


GROW

NEW TO ST. PAUL?
WANT TO GET CONNECTED TO OUR MINISTRIES?
JOIN US FOR COFFEE NEXT SUNDAY IN THE CONNECTION CENTER AT 11:45 AM

DISCOVER ST. PAUL



 **ST. PAUL**
United Methodist Church
August 6, 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. We are starting a new series called, "Grow," this week. We all experience things in life that we would avoid if we could: failure, heartbreak, and other difficult circumstances that life throws at us. During this series we will look at how with God's help these hardships can become an opportunity for us to grow as people, grow closer to God, and grow in faith. I hope that whatever you are facing, you will find inspiration over the next few weeks.

If you're new to St. Paul, or you just want some help in getting connected to our missions and ministries, I hope you will join us in the Connection Center after 10:30 a.m. worship next week. I look forward to our Discover St. Paul gatherings so much because I love getting to know you better and hearing your stories. If you plan to attend, take a moment to fill out the Connect Card today.

For more upcoming events, read through this bulletin or visit our website: stpaulumc.org. Thank you all for being part of all we are accomplishing for the Lord!





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
 Pastor: God has abundantly cast His seeds of love and hope upon us.
 People: May we be fruitful soil for the planting and growing of hope and peace.
 Pastor: Come, let us praise God who is so generous with us.
 People: Let us sing songs of joy to God.
 Pastor: Hallelujah!
 People: Hallelujah! Amen.
 *Hymns *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* No. 382
Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether No. 375
 *Apostle's Creed No. 881
 Back to School Blessing
 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
 Staff Parish Relations Team Announcement
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 109:1-5, 22-25; Psalm 34:15-20 (NIV)
 Offertory *To Rescue a Sinner Like Me* Sanctuary Choir
 *Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94
 *Prayer of Thanksgiving
 *Transitional Hymn *Be Still My Soul* No. 534
 Message "Grow Through Heartbreak" Pastor Bob Martin
 Directed Prayer
 *Hymn *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* No. 110
 Communion
 *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.

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.

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 5 MILE RADIUS OF OUR CHURCH, SO THAT THEY EXPERIENCE AND SHARE HIM.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #2

FOLLOW JESUS' LEAD TO REACH OUT TO THOSE EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND STRIVE TO REVERSE ITS EFFECTS ON OUR COMMUNITY.

Stay and Pray Today

The first Sunday of each month we invite you to "stay and pray" in the chapel after worship. If you would like someone to pray with you, there are people from our Prayer Team who will pray over your needs. If you would like to spend some time alone with God in prayer, you are also welcome to pray by yourself.



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 next Sunday, August 13 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. This is a great opportunity to connect and ask any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

If you plan to attend, sign up on the Connect Card or send an email: church@stpaulumc.org

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 a special Sunday: our Student Ministry is leading worship. They will provide the music, as well as a message that shares their experiences and testimony from their recent retreat to Teen Valley Ranch. 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!

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:

- ♥ Marguerite Buchanan, in loving memory of her mother, Linda West.
- ♥ In loving memory of Sara Randall from her family.

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.

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 welcome to sit in on the sound check if you choose, but be aware that it can be loud.

9 AM Greeters: Kinga Low & Jean Arms

10:30 AM Greeters: Cindy Durant, Kathy Seitz and Linda Benoit

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: August 6, 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.
- 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
- Church Auction Chairperson Other Help
- Faith Community Nursing
- Hosting Memorial Services
- Communion Preparation

I will attend:

- GriefShare: Begins August 24
- Discover St. Paul: August 13 at 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. Our next Discover St. Paul coffee is Sunday, August 13 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). 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.



Register Now for GriefShare

GriefShare is a grief support group to help and encourage those who are suffering from the loss of a spouse, child, family member or friend. The group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and successfully rebuilt their lives. They understand and walk with you on the path through grief toward healing and hope for the future. Join us weekly for video seminars and group discussion. A workbook for journaling and personal study exercises also helps guide you through the process. GriefShare begins on Thursday, August 24 and will meet weekly at 6 p.m. in room 101 of the CLEC. The cost for the workbook is \$18. You can pay in advance or at the first class. To sign up to attend the group, fill out the Connect Card or contact our church office at 727-584-8165.



Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, August 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Help 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

The Hannah Circle meets this Tuesday, August 8 at 6:45 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Meetings include refreshments, devotion, prayer, and a program.

