

SAY WHAT?



HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT ST. PAUL?

Join us for coffee, meet our pastors, and find out more about our missions and ministries.

TODAY
at 11:45 AM
Connection Center

See page 5 for more.



July 9, 2017

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a member of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us this Sunday! Today we start a new series, "Say What?" that takes a look at some of the challenging teachings of Jesus. Sometimes we may misinterpret or misunderstand what Jesus really meant. This series may change your perspective on a few things you thought you knew!

If you're new to St. Paul I hope you'll join us in the Connection Center after 10:30 a.m. worship today. I always look forward to the chance to get to know each of you better, and it's a great way for you to get any questions you have about St. Paul answered or to get connected to our ministries as well. 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!

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: We are here,
People: in the name of Christ Jesus.
 Leader: So ask right now,
People: and it shall be given to you.
 Leader: Seek right now,
People: and you will find.
 Leader: Knock right now,
People: and the door will be opened.
 *Hymns *O Worship The King* No. 73
Give Me The Faith Which Can Remove No. 650
 *Apostle's Creed No. 881
 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
 Scripture Reading: Mark 11:20-24 (NIV)
 Offertory *Beloved Mystery* Sanctuary Choir
 *Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving
 *Transitional Hymn *O Word of God Incarnate* No. 598
 Message "Ask Anything and It's Yours!" Pastor Bob Martin
 Directed Prayer
 *Hymn *Faith While Trees Are Still in Blossom* No. 508
 *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: Bev Haskell & Ola Joseph

10:30 AM Greeters: Sandy Venditto, Becky Carter, Sharon Herman

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
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Making a Prayer Request

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop it in the Connection Center or in the offering plate. You can call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Aaron Medlin	Kathleen M
Allison Hall	Kayla McKagan
Amanda Swan	Kenneth A.
Andrew Medlin	Kenneth Barnhart
Annie Davis	Kerry Thoeni
Aubri & Jessi	Kim Morris
Baby Padron & Family	Kristi Burslem
Barbara Dumbleton	Libby Burke
Bea Rogers	Lillyann
Bert & Sassy	Linda Gray
Bishop Family	Linda Weaver Hank
Bonnie	Lori, Andy, David, Max,
Brad Jones	Austin, Brandon &
Brandi, Kami &	Larry
Karaline	Lynn Jennings's Mom
Brett	Margie Stillwell
Brian Greely	Mark LaPolla
Bruce Medlin	Mark Reffitt
Caitlynn Timberlake	Mary Barrett
Carl J	Mary Moore
Carolyn Goodwin	Marylyn Neville
Chad M	Meghan Timberlake
Charles Edmund	Melvin
Cliff Armbruster	Michal Ruchale
Dave	Pat Buckley
David Barrett	Pat Greely
Dawn	Penny McElyea
Dean Perdue	Peter H
Diane & Mike	Rich Stemboroski
Don & Lorraine Piro	RLT
Donna Cordes	Roger & Lori Bailey
Elaine McCarthy's	Roger Crockett
Family	Ron & Judy Getz
Elizabeth Thoeni	Ron & Wanda Barker
Evelyn B	Shirley Register
Evelyn Sukosd	Steve & Christine
Frank Register	Brower
Gilbert Quinn	Steve Harvey
Glenda Neville	Suzanne Elliott
Jace Michael	Tammy Barker
Jackson	Terry B
Jan Dale	Todd Smyzer
Jane Jason & Family	Travis
Jay	Vickie & DJ Goodin
Jenny Walter	Windell T. White
Jim Lucky	
Jodi, Ariel & Vickie	Due to an early print
John Fady	deadline you may not
Josh DeLoach	see your prayer request
Kamalinie Family	on this list until next
Karen & Jordan	week, but it has been
Goodin	received by our prayer
Kat Farhangi	circle and is currently
	being prayed over.

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

Today's flowers are provided by:

- ♥ The Church Mice, in honor of Mary Williams and her loving care of our sanctuary landscape.
- ♥ Connie Mathews, in honor of Connie & Bill Matthew's 46th wedding anniversary!
- ♥ Marie Schreiner, in loving memory of my husband, Egon Schreiner

Last week one of the flower inscriptions was accidentally left out. We apologize for the mistake! The inscription should have read:

- ♥ Flowers given by Julia Smith, in memory of Alvin Smith on our Wedding Anniversary!

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.

