

SIGNS OF
Christmas

CHRISTMAS EVE - 2017

Glorify God

6 PM WORSHIP

*Music *O Come All Ye Faithful* No. 234
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear No. 218
What Child is This? No. 219
Noel

Advent Candle Lighting The Smith Family

Special Music *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov

Offering *God Is With Us* Faith McHale

Message "The Star" - Luke 2:8-20 Pastor Bob Martin

Special Music *O Holy Night* Faith McHale

*Candle Lighting *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 239
Joy to the World No. 246

*Benediction

*Please stand, if you are able.

8 PM WORSHIP

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What Child is This No. 219
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Message "The Star" - Luke 2:8-20 Pastor Bob Martin

Special Music *O Holy Night* Emma Barrow

*Candle Lighting *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 239
Joy to the World No. 246

*Benediction

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10 PM WORSHIP

Introit *What Child is This* Deb Carlson

*Hymns *The First Noel* No. 245

Hark the Herald Angels Sing No. 240

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly No. 229

Advent Candle Lighting

Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov

Offering *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Message "The Star" - Luke 2:8-20 Pastor Bob Martin

Special Music *O Holy Night* Gretchen Terrell

Holy Communion

*Candle Lighting *Silent Night, Holy Night* No. 239
Joy to the World No. 246

*Benediction

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Welcome from Pastor Bob

Christmas Eve is a magical night and one that warms each of our hearts. Tonight is a time to be thankful for the joy, love, hope and peace that we've experienced through the year, and to embrace the realm of greater possibilities in the year to come.

As Mary and Joseph awaited the birth of Jesus with great anticipation, may we too experience with joy and wonder our loving God coming as flesh and "dwelling among us."

Thank you for sharing your Christmas with all of us and may you experience the warmth and love of the family of St. Paul United Methodist Church!

Pastor Bob

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.



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: a Choir Led Worship at 9:00 a.m. and a Praise Band Led Worship 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



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST



LIKE OUR FACEBOOK:
StPaulUMCLargo

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 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 stpaulumc.org and use the WATCH LIVE link under the worship menu.

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.

Date: December 24, 2017 6 PM 8 PM 10 PM

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 Source 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
- Kids One Day Camp—Feb. 19
- Student Ministry Student Retreats
- Son Kissed Preschool Adult Studies & Groups
- Becoming a Stephen Minister

Other: _____

I will attend:

- Discover St. Paul: January 14 at 11:45 AM
New to St. Paul or want to become a member?
Join us coffee in the Connection Center.

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

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 Jan. 14 at 11:45 AM.



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, IGNITE,)
- Source Groups (Small groups of twelve or less)
- Sunday School 9:15 and 10:15 a.m.
- Parents' Lounge



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



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.



Worship Arts Class

Weds at 6:30 p.m. | Room 201—CLEC
Resuming on Jan.10 children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays in the Christian Life Enrichment Center to worship God in creative ways through games, crafts, service, song and more.

One Day Camp: February 19

Our one day camp is held on Pinellas County teacher work days. This mini-version of our summer camp includes a full day of activities and faith-based fun. Lunch and snacks are included. Cost is \$20/child for the day. You can sign up on our website: stpaulumc.org

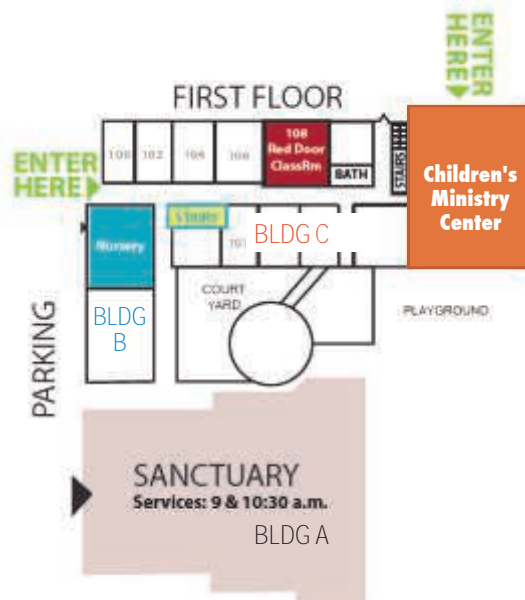
StPaulChildrensMinistry



Summer Activities

Our **summer camp** for kids in K-5th grade explores messages of faith and gives kids the chance to do fun activities, go on field trips and

make friends all summer long. Registration begins in February. Families are also invited to attend our **Vacation Bible School** with their children this summer and share a free dinner, then have fun learning about God in creative ways.



