

EXTRAVAGANT *Generosity*



Candlelight Christmas

DEC. 1 AT 6:30 PM. TICKETS: \$25

SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE.

FREE PARENTS
**NIGHT
OUT**

DEC. 2 AT 5 PM

REGISTER NOW: STPAULUMC.ORG

SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE.

DECK NOV 29-6 PM
THE HALLS COURTYARD
SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE.



November 19, 2017

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time member of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us this Sunday! Our current series is "Extravagant Generosity." We're talking about the meaning of generosity and how it ties into being a Christ follower.

This is a busy time for the church, so I hope you'll take your bulletin home, follow us on social media, or visit our website: www.stpaulumc.org to keep up with everything that's happening.. Tomorrow our Open Arms Ministry will be distributing Thanksgiving dinners to families in our community for our "Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas." If you have food donations to make, you can drop them in the bin in the lobby today. You can also make a financial donation during the offering time. Just label your gift "Thanksgiving Turkeys."

Last Sunday I mentioned some statistics that show the impact of a few of our ministries this year. You can see them on the back page of this bulletin. This church is doing great things for the Lord and making a difference in our community. Thank you for being part of it!

Bob Martin

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor



Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

Glorify God

WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude	Cindy Triffon, Interim Accompanist	
Introit	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Welcome		
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>My Hope Is Built</i>	No. 368
	<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i>	No. 311
*Apostle's Creed		No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer		Pastor Pam Dubov
Offertory	<i>Come Thou Fount</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
*Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Hymn	<i>A Charge to Keep I Have</i>	No. 413
Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)		
Message	"Practicing What Jesus Preached"	Pastor Pam Dubov
Directed Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed</i>	No. 359
*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: Mike and Cindy Constantinou

10:30 AM Greeters: Bill Bauer and Patsy McLaughlin Bauer

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
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Making a 2018 Commitment

We've been talking during worship about some of the great things we have accomplished for the Lord this year. As we create our budget, and plan our ministry goals for 2018, pledges are a vital tool that help us to know what we can realistically accomplish for the Lord. **Our goal for 2018 is to raise \$1,600,000 to fund the ministry plan needed for our community.**

Many of you have received pledge cards in the mail this week, and cards are also available in the pews or the Connection Center. You can also fill out an online pledge on our website. Take some time to pray over your pledge and partner with God as you make your commitment for 2018. We will dedicate the pledge cards during worship next Sunday, November 26. Thank you for your gifts and for being part of our work for God's kingdom!

Looking for the prayer list? Turn to page 9.

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.



Flowers

This week's flowers were given by:

- ♥ Richard & Mary Ann Clemow, in honor of Richard & Mary Ann Clemow's 52nd wedding anniversary
- ♥ Kathy & Gary Gould, in loving memory of Mark
- ♥ Donna Stevens, in honor of our daughter Karen Stevens on her birthday. *We miss you so very much; you are always in our hearts! All our love, Mom, Rona & Kay*

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. Flowers can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. worship or at the church office on Monday. Flowers can also be donated to the Flower Ministry and distributed to those who are in the hospital or in rehab.

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: November 19, 2017 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Address: _____

I am a:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st Time Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Time Guest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Attendee | <input type="checkbox"/> Member(s) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Resident | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please update my information. | |

I came today because:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I drove by | <input type="checkbox"/> I visited the website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I've been here before | <input type="checkbox"/> I received a mailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was invited by _____ | |
| Other: _____ | |

I want to join your e-mail list:

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly Pastor's E-Note | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Guide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly St. Paul Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Students | |
| Other: _____ | |

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

How can we pray for you?

- | |
|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> For Military Prayer List |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT publish in bulletin. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do NOT include on prayer chain. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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 Sundays
- ☐ Funeral/Memorial Host
- ☐ Usher on Sunday Morning
 - ☐ 9 AM Usher
 - ☐ 10:30 AM Usher
 - ☐ Head Usher
- ☐ Communion Preparation Team

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.



