



January 11, 2015

Welcome from Pastor Bob

Whether you're a long-time member or a first time visitor, I welcome you to St. Paul United Methodist Church. Thank you for choosing to worship with us!

We're beginning a new sermon series today called "I Quit." As we begin the new year with a fresh slate, we are taking some time to look at the behaviors and habits that may be holding us back. From making excuses, to making judgments, to living in fear... We will look at how God can help us leave these things behind. What are some of the things you will quit this year?

Take a look at this bulletin, or visit our website, for more information on our ministries, classes, and all the many ways we are living into our mission to Glorify God, Grow in Faith, and Give in Love.

The Lord is doing amazing things here at St. Paul, and I'm excited that you are a part of it.



Bob Martin

Bob Martin, Senior Pastor

Glorify God ♥ Grow in Faith ♥ Give in Love

LAST CHANCE



**WEDNESDAY
CLASSES
START THIS
WEEK!**

If you haven't registered,
be sure to visit our website
today to sign up:

STPAULUMC.ORG

Check pages 4 and 5 for more
information on our classes.

GLORIFY GOD

9:00 Traditional Worship

Prelude		
Welcome		
*Greet	<i>Oh How He Loves You And Me</i>	
*Hymns	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	No. 61
	<i>He Touched Me</i>	No. 367
Apostle's Creed		No. 881
Prayer	Lord's Prayer	No. 895
Offertory	<i>To Rescue a Sinner Like Me</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
Song of Transition	<i>His Strength is Perfect</i>	
Sermon	"I Quit Making Excuses" Luke 14:18	Pastor Bob Martin
Directed Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Spirit Song</i>	No. 347
*Benediction		
*Postlude		

*Please stand, if you are able.

If you need assistance, please let a greeter or usher know and they would be happy to help.
Baby changing tables are located in the family room and in both men and women's restrooms..

10:30 Contemporary Worship

"I Quit Making Excuses"
Pastor Bob Martin
Luke 14:18

GLORIFY GOD

Online Giving

If you need a convenient way to make recurring contributions or plan to make an additional gift, we encourage you to check out our electronic giving options. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit our website stpaulumc.org and click the Giving button, or use this QR code. We also provide online giving cards in the backs of the seats if you would like to take advantage of the convenience of online giving, or of setting up automated gifts, without missing out on the experience of giving during worship. If you gave online, just place one of these cards in the offering plate as you would any other gift.



Flowers

Today's flowers are given by:

- ♥ Dave and Marilyn Bossard, in celebration of their 48th wedding anniversary
- ♥ Lloyd and Ruth French, in celebration of their 71st wedding anniversary
- ♥ Bill and Martha Trainor in celebration of her 92nd birthday on the January 12th **and Bill's 93rd** birthday on the January 18th

If you would like to give flowers to the Glory of God in honor of a loved one or special event, call the church office at 584-8165 with your desired date and inscription, visit the Giving page on our website, or e-mail church@stpaulumc.org. Bouquets are \$40. Flowers can be picked up after the second worship, or in the church office during the week. If you'd prefer we can distribute the flowers to members of the church who are home or hospital bound.

Deaths

May the spirit of those who've died rest peacefully in the Lord...

Please pray for the families of the people listed below, who passed away recently:

Dorothy "Dot" Neal
Hoy Flemming
Bette Ashton

To Make a Prayer Request

- * Drop your prayer request in the offering plate.
- * Call our prayer line at 727-559-PRAY around the clock to leave a prayer need.

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the people listed below with immediate needs:

Alice and Marlene	Justason Family
Anita	Kathy Haines
Barb and Bob	Kathy Seitz
Barbara Baug	Kenneth A.
Barbara McConnell	Kevin and Vicki
Barry Pratt	Kim Morris
Bill and Charlie	Kyle
Bud Weber	Larry
Carolyn Casey	Lea Suprick
Chris Dugan	Leslee and Family
Cindy Grow	Linda Riordan
Dale	Mary Moore
Dave, Do and Mike	Maxine Bertram
David Seitz	Mo
Deb Woodhouse	Ms. Mansfield
Dee	Nancy
Dee Bartlett	Penny McEntyre
Donna Siltzer	Peter
Doris and Chuck	Phillip, Wendy and
Freida Rodriguez	Family
Gail	Pullie
Gail Bartlett-Bouchard's	Ray and Honey
family	Rafferzeder
Goodin Family	Rollin Brannan
Harry	Ronnie Stuart
Health issues	Rose and Frank
Jackson	Sandy Rice and Shirley
Janet Terrell	Hamrick
Jean Troutner	Shirley
Jessica	Steve Harvey
Jim and Jane Strick	Tella
Jim Lucky	Terri Piper
Joan	The Dreher Family
Joanne Miklas	Thurma Moorehead
Jody	Todd Smyzer
Joe C.	Tom and Glenda Neville
John Fady	Tom Jones
Joyce DeChester	Tyler Gray
Juanell Titington	Val
Judith Beckett	William Garvey
Julie Schoneveld	

GROW IN FAITH

Last Chance to Sign Up For Wednesday Classes!

