

GROW

SIGN UP FOR OUR

FALL FAMILY CAMPING TRIP BY OCT. 3

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE.



August 20, 2017

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time member of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us this Sunday. We are currently in the middle of a series that looks at how God enables us to "Grow" through difficult aspects of life. None of us can avoid suffering and pain, but we do have a choice in how we react to our life circumstances. I hope that whatever you are facing, you will find inspiration over the next few weeks.

GriefShare starts this week. If you are mourning the loss of a loved one I encourage you to join this group on Thursdays. I have spoken to several people whose lives were changed for the better by past sessions of this group, and I hope you will take this opportunity to connect and begin the healing process. If you are looking for a way to serve, our middle school after school ministry begins this September. Check page 8 for a list of all the ways that you can potentially help with this new ministry. I am really excited about the new families we will reach through this ministry, and I hope you are too. 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



TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 9 AM

- Prelude *Like a Child Rests* Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov
*Greet *Oh How He Loves You And Me*
*Call to Worship
*Opening Hymns *O Worship the King* No. 73
The King of Love My Shepherd Is No. 138
*Apostle's Creed No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-16
Offertory *The Earth is the Lord's* Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology *Praise God, From Whom...* No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving
*Transitional Hymn *Be Still My Soul* No. 534
Message "Grow Through Failure" Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer
*Closing Hymn *The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power* On Screens
*Benediction
*Postlude *Blessed Are We*

*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: BJ and Allen Suban

10:30 AM Greeters: Rita Fowler and Sandy Venditto



Thank you, Aaron

We've been so blessed to have Aaron Cassette as our accompanist at 9 a.m. He is a special musician and has added so much to our worship. Today is Aaron's last Sunday with us, as he has taken a position closer to where he lives. We will miss him! Aaron, may you be blessed in all your future endeavors. Thank you for sharing your skill and talent with us!



Watch or Listen to Past Messages

Our past messages are available as both video and audio on our website. Watch or listen to the messages you missed, or the ones you want to hear again. Past Growth Guides are also available. Visit the "Past Messages" page under the "Worship" menu. You can also download past messages from iTunes; just search for St. Paul UMC.



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 10:30 a.m. worship on September 10. We'll 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. Mark your calendar!

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.

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:

- ♥ Linda Shaw, In loving memory of my husband, Bruce.
- ♥ Peggy & Charles Tucker, In memory of all cancer victims and in honor of all survivors.
- ♥ Nancy Devictor & Pat Lefferts, In memory of Odell Zimmerman and Happy Birthday!
- ♥ Nancy Devictor & Pat Lefferts, In loving memory of Edith & Al Lefferts!

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.

Upper Room

Looking for a copy of the Upper Room? We have copies of the current issue available in the Connection Center. Large print is \$2 and regular print is \$1.

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 20, 2017 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Cell

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
 - ☐ Cook Meal ☐ Serve Meal
 - ☐ Tutoring Supervisor
 - ☐ Bus Supervisor
 - ☐ Early Supervisor

I can be available on Tuesday nights starting _____

- ☐ Communion Preparation
- ☐ Faith Community Nursing
- ☐ Hosting Memorial Services

I will attend:

- ☐ GriefShare: Begins August 24

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 September 10 at 11:45 a.m.



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, August 22, Bobby Van Duyne 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.



GriefShare Begins This Week

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 this 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.

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 by email, you can sign up on the Connect Card on page 3 of this bulletin.

Due to a change in scheduling, the Growth Guide is now sent on Mondays instead of Sundays so we no longer have paper copies in the Connection Center for Sunday. You can still get a paper copy at the church office during the week or download a PDF from our website by visiting the "Past Messages" page.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

IGNITE returns this Sunday. All adults from 18-30s are welcome to join them at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the CLEC. They are beginning a new study by J. Warner Wallace. *Forensic Faith* is a fresh look at what it means to be a Christian. With real-life detective stories and biblical insights, Wallace teaches cold-case investigative disciplines you can apply to Christian faith.

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.





St. Paul Fall Family Camping Retreat Nov. 3 -5

Register Online by October 3: stpaulumc.org
Lakewood Retreat—Brooksville, FL

Join us this fall for a camping retreat for all ages and grow closer to God, your family and friends! There will be group activities, devotions, and a worship service Sunday morning. Plus opportunities to have fun with activities and amenities like:

- Canoeing
- Kayaking
- Fishing
- Swimming
- Mini golf
- Hayrides
- Campfires
- Outdoor Sports
- Porch Games
- Nature Trail
- Petting Zoo
- Glide Ride
- Human Foosball
- Shuffleboard
- Disc Golf
- Treehouse

St. Paul will grill up hamburgers and hot dogs on Saturday night and we ask everyone to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Each family/group will then provide their own additional meals throughout the retreat.



