enjoy lunch together! On April 18 JOY will have a potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share!



## Colossians Bible Study

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Start Date: April 19

Have you ever wondered why it is so difficult to live a life of faith in the midst of a non-Christian culture? Everywhere you turn you discover a value system that just doesn't make sense. Sometimes this calls for us to stand against the tide of public opinion or popular trends. Being a follower of Jesus isn't as easy as you might think, but the reward will blow your mind. Beginning April 19, join Pastor Bob as he leads a study through the letter to the Colossians. Learn how to develop a stable walk with God, think like a Christian, practice spiritual self-defense, live with focus, and learn to become a daily prayer warrior. If you plan to attend, let us know by filling out the Connect Card on page 4 or emailing church@stpaulumc.org.

# Grow in Faith



## Intentional Parenting Class

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

Start Date: April 19

Raising kids is a difficult challenge and parents often default to "Quick-Fix Parenting." 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. Sign up by filling out the Connect Card on page 4 or emailing church@stpaulumc.org.



Small Groups at St. Paul involve groups of up to twelve people who meet to support each other in their faith journey and to "do life together." The groups meet regularly to:

- **Grow** in their personal relationship with God.
- **Connect** with other believers through worship, study, prayer, praise and service.
- **Support** each person in their faith walk.
- **Be the hands and feet of Jesus** by serving within their group, church and community.
- **Enjoy fun and fellowship together.**

If you would like to be part of a Small Group and "do life together" with other believers, please contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne by emailing bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

# DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Discover St. Paul Lunch  
May 7 at Noon | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall  
Are you new to St. Paul? Thinking about becoming a member or just want to know more about us? Join us for this informal lunch to find out more about who we are as a church, our mission, and core values. We'll show you around and introduce you to some of our staff and other new people. Want to join us? Email [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org), call 584-8165, or fill out the Connect Card on page 4.



Stephen Ministry and Prayer Shawl Ministry delivering prayer shawls, hats and more to Highland Pines Nursing Home

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Enjoy devotionals, building friendships and knitting during Prayer Shawl meetings every other Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in room 243 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This group has given over 1,500 shawls to those who need the comfort of being enveloped in prayer. They also make baby blankets for All Children's Hospital, as well as hats, scarves and more for children, the homeless and others.

Need a prayer shawl for yourself or a loved one? You can find them on the second floor of the CLEC, in the prayer room next to room 248.

## STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

*Strategic initiatives are the goals and guiding principles for all our ministries over the next five years.*

### Strategic Initiative #1

Introduce Jesus to 20,000 persons in a 5 mile 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.**



United  
Methodist  
Women  
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Our United Methodist Women's circles meet monthly and organize mission projects and events like our annual Rummage Sale, Arts & Crafts Show, and more.

**Dorcas**—Meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 243 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This group helps local and overseas missions by creating lap robes, walker bags, baby and children's clothing and more.

**Hannah**—Meets every 2nd Tuesday at 6:45 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Each meeting includes refreshments, devotion, prayer and a short program. **This group's mission is to help the Open Arms Resource Center, the Pregnancy Center of Pinellas Co. and the FL Sheriff's Youth Ranch.**

**Rachel-Lydia**—Rachel-Lydia meets the second Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center - Room 101. Each meeting includes a devotion, refreshments, a program from a guest speaker and more. Their mission is to provide medical equipment and instructional aids for special needs children and youth at the Sabal Palms Children's Center.



## Ditty Bags

This year our United Methodist Women are hoping to supply homeless shelters and migrant work agencies with 140 ditty bags. These bags include a variety of personal care items and more. If you'd like to donate to this project, the items we are collecting for April are Socks (men, women and children), Bar Soap, Wash Cloths, and Personal Care Items (ex. Nail clippers, band-aids, chapstick)



# Give in Love

**Handicapable Ministry**  
St. Paul's Handicapable Ministry is currently in its 20th year of serving God's "Special People," with about 300 members! We welcome anyone over 16 years old with cognitive or physical disabilities to join our ministry. Every person is encouraged to discover their confidence and experience God's love. Our year round program provides weekly worship services on Weds. at 6:15 p.m. and social activities like parties, retreats, and sporting events all year. Last year our Handicapable Ministry partnered with Healthy Community Tampa to provide free health screenings! For more information please contact Director of Handicapable Ministry, Horton Townes at 584-8165 ext. 206 or [horton.t@stpaulumc.org](mailto:horton.t@stpaulumc.org).



