

# *Easter Sunday*

APRIL 1, 2018





# Glorify God



## 9 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

- Prelude
- \*Processional *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* No. 302
- Welcome Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader
- \*Greet *Oh How He Loves You and Me*
- \*Hymn *Low in the Grave He Lay*
- \*Nicene Creed No. 880
- Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895
- Offering *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!* Sanctuary Choir
- \*Doxology *Praise God From Whom....* No. 94
- \*Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Special Music *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing!* Bells of St. Paul
- Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 32-43
- Sermon "Fooled?" Senior Pastor Bob Martin
- \*Closing Hymn *He Lives* No. 310
- \*Benediction
- Postlude

\*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, please let a greeter or usher know and they would be happy to help.  
Baby changing tables are in both men and women's restrooms.

## 10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SNAPSHOT

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Our 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. Our message is the same theme and scriptures as our 9 a.m. worship. You'll notice every week there's a time in our service to give financially. While this is something we're called to do in scripture, it's also just our way of saying, "We love our church and want to support it!"



ABOUT 60 MIN.



PASSIONATE MUSIC



NO PRESSURE



## Welcome from Pastor Bob

Today is Resurrection Day! All around the world, Christians are gathering to celebrate the greatest miracle of all, Jesus Christ has risen from the dead and His resurrection allows people like you and me to be assured that **God's grace is sufficient for all our needs. Easter Sunday is a time of miracles and every Easter Sunday, I come to church expecting just that: a miracle. Keep your eyes open for the miracles God will do in your life!**

On behalf of all our staff, let me welcome you to St. Paul United Methodist Church and tell you just how important you are to us. This church is a wonderful place for you to make new friends, as well as deepen the friendships you already have. There is something exciting about what God is doing here, and I hope you will become part of our wonderful church family. If I or any of our staff may help you or get you connected here, please email us at [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) or fill out the Connect Card on the next page. This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice, and be glad in it!

*Bob Martin*  
Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



# 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 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 are relevant to you.

## First time here?

We are so glad you have joined us on this day of celebration! We hope that you experience the life changing message of Jesus Christ, and that you will visit us again. Look through this bulletin to find out more about some of our ministries. **We offer two services on Sundays: Choir led worship at 9:00 a.m. and worship led by our Praise Band at 10:30 a.m.**



**VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER**  
If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby. We would love to speak with you!



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**  
[stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)



**JOIN OUR MAILING LIST**



**FACEBOOK:**  
StPaulUMCLargo  
**INSTAGRAM:**  
StPaulUMCLargoFL

## What can we do for you?

Whether you are a guest, regular attendee, or member, let us know you are here by filling out the information on the Connect Card on this page. You do not have to fill out the entire card, just what is relevant or what you are comfortable with sharing.

## Giving Made Easy

We encourage you to check out our convenient electronic giving options. We offer both recurring and one time online giving. You can scan the QR code with your smart phone or visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) to securely give.



## Watch Our Services Live

If you're unable to make it to church, or you know family and friends who are far away but would like to attend St. Paul, join our online family! Both our 9 a.m. and our 10:30 a.m. worship services stream live online. Just visit [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org) and click on the WATCH LIVE link under the worship menu.

Date: April 1, 2018      9 AM      10:30 AM  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## I am a:

- 1st Time Guest       2nd Time Guest
- Regular Attendee       Member(s)
- Winter Resident
- Please update my information.

## I came today because:

- I drove by       I visited the website
- I've been here before       I received a mailing
- I was invited by \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## I want to join your e-mail list:

- Weekly Pastor's E-Note       Growth Guide
- This Week at St. Paul Newsletter
- Youth       Children
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!

## How can we pray for you?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

- Do NOT publish in bulletin.
- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- 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 more information about:

- Vacation Bible School     Kids Summer Camp
- Student Ministry     Student Retreats
- Son Kissed Preschool     Bible Studies
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend:

- Discover St. Paul: April 8 at 11:45 AM  
New to St. Paul or want to become a member?  
Join us for coffee in the Connection Center and get to know our ministries and what we're all about.

# 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

This informal lunch focuses on who we are as a church, our mission, core values, a tour of the facilities, and a chance to meet some of our staff. It's also a chance to meet new people who are also interested in the church and start building relationships. The next Discover St. Paul coffee is April 8 at 11:45 a.m.



## STARTING POINT CLASS

This class is for anyone who is new to attending church or is coming back to church. It covers topics like who we are as Methodists, a spiritual gifts assessment, and basics of our faith.



