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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! Our current series is called, "Doing Life Together." Over the next few weeks we'll hear what the Bible tells us about creating Christian community and what we can learn from the model the early church provides. I hope that the messages will inspire you to think about joining one of our small groups, if you aren't part of one already. I truly believe that God intends for us to share our faith journey and that all of us benefit from having a group of fellow Christians who offer us support, guidance, friendship, accountability and more. If you are looking for this kind of connection, visit the table in the courtyard between worship times or fill out the Connect Card on page 3 and 4.

You can find out more about all our upcoming events in this bulletin or on our website: www.stpaulumc.org

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!







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).

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

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

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Call to Worship

L: The joy of the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ is with us.

P: We rejoice in the blessing God has poured into our lives.

L: Even though we hear words of doubt, we are called to believe.

P: Even though the world would draw us back again into darkness, we focus on the Light.

L: Thanks be to Christ who gives us the victory.

P: Alleluia! Amen.

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven *Hymns No. 66 O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread No. 613 *Apostle's Creed No. 881 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12

Offertory Sing to the Lord a New Song Sanctuary Choir *Doxology Praise God, From Whom... No. 94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Transitional Hymn Where Charity and Love Prevail No. 549 "Never Alone" Pastor Bob Martin Message

Directed Prayer Holy Communion

Special Music This I Believe LuAnne Frolick *Hymn Abide With Me No. 700

*Benediction *Postlude

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know.

Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

9 AM Greeters: Maggie and Grant Corrigan

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





Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate prayer needs:

Allison Hall Amanda Swan Kristi Burslem Art, BJ & Ruth Libby Burke Audrey Talbert Lillyann Barbara Dumbleton Linda Gray Bob & Troy Hartel **Bob Perras**

Margie Stillwell Bob Riley Bonnie Wismer Mark LaPolla Martha Sedwick Brad Jones Brother Ray Mary

Caitlynn Timberlake Carla Guerhin

Caroline Zimmerman Carolyn Goodwin

Chad M Christyal Herrell

Cliff Armbruster Darlene Mitchell Daughter

Dave David Barrett

Debbie

Dick Mayfield Don Koth

Don Mitchell Dr. Thomas & Peggy

Farmer

Edmund Krzeminski

EJ Hunter Eric Pitts

Evelyn, Bradley & Leen M

Family of Donna Simonetti Family of Elaine

DeYong

Family of Michelle Kieper

Gilbert Quinn Grandchildren

Jace Michael Jan Dale

Jane Huter Jenny Walter Joan Hermann

Jodi & Ariel

Josh DeLoach Joyce Fightmaster Kat Farhangi

Kim Morris

Linda Weaver Hank Lori, Andy & David

Mary Barrett Matt, Jodie, Rose &

Robin

Meghan Timberlake Michael, Doris, Bob, Ray, Jeff, Jay, Jessica

Mickey Bishop & Family Mom & Dad My Marriage

Pastor Pam & Family

Penny McElyea Peter H.

Praise God Ransom Bently Rich Stemboroski Richard Shreves Ron & Judy Getz Ron & Wanda Ron Fowler

Safe Travels Samantha Sandy Galloway Sharon Hensley

Shirley

Shirley Hamrick Sue & Jeff Welch Tammy & Bruce

Barker

Teresa Robinson &

Family Travis Trevor Birt Warren & Cheryl

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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. Today is Communion Sunday. The bread and juice represent the sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us. We have an open table at St. Paul, all are welcome to take part in communion. 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 pay for things like worship



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

Flowers

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 can 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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I am interested in:				
Rededicating my life to Jesus				
☐ Being baptized ☐ Becoming a member				
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:				
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☐ Livestreaming at ☐ 9 a.m. ☐ 10:30 a.m.				
☐ Sunday Hospitality/Refreshments				
☐ Church Auction ☐ Chairperson ☐ Other Help				
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☐ I am interested in joining a Small Group				

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 TODAY at noon.





STARTING POINT CLASS

This four week class covers basics of our faith. For anyone who is new to attending church or is coming back to church.

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 9, Pastor Bob 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 bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or 584-8165.

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

Join IGNITE at 7 p.m. tonight in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. We have a special quest speaker who will talk about his missionary work in the Middle East. High school seniors are invited to join us after Student Ministry worship for Xperience Sunday. Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events, and cancellations. To receive scheduling notes by text, email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com with the phone number where you would like to receive texts.



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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, visit the table in the courtyard between worship times today, contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne by emailing bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

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Discover St. Paul Lunch

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 TODAY after the 10:30 a.m. worship for an informal lunch in the Christian Life Enrichment Center across the street. Meet us in the Connection Center and we'll walk over together. Whether you're brand new to St. Paul or you've been attending a while but you want to start getting connected more deeply, this is a great chance to find out what we're all about, meet some new people and learn more about opportunities to be part of ministries and service.



Send Us Your Graduation Information

If you're graduating from high school, college or additional schooling this year, we want to honor you on Graduation Sunday, May 21. Please e-mail a photo, your name, the school you're graduating from, and future plans to our Communications Coordinator, Rebecca Carefoot at rebecca.c@stpaulumc.org so we can recognize you during worship and include you in the bulletin. If you are attending worship on May 21, please include which worship time you'll attend in the email. The deadline to send in information is May 15.



Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help us make simple children's clothing for Haiti, area pregnancy centers and Methodist pre-schoolers. Other projects include lap robes and walker bags for nursing homes and more.

Hannah

This month Hannah is meeting off campus for dinner. In June and July they are on their summer break. They will resume regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month after the summer break.

