



HELP PROVIDE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

TAKE A TAG BUY A GIFT DROP IT OFF HERE BY DEC. 16

SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE.



The Sanctuary Choir presents a Christmas Cantata on SUNDAY, DEC. 16 at 9 AM



December 2, 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 on the first Sunday of Advent. This year our series, "Christmas 365," is about keeping the faith, hope, love and peace of Christmas alive all year long. Visit page 2 for more information about Advent and what our Advent candles mean.

As you pass the angel trees in the lobby today, be sure to take a tag and bring back a toy for our Christmas FOR Pinellas. With your help our Open Arms Ministry will give out toys for more than 400 children in our community this Christmas! I have seen the smiles on parents' faces when they leave our Christian Life Enrichment Center knowing that their children will have something under the tree. This is what happens when we share Christ's love! It's contagious!

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!





# **WORSHIP** at 9 AM

Prelude Adviento Aaron Cassette, Accompanist

Introit O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Welcome Robert Williams, Worship Leader

\*Greet Oh How He Loves You and Me

\*Hymns Away in a Manger No. 217

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear No. 218

\*Apostles' Creed

Pastor Pam Dubov

\*Prayer with Lord's Prayer

Offertory Lamb of God Sanctuary Choir \*Doxology Praise God, From Whom... No. 94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Transitional Hymn Angels From the Realms of Glory No. 220
Message Hopeful Every Day" Pastor Bob Martin

Isaiah 40:28-31

Advent Communion

\*Hymn What Child is This No. 219

\*Benediction

\*Postlude Rise O Jerusalem

\*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: Kay Hisey and Lynn Jennings 10:30 AM Greeters: Rita Fowler, Kathy Seitz, and Becky Carter

### 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





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Turn to page 5 for the Prayer List.



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.

# HOPE

This week we focus on **HOPE.**We can have hope because God
is faithful and will keep the
promises made to us. Our hope
comes from God.



# Stay and Pray Today

The first Sunday of each month we invite you to "stay and pray" in the chapel after worship. If you have prayer needs people from our Prayer Team will pray with you, or you are welcome to spend some time alone with God in prayer.

### Gluten-Free Communion Wafers

If you have a gluten intolerance you can take communion at the station in the wings on the left side of the sanctuary to receive gluten-free wafers.

# 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!







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

This week's flowers were given by:

◆ Dave Bossard - Happy Birthday! Loving blessings to my beautiful wife, Marilyn.

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.

### Lost and Found

If you lose something on Sunday, like an earring, a sweater or glasses, check the church office lost and found during the week. Give us a call at 727-584-8165 and we will check to see if your item has been turned in.

# 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 2, 2018 9 AM	10:30 AM	
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Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top	of the card!	
How can we pray for you?		
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For Military Prayer List		
Do NOT publish in bulletin.		
Do NOT include on prayer chain.		
☐ I would like to connect with a Stephe	en Minister.	

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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
<u>Christmas Eve Worship</u> Usher □ 4 PM □ 6 PM
Greeter 4 PM 6 PM
☐ Parking Attendant
Coffee Team
☐ Coordinator ☐ Make Coffee/Clean Up
Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info

Don't forget to fill out the other side!



# 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. 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!



### What are Chrismons?

Ornaments made from Christian symbols (or Chrismons, a contraction for 'Christ monograms') were first developed by Frances Spencer and the women of the Ascension Lutheran Church in Danville, VA. You can see our tree decorated with handmade Chrismon ornaments in the sanctuary lobby!

# 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 Aaron Medlin Adelynn Alex, Barb, Matt, Val, Chris Emma Alex, Greg & Collier Alice Campbell Allison Hall Amelia & Roy Neville Amy, Cathy, Del Andrew Medlin Andy, David, Lori Anne Davis Aubri & Jessi

Austin Baby Bree Whitaker Baby Charlotte

Barbara & Rickie Martin Baumann Daughters and

Husbands Bill & family Birdie Warner Blaze Rockwell Bob, Troy & Fay Hartel Bobby Quinton

**Brad Jones** Brandi, Kami & Karaline

Brian Brian Smith Brooke Chiodo Bruce Medlin Bud Haskell Caitlynn Timberlake

Cammie Sappington

Carl J. Carol Quinton Caroline Fields-Bree Whit-

Carolyn Goodwin

Cathy, Del & Amy Chad M. Charlie Chris

Chris Rehkemper Cliff Armbruster Connie Trank

Crystal Fetuyaho

Dave & Do Dawn Green's Mom Del Robinson DeYong Family Don & Nancy Evans Donna Doris Dixon **Duane Wells** Evelyn B. Faith Bishop Faye & Tom Finals Fred

Fred & Elsie Gail Terbush Gary Beauchamp Gary Cradick Gary Gould Gilbert Quinn

Hany Moulton Harold & Shirley Register Harriett Phillips Jace Michael

Jackson James Dunn family

Jamie, Christy, Margie,

Jamie, Ginny, Mona, Joe Jane Denini Jane Huter Jeff & family Jenny Walter Jesse Stevens Jessica Williams

Jessie H. Jim

Joan Browder Joe & family John B. John Darrin John Dibble John Fady Jon Clicke Joseph Evanson Josh Alltop Josh DeLoach Josiah Seitz

Judy

Karissa McCabe Karleen Younger Kat Farhangi Kathy Seitz Keith & Haley Kenneth Packard Kenyon Potter Kevin

