

Freedom in Forgiveness



April 21, 2013 | St. Paul United Methodist Church

Welcome

We are so glad you are here! Please join us again during one of our three worship times every Sunday; 9:30 Sanctuary Worship, 11:00 Sanctuary Worship, and 9:30 The Fountain Praise and Worship in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. During Sanctuary Worship you will hear a choir, and enjoy **other worship elements like the Lord's Prayer**. During Fountain Worship, a praise band rocks more contemporary music. If you would like to learn more, we ask that you visit our Connecting Point outside each worship site.

First time here?

We hope that you experience the life changing message of Jesus Christ. If this is your first time at St. Paul or you have questions, please visit our Connecting Point in the lobby of **both worship sites. It's a place where you can get information, answers and even a free gift!** Our hosts would love to help you!

What can we do for you?

As our guest or regular attendee, please fill out a registration pad, or click on the QR code, to the left, with your smart phone and let us know what we can do for you. We also encourage you to visit our website at www.stpaulumc.org and like our Facebook page at [stpaulumclargo](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulumclargo).



Upcoming Events in April

- 27 Soaring Eagles Breakfast
- 28 Toilet Paper Sunday

Upcoming Events in May

- 2 National Day of Prayer
- 4 **Women's Prayer Breakfast**
- 12 Second Sunday Potluck
- 12 **Mother's Day Tea**
- 18 Interactive Movie Night
- 26 Discover St. Paul

Glorify God

9:30 & 11:00 Sanctuary Worship

THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude		Men's Trio
Welcome		David McKee, Director of Music Ministry
*Greeting	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	
*Opening Hymns	<i>Love Divine</i>	No. 384
	<i>Grace Greater Than Our Sin</i>	No. 365
(11) Commissioning of Stephen Ministers		
Offering	<i>He Remains Faithful</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Prayer of Thanksgiving		
*Praise Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	No. 378

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Sermon	"Forgiving Others"	9:30 Pastor BJ Foster
	Matthew 18:15-17	11:00 Pastor Bob Martin
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer		No. 895

SENDING FORTH

Closing Song	<i>Have Thine Own Way</i>	No. 382
*Benediction	<i>Grace, Love and Fellowship</i>	
*Postlude		

*Please stand, if you are able. An usher or greeter would be happy to help you with large print hymnals or hearing assistance.

9:30 Fountain Worship

Christian Life Enrichment Center (CLEC)

"Forgiving Others"

Matthew 18:15-17

Pastor Bob Martin

Prayer

Hear Our Prayer

Please pray for the family and friends of Walter Bohn, Hazel Matters, Emerson Hughes and Patty Silvers, who recently passed away, and for people with immediate needs:

Wilbur "Pete" Ahrns	Michael
Eric Becker	Loretta Nelson
Bella Grace	Jerry & Nicole Nugent
Walter Bohn	Patrick
Buchholz family	Vivian Richardson-Martin
Nancy & Destiny Burns	Bill Scott
Bea Connelly	Bruce Shaw
Bruce DeLaura	Ed Shaw
Amy Finch	Bonnie Smith
Mary Hayes	Julia Smith
Karen Hornaday	Roger Smyzer
Kelly	Mary Snyder
Krause & Wilson families	Betty Thomaidis
Doris Mahoney	Jeanne Thomas
Virginia McBride	Howard Webber
Marge McDowell	Esther Wheeley

Prayer requests may be made by calling our prayer line at 559-PRAY (7729), filling out a prayer request in any worship service from the prayer pew cards or altar cards and placing in the offering plate, or filling out a prayer request online at stpaulumc.org.

National Day of Prayer



Enjoy an evening of worship and prayer on Thursday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at Bright House Field (US 19 and Drew). The purpose is to gather as the Body of Christ in an attitude of unity and the spirit of 2 Chronicles 7:14. The atmosphere of worship is without political, partisan, denominational or promotional influences. Everyone is welcome. The event is free.

Flowers

Today's sanctuary flowers are: from your family with congratulations to June Aldrich, our mom and Ma-Ma, with our love and pride. If you would like to order flowers for worship, please call Flower Ministry Coordinator, Kathleen Della Rosa at ballstate80@yahoo.com or 459-2768 and give her your desired date and inscription. The cost of the flowers is \$40 per bouquet.