Rachel-Lydia

Rachel-Lydia meets the second Thursday at 10:30 in room 101, the Carpenter's Room (101) of the CLEC. we have Bible study, devotions, a study of Psalms, prayers, give to our mission causes, share the UMW magazine Response, have a brief meeting and light refreshments. This Thursday, May 11, Brenda Legg from Sabal Palms Children's Center will present a brief program on how our donations are being spent. In June, Rachel-Lydia will meet off campus for lunch. Anyone interested in joining them should contact Sue Dietz at 727-480-1137.

INTENTIONAL PARENTING

10 WAYS TO BE AN EXCEPTIONAL PARENT IN A QUICK FIX WORLD

Intentional Parenting Class

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

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.



Colossians Bible Study

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

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 find your value system is challenged. 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. 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.

GROWTHguide

The Growth Guide is a weekly e-mail with daily devotionals, challenge points and additional scripture to help you go deeper into Sunday's message topic each week. If you would like to receive it you can subscribe on our website: stpaulumc.org or fill out the Connect



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.

Xperience Sunday

This Sunday kids in 5th grade are invited to join our Student Ministry tonight at 5:30 p.m. for dinner in the Mariposa Cafe, followed by worship, games and study until 8 p.m. Come and find out what's waiting for your kids at the next age level.





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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. The last day of Worship Arts before the summer break is May 24. Join us then for a special party and celebrate a great year of Worship Arts! Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym. Parents are invited to stay for the Intentional Parenting Class.





Student Ministry

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



Sunday Youth Group



TONIGHT

Bottom Line: Comfort comes from community. When it comes to thunderstorms, there are two kinds of people: those who love them and those who can't stand them. While some people settle in comfortably at the sound of the storm, others simply run and hide until it's all over. And if you think it about, isn't that a lot like life? When we face something potentially big or scary, some of us face it head on while others of us try to hide from it—or at least hide it from the people around us. While hiding might feel like the better choice at the time, it ultimately leaves us feeling more alone than we actually are. And is there anything worse than feeling alone in the midst of your circumstances? That's definitely not the way God intended it to be! In fact, when it comes to difficult circumstances. God's heart is that we'd never face them alone. As we look this week at what Paul tells us about God's desire for us when we deal with the tough parts of life, we'll see that the best way to deal with it is with the help of a community.

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.

There is no Student Ministry next Sunday night on Mother's Day, May 14.



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 do 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 Aquatic Center, movie nights, baseball games, 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.



Today is Xperience Sunday, the first Sunday of the month when 5th graders are invited to join our Student Ministry on Sunday evening, 8th graders are invited to join the high school group, and high school seniors can join IGNITE in room 202 after dinner and student worship. Meet some new people and experience our ministries at the next age level!

Coming this Week

Sunday, May 7

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
Stay & Pray	10:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Contemporary Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Stay & Pray	11:30 AM
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM

Monday, May 8

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

Tuesday, May 9

Sonrise Men's Study
Toy Making
JOY (Just Older Youth)
GriefShare
UMW: Hannah Dinner
6:30 AM
10:30 AM
1:00 PM
6:45 PM

Wednesday, May 10

Toy Making	8:00 AM
UMW: Dorcas	9:00 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 11

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:30 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:00 PM
Handbells Rehearsal	5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Friday, May 12

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 13

Soaring Eagles 8:00 AM Basketball 8:00 AM

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



GIVE IN LOVE



Blood Drive Next Sunday

The OneBlood bloodmobile will be here next Sunday, May 14 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Blood cannot be manufactured, it can only come from the generosity of blood donors. Each pint of blood given can save up to three lives! All donors will receive a free t-shirt and a wellness checkup including cholesterol, blood pressure, iron count and more.

Church Auction Chairperson Needed

We are looking for someone to lead this year's church auction, which will be held in October. Have you ever worked on an auction? Do you like working with an energetic group of people? Are you organized? If so, we need you! If you would like to lead the church auction, or help in another way, please contact Arch Johnston at the church office at arch.j@stpaulumc.org, call 584-8165 x245, or fill out the Connect Card.

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.

Walk for Life This Saturday

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 this 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.

Employment Opportunity

We are looking for a full time Assistant Director for 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



Welcome New Members!

St. Paul was blessed to welcome seven new members into our family on Sunday, April 30. Received into membership were Sharon Herman, Alisha Johnson, Kerry Kehl, Alan Nuytten, Paul and Marilyn White, and Dale Young. Alisha Johnson was also baptized. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself to our new members when you see them. If you have family or friends who are without a church home, invite them to join you on Sunday!



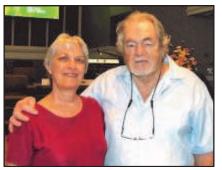




Kerry Kehl



Dale Young



Marilyn and Paul White



Sharon Herman



Alisha Johnson

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Congratulations, Stephen Ministers!
Congratulations to Marilyn White, Jo Nelson, Alan Nuytten and Brooke Errett (pictured above with Pastor Bob) who were commissioned as Stephen Ministers last Sunday after completing 50 hours of training! If you are going through a difficult time in your life and would like the support of a Stephen Minister, fill out the Connect Card on page 3 or contact the

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church office at 584-8165.

One hundred and seventy six of the Handicapable Ministry packed the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall on Friday evening April 28 to celebrate its 17th annual Western Hoedown Party. Vickie and



all the other wonderful volunteers made sure there was plenty of grub on hand for all the hungry cowboys and cowgirls. The crusading cowhands danced to their favorite country songs and took pictures at the town photo shop. After a couple fabulous hours the crews went back to their farm houses for a peaceful night of rest. What fun was had by all!

Find more pictures on our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo

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



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