

The Generous Life



United Methodist Church

November 24, 2019

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a first time visitor or a long time part of our St. Paul family, I'm glad you've joined us today. Generosity is at the center of God's heart, and we're looking at what it means to live "The Generous Life."

As we look forward to Thanksgiving this week, I am so grateful for all of you and for the work we're doing together for the Lord. Last week I was reminded of how blessed we are at St. Paul as we celebrated the hundreds of folks who serve through our church. Today is Commitment Sunday when we make our financial commitments toward St. Paul's ministries next year, and I am again, so grateful for your generosity and support for what we are doing. I believe we are doing great things for the Lord, and I hope you do too!

We're decorating the sanctuary for Advent today at 4 p.m. We have jobs for all ages and abilities, so if you are able to help I hope you'll join us!

You can find more information about all our upcoming events in this bulletin, on our website - stpaulumc.org, on our 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, Lead Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love





WORSHIP at 9 AM

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| Prelude | <i>Give Thanks</i> | Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist |
| Introit | <i>Come, Ye Thankful People, Come</i> | |
| Welcome | | Felix Koutsourais, Lay Leader |
| *Greet | <i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i> | |
| | | Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader |
| *Hymns | <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> | No. 92 |
| | <i>For the Fruits of All Creation</i> | No. 97 |
| *Apostles' Creed | | No. 881 |
| Prayer with Lord's Prayer | | No. 895 |
| Offertory | <i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i> | Sanctuary Choir |
| *Doxology | <i>Praise God From Whom...</i> | No. 94 |
| Prayer of Thanksgiving | | |
| Hymn | <i>God of the Ages</i> | No. 698 |
| Message | "The Generous Life: Part 3" | |
| | Pastor Bob Martin | |
| | 1 Corinthians 16:12-24 | |
| Dedication of Commitment Cards | | |
| *Hymn | <i>Praise to the Lord Almighty</i> | No. 139 |
| *Benediction | | |
| *Postlude | <i>Proclaim the Glory of the Lord</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 Greeters: Bev Haskell and Kinga Low
10:30 AM Greeters: Brooke Errett, Tom and Glenda Neville

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 OUR St. PAUL APP
It's free for apple or android



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
SIGN UP ON THE CONNECT CARD



FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK
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SERMON NOTES _____

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 worship as the spirit leads you. 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. If you're visiting us today there is no pressure for you to contribute. We hope you experience the love of God here today!



ABOUT
60 MIN.



PASSIONATE
MUSIC



NO
PRESSURE

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

Today's flowers were given by:

- ♥ Mike & Cindy Constantinou, in celebration of our 24th Wedding Anniversary!
- ♥ Julia Smith & Family, in memory of Alvin Smith on his birthday.

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.

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.



Charlie Tucker Memorial
Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 3 p.m.
Sylvan Abbey Funeral Home
2853 Sunset Point Rd in Clearwater

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: November 24, 2019 9 AM 10:30 AM

Name: _____
First Name, Middle Initial, Last Name

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ ☐ Home ☐ Cell

Address: _____

☐ Please update my information.

I am a:

- ☐ 1st Time Guest ☐ 2nd Time Guest
☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Member(s)
☐ Winter Resident: Here from _____ to _____

I came today because:

- ☐ I drove by ☐ I visited the website
☐ I've been here before ☐ I received a mailing
☐ I was invited by _____
 Other: _____

I want to join your e-mail list:

- ☐ Weekly Pastor's E-Note ☐ Student
☐ Weekly St. Paul Newsletter ☐ Children
☐ Daily Christmas Devotional
 Other: _____

Be sure to put your e-mail address at the top of the card!

☐ I am interested in:

- ☐ Rededicating my life to Jesus
☐ Being baptized
 Becoming a member

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.)

Don't forget to fill out the other side!

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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.

I would like to help with:

- ☐ Livestream ☐ 9 AM ☐ 10:30 AM
- ☐ Usher ☐ 9 AM ☐ 10:30 AM
- ☐ Jumpstart ☐ Supervisor ☐ Tutor
- I can serve ☐ Every Tuesday ☐ Bimonthly
- ☐ Once a Month ☐ Other

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- ☐ Communion Preparation
 - ☐ I'm interested in being a Stephen Minister
 - ☐ Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas
Nov. 25 in the CLEC

FOR PINELLAS

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.

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

Take part in our Jumpstart tutoring program, Pack-a-Sack, Handicapable, Open Arms, our FOR Our Neighbors project 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.

