



YOUR FAMILY IS INVITED
TO JOIN US THIS SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 30 FOR A



**DINNER & FUN
ACTIVITIES FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY!**



SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD
SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE.



 **ST·PAUL**
United Methodist Church
September 24, 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 during our "Repent" series. In Jesus' time people would travel great distances from their homes to make sacrifices at the temple in Jerusalem to atone for their sins. The need for forgiveness and restoration overwhelmed them to the point of making a long and difficult physical journey. What steps are you willing to take to journey toward forgiveness?

Fall is a busy time at St. Paul, so I hope you will take a look through this bulletin. We have a Family Fun Night this week, as well as a free evening of music and scripture from some talented singers directed by our own Worship Leader, Dr. Robert Williams. The Arts and Crafts Show is right around the corner, and we have two fundraisers coming in November as well. It's an exciting time to get involved!

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		Cindy Triffon, Accompanist
Introit	<i>'Tis the Old Ship of Zion</i>	No. 345
Welcome		Pastor Pam Dubov
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>Just as I Am, Without One Plea</i>	No. 357
	<i>I Surrender All</i>	No. 354
*Apostle's Creed		No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer		No. 895
Special Music	<i>I Wanna Be Ready</i>	Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader
Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 7:9-11		
Offertory	<i>Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Transitional Hymn	<i>Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me</i>	No. 361
Message	"Steps to Freedom"	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>It's Me, It's Me, O Lord</i>	No. 352
*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: Joan Herman & Luis Lorenzo
10:30 AM Greeters: John Strelec & Linda Benoit

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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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.

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

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 after 10:30 a.m. worship on October 8. 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. Fill out the Connect Card and let us know if you plan to attend.

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:

- ♥ Deborah Carlson, in honor of the 59th Wedding Anniversary of Ken & Phyllis Crocker!
- ♥ Grant & Maggie Corrigan, in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary!
- ♥ Johnson & Zimmerman Families, in celebration of Austin & Kaitie's wedding on September 1, 2017. May all your days be filled with love & joy. Wishing you a LIFETIME of HAPPINESS!

Congratulations!

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: September 24, 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
- After School Program

I can be available on Tuesday nights starting

- Trunk or Treat: Oct. 13

I will attend:

- Discover St. Paul - Oct. 8 at 11:45 AM

- Family Fun Night—This Saturday, Sept. 30

Number of Family Members Attending: _____

Ages of Children: _____

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 on October 8 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). 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.



EvenSong Service

This Thursday, Sept. 28—Sanctuary at 6:30 PM

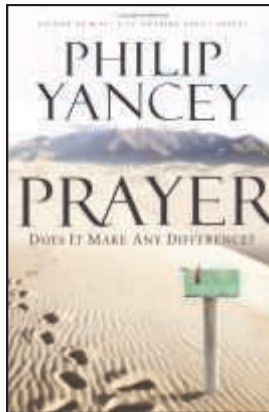
Join us this Thursday for a free evening of music and scripture performed by the St. Petersburg College Concert Choir and Titan Korale under the direction of our own Worship Leader, Dr. Robert Williams. You won't want to miss the chance to hear these talented singers praising God through song!



Jumpstart Volunteers Training

The Jumpstart training was moved to this Tuesday, September 26. Adults will train 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with lunch provided. Tutors will train from 2:30-5 p.m. If you haven't signed up to volunteer yet, fill out the Connect Card today or contact Pastor Pam at pam.d@stpaulumc.org by tomorrow.

Wednesday Nights



Prayer: Does it Make Any Difference?

Room 101 - CLEC: 6:30-7:30 PM.

Led by Pastor Bob

Prayer is often the most uplifting **time of the believer's day**, but it can also be frustrating, confusing, and fraught with mystery. Have you ever wondered why we pray at all? This study by Philip Yancey dives into the practice of prayer and more. The Participant's Guide costs \$8.

Parent's Lounge

Mariposa Café—CLEC

6:30-7:30 PM.

The Parent's Lounge is a fun environment where parents can hang out, build relationships, and support each other through the challenges of raising their children. Each week we'll discuss parenting topic such as: monitoring media, effective communication, navigating difficult family dynamics, balancing hectic schedules, appropriate discipline, and faith formation. The topic is different each week, so you can miss a week and jump right back in. Coffee and desserts will be provided.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

All adults from 18-30s are invited to join IGNITE at 7 p.m. tonight in room 202 of the CLEC. They are currently studying *Forensic Faith*. With real-life detective stories and biblical insights, J. Warner 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.



22ND ANNUAL
**HOMESPUN BY
 HANDS & HEARTS**



ARTS & CRAFTS EVENT

OVER 95 VENDORS
 DISPLAYING ALL HANDCRAFTED ITEMS

LARGEST INDOOR-OUTDOOR CRAFT SHOW

**SATURDAY
 OCTOBER 14, 2017
 9AM-3PM**

\$1 donation at the door
 supports the ministries
 of St. Paul UMC.




