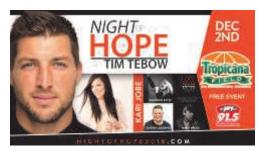




SEE PAGE 7 FOR MORE.





GET YOUR FREE TICKETS IN ADVANCE. SEE PAGE 5 FOR MORE.



Whether you're a first time guest or already a part of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us today. Our current series, "The Upside Down Church," is all about turning people's negative **ideas about what the "church" is upside down. This week my** message is about "Keeping Connected." The relationships and connections we make affect our lives, but how do they affect our faith? Why is it important for us to connect?

Today is Commitment Sunday when we pray over and dedicate our Commitment Cards during worship. See page 2 for more information about making a commitment to St. Paul for 2019.

I hope all our parents have signed their kids up for the Parents Night Out this Saturday! You deserve a night off, and the kids will have a great time at our free event! Register at stpaulumc.org

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, Senior Pastor

Glorify God • Grow in Faith • Give in Love



# WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude	Aaron Cassette, Accompanist			
Introit	Holy God We Praise Thy Name			
Welcome				
*Greet	Oh How He Loves You and Me			
*Hymns	Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee	No. 89		
	Lift High the Cross	No. 159		
*Apostles' Cree	ed Felix Kouts	ourais, Lay Leader		
Baptism of Violet Abigail Small				
*Prayer with Lo	ord's Prayer			
Offertory	Down to the River to Pray	Sanctuary Choir		
*Doxology	Praise God, From Whom	No. 94		
Prayer of Thanksgiving				
Transitional H	ymn Now Thank We All Our God	No. 102		
Message	"Keeping Connected"	Pastor Bob Martin		
	Ecclesiastes 4:7-10			
Blessing of Commitment Cards				
*Hymn	Lead On, O King Eternal	No. 580		
*Benediction	-			
*Postlude				

\*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, let an usher know. Baby changing tables are located in both men and women's restrooms.

> 9 AM Greeters: Ola Joseph and Darlene Coburn 10:30 AM Greeters: Sharon Herman and Deb Byrnes

#### 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



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK StPaulUMCLargo OR INSTAGRAM StPaulUMCLargoFL N Province P

#### Making a 2019 Commitment

We are dedicating our commitment cards during worship today. There is no other organization whose mission and purpose has a greater impact than the local church because we are sharing the greatest gift of all, the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Our ministries, our outreach, our worship, everything we do is in Jesus' name and we hope that each one of us is "All In" to do his work.

Each year we ask you to make a giving commitment for the following year so that we can build a budget. This is a vital tool for us as we plan the ministries of the church, but it is also an important act of worship and commitment for all of us who are part of this church.

If you would like to make a commit today to support St. Paul next year, Commitment Cards are available in the pews or the Connection Center. You can also make your commitment on our website: stpaulumc.org or through the St. Paul app. Thank you for your gifts and for your commitment to St. Paul and the work we're doing for God's kingdom!

#### A Note from Arch and Sue Johnston

Sue and I would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for the way you welcomed us and supported us during our season here at St. Paul. It's hard to believe that almost 6 years have gone by so quickly. It has been a joy to worship and serve with you. We have loved being here and wish everyone and all the ministries the very best. As we leave this special place, we will miss you and fondly keep you in our prayers. God bless you.

Blessings, Arch and Sue Johnston

Turn to page 9 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!



#### 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

This week's flowers were given by:

- Richard & Mary Ann Clemow, in honor of our 53rd wedding anniversary!
- Mike & Cindy Constantinou, in celebration of our 23rd wedding anniversary!
- Julia Smith & Family, in memory of Alvin Smith on his birthday
- Kathy & Gary Gould, in loving memory of Mark

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.

# St. Paul United Methodist Church

Use this card to record your attendance and share your prayer requests, needs and interests. Tear off and return it in the offering plate, the basket in the lobby, or the Connection Center. You do not need to fill out the entire card, only the parts that apply to you!