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



Domestic Violence is...Everyone's Problem!

Monday, Nov. 27 | 6:30 p.m. | Student Room

Domestic violence is a widespread problem in the U.S, affecting millions of people annually. 1 in 4 women in the US will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Anyone can be abused, regardless of employment or education, racial or ethnic background, religion, marital status, age, or sexual orientation. It's a serious, ongoing problem: What can we do to help?

Stephen Ministry invites everyone to attend an educational seminar on recognizing and preventing domestic violence and elder abuse. Our speaker is Jennifer Sailpaugh from The Haven of RCS, a local domestic violence shelter. Join us in the Student Room, upstairs in the CLEC and find out facts about domestic and elder abuse. What are the signs to look for? What can you do to help victims of abuse? All are welcome. Refreshments provided.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

TODAY, November 19 | 2 to 4 p.m. | Room 101 (CLEC)

When you're grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Join us in room 101 (Carpenter's Room) today to discover how to deal with emotions and traditions, helpful tips for surviving social events, and more. Refreshments and childcare provided. Cost of the Survival Guide booklet is \$5. It includes over 30 daily devotions with insights from GriefShare experts and tips to manage the holiday season during this difficult time.



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 LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC). This Tuesday, Nov. 21 JOY will host a potluck. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy a delicious meal together. For more information, contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at 584-8165 or email him at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org.



Interested in learned about Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministers are trained to offer one-to-one, confidential Christian care to people who are hurting. If you have the gift of faith, mercy, encouragement or caring, you could be a great Stephen Minister! To find out more about Stephen Ministry, join us for a Meet and Greet on Dec. 10 at 2 p.m. in room 201 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Speak with current Stephen Ministers about their experiences and ask any questions you may have. Refreshments will be provided.

IGNITE: Young Adults & Young Professionals

IGNITE is on hiatus during November. We will resume in December with study and a Christmas party. Follow IGNITE on Facebook for info on upcoming studies, events, and cancellations.



ignitestpaul

Email: youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com



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.

This Sunday: 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.

This Month Our Teaching Series Is: Refocus



We can change our whole outlook on life if we take the time to refocus and think about all that **we've been given**. Kids discover ways to show gratitude.

No Worship Arts This Week

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday there will be no Worship Arts this week. Enjoy the time with your family, and we'll see you next week!

Parent's Night Out

Parents are invited to take the night off on Saturday, Dec. 2, while your kids have fun at a free PJ Party with us! Get your Christmas shopping done, have a date night, or just spend some time relaxing. Kids will have dinner, watch a movie, and do lots of fun activities.



REGISTER ONLINE FOR THIS FREE EVENT
stpaulumc.org



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade

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



Sunday Night Student Ministry

When it comes to the Bible, do you ever wonder what **all the fuss is about?** In this series, we'll unpack what the big deal is as we discover that the Bible can be a useful and powerful tool that impacts our lives today.



TONIGHT:

Memorizing Scripture makes you stronger.

For most of us, the idea of memorizing the Bible feels more like a chore or obligation than anything else. But the Bible actually has a lot of important, powerful things to say to help us handle life a little better. As we **look back at Psalm 119 this week, we'll see that when we capture God's Word not only in our minds but in our hearts as well, we'll be stronger because of it.**

Students are invited to join us in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance on our website: stpaulumc.org. Time together ends at 8 p.m.



SERVE Opportunity

Our Open Arms Ministry will be distributing turkey dinners to 400 families tomorrow, November 20 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Students are invited to

serve by helping to distribute food, welcome families and more.



Christmas Cantata

December 17 at 9 a.m. | Sanctuary

During the 9 a.m. worship on Dec. 19 our sanctuary choir will bless us with a beautiful holiday music presentation, "Morning Star." Join us for a message and a morning filled with music to lift your heart closer to God. Invite a friend to join you! If you normally attend the 10:30 a.m. worship, you may want to come early to experience the beautiful music.



