





CANDLELIGHT SERVICES





6 PM CHOIR LED

CANDLELIGHTING AND CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB AT BOTH WORSHIP TIMES.

NURSERY PROVIDED.





United Methodist Church
December 16, 2018
Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time guest or already a part of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us during Advent. This year our series, "Christmas 365," is about keeping the joy, hope, love and peace of Christmas alive all year long. Today at 9 a.m. our choir presents a beautiful cantata that will remind you of the true meaning of Christmas. I'd like to say thank you to our choir and our worship leader, Dr. Robert Williams, for sharing their talents with us today! What a blessing for all of us!

Be sure to join us on Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24. We have two worship times at 4 and 6 p.m. Both include candlelighting and a Christmas message. The 4 p.m. worship will be led by our band and the 6 p.m. worship will be led by our choir. Invite a friend or family member to join you!

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, Lead Pastor

Glorify God • Grow in Faith • Give in Love

WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Introit Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Welcome Robert Williams, Worship Leader

*Greet Oh How He Loves You And Me

*Hymn O Come All You Faithful No. 234

CANTATA: THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

BYL. LARSON

The Glory of Christmas!
Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
Prepare the Way of the Lord!
Child of Promise, Child of Love
Jesus is Born Tonight!
Christ is Born this Holy Night
Guide Us to the Perfect Light
The Glory of Christmas! (Finale)

Offertory

Message"Joyful Every Day"Pastor Bob Martin*Closing HymnHark the Herald Angels SingNo. 240

*Benediction

*Postlude Angels We Have Heard on High

*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 and 10:30 AM Greeters: Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry

10:30 AM WORSHIP

Christian music from our praise band. You are there is a time in our worship to give financially.







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Flowers

If you would like to honor an event or a special person with flowers, you can give a flower bouquet to the Glory of God. Call the church office at 584-8165 or e-mail us at church@stpaulumc.org to make an order and share your inscription. Bouquets are \$40. You can pick up the flowers after the second worship or donate them to members who are in the hospital.



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St. Paul United Methodist Church CONNECT CARD

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I am interested in:
Rededicating my life to Jesus
☐ Being baptized
Becoming a member
☐ Joining a Small Group
Serving at the church
How:
Serving in the community
How:
Learning more about St. Paul ministries
Specifically:
☐ Taking a Spiritual Gifts Assessment
Other:
I need a name tag for:
(Name tags can be picked up in the Connection Center to the side
of the lobby two weeks after your request is placed.)
I would like to help with:
□ Livestream Ministry
☐ Open Arms (10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mon-Thurs)
□ Pick-Ups □ Stocking □ Other Help
☐ Christmas FOR Pinellas—Dec. 21
Christmas Eve Worship
Usher □4PM □6PM
Greeter □4 PM □6 PM
□ Parking Attendant
Coffee Team
☐ Coordinator ☐ Make Coffee/Clean Up
☐ Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry
I plan to attend:
☐ Discover St. Paul—Wednesdays: Jan 9-23
Remember to fill out the other side with your name and contact info

Turn to page 9 for the Prayer List. Don't forget to fill out the other side!

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.



This week we focus on JOY.

WE JOYFULLY PRAISE GOD FOR THE FULFILLMENT OF A SAVIOR AND WHAT THAT MEANS TO OUR LIVES!

VISITING US TODAY?

If you're visiting us today, welcome! We hope you find St. Paul a comfortable place to worship and that you feel God's love. To find out more about us we invite you to:



VISIT OUR CONNECTION CENTER

If you have questions or would like to talk to someone about St. Paul and what we offer, visit the Connection Center to the side of the lobby. One of our pastors will be there after each service and would be happy to speak with you!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.stpaulumc.org



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



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- Grow in Faith

Adult Studies

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

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

9:15 a.m. Sunday school class

Room 202 in Bldg C

10:15 a.m. Sunday school classes

Inspirations - Purple Door Classroom (101) in Bldg C

Bereans - Conference Room 2 in Bldg B

Friendship—Room 201 (Community Room) - CLEC



Christmas Eve Worship Times

We have two worship times this Christmas Eve. Both will include candlelighting, beautiful music, and a Christmas message from Pastor Bob. Children are invited to join their families in worship. Nursery will be provided at both worship times.