Date: November 25, 2018 9 AM 10:30 AM
Name:
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name
E-mail:
Phone: Home Cell
Address:
Please update my information.
l am a:
🗌 1st Time Guest 🔲 2nd Time Guest
Regular Attendee Member(s)
□ Winter Resident: Here from to
I came today because:
$\Box$ I drove by $\Box$ I visited the website
$\square$ I've been here before $\square$ I received a mailing
☐ I was invited by
Other:
l want to join your e-mail list:
Weekly Pastor's E-Note Student
Weekly St. Paul Newsletter Children Other <sup>.</sup>
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:

Sound Operator Training

- □ Livestream Ministry
  - Open Arms (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs) □ Pick-Ups □ Stocking □ Other Help

□ Children's Ministry

Christmas FOR Pinellas-Dec. 21



#### WHAT DOES "FOR PINELLAS" MEAN?

Too many times people only know what churches are against. We want the conversation to be about what St. Paul is 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?

Being FOR Pinellas means reaching out to our community and showing them what God's love is all about. It also means lifting up the people in our community who are making Pinellas a great place to be!

#### #FORPINELLAS

If you have a social media account, share the positive things you see in our community, or positive things you're doing, with the hashtag #FORpinellas.

#### TAKE PART IN ST. PAUL MINISTRIES THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY

#### WEAR THE SHIRT

Wear your FOR Pinellas shirt in the community and if anyone asks you what it means, tell them that St. Paul is FOR our community, and FOR them! If you don't have your FOR Pinellas shirt yet, you can get one for \$5 in the Connection Center today.

#### FOR PINELLAS CARDS

Carry FOR Pinellas cards with you and share them with people in the community who are doing something great or with people with whom you are sharing a random act of kindness.

#### SUPPORT COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Don't forget to fill out the other side!



#### 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** 

<u>10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes</u> Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C Bereans - Conference Room 2 in Bldg B Friendship—Room 201 (Community Room) - CLEC



Parents Night Out | December 1: 5-9 PM Take the night off, while we take care of the kids! Children from infant through 5th grade are invited to join us for a FREE PJ Party including dinner, games, a movie and more. Each child is asked to bring a package of pasta and a jar of sauce as a donation for Open Arms.



# Candlelight Christmas

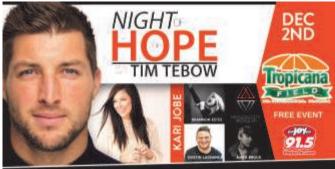
Friday, December 7 | Doors open at 6:30 PM LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall (CLEC)

#### FESTIVE DINNER MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY Ross Kimura and Trinity Faith Andrews

Handmade ornaments will be available for donation.

#### TICKETS ARE \$25

Buy yours in the courtyard between services on Sundays or in the church office workroom from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The last day to buy tickets is this Thurs, Nov. 29.



NIGHTOFHOPE2018.COM

#### Night of Hope

It's time for God's people to rise up, and share the hope of the Gospel! St. Paul is taking part in an area -wide Night of Hope this December 2 at 5 p.m. Tim Tebow and other guests and musicians will join us and other area churches at Tropicana Field. It's going to be a night of faith and celebration, so plan to join us. Free tickets need to be picked up in advance of the event. Visit noh2018.com for more info on where to get tickets. There is a cost for parking so we encourage carpooling with a group of friends.



We have two worship times this Christmas Eve. Both will include candlelighting, beautiful music, and a Christmas message from Pastor Bob. We are trying out earlier times for our Christmas Eve worship to allow everyone to spend more time Christmas evening with their families at home.

# 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

December 16 at 9 a.m. in the Sanctuary The glory of Christmas comes to life in this inspiring cantata by Lloyd Larson. Our choir will share a blend of familiar carols and original songs that will transport you and allow you to experience the beauty of the incarnation story as if for the first time!



#### Help Decorate for Advent

Join us this Wednesday, November 28 to help us decorate the sanctuary for advent. We'll meet in the sanctuary lobby at 6 p.m. and we will divide out decorating jobs from there.

# small**gr::ups**

Small Groups at St. Paul are formed by up to twelve people who meet to support each other in their faith journey and to "do life together." The groups meet regularly to grow and connect with other believers, support each other in their faith, and serve together. Enjoy fun and fellowship together. If you would like to be part of a Small Group and forge a bond with other believers fill out the Connect Card on page 4 or contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumcg.org or 727-584-8165 x233.

#### Handbell Rehearsals

If you would like to be part of our hand bell choir, you're invited to join us in the choir room (at the end of preschool building) for bell



rehearsal at 5:45 p.m. on Thursdays. You don't need previous experience playing the bells, we can teach you!



#### Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, November 28. 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.

# **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!

Visit our website stpaulumc.org for more information about how to use the new app!