Rachel-Lydia

Rachel-Lydia meets this Thursday, August 10 at 10:30 a.m. in room 101, the Carpenter's Room (101) of the CLEC. Join them for Bible study, devotions, prayers, giving, share the UMW magazine Response, and light refreshments. This week our UMW President, Rita Fowler, will share information on all the various organizations and causes we support through our Rachel-Lydia group and United Methodist Women.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

The next IGNITE meeting is Sunday, August 20. They will begin a new study by J. Warner Wallace. With real-life detective stories and biblical insights, Wallace teaches cold-case investigative disciplines you can apply to Christian faith. *Forensic Faith* is a fresh look at what it means to be a Christian.

Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events, and cancellations. If you'd like to receive scheduling notes by text, email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com with the phone number where you would like to receive texts.





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.



Family Fun Night

Your family is invited to join us for an INCREDIBLE family fun night on September 2 at 6 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Center. Our theme is *The Incredibles*. We'll have dinner and experience fun faith-related adventures for the whole family! Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 maximum per family.

Worship Arts Moves to Tuesday Nights

When Worship Arts returns in fall it will be moving from Wednesdays to Tuesday nights. We will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Look for more information soon about what we have planned for our kids on Tuesday nights.



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.

TAKE PART IN ST. PAUL MINISTRIES THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY

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!

SUPPORT COMMUNITY EVENTS

FOR PINELLAS CARDS

Pick up FOR Pinellas cards in the Connection Center or in the back of the pew and share them with people in the community who are doing something great or with people you are sharing a random act of kindness with.



Student Ministry

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



Sunday Night Student Ministry



TONIGHT:

When it comes to tragedy, be a friend not a fixer.

When it comes to tragedy, there's often a ripple effect. Some people are directly impacted by a tragic event or circumstance, and the ripples of that tragedy impact those around them. Being caught in the ripples of someone going through the darkness leave you feeling incredibly helpless, wondering what to say, what to do, and how to be a friend to them in the midst of their darkness. Ruth, a woman who walked alongside a friend in the midst of terrible tragedy, gives us a great example to follow in the Old Testament. We'll see that sometimes the key to responding to the ripples of tragedy isn't really about fixing the problem, but being there in the midst of it instead.

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by time to hang out with friends and have fun together. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance on our website: stpaulumc.org. Time together ends at 8 p.m.



NEXT SUNDAY: BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Join us next week for dinner. We'll have BBQ chicken, Hawaiian rolls and watermelon. Then we'll play games throughout the church like Nine Square in the Air and Gaga, and dedicate the school year to the Lord through prayer and worship.



Night of Joy

Our Student Ministry is attending Night of Joy on September 8-10. Both middle school and high school students are welcome to join us in Orlando for two nights of contemporary Christian music concerts and time at Disney World. The cost for the trip is \$140, which includes the concerts, admission to Disney's Wide World of Sports and the Magic Kingdom, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. We will stay at St. Luke's UMC in Orlando both nights. Each student should wear their green Student Ministry t-shirt. If you need to buy one the total cost for the trip will be \$150 due on August 20. Each student will need to fill out the consent form on our website: stpaulumc.org



AUGUST 8 — ASTRO SKATE

6-9 PM. \$3

MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 6 PM.

GIVE IN LOVE



Faith Community Nursing Team

Are you interested in helping to promote safety, health, & wellness for our church? Would you like to know more about combining that focus with the intentional care of the Spirit? We are looking for inter-

ested nurses to join our Faith Community Nursing Team.

Nurses will be provided with free CEU training, materials, resources, mentors, and liability coverage to learn about developing the optimum level of whole person health- body, mind, & spirit- of our members (congregates, church families, parishioners).

If you are a nurse who is interested in being part of this team, fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

Funeral/Memorial Hosts and Hostesses

When we hold a funeral or a memorial service at St. Paul, volunteers from our Funeral Ministry Team help to host. Duties include preparing the sanctuary by turning on lights and lighting candles, arranging flowers, placing signs and guestbook, as well as greeting and helping the family in other ways. If you are interested in serving by helping grieving families, please fill out the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know.



Middle School After School Ministry

Our afterschool ministry for middle schoolers has officially been approved by the school board and we are moving ahead with preparations. The ministry will offer afterschool activities, mentoring and help with homework to students from Largo Middle School one day a week. High school students will tutor, but we also need adults to supervise, drive the bus, lead activities, prepare food, and more. If you are interested in helping with this new ministry, fill out the Connect Card, and we will contact you.

THANK YOU

Thank you, Jim and Jan Hale!

Communion is an important and sacred part of our worship. What you may not know is, for 15 years Jim and Jan Hale have helped behind the scenes to prepare the communion elements so they are ready for worship each month. We are so grateful to them for their faithful service! Now that they are retiring from this ministry, we are blessed that Carmen and Russell Munyan have volunteered to serve, but we are looking for additional people to help grow the team as well. If you are interested in helping prepare communion, fill out the Connect Card.



