

WHERE'S GOD?

NEW TO ST. PAUL?

WANT TO GET CONNECTED
TO OUR MINISTRIES?

JOIN US FOR
COFFEE TODAY
IN THE
CONNECTION CENTER
AT 11:45 AM

DISCOVER
ST. PAUL



June 11, 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! Our current series is "Where's God?" There are times when we feel close to God, but others where he feels distant and detached. Sometimes we feel like he's not listening to our prayers, or like we're on our own. This series takes an honest look at some of the difficult questions that challenge our faith.

If you're new to St. Paul I hope you'll join me for coffee in the Connection Center after 10:30 a.m. worship today. I look forward to the chance to get to know you a bit better!

You can find out more about 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!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Martin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

- Prelude Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
 Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov
 *Greet *Oh How He Loves You And Me*
 *Call to Worship
 Leader: Trust in the Lord at all times, O people; God is a refuge for us.
 People: God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken.
 Leader: God is good and in God's work we find our strength.
 People: **We sing of all God's wonderful works! We give thanks and praise to the Lord!**
 *Hymns *Come, Thou Almighty King* No. 61
We'll Understand It Better By and By No. 525
 *Apostle's Creed No. 881
 Baptism of Susannah James Ward
 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
 Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7 (MSG)
 Offertory *Standing on the Promises* Sanctuary Choir
 *Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving
 *Transitional Hymn *It Is Well With My Soul* No. 377
 Message "When God Seems Uncooperative" Pastor Bob Martin
 *Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* No. 529
 *Benediction
 *Postlude *Joyful, Joyful!*

*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: Linda Shaw and Birdie Warner
 10:30 AM Greeters: Pam Tribbie and Becky Carter

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, welcome! We hope you find St. Paul a comfortable place to worship and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

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



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
 SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK
 StPaulUMCLargo

Looking for the Prayer List? Turn to page 9.

GROWTHguide

The Growth Guide is a weekly e-mail with devotionals based on Sunday's message. Scripture, challenge questions, and more take you deeper into the topic and help you keep in touch with the Lord all week long. If you would like to receive the Growth Guide, you can sign up on the Connect Card on page 3 of this bulletin.



Watch or Listen to Past Messages

Our past messages are available as both video and audio. If you want to listen to a message while driving or working out, you can get our past messages free on iTunes. Download the messages you missed, or the ones you want to hear again and listen anywhere you listen to music! Visit stpaulumc.org and click the podcast link, or go to the iTunes store and search for St. Paul UMC.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

Our strategic initiatives are goals we can't meet without God's help and the guiding purpose for our church over the next 5 years



STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #1

INTRODUCE JESUS TO
 20,000 PEOPLE IN A 3 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.

10:30 CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Worship is filled with current Christian music from our praise band. You are invited to sing along with the words on the screens, or simply enjoy the music. You'll notice there is a time in our worship to give financially. This is how we support the ministries and missions of our church. We hope you experience the love of God with us today!



ABOUT
60 MIN.



PASSIONATE
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 stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this QR code.



Flowers

This week's sanctuary flowers were given by:

- ♥ Jessica and Travis Ward, in honor of Susannah Ward's Baptism
- ♥ Pam Dubov, in memory of my husband, Bruce Dubov, on his 80th birthday!
- ♥ Holly, Todd and Scott, in honor of Allen and Betty Jane Suban's 56th wedding anniversary! *"We love you to the moon and back!"* - Holly, Todd and Scott

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.

Help Us Update Our Military Prayer List

If you have someone whose name you would like to add to our Military Prayer List, **or if you would like a name to remain on the list**, make a note on the Connect Card on this page under "How can we pray for you?" Be sure to check the "For Military Prayer List" box. You can also e-mail church@stpaulumc.org or call the church office at 584-8165.

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

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

Date: June 11, 2017 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

I am a:

- 1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest
 Regular Attendee Member(s)
 Winter Resident
 Please update my information.

