



TOUGH QUESTIONS

Looking for a fun, safe place for your kids to have a wild summer filled with friends and faith?

AGES: K-5
JUNE 3-AUGUST 9
 FIELD TRIPS
 GAMES & SPORTS
 MUSIC & CRAFTS
 WATER DAYS
 SWIMMING
 DRESS UP DAYS
LUNCH & SNACKS INCLUDED

JUNE 10-14
BASKETBALL CAMP
 ONE WEEK BASKETBALL CAMP FOCUSES ON TEACHING THE FUNDAMENTALS THROUGH DRILLS & GAMES IN A CHRIST-CENTERED ENVIRONMENT.
REGISTER: STPAULUMC.ORG

ST-PAUL
 United Methodist Church
 May 5, 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 this Sunday as we begin a new series. Over the next few weeks we'll be asking some of the "Tough Questions" that challenge us as people of faith. We start by asking why doesn't God stop bad things from happening?

Our K-5 camp starts next month, and we have lots of games, music, activities and field trips planned. Our kids always have a lot of fun, and they also learn a lot about God and his love for them! We also have a one week basketball camp, which is new this year. Visit our website for more info or to sign up. If you'd like to donate items for camp visit page 8.

Last Sunday we shared the great news that one of our members has pledged to match up to \$100K in donations from the congregation for debt reduction. Check page 4 for more about how you can help us reduce our debt.

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

Bob Martin, Lead Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

WORSHIP at 9 AM

- Prelude *To Where You Are* Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
- Introit *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*
- Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov
- *Greet *Oh How He Loves You and Me*
Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader
- *Hymns *How Great Thou Art* No. 77
Thine Be the Glory No. 308
- *Apostles' Creed No. 895
- *Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 881
- Offertory *Lamb of God* Sanctuary Choir
- *Doxology
- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Transitional Hymn *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* No. 479
- Message "Why Would God Allow This To Happen?" Pastor Bob Martin
Romans 8:18-34 (selectively)
- Directed Prayer
- Holy Communion
- *Hymn *Soldiers of Christ, Arise* No. 513
- *Benediction
- *Postlude *Give Him the Glory*
*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: Val Berg and Jean Arms

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



DOWNLOAD OUR St. PAUL APP

It's free for apple or android



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



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DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Join us after either worship on the second Sunday of the month. One of our pastors will help you to take the next steps to get more deeply connected at St. Paul

SERMON NOTES

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

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.



Bud Haskell Memorial
Tuesday, May 7 at 1 p.m.
St. Paul UMC Sanctuary

Betty Myers Interment
Sunday, May 12 at 2 p.m.
Sylvan Abbey

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: May 5, 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
- Usher 9 AM 10:30 AM
- Children's Ministry 9 AM 10:30 AM
 Wednesday nights
- Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

I plan to attend:

- Discover St. Paul
Next Sunday, May 12 | 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
New to St. Paul? Join us in the courtyard after 9 a.m. worship or the Connection Center after 10:30 a.m. One of our pastors will help you get connected at St. Paul.

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

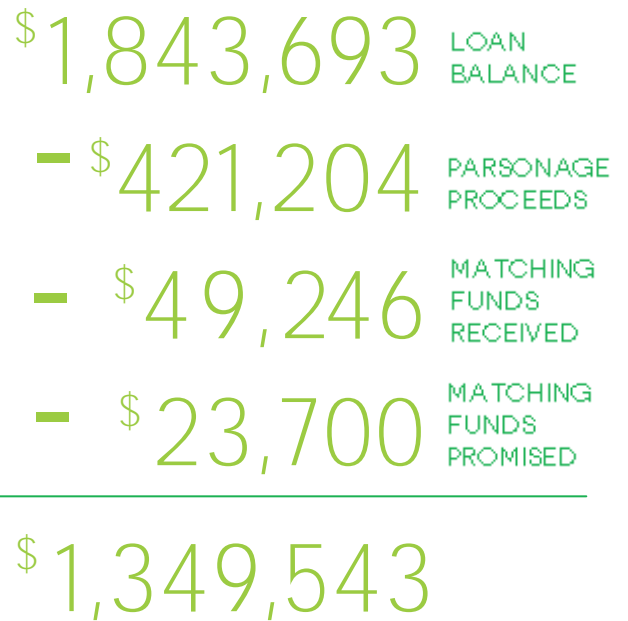
Don't forget to fill out the other side!



