

JOIN US IN THE GYM  
TODAY  
TO HELP PACK  
25,000  
MEALS!

SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE.



United Methodist Church

March 8, 2020

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Thank you for being with us today in worship. This season known as “Lent” is when we all take the time to step aside from life’s busy daily rhythm and hit the pause button to reflect on what is really important. The next several weeks we find ourselves on a journey together where our goal is to come into the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. One of the values I love most about our church is that we extend open arms to everyone with the hope that together, we can become stronger and live more authentically. It’s summed up in three words: “You Belong Here!”

Our Lent series “Encounter” will give us the opportunity to walk with Jesus, learn his values, and to understand the depth of a love that drove him to willingly die on a cross for us all. You can see more about Lent and our Holy Week services on page 5. It’s going to be a great season!

You can find more information about all our upcoming events in this bulletin, on our website - [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org), on Facebook or download our free app. 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	<i>I Worship You, Almighty God</i>	
		Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist
Introit	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i>	
Welcome		Pastor Pam Dubov
*Hymns	<i>Holy Spirit Come Confirm Us</i>	No. 331
	<i>I'm Goin'a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing</i>	No. 333
*Apostles' Creed		No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer		No. 895
Offertory	<i>Praise the Lord, His Glories Show</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom...</i>	No. 94
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Hymn	<i>A Charge to Keep I Have</i>	No. 413
Message	<b>"Not Peace But a Sword"</b>	
	Pastor Bob Martin	
	Matthew 10:34-39	
Directed Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>I Am Thine, O Lord</i>	No. 419
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Ancient of Days</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 Worship Leader: Dr. Robert Williams

10:30 AM Worship Leader: Alison Van Duyne

9 AM Greeters: Darlene Coburn and Judy Lazanis

10:30 AM: Linda Bergeron and Deb Digman

## 10:30 Worship Snapshot

A typical contemporary worship at St. Paul lasts about an hour. Our 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. Our scripture and message are the same theme as the 9 a.m. worship. You'll notice every week there's time in our service to give financially. While this is something we're called to do in scripture, it's also just our way of saying, "We love and support our church!"



ABOUT  
60 MIN.



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Know someone who would like to worship with us, but is unable to join us in the sanctuary? Invite them to worship with us live online every Sunday at 9 or 10:30 a.m. Just visit [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) and click "Watch."

## 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](http://www.stpaulumc.org)



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST  
SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



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OR INSTAGRAM

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## DOWNLOAD THE APP



St. Paul has its own app available for free on both Android and Apple platforms. Just search St. Paul UMC Largo in your preferred app store and download it to your phone or tablet!

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, download our free St. Paul app for your phone or tablet or use this QR code.



Flowers

This week's flowers are given by:

- ♥ Audrey Bittle, in loving memory of my sister Janette Franke & mother Frances Taylor.

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. Flowers can be picked up after 9 a.m. worship or donated to those who are in the hospital. Bouquets are \$40.



Donate to St. Paul through Amazon App!

If you shop on Amazon 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. You can now also use Amazon smile on the Amazon app as well as the website. **Look under “Settings” on the Amazon app to find Amazon Smile and choose your charity.** There are several St. Paul churches listed so be sure you pick the one in Largo. It's 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!

SERMON NOTES

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# Grow in Faith

## Adult Studies

### Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes:

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class

**Homeward Bound** - Room 106 - 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



TNT  
(Twenties 'N' Thirties)

Adults in their twenties and thirties are invited to join TNT tonight at 7 p.m. in

room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study. We're currently doing a study on *Reasons for Faith*, a basic apologetics course from the C.S Lewis Institute. This week we're asking whether our human desire for meaning, dignity, immortality, truth, goodness, beauty etc. is cosmic evidence that God exists. Can these yearnings be fulfilled? Can we reduce all the yearnings of poets, novelists, philosophers and saints to a mere quirk of our physiology, or are they indicators of what is real? This argument will not only strengthen your own faith but help you to see how your human desires are cosmic pointers to God, immortality, and much more. Follow the TNT Facebook for updates about upcoming studies and events:

 StPaulTNT

## Light Seekers

Light Seekers

Tuesdays | 10:30 a.m. | LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall  
Light Seekers is a gathering of those who seek to know Christ in a personal way. They're currently doing a Lenten study, "Walk as Jesus Walked." Bring a lunch for fellowship time after the lesson.



