



NEW TO ST. PAUL?

WANT TO GET CONNECTED WITH OUR MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES?

You're Invited

TO THE DISCOVER ST.
PAUL LUNCH NEXT
SUNDAY AT NOON.

CHECK PAGE 6 FOR MORE.



United Methodist Church
April 30, 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 this Sunday! This week we're beginning a new message series called "Doing Life Together." Over the next few weeks we'll find out what the Bible tells us about creating Christian community and what we can learn from the model the early church provides.

Today we're blessed to be welcoming new members, always a joyous occasion! If you've been thinking about joining St. Paul, or just want to know more about us, I invite you to sign up for the Discover St. Paul lunch next Sunday. We are also commissioning our new Stephen Ministers. These dedicated folks have done 50 hours of training and committed themselves to helping people who are dealing with life crisis and difficulty. Take a look at page 9 to find out more about each of the people being commissioned.

You can find out more about all our upcoming events in this bulletin or on our website. 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!







TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Aaron Cassette, Accompanist Welcome Bobby Van Duyne, Senior Director of Ministry

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, friends, for the Lord has called us here.

People: We come joyfully, for we have heard the good news of Jesus'

resurrection.

Leader: Open your spirits to receive all God's blessings.

People: May God shower blessings upon us so that we may in turn

bless God by our service.

Leader: Alleluia! People: Allelulia!

*Hymns The Church's One Foundation No. 545
Blest Be The Tie That Binds No. 557

*Apostle's Creed No. 881

. Reception of New Members

Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895

Commissioning of New Stephen Ministers

Scripture Reading: ACTS 2: 42-46

Offertory Greater Love Sanctuary Choir

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

*Transitional Hymn Where Charity and Love Prevail No. 549
Message "Smaller is Better" Pastor Bob Martin

Directed Prayer

*Hymn O Church of God United No. 547

*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: Barbara and Patti Holland

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





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 Amanda Swan Ariel

Audrey Talbert Barbara Dumbleton Bob Perrhs

Bob Riley Bonnie Marlow Bonnie Wismer Brad Jones

Caitlynn Timberlake Caroline Zimmerman

Carolyn Goodwin Chad M

Christina Resedar Cliff Armbruster

Daughters
Daughters & their
Husbands

Dave David Barrett

Don Koth
Family of Michelle

Family of Mich Kieper Gilbert Quinn Grandkids Grandson Jace Michael Jackson Jan Dale Jan Snyder Jane Huter

Jenny Walter Jessica Jim Lucky Jodi John Fady

John Fady
Josh DeLoach
Kat Farhangi
Kathy Lauser
Kathy Seitz
Kenneth A.
Kim Morris
Kristi Burslem
Larry & Kay
Lashbrook
Libby Burke
LilyAnn

Linda Gray

Linda Weaver, Hank Live in Christ

Lori, Andy & David Margie Stillwell Marilyn Wehner Mark LaPolla Mary Barrett Meghan Timberlake

Leaders

Pastor Pam & Family

Orphans in Sudan

Our Government

Pat
Penny
Peter H
Ralph Moon
Rene' Townes
Rich Stemboroski

Richard Shreves RLT Robert Ron

Ron & Judy Getz Safe Travels Samantha Shirley

Shirley Hamrick Son-in-Laws Steve Harvey Sue & Jeff Welch Todd Smyzer Travis

Walter

Women, Youth & Children Zackary Kueker

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!







PASSIONATE MUSIC



NO PRESSURE

Giving

It's easy to give online! You can make a one time gift or set up a convenient recurring contribution on our website. You can also use our online giving page to make pay for things like wor-



ship flowers, class study materials and more. Visit our website: **stpaulumc.org** and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.

Flowers

This week's flowers were given by:

 Rich and Mary Ann Clemow in honor of their birthdays

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.



Bruce Dubov Funeral
Friday, May 5
Public Viewing: Noon—2 p.m.
Service starts at 2 p.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!

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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:				
(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:				
□ 10:30 a.m. Sunday Greeter □ Livestreaming at □ 9 a.m. □ 10:30 a.m. □ Sunday Hospitality/Refreshments				
□ I will attend:				

Discover St. Paul—May 7 at noon Find out more about St. Paul at this free lunch after the 10:30 a.m. worship.

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

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NEXTSTEPS

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 next Sunday, May 7 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.





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, May 2, Bobby Van Duyne will teach. Bring a lunch and eat together after worship. Beverages provided by the church. For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 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.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

This Sunday IGNITE serves the homeless meal in Clearwater. Meet by the church office, across the street from the sanctuary, at 3 p.m. if you plan to serve with us.

Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events, and cancellations. To receive scheduling notes by text, send a request with the phone number where you would like to receive the text to youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com



small**gr:ups**



Small Groups at St. Paul are formed by 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 forge a bond 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.



National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. The Pinellas County location is at the Countryside Christian Center—1850 N McMullen Booth Rd in Clearwater. Everyone is invited to join with others in our community and come together in prayer on May 4 at 7 p.m.



Student Ministry

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



Sunday Youth Group



TONIGHT

Bottom Line: God carries us through problems, not around them. What do you find yourself thinking about the most? If you sat quietly and let your mind wander, what's the thing that pops up again and again? Sometimes it's something awesome, like a trip you're looking forward to or someone new you're interested in. But other times it's something not as awesome, like a fight with a friend or family drama at home. When our minds are consumed with difficult circumstances, we tend to start looking for a way to escape. And whether we realize it or not, sometimes those escapes can lead us to make bad choices. And the worst part? Those bad choices don't actually fix anything! In fact, they often make difficult circumstances that much more difficult. So if escapes can lead to bad choices that won't fix bad circumstances, what should we do in the midst of our problems? To answer that question, we'll look to the book of Isaiah. As we read what the author wrote in the midst of his own tough circumstances, we'll see that God promises to carry us through even the most challenging of circumstances when we turn to 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.

No Wednesday Night Amplify

Wednesday Night Amplify is no longer meeting. Continue to join us on Sundays for study and worship, and starting in June we'll have lots of fun activities all summer long.



STUDENT SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Summer Xplosion: June 4-9

Kick off the summer with a week of exciting events like a Lock In, Photo Scavenger Hunt, Messy Olympics, and more

Teen Valley Ranch: June 25 - July 1

Each year our students take a week long trip to Teen Valley Ranch in North Carolina where they have a chance to fun activities like zip lines, tubing, and horseback riding as well as daily worship and time with God.

Tuesday Nights

Join us on Tuesday nights all summer long for events like Teen Tidal Wave at the Highland Rec Center, movie nights, fun team challenges, and more.

Wednesday Serve

Eat lunch with us at noon, and then serve by leading the kids in our K-5 camp in games, service projects and activities until 5 p.m.



If you're new to St. Paul, thinking about joining, or just want to get connected with our missions and ministry, we invite you to join us next Sunday, May 7. We'll have an informal lunch in the Christian Life Enrichment Center across the street at noon, after the 10:30 a.m. worship. We'll answer any questions you may have, introduce you to some of our staff, and help you start to get connected more deeply at St. Paul. Sign up to attend on the Connect Card on page 4, or send an email to church@stpaulumc.org



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.

This Sunday: 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.





JOIN US THIS SUMMER

BE SURE TO REGISTER FOR OUR CAMP AND FAMILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NOW! YOU CAN FIND LOTS MORE IN-FORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE: STPAULUMC.ORG

WORSHIP ARTS EAT. PLAY. GROW.

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. They also take part in our Sunday worship periodically through music and more. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Parents are invited to stay for the Intentional Parenting Class.







Judy Lazanis, Marilyn White, Jo Nelson, Alan Nuytten, Brooke Errett, Jo LeClair

Commissioning of New Stephen Ministers

Today is a joyous occasion at St. Paul as four people from our congregation are being commissioned into Stephen Ministry, a ministry of care and concern for others. Each of these individuals have committed their hearts and service, and completed 50 hours of training to prepare them to help people who are experiencing difficulties or crisis in their lives. Please join us in welcoming our new Stephen Ministers. We extend our sincere congratulations to them on this wonderful accomplishment!

Brooke Errett: Brooke lives to serve. She believes that it is her calling to help those who need a "hand up." Brooke is a faithful attender of our 10:30 a.m. service and has chosen to serve in Stephen Ministry because she wants to help others. Brooke also serves with the Homeless Meal Ministry, Martha Ministry and the Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry. Her favorite scripture is 1 John 4:7-8; "Let us love one another, because love is from God..."

Josephine Nelson: Jo was active in ministry for most of her life while living in Iowa. Since moving to Largo, she has chosen to serve in Stephen Ministry because she realizes how important it is to provide love, care and support in times of crisis. Jo is looking forward to sharing her faith, instilling trust and offering God's forgiveness for those who are hurting. Jo has been faithful in attending worship, Sunday School, Bible studies and other St. Paul events.

Alan Nuytten: Alan wants to use the gifts that God has given him to help others. He has been encouraged by what he has learned in the Stephen Ministry training about the best way to help others without enabling them - to stand back and let God be the cure-giver. He will be the supporter, comforter and encourager. Alan is a teacher and coach at Tarpon Springs High School and has volunteered with our Handicapable Ministry. He makes a great Santa Claus!