Simple Way to Give

Consider automating your regular donations with our electronic giving program. St. Paul relies on financial support to provide ministries and fulfill **God's vision and electronic giving offers an easy way to do that on a recurring basis.** Visit www.stpaulumc.org to sign up.



Another option is to scan this QR code with your smart phone. This will take you to a mobile version of our giving site where you can securely and conveniently give.

We Are Almost Debt Free

The church is working to eliminate the \$575,000 **building debt through Gideon's Army. Just think,** because of your monthly gift, St. Paul UMC could be debt free. For as little as \$1917 a unit, with an army of 300, we could be debt free.

We invite you to give as much as you can, or you may pledge to sponsor a unit

Who is Gideon and why do I want to join an Army? Well, in the Bible, Gideon had an army of 300 which was **able to accomplish the mighty works in God's name.** We have been using that same scenario to tackle our debt.

By coming together and pledging to be a soldier in **Gideon's Army you can help St. Paul be debt free.** Pledge cards are available in the kiosks of each lobby or you can set up your payment online under the Glorify God tab.

Watch us LIVE at 11:00

Never be without St. Paul by watching us while you are away! We stream our 11:00 Sanctuary worship every week at stpaulumc.sermon.tv or stpaulumc.org.

Grow in Faith

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

Sunday Nursery-**Lil' Kidz Care**

Lil' Kidz Care is available for infant-4 years old, at 9:00 a.m. in the Children's Ministry Center and the Christian Life Enrichment Center, depending upon where you worship.

Sunday Morning-Kidz Konnection

Children in kindergarten through fifth grade will Grow during Kidz Konnection at 9:30 a.m. in the **Children's Ministry Center**. Just check-in at the welcome desk outside the South Fellowship Hall.



Wednesday Nights-EQUIP U

Your kids will enjoy cooking, singing, and much more on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 207 of the **Children's Ministry Center**. Equip U offers children a chance to try different activities each week and learn new skills that can help others.



Tuesday & Thursday-**Parent's Morning Out**

Take a little time for yourself and drop your children off Tuesday and/or Thursdays in the **Lil' Kidz Nursery in the Children's Ministry Center**. You know they are cared for, loved and are having fun.

It's **\$8 per child**, from 9:00 a.m.-Noon. Please reserve your spot by **contacting the Children's Ministry Office** at 584-8165, ext. 238.



Son Kissed Preschool Registration

Open registration, including Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) has begun. There's even a new toddler class starting this summer. Information is online or contact Preschool Director, Catharine Allen at 585-8596.



Camp Quest: Discover and Live it!

Have you registered your child for summer camp yet? Online registration is open and spots are filling up. Camp Quest hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., early drop off is 7:30 a.m. and late pick-up is 5:30 p.m. at an extra cost.

June 10-14	Character Camp
June 17-21	Wet 'n Wild Camp
June 24-28	Missions, Movies, and More
July 15-19	Sports Camp
July 22-26	Arts Camp
July 29-Aug. 2	Music/Drama Camp
Aug. 5-Aug. 9	VBS: Kingdom Rock

Camp charge is \$125 a week per child and that includes field trips, two snacks a day and one lunch. For complete camp information visit our website: stpaulumc.org.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School: Kingdom Rock is the week of August 5 from 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. VBS is free, however there is a \$15 charge for early drop off and a \$60 charge for late pick-up.



Grow in Faith

Youth *5th-12th Grade, Alison Van Duyne,
Youth Ministry Director, alison.v@stpaulumc.org*



Sunday Morning

A Source Group (small group) for sixth through eighth graders meets at 9:30 a.m. in the Youth Room of the Christian Life Enrichment Center (CLEC).



Sunday Night Youth Group

TONIGHT: Are You Listening? When you listen to wise people, you live wisely. Last week we learned that **following Jesus' words is more than just spiritual, it's smart.** But how do we actually live those words out? Maybe the secret ingredient to living a life with more **"I'm glad I did" moments is less about us and more about listening—to other people.** Because when we listen, we learn.

Students will tackle this discussion starting tonight at 6:30 p.m. Dinner is available for \$4.00 in the Mariposa Café and youth time is in the newly renovated Youth Room in the Christian Life Enrichment Center.



Source Groups

There's a place for everyone at our youth Source Groups on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Mariposa Café of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This is a time to hang out with other students and do life together in a small group environment.