**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: Jam Session

This month kids are learning from biblical lessons about cooperation, working together to do more than you can do alone. *"Two people are better than one. They can help each other in everything they do."* Ecclesiastes 4:9, NIrV

#### Worship Arts: Advent Decorating This Weds.

This Wednesday, November 28 we will meet across the street at the sanctuary at 6 p.m. for Worship Arts. Kids will help with this year's advent decorating as a service project.



Worship Arts Christmas Party Mark your calendar for Wednesday, December 12 and play to join us for a Worship Arts Christmas Party! We'll have fun party games and snacks and a Christmas service project. This will be the last Worship Arts meeting of the year. Worship Arts will resume on January 16 of 2019.



# Student Ministry

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

SPUMCLighthouse

### Sunday Night

Sometimes following God feels a little complicated. In this series, as we look at how Jesus kept faith simple, we'll see that it's really all about doing one thing—the greatest thing.

### TONIGHT: Let Jesus lead you toward love

Students are invited to join us next week 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.

# NIGHT HOPE

December 2:

Night of Hope Students are invited to attend the Night of Hope with us. Meet in front of the Chris-

tian Life Enrichment Center at 4:30 p.m. to join us on the bus to Tropicana Field. We'll return to the church by 9:15 p.m. Free tickets need to be picked up in advance of the event. Visit noh2018.com for ticket information. Dinner is not provided, but there will be concessions available for purchase. Students are encouraged to bring a friend or two!



#### Ways to Serve

We have several ways that students can serve during the advent season.

Parents Night Out. Join us from 4:30-9 p.m. in

the Children's Ministry Center. We'll help lead games, serve dinner and more for the Children's Ministry.

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.





Giving to Hurricane Victims in the Panhandle The people of the First United Methodist Church of Ormond Beach have challenged the Florida Annual Conference to help our sisters and brothers in the panhandle through a matching gift up to the amount of \$500,000. In the last month churches and individuals have sent just over \$250,000! Thank you to all of you who have given! Gifts will continue to be matched through December 31 so if you plan to give, be sure to make your gift by then so you can double your impact. These offerings will be distributed by Bishop David Graves and the cabinet of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference to local churches with the greatest needs. Thank you for your generosity!

#### How to Make Your Gift

The conference has set up an online giving site https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/donate where you can make a donation that will be included in the matching. You can also donate by check and mail to Florida Annual Conference, 450 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave., Lakeland, FL 33815-1522. Please make checks payable to The Florida Conference Treasurer with Hurricane Michael in the notation line.



Christmas FOR Pinellas We are planning to provide toys to 500 children at this year's Christmas FOR Pinellas. The Angel Trees will be in the sanctuary lobby next week, so please plan to take a tag or two and

bring back toys appropriate for the age and gender on your tag. If you want to help distribute toys on December 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. mark the Connect Cart on page 4.



#### Open Arms Monthly Food Drive

Starting in December we will host a monthly food drive on the first Sunday of each month to collect food

for Open Arms. We will focus on one or two food items each month to help Open Arms stock up on specific staples. NEXT SUNDAY the food items are pasta and spaghetti sauce. You can drop your donation off next Sunday in the sanctuary lobby before or after worship.



#### Order Poinsettias by Dec. 6

The poinsettias that fill the sanctuary each Advent are a beautiful part of the season. If you would like to dedicate a poinsettia to a loved one, call the church office at 584-8165 or make

your order on our website. Poinsettias are \$10 each and the deadline is December 6. You can pick up poinsettias at 7 p.m. after the second Christmas Eve worship.

#### 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.

## LVING HEARTS MEMORIAL FOOD MINISTRY

When families are suffering with grief over the loss of a loved one, there is a great 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, or if you have a need for the Loving Hearts Ministry, please contact the church office at 584-8165.