Patch Bash



**FRIDAY
 OCT. 13**

**Hayride
 Games
 Crafts
 Fall Snacks
 Apple Cider
 FREE!**

6-8 PM




**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:

- 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.



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 This Saturday

Your family is invited to join us for an INCREDIBLE family fun night this Saturday, September 30 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. If you plan to join us, fill out the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know you're coming!

Worship Arts on Wednesdays

Kids in preschool through 5th grade are invited to Worship Arts on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Join us for games, music, art and more as kids have fun and learn about different ways to worship God. Parents are invited to join us in The Parent's Lounge for discussion, desserts and more while your kids are in Worship Arts. See page 5.



Student Ministry

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



Sunday Night Student Ministry



TONIGHT

Students VS Parents Night

Parents are invited to join students tonight for a free spaghetti and meatballs dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by an epic game of Students VS Parents dodgeball. We will also worship together and meet to talk about what is coming up next year.

Parents who attend tonight can get up to three future dinners added to their students' accounts!



The Pumpkin Patch Is Coming

Pumpkins arrive on Saturday, October 7 at 9 a.m. We can use everyone's help to unload the truck as well as people to take shifts in the patch all month long. Students who work at the patch earn \$6/hour for their youth account, to be used toward upcoming events and retreats. We will have online signups and a board in the courtyard where you can choose your shifts. Parents, we need at least one adult per shift as well, so think about taking a shift with your student.

GIVE IN LOVE

Arts and Crafts Show Volunteers Needed

The United Methodist Women are hosting the 22nd Annual Homespun by Hearts and Hands Arts and Crafts Show on Saturday, October 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event helps to fund the UMW's missions and ministries, including Open Arms and other ministries in our community. If you can help on the day of the event, or with set-up, visit the Connection Center and sign up on the form there or visit our website to fill out the online sign up form: stpaulumc.org

Help Unload Pumpkins

The Pumpkin Patch is coming! Pumpkins arrive on Saturday, October 7 at 9 a.m. The more people we have, the faster unloading goes and the more fun we have, so come join us! Wear clothes that can get dirty, and you may want to bring a pair of gardening or work gloves as well. We will also need adults to help cover shifts once the patch is open. The sign-up board will be in the courtyard soon.

Spooktacular Candy Donations

Each year our Preschool and Children's Ministry have a booth at the City of Largo's Spooktacular so we can introduce our ministries to new families. Thousands of families attend this event, and it's a great way to let them know what St. Paul is about. The booth is free, but we have to provide the candy. We need donations of individually wrapped candy to give out at the booth. If you can donate, please drop your bags of candy in the round bin on Sunday or at the church office during the week. Any type of individually wrapped candies are welcome!



Trunk or Treat

We would like to do a "Trunk or Treat" at the Patch Bash this year on October 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. if we can get at least ten cars to participate. You

can take part by decorating your car and handing out the candy to kids from St. Paul and our surrounding community. We will provide the candy! Fill out the Connect Card to let us know you are interested in being part of this event.


Heralds of Harmony Sponsors Needed


We're hosting a Heralds of Harmony concert on November 12 to raise money necessary for our St. Paul budget. In addition to ticket sales, sponsors are needed. Sponsorship costs \$100 and includes a listing in the concert program. Businesses or individuals are can both sponsor to support St. Paul and our ministries. If you'd like to be a sponsor, contact Arch Johnston at arch.j@stpaulumc.org or call 727-584-8165. If you know of a business that might be interested, we can provide you with a letter explaining what they would be sponsoring and how it will help to promote their business. Visit the Connection Center or the church office to pick up a letter.


Auction to Benefit St. Paul—Nov. 18

In addition to the Heralds of Harmony Concert, we have an auction coming up to fund the St. Paul budget. On the evening of Nov. 18 we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a silent auction, followed by a live auction of a few "big ticket items." We want to reach outside our St. Paul family and get the community involved! The more exciting items we have to auction off, the more people will attend. You can help by donating items, or reaching out to local businesses or others in our community for donations.

Donate items for the auction.

 We will have tags available in the sanctuary lobby starting next Sunday with some suggested donations that can be combined to make gift baskets. These might include gift cards or themed groups of items.

 Professional services like lawyers, car detailing, tree trimming, and more are always in demand. Can you offer a service? Is there a business you can approach about making a donation? Be creative!

 We are especially in need of big ticket items like hotel or time share stays, cars, boats, golf outings, event tickets, sports memorabilia, etc. Donations are tax-deductible so if you have a "big ticket item" you are planning to sell, you can write it off and let the church sell it for you!



