



 **ST-PAUL**
United Methodist Church
January 6, 2019

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time guest or already a part of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us as we begin our first new series of the year. We hear conflicting messages from the media, from our politicians, from our friends, and we're not sure who to believe. What is the truth that we can rely on? God offers "Unchanging Truth!" Over the next few weeks we'll look at a few of the deep and eternal truths that can give our life meaning and purpose.

We have two Wednesday night classes starting this week. *Discover St. Paul* is led by Pastor Pam, and if you are new to St. Paul or to the Christian faith, or you just want to get more deeply connected here, I hope you'll attend. I'm also leading a class, *Journey 101: Loving God*, which teaches spiritual disciplines to help deepen your relationship with God and others. Check page 5 for more information.

Look through this bulletin, visit our website - stpaulumc.org, follow our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo or download our free app to keep up with everything that's going on at St. Paul. Thank you for being part of our St. Paul family and the work we're doing for the Lord!





Bob Martin, Lead Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude		Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
Introit	<i>Because He Lives</i>	
Welcome		Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	No. 98
	<i>What Wondrous Love is This</i>	No. 292
*Apostles' Creed		Pastor Pam Dubov
*Prayer with Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Praise the Lord, His Glories Show</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Hymn	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	No. 384
Message	"God Loves Me" John 3:16-17	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
Holy Communion		
*Closing Hymn	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	No. 156
*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.

DOWNLOAD THE APP



St. Paul has its own app available for free on both Android and Apple platforms. Just search St. Paul UMC Largo in your preferred app store and download it to your phone or tablet!

Visit our website stpaulumc.org for more information about how to use the app!

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. One of our pastors will be there after each service.

Your Church Calendar Events

If your ministry or group has any events or meetings this year, we need you to fill out a facilities request form so we can schedule your events on the calendar. You can pick up a form in the Connection Center, at the church office, or download one from our website. **Events will not roll over automatically from 2018 to be placed on the calendar for 2019.** ALL ministries and groups need to fill out a new facilities request form for ALL events, including weekly meetings, one-time events, recurring events, etc. Events that are not scheduled on the calendar may not be able to take place on your first choice date or in your first choice location, so contact us ASAP. You can reach us at 727-584-8165 or send an email to Ka'ren Herrell: karen.h@stpaulumc.org. Thank you for helping us ensure that your meetings and events are correctly scheduled.

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. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby. One of our pastors will be there after each service and would be happy to speak with you!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK

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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

Online Giving

It's easy to give online, make payments or set up one time or recurring contributions. Visit stpaulumc.org and click the Give link at the top of the page or use this QR code. Our Giving page is more user friendly than ever!



You can pay by ACH (e-check) or by credit/debit card. We ask that you check the box when making a credit card payment to add 3% to your payment or gift and offset the fee we are charged for each online payment. There is no fee for ACH payments.

Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by:

- ♥ Peg McConnell, in memory of my loving daughter, Gail

If you would like to honor an event or a special person with flowers, you can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165 or e-mail us at church@stpaulumc.org to make an order and share your inscription. Bouquets are \$40. You can pick up the flowers after the second worship or donate them to members who are in the hospital.

Lost and Found

If you lose something on Sunday, like an earring, a sweater or glasses, check the church office lost and found during the week. Give us a call at 727-584-8165 and we will check to see if your item has been turned in.

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 6, 2019 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ Home
 Cell

Address: _____

Please update my information.

I am a:

- 1st Time Guest 2nd Time Guest
- Regular Attendee Member(s)
- Winter Resident: Here from _____ to _____

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 Student
- Weekly St. Paul Newsletter Children
- 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:

- Livestream Ministry 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Open Arms (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs)
 - Pick-Ups Stocking Other Help
- Coffee Team
 - Make Coffee/Clean Up
- Flower Team
 - First Week of Month Second Week

I plan to attend:

- Discover St. Paul - Wednesdays: Jan 9-23
- Journey 101: Loving God - Weds: Jan. 9- Feb. 13
Cost: \$10

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

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Did you know UMW groups are open to women of all ages? Whether you are still in your teens or 100+ you are welcome to join one or all three of our circles: Dorcas, Hannah, and Rachel-Lydia.

Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, January 9. Join them from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room (212) to do simple sewing projects for Haiti, area pregnancy centers, preschoolers and nursing homes.

Hannah

Hannah Circle meets on Tuesday, January 8 at 6:45 p.m. in the Community Room (201) of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Meetings include refreshments, devotion, prayer, and a program.