## ONGOING GROUPS

- Age level groups (ex. JOY, TNT)
- Small Groups (twelve or less)
- Sunday School 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.
- United Methodist Women
- Parents' Lounge



## SHORT TERM GROUPS

- Topical classes covering things like
  - ⇒ Finance
  - ⇒ Parenting
  - ⇒ Caretaking
- Topical and seasonal Bible studies and discussion

*Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info.*

VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
**WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG**  
for more information about our ministries

# Grow in Faith



**TREEHOUSE**  
Children's Ministry

**Children** *Infant-5th grade. Kaitie Zimmerman,  
Children's Ministry Director, kaitie.z@stpaulumc.org*

Children's Ministry offers support and interactive Bible lessons relevant to a child's life. Your child will have fun, learn about God's love for them, and connect to others.

## Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the Nursery in **Bldg B**. Sign in and be given a pick-up card that you will need to pick up your child.

## Sunday Morning for Preschool & K-5

Kids ages 3-5 and K-5th grade are invited to the **Children's Ministry Center** on Sundays at both 9 and 10:30 a.m. for their own worship and lessons. Today kids will do an egg hunt and have more Easter fun!



## Summer Camp

This year kids discover how sweet life is with Jesus when they explore and experience faith, fun and friends at Camp XP. Join us for arts and crafts, sports and games, fun field

trips to places like the pool and the aquarium, dress up days and wacky themes, and lots more. Lunch and snacks are included. Visit our website for more or to sign up now: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org)

## Free Vacation Bible School

Kids and their families are invited to our free Vacation Bible school this August. Join us for active songs and dances, play team games, do crazy crafts and learn about God and his love!



 StPaulChildrensMinistry



## Worship Arts Class

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Room 201—CLEC  
Children ages 3–5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays in the Christian Life Enrichment Center for the opportunity to do activities, crafts, games and worship God in creative ways.



# SON KISSED PRESCHOOL

At Son Kissed Preschool children learn and grow in a safe, caring, faith-based environment. The preschool offers full and part time programs, FREE VPK, and year-round care for kids ages 1 through pre-kindergarten. Register now for our fall VPK session. Morning snack and lunch provided. For more information about our award-winning preschool visit [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org) or call 585-8596.



 SonKissedPreschool



# Students

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



We're a student ministry striving to love Jesus and love others. We focus on building community, sharing our faith and service. All are welcome to join us!

## Sunday Youth Group

**There is no Sunday Youth Group today.** Join middle and high school students next Sunday night from 5:30–8 p.m. for **group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Small Groups.** The group meets in the Mariposa Café, in the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 5:30 p.m. for dinner, then branches out depending on activities. Dinner is \$3. Register for dinner on our website: [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org).

## Retreats, Summer Activities & More

Join our Student Ministry for an amazing summer!

### Summer Xplosion Lock-In

We kick off the summer with a Lock-In on Friday, June 1. We've got lots of fun and surprises planned. Past years included glow in the dark games in the gym and laser tag. Bring a friend and make some new ones!

### Teen Valley Ranch Retreat June 10-16

This retreat includes daily worship and devotion plus lots of fun: tubing, rock climbing, archery, zip line, horseback riding, and a lot more.



### Tuesdays All Summer Long

Each week we have a new "Tribe Tuesday" event when students are invited to fun activities like the beach, movie nights, and team challenges.

### Night of Joy

Students are invited to join us in Orlando this September for Night of Joy: great Christian musicians and a day at the parks!



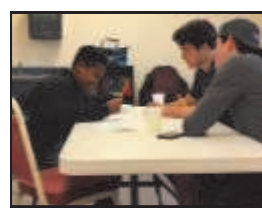
## How Students Serve

### Mission Trips

Our high school students take part in an out of state mission trip each year. Last year they served by doing home repairs in West Virginia. This year's trip takes place in July.

### Serving in our Community

Students serve at church events like Vacation Bible School, with our Open Arms Ministry to feed the hungry, and as tutors in our Jumpstart program. They also serve in the community at the Sabal Palms Children's Center and other organizations.



We offer Largo Middle School students a free tutoring and mentoring program on Tuesdays. High school students do the tutoring, with adults as supervisors. The program also includes pick up from school, dinner and games in the gym. We can always use more adult supervisors and high school tutors! Contact Student Ministry Director, Alison Van Duyne at [alison.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:alison.v@stpaulumc.org) if you're interested in helping when we resume this fall!



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# Grow in Faith

## Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of all ages are invited to *Grow in Faith* at one of our Sunday school classes. Some classes meet on the sanctuary side of campus while others are located in the Christian Life Enrichment Center across the street. See map on pg. 5 for Bldg B & C.