**MAKE A
MATCHING
GIFT TO
REDUCE
OUR DEBT**

Help Reduce our Debt

Last Sunday we shared the great news that an anonymous member of St. Paul has agreed to match the congregation's gifts up to \$100,000 for the purpose of debt reduction! We've already received a significant amount toward the matching, and are working on reducing our debt in other ways as well. Here are the numbers we shared last Sunday:



MATCHING GIFT PROGRESS

\$49,246	+	\$23,700
RECEIVED		PROMISED
\$27,054 TO GO		
* As of April 28		

Make a special gift to be matched now, and be sure to write "Match My Gift" on your check or giving envelope so we know to count your gift toward the match. If you make your gift online, be sure to choose "Giving -Debt Reduction" from the drop down.

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 - Rm 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

10:30 a.m. Sunday school classes

Friendship—Room 201 (Community Room) - CLEC

Note that the Friendship Class is now meeting at 10:30 a.m. instead of 10:15 a.m. New people are welcome to join in at any time.



Light Seekers Crime Prevention Seminar

This Tuesday, May 7 | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Join us in the Christian Life Enrichment Center this Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for a presentation from the crime prevention task force. We'll learn practical ways to stay safe in our homes, on our phones, and more. A Q&A will follow the presentation. Everyone is invited to come and find out what you can do to keep yourself and your family safe.



TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties)
High school seniors are invited to join TNT tonight for Xperience Sunday at 7 p.m. in room 202 (CLEC). Get to know the members of TNT and experience what the group is like. All adults in their twenties and thirties are also welcome. For more information about all of TNT's activities follow our Facebook:



DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Discover St. Paul Next Sunday

Sunday, May 12 | 10 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.

If you're interested in joining St. Paul or getting to know more about us, we invite you to join us in the courtyard after 9 a.m. worship or in the Connection Center after 10:30 a.m. worship next Sunday, May 12. One of our pastors will be there to answer questions and help you take the next steps at St. Paul.



United Methodist Women

Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, May 8. 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, May 14 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

The women of the UMW Rachel-Lydia circle meet the second Thursday of most months in the Carpenter's Room (106) of the CLEC at 10:30 a.m. Join them this Thursday, May 9 for prayers, devotions, a brief meeting, Bible study, and fellowship with refreshments. Open Arms is their mission emphasis this year, and some meetings also include work on mission projects.



Requested a Name Badge?

If you requested a name badge, don't forget to pick it up in the Connection Center! Badges are usually ready to be picked up the week after requested.



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.



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Our Current Study

This month we're learning about HOPE, believing that something good can come out of something bad. *"In this world you will have trouble. But be encouraged! I have won the battle over the world."* - John 16:33b, NIV



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Worship Arts

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. The last day of Worship Arts before the summer break is May 22.



Stay and Pray Today

If you have anything weighing on your heart, any burdens, worries or pain you would like to give to God, we invite you to Stay and Pray in the chapel after either worship today. A member of our Prayer Team will pray with you, or you are welcome to spend some quiet time with God.

Gluten-Free Communion Wafers

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



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade

Alison Van Dyne, Student Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org



STUDENT MINISTRY TONIGHT

Fifth graders are invited to join our middle and high school students tonight from 5:30–8 p.m. for Experience Sunday. Join us 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 online: stpaulumc.org.



Send Us Your Graduation Information

If you're graduating from high school, college or additional schooling this year, we want to honor you on Graduation Sunday, May 19. E-mail a photo, your name, the school you're graduating from, and future plans to our Communications Coordinator, Rebecca Carefoot at rebecca.c@stpaulumc.org so we can recognize you during worship and include you in the bulletin. If you are attending worship on May 19, please include which worship time you'll attend in the email. **The deadline to send in information is May 13.**



Join us for fun and service all summer long!

Lock-In/Lock-Out: May 31– June 1

Join us for a Lock-In/Out on Friday, May 31 at 6 p.m. We've got lots of fun plans including a Threshers game, fireworks, pizza and video games at Cici's, bowling, and lots of fun games while we stay overnight at the church. Pick-up is at 8 a.m. on June 1. Bring a friend! Cost: \$25 plus money for video games at Cici's.

