



MEALS AND MORE TO FAMILIES DEALING WITH PEDIATRIC CANCER.



TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE COURTYARD ON SUNDAY OR AT THE CHURCH OFFICE ON TUESDAYS 9 AM TO NOON.



Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time member of our St. Paul family, I'm so glad that you've joined us! We are starting a new series this Sunday called, "Stretch." If you've ever worked out, you know that before you can begin vigorous exercise, you need to stretch. Throughout the Bible there are examples of times God stretched his people so he could use them for a greater purpose. As we look at these examples, think about how God is stretching you, and for what purpose.

If you are new to St. Paul, or if you've been attending for a while and would like to get more deeply connected, I hope you'll join me for coffee today after the 10:30 a.m. service. Our Discover St. Paul coffee is a great way to meet some new people, learn more about St. Paul, or start getting plugged into our missions and ministries. Take a look through this bulletin or visit our website, stpaulumc.org, to keep up with everything going on at St. Paul.

I am so excited about what the Lord has in store for us this year, and I hope that you are as well! Thank you for being part of God's work at St. Paul!



Out BL Rob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God → Grow in Faith → Give in Love



WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Aaron Cassette, Accompanist Introit Sanctuary Choir I Know Whom I Have Believed Welcome

Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Hymns The God of Abraham Praise No. 116 We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight On Screens

No. 881 Apostle's Creed

Prayer with Lord's Prayer

Fairest Lord Jesus Sanctuary Choir Offertory No. 94 Praise God, From Whom... *Doxology

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Transitional Song Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-9

Message "Blind Obedience" Pastor Bob Martin

Directed Prayer

*Closing Hymn Trust and Obey No. 467

*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: BJ and Allen Suban 10:30 AM Greeters: Deb Byrnes and Rita Fowler

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





FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo

Turn to page 9 for the Prayer List.



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 today, January 14. 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.

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.



10:30 AM WORSHIP

A typical 10:30 a.m. 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!







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 were given by:

Dave Bossard, to my beautiful wife Marilyn, for 51 years of happy marriage!

Happy 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.



June Aldrich Memorial Monday, Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. St. Paul UMC Sanctuary

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!

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Lam 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 Sunday
☐ Livestream Team on Sunday
☐ Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry
☐ Hospitality Team
☐ Connection Center Hosts 9 AM 10:30 AM
☐ Communion Team
☐ Memorial/Funeral Hosting

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NEXTSTEPS

Want to know more about St. Paul, meet new people, or get more involved? TAKE THE NEXT STEP!



CONNECTION CENTER

Our Connection Center is located in the room to the side of the sanctuary. Stop by if you have any questions, need information, or would like to speak to someone about St. Paul.

DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Discover St. Paul is an informal coffee with the pastor to give you a chance to ask any questions you may have and discover more about who we are as a church, our mission, and core values. The next Discover St. Paul is today, January 14 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.
- Parents' Lounge



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.



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). For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or 584-8165.



Parent's Lounge

Mariposa Café—CLEC. | 6:30-7:30 PM.

Parents with children of any age are invited to come build relationships and support each other through the challenges of raising their children. Each week we discuss a different parenting topic. You can miss a week and pick right up the next week with a new topic. Coffee and desserts provided.

Children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join our Worship Arts group in room 201 of the CLEC from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays.



PROCEEDS SUPPORT FAMILIES DEALING WITH PEDIATRIC CANCER.

Valentine's Social: Saturday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. You're invited to join us on Saturday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m. for a Valentine's Social! The event includes dinner, music and dancing, as well as an a silent auction. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Proceeds support families who are dealing with Pediatric Cancer. The funds we raise with this event will help provide things like gas and food cards to families who are dealing with pediatric cancer.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased in the courtyard between worship times on Sunday, or at the church office on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to Noon.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

Adults 18-30s are invited to join IGNITE tonight in room 202 of the CLEC at 7 p.m. as we begin a new study, *Explore Truth*. Relativism is the idea that all points of view are equally valid and all truth is relative to the individual. This study helps us gain a deeper understanding of why truth matters, and how to recognize what is true and defend it. Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on upcoming studies, events, and cancellations. Email: youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com





Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Zimmerman, Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org

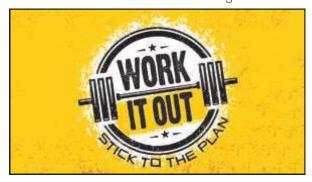
Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Nursery Care is available today for infants to 4 -year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and you will be given a card that you will need to pick-up your child.

This Sunday: Preschool & K-5

Preschool and K-5 are invited to attend their own worship and lessons in the Children's Ministry Center in Bldg C at both 9 and 10:30 a.m.

This Month We're Learning About



How do you pray to God?

