



Valentine's Social
THIS SATURDAY

PROCEEDS PROVIDE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE FAMILIES OF CRITICALLY ILL CHILDREN AT

JOHNS HOPKINS MEDICINE
JOHNS HOPKINS ALL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

See page 5 for more.

MINISTRY FAIR

JOIN US IN THE COURTYARD NEXT SUNDAY!

See page 6 for more.



January 28, 2018

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 during our "Stretch" series. Each week we're turning to scripture to learn how God stretched his people to prepare them for his greater purpose. As we look at these examples, think about how God is stretching you, and for what purpose.

The Valentine's Social is this Saturday. Be sure to get your tickets in the courtyard between worship times today, or on Tuesday morning at the church office. Tuesday is the last day to get tickets, so don't wait. The proceeds benefit families who have children being treated for pediatric cancer at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. If you're looking for ways to get connected and serve or grow in faith, I invite you to join us in the courtyard next Sunday for a Ministry Fair and find the best place for you. 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 is accomplishing through St. Paul and I'm so thankful that you have chosen to be part of it.

Bob Martin
Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love



WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude		Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
Introit	<i>We're Marching to Zion</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Welcome		Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>Go Down, Moses</i>	No. 448
	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	No. 593
*Apostle's Creed		No. 881
*Prayer with Lord's Prayer		Pastor Pam Dubov
Offertory	<i>We Are Crossing Jordan River</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Song	<i>Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve</i>	
Scripture Reading:	Exodus 3:1-12	
Message	"Always There"	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Be Still My Soul</i>	No. 534
*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: Donna Stevens and Dee Rogers

10:30 AM Greeters: Linda Benoit, Becky Carter, Deb & Garrett Digman

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.

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.



STRATEGIC INITIATIVE #2

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

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



Turn to page 9 for the Prayer List.

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!



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.



Pick up Your Giving Envelopes

If you requested giving envelopes and have not already picked them up, you can pick them up at the church office during the week Mon-Thurs. from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Flowers

This week's flowers were given by:

- ♥ Audrey Bittle, in loving memory of her sister, Janette Franke
- ♥ Kay Hisey, in loving memory of Dick Hisey, a loving Husband, Father, Grandfather. Kay and daughters Cathy & Amy

Do you have an event or person you would like to honor with flowers? You can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Be sure to include your inscription with your order.

St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests, needs and interests. Tear off and return it in the offering plate, the basket in the lobby, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

Date: January 28, 2018 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 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

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.



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.

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). 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.



IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

Adults 18-30s are invited to join IGNITE tonight in room 202 of the CLEC at 7 p.m. Their current study is called *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



Valentine's Social

This Saturday, Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

You're invited to join us this 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 of the night and the money raised by the auction provide financial assistance to families whose children are being treated at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital for Pediatric Cancer. These funds will be used to cover things like travel expenses, food and other necessities for the families.

Tickets: \$25

You can get yours in the courtyard between worship times today, or at the church office on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to Noon. Make sure to purchase your tickets by this Tuesday at the latest!



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.

Sunday Morning: 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.



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.



One Day Camp: February 19

Camp XP presents a one day Adventure XPerience camp for kids to experience faith, friends and fun. Your K-5 children are invited to come and play during the Pinellas County School's scheduled February "Teacher Work Day." Your kids will have the chance to do fun crafts, play silly games, and not only make new friends but to grow their relationship with God. Get the summer camp experience in one day. The cost is \$20 per child which includes 2 snacks and lunch, as well as activities and all day childcare from 7 AM to 6 PM. Register online at stpaulumc.org



Student Ministry

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



Sunday Night Student Ministry



THIS SUNDAY:

Worship is more about the Who than the how. When you hear the word "worship," what comes to mind? Singing songs? Words on a screen? Someone playing an acoustic guitar? What if worship was so much more than that? This week, we'll learn that worship isn't as much about how we do it as it is about Who it's directed toward.

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 Winter Retreat February 16-18

Middle schoolers are invited to a weekend retreat February 16-18. During the weekend, they'll grow closer to God through worship and quiet time with the Lord. The students also get lots of free time for fun activities like swimming, canoeing, sports and games, mini golf and a lot more. Cost is \$25 for the trip and \$14 for the long sleeved tshirt. Visit our website for more information about the trip and to fill out the required parental consent form. Students are welcome to bring friends. If you're interested, e-mail Student Ministry Director, Alison Van Duyne - alison.v@stpaulumc.org.



Ash Wednesday

FEBRUARY 14— 6:30 PM

JOIN US IN THE SANCTUARY ON WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 TO RECEIVE ASHES AS WE BEGIN THE LENTEN SEASON WITH A REVERENT ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP.

RUMMAGE



Get great bargains on clothes, electronics, furniture, housewares, books, toys & much more. Proceeds support the missions and ministries of our United Methodist Women.

Early Bird Night
FRIDAY, MARCH 2

5-8 PM

Admission: \$1 Donation

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

8 AM - 2 PM

Free Admission



Women's Prayer Breakfast

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 17

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND PLAN TO JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST.

Great breakfast, fellowship and speaker.

MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.



Ministry Fair: Sunday, February 4 and 11

If you're looking for ways to serve, groups to connect with, studies to get involved with or other ways to connect at St. Paul, join us in the courtyard next Sunday after either worship. Find out more about our ministries, ask questions, and figure out where you can use your gifts to serve. There's something for you at St. Paul whether you are looking for ways to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, or Give in Love. Come find out where you fit!

