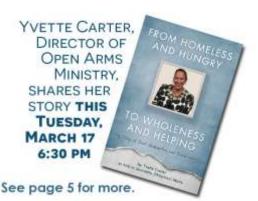




THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 20: 7 PM See page 4 for more.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

THIS WEDS, MARCH 18: 6 PM See page 4 for more.





United Methodist Church March 15, 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, 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!



Glorify God

WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude We Bow Down Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist

Introit Victory in Jesus

Welcome Pastor Pam Dubov
*Hymns Jesus Lover of My Soul No. 479

Jesus the Very Thought of Thee No. 175

*Apostles' Creed No. 881 Prayer with Lord's Prayer No. 895

Offertory Hallelujah, What a Savior Sanctuary Choir
*Doxology Praise God From Whom... No. 94

*Doxology Praise God From Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn Sweet Hour of Prayer No. 493

Message "Flipping Tables" Pastor Bob Martin

Matthew 21:12-14

Directed Prayer

*Hymn Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me No. 509

*Benediction

*Postlude A Mighty Fortress is our God

*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: Michael Mobley

9 AM Greeters: Joanne and Carl Haller 10:30 AM: Linda Bergeron and Becky Carter

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

Passionate Music

NO PRESSURE

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 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





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 OR code.

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. 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

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 if you have an android phone. Look under "Settings" on the Amazon app to find Amazon Smile and choose your charity. This is coming to the iPhone soon, but is currently only available on android. 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

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)
There is no TNT meeting

tonight. Adults in their twenties and thirties are invited

to join TNT next Sunday 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. Next week we're asking "Can the Gospels be trusted?" Some say that much of the Gospels was invented by the early church. Can we give a credible argument that the Gospels are historical? In this discussion we learn about the strong evidence for the reliability of the Gospels. Follow the TNT Facebook for updates about upcoming studies and events:





Light Seekers

Tuesdays | 10:30 AM | 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.



New Member Class This Wednesday, March 18 | 6 -7:30 PM Mariposa Cafe (CLEC)

If you're new to St. Paul or you've been attending for a while and you're interested in joining, we invite you to a new member class led by Pastor Pam this Wednesday, March 18 from 6-7:30 p.m. Ask any questions you may have. Find out what we believe, who we are at St. Paul, and what it means to be a member. You belong here, so learn how you can more deeply connect. Email church@stpaulumc.org if you plan to attend.

Handi Talent Night

This Friday, March 20 | 7 PM

Luanne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC)

Join us in the CLEC this Friday to cheer on our Handicapable members at the annual Handicapable Talent Night. The show includes music, dancing and more as the Handicapable take center stage and share their talents! Everyone is invited!

give in Love

Griefshare Weekly Support Group Thursdays | 1 PM | Room 106 (CLEC)

Griefshare is a weekly grief support group meets on Thursdays at 1 p.m. This group is open to anyone over the age of 18 who has suffered the loss of a loved one. It offers an opportunity to share the journey through grief with others who understand what you're going through. Weekly meetings include informational videos, group discussion and support, and a workbook (\$18) with personal study exercises to help you work through the grieving process. You do not have to attend every week, just come when you can.



Small groups meet regularly to support each other in their faith journey and "do life together."

- Grow in personal relationship with God.
- Connect with other believers through worship, study, prayer, praise and service.
- Support each person in their faith walk.
- Serve within their group, church and community.
- Enjoy fun and fellowship together.

If you would like to join a Small Group and bond with other believers contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumcg.org or 727-584-8165 x233

Lost and Found

If you lose something on Sunday, check the church office lost and found during the week. Give us a call at 727-584-8165 and we'll let you know if your item has been turned in. We only keep lost items for 90 days so don't wait too long.



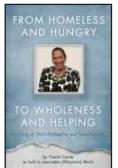
Holy Land Trip February 9-18, 2021

Register by 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 or picking up a brochure in the Connection Center or at the office.



Hear Yvette Carter Speak This Tuesday

March 17 | 6:30 PM | Room 201 Hear Yvette Carter, Director of Open Arms Ministry, speak at Stephen Ministry this Tuesday. Everyone is invited to hear Yvette share her inspirational story, as recorded in her book, "From Homeless and Hungry to Wholeness and Help-

ing." 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.

Join one of our ministries like Jumpstart, Prayer Shawl, Dorcas Sewing Circle, the Carpenter's Shop, our homeless meal ministry and more. Visit page 8 of the bulletin or the serve section of stpaulumc.org to find a place to serve.

SHAREIT

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 AM 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 PM in the Sanctuary

Note that our Maundy Thursday worship location has been moved from the CLEC to the sanctuary to allow for livestreaming. Join us for worship focused on the Last Supper.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 10 | 7 PM in the Sanctuary

Note that our Good Friday worship location has been moved from the CLEC to the sanctuary to allow for livestreaming. 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.



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.

No Wednesday Worship Arts This Week

There is no Worship Arts this week due to spring break. Kids ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us on next Weds., March 25 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 to see more information about this year's camp and register your K-5 child to join us.



TONIGHT: NO STUDENT MINISTRY
There is no Student Ministry tonight due to the
Student Mission Trip.

NEXT SUNDAY: MISSION SUNDAY

On Mission Sunday, March 22, we invite our students and their families to join us for dinner at 5:30 p.m. (baked ziti, salad, and bread), games and worship followed by testimony from the students who went on the mission trip.

This year we're also inviting everyone in the church to join us in the Student Room 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. The Student Room is Room 209 upstairs, right across from the Prayer Room.



Keep Our Students in Your Prayers

This week a group of students and adults from our Student Ministry Team are heading to Port St. Joe in the Florida panhandle to help with ongoing hurricane cleanup and repairs. Keep our team and their safety in your prayers this week and ask that they would be a light that allows others to see God and grow closer to him.