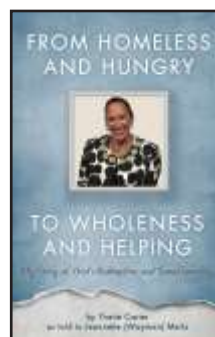
### Holy Land Trip

February 9-18, 2021

Register by March 9: Save \$150 | April 9: Save \$125  
Pastor Bob and Patti will be leading a trip to the Holy Land next year from February 9-18, 2021. We will explore the places that shaped our faith and walk in the steps of Jesus. The trip will have many exciting sites for us to see and experiences for us to share like:

- Worshipping in a boat on the Sea of Galilee
- Praying in the Upper Room
- Having communion at the garden tomb
- Meditating at the site where Jesus was crucified

These events will bind us even more deeply together as the family of God. For all of us, it will unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Although the trip is not until next year, there are discounts available for early registration and deposits increase closer to the trip. You can find out more about the trip by visiting the link on our website [www.stpaulumc.org](http://www.stpaulumc.org) or picking up a brochure in the Connection Center or at the office.



### Stephen Ministry Guest Speaker

March 17 | 6:30 PM | Room 201

Hear Yvette Carter, Director of Open Arms Ministry, speak at Stephen Ministry. Everyone is invited to hear Yvette share her inspirational story, as recorded in her book, "From Homeless and Hungry to Wholeness and Helping." Books

will be available for purchase for \$10.



## LENT AT ST. PAUL

Lent is the period of 40 days leading up to Easter (note: Sundays don't count). It is a time of preparation and focus, reminiscent of Jesus' time in the wilderness before he started his public ministry. We believe that Jesus went to the wilderness to set aside the distractions of normal, "worldly" life and focus on God and God's will for him. So we attempt to do something similar during Lent. Here are four ways you can "enter the wilderness" this Lenten season and find some focus, too.

### GIVE IT UP

Consider giving up something that distracts from your important relationships with your friends, family, and God. A few suggestions include:

- Cut out screen usage for several hours a day
- Take a day of true rest, 24 hours without work.

### PLUG IN

Consider adding in something that helps you connect to God. Maybe that means:

- Read a book of the Bible or a devotional once a day
- Add specific prayer times to your routine

### SERVE

Start a new routine of service or serve in ways you haven't before.

- Why not help us pack 25,000 meals for our community after worship today?
- If you want to start a new routine, join one of our ministries like Jumpstart, Prayer Shawl, **Dorcas Sewing Circle**, the **Carpenter's Shop**, our homeless meal ministry and more. Visit pages 7 and 8 of the bulletin or the serve section of [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) to find a place to serve.

### SHARE IT

Make it a communal event. Share your Lent practice with your small group, study or friends group and/or attend worship.

## LENTEN WORSHIP TIMES



### PALM SUNDAY: APRIL 5

Celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem at both worship times.

### CANTATA

April 5 | 9 a.m. in the sanctuary.

Join us on Palm Sunday for this Lenten concert presented by our sanctuary choir. "Calvary's Love" is an inspiring reminder of the gifts of love and life that are ours because of the price Jesus paid at Calvary. Be encouraged by this musical telling of the timeless message of God's sacrifice and love through Jesus.



### MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 9 | 7 p.m. in the CLEC

Join us in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall for worship including communion and foot washing.



### GOOD FRIDAY

April 10 | 7 p.m. in the CLEC

Join us at the cross as we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

### EASTER SUNDAY: APRIL 12

9 and 10:30 AM in the sanctuary

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

### Lenten Prayer Meeting

Each Tuesday during Lent the Prayer Room (Room 210) in the Christian Life Enrichment Center will be open from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and we invite you to come and join us for corporate prayer.

If you aren't able to make it to the CLEC, you can still take a few moments out of your busy day during this time to pray and connect with God.



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**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 kds 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.

### Wednesday Worship Arts

Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in room 106 of the CLEC for our free Worship Arts Class. Each week kids learn to worship in creative ways and have fun with activities, games, and music. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.



### Summer Camp Registration is Open

The purpose of CampXP is for kids to explore and experience faith, friends and fun all summer. This summer we will explore message of faith and enjoy fun activities, field trips, and more. This year's theme is Refuel, where kids discover how to race toward God. Camp runs from June 1- August 7 and there will be a one week basketball camp available again this year. Summer Camp registration is now open! Visit our website [stpaulumc.org](http://stpaulumc.org) to see more information about this year's camp and register your K-5 child to join us.



### Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade  
 Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry Director, [alison.v@stpaulumc.org](mailto:alison.v@stpaulumc.org)

 SPUMCLighthouse  [stpaul\\_lighthouse](https://www.instagram.com/stpaul_lighthouse)

Chocolate bunnies, baskets of candy, and lots of pastel colors—that's what Easter is all about for most of our students, right? In this series, you'll help your students dive deeper into the Easter story, pointing them toward what the season really means for their lives. As you do, you'll show them that because of what Jesus did for them thousands of years ago, there's more to Easter than maybe they've ever thought.