GIVE IN LOVE



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.



Rummage Sale Donations

The United Methodist Women are now accepting donations for this year's Rummage Sale. It's time to clear out your closet and donate your gently used items!

The proceeds of this sale go to support UMW missions and ministries in our community and beyond. There's no better way for what you no longer need to get a second life helping others.

Drop donations off at Open Arms from Mon-Thurs from 1 to 3 p.m. or on the first and last Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. Please pack your items in a box and be sure to wrap all glass. We cannot accept mattresses or televisions.

If you have furniture, appliances or other large items that are still in great condition, call Jerry Spaulding to schedule a pickup: 727-744-8540.

We reserve the right to refuse items we can't sell.

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.

Donate Your Christmas Cards

If you have any Christmas cards you were planning to throw away, bring them to us instead! We use these cards to make the Angel Tree tags for the children's toys each Christmas. If you have cards to donate, drop them off in the basket in the Connection Center.



Join Prayer Shawl in Making Red Baby Hats for the American Heart Association

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is participating with the American Heart Association's "Little Hats, Big Hearts" campaign to raise awareness about congenital heart defects. Anyone is welcome to take part by knitting or crocheting RED baby hats. Any pattern can be used, but the hats must be all red. No pom-poms please. The hats will be given to babies born at hospitals all over Florida throughout the month of February. Hats will be collected over the next four weeks. You can drop them off at the church office, or in the bin in the sanctuary (place in a plastic bag to make sure they stay clean).

Car for Sale

The church has been given a White, 1999 Dodge Caravan with 216,000 miles. It runs, and is being sold for \$1,500 or best offer. For information, please contact Arch Johnston in the church office at 584-8165.

Coming this Week

Sunday, January 28

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
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, January 29

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

Tuesday, January 30

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Toy Making	9:00 AM
JOY	10:30 AM
Jumpstart	4:30 PM

Wednesday, January 31

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

Thursday, February 1

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, February 2

Church Office Closed

Family Care Council	4:00 PM
Emmaus Reunion	6:00 PM

Saturday, February 3

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Toy Making	9:00 AM
Valentine's Social	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	Gilbert Quinn	Meals Family
Alex	Glenda Neville	Michael Ruchak
Allison Hall	Jace Michael	Mike Luttmann
Andrew Medlin	Jackson	Mike Whelan
Ann Schaffner	James Glenn	Nancy
Anthony & Maddie	Jamie	Pat Greely
Audrey Talbert	Jan Dale	Rev. John & Donna
Barb & Jody	Jane	Gainer
Becky Carter	Janet Scott	Rich Stemboroski
Bella	Jenny Walter	Ron Fowler
Betsy Haines' family	Jim Lucky	Stantz Family - Missis-
Beverly Grimes	John Fady	sippi
Bob & Troy Hartel	Kat Farhangi	Steve Harvey
Bonnie Wismer	Kenneth A.	Susan L
Brenda Harris	Kim Morris	Terilyn Twiff Perdue's
Brian Greely	Kitty	Family
Bruce Medlin	Kristi Burslem	Terry B
Bud Haskell	Leslee & Family	The World
Carolyn Goodwin	Lori Gasenhoff	Todd Smyzer
Cathy, Del & Amy	Lori Nelson	Tom & Faye
Dave Do	Lorraine Porerier	Travis Ward
Destiny D Burns	Margie Stillwell	Trevor Birt
Donna Ryan	Mark LaPolla	Zackary Kueker
Elsie	Mary S	
Gary Mears	Mary Wiser	



Carpenter's Shop Saturday Work Day

In addition to their normal work times on Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon, the Carpenter's Shop will have a work day on Saturday, February 3 from 9 a.m. to noon. We have jobs for all skill levels and ages. You do not have to be an experienced woodworker to help make toys for kids in traumatic situations!

Donate Coats and Blankets to Open Arms

Thank you to everyone who donated coats and blankets to Open Arms! These items have been a great blessing for many who have come to Open Arms during our recent cold weather in search of help. We are still accepting used cold weather clothes for men, women and children or any extra blankets in good condition. You can drop your donation off in the circular bin in the lobby on Sundays or at Open Arms or the church office during the week (Mon-Thurs.)

GOOD NEWS!

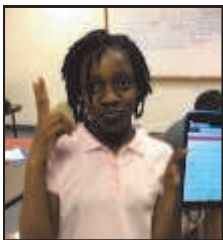


Jumpstart Returns From the Break

Jumpstart is back after the Christmas break! We have a great group of students who are learning from our high school tutors, having fun in the gym, and sharing dinner together each week. Many of our tutors are from our St. Paul Student Ministry, and in addition to tutoring and leading games, they also serve the kids dinner. Thanks to all our students, adult supervisors, cooks, and other volunteers who make the program possible!



Tutors serving dinner in the Mariposa.



Congratulations to Th'nasia on her two As!

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



Thank You, Cub Scouts!

Our Cub Scout Troop 468 helped to replenish the mulch around the preschool playground this month. They not only spread the mulch themselves, but they used the proceeds from their recent fundraiser to donate the mulch that was used in the project! We are so grateful to the boys and their leaders for the donation and their enthusiastic service! They did an awesome job! Construction Equipment, Inc. also provided use of the work truck that made the project possible.



The Big Hug

A group from St. Paul UMC took part in the recent attempt to break the world record for the biggest hug at Tropicana Field. A group of children from the Tampa Bay area had the idea that a hug could share a big message of love and compassion. Hugs also took place around the country and across the world.



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



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