



**ONE DAY
CAMP**

JANUARY 6
TEACHER WORK DAY

7 AM TO 6 PM



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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 as we finish our series on "The Songs of Christmas." This week Pastor Pam's message will help us to look toward the new year with courage and faith as we follow the example set by the three wise men, and Joseph.

As we enter into a new year with new goals, dreams and prayers, I hope you'll join me in taking the opportunity of this new beginning to refocus on God. Next week my message asks "What Now?" With every New Year comes the nudge to step out on a limb and make some kind of promise to make life have more purpose or meaning. What if we begin 2020 seeking God's plans for our lives versus our own? What would be different?

K-5 kids are invited to join us for a One Day Camp on the January 6 Teacher Work Day. It's just \$25 per child and it includes a full day of activities, lunch, and snacks. Visit our website for more info or to register now: stpaulumc.org

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

Bob Martin, Lead Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

GLORIFY GOD

WORSHIP at 9 AM

Prelude	<i>Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee</i>	
		Kathy Tuminello, Accompanist
Introit	<i>We Will See Jesus</i>	
Welcome		Brad Finkbiner
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	
		Dr. Robert Williams, Worship Leader
*Hymns	<i>The First Noel</i>	No. 245
	<i>Joy to the World</i>	No. 246
*Apostles' Creed		No. 881
Prayer with Lord's Prayer		No. 895
Offertory		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom...</i>	No. 94
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Message	"We Three Kings" Pastor Pam Dubov Matthew 2:7-12	
Directed Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Once in Royal David's City</i>	No. 250
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>To God be the Glory</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 and 10:30 AM Greeters: United Methodist Women

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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OR INSTAGRAM
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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:

- ♥ The Reverend Jeanette Burton, in memory of the Reverend Richard Burton

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.

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.

Church Office Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed on Jan. 1 and 2. Normal hours (9 a.m.—5 p.m.) will resume on Jan. 6.

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 29, 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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- I'm interested in being a Stephen Minister
 - Loving Hearts Memorial Food Ministry
 - Flower Ministry

Connection Center Host

- 9 AM—Before and After
- 10:30 AM—Before and After

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

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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.

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 106 - 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)
TNT returns on January 12 at 7 p.m. in room 202 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center for study. 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. They are currently on a holiday break and will resume on Tuesday, January 7 with new studies and more.



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!

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 or 727-584-8165 x233.



Church Calendar Events

If your ministry or group has any events or meetings in 2020, we need you to fill out a facilities request form so we can schedule your events on the calendar. You can pick up a form in the Connection Center, at the church office, download one from our website or fill out the form online. **Events will not roll over automatically from 2019 to be placed on the calendar for 2020.**

ALL ministries and groups need to fill out a new facilities request form for ALL events, including weekly meetings, one-time events, recurring events, etc. Events that are not scheduled on the calendar may not be able to take place on your first choice date or in your first choice location, so contact us ASAP. You can reach us at 727-584-8165 or send an email to Karen Naja at the church office: karen.n@stpaulumc.org. Thank you for helping us ensure that your meetings and events are correctly scheduled!



Stay and Pray Next Sunday

If you have anything weighing on your heart, any burdens, worries or pain you would like to give to God, we invite you to Stay and Pray in the chapel after either worship next Sunday. A member of our Prayer Team will pray with you, or you are welcome to spend some quiet time with God.



Marriage Seminar: February 21 and 22

Love in marriage is more than just a feeling. It's a choice that has to be made every day. But, how do we keep making the choice to love and care for one another, especially when the dishes are dirty, the laundry needs to be done, and life is overwhelming? It's in these moments that choosing one another doesn't feel like butterflies, but looks more like a sacrifice. There is nothing greater than sacrificial love. A love that says I choose you no matter what because together we are better and together is exactly where God wants us to be! If you're ready to make the choice to work on your marriage, visit our website for more info:

www.stpaulumc.org



Next Week's Message: What Now?

With every New Year comes the nudge to step out on a limb and make some kind of promise to make life have more purpose or meaning. Think about the promises/resolutions you have made in years past...did they really matter? What if you began 2020 seeking God's plans for your life versus your own? What would be different? As Christians we have choices and the question becomes, "It's a New Year; what now?"