I came today because:

- I drove by I visited the website
 I've been here before I received a mailing
 I was invited by _____
 Other: _____

I want to join your e-mail list:

- Weekly Pastor's E-Note Growth Guide
 Weekly St. Paul Newsletter Children
 Students
 Other: _____

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

How can we pray for you?

- For Military Prayer List
 Do NOT publish in bulletin.
 Include on prayer chain.
 I would like to connect with a Stephen Minister.

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

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I am interested in:

- Rededicating my life to Jesus
- Being baptized
- Becoming a member
- Joining a 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 to help with:

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Usher
- 10:30 a.m. Sunday Greeter
- Livestreaming at 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday Hospitality/Refreshments
- Church Auction Chairperson Other Help
- Connection Center Host
 - 8:30–9:05 a.m. 10-10:35 a.m.
 - 11:30-11:45 a.m.

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

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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 coffee with the pastor to give you a chance to ask any questions you may have and discover more about who we are as a church, our mission, and core values. The next Discover St. Paul coffee is today, June 11 at 11:45 a.m. in the Connection Center.



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 discussion

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG

for more information about our ministries.

GROW IN FAITH

Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class

Room 202 in **Bldg C**

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in **Bldg C**

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

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

JOY (Just Older Youth)

Older adults are invited to join us at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays for worship, study and fellowship in the Lu-Anne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC). This Tuesday, June 13, Rev. Jeanette Burton will teach. Bring a lunch and eat together after worship. Beverages are provided by the church. For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 or email 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

Join IGNITE at 7 p.m. tonight in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. They are continuing their study, "Explore the Resurrection," which looks at historical support for the truth of the resurrection. 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.



smallgroups

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 fill out the Connect Card on page 4 or contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org.



Discover St. Paul Coffee Today

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 for coffee after the 10:30 a.m. worship today. Meet in the Connection Center at 11:45 a.m. for coffee and snacks, and the chance to meet some new people or ask any questions you may have about St. Paul.

Handbell Rehearsals on Hiatus for Summer

The Thursday rehearsals for handbells are pausing for the summer. Keep an eye on the bulletin for the date when they will resume. It will be posted closer to the end of summer.



Student Ministry

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

 SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Night Student Ministry



TONIGHT

If Jesus is the bread of life, then you can be satisfied.

Do you ever wish life felt more like an epic movie? Filled with moments where the hero wins, the guy gets the girl, and everyone rides off into the sunset together? Unfortunately, we all know those moments are usually saved for the big screen. Real life just isn't jam-packed with those incredible movie moments. Because of that, real life can sometimes feel a little less than exciting—even boring. **But what if you didn't** need more of those movie moments in your life to be satisfied? What if you could find fullness and fulfillment in your life during the normal, everyday moments? **This week we'll discover that's exactly how** Jesus wants us to live—fully satisfied no matter where we are in life. And if we can fully embrace who He is, we may just find our everyday lives becoming more epic and exciting than we ever imagined.

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: stpaulumc.org Time together ends at 8 p.m.



Join us on Tribe Tuesday nights all summer long for a different fun activity every week. Here's what we're doing the first couple weeks. Visit our website: stpaulumc.org to find out what's coming the rest of the summer or to register to attend.

JUNE 13 – TEEN TIDAL WAVE

7-10 PM. \$3

Swimming at Highland Aquatic Center

JUNE 20 – CALL THE SHOTS

6-9 PM. FREE

Students will form groups and will compete against each other in various challenges at the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Points will be awarded to the team who completes each challenge first AND for the team who correctly guesses the amount of time it took to complete the challenge.

SIGN UP AT STPAULUMC.ORG AND LET US KNOW WHICH EVENTS YOU PLAN TO ATTEND!



