



Christmas
FOR
PINELLAS
TAKE A TAG
BRING BACK A TOY
NEXT SUNDAY

The Glory of
Christmas

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR PRESENTS
A CHRISTMAS CANTATA
NEXT SUNDAY AT 9 AM



December 9, 2018
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 during Advent. This year our series, "Christmas 365," is about keeping the joy, hope, love and peace of Christmas alive all year long.

If you're like me and love the music of the Christmas season I hope you'll join us for the cantata next Sunday at 9 a.m. Our talented choir always does a wonderful job, and it's a great day to bring a friend to worship with you! You can also get into the spirit at the Christmas Sing-Along this Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Bring cookies or desserts to share!

As you pass the angel trees in the lobby today, be sure to take a tag and bring back a toy for Christmas FOR Pinellas. With your help our Open Arms Ministry will give out toys for more than 400 children in our community this Christmas!

This is one of the busiest times of year here at St. Paul, so be sure to look through this bulletin, visit our website - stpaulumc.org, or follow our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo. You can also download our app for Apple or Android! I'm so glad you're part of the work we're doing for the Lord here at St. Paul!



Bob Martin

Bob Martin, Lead Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love



WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude	<i>Where There Is Love</i>	Aaron Cassette, Accompanist
Introit	<i>O Worship the King</i>	
The Advent of Peace		
Welcome		Robert Williams, Worship Leader
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>Good Christian Friends Rejoice</i>	No. 224
	<i>Infant Holy, Infant Lowly</i>	No. 229
*Apostles' Creed		Pastor Pam Dubov
*Prayer with Lord's Prayer		
Offertory	<i>Sing to Our God</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, From Whom...</i>	No. 94
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Transitional Hymn	<i>Angels From the Realms of Glory</i>	No. 220
Message	"Peaceful Every Day"	Pastor Bob Martin
	Isaiah 9:2-7	
Directed Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	No. 230
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Sing to the Lord</i>	

*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: Jean Arms and Kinga Low

10:30 AM Greeters: Claire Longman and Caroline Zimmerman

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



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During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us as we light the four candles of Advent. At St. Paul we use three blue candles, and one pink candle to represent joy, along with one larger, white candle as the Christ candle. The lighting of the first candle symbolizes hope and expectation, while the second symbolizes peace, the third joy and the fourth love. The white Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world.

PEACE

THIS WEEK WE FOCUS ON **PEACE**.
WHO WILL SHOW US THE WAY IN A
WORLD WHERE PEACE SEEMS LIKE
AN IMPOSSIBLE DREAM? JESUS, THE
PRINCE OF PEACE IS THE WAY TO
PEACE AND JUSTICE.

DISCOVER ST. PAUL

Wednesdays: January 9-23

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

- What we share in common with all Christians
- What makes United Methodists unique
- How we grow as disciples
- How St. Paul embodies our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, Give in Love
- Next steps to membership and service

Sign up on the Connect Card if you plan to join Pastor Pam as we help each other learn what it means to become part of our St. Paul family.

Turn to page 5 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 easier than ever 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 new 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.



Donate to St. Paul through Amazon!

If you're doing any of your Christmas shopping on Amazon this year, you can use Amazon Smile to donate 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Paul! Just use smile.amazon.com to make your purchases and choose St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo as your charity. It's the same Amazon you know, the same Amazon account, cart and pricing - the only difference is the Amazon Smile Foundation will automatically make a donation to St. Paul when you shop! Use the QR code or visit the Giving page of our website for the link to choose St. Paul in Largo, FL as your charity.