Cost

There are multiple lodging options for the camping retreat so that everyone can participate. Rates are for the entire weekend:

- Tent Camping - \$25/Site
- Pop-Up Site - \$36/Site
- RV Site - \$50/Site

There is also a \$20 cost for each person to cover use of the facilities and activities. Children under 4 are free.

Questions?

For more information contact Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 x233 or bobby.v@stpaulumc.org

To register visit stpaulumc.org
and fill out the online registration form.
The deadline to sign up is Monday, Oct. 3.

You can pay online on our Giving page, or by cash or check. Be sure to put "Camping Trip" and the name your group is registered under on your payment.



Lay Servant Training

The Gulf Central District is offering a course for Lay Servant Training on September 9 and 16 at Hyde Park UMC in Tampa. (Must attend both days for certification.) This course for Lay Servants provides the framework for all leadership in mission and ministry. This course will equip leaders to better lead not only in our church, but in the local community. The following topics will be covered:

Servant Leadership, Spiritual Leadership, Caring Ministries,
Sharing Your Faith and Leading Meetings

If you are interested in this 10 hour, two day seminar to help you develop as a lay servant and leader, visit the Connection Center to pick up a registration brochure. Cost of the training is \$35 and you must register by August 27.



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 Date Change

Your family is invited to join us for an INCREDIBLE family fun night on September 30 at 6 p.m. in the Children's Ministry Center. Note that the date has changed! 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 the fall it will be moving from Wednesdays to Tuesday nights. We will continue to meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment

Center. Look for more information soon about what we have planned for our kids on Tuesday nights.



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade

Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org

SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Night Student Ministry



TONIGHT: Nothing can pull you from a God who loves you. Sometimes struggling through the darkness can feel a lot like floating out to sea. We feel hopeless, adrift, disconnected, and out of control. It leaves us looking for anything to hold us steady—an anchor to keep us from getting lost in the sea of darkness. And while we might hope that anchor would be God, sometimes tragedy leaves us wondering if God is even with us anymore. The apostle Paul had reason to feel the very same way. He faced hardship, suffering, and loss throughout his life and ministry, yet somehow managed to never lose his anchor of faith in God. As we look at what Paul tells us about finding faith in the **midst of the darkness, we'll see that there's no** amount of tragedy that can separate us from the God who loved us enough to experience it here on Earth alongside us.

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by exciting group games and crowd breakers, passionate worship and biblical teaching and small groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance on our website: stpaulumc.org. Time together ends at 8 p.m.

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 is \$150 due TODAY. Each student will need to fill out the consent form on our website: stpaulumc.org

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 church family.

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.



Communion Preparation

We are looking for people to help prepare the elements for Communion before they are used in worship on the first Sunday of the month. Communion is served once a

month and preparation duties include pouring juice into cups, placing bread and wafers on the plates, etc. If you're interested in helping, please mark the Connect Card on page 4.

JUMPSTART MENTORING FOR SUCCESS

Middle School After School Ministry

Our afterschool ministry for middle schoolers is launching September 19! The ministry will offer after-school activities, mentoring and help with homework to students from Largo Middle School on Tuesdays each week. We need volunteers! If you can help in any of the ways listed below, please fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

- **Tutoring Supervisors:** We need adults to supervise pairs of high school mentors/tutors and middle school students. We are especially looking for those with a background in education. The tutoring will be done by high schoolers, and adults will make sure that the pairs are staying on track and be available to assist with tutoring if needed. The commitment is 4 hours per month, every other week from 4-6 p.m.
- **Early Supervisor:** We need one adult per week to help supervise the high school tutors from 3:30-4:30 p.m. before the middle school students arrive.
- **Bus Supervisor:** We need one adult per week who can ride the bus to get the students from Largo Middle School. You do not need to drive, just to help supervise the kids on the bus.
- **Cooks/Servers:** We also need volunteers to help cook and serve a simple meal. We would like to get enough people signed up that we can create a team rotation so people don't need to serve every week.

