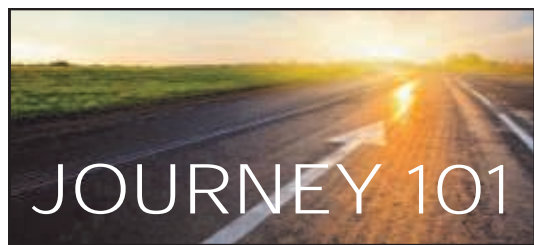




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JOURNEY 101

SERVING GOD

CLASS STARTS THIS WEDS.

See page 5 for more.

**REASONS
for HOPE**

APRIL 5 AND 6

REGISTER NOW

See page 6 for more.



**WOMEN'S
PRAYER
BREAKFAST**

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

Broken to Beautiful

TICKETS: \$12

GET YOURS IN THE COURTYARD TODAY

See page 5 for more.



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 today as we continue to explore how the lessons that Jesus taught at the Sermon on the Mount "collide" with our own desires for our lives, and the events leading up the resurrection. This week Pastor Pam helps us to understand why Jesus would want us to "Finish Last" when the world is telling us that we need to win at all costs.

The third section of my Journey 101 class begins this Wednesday. Whether or not you've attend the previous two sections, I invite you to join me to learn about "Serving God." We'll learn about the biblical context for service and social justice, and better understand our own gifts and how we can use them to serve God and others. See page 5 for more and sign up on the Connect Card if you plan to attend.

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



Bob Martin, Lead Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

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

This Sunday's flowers were given by:

- ♥ Audrey Bittle, in loving memory of my sister, Janette Franke, and mother, Frances Taylor
- ♥ Kay McAndrew's children, in honor of our mom, Kay McAndrew's birthday!

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.

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.

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: March 17, 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!

I am interested in:

- Rededicating my life to Jesus
 Being baptized
 Becoming a member

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.)

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

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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.



I would like to help with:

- Livestream 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Audio Team 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Coffee Team
- Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

I plan to attend:



- Journey 101: Serving God | Starts March 20
See page 5 for info.

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

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LENT AT ST. PAUL

Lent lasts for the 40 days leading up to Easter on April 21. This is a time for Christians to commit to a season of reflection and sacrifice through prayer, fasting and giving.

Fasting can take the form of giving up a meal, but it can also mean giving up something else in your life that has come between you and God. The key is to replace the time you would have spent eating or doing something like watching TV with prayer, reflection, scripture or quiet time with God.

Lent is also a time to sacrificially give beyond what you normally offer. This can be done financially or by committing to serve in a greater capacity.

LENTEN WORSHIP TIMES

PALM SUNDAY

April 14 | 9 and 10:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

CANTATA

April 14 | 3 p.m. in the sanctuary.
Join us for this concert presented by our sanctuary choir.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 18 | 6:30 p.m. in the CLEC
Join us in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall for an acoustic worship in the round.

GOOD FRIDAY

April 19 | 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary
Join us in worship as we remember Jesus' sacrifice for us.

EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 21

9 and 10:30 AM in the sanctuary
Celebrate the Risen King with our choir at 9 a.m. and our praise team at 10:30 a.m.

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

Homeward Bound - Room 106 (Carpenter's Room) - CLEC

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

EXPERIENCING *Easter*

Light Seekers

The Light Seekers study group meets Tuesdays in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall from 10:30-11:30 a.m. They are beginning a new Lenten series called entitled "Experiencing Easter" beginning this Tuesday, March 19.

TNT TWENTIES 'N' THIRTIES

TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties)

Adults in their twenties and thirties are invited to join us tonight at 7 p.m. in room 202 (CLEC) as we continue our series on Genesis and Exodus. Discover how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Old Testament and learn how to interpret and apply God's word.



Next Sunday: Game Night at Sabal Palms

Join TNT next week when we host a game night for the Handicapped young adults at Sabal Palms from 7-8 PM. Please RSVP by March 21 on Facebook or by

email at youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com if you plan to join us. For more information about all of TNT's activities follow our Facebook:

 StPaulTNT

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

"Broken to Beautiful"

**SATURDAY,
MARCH 30
9 AM -NOON**

LUANNE WILLEY
FELLOWSHIP
HALL—CLEC

Join us on Saturday, March 30 for our annual prayer breakfast! Our speaker is Dr. Linda Plunkett, a Christian psychologist and author. She will speak about her near-death experience from a brain tumor and **her supernatural rescue**. Linda's story gives hope to others experiencing physical and spiritual pain, as she declares that God does have a good plan for our lives. Come and be inspired!

TICKETS: \$12 - ON SALE NOW

Buy tickets in the courtyard between worship times on Sundays and in the church office Tues. and Wed. from 10 a.m.-noon.

If you need childcare, be sure to let us know when you buy your ticket.