SON KISSED PRESCHOOL

At our Son Kissed Preschool children learn and grow in a safe, caring, faith-based environment. The preschool offers full and part time programs, year-round for kids ages 1 through pre-kindergarten.



Morning snack and lunch provided. We are a Free VPK and School Readiness provider. For more information about our award-winning preschool visit www.stpaulumc.org or call the school at 585-8596.

SonKissedPreschool

LIGHTHOUSE
STUDENT MINISTRY
ST. PAUL UMC



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. This year we're focusing on sharing our faith and service. All are welcome to join us!

Sunday Student Ministry

Join middle and high school students on Sunday nights 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 online in advance. **Sunday Student Ministry is on holiday break. They resume on Jan. 7. 5th graders are invited to join them on the first Sunday of each month.**



How Students Serve

Our students serve at St. Paul and in the community:

Spring Break Serve

On the first weekend of Spring Break, March 24-25, join us for a Serve Day and then a fun sleepover at the church.

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.



SPUMCLighthouse

Grow in Faith

Retreats & Summer Activities

Our Student Ministry offers retreats, concerts, weekly summer fun, and more. Events coming up in 2018 include:

Middle School Winter Retreat: Feb. 16-18

Middle schoolers are invited to a weekend retreat where they'll have the chance to grow closer to God and spend time doing fun outdoor activities. If you're interested, please e-mail our Student Ministry Director, Alison Van Duyne - alison.v@stpaulumc.org.

Teen Valley Ranch: June 10-16

This week long retreat includes daily worship and devotion plus lots of fun: tubing, rock climbing, archery, zip line, horseback riding, and all kinds of crazy group games.



Confirmation Class: Begins Jan. 5

Open to anyone grade 6 and up, this class challenges students to ask deep questions about the Bible, our Methodist beliefs, and their lives as people of faith. Cost for the class is \$30. You can register or find out more at www.stpaulumc.org.

JUMPSTART

MENTORING FOR SUCCESS

We offer Largo Middle School students a free tutoring and mentoring program on Tuesdays. High school students act as tutors, with adults as supervisors. Program also includes pick up from school, dinner and fun activities like games in the gym.



Parents' Lounge

The Parents' Lounge is a casual environment where parents can hang out, build relationships, and support each other through the challenges of raising their children. Each week we discuss a different parenting topic. You can miss a week and jump right back in. Coffee and desserts are provided. The Parents' Lounge is on hiatus through the holidays and will resume meeting Wednesday, January 10.



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 page 5.

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! The next JOY meeting is Jan. 9.



smallgroups

Small Groups are groups of up to twelve people who meet and support each other to:

To grow in their personal relationship with God.
To connect with other believers through worship, study, prayer, praise and service. **To support** each person in their faith walk. **To be the hands and feet of Jesus** by serving within their group, church and community. **To enjoy fun and fellowship together.**

If you would like to be part of a Small Group and "do life together" with other believers, please contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne by e-mailing bobby.v@stpaulumc.org

Church Office Closed Dec. 25, 26 & Jan 1.
The church office is closed on Mon. and Tues, December 25 and 26 and on Monday, January 2. We hope you enjoy your Christmas and New Years!



Upcoming Sermon Series: Stretch!

Ask any high performing athlete and they will tell you before they can achieve greatness, they have to begin with the basics of stretching. What about the believer? All throughout the Bible there are examples of how God stretched his people to prepare them to become something greater for God's purpose. This series begins on Jan. 14.