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

4 PM - BAND LED | 6 PM - CHOIR LED

Pick up Your Offering Envelopes

If you requested offering envelopes, you can pick them up this Sunday on the table outside the sanctuary.

The Parent's Lounge Hiatus

The Parent's Lounge will return on Wednesdays in 2019 starting on January 16. We'll see you next year!

DISCOVER

Wednesdays: January 9-23

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

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

Anyone who wants to know more about St. Paul and our faith is welcome to join us! If you're thinking about joining St. Paul, we'll be receiving new members on January 27 and we encourage you to take this class first. Sign up on the Connect Card if you want to attend Discover St. Paul.

Prayer Shawl Adding Study in 2019

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

Open Arms Hours Change

Starting in January 2019, the Open Arms Resource Center will be changing its Thursday hours to 4-6 PM to better serve working parents. Monday-Wednesday hours will continue to be from 1-3 PM.

TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties) Hiatus

TNT is on hiatus for the rest of December. We'll see you on January 20! To keep up with TNT and upcoming studies and events follow the TNT Facebook:



CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

Today at 2 PM

The Board of Trustees are recommending we sell the land where our Open Arms and Carpenter's Shop ministries were formerly located, as well as moving from a parsonage to a housing allowance, to pay down our building debt and reduce expenses. A Called Church Conference will be held today at 2 PM in the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall to review and approve two resolutions to sell property currently owned by the church. All members in good standing will be allowed to vote on the resolutions.



Get a Candy Cane From Loving Hearts Ministry Members of the Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry are greeting today and handing out Christmas Candy Canes. See page 8 for more about Loving Hearts and sign up on the Connect Card if you'd like to be part of this caring ministry.

How does a candy cane relate to our Lord Jesus? The white of the candy cane symbolizes the virgin birth of Jesus and his sinless life. The hard candy cane represents the solid rock, the foundation of the church and the firmness of the promises of God. The "J" shape of the candy cane represents the name of Jesus and the red stripes remind us of the suffering Christ on the cross and His sacrifice for each of us.

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WHAT IS "FOR PINELLAS"?

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



Children Infant- 5th Grade, Kaitie Zimmerman, Director of Children's Ministry, Kaitie.j@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning: Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Nursery Care is available today for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in the nursery building (Bldg B) next to the sanctuary. Sign in and you will be given a card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning: Preschool & K-5

Preschool and K-5 are invited to attend their own worship and lessons in the Children's Ministry Center in Bldg C at both 9 and 10:30 a.m.



Our Current Study: Undercover Christmas This month kids are learning from biblical lessons

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

Worship Arts Resumes in January

Worship Arts will resume on Wednesday, January 16, 2019. Kids in preschool through 5th grade are join us next year on Wednesdays in the Student Room of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. We'll see you in the new year!

XPerience Sunday

On the first Sunday of each month, Xperience Sunday allows fifth, eighth and twelfth graders to experience what worship is like at the next age level. Starting on Sunday, January 6 fifth graders are invited to join our Student Ministry and eighth graders join our high school group. High school seniors are invited to join our TNT group.



Student Ministry

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



SPUMCLighthouse

Sunday Night



TONIGHT: 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.

There is no Student Ministry on Sunday, December 23 or Sunday, December 30. Enjoy your Christmas and New Years!

Serve at Christmas FOR Pinellas

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



High School Winter Retreat January 11-13

Cost: \$35

This January our high school students are invited to join us at Lake Mason in Hawthorne, FL for a winter retreat. Spend time

together, have fun, and grow closer to God. Cost is \$35. Contact Alison Van Duyne if you're interested in attending 727-584-8165 ext. 234 or son.v@stpaulumc.org.