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: December 9, 2018 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:

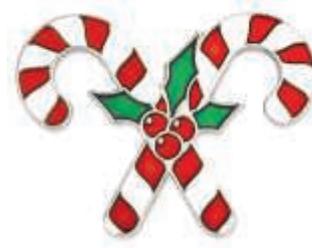
- Livestream Ministry
- Open Arms (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs)
 - Pick-Ups Stocking Other Help
- Christmas FOR Pinellas—Dec. 21
 - Christmas Eve Worship
 - Usher 4 PM 6 PM
 - Greeter 4 PM 6 PM
 - Parking Attendant
 - Coffee Team
 - Coordinator Make Coffee/Clean Up

I plan to attend:

- Discover St. Paul—Wednesdays: Jan 9-23

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

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Loving Hearts Ministry
Members of the Loving Hearts Food Ministry will be greeting and handing out Christmas Candy Canes next Sunday, December 16 at each of the morning services. The Loving Hearts Ministry's purpose is to provide food for receptions after memorial or funeral services held at the church.

This is a way of providing love, caring and comfort to the grieving family and friends, and letting them know that their church family cares.

Why do we share candy canes at Christmas? Because the white of the candy cane symbolizes the virgin birth of Jesus and his sinless life. The hard candy cane represents the solid rock, the foundation of the church and the firmness of the promises of God. The "J" shape of the candy cane represents the name of Jesus and the red stripes remind us of the suffering Christ on the cross and His sacrifice for each of us.

The candy cane is a perfect way to share Christ's story with others. **Won't you share a candy cane** and its story with someone this Christmas?

TOWN HALL MEETING

About Land Sale Today at Noon

Now that the Open Arms Ministry and Carpenter's Shop have relocated to our Druid campus, the Board of Trustees are recommending we sell the land where they were formerly located to pay down our building debt and reduce expenses. We invite everyone to attend a Town Hall Meeting today at noon in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall to receive detailed information about the sale and ask questions that will be answered by our leaders. The vote on whether to proceed with the sale will be held at the church conference next Sunday, December 16.

CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Next Sunday at 2 PM

A Called Church Conference will be held Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2 PM in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall to review and approve two resolutions to sell property currently owned by the church. All members in good standing will be allowed to vote on the resolutions. If you have any questions about the sale we invite you to attend the Town Hall Meeting today at noon. We will provide all the information you need so you can be informed before the vote on December 16.

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**



Christmas Sing-Along and Devotion

Tues., Dec. 11 | 10:30 a.m. | Luanne Willey Fellowship Hall
Nothing prepares a heart for Christmas like the music of the season! Join us on Dec. 11 in the Christian Life Enrichment Center as we sing some of our favorite Christmas songs and hymns, and enjoy a great time of fellowship! Rev. Jeanette Burton will also deliver a devotion. We encourage everyone to bring your favorite Christmas cookies or dessert to share, and to invite a friend. Coffee, apple cider, and hot chocolate will be provided.



Parent's Lounge

Dec. 12 at 6 PM

Mariposa Café (Room 107) - **CLEC**

Parents are invited to join us this Wednesday, December 12 for our last meeting of the year. We'll combine with the kids from Worship Arts for a fun and festive service project that families can do together. Meet in the Mariposa Café at 6 p.m. and be prepared for a few surprises as we Give in Love together. Snacks provided.



Christmas Eve Worship Times

We have two worship times this Christmas Eve. Both will include candlelighting, beautiful music, and a Christmas message from Pastor Bob. Nursery will be provided at both worship times.

Join us as we celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ!

4 PM - BAND LED | 6 PM - CHOIR LED



Cantata: The Glory of Christmas

Next Sunday, December 16 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary
The glory of Christmas comes to life with the music of our choir next Sunday. The familiar carols, original Christmas songs, and scripture based narration will allow you to experience the beauty of the incarnation story as if for the first time!

TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties) Hiatus

TNT is on hiatus for the rest of December. We'll see you in January! To keep up with TNT and upcoming studies and events follow the TNT Facebook:

 StPaulTNT



United Methodist Women

Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, Dec. 12. 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, Dec. 11 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 members meet the second Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. If you have questions about the group and what it does, call Sue Dietz at 727-480-1137. Make an early resolution to join us!