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: July 9, 2017 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

I am a:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Attendee | <input type="checkbox"/> Member(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Resident | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please update my information. | |

I came today because:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I drove by | <input type="checkbox"/> I visited the website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I've been here before | <input type="checkbox"/> I received a mailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was invited by _____ | |
| Other: _____ | |

I want to join your e-mail list:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Pastor's E-Note | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly St. Paul Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.
- Do NOT 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: _____

- Taking a Spiritual Gifts Assessment

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:

- Serving the homeless on Sundays
- Middle School After School Program (starting this fall)
- Driving the Church Bus
- Back to School Jubilee - August 5

Vacation Bible School: July 24-28

- I can help all week.
- I can help on Mon Tues Weds Thurs Fri

Church Auction Chairperson Other Help

I plan to attend:

- JOY Potluck: July 11—10 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. Our next Discover St. Paul coffee is next Sunday, July 9 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) Potluck Celebration

This Tuesday, July 11 we invite you to join us at 10 a.m. in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC) for a potluck lunch and celebration of Jim and Bettie Mad-

drey's 75th anniversary. Jim and Bettie will share some of their story, followed by a delicious lunch. The church will grill hamburgers and provide beverages, so bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share! If you plan to attend, mark the Connect Card on page 4. Have questions or need more information about the event? Contact Dee Rogers at 513-293-4081.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

Join IGNITE tonight at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study and discussion. 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.



Discover St. Paul Coffee

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

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.



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.



Register Now for Vacation Bible School

Your family is invited to join us from July 24 to 28 for Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is Maker Fun Factory, and we'll learn all about how God made us for a purpose!

Let us cook and serve your family dinner! Then after dinner we'll sing and dance to praise songs, play team-building games in the gym, do fun crafts, and learn from Bible stories and from other kids' experiences. It's a lot of fun for the whole family, and it's all free!

Fill out your free registration now: stpaulumc.org



Student Ministry

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



Sunday Night Student Ministry



Your closest friends, the people you call when you want to do something fun, the people you sit with everyday at lunch—how did they become your friends? Why did you choose them to be a part of your crew? When it comes to friendships, these are important questions to ask yourself. Why? Because your friends have the power to influence your life...for better or for worse. To help us gain some wisdom on friendship, we're going to take a look at Proverbs, a book in the Bible full of advice written by Solomon. If we apply Solomon's wisdom on friendships to our own lives, we'll find that the people we bring in to our crew will be the ones who influence us for the best.

TONIGHT:

Your friends can make you or break you. Middle and high schoolers 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 Small Groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance on our website: stpaulumc.org. Time together ends at 8 p.m.

Tribe Tuesday

Join us on Tribe Tuesday nights this summer for a fun activity each week. Check out what we're doing this week below and visit our website: stpaulumc.org to find out what's coming the rest of the summer.

JULY 11 - BEACH BASH SAND KEY PARK

5:30 - 9 PM. \$5

Meet at church at 5:30 p.m.

Bring your suit, towel and a change of clothes.

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

FOR PINELLAS

WHAT DOES "FOR PINELLAS" MEAN?

Too many times people only know what churches are against. We want to start a conversation about what St. Paul is FOR. We are FOR our neighbors, our community, families, elders, first responders, local businesses, those in need... We are FOR kindness, generosity, and positive change. We are FOR sharing God's love with our community. We are FOR Pinellas.

HOW DO WE SHOW THAT WE ARE FOR PINELLAS?

Being FOR Pinellas means reaching out to our community and showing them what God's love is all about. It also means lifting up the people in our community who are making Pinellas a great place to be! Some of the ways that you can show that we're FOR Pinellas:

#FORPINELLAS

If you have a social media account, share the positive things you see in our community, or positive things you're doing, with the hashtag #FORpinellas. This might mean posting about the customer service you got that was above and beyond, or a local business that you've seen doing something positive for the community. It might be a random act of kindness you witnessed, or something you did. It might be the St. Paul ministry you're serving alongside. Anything that is making our community a better place — post it on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram and tag it #FORpinellas so we can all share these positives.

SUPPORT COMMUNITY EVENTS

When we hear of community events, anything from Little League games to 5Ks, festivals to high school plays, we'll put together a St. Paul group to attend and cheer on our neighbors or support them by doing something like providing water at 5Ks. We'll get out into the community to show we care about our neighbors and that we are FOR Pinellas.

