



*Christmas*  
**FOR**  
PINELLAS

HELP PROVIDE GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

**TAKE A TAG  
BUY A GIFT  
DROP IT OFF  
NEXT SUNDAY**

SEE PAGE 9 FOR MORE.



4 PM: BAND • 6 PM: CHOIR

 **ST-PAUL**  
United Methodist Church  
December 8, 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 during the season of Advent. Our Advent series this year uses "The Songs of Christmas" to explore God's answered promises and renew our hope and joy in the miracle of Jesus. Today at 9 a.m. we're blessed to have beautiful music from our choir as they share this year's cantata, "Have You Heard?"

Access our daily Advent devotional on our free St. Paul app, or mark the Connect Card on page 4 to receive a daily email with a song, a scripture and thought to help you Grow in Faith during this season of miracles.

You can help us to bring Christmas joy to kids in our community by taking a tag or two from the angel trees in the lobby. Bring back an unwrapped present for the gender and age on the tag next Sunday. We'll be giving away the toys on December 20.

You can find more information about all our upcoming events in this bulletin, on our website - [stpaulumc.org](http://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*  
Bob Martin, Lead Pastor

Glorify God • Grow in Faith • Give in Love

## WORSHIP at 9 AM

- Prelude Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist  
Lighting the Advent Candle: Peace  
Welcome  
\*Greet *Oh How He Loves You and Me*  
Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader  
\*Hymn *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* No. 211

### CANTATA: HAVE YOU HEARD?

Christmas Day in the Morning  
Come Messiah, Come Emmanuel  
Have You Heard?  
Celtic Christmas Lullaby  
O Little Town of Bethlehem  
O Holy Night  
Come and Adore Him  
Wexford Carol/Finale

- Offering  
Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Message "O Come All Ye Faithful" Pastor Bob Martin  
Matthew 11:28, 2 Corinthians 5:17  
\*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: Lynn Jennings and Sue Kidd  
10:30 AM Greeters: Linda Benoit and Linda Bergeron

## 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.



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NO  
PRESSURE

### Online Giving

It's easy to give online, make payments or set up one time or recurring contributions. Visit [stpaulumc.org](http://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:

♥ Deb Byrnes, in memory of Doris, Billy & Tim Case

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](mailto:church@stpaulumc.org) to make an order and share your inscription. Bouquets are \$40.

### Flowers Change

Starting at the beginning of the year, if you order flowers you will be able to pick them up after the first worship instead of waiting until after the second worship. Flower Ministry volunteers will also be able to prepare the flowers to take home or to the hospital after the first service. If you would like to serve with the Flower Ministry and deliver flowers to people who are in the hospital, rehab, or home bound, mark the Connect Card to let us know.



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to proud grandparents, Carlton and Ann Ward! James Travis Ward was born November 24, 2019.

# 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 8, 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.)  
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**Don't forget to fill out the other side!**

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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 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 Tues-    day Bimonthly
- Once a Month    Other

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- Communion Preparation
  - I'm interested in being a Stephen Minister
  - Flower Ministry
  - Christmas FOR Pinellas—Dec. 20

Christmas Eve Worship

- Usher    4 PM    6 PM
- Greeter    4 PM    6 PM
- Parking Attendant

## 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](http://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



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## SERMON NOTES

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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

## smallgroups

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

- **Grow** in personal relationship with God.
- **Connect** with other believers through worship, study, prayer, praise and service.
- **Support** each person in their faith walk.
- **Be the hands and feet of Jesus** by serving within their group, church and community.
- **Enjoy fun and fellowship together.**

If you would like to join a Small Group and bond with other believers fill out the Connect Card on page 4 or contact Senior Director of Ministry Bobby Van Duyne at [bobby.v@stpaulumcg.org](mailto:bobby.v@stpaulumcg.org) or 727-584-8165 x233.



### TNT (Twenties 'N' Thirties)

This Sunday TNT is going off campus for some fun. **We'll meet at Abe's Tap and Grill (1250 S Missouri Ave ) at 7 p.m. and then go to the Shockey's house afterward for a bonfire, s'mores, and games. Bring a dessert to share. Ugly Christmas sweaters welcome.** RSVP to Rachel Shockey at 614-596-4581 so we can include you in the reservation. Follow the TNT Facebook for updates about upcoming studies and events:



## Light Seekers

### Light Seekers

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. Our current Advent study is "A Different Kind of Christmas" by Mike Slaughter. Join us for this Advent study to help us remember what this season is all about.



United  
Methodist  
Women

### UMW: Dorcas

Dorcas Sewing Circle meets this Wednesday, December 11. Join them from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Arts and Crafts Room (212) to do simple sewing projects for nursing homes, children in the hospital, the homeless, migrant workers and others in our community. If you don't have sewing skills, we have other jobs for you!

### Rachel-Lydia

The Rachel-Lydia group meets this Thursday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m. in room 106 (Carpenter's Room) of the CLEC. Join them for prayers, devotions, Bible study and fellowship with refreshments. . New people are welcome!

### 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.



## ADVENT: A SEASON OF PREPARATION

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 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

## PEACE

LET'S TURN TO GOD AND ASK FOR PEACE IN OUR OWN HEARTS. IN THESE PRECIOUS DAYS OF PREPARATION, WE CAN ALL BE PEACE-MAKERS AT HOME, WITH OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES, IN OUR FAITH COMMUNITIES AND WHERE WE WORK. LET US ALL CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR PEACE IN OUR WORLD. BUT, AS WE PRAY, LET'S GIVE PEACE A CHANCE IN OUR OWN HEARTS, IN OUR OWN WORLD, CLOSE AT HOME. THE PEACE-MAKING BEGINS WITH GOD'S WORK IN US.