Thank You, Jubilee Volunteers!

We'll have lots more pictures and more to share from the Back to School Jubilee next Sunday, but we didn't want to wait to say thank you to the many people who helped us prepare by sorting supplies, packing backpacks, putting together registration packets, sewing dresses, and more. All sorts of preparation has to happen before the kids and their families arrive for the Jubilee, and we couldn't do it without help. Thank you all for your hard work!



Coming this Week

Sunday, August 6

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

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
JOY (Just Older Youth)	10:30 AM
Students: Tribe Tuesday	6:00 PM
UMW: Hannah	

Wednesday, August 9

UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Volleyball	7:30 PM

Thursday, August 10

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

Friday, August 11

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 12

Adult Basketball	5:30 PM
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If you have an event to schedule, contact us at 584-8165 or e-mail kerry.k@stpaulumc.org



Sarah Randall Memorial
Wednesday, August 9 at Noon
St. Paul UMC Sanctuary

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

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

Aaron Medlin	Frank Travis Wilson	Meghann Timberlake
Al Misuraca	Gilbert Quinn	My family
All Teachers	Glenda Neville	Nancy Burns
Allison Hall	Graham	Nancy Evans
Andrew Medlin	Greg, Meg, Jackson &	Nancy Otte
Aubri, Jessi, Brandi,	Conner Seitz	Our Children
Kami, Karaline, Melinda	Heather	Pat Buckley
Audrey Talbert	Jace Michael	Peter H.
Baby Cole & Ashley	Jackson	Rachael
Barbara Dumbleton	Jan Dale	Ralph Moon
Betty Smith	Jane Huter	Randy Byrnes
Bev Larson	Jenny Walter	Rich Stemboroski
Bill-MaryIn Neville	Jim Lucky	Rick Holland
Billy Case	Jim Pasch	Rick Holland
Bob & Troy Hartel	Joann Haynes	RLT
Bob Bennett family	John Fady	Roger, Melvin
Bobby Perez	Josh DeLoach	Ron & Judy Getz
Bonnie	Judy Hedges	Ron Barker
Bonnie Wismer	June Neville Dixon	Ruth Aaron
Brad Jones	Karen Goodin	SA & CO
Brian Hunt	Kat Farhangi	Samantha
Bruce Medlin	Kathleen M	Sandra Venditto
Caitlynn Timberlake	Kathryn, Lohana,	Sandy Pariss
Carl J.	Lucia	Sara Randall's Family
Caroline Fields	Kathy Seitz	Serena
Carolyn Goodwin	Kayla McKagan	Shirley
Chad M.	Kenneth A.	Steve Harvey
Children, youth, women	Kerry Thoeni	T.B.
Cliff Armbruster	Kevin, Heather,	Terry B
Dale Metler	Malachi Seitz	Thank You
Daniel Penabade	Kim Morris	Tim's wife
Darlene Mitchell	Kristi Burslem	Todd Smyzer
Daughter	Lavonne VanSwol	Tom Neville
Dave	Libby Burke	Travis
Dave W.	Lilyann	Trevor Birt
David Barrett	Linda Weaver Hank	Vickie Perdue
David, Nicole, Calvin	Lorraine & Don Piro	Walter Errett
Seitz	Lou, Andy, David,	Wanda & Ron Barker
Dee Mayfield	Birdie, Gary, Max,	Zackary Kueker
Destiny	Austin, Larry	
Donna Cordes	Margie Stillwell	
Dorothy Miller	Mark LaPolla	
Doug & Angela Purton	Mary Barrett	
Elizabeth Thoeni	Mary Moore	
Evelyn B	McKenzie Mack	

GOOD NEWS

Vacation Bible School

Our Maker Fun Factory VBS was a success, as kids and their families had a great time learning about God. In addition to crafts and games, kids had the chance to take part in a service project by bringing in coins to donate to our Carpenter's Shop Ministry, which makes toys for kids who are in traumatic situations. Each night the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall was filled with music and dancing as we praised the Lord. None more so than Wednesday, when our Handicapable Ministry joined us for dinner and worship.



Celebrating the Baptism of Harley Rae Smith
Last Sunday we celebrated the baptism of Harley Rae Smith, daughter of Crystalann Cork and Derek Smith. We are so happy we were able to share in this moment, as Harley begins her faith journey.

Thank you, VBS volunteers!

We had lots of help from our Student Ministry who led worship, helped with games, served drinks and more. A big thank you also goes out to the cooks and servers who fed us dinner. And to everyone who greeted and registered families, led crafts and other activities, and made all our families feel welcome. Thank you!



Visit Facebook for more pictures and videos: [StPaulUMCLargo](#)

Visit page 8 for more thank yous!

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



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