Christmas Eve is on a Sunday this year so we will have normal morning worship times, as well as Candlelight Worship in the evening.

SUNDAY MORNING: 9 and 10:30 AM

FAVORITE CHRISTMAS SONGS & A MESSAGE TO
PREPARE US FOR THE NIGHT'S CELEBRATION OF OUR
LORD'S BIRTH.

SUNDAY EVENING: CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

6 AND 8 PM

CHRISTMAS MUSIC, CANDLELIGHTING, AND SPECIAL
MESSAGE FOR THIS HOLY NIGHT.

10 PM

COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED.
MUSIC LED BY OUR SANCTUARY CHOIR.



Candlelight Christmas

Friday, December 1, 2017 - 6:30pm

LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall-CLEC



A Delicious Meal with Friends

Entertainment by singing duo: Krossing Jordan

Childcare provided.

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW: \$25

You can get tickets in the courtyard on
Sundays or in the church office Mon-Weds
from 9 a.m. to Noon starting Monday, Nov.
20 and ending Tuesday, Nov. 28.



Deck the Halls

Weds. Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. | Courtyard

Join us in the courtyard at 6 p.m. for cookies, snacks and a Christmas sing-a-long. At 6:30 p.m. we'll have a short devotional about the meaning of our Christmas ornaments, then we'll "deck the halls" and decorate the sanctuary for Advent.

Give in Love

Rummage Sale Donation Pick-Ups

Christmas is around the corner and maybe you are getting new furniture or appliances. If your old furniture and appliances are still in great condition, the rummage sale can use them! We are now doing pick-ups of good quality furniture and appliances. If you would like to schedule a pick-up, contact Jerry Spaulding at 727-744-8540. **We will begin accepting smaller items for the rummage sale on Jan. 1.**

Hostesses Needed for Candlelight Christmas

Each table for Candlelight Christmas needs a hostess to decorate it and welcome others to their table. Hostesses provide the tablecloth, tableware and a centerpiece, which must have a least one candle. Church china and flatware are available to rent for \$5 as well as white tablecloths for \$5. A full list of items needed at each table will be provided. Please reach out to Lyn Sears in the courtyard on Sundays if you're interested in hostessing.

THANKSGIVING FOR PINELLAS

Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas
Our Open Arms Ministry plans to give away Thanksgiving dinner for 400 families tomorrow! If you have Thanksgiving food items like mashed potatoes or stuffing to donate, be sure to put them in the bin in the lobby today. You can also make a monetary donation toward the purchase of turkeys. Place in the offering and label it "Thanksgiving Turkeys."

Poinsettias Deadline Is Nov. 27

The poinsettias that fill the sanctuary each Advent are a beautiful part of the season. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to a loved one, call the church office at 584-8165 or use the "Holiday Flowers" section of our Giving page to place your order. Poinsettias are \$10 and the deadline is Monday, November 27. Be sure to include your inscription!



Boy Scouts Wreath Fundraiser

You can help send scouts to summer camp while enjoying fresh, beautiful decorations! **Boy Scout Troop 468 will be selling 22" Frasier fir Wreaths with a bow for \$24 or 26" wreaths for \$29 in the courtyard next Sunday, November 26.** Wreath hangers, poinsettias, and luminary kits are also available. Wreaths will be delivered on December 17.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



From left to right: Kathy, Beverly, Laura (student), and Alan

Handicapable Computer Lab Volunteers

For over 13 years, Handicapable Ministry has offered a computer lab for its students to learn how to work with computers. The lab is run by volunteers who have been faithful in assisting the students each week. Pictured above are three of our computer lab volunteers with student Laura.

Our volunteers arrive as early as 6 p.m. to set up our computer classroom and work with the students until 7 p.m. Handicapable has 10 working laptops for our students to use as they create documents with the help of the volunteers. These documents might contain art work, Bible verses, or pictures of things the students are interested in.