Kevin Thompson Kim Morris Kristi

Kristi Burslem Kristina Whited

Larry Larry Bucholz Libby Burke

Lilly Ann Linda Weaver Hank Linda, Michelle, Jackson

Lois Thomson Lydia Mogel

Malachi, Josiah, Jackson, Conner & Calvin

Marcus Jenkins Margie Lovejoy Margie Stillwell Mark LaPolla Mark Moses Mark Nadeau

Mary

Meghann Timberlake Melissa & Sarah

Michael Michael P White Michelle Allen Michelle Scarangella Mike & family Mike Constantinou Mike Gusiella

Mike Marsden Mike Whelan Missy Lyons

Mr. & Mrs. Sableskei Nancy, Manny, Jan & fami-

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Nick Pollich Nicole Our Country Pat Howell Patricia Hafijchuk Patsy McLaughlin Bauer

Patty & family Peace

Penny McElyea Peter H.

Phyllis Spaulding

Rachael

Rich Stemboroski Richard & family Richard Buckley

RLT Rodger

Ron & Judy Getz Ron & Wanda Barker

Ron Fowler

Russel & Carmen Munyan

Ruth Aaron Ryan

Samantha, Shirley, Mike Seitz Sons & Wives Sharon Beasey Shelley Hamilton Shelly Dennis family Shirley Stabler Shubhada Hooli Stephanie Prevost Stephen D. Robinson Stevie & Tyler Couch Susie & Mickey Suzanne Peach family

Ted & Nancy Pelyak Terry B Thank You Lord Todd Smyzer Tommy Travis Ward Trevor Birt Uganda Vicky Vin D'Angelo

Walker-Huff family Welch family Women, Children, Youth

Yvette Carter Zackary Kueker

# GROW IN FAITH

# Adult Studies

# Adult Sunday Morning Classes

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

# <u>9:15 a.m. Sunday school class</u> 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



# Serve with TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties)

Today at 1:00 p.m. we're spreading Christmas cheer to the young adults (16-25 year olds) at Sabal Palms Children's Center. This may include decorating for Christmas, singing Christmas carols, doing crafts with the residents, etc. We'll meet at the Children's Center - 499 Alt Keene Rd in Largo this afternoon. If you plan to join us, call or text TNT leader Rachel Shockey at 614-596-4581.



### 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!



# 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 Christmas Party

Dec. 12 at 6 PM | Mariposa Café (Room 107) - CLEC Parents are invited to join us on December 12 for a Christmas party. We'll combine with the kids from Worship Arts for a few fun surprises and a service project that families can do together.



Son Kissed Preschool Christmas Program
Friday, December 7 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Join us in the sanctuary for the Son Kissed Preschool
Christmas Program as the kids share music and dance,
and remind us of the meaning of Christmas through a
child's eyes.



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 on Wednesdays

Wednesdays at 6 p.m. | Student Room Kids are invited to join us in the Student Room (room 209) in the CLEC at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays to worship in creative ways through music, games, art and more. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.



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



# Student Ministry

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



**SPUMCLighthouse** 

Sunday Night

# **NIGHT**F

# TONIGHT: NIGHT OF HOPE

Students are invited to attend Night of Hope with us. Meet

in front of the Christian 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. 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.



# Student Christmas Party

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.

# Coming this Week

### Sunday, December 2

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#### Monday, December 3

Stephen Min. Christmas	5:00 PM	
Girl Scouts	6:00 PM	
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM	

### Tuesday, December 4

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM	
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM	
Jumpstart	4:30 PM	

### Wednesday, December 5

Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM	
Worship Arts	6:00 PM	
Handi Worship	6:15 PM	
Open Adult Volleyball	7:45 PM	

### Thursday, December 6

Toy Making—Druid Handbells	9:00 AM 5:45 PM	

### Friday, December 7

Church Office Closed

SKP Christmas Program 6:30 PM Candlelight Christmas 6:30 PM

#### Saturday, December 8

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



# 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

Be part of our Christmas FOR Pinellas and help by donating gifts for children in our community! Take part in our Jumpstart tutoring program, Pack-a-Sack, Handicapable, Open Arms, or one of the many other ways that St. Paul reaches out to the 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**

# Give in Jove



### 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 by December 16 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.

### Poinsettias are Sold Out

Thank you to everyone who ordered a poinsettia this year. We are sold out! Poinsettias will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 24. If you made an order you can pick up your poinsettia(s) after the second worship ends on Christmas Eve, around 7 p.m.



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.

# - Good News



# Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas

On Monday, November 19, over 280 received turkeys and all the trimmings for a Thanksgiving dinner at our Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas. Thank you to all the donors who gave financially or donated food items to support this mission, as well the community partners who donated food! A huge thanks also goes to the volunteers who set-up and manned the food stations, and those who guided our special guests through the process! We had an outstanding group of volunteers of all ages who shared in this powerful chance to Give in Love. Thanks be to God for each person who helped demonstrate what being a disciple of Jesus is supposed to look like!







For more pictures visit our Facebook: StPaulUMCLargo



Mike and Cindy Constantinou with their winnings!

## Church Auction

On Saturday, November 17, we hosted a potluck and silent auction in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall. It was a fun night of food and fellowship, and we about \$5,500 to help fund the ministries of St. Paul! The church truly appreciates all those who contribut-

ed items for the auction, as well as the volunteers who inventoried and priced items, helped with set-up and clean up, brought food or helped in other ways! A big thanks also goes to everyone who bid generously and purchased items. Thank you all!















THANK YOU!

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



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