JOURNEY 101

Journey 101: Serving God

Beginning March 20 | 6-7:30 p.m. | Room 201 CLEC

Journey 101: Knowing, Loving, Serving God is a basic faith course led by Pastor Bob that helps answer essential faith questions and guides participants on the journey of becoming a deeply committed follower of Jesus Christ. The Serving God component of Journey 101 is a 6 week class designed to help us understand the biblical context for service that will enable us to share our time and spiritual gifts with others.

Books are available in the Connection Center or at the office. You can also get yours on the first day of class. Cost is \$10. Sign up on the Connect Card if you plan to attend.

REASONS for HOPE

St. Paul United Methodist Church
Largo, FL | April 5 & 6, 2019

Reasons for Hope

April 5: 7-9:30 PM | April 6: 9 AM—Noon

Join us for this two day conference in the St. Paul Sanctuary on April 5 and 6, featuring apologetics scholars who are dedicated to sharing intelligent and reason-based faith and empowering others to do the same. Whether you're a dedicated Christian, or you're still looking for answers, this is a place for you to learn, grow more confident in the facts and evidence supporting your faith, and find Reasons For Hope.



OUR TOPICS

Truth: Is it True for You but Not for Me?
Rachel Shockey (Women in Apologetics)

Why Does God Allow Evil?
Dr. Clay Jones (Biola University)

How do We Know the Gospels are Reliable?
John Stewart (Intelligent Faith)

Is the Bible Sexist?
Krista Bontrager (Theology Mom)

Apologetics and Why We Need It
Laurie Stewart (Intelligent Faith)

Visit our website for more about each of our speakers: www.stpaulumc.org

REGISTER NOW

Regular price registration is \$30. You can register in the courtyard today if you're paying with cash or check, or register on our website or app if you're paying with a credit card. Discounted pricing is available for groups, students, and more.

Visit stpaulumc.org for more information.



Student Ministry

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

SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Night



Tonight: Mission Trip Testimonies and St. Patrick's Day

Middle and high school students, join us tonight from 5:30—8 p.m. Those who went on the Mission Trip will share pictures, stories and testimonies of what God did and their experiences while they were on the trip.



We will also be having some fun with a St. Patrick's Day theme. Students are encouraged to wear green, and the best dressed in head to toe green will get an award! Bring St. Patty's-themed desserts to share, and join us.

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: stpaulumc.org.



Our Next Study Series: Famous Last Words

If you knew your time on Earth was coming to an end, what would you want to say to the people in your life? For Jesus, the days leading up to His death were filled with meaningful conversations with the people around Him. In this series, as we look at some of His famous last words, we'll discover what Jesus really wanted His followers—both then and now—to know.



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

This month we're learning about individuality, discovering who you're meant to be. This week kids learn that God made them in his image. *"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well."* - Psalm 139:14, NIV



Worship Arts on Wednesday

Kids in preschool through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in the Student Room of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Worship Arts includes games, crafts, and other fun ways to worship. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.



Summer Camp Registration Is Open

This summer we invite K-5 kids to come make new friends and have fun with field trips, theme weeks, dress up days and more at Camp XP. Camp XP is a chance for kids to explore and experience faith, friends and fun all summer!

WEEKLY FEE INCLUDES:

- daily lunch and snacks
- field trips like the aquarium, Jumpstation, the movies, swimming, bowling, and more
- arts and crafts, sports, water days and more

Visit our website for more information about camp and sign up now!

REGISTER NOW: WWW.STPAULUMC.ORG



GIVE IN LOVE

Ditty Bags

The United Methodist Women are collecting items to make Ditty Bags, which are filled with toiletries and others items. The bags for adults go to homeless shelters in the Tampa Bay area and the bags for children go to the Farm Worker's Alliance. Anyone can take part and contribute items for the Ditty Bags.



We are currently collecting the following items:

- Socks - **men's, women's and kids**
- Hairbrushes- ladies and girls
- Tissues
- Bar soap

You can drop off donations at the church office during the week, or in the donation bin in the lobby on Sundays.

FOR PINELLAS

WHAT IS "FOR PINELLAS"?

Too many times people only know what churches are against. We want the conversation to be about what St. Paul is 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.

Being FOR Pinellas means reaching out to our community and showing them what God's love is all about. It also means lifting up the people in our community who are making Pinellas a great place to be!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Paul and Judith Turner

Paul and Judith Turner, new Associate members of St. Paul UMC and winter visitors from Canada, have been actively involved in several areas of service and participation around the church. They helped to give away toys at Christmas FOR Pinellas in December (pictured at right), attended the Senior Empowerment Day in January, which was sponsored by our Handicapped Ministry, and served as greeters at our 9 a.m. worship this month.



Thanks, Paul and Judith, for getting involved and sharing your time and gifts with others! We appreciate you and your willingness to serve!