Classes Start This Wednesday

The winter session of our Wednesday classes starts this week! We have new classes for adults and children, as well as several ongoing groups that we invite you to join. Each class or group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday nights. Please register online at stpaulumc.org so we know you're coming!

Bible Study



Covenant Bible Study

Taught By: Pastor Bob and Pam Dubov.

Cost: Each of the 8 week sections has a \$20 guide. One guide per couple is recommended.

Starts Jan. 14

South Fellowship Hall

Prerequisite: First section on *Creating the Covenant*.

Covenant is an in-depth group Bible Study that centers around our relationships with God, with each other, and with the world. Covenant begins their second section, **Living the Covenant** this week, which focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love and how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

Book of Hebrews Study

Room 101 of the CLEC (Carpenter's Room)

Starts January 28



An informal, interactive study group focused on the book of Hebrews. Bring your Bible. Other materials will be provided. All adults are welcome.



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University

Cost: \$95 per couple

Starts January 14

Community Room (201) - CLEC

Financial Peace University (FPU) presents biblical, practical steps to help you get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! As a class, our last session was able to save \$4,000, pay off \$7,000 of debt, and cut up over 21 credit cards!

For Parents

Parenting Beyond Your Capacity

Starts January 14

Family Room

This class teaches parents how to increase their parenting capacity by working in tandem with the faith community to raise their children.



While you attend your Wednesday class, your child or youth is invited to join our Worship Arts class or our Kid-Serve community service group. Youth are also welcome to attend our Youth Bible Study: Amplify. See next page for more information on Worship Arts and KidServe.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW:
www.stpaulumc.org

GROW IN FAITH



Worship Arts Class Resumes This Week

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. | Worship Arts Room

When class resumes this week, we will be changing our Worship Arts Class format to better fit the needs of the kids and youth involved. Students will sign up for specific tracks that include different types of art or music like guitar, singing, handbells, filming, and more so they can focus on **Glorifying God** in the ways that fit their talents. We also offer a new "KidServe" track at the same time on Wednesdays.



KidServe

Begins January 14
Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
Worship Arts Room

It's challenging to raise self-less kids today, because selfish attitudes are so embedded into the fabric of our culture. KidServe is about teaching kids to look beyond themselves and serve others, counting on God's help every step of the way. In the process, they'll become more like the greatest servant of all: Jesus!

KidServe will provide children the opportunity to:

- ♥ participate in kid-friendly service projects
- ♥ develop a culture of service in their families
- ♥ empower kids to organize and lead service projects, campaigns or service based events

Weekly service projects include preparing lunches, toiletry bags, and first aid kits for the homeless, creating and writing encouraging cards, filling care packages for military troops, learning to crochet homeless sleeping mats, prayer shawls, blankets, or hats, off-site visits to local nursing homes and much more. We hope your child will join us to learn more about having compassion and generosity toward others.

REGISTER ONLINE FOR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES:
STPAULUMC.ORG



Children *infant-5th grade*
Sherri Plate, Children's Ministry
Director, sherri.p@stpaulumc.org

Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Care

Lil' Kidz Care is available every Sunday for infants to 4-year-olds, at 8:45 a.m. in **Bldg B** Lil Kidz Rooms. You will sign in and be given a pick-up card that you will need to pick-up your child.

Sunday Morning Lil' Kidz Class

We have a great preschool class for 3 to 4 year-olds at 10:30 a.m. in the Red Door Room of **Bldg C**.

Sunday Mornings for K- 5

Sunday Morning Small Group at 9:00 a.m.

Meets in either the computer lab in Room 203 or the Small Group Room in 207 of **Bldg C**.

Sunday Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Meets in the Children's Worship Center, Rooms 206/208 of **Bldg C**.

Parent's Morning Out

Parent's Morning Out is on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This is a great time for you to get errands done or take time for yourself, without your child(ren). Care is \$10 per child per day from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Reserve your spot by calling the children's Ministry at 584-8165 x238.