### TONIGHT: MEET IN THE COURTYARD

Middle and high schoolers are invited to meet in the courtyard tonight at 5:30 p.m. to enjoy time outside under the lights. We'll have pizza for dinner, games, a fire, worship, teaching, and small groups but it will all be held in the courtyard. Bring camp chairs for seating. Time together ends at 8 p.m. as usual.

There is no Student Ministry next Sunday, March 15 due to the Student Mission Trip. Join us March 22 when we hear testimony from the trip.

### Mission Sunday: March 22

On Mission Sunday, March 22, we invite our students and their families to join us for dinner (baked ziti, salad, and bread), games, worship, and most importantly testimony from the students who went on the mission trip. This year we're inviting everyone in the church to join us in the Student Room for testimony after dinner and games. Come join us from 6:30-8 p.m. and hear directly from our students about all the things God did through the trip! If you helped to sponsor the trip through your donations, we would especially love for you to come and see what your donations helped make possible.

# Give in Love



## Serve Pinellas

### JOIN US IN THE GYM TODAY

TODAY four of our local United Methodist Churches are coming together to Serve Pinellas. Each church is working from their own location to pack 25,000 meals! With all four churches, that will be 100,000 meals for the hungry in our community!

#### HOW DO I HELP?

We invite everyone to come to the gym after you worship to help us pack the meal ingredients into bags. Each bag we pack provides at least 6 meals!

#### WHO CAN HELP PACK MEALS?

Anyone! There are jobs for people of all ages and abilities. There are jobs that can be done by kids and by those with limited mobility or those who need to be seated.

If you didn't sign up in advance to help, you can still help! Just join us in the gym today and help out for as long as you can! We will rotate people in and out of the assembly lines as they're able to help, so come and serve for an hour or as long as you're able!

#### WHERE WILL THE FOOD GO?

Most of the food we pack will go to Open Arms to feed the families we serve there. Some food may also go to other food banks in the community so we can reach even more hungry people.

This is a great way for us to serve and have an impact FOR **Pinellas along with other churches so let's all get involved!**





### Wonder Walk 2020

The United Methodist Women invite everyone to join us Saturday, March 28 at 9 a.m. at Redington Shores for this wonderful event for the whole family. It is only a 2 mile walk and raises money for Cornerstone Family Ministries, a UMW national mission which is here in our Gulf Central District.

#### Why donate or walk?

- Cornerstone Family Ministries has helped families in the area for over 120 years. They currently provide free services to nearly 80,000 children, including children at our Son Kissed Preschool.
- Help raise money for **scholarship funds for children living below the poverty level which makes it possible for a child to receive** a full-time (5 days a week) quality early childhood education and 3 nutritious meals a day so parents can work.

All new walker donations will be matched! This is a great way to double your impact for kids in our community.

#### How You Can Help:

- Walk yourself. Get pledges from family and friends
- Support a walker with a donation
- Host your own "Virtual Walk" (you pick the location)
- Become a volunteer
- Help make care packages for kids

Contact: Lyn Sears at 727-480-7961 or Rita Fowler at 727-510-9977 to join our team. UMW ladies will be outside the sanctuary if you would like to make a donation or get more information about the walk.

### Easter Flowers Deadline This Tuesday

The deadline to be included in the flower bulletin is this Tuesday, March 10. If you want to dedicate an Easter hydrangea to a loved one or to the Glory of God, be sure to get your order and inscription in by Tuesday. Flowers are \$10 each and can be picked up after the 10:30 a.m. worship on Easter, April 12. Call the office at 727-584-8165, fill out the form online, or email karen.n@stpaulumc.org to make an order.

## WHAT'S NEW With The UMW?

This year the United Methodist Women are collecting personal care items to donate to residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities in our community. If you would like to donate items for residents, you can drop donations off in the lobby.

We are currently collecting  
**men and women's:**  
 Shampoo  
 Body Wash  
 Toothpaste  
 Comb and Brush Set



### Dorcas Sewing Circle

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets Wednesday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They have moved **downstairs to Room 106 (Carpenter's Room)** while the elevator is out of order. Join them to do simple sewing projects for nursing homes, children in the hospital, the homeless, migrant workers and others in our community. If you don't have sewing skills, we have other jobs for you! You can see a few of our Dorcas members above from **their booth at this month's Prayer Breakfast.**



## Coming this Week

### Sunday, March 8

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
Meal Packing	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
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM
TNT	7:00 PM

### Monday, March 9

Toy Making—Druid	8:00 AM
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### Tuesday, March 10

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	8:00 AM
Light Seekers	10:30 AM
Lent Prayer Meeting	12:30 PM
Jumpstart	4:00 PM

### Wednesday, March 11

Toy Making—Druid	8:00 AM
UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM
Worship Arts	6:00 PM
Handi Worship	6:15 PM

### Thursday, March 12

Toy Making—Druid	8:00 AM
Griefshare	1:00 PM
Prayer Shawl Ministry	4:30 PM
Handbell Rehearsal	5:45 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Choir Social	8:00 PM

### Friday, March 13

*Church Office Closed*

### Saturday, March 14

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	9:00 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 or make a prayer request on our app. You can also call our prayer line at any time: 559-PRAY (7729).

## Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for these people with immediate prayer needs:

A Ann	Jane Huter	Our World
Amy Johnson	Jeff Keyes	Pat Jones
Andrea Preston	Jenielle Ostrowski	Patricia
Aubrey	Jeremiah Sage	Patricia Cox
Barbara Cruz	Jerry	Peggy
Barbara Davie	Jim & Jennifer	Penny
Barbara Steele	Joan & Skip Buchwald	Peter H.
Bauer Family	Joan Jonchkeeie	Randy Roberts
Baumann daughters and sons in law	Jodi Warren	Rev. Hays McKay
Bob Van Hooser	Joey, Jonah	RLT
Brad Jones	John C.	Rob & Sharon
Brooke Chiodo	John Ward	Ron Barker
Bruce Robinson	Jordon & Jenkins family	Rosemary Potter
Caitlynn Timberlake	Joseph Evanson	Russ Munyan
Carla	Josh DeLoach	Ruth Dorrel
Carmen Munyan	Judy Bobb	Saylor Family
Carol Quinton Naja	June Davis	Shirley Register
Caroline Fields	Kat F.	Stephanie Mueller
Carolyn Goodwin	Kathy Herrell Hannas	Stephen Brower
Cheryl Jetter	Kenneth & Gail Packard	Susan Pelyak
Children, Women, Youth	Kim Sudano	Tammy Barker
Chris Mitchell	Kohn Family	Teresa Wunderlin
Christine Brower	Kylea Johns	Thank You
Ciandella Family	Libby Burke	Tina, Sherry, Sandy
Cliff Armbruster and family	Lillyann	Tony & Betty Finotty
Coronavirus	Linda	Tonya
Curtis	Linda Evans	Vicky
Darlene Mitchell	Linda Grasso	Walker-Huff family
David Barrett	Linda, Michelle, Jackson	Walter Errett
David Malone	Lynn, Jim, Nate	Wayne Popiolek
Debbie Dubov	Mary Anne Hayes & Robert Steel	Welch family
Del Robinson	Matt Smith	Yvette Gonzalez Carter
Dianna Cowdgick	Meghann Timberlake	
Don & Ka'ren Naja	Michael & Lucy	
Don Naja	Michelle Allen	
Dorian	Michelle McKimmie	
Ensley Family	Naja Family	
Everyone	Nancy Benson	
Fred, Lainy, Karen, Gary, Sharon	Nancy Marshall	
Good Health	Nelson	
Hadley H.	Our Country	
Herbert Jacobs	Our Pastors	

# Good news



Carolyn Goodwin  
mission booth

## Women's Prayer

### Breakfast

Saturday morning, February 29, over 90 women gathered in the church's LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall for the United Methodist Women's Annual Prayer Breakfast. Attendees were treated to a delicious breakfast, and the program was highlighted by a powerful message, "What Do We Do with Doubt?" The speaker was Women In Apologetics Executive Director of Development and St. Paul UMC member, Rachel Shockey. UMW representatives also shared their work at mission booths and told of their service projects in support of Missionary Carolyn Goodwin, Dorcas Sewing Circle and St. Paul United Methodist Women. Proceeds of the booths support the specific missions. Visit page 8 of this bulletin for more about the Dorcas Sewing Circle meeting this week. We appreciate the work of our UMW and faithfulness in serving the Lord locally and internationally for many years!



Speaker, Rachel  
Shockey



## Small Group Celebrates Shrove Tuesday

One of our Small Groups celebrated Shrove Tuesday together with a meal. Each of them shared what Lent and Easter means to them. Their Lenten study by Max Lucado is called "The Easter Experience." What are you doing to grow closer to God this Lent?



## HUG Orange Party

Saturday, February 29, our Handicapable Ministry hosted and celebrated the second anniversary party for Robin Lally's HUG (Help Us Gather) in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. The room was filled with orange (HUG's signature color) as about 235 attendees took photos and had fun playing games, dancing and doing other fun activities. Handi's own Jim Puyda was kept busy drawing caricatures, and attendees enjoyed two huge birthday cakes at the end of the event.



## Thank You!

Thanks to Carol Cook and Garrett Digman for stepping in to help with our Ash Wednesday service. Both of our pastors were sick, and their help enabled us to include the placement of ashes in worship without a risk to anyone's health.

In its two years of existence HUG has become a household name in the Special Needs community in Pinellas and other surrounding counties. Over 60 Handicapable members have signed on to become HUG ambassadors and spread the word about HUG's website listing activities available for hundreds of local Special Needs families. Job well done, Robin!



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



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