Coffee Team

Can you help make coffee on Sunday morning and serve it in the courtyard? We are looking for members of the Coffee Team to help out once a month. If you can help make coffee, set up in the

courtyard, and clean up once every few weeks, sign up on the Connect Card or contact Senior Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org

Coming this Week

Sunday, March 17

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	9:00 AM
Homeward Bound	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
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
TNT	7:00 PM

Monday, March 18

Girl Scouts	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 19

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Light Seekers	10:30 AM
Jumpstart	4:30 PM
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM
Finance Team	6:30 PM

Wednesday, March 20

UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Kids Worship Arts	6:00 PM
Starting Point	6:00 PM
Journey 101	6:00 PM
Handi Worship	6:15 PM
Open Adult Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, March 21

Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Griefshare	1:00 PM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
Handbells	5:45 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

Friday, March 22

Church Office Closed

Saturday, March 23

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:00 AM
George Manthei Memorial	11:00 AM

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All ministries and groups need to submit a facilities request form for all events, including meetings, one time and recurring events.

Contact us at 584-8165 or
karen.h@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:

A Ann	Fred, Chris, Barb, Yvonne	Marcus & Mia Jenkins
Addie Martin	&Chrissy	Mary Klein
Al Girard	Gail Blagg Bloomgren	Mary Vaughn
All babies	Gary Cradick	Meg, Dom, Jake & Char
Amy & Dave Johnson	Gary Gould	Meghann Timberlake
Amy Johnson	Glenda Neville	Melissa & Sarah
Andrea Preston	Harriett Phillips	Michael
Angie Dickson	Herry L	Michelle Allen
Annie Davis	Howard Seuss	Mike & Family
Aubri & Jessi	James, Jr, Chrissy & Family	Molly
Baby Charlotte		Nancy
Barbara & Rickie Mortin	Jane Huter	Nancy Evans
Barbara Murray	Jay, Jodie, Levi, Kylie,	Nation & Children
Betty Ann	Steve R & Doris	Our Missions
Birdie & Gary	Jen B	Pete Ash
Blaze White	Jessie H, carl J, Evelyn B,	Peter H.
Blessings	Cindy B & John B	Phyllis Spaulding
Bob S	Jim	President & USA
Bobby Quinton	Jim M	Richard Buckley
Brad Jones	Jimmy Vann	Ron & Judy Getz
Brandi, Kami & Karaline	Joan	Ron Barker
Bree Whitaker	Joan Buchwald	Sandy & Sean Brodney
Brooke Chiodo	Joan Kolofsky	Savannah Smith
Bruce Madden	Joan Pitts	Seitz Family
Caitlyn Timberlake	John Gainer	Shelley Hamilton
Carol Quinton	Jorden, Mychelle & Mari-ah	Shirley Register
Caroline Fields		Shirley Stabler
Carolyn Goodwin	Joseph Evanson	Special Intention
Cathy, Del & Amy	Josh DeLoach	Stephanie Prevost
Charles & Michelle Jenkins	Karleen Younger	Steve & Christine Brower
Charles Bartlett	Kathy Herrell Hannas	Susan McCord
Chickie Burke	Kim Morrison	Susan Pelyak
Cliff Armbruster	Krauss Family	Tancy Finkbiner
Dave & Do	Libby Burke	Ted Pelyak
Debbie	Lillyann	Tim James
Debbie Dubov	Linda	Tornado Victims
Dennis "Oso" Gildersleeve	Linda Grasso	Travel Mercies
Dennis Lord	Linda Soforelli	Walker-Huff Family
Dolores Bartlett	Lisa Cunningham	Wanda Barker
Ellen Stantz	Lois Thomson	Welch Family
Felicia Smith	Loraine Porterier	Women, Children, Youth
Fred	Lori, Andy & David	Yvette Gonzalez Carter
	Lufkin Family	
	Lynn	



George Manthei Memorial
Saturday, March 23 at 11 a.m.
St. Paul UMC Sanctuary

GOOD NEWS



Student Mission Trip

Tonight our students will share some of their stories during Student Ministry worship, and we'll share more pictures and stories here in the bulletin in the coming weeks as well. For now here are just a few pictures from the first day of last week's Mission Trip. Be sure to check the Student Ministry Facebook and Instagram for more pictures and videos!



Clearing debris on day one: before and after



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Ash Wednesday

On Ash Wednesday morning Pastor Pam offered ashes to the parents at our Son Kissed Preschool, then in the evening we held our Ash Wednesday worship in the sanctuary. In addition to receiving ashes, we cut out pieces of felt to represent our brokenness. Last Sunday you may have noticed a cross on the altar. It was made from the broken pieces to form a stained glass cross, reminding us that God takes our sin and brokenness and makes something whole and beautiful from it! Our Children's Ministry also created a string art cross that you will notice hanging during Lent. Each string represents a prayer made by one of the kids.



Pieces cut on Ash Wednesday



Each string represents a child's prayer



Stained glass cross formed from the broken pieces

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



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