Cub Scouts: Pinewood Derby

The Cub Scouts' Pinewood Derby is Saturday, January 24 in the Luanne Wiley Fellowship Hall. The Pinewood Derby is a fun event where the scouts race the miniature cars they've built. Anyone who would like to see the races is welcome to attend. The event will

start between 9:45 and 10 a.m. It will last until around 1 p.m. For more information, contact Rich McNamara at 727-333-1261

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

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP



TONIGHT: BAD TO THE BONE

Bottom Line: Shame holds you back. Jesus pulls you close. Have you ever been so embarrassed you wanted to run and hide? Probably so. Those moments sneak up on all of us. Maybe you dropped your lunch in front of everyone at school or maybe you tripped on the bleachers at a game. For a moment, it felt awful, but it was temporary. The problem is many of us live with that feeling all the time. It isn't just because of a moment. It's because of who we are. We feel like we're not as smart, not as cool, or just not as good as those around us. That feeling is called shame, and just like embarrassment, shame makes us want to run away from everyone, including God. The question we have to ask is, What are going to do with our shame? Are we going to trust it? Hide behind it? Ignore it? The writer of Hebrews tells us there is a better way. Because of what Jesus did, we aren't required to give in to shame's demands. And even when shame tells us to run and hide, Jesus tells us to run toward Him.

Middle and high schoolers are invited to join us on Sundays at 5:30 p.m. in the Mariposa Cafe for dinner. The group then branches out to the Youth Room, the gym or the Fellowship Hall for group games, exciting crowd breakers, passionate worship, biblical teaching, and a chance to connect with others through Source Groups. Time together ends at 8:00 p.m.



Friday, January 16 at 7 p.m.
until 9 a.m. on January 17
Cost: \$12

Calling all high school and middle school guys! Join us this Friday at 7 p.m. for a guys only night of fun! Meet at the church, then we'll go to GattiTown for pizza and games, then back to church for a sleepover. Pick-up time is 9 a.m. on Saturday.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

Youth Room - 6 p.m.

Students are invited to this midweek Bible Study where you can hang out, eat, and get into God's Word.

SOURCE GROUPS

Source Groups are a small group of up to twelve people whose purposes are: **To grow** in their personal relationship with God. **To connect** with other believers by building a community through worship, study, prayer, praise and service. **To support** each person in their faith walk. **To be the hands and feet of Jesus** by serving within their group, church and community. **To enjoy fun and fellowship together.** To get connected with a source group contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org

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Adult Sunday Morning Classes

Adults of any age are invited to join one of our Sunday school classes. All classes are located on the Sanctuary side of campus and gather at 10:15 a.m.

Inspirations - South Fellowship Hall in Bldg C

Friendship - Choir Room in Bldg C

Crusaders - Purple Door Classroom in Bldg C

Bereans - Room 201 (Community Room) in the CLEC

JOY (Just Older Youth) Resumes This Week

Older adults are invited to the Christian Life Enrichment Center on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m., for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. You are welcome to bring a lunch. For more information contact Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Dyne by e-mail at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or by phone at 584-8165.

Men's Bible Study on Thursday

All men are invited to be a part of the Men's Bible Study on Thursdays at 7:00 a.m. in room 218 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

Soaring Eagles on Saturday

Men are welcome to join the Soaring Eagles for fellowship, prayer, and devotional on Saturdays at 8 a.m. in the CLEC, room 201.

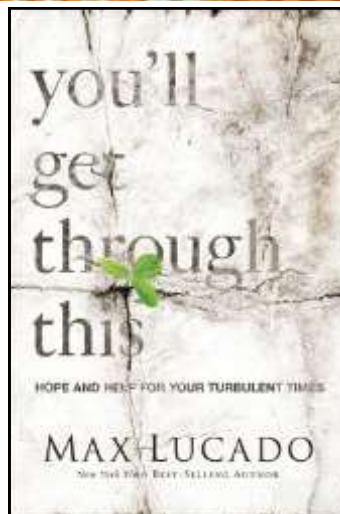


United Methodist Women: Hannah The Hannah Group of the United Methodist Women meets this Tuesday, January 13. Refreshments are served at 6:45 p.m. Meeting starts at 7 p.m. The program will be led by Lyn Sears, the UMW Board Treasurer. Everyone will have an opportunity to learn how the UMW functions,

how we receive our money and where our money is going. Everyone is welcome.

Are you receiving Pastor Bob's E-Note?

Each week Pastor Bob sends out an e-mail with updates about what's going on at St. Paul. If you aren't receiving it and would like to, write your e-mail down on one of the registration pads with a note that you would like to receive the E-Note. You can also e-mail church@stpaulumc.org with your request.



New Adult Study

A new study on Max Lucado's book, *"You'll Get Through This"* meets Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. starting on January 26. Facilitated by Linda Benoit and Janice Feldt, the study meets in room 202 of the CLEC, the IG-NITE room. Based on the life of Joseph in the Book of Genesis, *"You'll Get Through This"* is a survival guide for difficult times.