**Missions and Outreach**  
Our Missions and Outreach Ministry Team is involved in mission projects overseas and in our community. This year, among other projects, we will host our 5th Annual Back to School Jubilee.



Back to School Jubilee w/ Pastor Pam

Last year we provided shoes, backpacks and school supplies to 400 kids. Generous donations and over a hundred volunteers help make this event possible. We also participate in Pack-a-Sack, Habitat for Humanity, collecting flood buckets, feeding the homeless each Sunday in Clearwater, making toys for kids in traumatic situations, and other outreach efforts.

## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers have been trained to provide one-to-one, confidential, Christian care to hurting people in the congregation and the community. Stephen Ministers offer Christian friendship, care, encouragement and prayer. Need a Stephen Minister's help, or want to become part of this ministry? Fill out the Connect Card or email [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org)



## Open Arms Ministry

### Open Arms Resource Center

St. Paul believes we are to help our brothers and sisters when they are in need. Open Arms offers food and clothing, financial assistance for rent and utilities, and spiritual support. This ministry is currently serving about 4,000 people every month and providing food to other ministries as well. Last year Open Arms served about 25,600 families and 59,700 individuals. During the holiday season Open Arms provided turkey dinners to about 400 families and Christmas presents to 500 children!

### How You Can Help?

**Donate:** dry goods, canned goods, baby items, bread, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and other toiletries. Gently used clothing, blankets, linens, and shoes.

**Volunteer** to help sort, fold, stack and package donations. Volunteers are also needed to pick up food deliveries, and to help take donations. Let us know on the Connect Card in this bulletin or e-mail [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) if you'd like to help.



Volunteers at Christmas Toy Distribution



### Garden of Hope

The Open Arms Resource Center also hosts a community garden, our "Garden of Hope." We have plots available for gardeners of all ages and abilities. Even if you're only interested in gardening a season or two, contact Susannah Evans at 614-578-0171 or email [susannahevs@hotmail.com](mailto:susannahevs@hotmail.com) for more info.

# This special page of the bulletin is just for kids!

A real Easter Bunny doesn't just deliver eggs! Are you like a real Easter bunny?

## Real Easter Bunnies...

Have big eyes to look carefully and choose what is good.  
1 Thessalonians 5:21

Have big ears that are quick to listen.  
James 1:19

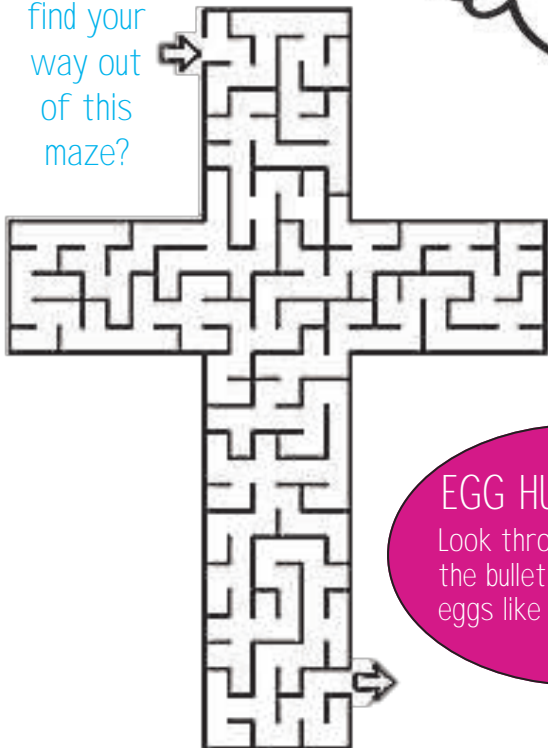
Color the Easter Bunny

Eat what is healthy by filling up on God's Word every day.  
Psalm 119:11

Have big feet to go tell others about Jesus so they can be like Easter Bunnies too.  
Matthew 28:19-20



Can you find your way out of this maze?



**EGG HUNT**  
Look through the bulletin for eggs like this to color!

### FIND THESE WORDS

- EASTER
- JESUS
- EGGS
- FAITH
- SAVIOR
- RISEN
- SACRIFICE
- CHOCOLATE

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