Give in Jove

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Christmas FOR Pinellas

Christmas FOR Pinellas is this Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.! We'll be giving away toys to hundreds of preregistered families to make sure that their kids have something special under the tree this year.

- Today is the last Sunday to drop off toys at the sanctuary, but you can still drop toys off at Open Arms (2039 Druid Rd) until December 20.
 We are still in need of toys for kids from ages 6-15 years old. Gift cards are also welcome!
- 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 for parents to wrap the gift(s) they choose.

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.

LVING 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.

Courtyard Coffee Coordinator

We are in need of a coordinator to work with the Coffee Team and schedule people to make and serve coffee on Sundays. If you would like to help coordinate the Coffee Team or to serve on it, mark the Connect Card or contact 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 are needed to help direct parking before the 4 p.m. worship and between 4 and 6 p.m. worships.

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

Join our Livestream Team

We need people to help stream our worship online each Sunday. You do not need any experience—anyone can learn! We can also use people to run the lyrics on the screens and do other jobs during worship. If you are interested in serving, fill out the Connect Card or contact Snr. Director of Music & Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna: laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.



Open Arms Food Drive for January

Thank you for the fantasticresponse to our first fooddrive! Our next set of items

that we'll be collecting for Open Arms are tuna, mac and cheese, and cereal. Bring any of these items with you on Sunday, January 5 and drop them off in the sanctuary lobby.

Coming this Week

Sunday, December 16

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
Church Conference	2:00 PM
Homeless Meal	3:30 PM
Student Ministry	5:30 PM

Monday, December 17

Girl Scouts	6:00 PM
Stephen Ministry	6:30 PM
Boy Scouts	7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 18

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Jumpstart	4:30 PM
Jumpstart Party	6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 19

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

Thursday, December 20

Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
Handbells	5:45 PM
Choir Rehearsal	6:30 PM
Choir Christmas Party	8:00 PM

Friday, December 21

Church Office Closed

Christmas FOR Pinellas 9:00 AM

Saturday, December 22

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	8:15 AM

If you have an event to schedule, contact us at 584-8165 or church@stpaulumc.org

Making a Prayer Request

Gail Bladd Bloomgren

Greg, Meg, Jackson &

Gail Terbush

Gilbert Quinn

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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

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Destiny	Linda Weaver Hank	Wendy, JJ & Family	
DeYong Family Duane Wells	Lois Thomson Lori, Andy & David	Youth, Women, Children Yvette Carter	
Emma Evelyn B.	Margie Lovejoy Margie Stillwell	Zackary Kueker	
Faith Bishop	Mark LaPolla	Deaths	

Mark Nadeau

Mary Thalman

Melissa & Sarah

Melissa Depew

Michael P White

Michael

Meghann Timberlake

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of Joan Browder who recently passed on to life eternal.

- Good News

Candlelight Christmas

The LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall was packed with more than 200 members and guests for Candlelight Christmas on Friday, December 7. The beautifully decorated tables and hand-crafted manger scene put everyone in a festive Christmas spirit as they enjoyed music provided by Ross Kimura and Trinity Faith Andrews, and a delicious meal prepared by Marguerite's Café Catering. What a wonderful evening for fellowship, laughter, joy and love. Many thanks to Evelyn Spears, Jan Handura, and the Hannah Circle of the St. Paul United Methodist Women for making this annual event such a huge success!













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Sabal Palms Children's Center Christmas Party
On Saturday, December 8, the Handicapable Ministry continued its tradition of attending the annual Christmas party at the Sabal Palms Children's Center. Handicapable Director, Horton Townes, took pictures at the event, and Jim Puyda,



Handicapable volunteer, drew caricatures for the children and family members. Matt Hanna, one of Handicapable's members who lives at the Children's Center, is pictured above having his caricature drawn. Matt will be recognized as Handi's Student of the Week at our regular weekly worship service on Wednesday!



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mark and Ashley VanHooser on the birth of their son, Luke Robert, born December 7, 2018 in Huntsville, Alabama, weighing in at 8 lbs and 13 oz. Proud grandparents are Bob and Dede VanHooser!

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



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