Young Adults *Felix Koutsourais,
Ignite Ministry Leader, c24go1@aol.com*



Ignite

If you are college age, you are invited to bring a friend to IGNITE on Sunday nights at 7:00 p.m. in room 207 of the southwest campus. This group of young adults enjoy discussions, missions, fun trips, and hanging out.



Women's Ministry

Kathy Troccoli, Lisa Harper and Ellie Lofaro will be at the *Among Friends Women's Conference* on May 17 &

18 at First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks.

Tickets are \$43 tickets at amongfriendsconference.com or go with us by bus and you can get a ticket for \$39.

If you want to go in the church bus, please call Mary Vaughn at 586-0164 or Sherry Shields at 581-5835. Cost to ride the bus is \$3.00 per person. Consider **attending this women's conference in "our own back yard" and be "among friends"!**



The six week new member class is well underway but that doesn't mean you are left out if you would like to join. The next class begins June 9. Not sure about joining, maybe you have some questions? Come to our Discover St. Paul on Sunday, May 26 at 10:45 in the Mariposa Café in the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

Grow in Faith

Adult Sunday School

Everyone is invited to Grow in Faith at one of our four Sunday school classes at 9:30 a.m. for adults of any age. (CLEC-Christian Life Enrichment Center)

Spectrum-CLEC, Rm. 248

Inspirations-CLEC, Rm. 101

Crusaders-Children's Ministry Center, Rm. 100

Friendship-CLEC, Rm. 201

JOY (Just Older Youth) on Tuesdays

Our older adults are invited every Tuesday morning at 10:30 to the Christian Life Enrichment Center for fellowship, lessons, and prayer. Rev. Jeanette Burton will be leading the lesson this Tuesday, April 23. A lunch may be ordered ahead of time for \$6 or you may bring your lunch and stay for a picnic.

Wednesday Night Studies

Join us for one of two studies Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Bob leads an hour long study on the Book of Ephesians in the South Fellowship Hall of the **Children's Ministry Center. Pastor BJ Foster leads a study, "Bible in a Year" at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room of the south campus.**

No matter which class you go to, come to the South Fellowship Hall for a dessert social at 6:00, before class. Children are invited to attend Equip U on the **second floor of the Children's Ministry Center** and youth may attend Source Groups. For more information on those groups see page 4 & 5.

Walk to Emmaus

The next Walk To Emmaus Gathering is Sunday, May 5, 5:30 p.m. at Lake Magdalene United Methodist Church, 2902 West Fletcher Ave. in Tampa. If you want to carpool, call Jean Troutner at 455-9625.



Women's Prayer Breakfast



Hear the dramatic, emotional story of a **woman's abduction as a child** and how it affected her life.

Author Janet Tombow will deliver a message of hope, forgiveness and overcoming our past through

experiencing God's unconditional love during our Annual Women's Prayer Breakfast.

The Women of St. Paul are sponsoring the event on May 4 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center (CLEC).

Breakfast is egg, cheese & ham strata, fruit, muffins and coffee/tea. Enjoy wonderful fellowship, music and a terrific speaker. Cost is \$12 per ticket.

Tickets are on sale now on Tuesdays at JOY Fellowship starting at 10:30 a.m., before the Wednesday night Bible study at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 21 & 28 in **the lobby of the CLEC and in front of the Children's Ministry Center.** You may also pay online at stpaulumc.org.

Saturday Breakfast

Everyone is invited to a free breakfast on Saturday, April 27 at 7:30 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment **Center Room 201. The Soaring Eagles Men's Group** meets every other Saturday at 8:00 a.m. and holds this special breakfast for men and women on the last Saturday of the month. Enjoy fellowship, growth and fun every Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m. in the Christian Life Enrichment Center Room 201. Ladies are welcome to come for breakfast on the last Saturday of every month at 7:30 a.m.

Women's Sewing Group

Women are invited to join the Dorcas group of the United Methodist Women on April 24 for sewing and fellowship in room 243 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center.

Toilet Paper Drive

We all use and now we need it! Open Arms Resource Center provides toilet paper to the many families who **visit for food and clothing. It's time to stock the shelves** of this necessity. Bring a roll to church on Sunday, April 28. One roll from everyone will make a huge difference in meeting the need. Rolls may be dropped off at Open Arms from 1:30-3:30 during the week or place in the blue shopping carts in the worship lobbies.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Enjoy building friendships, devotionals and knitting or crocheting during Prayer Shawl Ministry every Thursday at 5:30 p.m. in room 243 of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. This group makes prayer shawls or homeless mats to give in love. Each item is prayed over. They are always welcoming new helpers and can teach you how to knit or crochet.