Wednesday Serve

Students are invited to come to church each Wednesday from noon-5 p.m. to eat lunch and hang together. Then we'll serve the kids at Camp XP (our K-5th grade camp) by leading games, service projects, put on fun events for them, and possibly provide music.



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 you will be given a 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.



This month we are learning about all the things God made and why he made us the way he did!



How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. - Psalm 139:14 (NirV)



GEAR UP FOR A SUMMER OF FAITH & FUN!

- GAMES & SPORTS**
- CRAFTS**
- FIELD TRIPS**
- MUSIC**
- DRESS UP FRIDAYS**

MAY 30-AUGUST 4

AGES: K-5

CAMP HOURS: 7 AM-6 PM

LUNCH & SNACKS INCLUDED

COST: \$80-\$100/WEEK

Pay only for the weeks your child attends

REGISTER NOW
STPAULUMC.ORG



GIVE IN LOVE



100 Dresses Project

Visit the Table in the Courtyard

Calling all seamstresses! It's time to make the T-shirt dresses to hand out at this year's Back to School Jubilee! We supply the fabric and the t-shirts. You supply the thread and your sewing skills!

If you would like to help us send our Open Arms girls off to school this year with a new dress, contact Kathy Carr at 781-8195 or rmckwc@gmail.com. You can also stop by at the 100 Dresses Project table in the courtyard this Sunday between worship times and Kathy will answer questions. You'll be able to look at a sample dress and take a packet home to get started!

Donate to the Project

Our project is funded by the generous donations of our congregation. Each dress costs around \$5 to make. If you would like to donate visit the table in the courtyard today or put a gift in offering plate in an envelope labeled 100 Dresses Project. Gifts of any size are welcome!

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.



Bus Drivers Needed

We need additional drivers for our summer camp field trips right now, and we will need drivers in the fall to pick up students at Largo Middle School when we begin our afterschool tutoring ministry. Drivers need to have a Class B license with a passenger endorsement to drive the big bus or a class C license with passenger endorsement to drive the mini bus. If you don't already have a license, we can help you get licensed. Contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyn at 584-8165 x233 or bobby.v@stpaulumc.org if you're interested.

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.

Connection Center Hosts

Before and after worship, our Connection Center is where our members and guests come to get questions answered or to find out more about St. Paul. We need friendly folks who enjoy connecting with others to help by being available in the Connection Center. Take a look at the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know which time you would like to help.

Carpenter's Shop Ministry

If you would like to help make toys that first responders will give to children in traumatic situations, you are welcome to join the Carpenter's Shop at their work times on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to noon. If you can't help make the toys, one way you can still take part is to donate plastic newspaper bags. The bags are used to hold newly made toys. If you have bags to donate, you can drop them off at the church office during the week.



Coming this Week

Sunday, June 11

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 Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, June 12

Summer Camp	7:00 AM
Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, June 13

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Summer Camp	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM
GriefShare	1:00 PM
Students: Tribe Tuesday	7:00 PM

Wednesday, June 14

Summer Camp	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Jack Meyer Memorial	11:00 AM
Wednesday Serve	12:00 PM
Handicapable	6:15 PM

Thursday, June 15

Summer Camp	7:00 AM
Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
Dick Mayfield Memorial	3:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Friday, June 16

Church Office Closed

Summer Camp	7:00 AM
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Saturday, June 17