9 a.m. Sunday school class  
Room 202 In **Bldg C**

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

**Inspirations:** Purple Door Classroom (101) - **Bldg. C**  
**Friendship:** Room 201 (Community Room) - **CLEC**  
**Bereans** - Conference Room 2 in **Bldg B**



## Just Older Youth (JOY) on Tuesdays

Join us for "JOY" on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This is a time for fellowship, singing and study, as well as a chance to enjoy lunch together!



**There is no TNT meeting today.** Next Sunday at 7 p.m. join them in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for games and a short standalone study. High school seniors are also invited to attend for XPerience Sunday. On April 15 they begin their next study, *Cold Case Christianity*. J. Warner Wallace uses his skills as a homicide detective to examine the evidence and eyewitness testimony that validates the claims of Christianity. Follow the TNT Facebook for info on current and upcoming studies, events and more. Email [youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com](mailto:youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com).



## Parent's Lounge

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM | Mariposa Café (CLEC)

The Parent's Lounge is a casual environment where parents can spend time together, build relationships, and support each other through the challenges of raising their children. Each week we discuss a different parenting topic, so you can miss a week and jump right back in. Coffee and desserts are provided.

Children ages preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us for Worship Arts in room 201 (CLEC) while parents are at the Parent's Lounge.



## Small Groups

Small Groups at St. Paul are groups of 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 connect with other believers, email Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne - [bobby.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:bobby.v@stpaulumc.org) - or fill out the Connect Card on page 4.

# Give in Love



**Handicapable Ministry**  
St. Paul's Handicapable Ministry has been serving God's "Special People" for more than 20 years! We welcome anyone over 16 years old with cognitive or physical disabilities to join our ministry. Every person is encouraged to discover their confidence and experience God's love. Our year round program provides weekly worship services on Weds. at 6:15 p.m. and social activities like parties, retreats, and sporting



events all year. Our Handicapable Ministry also partners with organizations in the community to offer resources like free health screenings and more. For more information please contact Director of Handicapable Ministry, Horton Townes at 584-8165 ext. 206 or [horton.t@stpaulumc.org](mailto:horton.t@stpaulumc.org).

## Missions and Outreach

Our Missions and Outreach Ministry Team is involved in mission projects overseas and in our community. This year, among other projects, we will host our 6th Annual Back to School Jubilee. Last year we provided shoes, backpacks and school supplies to 425 kids. Generous donations and over a hundred volunteers help make this event possible.



We also distributed 1,440 bags of food through Pack-a-Sack, filled flood buckets for hurricane relief, helped clean up the Largo Nature Preserve, and are involved in other outreach like feeding the homeless each Sunday in Clearwater.



## Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers have been trained to provide one-to-one, confidential, Christian care to hurting people in the congregation and the community. For 25 years our St. Paul Stephen Ministers have offered Christian friendship, care, encouragement and prayer. **Need a Stephen Minister's help, or want to become part of this ministry?** Fill out the Connect Card or email [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org)

## Open Arms Ministry

### Open Arms Resource Center

St. Paul believes Jesus calls us to help our brothers and sisters when they are in need. Open Arms offers food and clothing, financial assistance for rent and utilities when available, and spiritual support. This ministry currently serves about 4,000 people every month and provides food to other ministries and food pantries in our area as well. Last year Open Arms distributed 348,000 pounds of food to the underfed! Later this year Open Arms will move to our new Druid Campus at 2039 Druid Rd. in Clearwater.



### How You Can Help

**Donate:** We receive the bulk of our food through community partnerships but can always use non-food items like diapers and baby items, cleaning supplies, toilet paper and other toiletries. We also take gently used clothing, linens, and shoes.

**Volunteer:** Help sort, fold, stack and package donations. Volunteers are also needed to pick up food deliveries, and to help take donations. Let us know on the Connect Card in this bulletin or e-mail [church@stpaulumc.org](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) if you'd like to help.





# FOR PINELLAS



## United Methodist Women

Our United Methodist Women's circles meet monthly and organize events like our annual Arts & Crafts Show to support missions projects.

Too many times all people know about the church is what it is against. At St. Paul we want to start a conversation about what we are FOR. We are FOR our neighbors, our community, families, elders, first responders, local businesses, those in need... We are FOR kindness, generosity, and positive change. We are FOR sharing God's love with our community. We are FOR Pinellas.



**Dorcias**—Meets every 2nd and 4th Weds. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in room 243 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This group helps local and overseas missions by creating lap robes, walker bags, baby and children's clothing and more.