At left tagging 50 hats and scarves for the homeless at the Refuge. At right a few of the 100 hats and scarves made for kids at Ponce De Leon Elementary.

Prayer Shawl Adding Study Next Year

In addition to their meetings on the first and third Thursday of each month, when our Prayer Shawl Ministry works on prayers shawls and other crochet and knitting projects, next year the ministry will add meetings on the second and fourth Thursday. During these meetings they will offer an informal Bible study (no homework required!) Attendees are welcome to bring their projects and work on them during the study, or just focus on the teaching. Prayer Shawl will continue to hold a pot luck whenever there is a fifth Thursday as well, so in 2019 we invite you to join them weekly at 4:30 p.m. in room 212 (Arts and Crafts) all year long to Give in Love and Grow in Faith together.



StPaulChildrensMinistry

TREEHOUSE
Children's Ministry

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: Undercover Christmas

This month kids are learning from biblical lessons about compassion, caring enough to do something about someone else's need. **"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life."** - John 3:16, NIV



Worship Arts Christmas

This Wednesday our Worship Arts parents are invited to join their kids for a Worship Arts Christmas Party! We'll be doing a fun Christmas service project together. Meet in the Mariposa Café on the first floor of the Christian Life Enrichment Center (room 107) at 6 p.m.

This will be the last Worship Arts meeting of the year. Worship Arts will resume on January 16, 2019.

Be sure to check the back page for some pictures from Parents Night Out and our Facebook for even more pictures:

StPaulChildrensMinistry



Student Ministry

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

 SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Night

Christmas is the most magical time of year, except **when it isn't**—when nothing looks like the Christmas we see in commercials, movies, and even our **friends' families**. In this series, we'll discover that, **even when Christmas doesn't live up to our expectations**, because of Jesus, we still have a reason to celebrate.



TONIGHT: **You can celebrate, even when things don't** feel great. God loves who you are, as you are.

Students are invited to join us tonight 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 Small Groups. Dinner is \$3. Register in advance on our website. Time together ends at 8 p.m.

Serve at Christmas FOR Pinellas

On Dec. 21 Open Arms will be giving away toys to those in need. Students are invited to join us at the Christian Life Enrichment Center at 8 a.m. if they want to serve.



High School Winter Retreat

January 11-13.

Cost: \$35

This January our high school students are invited to join us at Lake Mason in Hawthorne, FL for a winter retreat. Spend time together, have fun, and grow closer to God. Cost is \$35. Contact Alison Van Duyne if you're interested in attending 727-584-8165 ext. 234 or alison.v@stpaulumc.org.



Student Christmas Party Next Week

Sunday, Dec. 16 | 5:30 PM | Courtyard

Join us under the lights in the courtyard by the sanctuary for our Christmas Party. Sign up online to bring a dish for the potluck dinner, and bring a white elephant gift valued at \$5 or less. Party starts at 5:30 and ends at 8 p.m.



Should a Child Attend Preschool?

By Jo Ellen Caldwell

In today's world with ABC Mouse, PBS Kids and Leap Frog, it is very easy for a child to learn his or her ABC's and 123's at home. If a mom or a dad has the ability to stay at home with a preschooler, then why should a child attend preschool? Aside from giving mom or dad some free time for themselves, a preschool setting helps a child develop **emotionally and socially**. Preschool is a child's first exposure to a structured setting with other children. This setting will allow the child to learn to share and follow directions. The structured setting also helps the child learn to feel secure and cared for while away from home. Through play activities, a child strengthens his or her pre-math and pre-literary skills. Developing these skills to their fullest is important since kindergarten is becoming more academic. Also, working on pre-kindergarten skills helps a child learn to help others. **Helping your fellow preschooler make a "set of five" gives the helper a sense of competence and self-worth.** While attending preschool from the age of two years old may not be for every family, I would encourage all parents to consider attending a preschool the year prior to starting kindergarten. Doing so can give the child an edge on that first big day at kindergarten.