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.

Jumpstart Ministry

Jumpstart is our middle school mentoring ministry. We have grown this year, and we are still in need of Adult Supervisors to oversee student tutoring and games in the gym, help serve dinner and help clean up. If you are interested in serving at Jumpstart in any of these ways contact Alison Van Duyne at alison.v@stpaulumc.org or 727-584-8165 x234.

WHAT'S 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:
Shampoo
Body Wash
Toothpaste
Comb and Brush Sets

LVING HEARTS MEMORIAL FOOD MINISTRY

Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

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

Flower Ministry

Our Flower Ministry needs your help! Members of the Flower Ministry serve one Sunday a month by preparing flowers after the 9 a.m. worship so they can be picked up by the person who ordered them, or they can be delivered to hospitals. They also deliver flowers to members who are in the hospital and bring them a bit of joy from their St. Paul family. If you aren't able to do both parts of the job, we can still use your help to either prepare flowers on Sunday or deliver them. Fill out the Connect Card or email karen.n@stpaulumc.org and let us know if you can help prepare flowers, deliver them or both.

Coming this Week

Sunday, March 15 Student Mission Trip

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 10:15 AM **Bereans** Inspirations 10:15 AM Friendship 10:30 AM Worship 10:30 AM Children's Worship 10:30 AM Homeless Meal 3:30 PM

> Monday, March 16 Student Mission Trip

Toy Making—Druid 8:00 AM **Boy Scouts** 7:00 PM

> Tuesday, March 17 Student Mission Trip

Sonrise Men's Study 7:00 AM Toy Making—Druid 8:00 AM Light Seekers 10:30 AM Lent Prayer Meeting 12:30 PM Stephen Ministry 6:30 PM Finance Meeting 6:45 PM

> Wednesday, March 18 Student Mission Trip

Toy Making—Druid 8:00 AM **New Member Class** 6:00 PM Handi Worship 6:15 PM

> Thursday, March 19 Student Mission Trip

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

> Friday, March 20 Church Office Closed

Student Mission Trip

Handi Talent Night 7:00 PM

> Saturday, March 21 Student Mission Trip

8:00 AM Soaring Eagles Basketball 9:00 AM

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.n@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 AJ & Katie Godsey Don Naja family Donald Harper family A Ann Donnie Swaggart Amber B Donnie Wayne Andrea Preston Dorian Anne Davis Eileen Corsini **Armbruster Family** Elsie, Jack, Chrissy, Aubrey, Ruth Chris, Tyson, Carol, Judy, Barb, Jodi & Tony Lois, Daneille, Ken &, Barbara Kitty Barker family Evelyn B Baumann Daughters & Felix's parents' health Son-in-laws Fisher Johnson Bev & Monty Fred, Lainy, Peggy, Gary, Bill & Marilyn Neville Carla Bob & Barb Gail Packard Bob & Jan Greg & Family

Bob & Sherry Hartel James & Betty Hoggatt Jane Huter Bob Van Hooser

Bonnie Spencer & family Janet Jones **Brad Jones** Jen & John Brianne & Family Jerry Stewart Jim

Brooke Chiodo **Brother Anders** Jim & Jennifer

Bruce Madden Joan & Skip Buchwald Bruce Robinson Joey

Bowman family John Jordan Goodin Caitlynn Timberlake Joseph Evanson Cameron Lashbrook Josh & Family Cancer patients & cure Josh DeLoach Carl J Judy Seitz

Carol Ka'ren & Don Naja Karen Goodin Carol Hughes Carol Quinton Naja Kat F.

Caroline Fields Kathy Herrell Hannas Carolyn Goodwin Kathy Seitz Cathy, Del & Amy Ken Ackerson Charles Davis Kenneth Packard

Chris Mitchell Kim & Jack Morris Chris Morrison Kim Sudano Christine Barry Kylea Johns

Laura Morris & family Christyal Herrell Cindy S Libby Burke Claire & Bill Lillyann

Corona Virus cure Linda Darlene Mitchell Linda, Michell, Jackson Dave & Do Lisa Hodrick

David Lyn Sears Debbie Dubov Lynn, Tim, Nate Dee & Herb Margo & Ed Marriages Del Robinson

Derek Mary Anne & Robert Mary Thalman Diane

Matt Smith Medical Community

Meghann Timberlake Michael, Lucy, Bob Michelle Allen Mike & Family My church family Nancy Benson Ola Joseph Pat Jones

Patty & Dave Penny Peter H.

Ralph & Linda Estes

Ray Lewis

Rebekah, Jacob, Jack-

Rev. Hays McKay Richard Goodpastor Rick Schoonover Rita Pennington

Robert "Bob" Hartel

Roger

Ron & Judy Getz Roy Neville Ruth & Tom Sandy Venditto Saylor Family Seitz grandchildren Sharon & Fred Sherry Culler Shirley Register Stephen Brower Susan Pelvak Tammy Barker Teresa Wunderlin

Tim Seitz Tina, Sherry & Sandy Todd Smyzer

Tom, Wendy & Aiden

Tonya

Tuminello Children United Methodist Church

Unspoken Vicky

Walker-Huff family Walter Errett & Melanie

Loya Welch family Whited Family

Yvette Gonzalez Carter

Good News

Thank You for Serving Pinellas!

Last Sunday our amazing group of volunteers managed to exceed our goal and pack more than 26,500 meals in just three hours! Your response and willingness to serve was overwhelming. We thank you all for putting on your stylish hairnets and stepping up to help feed hungry families in our community. What a fantastic day for God's kingdom! Special thanks as well to our table leaders and others who helped set up on Saturday to make this great day possible.





























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



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