### Coming this Week

Sunday, November 25			
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		
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM		
Student Ministry	5:30 PM		
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Monday, November 26			
Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas	5 1:00 PM		
Girl Scouts	6:00 PM		
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM		
Tuesday, November 27			
Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM		
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM		
Griefshare	6:00 PM		
Wednesday, Noven	<u>nber 28</u>		
Toy Making–Druid	9:00 AM		
UMW: Dorcas	9:00 AM		
Advent Decorating	6:00 PM		
Handi Worship	6:15 PM		
Open Adult Volleyball	7:45 PM		
Thursday, Novemb			
Toy Making–Druid	9:00 AM		
Prayer Shawl Potluck	4:30 PM		
Handbells	5:45 PM		

## Friday, November 30

7:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal

Church Office Closed

December 1	
Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:15 AM
Toy Making–Druid	9:00 AM
Parents Night Out	5:00 PM

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:

Abigail Velazquez's Fam- Harriett Phillips ily Aaron Medlin Al Girard Allison Hall Amv Andrew Medlin Anne Davis Audrey Talbert Aunt Pat Baby Charlotte Barbara & Ricki Martin **Bev Hayes** Blaze Rockwell Bob & Jan Bob & Troy Hartel Bobbie, Meredith **Bobby Quinton** Brad Jones Bree Whitaker Bruce Medlin Bud Haskell Caitlynn Timberlake Carl J Carol Quinton Caroline Fields Carolyn Goodwin Chad M. Charlie Tucker Chris Christy **Cliff Armbruster** Connie Trank Curtis Dave Dave & Do Del Robinson DeYoung family Donna Simonetti Dorcus Jenkins & family Duane & Alberta Wells **Duane Wells** Evelyn B F. Anderson's daughter Families in California Fred & family Gail Terbush Gary Cradick Gilbert Quinn Grace & family Harold & Shirley Register

Harry Moulton Health Jace Michael Jackson Jane Huter Jeff & family Jenny Walter Jessie H Jim Jim Ledford Joan Browder Joe Joey John B John Fady Jonathan Moon Joseph Evanson Josh DeLoach Josiah Seitz Karleen Younger Kat Farhangi Kelly, Mack & Wimby Kenneth A. Kenneth Packard Kevin Thompson Kim Morris Kramer family Kristi Burslem Leane Lent family Libby Burke Linda Davis Linda Lockheart Linda Weaver Hank Linda, Michele, & Jackson Liz & Larry Miller Lois Thomson Maledin & Lorene Rea Margie Lovejoy Margie Stillwell Mark LaPolla Matt & family Megan & Zoey Mulcare Meghann Timberlake Michael Michael P White Mickey & Susie Mike & family Mike Constantinou Mike Gusiella

Mike Whelan Mr. & Mrs Sableskie My family Natalie and child Our church Our country Pat Howell Patsy McLaughlin Bauer Paul Peace Penny McElyea Peter H. Phyllis Spaulding Pinellas County Teachers Praises for job Rayne Rich Stemboroski Rick & Amy RLT Ron & Judy Getz Ron Barker Ron Fowler Ruth Aaron Ryan Samantha Seitz family Serfass family Shelley Hamilton Shirley Shutzendorf Halliburton family Steve & JoAnne Stevie & Tyler Couch Sue Dort Susan Peach Tammi Earley Terry B Thank You Todd Smyzer Tommy Travis Ward Trevor Birt Uganda Veterans Walker-Huff family Wanda Barker Welch family Women, Children, Youth **Yvette Carter** Zackary Kueker

CODD NEWS -





Handi Thanksgiving Draws a Huge Crowd On Wednesday evening, November 14, over 300 Handicapable members, church members and friends gathered for Handicapable's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Thanksgiving Worship in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. Guests were treated to a wonderful meal served by Pastor Bob's source group. During the service individual prayers and songs were lifted up by Handicapable students and leaders, and the Children's Ministry led a worship song. Our featured inspirational speaker was long-time St. Paul Church member, 100 year-old Bob

McClintock, who shared some of his experiences as a fighter pilot in WWII and how he has been blessed by his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As Pastor Bob reminded us all in closing, the night was a true testament to what heaven will be like – full of joy, love and faith!

Visit our Facebook for more pictures: StPaulUMCLargo



Thank You, Regal Palms! Residents of Regal Palms, pictured above, delivered two rolling carts full of Thanksgiving food item donations for our Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas. We received this sweet note with the donations.



Emily Valentine wrote the paper transcribed below for school about what she did on the weekend. How great to know our Children's Ministry is instilling faith in the next generation!

I went to turch over the weekend with Keaton Heniger. He is in my class. At turch we learned that God is always with us. If we are scared we remember that God is always with us. When we go to turch me and Keaton are always good. We get tickets because we're being good, then at the end we get prizes. I think it is fun at turch. I like learning about God. That is better than prizes or tickets because God is the one who saved us.

#### The Reverend Bob Martin, Senior Pastor The Reverend Pam Dubov, Minister of Outreach and Missions



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