Next week we have a special worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. when we remember our baptism and reconnect with what it means in our daily lives.



Discover St. Paul Coffee

January 14 at 1:45 AM | Connection Center

Are you new to St. Paul? Thinking about becoming a member or just want to know more about us? Join our pastors for coffee to find out more about who we are as a church, and how you can get connected. Want to join us? Email church@stpaulumc.org, call 584-8165, or fill out the Connect Card on page 4 of this bulletin.



Valentine's Social

You're invited to join us on Saturday, Feb. 3 for a Valentine's Social! Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The event includes dinner, music and dancing, as well as an silent auction. Proceeds support families who are dealing with pediatric cancer. The funds we raise with this event will help provide resources like gas and food cards to families dealing with pediatric cancer, filling the gaps where insurance and hospital care fall short. Tickets are \$25 and will go on sale in January.



United Methodist Women
FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

United Methodist Women

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

Dorcas—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 at the Sabal Palms Children's Center.



FOR PINELLAS

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.



How do we show that 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!

THE CARPENTER'S SHOP



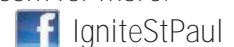
The Carpenter's Shop makes wooden toys that are given to children who are dealing with traumatic situations. We give the toys to first responders, social workers, hospitals and others in our community that are dealing with children in crisis. They give the toys to children who need some comfort and love in a difficult time.

The ministry also provides a place for our woodworkers to come together to serve, pray and find direction.



Young Adults and Professionals (18-30s)

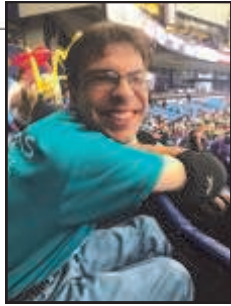
IGNITE resumes on Sunday, Jan. 7 with an Ice Breaker Night. Get to know some new people, hang out, play games, and have a brief study discussion and Q&A. Join them at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. On Sunday, Jan. 14 they begin a new study called "Explore Truth." This study helps develop critical thinking tools to determine what is true and how the truth of Christ sets us free to live with confidence. Follow their Facebook or email youngadults.stpaulumc@gmail.com for more.



Give in Love

Handicapable Ministry

St. Paul's Handicapable Ministry has served God's "Special People" for 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 throughout the year. Our Handicapable Ministry has also partnered with Healthy Community Tampa to provide free health screenings! For more information please contact Director of Handicapable Ministry, Horton Townes at 584-8165 ext. 206 or horton.t@stpaulumc.org.



Back to School Jubilee w/ Pastor Bob

ed shoes, backpacks and school supplies to 425 kids in Largo. 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.

Missions and Outreach

Our Missions and Outreach Ministry Team is involved in mission projects overseas and in our community. This year our Back to School Jubilee provided

Stephen Ministry

For 25 years our Stephen Ministers have provided one-to-one, confidential, Christian care to hurting people in the congregation and the community. Stephen Ministers go through extensive training and offer Christian friendship, care, encouragement and prayer. **Need a Stephen Minister's help, or want to become part of this ministry?** Contact the church office by e-mailing church@stpaulumc.org



Open Arms Ministry

Open Arms Resource Center

St. Paul believes we are to help our brothers and sisters when they are in need. Open Arms offers food and clothing, financial assistance for rent and utilities, and spiritual support. This ministry is currently serving about 4,000 people every month and providing food to other ministries and food pantries in our area as well. This year Open Arms collected and distributed 348,000 pounds of food to the underfed!

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 to 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 if you'd like to help.



Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas gave out 375 turkey dinners!



Prayer Shawl Ministry

Enjoy devotionals, friendships and knitting during Prayer Shawl meetings every other Thurs. at 4:30 p.m in room 243 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This group has made over 1,600 shawls for people in need of being enveloped in prayer. They also

make baby blankets for All Children's Hospital, as well as hats, scarves and more for children and the homeless. Need a prayer shawl for yourself or a loved one? You can find them on the second floor of the CLEC, in the upper room/prayer room.