Coming this Week

Sunday, September 24

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, September 25

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

Tuesday, September 26

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

Wednesday, September 27

Toy Making	8:00 AM
Community Bible Study	9:00 AM
UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Handicapable	6:15 PM
Prayer Study	6:30 PM
Parent's Lounge	6:30 PM
Worship Arts Class	6:30 PM
Volleyball	7:30 PM

Thursday, September 28

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making	8:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
GriefShare	6:00 PM
EvenSong Service	6:30 PM

Friday, September 29

Church Office Closed

Handi Craft Night	7:00 PM
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Saturday, September 30

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Adult Basketball	5:30 PM
Family Fun Night	6:00 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 Medlin	Elizabeth Thoeni	Mark LaPolla
Al Misuraca	Floyd Dixon's Family	Mary Barrett
Alan Nuytten's Friend	Gary Cradick	Meghan Timberlake
Alissa Melucci & Family	Gilbert Quinn	Melissa, Ann Marie, Sarah & Dale
Allison Hall	Glenda Neville	Michael Ruchak
Andrew Medlin	Greg, Meg, Jackson, Connor	Mickey Bishop
Anita	Hank	Mike Whelan
Audrey Talbert	Hurricane Victims	Nancy Burns
Barbara Dumbleton	Jace Michael	Nancy Evans
Baumann's Daughters & Husbands	Jackson	Neels & Connie
Betty Slipp	Jan Dale	Pat
Blaze Rockwell	Jane Huter	Penny McElyea
Bob & Troy Hartel	Jane Neville	Peter H
Bob Russo	Jay	Rich Stemboroski
Bobby Quinton	Jenny Walter	Richard Buckley
Bonnie Wismer	Jim Lucky	Rick Holland
Brad Jones	Joan Buchwald	Rita
Bruce Medlin	Jodi, Safa, Vickie & De-reck	Rosemary
Caitlynn Timberlake	John Fady	SA & CO
Carla Guertin	Josh DeLoach	Samantha
Carol Quinton	Kalea Grady	Shirley & Harold Register
Caroline Fields	Kat Farhangi	Steve Harvey
Carolyn Goodwin	Kathy	Sue & Jeff Welch
Chad M	Kayla McKagan	T.B.
Children, Youth and Women	Kenneth A.	Terry B
Class of 72	Kerry Thoeni	Todd Smyzer
Cliff Armbruster	Kevin, Heather, Malachi	Toni Schoolcraft's Nephew
Dale Anderson	Seitz	Travis
Dale Metler	Kim Morris	Trevor Birt
Damel Penabads	Kristi Burslem	Vin D'Angelo
Darlene Mitchell	Libby Burke	Walter Errett
Dave	Lillyann	Wanda & Ron Barker
David Barrett	Linda Weaver Hank	Zackary Kueker
David, Nicole and Calvin	Lori, Andy & David	
Dimmitt Family	Luis Thomson	
Donna Errett	Margie Stillwell	

Not Receiving St. Paul's E-mails?

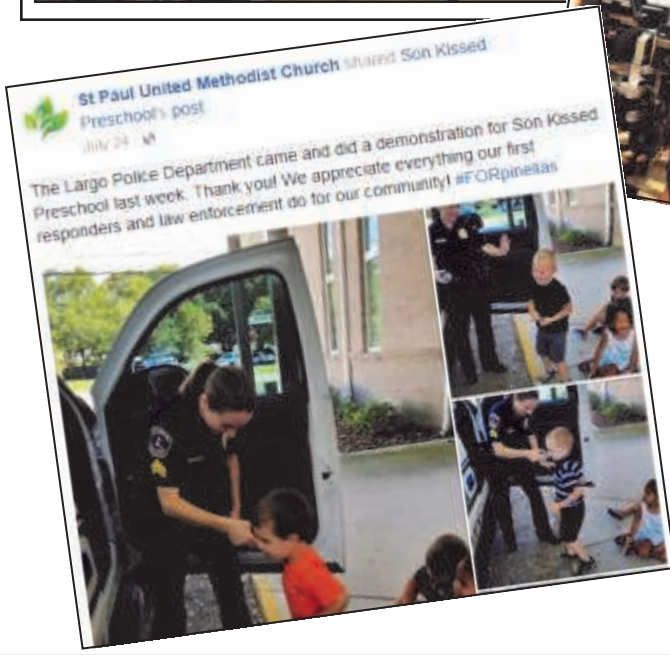
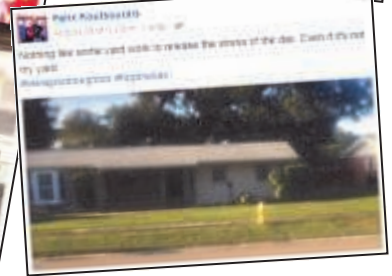
If you've asked to be added to one of St. Paul's mailing lists, but aren't receiving your e-mails, be sure to check your spam or your "promotions" folder. Sometimes our e-mails are filed into these folders, where you may not see them. If you still don't see the e-mails you should be receiving, send us a note at church@stpaulumc.org so we can look into it for you.

FOR PINELLAS

#FORPINELLAS

If you follow our St. Paul accounts on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram you've probably seen some posts with the tag #FORpinellas. Social media is one of the

ways that we are sharing the positive things we see or do in the community, and you can share things too! Here are a few of the things we've posted or seen on social media recently:



If you have a social media account, share a post about the customer service you got that was above and beyond, or a local business or organization that you've seen doing something positive for the community. Make a post about a random act of kindness you witnessed, or something you did. Or if you're serving with a St. Paul ministry, post about that! 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!

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



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