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:00 AM

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

Aaron Medlin	Family of Sherry	Meghan Timberlake
Aaron W	Frank Burrows	Michael Ruchak
Al Misuraca	Frank Register	Nancy Evans
Allison Hall	Gary Cradick	Pray for Poland
Amanda Swan	Gilbert Quinn	Ralph Moon
Amy Saylor-Clemente	Green Family	Rich Stemboroski
Andrew Medlin	Greg, Meg, Jackson & Connor	RLT
Anita	Iam Murray	Robbie Bowles
Aubrie & Jessi	Jace Michael	Ron & Judy Getz
Audrey Talbert	Jackson	Ron Barker
Bev Grimes	Jan Dale	Samantha
Bill & Maryln Neville	Jane Denini	Sandy Temblay
Bob & Troy Hartel	Jane Huter	Shirley
Bob Russo	Jean Arms	Shirley Hamrick
Bobby Quinton	Jenny Walter	Shirley Register
Bonnie Wismer	Jerry	Single Mother in New Jersey
Brad Jones	Jim Lucky	Steve Harvey
Brandi, Kami & Karaline	Joan Herman	Tammy Barker
Bruce Medlin	Jodi, Dena, Vickie & Ariel	Terry & Boys
Bud	John Dibble	Terry B
C Russo	John Fady	Todd Smyzer
Caitlynn Timberlake	Jordan Goodin	Tom & Glenda Neville
Calvin, David, Nicole Seitz	Josh DeLoach	Tom C
Carol Quinton	Karen Goodin	Travis
Caroline Fields	Ka'ren Herrell	Trevor Birt
Carolyn Goodwin	Kat Farhangi	Trudy
Chad M	Kathleen M	Virginia Jeffrey
Cliff Armbruster	Kathy Seitz	Walter
Daniel	Kayla McKagan	Whitney Gibson
Daretta "June" Aldrich	Kenneth A.	Windell T. White
Dave	Kim Morris	Zackary Kueker
Dave & Cathy Dubrock	Kristi Burslem	
Dave Lawrence	Lillyann	
Destiny	Linda Weaver Hank	
Deywen Bradley	Lindsey	
Diane	Lorraine Piro	
DJ Goodin	Malachi, Kevin &	
Don Naja	Heather Seitz	
Donna Cordes	Margaret Evelyn	
Due & Jeff Welch	Nuamah	
Elaine DeYong	Margie Stillwell	
Eric	Mark LaPolla	
Evelyn B		

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of
John Arms
Jack Meyer
The Rev. Dean
Benedict
who recently passed on to life eternal.



Jack Meyer Memorial
June 14 at 11 a.m.
St. Paul Sanctuary



Dick Mayfield Memorial
June 15 at 3 p.m.
Regency Oaks Ballroom
2751 Regency Oaks Blvd
in Clearwater

GOOD NEWS



Sharing Christ in Uganda

Carolyn Goodwin, our missionary serving Arua, Uganda is serving the South Sudanese refugees who have lost homes, jobs, family, friends and country. She has been leading biblically based "Healing from Trauma" workshops, leading Bible studies, doing outreach in the women's and children's prisons, helping the refugees in the camps, providing much needed blankets, and more.

The picture above is from a Sunday School lesson on Noah that Carolyn did with over 90 people. More than 25 asked Jesus into their heart that morning. They took children from Arua to a church in Ringly for the class, and so many wanted to come they couldn't all fit in the land cruiser. Carolyn didn't want to leave out anyone who was seeking God, so she arranged to do a second class for those who couldn't come. Eighty-five showed up for the second class, and again over 25 gave their life to Christ, including four Muslim women! What a great impact Carolyn is having by following the Lord's call!



If you would like to donate to help provide trauma workshops, children's schooling, food, blankets, and other necessities in the refugee camps you can give online at TMS-Global.org/give. Use the name Carolyn Goodwin and the #3080.

Carolyn has been distributing blankets to the women's and children's prisons and to others in need.



Handicapable Loved the Threshers Game

A record 150 of the Handicapable Ministry had an action-packed Friday evening on June 2 at Spectrum Field in Clearwater as they saw the division-leading Clearwater Threshers play. The highlight of the evening is the all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, peanuts, chips, and ice cream sandwiches! Not only was the game a delight, but it wasn't too hot with the temperature holding steady at 80 degrees and no rain! Everyone had a terrific time and we look forward to our next outdoor adventure!

At right is one of nineteen thank you notes we received from attendees to the Adult Day Training event our Handicapable Ministry sponsored in May.



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



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