**Hannah**—Meets every 2nd Tues. at 6:45 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Meetings include refreshments, devotion, prayer and a short program. This group's mission is to help the Open Arms Resource Center, the Pregnancy Center of Pinellas Co. and the FL Sheriff's Youth Ranch.

**Rachel-Lydia**—Meets the second Thurs. at 10:30 a.m. in room 101 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. They grow in knowledge and love through study of the Bible and devotions, mission giving and fellowship. Their mission is to provide medical equipment and instructional aids for special needs residents at the Sabal Palms Children's Center.



How do we show we are FOR Pinellas? By serving our community through outreach, supporting people and businesses that are making a positive impact, through random acts of kindness, by

being active at community events and more!

### Prayer Shawl Ministry

Enjoy devotionals, building friendships and knitting during Prayer Shawl meetings every other Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in room 243 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This group has given over 1,600 shawls to those who need the comfort of being enveloped in prayer. They also make baby blankets for All Children's Hospital, as well as hats, scarves and more for the homeless, children and others.



Need a prayer shawl for yourself or a loved one? You can find them on the second floor of the CLEC, in the prayer room next to room 248.

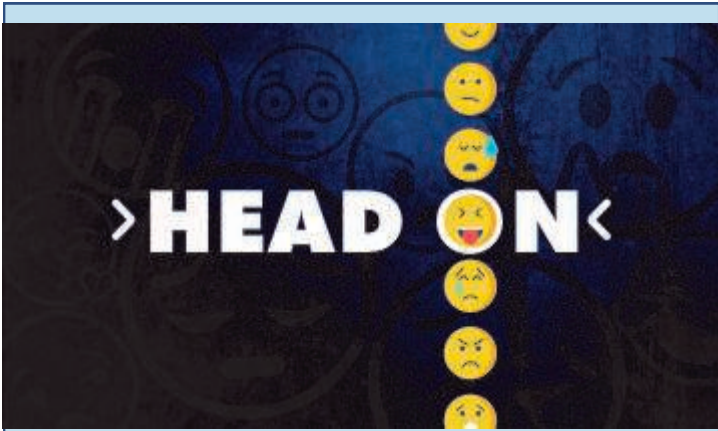
## THE CARPENTER'S SHOP

### The Carpenter's Shop

The Carpenter's Shop makes wooden toys that are given to children who are dealing with traumatic situations. We give the toys to first responders and others in our community who work with children in crisis. When they come in contact with children who are dealing with traumas or emotionally difficult situations, the toys offer some needed comfort and love. The ministry also provides a place for our woodworkers to come together to serve, pray and find direction. Join them in the woodshop behind Open Arms Tues-Thurs from 9 a.m. to noon.



Presenting toys to the mayor and first responders



**OUR NEXT MESSAGE SERIES: HEAD ON**

What's in our hearts, good or bad, eventually translates into words and deeds. There are certain emotions that can poison our hearts, our relationships and our lives unless we confront them head on.

**APRIL 8 – CONFRONTING GUILT**

We often have thoughts that go something like this: *"If only I had..."* These thoughts come from guilt over actions we've taken, or worse yet, inactions. How do we let the past go? Is there such a thing as a cure for guilt?

**APRIL 15 – CONFRONTING ANGER**

When our anger gets the best of us it can leave a trail of destruction in its path. Behind all the ranting and raving, the real problem is usually that we aren't getting our way. What does God have to say about confronting anger?

**APRIL 22 – CONFRONTING GREED**

Greedy people have an oversized sense of ownership and a need to control more and more possessions, but oftentimes that greed is driven by fear. What would happen to greed if we could let go of fear?

**APRIL 29 – CONFRONTING JEALOUSY**

We've all fallen into the trap of comparing ourselves to others at some time or another, but what if jealousy is less about "keeping up with the Joneses" and more about what we think God owes us? Does God actually owe us anything?

*Join us for coffee and find out more about St. Paul!*

WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE'RE ABOUT, OUR MINISTRIES & OUTREACH, AND HOW TO GET CONNECTED.

**DISCOVER**  
ST. PAUL



**NEXT SUNDAY**  
**11:45 AM**  
**CONNECTION CENTER**

PLANNING TO ATTEND?  
EMAIL [CHURCH@STPAULUMC.ORG](mailto:CHURCH@STPAULUMC.ORG)  
OR FILL OUT THE CONNECT CAR.

Church Office Closed on Monday, April 1.  
The church office is closed the day after Easter.

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



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