Kids are just starting to discover that they can pray more than before meals and at bedtime. This week kids learn they can pray to God whenever they feel like, with whatever words come to mind. God is always there to listen. We can pray with gratitude and honesty, pray for our needs, and for forgiveness. It's a comfort to know that we can pray knowing that God knows us and wants to hear from us.



Worship Arts on Wednesdays

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Kids worship God in creative ways like arts

and song, play fun games and more.

Parents are invited to join us in in the Parent's Lounge (Mariposa Café) while kids are in Worship Arts.



Student Ministry

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



Sunday Night Student Ministry

There's no formula for knowing everything about God, but there are a few things you can do to get to know Him better. In this series, we'll take a look at a few unique ways all of us can get to know God better.



THIS SUNDAY:

Prayer helps us know God better.

Have you ever prayed for something and felt like you got absolutely nothing from God? If you have, you're not alone! But what if prayer isn't just about getting what we want? This week, we'll discover that maybe the best way we can view prayer is to see it as a way of growing closer to God.

Middle and high school students are invited to join our Student Ministry at 5:30 p.m. in the Mariposa Café, followed by group games, worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect to others through Small Groups. Time together ends at 8 p.m. Dinner is \$3. Register online if you plan to eat with us.



Middle School Girls' Bible Study

We have a new Bible study for middle school girls that meets on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. in the student room. One of our high school girls had the idea and is helping to lead the study. This is a great oppor-

tunity to learn and Grow in Faith with other girls. All middle school girls are welcome. Join us for the study and then stay for dinner, games and Student Worship!



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.



Free Senior Empowerment Day

St. Paul UMC is hosting a free senior education conference day presented by Aging in America and Largo City Police Department Senior Services. Join us in the Christian Life Enrichment Center on Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Largo PD will share information on how to avoid scams and fraud, and aging experts will offer advice for aging well. Reserve your FREE ticket online. Ticket includes:

- Free Lunch
- Scam and Fraud Protection Information
- Successful Aging Presentations
- Door Prizes
- Vendor Tables

Visit www.eventbrite.net and search Senior Empowerment Day in Largo to fill out your free registration. A link is also available on our website: stpaulumc.org



Women of St. Paul, you are invited to a one-day live event featuring Priscilla Shirer, dynamic Bible study leader, speaker, and actress (*War Room*) at Idlewild Baptist Church on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Anthony Evans will also share his wonderful musical gifts as worship leader.

- Learn to study God's Word for yourself with practical, biblical teaching.
- Find spiritual refreshment alongside thousands of women from all walks of life.
- Gain the direction you need to step into God's plan for your life.
- Be inspired!

TIME

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. and concludes at 4:15 p.m. The doors open at 7:30 a.m.

PRICE

If we can get 10 or more in our group we will receive the discounted price of \$59 per person.

TRANSPORTATION

We will take the church bus to Tampa. Because of the crowds expected, the bus would leave St. Paul at approximately 7:30 a.m. There will be a small fee to help pay for the gas for the bus.

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND:

Contact Mary Vaughn at 727-586-0164 and give her your name and contact information as soon as possible. The early registration deadline is January 24, but please do not wait until the last minute. If you plan to attend, contact Mary now.

PAYMENT

Your payment of \$59 can be made by check, cash or on the church giving webpage. Any checks should be made payable to St. Paul UMC with Priscilla Shirer noted on the memo line. Payments must be received by the January 24 early registration deadline.



Donate Coats and Blankets to Open Arms

There are many homeless and people who are living in poverty who came to Open Arms during our recent cold weather in search of blankets, coats and hoodies. If you have any used cold weather clothes for men, women and children or any extra blankets you can donate, we welcome any good condition items. You can drop your donation off in the circular bin in the lobby or at Open Arms or the church office during the week (Mon-Thurs.)



UMW Ditty Bag Project
One of the ways the United Methodist Women
serve is by providing ditty
bags with personal items
for the homeless and migrant workers in our community. You can help with
this project by donating
personal care and other

items. This month we are taking donations of the following items:

- Shampoo/Conditioner 2 in 1 (any size)
- Deodorant (men's and women's)
- Crayons or markers
- Children's toys (small and portable)

Drop items off in the sanctuary lobby on Sunday or at the church office during the week.

Donate to the Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has given out over 1,625 prayer shawls since it began. They also make hats and scarves for the homeless, baby blankets and more. If you aren't able to knit or crochet, you can still take part in the Prayer Shawl Ministry by donating yarn or making a monetary donation marked "Prayer Shawl." You can leave donations of yarn in the circular bin in the lobby.

Hospitality Help

We're looking for team members to help with refreshments in the courtyard on Sundays. Can you help with making coffee or cleaning up after the refreshments are served? Fill out the Connect Card and we will contact you with more details about when and how you can help.