God is in the business of redeeming the broken. He was then. He is still. Do you crave some hope for these tough times? Then this is the message you need. Contact the church office at 584-8165 to join.

Young Adults

Sunday evenings at 7 p.m.

Room 202—CLEC

Our IGNITE group for young adults meets tonight in the Christian Life Enrichment Center.



This year they are following a New Testament reading plan, making the scripture part of a daily routine with Christ. They are currently reading Matthew. At this week's meeting they will discuss Matthew 4-8. Next week they will cover Mathew 9-13. Visit their facebook for more of the reading schedule.

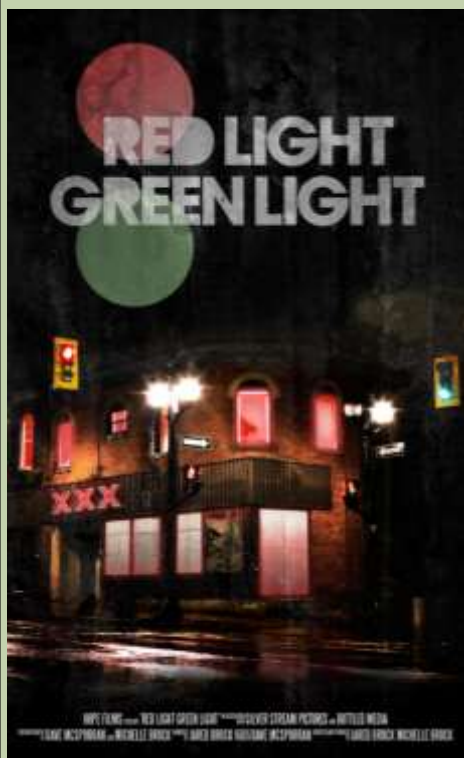
For more information contact Felix at c24go1@aol.com or "Like" the IGNITE Facebook page, [ignitestpaul](https://www.facebook.com/ignitestpaul), to stay up to date on all IGNITE's upcoming events.



Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Mariposa Café—CLEC

Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join our Wednesday night Community Group. Meet new people, build relationships and grow closer to Christ.

GIVE IN LOVE



Film Showing: **Red Light/Green Light**

LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall | January 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Fight Back—NO Human Trafficking: Every human slave is someone's child!
In honor of National Human Trafficking Awareness Week, The Women's Ministry of St. Paul is hosting a viewing of the film, "Red Light/Green Light," which follows the filmmakers across ten countries to explore the issue of human trafficking and attempt to answer the question: "How can we prevent sexual exploitation before it happens?" This is the first time the movie is being shown in America! Visit stpaulumc.org to view a trailer.

Did you know that there are 12.3 MILLION adults and children currently in forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution. Or that the average age of entry into the U.S.A. Sex trade is 12–14 years old? Did you know human trafficking is in your neighborhood and local businesses? Florida is the 3rd highest in the U.S.A. in human trafficking. Please join us on January 16 to learn more about this problem, and how you can be a part of the solution to end the sale of human beings. Bring a friend! A love donation will be taken to help fight Human Trafficking. Refreshments will be served.

Facilitated by: F.R.E.E. Network: Community Campaign Against Human Trafficking - Pinellas

Looking for Ride to 10:30 a.m. Worship

We are looking for a ride for someone who would like to attend the 10:30 a.m. worship but has no transportation. She lives near the church. For more information contact the church office at 584-8165.

Poinsettia Payments

If you ordered poinsettias and have not yet paid for them, you can do so by leaving a contribution in the offering plate labeled "Poinsettias" or you can send your payment to the church office.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes are available on Sundays outside the sanctuary after either worship time. If you want offering envelopes, and yours are not in the lobby, please sign the sheet provided on the table.

United Methodist Women Board of Directors

The United Methodist Women's Board of Directors is seeking a Vice President and a person in charge of Advertising. If anyone is interested in either position, please contact Rita Fowler at 585-0273.



Prayer Warriors Needed

The prayer team needs people with a heart for prayer to join their team and support the

prayer needs of the church. Can you help the Prayer Team with any of the following?

- First Sunday prayer: Stay and Pray after the 9:00 worship service or after the 10:30 worship service.
- Thursday night intercessory prayer in the Christian Life Enrichment Center prayer room at 7 p.m.
- Pray for needs received by phone or sent out over e-mail prayer chain

Anyone involved in the prayer team must maintain the confidentiality of private prayer requests.