Beach Worship: Sunday, June 2

We start the summer at the beach! Meet at church at 5 p.m. then we'll take the bus to Sand Key park for dinner on the beach, worship, and fun. Cost: \$5

Top Golf Tuesday: June 4

We'll meet at the church at 8 a.m. then have fun at Top Golf and eat lunch at Chick Fil A. Pick up is at the church at 2 p.m. Cost: \$15 plus lunch money. (\$10 if you have a Top Golf Lifetime Membership.)

High School Extreme Gaming: Wednesday, June 5

Choice of Archery Tag or Bazooka Ball (like paintball but with small Nerf balls instead of paintballs) at Laser Ops Extreme Gaming. We'll have ice cream at Cold Stone Creamery afterwards. Cost: \$7 plus ice cream and arcade money.

TRIBE Tuesdays

Starting June 18, each week we have a new "Tribe Tuesday" event where students are invited to fun activities like Sky Zone, movie nights, pool parties, and more.

Visit our website and register for our Student Summer events: stpaulumc.org

GIVE IN LOVE

Ditty Bags

Anyone can donate items for the United Methodist Women's Ditty Bag project to provide toiletries and others items to adults at homeless shelters in the Tampa Bay area and to children through the Farm Worker's Alliance.

We're currently collecting:

- 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.

If you would like to donate money to the project instead of individual items, please be sure to mark your donation for ditty bags. If you're making your donation with a check, make it out to St. Paul United Methodist Women.

LOVING HEARTS MEMORIAL FOOD MINISTRY

Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

When families are suffering with grief over the loss of a loved one, there is a need for the church family to rally around them and show their love and support. Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry does this by providing food for memorial receptions at no cost to the family. If you are interested in volunteering to help provide food please fill out the Connect Card or contact the church office at 584-8165.



Camp XP Wish List

Our summer camp starts next month! If you'd like to donate items for camp, we have an amazon wish list that you can use. Scan the QR code or check our website or app for the link.

We are also collecting the snack items below:

- Goldfish • Cheese Its • Animal Crackers
Chips Fruit • Snacks • Snack Bars

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



Betty Bowersox

Betty Bowersox has been involved in serving church for many years. She is a long-time member of our sanctuary choir, and most Thursdays you can find her in the church office making copies of the choir's music for the week. Betty has done this vital prep work for several of our worship leaders, including our current leader, Dr. Robert Williams. This work she does behind the scenes is a great help to Dr. Williams, and to the entire choir! In addition to the choir, Betty is also involved at St. Paul as a Stephen Minister, offering support to people who are going through a difficult season. Betty what you do is truly appreciated! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



Betty is a Stephen Minister



Jack and Betty at Candlelight Christmas

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, May 9 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.

Coming this Week

Sunday, May 5

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
Stay and Pray	10:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:30 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
TNT	7:00 PM

Monday, May 6

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

Tuesday, May 7

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Light Seekers	10:30 AM
Bud Haskell Memorial	1:00 PM
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM

Wednesday, May 8

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

Thursday, May 9

Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:30 AM
Griefshare	1:00 PM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Choir Social	8:00 PM

Friday, May 10

Church Office Closed

Saturday, May 11

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:00 AM

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All 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:

Al Girard	Faith Bishop	Our Country
All Teachers	Faye Suarez	Our Daughters
Amy Caulder & family	Fred	Our President, Congress
Amy Johnson	Gail & Dan	Penny Upp
Amy, Do, Dave, Greg, Margo	Gail Blagg Bloomgren	Peter H.
Andrea Preston	Gary Cradick	Phyllis Spaulding
Aubri & Jessi	Glenda Neville	Ralph E. Moon
Axel Neville	Greg & family	Rev. Hays McKay
Betty Myers family	Greg & Tony	Richard Buckley
Bev Haskell	Jan Snyder	Rita Pennington
Blaze White	Jane Huter	Rodger
Bobby	Jay, Jodi, Levi, Jessica	Ron & Judy Getz
Bobby Quinton	Jim Ledford	Ron Barker
Bonnie Cummings	Joan Buckwald	Russell & Carmen
Brandi, Kami & Karaline	Joan Kolofsky	Munyan
Bree Whitaker	Joan Pitts	Sally
Bridget	John Dibble	Sarah & Melissa
Brittany & baby	Jon C.	Seitz family
Brittany Mueller	Judi	Shelley Hamilton
Brooke Chiodo	Karleen Younger	Shirley Register
Carol Quinton	Kathy Herrell Hannas	Stephen Brower
Caroline Fields	Keria Richardson	Steve, Edna, Jeff, Jacob, Luise, & Katy
Carolyn Goodwin	Kevin	Susan and Ted Pelyak
Chad M.	Kimberly Morris	Susan McCord & children
Charlie & Peggy Tucker	Kwi-Hee Bartz	Thank You Lord & Prayer Warriors
Charlie Stantz	Kyle Bishop	Todd
Chrissy, Devon, Charlie, Carolyn, Chris	Les Lee & family	Tom Low
Cindy	Libby Burke	Vicky
Cindy Smith	Lillyann	Walker-Huff family
Cliff Armbruster	Linda Grosso	Welch family
Cure for Cancer	Linda, Lainy	Youth, Women, Children
Dale Metler	Lisa Cunningham	Yvette Gonzalez Carter
Davia Schweitzer	Lois Thomson	Yvonne, Patricia, Collier
David Neville	Loraine Poitier	Zander, Kylie, Brian, Cam, Mom, Kim
Dawn Green	Mark Siegfried	
Debbie Dubov	Mark, Chris & Brett	
Dennis "Oso" Gildersleeve	Marla & Mike	
Dennis Lord	Marlene Reuter	
Dixie & family	Meg, Jake, Dom & Char	
Don Piro	Michael & Lucy	
Donna Simonetti family	Michelle & Jackson	
Doris Ackerman	Michelle Allen	
Dorritt Clendening	Mike	
Eileen Corsini	Mike & family	
Eric & family	Molloy family	
Eugenia Perdue	My Niece	
	My Sister	
	Nancy & Don Evans	
	Our Church & Clergy	

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of Betty Myers Don Mitchell Jack Munyan who recently passed on to life eternal.

GOOD NEWS



Handi Luau

Laughter filled the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall on April 12 as our Handi-capable members danced the night away to Hawaiian style music. Always a hit at our annual Luau are the tasty treats provided by Vickie Anderson and

the colorful leis. Attendees also had the chance to **have pictures taken with friends and sit for Jim's Famous Caricature drawings.** Many thanks to all of our volunteers who make events such as these possible. **We couldn't do it without you!**



Congratulations, Special Olympians!

Last month Handicapable recognized its Special Olympian athletes and coaches, pictured above, who competed at the countywide competition at Lakewood High School in St. Petersburg. 40 Handi athletes and coaches won lots of ribbons during an inspiring day of athletic skill and competition. We're proud of you all!



St. Paul Hosts Family Care Council Event

Friday, April 26, our Handicapable Ministry hosted the Family Care Council's provider care services event for the Special Needs community of Pinellas Co.

Almost 200 special needs attendees learned about resources provided by 53 exhibitors!

Robin Lally of HUG, "Help Us Gather," was the keynote speaker and shared how her company has been offering social opportunities for Special Needs families in the Tampa Bay area for the past two years. Handicapable also shared its story and generated over 20 prospects for its ministry! After the presentations, Handi provided free pizza and the DJ, Kenwa, got the crowd on their feet and dancing. What a great day for the special needs community!



Handi volunteer Jim Puyda did caricatures



Rosemary in pink, Samantha Nevins and Dr. Jack Barrett of AWI on the far left and right

Congratulations, Rosemary Potter!

Dr. Rosemary Potter, long-time member of St. Paul UMC, was awarded the Irma Mayer Legacy Award on Thursday, April 25 at the 2019 Hats Off Awards Luncheon. The award was presented by the Aging & Wellness Institute (AWI) in recognition of Rosemary's dedication to upholding AWI's principles of improving the health of those over 60. Also mentioned during **Rosemary's award presentation was her dedication and faithful service to her church!** Congratulations!

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



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