Coming this Week

Sunday, December 9

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:30 AM
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
Worship	10:30 AM
Children's Worship	10:30 AM
Town Hall Meeting	12:00 PM
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Christmas Sing-Along	10:30 AM
Jumpstart	4:30 PM
UMW: Hannah	6:45 PM

Wednesday, December 12

UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Worship Arts and Parents Lounge	
Christmas Party	6:00 PM
Handi Worship	6:15 PM
Open Adult Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, December 13

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

Friday, December 14

Church Office Closed

Handi Christmas Banquet	6:00 PM
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Saturday, December 15

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:

A Ann	Frank	Mark Nadeau
Aaron & Andrew Medlin	Fred	Martha Lyons
Adelynn	Gail Terbush	Mary Williams
Al & Anne Girard	Gary	Megan, Jake, Dom & Char
Allison Hall	Gilbert Quinn	Melanie Loya
Anderson's Daughters	Grace & family	Melissa & Sarah
Anne Davis	Greg & Alex	Melissa Depew
Aubri & Jessi	Harold & Shirley Register	Michael
Baby Charlotte	Harriett Phillips	Michelle Allen
Barb & Fred	Jace Michael	Mike & Family
Barbara & Rickie Martin	Jackson	Mike
Barker Family	Jane Huter	Mike Constantinou
Baumann Daughters & their Husbands	Jay Barker	Mom, Rachael, Heather
Betsy Haines' children	Jeff Herrell	Moore Family
Blaze Rockwell	Jenny Walter	Mrs. Goble
Bob, Troy & Fay Hartel	Jeremiah	Nancy & Ted Pelyak
Bobby Quinton	Jesse	Optomy Fmaily
Brad Jones	Jim	Our Country
Brandi, Kami & Karaline	Jim Ledford	Pat Howell
Brendan, Chris, Helen, Janice, Chrissy & Elsie	Jimmy Sipes	Patsy McLaughlin Bauer
Brian	Joan Herman	Patty & Dave
Brooke Chiodo	Joan Pitts	Penny
Bruce Medlin	John	Peter H.
Bud Haskell	Jon Clicke	Phyllis Spaulding
Caitlynn and Meghann	Joseph Evanson	President & USA
Timberlake	Josh Altop - Cammie	Rich Stemboroski
Carl J.	Josh DeLoach	Richard Buckley
Carol Quinton	Josiah	RLT
Caroline Fields	Karissa McCabe	Roger, Mike & Colinda
Carolyn Goodwin	Karla Crabtree Moheritz	Ron Fowler
Cathy, Del & Amy	Karleen Younger	Ruth Aaron
Chad M.	Kat Farhangi	Samantha
Charlie Tucker	Kathy Biddle	Sharene Schulz
Cliff Armbruster	Kathy Herrell Hannas	Shelley Hamilton
Connie Trank	Kay McAndrew	Shirley
Curtis	Kenneth Packard	Stephanie Prevost
Dave	Kevin	Suzanne Peach family
Dave & DO Family	Kim Morris	Terry B
Dean Nelson	Kramer Family	Thankful for family
Del Robinson	Kristi	Todd Smyzer
Denny P.	Kristina Whited	Tommy
Devon & Family	Larry Bucholtz	Travis Ward
DeYong Family	Leslee & Family	Trevor Birt
Donna	Libby Burke	Uganda
Doris Dixon	Lilly Ann - Bree Whitaker	Unspoken Prayers
Duane & Alberta Wells	Linda Weaver Hank	Vicky
Duane Wells	Lois Thomson	Vin D'Angelo
Eileen Corsini	Marcus, Mariah & Mychelle Jenkins	Virginia E. Jeffrey
Elizabeth Dearnitt	Margie Lovejoy	Walker-Huff family
Emma	Margie Stillwell	Walt Errett
Evelyn B.	Mark LaPolla	Welch family
Faye & Tom	Mark Moses	Yvette Carter
		Zackary Kueker

Give in Love

Christmas FOR PINELLAS

Christmas FOR Pinellas

Please take a tag from one of the Angel Trees in the lobby to help our Open Arms Resource Center provide toys for over 400 children.