TAKE PART IN ST. PAUL MINISTRIES THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY

St. Paul has many ways that we are already serving our community, with new ministries like our afterschool program starting soon. There are lots of ways for you to get involved. You can sign up on the Connect Card on page 4 to serve with our upcoming Vacation Bible School and Back to School Jubilee—two ways we're reaching out to families in our community this summer. We also have lots of ongoing ministries you can serve with long term like Open Arms, our homeless meal, and Stephen Ministry.



WEAR THE SHIRT

Visit the Connection Center or the church office to get your FOR Pinellas T-shirt! Wear it out in the community and if anyone asks you what it means, tell them that St. Paul is FOR our community, and FOR them! When we serve

the community at VBS or Back to School Jubilee, or if we go as a group to support an event in the community, we'll wear our shirts so everyone can see we are FOR Pinellas. Shirts are available for a donation of \$5 (or \$6 if you pay by credit card.) We welcome additional donations if you would like to cover the cost of a shirt for someone who can't afford it.



FOR PINELLAS CARDS

Pick up FOR Pinellas cards in the Connection Center or in the back of the pew and carry them with you. If you do a random act of kindness, like paying for someone's meal or coffee at a drive-thru, give the server a card so they know why you're doing it. If you're sharing someone's story on social media, or someone asks you about your FOR Pinellas shirt, you can give them a card so they understand what FOR Pinellas means.

GIVE IN LOVE



Back to School Jubilee

Our Back to School Jubilee is on Saturday, August 5! If you would like to volunteer to help the week of the Jubilee we have jobs for people of all ages and abilities. We also need people to help inventory and sort supplies on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Sign up on the Connect Card if you would like to help with the Jubilee.

Of course we also need everyone to visit the school bus in the courtyard today and take a tag or two! Buy the supplies listed on the tag and drop them off in the circular bin in the lobby on Sunday or at the church office during the week. The supplies will be given to 400 pre-registered children in our community who otherwise would not have what they need for school.

100 Dresses Project

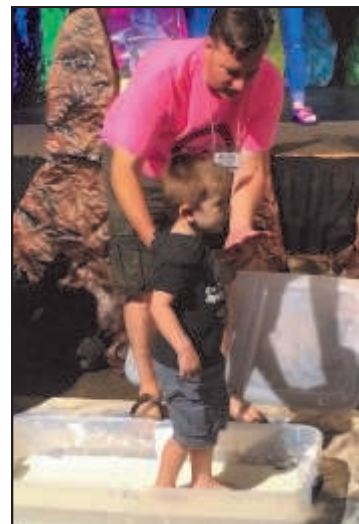
If you are interested in making T-shirt dresses to **hand out at this year's Back to School Jubilee**, contact Kathy Carr at 781-8195 or rmckwc@gmail.com. We supply the fabric and the t-shirts. You supply the thread and your sewing skills! Our project is funded by the donations of our congregation. Each dress costs around \$5 to make. If you would like to donate, put a gift in offering plate in an envelope labeled 100 Dresses Project. Gifts of any size are welcome!

Bus Drivers Needed

We need 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 Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org.

Serve at Vacation Bible School

From July 24-28 we will host our annual Vacation Bible School. We hold our VBS at night from 6:15 to 8:30 p.m. so parents can join their kids for a free dinner and a night of fun activities. We need lots of people to help with everything from serving meals to running crafts and games or registering families as they come in. If you can help with VBS, whether it's just for one or two days or the entire week, fill out the Connect Card on page 4. This is a great way that we are reaching out to show we are FOR Pinellas!



Homeless Meal

Each Sunday we serve the homeless a hot meal at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church in downtown Clearwater. We need people who will help to serve the meal from 3:20 to 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. We also need people who are comfortable driving the van—no special license is required. The more volunteers the better so we can serve in a weekly rotation and not overburden just a few people.

Donate Blood Today

The bloodmobile is in the church parking lot today from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Giving blood saves lives right here in our community. They need is constant, and giving blood is another great way to show that we are For Pinellas. Everyone who donates will receive a free Tervis Tumbler like the one pictured at left, and a free wellness checkup including blood pressure, cholesterol screening and iron count, Just one donation can save up to three lives!



Coming this Week

Sunday, July 9

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, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 11

Summer Camp	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
JOY Potluck	10:00 AM
Students: Tribe Tuesday	5:30 PM

Wednesday, July 12

Summer Camp	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
Wednesday Serve	12:00 PM
Handicapable	6:15 PM

Thursday, July 13

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

Friday, July 14

Church Office Closed

Summer Camp	7:00 AM
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Saturday, July 15

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

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of Elaine McCarthy who recently passed on to life eternal.