Marilyn White: Marilyn was brought up in a Christian home and made the decision in college to commit her life to Christ. Jesus has been her confidant and sustainer through the good times and some pretty tough times as well. God's word has been her strength and she is eager to share that with others. It is her personal goal to help others strengthen their own faith, and she has chosen Stephen Ministry to help her accomplish this. Marilyn and her husband, Paul, are faithful worshippers at St. Paul. Marilyn also works part-time at Hammerhead's Hardware store here in Largo so give her a big hello when you see her there!

THANK YOU

OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION ALSO GO OUT TO THE STEPHEN LEADER TRAINERS, JO LECLAIR AND JUDY LAZANIS. THEY HAVE PUT IN 16 YEARS AND MANY LONG HOURS IN THEIR FAITHFULNESS TO TRAINING OUR FUTURE STEPHEN MINISTERS. WE THANK GOD FOR JO AND JUDY!

Coming this Week

Sunday, April 30

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
IGNITE: Homeless Meal	3:00 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM

Monday, May 1

Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM
Girl Scouts	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, May 2

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM
GriefShare	1:00 PM

Wednesday, May 3

Toy Making	8:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
The Girl's Still Got It	6:30 PM
Parenting Class	6:30 PM
Colossians Study	6:30 PM
Children: Worship Arts	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, May 4

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
Paryer Shawl	5:00 PM
Handbells Rehearsal	5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Friday, May 5

Church Office Closed

Muffins with Mom (SKP) 7:00 AM Bruce Dubov Funeral 2:00 PM

Saturday, May 6

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:00 AM
Toy Making	9:00 AM

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



GIVE IN LOVE



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.



Toy Making Ministry

If you would like to help make toys that first responders will give to children in traumatic situations, we invite you to The Carpenter's Shop behind the Open Arms Resource Center on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon. We also have a special work time this Saturday, May 6 from

9 a.m. to noon. We have jobs for all skill levels and ages.

Walk for Life

If you can walk, run, skip, scooter, or rollerblade, you can join in this year's "Walk for Life," a two mile fun walk-a-thon to help raise funds for A Woman's Place Medical Clinic. The clinics are ministries of New Life Solutions, which provide help to women and families through counseling, pregnancy tests, classes and by showing the love of Christ. The walk is held on Saturday, May 13 at 8 a.m. with locations in St. Pete, Clearwater, Largo and Tampa. Pick up a "Walk for Life" pledge brochure between worship times or register online: www.iwalkforlife.com.

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. The list for April is below:

Socks (Men, Women & Children), Bar Soap, Wash Cloths, Personal Care Items (ex. Nail clippers, band-aids, chapstick)

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

Employment Opportunity

We are looking for a full time Assistant Director for the Son Kissed Preschool who is passionate about early childhood education.. Hours are weekdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is preferred that applicants have completed their 45 hours and will have up to date CDA or FCCPC, CPR trainings and First Aid. We are seeking someone who has positive communication skills; with strengths in spoken and written communication.

Visit the employment section of our website for the full list of requirements: www.stpaulumc.org



GOOD NEWS





Toy Making Ministry Off to a Great Start

In its first week, the Toy Making Ministry had seven volunteers, and they have 160 toys in progress. All are welcome to come and help with the toy making. You do not need to be a woodworker to help with the toys—we also need people to paint and trace patterns, and we have jobs for all skill levels.



Toys in progress

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(Left to right) Josh, Ethan, Amanda, Hannah and Cody

Confirmation Sunday

We were blessed to celebrate the confirmation of five of our students last Sunday. Congratulations to Amanda Broadwater, Ethan Morris, Cody Spencer, Hannah Stanz, Josh Valentine and their families. We're so proud of all our students who took this important step in their faith walk by proclaiming their faith. We also celebrated the baptism of Ethan Morris. What a blessing to see the Lord working in the lives of our young people!

Find more pictures on our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo

Children's Ministry and Son Kissed Preschool Connect With Community at Highland Rec Easter Event

On April 15 our Treehouse Children's Ministry and Son Kissed Preschool partnered with the City of Largo by taking part in their "Bunny Hop Trail" at the Highland Rec Center. We created a fun twist on a traditional Easter egg hunt by turning our tent into the "Easter Bunny's House" and giving kids the chance to find eggs hidden all over the "house." The event allowed us to introduce lots of families to our ministries and upcoming summer programs. Our Children's Ministry and Preschool are working hard to help us reach our Strategic Initiative of introducing 20,000 in our community to Jesus! Thank you to all our volunteers for your hard work and for sharing your creative ideas with us, we couldn't do without you.



Children's Ministry Director, Kaitie Johnson, Son Kissed Preschool Assistant Director, Susan Veghte, and Director, Brittany Smyrski

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



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