Holy Land Trip in 2021


Patti and I want to invite our St. Paul family and friends to join us on an upcoming pilgrimage to the Holy Land February 9-18, 2021. We will explore the places that shaped our faith and walk in the steps of Jesus. The trip will have many exciting sites for us to see. We will share experiences together like:

- *Worshipping in a boat on the Sea of Galilee*
- *Praying in the Upper Room*
- *Having communion at the garden tomb*
- *Meditating at the site where Jesus was crucified*

These events will bind us even more deeply together as the family of God. For all of us, it will unleash the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Pastor Bob

If you're interested in finding out more, visit our website www.stpaulumc.org for more information or pick up a brochure in the Connection Center or at the office.



United Methodist Women

UMW: Dorcas
Dorcas Sewing Circle meets Wednesday, January 8. 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 Thursday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m. in room 106 (Carpenter's Room) of the CLEC. UMW President, Rita Fowler is this month's speaker. Join them for prayers, devotions, Bible study and fellowship with refreshments. New people are welcome!



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, NlrV



Register for One Day Camp

K-5 kids are invited to join us for silly games, crafts and more fun on the Jan. 6 Teacher Work Day. \$25 per child includes camp from 7 AM-6 PM, lunch and snacks. Register on our website: www.stpaulumc.org

Worship Arts Returns Jan. 8

Kids ages 3 through 5th Grade are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in room 106 of the CLEC for our free Worship Arts Class returning Jan. 8. Each week kids learn to worship in creative ways and have fun with activities, games, and music. Pick-up is at 7:30 p.m. in the gym.



Student Ministry

6th-12th Grade

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

SPUMCLighthouse stpaul_lighthouse

There is no Student Ministry this Sunday due to the holidays. We'll return on Sunday, Jan. 5 when 5th graders are invited to join us for Xperience Sunday.

Middle and high school students are invited to join us next Sunday 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.



Xperience Sunday

On the first Sunday of each month from January through April, we invite fifth, eighth and twelfth graders to experience worship at the next age level. Fifth graders are invited to join Student Ministry for dinner, worship, games and small groups. Eighth graders have the chance to do activities with the high schoolers.

GIVE IN LOVE

FOOD DRIVE

Open Arms Food Drive
Next Sunday

On the first Sunday of each month we collect specific items to help keep Open Arms

stocked with staples. Next Sunday, January 5 we're collecting:

Cereal - Mac and Cheese - Tuna
Rice-a-roni

Bring any of these items with you to worship next Sunday and drop them off outside the sanctuary.

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. If you'd like to help, sign up on the Connect Card on page 4.**

Help Take Down Christmas Decorations

We're taking down the sanctuary Christmas decorations on Tuesday, January 7. If you can help out, meet in the sanctuary at 10 a.m.



Donate Your Used Christmas Cards

When you're done with your Christmas Cards this year, you can donate them to become tags for next year's Angel Trees! Drop your Christmas

cards off in the Connection Center on Sundays.

Connection Center Hosts

Before and after worship, our Connection Center is where our members and guests come to get questions answered or to find out more about St. Paul. We need friendly folks who enjoy connecting with others to help by being available in the Connection Center. Take a look at the Connect Card on page 4 and let us know which time you would like to help.

GOOD NEWS

Scholarship Awarded

The Dorothy S. Miller Education Trust was created in 1985 by Dorothy Miller to provide scholarships to students who engage in educational pursuits that lead to their full-time service in Christian Ministry. The recipients may be undergraduates, graduate students, or seminarians. They may use the funds to pay for tuition, book, fees, supplies, room, board and other expenses related to their educational endeavors. Last Sunday we were pleased to award 2019 scholarships to Payton Danielle and Nick Ward, who have faithfully served St. Paul in our Student Ministry, Jumpstart Program, and Praise Team. They are both currently studying ministry at the Grace City Leadership Institute through Southeastern University.



Handi Members Attend Children's Center Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 14, a couple of Handi members, Jim Puyda and Horton Townes, attended the **Children's Center's annual Christmas Party**, held at Sabal Palms. Horton took pictures of the fun, while Jim, Handicapable volunteer extraordinaire, drew caricatures for the children and family members. Matt Hanna, one of Handicapable's long-time members pictured above having his caricature drawn, will be recognized in January of **2020, as Handi's Student of the Week at one of our Wednesday Handi worship services!** Thanks to Horton and Jim and the Handicapable Ministry for spreading Christmas cheer in our community!