DONATE TO HELP REFUGEES IN UGANDA

Our missionary in Arua, Uganda, Carolyn Goodwin, has been serving South Sudanese refugees who have lost homes, jobs, family, friends and country.

HER MINISTRY INCLUDES:

- Providing trauma workshops with a biblical foundation, each one attended by 75-150 people
- Sunday school classes reaching over 300 children each month in the Rhino and Arua refugee camps
- Women's and Children's Prison Ministries that include weekly Bible studies, helping supply food to the women's prison, providing legal help to women who were unjustly imprisoned and more

Carolyn also works to provide some of the vital items not provided in the camps. One of the items that each person in the camps needs is a sturdy and warm blanket. Some don't have a blanket at all or share with 2-3 people. Carolyn has already begun providing blankets, pictured at right are a few of the people who recently received them. But each time she distributes blankets there are more people who need them than blankets to give. There are at least 100 people still in need of blankets!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Carolyn is in a dangerous environment bringing the word of God to so many. Your prayers support her emotionally and spiritually. Your donations support her ministry to reach people for Christ and to help South Sudanese refugees who have lost everything.

If you would like to donate to provide blankets, trauma workshops, Bible studies or other assistance, visit the courtyard or the Connection Center after worship. You can drop off a cash donation or write a tax deductible check to The Mission Society. Include Carolyn Goodwin and #3080 in the memo. Money for this project can't be given to St. Paul, so please make your donation to The Mission Society.

You can also make an online donation at any time by visiting the Mission Society website: TMS-Global.org/give. Use the name Carolyn Goodwin and the #3080.

It doesn't take a huge amount of money from us to make an impact in the lives of many halfway around the world. Donations of any size can make a difference!



Carolyn leading a trauma workshop



ESTATE PLANNING:

Getting Affairs in Order isn't Just for Seniors

Most people don't start to think about estate planning until they're a little older and have achieved milestones such as marriage, homeownership and parenthood. Many believe that you don't need to work on these plans or documents until you reach your 50s or 60s. According to a recent study on Caring.com, only 22 percent of 18 - 36 year-old Americans have a planned will or trust. Two common reasons for not planning were:

- they felt they did not have enough assets to warrant making a will or doing some estate planning
- they felt they still had time before they needed to make plans.

The truth is, it's important for everyone, not just older adults, to have a basic estate plan in place in the event of an emergency or untimely death, which can happen at any age. If you don't have an estate plan yet, here are some basic concepts and tools to get you started.



The Elements of Estate Planning

Basic estate planning tools might include a will, trusts, life insurance, employee benefit plans and healthcare directives and powers of attorney.

THE WILL can name a guardian for your children if both parents should die. This can be critical for parents with young children. A will also provides for the disposal of sentimental assets to family and friends, and is the place to state funeral wishes.

THE TRUST is a useful instrument for managing the assets of an estate. A trust may be created while still alive or contained within a will.

LIFE INSURANCE provides for a family in the event of death by replacing lost income and covering additional expenses resulting from death.

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS might include a retirement plan and group life insurance benefits. If participating in either plan, be certain that the beneficiary designations name the correct person or entity, as these are not governed by a will.

HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVES and certain types of **POWERS OF ATTORNEY** may ensure that someone who you have chosen has the authority to act on your behalf if you are incapacitated due to an accident or sudden illness.



Stop and Think

The first step in estate planning should be to take some time to ask yourself the following questions:

- What happens if . . .
- Who should receive my assets? Spouse? Siblings? Church? Friends? Charity?
- Who should be the executor of my estate?

There are no right or wrong answers; they are personal and specific to the individual. Ideally, estate plans should be established when we are young adults, and then reevaluated throughout our lifetime as priorities and life circumstances change.

Creating a will is a good first step to take, and can offer a sense of peace of mind regardless of your age. Most local attorneys can draft a Last Will and Testament at an affordable rate. Certified Financial Planners are also a resource to assist you in your estate planning process. We have people within our congregation and at the United Methodist Foundation who can help. Call the church office for a listing of Attorneys and Financial Planners within our congregation. Consider leaving a gift to the church in your will and become a generous giver who transforms Ministry. **Don't put off making decisions** that will affect how and where your assets will be allocated. Take the first step toward getting your affairs in order.

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



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