Join the Communion Team

The Communion Team helps prepare the elements for Communion before they are used in worship. Communion is served once a month, and preparation duties include pouring juice into cups, placing bread and wafers onto plates, etc. Fill out the Connect Card if you are interested.

Connection Center Hosts

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

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 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.

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 five 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.



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

Coming this Week

<u>Sunday, Janua</u>	<u>ry 14</u>
Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Confirmation Class	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
Discover St. Paul	11:45 AM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, January 15

Church Office Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 16

Sonrise Men's Study
Toy Making
JOY
10:30 AM
Jumpstart
4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 17

Toy Making 9:00 AM Handicapable 6:15 PM Worship Arts 6:30 PM Parents' Lounge 6:30 PM Volleyball 7:30 PM

Thursday, January 18

Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM
Toy Making 9:00 AM
Prayer Shawl 4:30 PM
Handbells Rehearsal 5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM

Friday, January 19

Church Office Closed

Soaring Eagles 8:00 AM

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

Making a Prayer Request

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop 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:

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Aubri & Jessi Audrey Talbert Barbara Dumbleton Becky Carter Bev Grimes Bob & Troy Hartel Bonnie & Bob Cumins Brenda Harris Brooke Chiodo Bruce Medlin Bud Haskell Caroline Fields Carolyn Goodwin Charlie Champbell Children, women, youth Cliff Armbruster Cyndy David Barrett David, Nicole & Calvin Donna Ryan Fred Ellard Gary Cradick Gary Mears John-Donna Gaine Johnston Black Jordan-Karen Good Josh DeRoach Joyce Joyce Walker Karissa McCabe Kat Farhangi Kathy Seitz Kenneth A. Kim Morris Kim Sudano Kimberly Kristi Burslem Libby Burke Libby Burke Lori Gasenhoff Lorraine Porerier Lynn Margie Stillwell McCabe family McCloskeys Meg, Jake, Dom & Char Meghan Timberlak Gary Mears Melissa & Sarah D	k
Charlie Champbell Lori Gasenhoff Children, women, youth Lynn Cliff Armbruster Margie Stillwell Cyndy Mark LaPolla David Barrett McCabe family David, Nicole & Calvin Donna Ryan Meg, Jake, Dom &	k
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Jane Neville Pat and Brian Gree Janet Scott Patrick McMillan &	

family People to love one another Peter H. Piper family Rachel-Lydia group Rev. John & Donna Gainer Rich Stemboroski Richard & Betty Shreves Ron Fowler Roxie Bole Ryan Singer Samantha Sarah & Melissa Shirley Steve Harvey Sue Dietz's marriage Teachers & students Terry B Thomas & Suzanne Peach Todd Smyzer Travis Travis Ward Trevor Birt Triss Masters Vonnie Walker-Huff family World peace Zackary Kueker Zullima Medina

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of Forrest Anderson Nancy Cook JoAnn Haynes TeriLyn Twigg Perdue who recently passed

- GOOD NEWS



Inspirations Sunday School Class FOR Pinellas The Inspirations Sunday School Class has been showing they are FOR Pinellas this Christmas by taking part in several Christmas projects to share the love and joy of Christ in our community. They took tags from the Open Arms trees and bought gifts as a class. They gave special gifts to our St. Paul Maintenance Staff, Dennis and Kenny, as a thank you for all they do for our church. They also visited with and took Christmas gifts to several St. Paul members who are homebound, in nursing homes or recovering from health issues. A visit, call or card can mean so much! If you would like to write a card to a member who is homebound or in the hospital, St. Paul would be happy to deliver it. Just drop your card off at the office during the week.

The Inspirations class also reached outside Pinellas as well, by donating \$100 to missionary Carolyn Goodwin to help buy jackets for refugee children in Uganda!

We love hearing about all the ways that our Small Groups and classes are Giving in Love together in our community and beyond!

New people are always welcome to join Inspirations for their Sunday study at 10:15 a.m. in the Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C (Preschool Building).

Christmas FOR
Pinellas Gives Toys
to 480 Children
Thank you so much
to everyone who
gave gifts to the
Christmas FOR Pinellas event. This year
we were able to distribute toys to 480
children in our community! You made it
possible with your
generosity!

A big thank you to all our volunteers who helped set up toys, sign in families, distribute the toys, and share lots of Christmas joy and smiles.

In addition to toys we were able to give bags of food to each family thanks to Save-a-Lot and Walmart. We are grateful to both these stores for giving back to the community through Open Arms!









United Methodist
Women Contribute to
Christmas FOR Pinellas
The United Methodist Women were a big reason for the success of Christmas FOR Pinellas. They donated \$1,000 worth of toys and gift cards (140 toys and 35 gift cards) to help make Christmas special for kids in our community!

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



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