Our volunteers are making a real difference in the lives of the students they assist. We thank God for all of our volunteers who are shining lights for our Ministry and God's Kingdom!

Coming this Week

Sunday, November 19

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Children's Worship	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
Surviving the Holidays	2:00 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM

Monday, November 20

Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas	1:00 PM
Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 21

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

Wednesday, November 22

Toy Making	9:00 AM
Community Bible Study	9:00 AM
Volleyball	7:30 PM

Thursday, November 23

Church Office Closed



Friday, November 24

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
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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	Our Country & President
Adalynn	Glenda Neville	Pat Greely
Allison Hall	I. Pollich Friend	Patsy & Jerry
Andrew Medlin	Jace Michael	Penny Jeffery
Andy Bauman	Jackson	Penny McElyea
Andy, David & Lori	Jan Dale	Peter H
Aubrie & Jessi	Jane Huter	Rev. Jeanette Burton
Audrey Talbert	Jane Neville Dixon	Rich Stemboroski
Barb Martin	Jenny Walter	Richard Robertson
Barker Children	Jim Ledford	Rick
Bauman's Daughter &	Jim Lucky	Rick Holland
Husbands	Jim Meier	RLT
Bette Manard	Jim, Brenda, Bev & Ruth	Robb
Blaze Rockwell	Joan Pitts	Robert Kyle
Bob & Troy Hartel	John Fady	Robin, Jodie, Jay, Doug,
Bobby Quinton	Joyance Dechester	Val & Ty
Bonnie Wismer	Judy Armbruster	Ron Barker
Brian Greely	Karen Goodin	Ron Fowler
Bruce Medlin	Kat Farhangi	Roxe Bale & Family
Bud Haskell	Kecia Richardson	Royce McCullough
Carol Quinton	Kenneth A.	Ruth Aaron
Caroline Fields	Kenny Packard	Sandra Venditto
Carolyn Goodwin	Kim Morris	Sarah & Melissa
Cherie & Dick Hunt	Kim Sudano	Shirley
Children, Youth & Wom-	Kristi Burslem	Shirley & Harold Regis-
an	Kristina Whited	ter
Cyndi & Family	Libby Burke	Starnes Walker
Dale Anderson	Linda Shaw	Steve & Tyler
Dale Metler	Linda Weaver	Steve Harvey
Darlene Coburn	Lorraine & Don Piro	Terry B
Dave, Evelyn B, Kath-	Marcus Jenkins	Terry Shepard
leen M & Carl J	Marg	Todd Smyzer
David Barrett	Marge Kabala	Toni Johnson's Family
Debbie	Margie Stillwell	Travis Ward
DeYong Family	Mark LaPolla	Trevor Birt
Diane Mauch	Mary Jane Arn	Triss Masters
Donna Cordes	Melissa & Sarah Depew	UMW
Donna Ryan	Michael P White	Wanda Barker
E Berry	Mike Troutner	Wilma Jo
Ed Luttmann	Mike Whelan	Zackary Kueker
Emily Joseph	Mindy Van Alstine	
Forest Anderson	Nancy Otte	

MINISTRY MILESTONES

176 TONS

OF FOOD PROJECTED TO BE
COLLECTED AND DISTRIBUTED
TO UNDERFED PEOPLE IN 2017

1,160

PEOPLE RECEIVED TURKEY
DINNERS DURING
THANKSGIVING OUTREACH



14 STUDENTS

WENT TO WEST VIRGINIA FOR
THIS YEAR'S MISSION TRIP



PEOPLE WORSHIP THROUGH
OUR LIVESTREAM IN

21 STATES

1,440

BAGS OF WEEKEND FOOD
GIVEN TO PARTNER SCHOOLS
THROUGH PACK-A-SACK

120

KIDS INVOLVED IN SERVICE
PROJECTS THROUGH
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



350

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
ACTIVE IN HANDICAPABLE



The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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