You do not have to attend all the activities to be a part of the team. If you love to pray or you would be willing to help others by lifting their needs up, please e-mail Patsy McLaughlin Bauer at plmclaugh@yahoo.com.

Coming this Week

Sunday, January 11

Courtyard Coffee	8:30 AM
Lil' Kidz Nursery	8:45 AM
Traditional Worship	9:00 AM
Lil' Kidz Small Group	9:00 AM
Bereans	10:15 AM
Crusaders	10:15 AM
Friendship	10:15 AM
Inspirations	10:15 AM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Group	5:30 PM
IGNITE	7:00 PM

Monday, January 12

Bells of St. Paul	5:30 PM
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Tuesday, January 13

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
JOY	10:30 AM
Recovery by Faith	6:30 PM
UMW: Hannah	6:45 PM

Wednesday, January 14

Handicapable Ministry	6:15 PM
Worship Arts	6:30 PM
KidServe	6:30 PM
Covenant Bible Study	6:30 PM
Financial Peace U	6:30 PM
Youth Amplify	6:30 PM
Young Adult Group	6:30 PM

Thursday, January 15

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Parent's Morning Out	8:30 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM

Friday, January 16

Church Office Closed

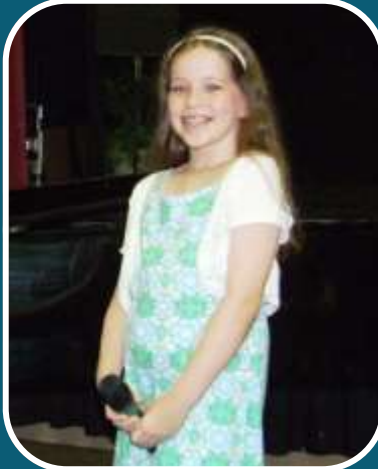
Youth Guys' Night	7:00 PM
Red Light/Green Light	7:00 PM

Saturday, January 17

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Basketball	3:00 PM



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Hannah Stantz (and family)

At St. Paul, we have people of all ages who are serving and taking an active role in our church. One example is the Stantz family, where everyone from ten year old Hannah, to her grandfather Charlie, are a valuable part of the life of our church. Hannah Stantz, daughter of long-time member Tammy Stantz, has been involved in our drama ministry, having starring roles in several church productions. Last June, Hannah also visited our Handicapable Ministry and shared her talents for singing with God's "Special People."

Later in the year she volunteered by assisting her mother, Tammy, and grandmother, Ellen Stantz, at the Open Arms Resource Center's annual Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner giveaway. Hannah worked the whole day, always seeking a place of service and welcoming members, guests and other volunteers with a winning smile and a cheery hello. In December, Hannah joined her mother and grandmother at Open Arms' Annual Christmas Toy Giveaway, assisting in handing out new toys that would brighten the smile of any child.

Not to be forgotten is Hannah's grandfather, Charlie Stantz. Charlie leads the basketball program, and has given countless thousands of hours of volunteering for gym service. Many families have been introduced to St. Paul through this sports program. We thank the Stantz Family for being true to their church and assisting in so many ways.

GOOD NEWS

St. Paul Welcomes New Members

It is always a time to celebrate when we welcome new members into our fellowship at St. Paul Church. On Sunday, December 28, we received a total of nine new members! Please welcome our new members when you see them and make them feel at home at St. Paul. If you have family members and friends without a church home, we invite you to bring them to St. Paul with you and introduce them to mission and ministries.



*BJ & Kara Ince, with son, Brody.
Sons Shamus and Austin, not pictured.*



Paul Olsen



Victoria & George Spencer



Jean & Keith Postel



*Mike Sanders
(wife Sylvia joined in absentia)*

Source Group Gives in Love this Christmas

The Vaughn Source Group adopted a young family that experienced grief and financial difficulties this year. The young father lost his college age brother to complications from heat exhaustion, and although they were overjoyed to find out they would have a second son in 2015, they found themselves in financial crisis due to medical problems with the pregnancy. The family was feeling they would not be able to have a Christmas, but the women in **Vaughn's Source Group came through for them, providing gifts and encouragement for each member of the family**, even the new baby on the way. The group also plans to have a baby shower in early 2015 to provide needed items for the baby. This is the beauty of the source groups of St. Paul! **We study God's word together; we become as close as family to each other.** We experience God's love and learn how to share that love with others. When we **Give in Love**, who is more blessed the ones who give or those who receive? If you asked members of the Vaughn Source Group, they would say they were the blessed ones! **Interested in joining a source group?** Contact our Senior Director of Ministry, Bobby Van Duyne, at bobby.v@stpaulumc.org or 727-584-8165 x233.



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