## Churchwide Christmas Devotional

During the season of Advent 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. 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, we will provide a weekly paper copy in the Connection Center each Sunday.



## 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.



## Preschool Christmas Program

This Friday, Dec. 13 | 6:30 PM | Sanctuary

This Friday our preschool kids will present a Christmas program filled with music and dance in the sanctuary. This cute program is a perfect break from the busyness of the season! Join us in the courtyard after the program for cookies, cocoa and cider.



## 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!



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# TREEHOUSE

Children's Ministry

**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 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: Unboxed

This month we're learning about JOY, finding a way to be happy even when things don't go your way. *"Always be joyful because you belong to the Lord. I will say it again. Be joyful!"* - Philipians 4:4, NIV



## Student Ministry

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

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For many students, Christmas is all about one thing: presents! While there may be a sense that the holiday is about more than what's under the tree, the truth is, it's easy for all of us to lose sight of what the holiday is really about. That's why, in this Christmas series, we want to help students shift their focus to what's most important: the gift of Jesus and how generous God is toward us—and how because of that, we can be generous toward others, too.



THIS SUNDAY: If you want to light the way for others, love them like Jesus.

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 for the 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. You can make a payment online under the student menu of our website, or on our app. Go to ministries and select student.

# GIVE IN LOVE

## Christmas FOR PINELLAS

### 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 500 children this Christmas.

- 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 NEXT SUNDAY or at Open Arms (2039 Druid Rd.) by December 18.
- 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. Mark the Connect Card or sign up on our website or app if you would like to help distribute toys on December 20.

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

### 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!



### 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](mailto: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](http://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, December 1

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, December 2

Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
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### Tuesday, December 3

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM
Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
Light Seekers	10:30 AM
Jumpstart	4:00 PM

### Wednesday, December 4

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

### Thursday, December 5

Toy Making—Druid	9:00 AM
UMW: Rachel-Lydia	10:30 AM
Prayer Shawl	4:30 PM
Handbell Rehearsal	5:45 PM
Choir Christmas Social	6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM

### Friday, December 6

*Church Office Closed*

Handi Christmas Party	6:00 PM
Preschool Christmas Program	6:30 PM

### Saturday, December 7

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
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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:

All Vets	Elsie, Alpsa, Yvonne,	Niles
Allison, Denvir	Lauren, Donna	Our Church
Amy Johnson	Eric	Pastor Bob
Andrea Preston	Everyone	Pat Jones
Angie Fiscal	Faith	Patty, Betty
Anna M. McAndrew	Family, Peace & Harmo-	Paul & famiy, Mike &
Barbara Sweat	ny	famiy
Barker family	Hartel family	Penny, Lainy, Fred, Sha-
Beverly King	Herbert Jacobs	ron, Gary, Karen, Peggy
Bill Elmhurst	Ivan Dimitrov	Peter H.
Birdee & Gary	Jack & Sandy, Barb &	Praises
Birt family	Bob	President & USA
Blaze White	Jane Huter	Rev. Hays McKay
Bonnie Cummings	Jeff Keyes	Rita Pennington
Bonnie Spencer	Jenny & Kevin & Babies	Ron & Judy Getz
Brad Jones	Jeremiah	Ron Barker
Brianna & family, Tom &	Jerry Stewart's children	Ron, Shirley, Samantha,
family	Jim M., Jim B., Jennifer	Kyle, Michael
Brooke Chiodo	B.	Rosemary Potter
Bruce Robinson	Jim, Lynn	Roy Neville
C.J. Morris, Laura &	Jimmy	Russ Munyan
sons	John	Saylor Family
Caitlynn Timberlake	John C.	Sharon Beasey
Cardyn Purrington	Joni Allen	Sharon Johnson
Carmen Munyan	Josh DeLoach	Sherry
Carol Quinton Naja	Judy Fowler	Shirley Register
Caroline Fields	Kat F.	Stephanie Prevost
Carolyn Goodwin	Kathy Herrell Hannas	Stephen Brower
Cathy, Del & Amy, Pam	Kathy Seitz grandsons	Susan Blackburn
& Jerry	Kenneth Packard	Tammy Barker
Children, Women, Youth	Kim Mobley	Teresa & Bill, Barb &
Chris Mitchell	Kim Morris	Jody, Tony
Chris, Christy, Vivian,	Kylea Johns	Thank You
Barb, Danielle, Judy	Libby Burke	Tiffany Tarket
Cliff Armbruster	LillyAnn	Tim Seitz
Cliff Armbruster	Linda Bartlett family	Tina & Sherry
Curtis	Linda, Michelle, Jackson	Veronica Mendez
Dale & Cindy	Lisa Cunningham	Walker-Huff family
Daughters & Husbands	Lois Pierce	Walter & Melanie
Dave & Do, Margo & Ed,	Lois Thomson	Welch famiy
Patty & Dave	Lori, Andy & David	Yvette Gonzalez Carter
David Malone	Mackenzie Stephenson	Zelma
David, Kevin, Greg &	Mary Anne Hayes &	
wives	Robert Steel	
Debbie Dubov	Max & Austin	
Dennis Lord	Meghann	
Dick & Linda McKenna	Michael, Lacy	
Donald Piro	Michelle Allen	
Donna Bartlett family	Nancy	
Dottie Tripp	Nancy Scott	
Edward Whealan	Nicole	
Eileen Corsini	Nicole Andre	

### Deaths

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

# GOOD NEWS

## Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas

Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas, and all of you who donated so we could provide Thanksgiving dinners for local families. Close to 300 families received dinners at Thanksgiving FOR Pinellas in the CLEC or through distribution at Open Arms! What a blessing to give so many in our community something to be thankful for!



Visit our Facebook for more pics of our awesome volunteers in action: [StPaulUMCLargo](#)

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



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