- Buy a gift for the gender and age marked on the tag you choose, and drop your unwrapped gift off in the bin in the sanctuary lobby NEXT SUNDAY or at Open Arms (2039 Druid Rd.) by December 20.
- Leave all presents unwrapped so parents can "shop" for their children's toys in our Christian Life Enrichment Center. Please bring a roll of wrapping paper or a gift bag with your donation. Parents will use these to wrap their gifts after they choose them.

This is a wonderful way to share the joy of Christmas with children in need, and we hope you will help us again this year.

If you can't donate a toy, consider helping with set up and distribution. Call Open Arms Director, Yvette Carter at 727-586-5380 or mark the Connect Card if you would like to help distribute toys on December 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Carpenter's Shop

Our Carpenter's shop is looking for 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.



Courtyard Coffee Coordinator
We have several people who serve on our Courtyard Coffee Team, but we are in need of a coordinator to work with the team and schedule people to make and serve coffee on Sundays. If you would like to help coordinate

the Coffee Team, mark the Connect Card or contact our Senior Director of Music and Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna, at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.

Advent Helpers Needed

We expect to welcome many visitors during the season of Advent, especially on Christmas Eve, when we will worship at 4 and 6 p.m. If you would like to help with worship and make our visitors feel welcome by greeting or ushering mark the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know which worship time(s) you can help!

Greeters and Ushers: 4 p.m. (be at church by 3:15 p.m.)
6 p.m. (be at the church by 5:15 p.m.)

Parking Team. Five people needed to help direct parking before the 4 pm. and between 4 and 6 p.m. worships.

Mark the Connect Card if there is one or more worship time when you can help!

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 Snr. Director of Music & Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna: laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.



Open Arms Food Drive for January

Thank you for the fantastic response to our first food drive last Sunday. **Our next set of items that we'll be collecting for Open Arms are tuna, mac and cheese, and cereal.** Bring any of these items with you on Sunday, January 5 and drop them off in the sanctuary lobby.

Good News

Parents Night Out

On Saturday, Dec. 1, about 90 children joined us for "Parents Night Out" in the Children's Ministry Center. The children ate pizza and had fun in the bounce house in the courtyard, then decorated cookies and played games. Kaitie Zimmerman, Director of our Children's Ministry, offered a devotional before the kids watched the Christmas movie, "The Star." The kids and their families also brought pasta and sauce to donate to our Open Arms Ministry! What a fun way to include our surrounding neighbors in an activity that showed them Jesus' love for all His children! This wonderful event could not have been possible without the volunteer help of numerous adults and several members of our Student Ministry. Thank you!



TNT Serves at Sabal Palms Children's Center

Last Sunday, Dec. 2 our TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties) group helped with Christmas decorating and sang Christmas hymns and carols for the kids at the Children's Center. The group plans to host a few game nights or Bible studies for the young adult residents at the center next year.

Open Arms Food Drive a Success!

Thank you for donating pasta and sauce for Open Arms last Sunday! Our first monthly food drive was a huge success as we overflowed the shopping cart in the lobby with donations! **The items for our next food drive are mac and cheese, tuna and cereal.** We'll be collecting these items on Sunday, January 7.

Prayer Shawl Provides Baby Blankets for the Panhandle

Lois Thomson is no longer able to get out of the house, but she still stays active and made most the blankets pictured at left! The blankets are on the way to Fresh Start Church in the panhandle, which makes trips into the rural areas to deliver requested items. We also sent lap robes for warmth; it's getting cold up there! See page 6 for more about Prayer Shawl in 2019!



PJ Lauser tying tags on baby blankets and caps that will be sent to Fresh Start Church



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



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