Rachel-Lydia

Rachel-Lydia meets the second Thursday and we invite you to join us January 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the Carpenter's Room 106 of the CLEC as we pray, have devotions and Bible Study, discuss upcoming events, participate in missions, and fellowship. If you have questions about the group call Sue Dietz at 727-480-1137.



Stay and Pray Today

The first Sunday of each month we invite you to "stay and pray" in the chapel after worship. If you have prayer needs people from our Prayer Team will pray with you, or you are welcome to spend some time alone with God in prayer.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers

If you have a gluten intolerance you can take communion at the station in the wings on the left side of the sanctuary to receive gluten-free wafers.



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



Save the Date: Point of View Conversation

Saturday, February 9: 8:30 AM - 3 PM

Everyone is invited to join us for a POV Conversation. This discussion is intended to help us understand the differing perspectives regarding human sexuality and prepare for the Way Forward. We hope that this conversation will equip participants to grow in empathy, have a broader understanding of different points of view, and to create constructive dialogue around challenging conversations. More information and registration is coming soon.

Open Arms Hours Change

Starting in January 2019, the Open Arms Resource Center will be changing its Thursday hours to 4-6 PM to better serve working parents. Monday-Wednesday hours will continue to be from 1-3 PM.



TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties) Hiatus

TNT is on hiatus until Sunday, January 20. To keep up with TNT and upcoming studies and events follow the TNT Facebook:



DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Wednesdays: January 9-23 | Room 202—CLEC

Discover St. Paul is a three week introduction to our St. Paul community of faith. In this class we learn about:

- Our Christian faith and what makes United Methodists unique
- How we grow as disciples
- St. Paul's mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, Give in Love
- Next steps to membership and service

Anyone who wants to know more about St. Paul and our faith is welcome to join us! If you're thinking about joining St. Paul, we'll be receiving new members on January 27 and we encourage you to take this class first. Sign up on the Connect Card or online if you want to attend Discover St. Paul.



Journey 101: Loving God

Wednesdays: January 9- February 13 | Room 201—CLEC
Cost: \$10

Journey 101 Loving God is the second session of *Journey 101: Knowing, Loving, Serving God*. This three-part basic faith course led by Pastor Bob helps answer essential faith questions as it guides participants on the journey of growing as a Christian. You can attend this session without having attending the first session, *Knowing God*.

The *Loving God* section of the study teaches spiritual practices that will help you fall more in love with God as you grow in your relationship with God and others. You can sign up to attend the class on the Connect Card or fill out the form online at www.stpaulumc.org



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.



Our Current Study: Operating System

This month kids are learning biblical lessons about self control, choosing to do what you should even when you don't want to. *"God's power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life."* 2 Peter 1:3a, NIV

Worship Arts Resumes January 16

Worship Arts will resume on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Kids in preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us starting Jan. 16 on Wednesdays in the Student Room of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. We'll see you in the new year!

XPerience Sunday Today

On the first Sunday of each month, Xperience Sunday allows fifth, eighth and twelfth graders to experience what worship is like at the next age level. Starting next Sunday, January 6 fifth graders are invited to join our Student Ministry for their Sunday night dinner, games and study. Eighth graders join our high school group. High school seniors are invited to join our TNT group starting with the first Sunday of February.



One Day Camp: Monday, February 18
 Camp XP offers a One Day "Adventure Xperience" camp on Pinellas County Teacher Work Days. Kids have the chance to make fun crafts, play games, and have a summer camp experience in one day.

COST: \$20/CHILD

This includes two snacks and lunch for your campers. Payment can be made when filling out the online registration form.

TIMES: 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM

There will be an additional cost for children who are picked up after this time.

REGISTER NOW: STPAULUMC.ORG

Or visit the Children's Ministry section of our app





Student Ministry

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

 SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Night



Confirmation

Confirmation marks a new phase in a student's faith formation, one in which they are starting to think about what they believe and why. It will be offered to all students in January. The cost is \$50, which covers our kick off event, a new Bible for each student, a participant book, and other supplies. Financial aid may be available, so please inquire if this cost would keep your student from being involved. You can sign up online or email alison.v@stpaulumc.org

CONFIRMATION KICK OFF

Friday, Jan. 18 from 6-11 p.m.

We'll meet and do two sessions on kick off, then head to Xtreme Fun Center for laser tag.

WEEKLY CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

4 p.m. in the TNT room (202)

Session 2: Sunday, Jan. 20

Session 3: Sunday, Jan. 27

Session 4: Sunday, Feb. 3

Session 5: Sunday, Feb. 10

Session 6: Sunday, Feb. 17

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: FEB. 24

Students will be confirmed at the 10:30 a.m. worship on Sunday, Feb. 24.