If you are interested in helping with this new ministry, also include on the Connect Card your earliest availability to be here on Tuesday evenings.

We will have a training date on September 12 in room 201 of the CLEC for both adult supervisors and high school tutors. Adults will meet from 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and stay for a meet and greet with the tutors from 2:30-3:30. High school tutors will meet from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Coming this Week

Sunday, August 20

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, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
GriefShare	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
AA Meeting	7:00 PM

Friday, August 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, August 26

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

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	Gilbert Quinn	Melvin Crockett
Aaron & Bruce Medlin	Grist family	Mike & Diane Luttmann
Allison Hall	Healing	Mike Whelan
Andrew Medlin	Jace Michael	Nancy
Audrey Talbert	Jackson	Nancy Otte
Barbara Dumbleton	Jan Dale	Our World
Betty Smith	Jane Huter	Pat Greely
blessings	Jane Neville Dixon	Peter H.
Bob & Troy	Jenny Walter	Rich Stemboroski
Bob & Troy Hartel	Jerry & LaVon Ward	Rick Holland
Bob Lusby	Jim Lucky	RLT, Ruth
Bob Russo	Jim P	Rodney & Mari Perdue
Bonnie Wismer	Jimmy Vann	Ron & Judy Getz
Brad Jones	Joan Buchwald	Roy Jennings
Brandi, Kami, Karaline,	Jodi & Ariel	Sandy P
Melinda, Megan, Aubri	John & Donna Gainer	Sara & unborn baby
& Jessi	John Fady	Sherry Hartell
Brian Greely	Jordan Goodin	Sisters
Caitlynn Timberlake	Josh DeLoach	Steve Brower
Carl J	Judy Hedges	Steve Harvey
Caroline Fields	Judy Lazanis	Strength and guidance
Carolyn Goodwin	Kat Farhangi	Sue & Jeff Welch
children, youth, women	Kathleen M	T.B.
Class of 72 reunion	Kayla McKagan	Terry B
Cliff Armbruster	Keith Stanton	Todd Smyzer
Dale Metler	Kenneth A.	Travis
Dan Wensel	Kerry Thoeni	Travis Ward
Daniel Penabade	Kim Morris	Trevor Birt
Darlene Mitchell	Kristi Burslem	Tyler & Stevie
Daughters & Husbands	Lavon & Jerry Wert	Vickie
Dave	Libby Burke	Walter Errett
David Barrett	LillyAnn	Zackary Kueker
Dee Mayfield	Loraine Portier	
Donna-John Gainer	Love & Support	
Donna Koller	Marcus Jenkins	
Dorothy Miller	Margie Stillwell	
Elizabeth Thoeni	Mark LaPolla	
Evelyn B	Mary Barrett	
Family	Mary Woodard	
Fay Hartell	Meghann Timberlake	
Gary Craddick	Melissa	

Deaths

Please pray for the
family and friends of
Alice Martin
(Sister in law of Rita
Fowler)
who recently passed
on to life eternal.

GOOD NEWS



Back to School Jubilee Is Still Growing

At this year's Back to School Jubilee we distributed 405 shoe vouchers and 430 backpacks full of supplies, as well as dozens of dresses and shirts, and 170 Children's New Testaments. Preschoolers who came with their brothers and sisters also received toys from our Carpenter's Shop, and everyone was welcomed and covered in the love of Christ! Thank you to all our volunteers, and to everyone who donated supplies! In addition to our St. Paul family, we had several community partners who contributed generously to make this day of love and outreach to our younger neighbors possible. Thank you: Walmart - Largo Store, Religious Community Services, UCMC Suncoast, BIC Corporation, Crosspoint Church, Transforming Lives, and the Pinellas County Property Appraiser's Office! Together we are making a real difference FOR Pinellas!



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



Celebrating the Baptism of Brian Greely

Last Sunday at 10:30 a.m. we celebrated Brian Greely's baptism. Brian's joyful reaction to being baptized is a great example for all of us to experience God's grace with true excitement. Congratulations, Brian!



Handicapable Members at Special Olympics

Four of our Handicapable members competed in golf at the Area Games held at Cove Cay Golf Club in July. Todd Smyzer, Betty Simpson, and sisters Tonya and Yvonne Elliott, pictured above, won ribbons at the area competition. Todd was also selected to participate at the National Special Olympic event in Seattle, Washington. Todd shot one of the best rounds of his life and won a gold medal. We're proud of this outstanding quartet of skilled golfers!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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