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

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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 207 - 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, thirties, and high school grads, are invited to join TNT tonight at 7 p.m. in

room 202 of the CLEC for study. Over the next two weeks (Nov. 24 and Dec. 1) we'll have standalone, one week studies. It's a great time to drop in if you're new to TNT! On Dec. 8 we'll be going off campus for some fun. More details to come, or you can follow the TNT Facebook for updates about upcoming studies and events:



StPaulTNT

Light Seekers

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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. There is no meeting this Tuesday, Nov. 26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday, but join us on Dec. 3 as we begin a new Advent series, "A Different Kind of Christmas" by Mike Slaughter. We will sing, praise God and enjoy a pot luck meal together. Join us for this Advent study to help us remember what this season is all about.



Churchwide Christmas Devotional

During the season of Advent (beginning Dec. 1) we're providing a daily email devotional based around the hymns and songs of the Christmas season. Each day's devotion includes a song, a scripture, and a thought to help us keep our focus on God and the miracle of Jesus during this busy time of year. You can sign up to receive the email on the Connect Card, or use the link on our website. The devotional will also be available each day on our St. Paul app. If you don't have access to email or the app, we will provide a weekly version of the devotional on our website and as a paper copy in the Connection Center each Sunday.

The form is titled "2020 St. Paul United Methodist Church Commitment Card". It includes a section for "The Generous Life" with a vertical title. The form has several lines for personal information and a section for "Commitment" with checkboxes for "I am committed to the church" and "I am committed to the community". There is also a section for "I will support St. Paul in 2020" with a line for the amount. The form is yellow and has a decorative border.

Making a 2020 Commitment

We've been talking about what it means to live "The Generous Life" as Christ followers and as a local church. Each year we ask you to make a giving commitment for the following year. This is a vital tool for us as we plan the ministries and budget of the church, but it is also an important act of worship and commitment for all of us who are part of this church. During today's worship we're dedicating our commitment cards to the Lord and asking for His blessing on them. If you didn't receive a Commitment Card, and you would like to make a commitment today, you can get a card from the seat backs. 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!



Christmas Cantata

Sunday, Dec. 8 | 9 AM

On Sunday, Dec. 8 at our 9 AM worship, our sanctuary choir will present a beautiful cantata, "Have You Heard?" The cantata uses Celtic musical traditions and instrumentation to deliver a refreshing sound for Christmas! Familiar carols and beloved Irish and Welsh folk songs combine to present the Christmas story in a uniquely captivating way!.



Christmas Eve

Join us on Tuesday, December 24 for either of our candlelight Christmas Eve services. At 4 p.m. our worship will be led by our Praise Band, and at 6 p.m. our worship will be led by our choir. Come and celebrate the birth of our Lord with Christmas music, an uplifting message, and candlelighting at both worship times.

Christmas Poinsettias Sold Out

We have sold out of our limited quantity of poinsettias. If you ordered a poinsettia, you can pick it up at 7 p.m. after the second Christmas Eve worship.





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.

Our Current Study: Hall of Fame

This month we're learning about honor, letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

"Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves." - Romans 12:10, NIRV

Worship Arts Returns Jan. 8

Our Wednesday Worship Arts for kids is on hiatus for the holidays. We'll resume in January 8, 2020 with lots of fun and creative ways to worship!

Parents Night Out: Dec. 6

5-9 PM | Children's Ministry Center

Infants through 5th graders are invited to join us for a FREE PJ Party in the Children's Ministry Center on Friday, December 6. Activities include: games and crafts, bounce house, "The Star" movie, a service project and more! Pizza and snacks are provided.

Kids are invited to wear their PJ's! Bring a pillow, sleeping bag or lawn chair to lounge in during the movie. (Please label properly.)

The event is free, but kids are asked to bring a package of spaghetti or a jar/can of sauce to help feed the hungry through our Open Arms Ministry.

We have limited spots available, so be sure to register online at www.stpaulumc.org by December 1 to make sure your kids are able to attend!



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade

Alison Van Duyne, Student Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org

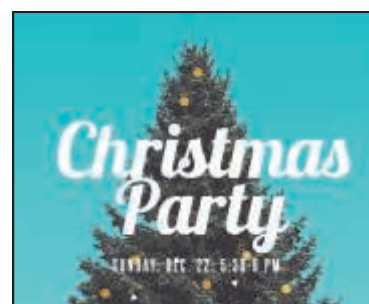
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THIS SUNDAY: NO STUDENT WORSHIP

We will not have our regular student worship today due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Students are invited to serve by helping with Advent decorating in the sanctuary at 4 p.m.

Next week middle and high school students are invited to join us for dinner in the Mariposa Café (CLEC) 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 and you can sign up online. Time together ends at 8 p.m.