Coming this Week

Sunday, December 29

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

Monday, December 30

Boy Scouts	7:00 PM
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Tuesday, December 31

Sonrise Men's Study	7:00 AM
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Wednesday, January 1

Church Office Closed



Thursday, January 2

Church Office Closed

Friday, January 3

Church Office Closed

Saturday, January 4

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:

Andrea Preston	Glenda & Tom Neville	Pat Jones
Angela Carlton	Grayson	Patty, Batty, Vonnie
Angie Fiscal	Hartel family	Penny
Bethany Curran	Herbert Jacobs	Peter H.
Birt family	Jane Huter	Pinellas Hope
Blaze White	Jenny & Kevin & Babies	Praise & Thanksgiving
Bonnie Cummings	Jim Marceau	Rev. Hays McKay
Bonnie Spencer	Joni Allen	Rita Pennington
Brad Jones	Josh DeLoach	Ron & Judy Getz
Brooke Chiodo	Joyce Gerber	Ron & Wanda Barker
Caitlynn, Chris, Meghan, Jim, Lynn, Jimmy	Judy Kurt	Rosemary & Betty
Cancer Cure	Karen & Jordan Goodin	Roy Neville
Carl J., Evelyn B., John B., DP, Amber B., Barbara B., AB	Karen Wolff	Sara Steele
Carol Quinton Naja	Kat F.	Saylor Family
Caroline Fields	Kathy Herrell Hannas	Sharon Beasey
Carolyn Goodwin	Keith & family	Shirley Register
Carolyn Purrington	Keith & Haley	Skip & Joan Buchwald
Cassidy & Chris	Kenny Packard	Skylar
Children, Women, Youth	Kevin, Heather, Malachi, Josiah, David,	Stefanie, Brett & Mark
Chris Mitchell	Nicole, Calvin, Harrison, Greg, Meg, Jackson, Connor	Stephen Brower
Christine Brower	Kim Mobley	Steve
Cindy & Jim Pitts	Kim Morris	Susan Blackburn
Cliff Armbruster	Kim Smith	Tammy Barker
Curtis	Kylea Johns	Teresa Wunderlin
Darcy	Leah	Terry Smith
Dave & Do, Cathy, Del & Amy, Patty & Dave,	Libby Burke	Thank You Lord
Ken & Kim, Dixie & Chuck, Faye & Tom,	Lillyann	Those in need
Glenn & Ginny, David K.	Lois Cunningham	Those who are sick
David Malone	Lois Pierce	Tiffany Tarket
Dawn Green	Lois Thomson	Tim Seitz
Debbie Dubov	Lynn Jennings' friend	Tina & Sherry
Dennis Lord	Mary Ann Hayes & Robert Steel	Tom & family
Elsie, Barb, Jody, Tony, Jen, Chris, Jamie, Christy, Alyssa, Yvonne, Kim, Pat, Edie, Gay Lou, Pam, Jeannine, Levi	McKenzie Stephenson	Travelers
Faith & Kyle	Megan, Dominic, Melinda, Kami & Kamaline	Veronica Mendez
Frank M.	Michael, Lucy	Walter Errett
	Michelle Allen	Yvette Gonzalez
	Mike & family	Carter
	Natalie & Stephanie	
	Pastor Bob	

Deaths

Please pray for the family and friends of Lavon Van Swol who recently passed on to life eternal.



GOOD NEWS



Handi Christmas Party

On December 13, The LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall, beautifully decorated in the spirit and love of Christmas, was packed with approximately 230 smiling and rejoicing members of our Handicapable family. The evening started with a delicious dinner, then Santa Claus made a surprise visit to listen to Christmas wishes and gift each person a candy packet. Many joined in on the dance floor as this signature event for God's Special People continued. Many thanks to all who made it possible!



Cookies for Teachers

Thanks to the volunteers who cooked almost 600 cookies for the staff and teachers of four of our partner schools (and our preschool) and those who delivered the cookies to each school. You made Christmas a little

sweeter for hundreds of our awesome Pinellas County teachers!

See page 8 for more Good News



Prayer Shawl Visits Ponce De Leon Elementary

On Monday, December 16, Prayer Shawl members, Rita, PJ, and Mickey joined ministry leader Patsy Schutzendorf at Largo's Ponce de Leon Elementary School, where they handed out about 90 scarves, caps and Christmas ornaments to five kindergarten classes. The caps and scarves were made by the Prayer Shawl Ministry, while the ornaments were made by Mary Williams. The joy on the faces of the children and the gratitude of the teachers made our volunteers' hearts melt. What a great way to show the love of Jesus!



Thank You, Beachside Hospitality Group!

We received a donation on Dec. 19 from Beachside Hospitality Group of 20 turkeys and 20 hams! We were able to share this gift with families in need at our Christmas FOR Pinellas event, with some of our Jumpstart families, and use some of the hams for our homeless meal on Sunday. What an unexpected blessing! Thank you so much for the donation!

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



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