Middle and high school students are invited to join us 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.** Fifth graders are invited to join the students today for Xperience Sunday. 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. Eighth graders are invited to join the high school group. Dinner is \$3. Register for dinner: stpaulumc.org.



Mission Trip in March

Students over the age of 14 are invited to join us on this year's mission trip March 9-16. This year we'll be doing repairs to hurricane damaged homes in the Florida panhandle. A \$75 deposit is required at sign up. You can pay by check or on our giving page.



Galentine's Day

The ladies of Student Ministry will have a Galentine's Day celebration and sleepover on Friday, Feb. 15 in the Student Room.



Donate Toilet Paper

In addition to food, Open Arms distributes other necessities like toilet paper. Each roll of toilet paper distributed by Open Arms is prayed over and includes a sticker provided by missionary Carolyn Goodwin



with the scripture verse Phil 4:19: *"And my God shall supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Jesus Christ."* If you would like to donate toilet paper to a family in need, you can leave your donations in the bin in the sanctuary lobby or at Open Arms - 2039 Druid Rd. in Clearwater.

Join the Flower Team

Each week a member of the Flower Team takes the sanctuary flowers and divides them out into vases, then delivers them to members who are in the hospital or rehab. Flower Team members each take one week of the month, and we are currently in need of people to help out on the first and the second weeks of the month. If you are interested in being part of this ministry, and bringing joy to people in the hospital, fill out the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know which week you can help with.



Be Part of Our Choir

If you love music and praising God, then we invite you to be part of our sanctuary choir. Our choir

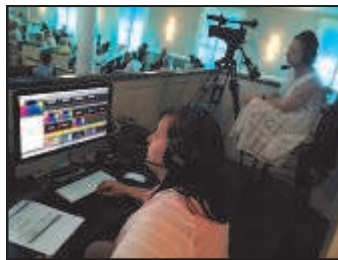
rehearses on Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the choir room at the north end of the preschool building. This Thursday, Jan. 10 they have a social after rehearsal at 8 p.m. New voices are welcome! Come sit in on the rehearsal, or jump right in with the choir, then join them for food and get to know some new friends.

Courtyard Coffee Coordinator

We serve coffee in the courtyard each Sunday, and we need people to make the coffee, set it up and clean up as part of our Coffee Team. If you would like to serve on the team, mark the Connect Card or contact Senior Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna, at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.

Donate Yarn for Prayer Shawl

Even if you aren't able to attend Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings, you can still be part of the ministry by donating yarn and other knitting and crocheting supplies. If you'd like to donate yarn, you can drop it off in the bin in the sanctuary lobby or at the church office Mon-Thurs. from 1–3 p.m.



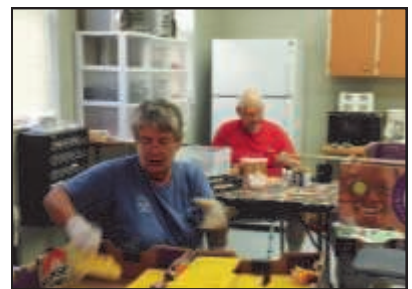
Join our Livestream Team

We need people to help stream our worship online each Sunday. You do not need any experience—anyone can learn! We can also use people to run the

lyrics on the screens and do other jobs during worship. If you are interested in serving, fill out the Connect Card or contact Senior Director of Music & Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org or 727-584-8165 ext.208.

Carpenter's Shop

Our Carpenter's Shop is always in need of people to paint wooden toys for children who've experienced trauma in their lives. No experience necessary! You do not



need to sign up in advance, just join us at the Druid campus (2039 Druid Rd. in Clearwater) Tuesday through Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. until noon.

Coming this Week

Sunday, January 6

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Stay and Pray	10:00 AM
Sunday School	9:15 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Stay and Pray	11:30 AM
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM

Monday, January 7

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

Tuesday, January 8

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Jumpstart	4:30 PM
UMW: Hannah	6:45 PM

Wednesday, January 9

UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Discover St. Paul	6:00 PM
Journey 101	6:00 PM
Handi Worship	6:15 PM
Open Adult Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, January 10

Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:30 AM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
Handbells	5:45 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Choir Social	8:00 PM

Friday, January 11

Church Office Closed

High School Winter Retreat 3:00 PM

Saturday, January 12

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:15 AM

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If you have an event to schedule,
contact us at 584-8165 or
church@stpaulumc.org

Making a Prayer Request

Write your prayer request on the Connect Card and drop it in in the offering plate. You can call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for these people with immediate prayer needs:

Adelynn, Frank, Penny, Mike	Judy Fowler	Charlie Stantz & the family
Al Gerard	Karissa McCabe	Connie Trank
Amelia Neville	Karleen Younger	Duane Wells
Anne Davis	Kathy Biddle	Gail Bladd Bloomgren
Aubri & Jess	Kay McAndrews	Gail Terbush
Baby Charlotte	Kevin	Gilbert Quinn
Baby Lorelai	Libby Burke	Harold & Shirley Register
Barker Family	Lillyann	Jace Michael Jackson
Bernie Weiss	Lois Thomson	Jenny Walter
Bill McCormick	Marcus, Mychelle & Mariah Jenkins	John Fady
Bob Crown	Mark Nadeau	Josiah Seitz
Bobby Tyree	Meg, Jake, Dom & Char	Kat Farhangi
Brad Jones	Meghann Timberlake	Kathy Herrell Hannas
Bran, Kami & Kamaline	Melissa & Sarah	Kenneth Packard
Bree Whitaker	Melissa Depew	Kevin Thompson
Brian S.	Michael	Kim Morris
Brian S.	Michelle Allen	Kristi Burslem
Brooke Chiodo	DeYong Family	Linda Weaver Hank
Caitlynn Timberlake	Kariss McCabe Father	Margie Lovejoy
Cammie	Kathy Seitz Sons	Margie Stillwell
Carl J.	Nancy & Don Evans	Mark LaPolla
Caroline Fields	Nick	Michael P White
Cecelia A.	Our Church	Mike Whelan
Chad M.	Our Country & President	Patsy McLaughlin Bauer
Charlie Tucker	Peter H.	Phyllis Spaulding
Children, Women, Youth	Rodger	Rich Stemboroski
Cliff Armbruster	Ron & Judy Getz	Ron Fowler
Curtis	Ron Barker	Shelley Hamilton
Dave W.	Russ & Carmen's sisters	Shirley Stabler
Deb Bushway	Ruth Aaron	Steve Brower
Donna	Samantha	Terry B
Donna Simonetti family	Sandra Venditto	Todd Smyzer
Duane Wells	Scott Lux	Tommy
Emma, Kathy	Shirley	Travis Ward
Evelyn B.	Stephanie Prevost	Trevor Birt
Fred	Walker-Huff Family	Uganda
Gary Cradick	Welch Family	Yvette Carter
Harriett Phillips	Aaron Medlin	Zackary Kueker
Indonesia	Allison Hall	
Jane Huter	Andrew Medlin	
Jean	Audrey Talbert	
Jim	Blaze Rockwell	
Joan Pitts	Bob & Troy Hartel	
John B.	Bobby Quinton	
John Click	Bruce Medlin	
Jordan Goodin	Bud Haskell	
Joseph Evanson	Carol Quinton	
Josh Altop	Carolyn Goodwin	
Josh DeLoach		

GOOD NEWS



Christmas FOR Pinellas
 On Friday, December 21, volunteers gathered in the Christian Life Enrichment Center to welcome the moms, dads and grandparents who were signed up to receive toys from Christmas FOR Pinellas. Along with the gifts donated by church members, each person also received a bag full of food

donated by Wal-mart or Save-a-Lot.

To see the joy and smiles of the recipients, and imagine the smiles on their children or grandchildren's faces on Christmas morning, was truly a blessing.



Thank you to everyone who donated gifts or gift cards, to the businesses that partner with us in the community, and to the volunteers who set up the toys and helped to distribute them. What a wonderful way to serve our Lord by sharing his love in the local community.



Jumpstart Party

The Jumpstart Ministry hosted a Christmas party for the kids and their families on December 18. Many thanks to the McMillan family for arriving early, cooking a delicious meal, and for staying late to help clean up! Following an hour of tutoring, the high school tutors jumped at the chance to serve everyone dinner. We're thankful for this outreach ministry of St. Paul and the difference we're making in the lives of middle school students and their families!



Handicapapable Carols at Belleair HealthCare

On Thursday, December 20, twenty people from the Handicapable Ministry continued the annual Handi tradition of singing Christmas carols for the residents and staff of Belleair HealthCare. Despite the rain outside, laughter and smiles filled the room as many joined in with our students and volunteers to provide an ol' time Christmas scene where harmony rang throughout. What a great way to reach out to the local community to share the love of Christ!



THE CARPENTER'S SHOP GAVE 500 OF THEIR HANDMADE WOODEN TOYS TO THIS YEAR'S MARINE CORP RESERVE TOYS-FOR-TOTS!

The Reverend Bob Martin, Lead Pastor
 The Reverend Pam Dubov, Executive Pastor



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