Dec 22: Christmas Party

Our Student Ministry Christmas party is December 22 in the courtyard from 5:30-8 p.m. We'll have a potluck dinner. Students can sign up

online to bring sides, desserts or drinks. We'll provide the main course. Bring a gift exchange gift valued at \$5 or less.

High School Winter Retreat

High schoolers are invited to join us at the lakehouse in Hawthorne, FL to spend time with the Lord, and with friends Jan. 24-26. Cost is \$45, due next Sunday, Dec. 1. You can make a payment online under the student menu of our website, or on our app. Go to ministries and select student.



Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas

Open Arms is giving away Thanksgiving dinners, including turkey and sides, to 300 hungry families this Monday, November 25. If you'd like to make a donation toward the purchase of turkeys, mark your donation "Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas" or if you're giving online select "Open Arms" as your fund.

If you would like to volunteer to help with distributing the food on Monday you can sign up on the Connect Card, or just join us in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. We will be sorting food starting at 10 a.m. We also need folks to help escort and carry food during the distribution from 1-3 p.m. We are asking our escorts to arrive at 12 p.m. to receive instructions etc.



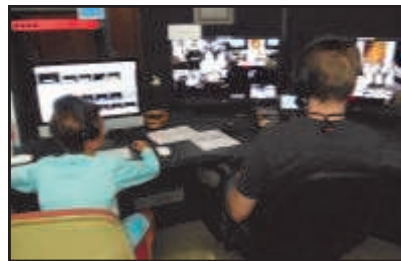
Communion Helpers

We need people to help prepare the communion elements every other month. Can you help us prepare juice, bread, and wafers on Sunday morning? You are only needed on the first Sunday of every other month! If you fill out the Connect

Card or email Senior Director of Worship Arts, Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org if you can help.

Advent Decorating

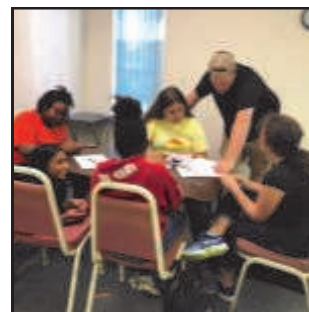
TODAY | 4 PM | Sanctuary
Join us TODAY, Nov. 24 to help decorate the sanctuary for the advent season. We have decorating jobs for all ages and abilities!



Help with Live Streaming

Many people depend on our livestream ministry for worship. Some are located as far away as France,

some are unable to get around as easily as they used to, and others are unable to join us in the sanctuary for other reasons. Many of us use the livestream when we're sick or out of town as well. If this ministry is to continue, we need people to help, especially at 9 a.m. No experience is required, we will teach you and direct you.



Jumpstart Ministry

Jumpstart is our middle school mentoring ministry. The number of kids signed up has grown this year, which is great news! We need both adults and high school students to help. Adult Supervisors oversee student tutoring and games

in the gym, help serve dinner and help clean up. High schoolers who serve as tutors receive community service hours. If you are interested in serving at Jumpstart in any of these ways, fill out the Connect Card or contact Alison Van Duyne at alison.v@stpaulumc.org or 727-584-8165 x234.

Donate to St. Paul through Amazon!

If you're shopping on Amazon this holiday season, you can use Amazon Smile to donate 0.5% of your purchase price to St. Paul! Use smile.amazon.com to make your purchases and choose St. Paul United Methodist Church in Largo as your charity. 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!

Coming this Week

Sunday, November 24

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| 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 |
| 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, November 25

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| Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas | 1:00 PM |
| Boy Scouts | 7:00 PM |

Tuesday, November 26

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| Sonrise Men's Study | 7:00 AM |
| Toy Making—Druid | 9:00 AM |

Wednesday, November 27

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

Thursday, November 28

Church Office Closed



Friday, November 29

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 30

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| Soaring Eagles | 8:00 AM |
| Southside Soccer | 2:00 PM |

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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:

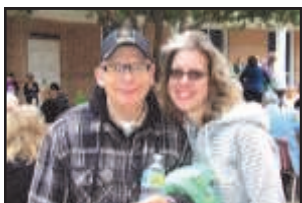
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| AB | Jamie, Sarah, Chris & Yvonne | Lyn Sears |
| Al & Deb | Evelyn B | Marcus Jenkins Family |
| Aleta | Faith & Kyle | Margo & Ed |
| Amber B | Family Peace & Harmony | Mariah Jenkins & Geo |
| Andrea Preston | Faye Hartel | Marty |
| Ann Marie | Fisher Johnson | Meg, Jake, Brandi, Kami, Karaline & Roger |
| Anne David | Fred, Penny, Laine, Martha, Karen, Sharon & Robbie | Meghann, Jim, Lynn, Caitlyn & Chris |
| Aubri & Jessi | Gaeg | Michael |
| Barbara B | Gail | Michelle Allen |
| Barbara Sweat | Gary | Michelle McKimmie |
| Baumann Family | Glenda Neville | Mike & Family |
| Bill Elmhurst | Greg & Family | Nancy Marshall Family |
| Blaze White | Harley Bratton | Our Country |
| Bob, Troy & Sherry Hartel | Herbert Jacobs | Pat Jones |
| Bonnie | J. Dilard | Patty & Dave |
| Bonnie Cummings | Jane Huter | Paul Kelley |
| Brad Jones | Janet Johnson | Peter H. |
| Bri, Kevin & Family | Jayma | Rev. Hays McKay |
| Brooke Chiodo | Jennifer B | Rick |
| Bruce | Jenny & Kevin & Babies | Rita Penninton |
| Carl J | Jim Jody, Tony & Barb | Ron & Judy Gety |
| Carmen | John B | Ron Barker |
| Carol Quinton Naja | John C | Ron, Shirley, Samantha, Mike & Kyle |
| Caroline Fields | Joni Allen | Roy Neville |
| Carolyn Goodwin | Jordan Santiano & Family | Russ |
| Carolyn Purrington | Joseph Evanson | Ruth Aaron |
| Carolyn Ramano | Karen Wolff | Sandy |
| Cathy, Del & Amy | Kat F | Saylor Family |
| Charles Bartlett | Kathy Herrell Hannas | Sharon Johnson |
| Charlie Stantz | Kecia | Shirley Register |
| Chris Mitchell | Keith & Family | Skip & Joan Buchwald |
| Cliff Armbruster | Kenny Packard | Stephanie Prevost |
| Curtis | Kevin | Stephen Brower |
| Cynthia Pitts | Kim Mobley | Steve Robinson |
| Dale, Cindy, Bud, Kandy Dan | Kim Morris | Sue Sutherland |
| Dave & Do | Kristina Whited | Susan Blackburn |
| David Malone | Kylea Johns | Susan Cooper |
| Dawn Green's mom | Larie & Dave | Tammy Barker |
| Debbie Dubov | Larry | Those in Need |
| Debra Cummings | Lawson | Tiffany Tarket |
| Dee Bartlett | Libby Burke | Time Seitz |
| Del Robin's Son | LilyAnn | Tina & Sherry |
| Dennis Lord | Linda, Michelle & Jackson | Trevor, Lahsai, Lasai & Birt |
| Dom & Char | Lisa Cunningham | Tua |
| Don Naja | Lois Pierce | Walt Errett |
| Don Piro | Lois Thomson | Walter |
| Donna Koller | Lucy | Welch Family |
| DP | | Wisdom |
| Eileen Corsini | | Yvette Gonzalez Carter |
| Elsie, Alyssa, Kevin, Barb, Jamie, Christy, | | |

Good News

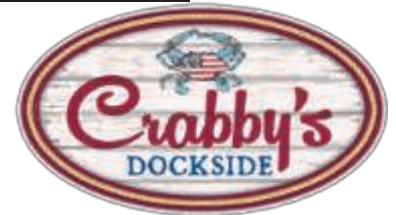


Thank You BBQ

Our Thank You BBQ last Sunday was a lot of fun! Despite the cold weather, we had a great time sharing a meal together. Our staff was so happy to have the chance to show just a little of our gratitude for all you do. Whether you were able to attend the BBQ or not, if you serve at St. Paul we are so thankful for you and your generosity! We truly could not do any of the work we do for God without you!



Visit our Facebook for more pictures: [StPaulUMCLargo](#)



Thank You, Crabby's Dockside!

The delicious pulled pork for last Sunday's BBQ was provided by Crabby's Dockside on Clearwater Beach. We want to give a huge thank you for the great deal they gave us on pricing; it was a big help in planning the event!

Fundraisers Raise \$14,800!

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Pumpkin Patch! The whole church came together and did a great job! In addition to the money raised we were able to connect with our community and spread the news of St. Paul's ministries, community outreach and school partnerships! A huge thanks as well to the Heralds of Harmony for putting on an outstanding show, and to all of you who sponsored or attended the concert. Together we raised \$14,800 for our St. Paul budget!

PUMPKIN PATCH: \$8,300
HERALDS OF HARMONY: \$6,500

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



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