Support Nothing But Nets

Support a great mission while having fun! Everyone is invited to attend the Gulf Central District basketball game in support of United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) Advance, Nothing But Nets. Your love offering will be used to purchase malaria nets. Each net costs \$10. Our very own Shaun Powers and Pastor BJ Foster will be playing! The game is Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. at Largo High School, 410 Missouri Avenue. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Lights, Camera, Stream!

Ever wondered what goes into our live streaming? Now you can see it for yourself. We will soon have an open house for anyone who wants to look behind the **scenes at our live stream control room. You'll see how easy and fun it is and you may even want to join in?! If you are interested in running camera, worship software or helping in any other media capacity contact Laurel Fortuna at laurel.f@stpaulumc.org.**

Feed the Homeless

Did you know we feed the homeless in Clearwater every Sunday afternoon? Come and be a part of the feeding and/or food preparation. We leave from the church at 3:30 on Sunday near the office entrance of the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Even better, sign up your Source Group to take a Sunday. Contact Michele Wolfe at m.wolfe10@verizon.net.

April Random Act of Kindness

Don't forget to show you are a Christian by your love. Here's an idea!

Organize a charity day at your job or in your neighborhood. Ask co-workers or neighbors to donate food and clothing to help the needy. Then ask several of them to help you deliver the donations to our own Open Arms Resource Center. Open Arms provides clothes, food and financial assistance to more than 1,000 people every month.

Sponsor a Second Sunday Potluck

Why doesn't your Source Group sponsor a potluck? The next one is Sunday, May 12 after 11 a.m. worship in the Christian Life Enrichment Center. Participants **bring the food, your group makes sure it's set up and ready.** Contact Carolyn Goodwin at Goodwin.carolyn99@gmail.com, if you would like to help.

Summer Fun at Camp Quest

Who says kids are the only ones who can have fun this summer? Sign up to volunteer for summer camp or vacation bible school. All volunteer registration is **online so you pick the time and day and you'll get email reminders.** Camp weeks are: June 10-14, June 17-21, June 24-28, July 15-19, July 22-26, July 29-Aug. 2, and Aug.5-Aug. 9 is VBS: Kingdom Rock.

For complete camp information visit our website: stpaulumc.org.

Note From Pastor Bob

Communication is Still the Key

Not long ago I entered into an interesting conversation with a friend. She was not very happy with her brother. He had said something to her during a heated discussion revolving around the proper care of their parents.

The sister lives here locally and the brother lives up **north and just two streets down from their parent's home**. Thus lies the purpose of their disagreement. The brother feels that he is bearing the burden of his **parent's care and that his sister who lives hundreds of miles away is not doing enough**.

This disagreement has gone on for a while and now it has begun to escalate. The brother has taken the conversation outside of the words he has shared with his sister and now he has included other siblings along with his parents. When she asked her brother **why he did this, he responded, "I wanted the other members of the family to agree with my position."**

Now her parents and siblings have cut-off all conversation with her and the entire family seems to be drifting away. My friend has been very hurt by what her brother has done.

Triangulation is a term used to describe when someone reaches outside of a particular situation usually held in confidence to include another party soliciting their support or response to intervene on your behalf.

This is the situation going on in my friend's life. While she and her brother were working through expectations and schedules concerning their parent's care, a breach of confidence had occurred once the brother began including others into their private conversation.

His sole reason in doing so was to pit the other family members against his sister so as to rally the troupes to support his position in the conversation.

Sadly, the other family members had no idea what my **friend's position in the situation was as the only side** of the story they heard was from the brother. An entire family has been broken apart just because someone wanted to be right.

My friend is struggling to find a way to work through this mess and to decide how she can forgive her family.

Paul saw this happening all throughout the early church. Families, friends and short term acquaintances were struggling to find ways to forgive those who had offended them. This ran so rampant through the early church that it had become difficult to identify the believer from the non-believer.

Forgiveness is a difficult thing; especially if you try to do it all on your own. That is why we all need to lean into the Lord for His strength and compassion to help us identify how we can forgive someone when we feel they do not deserve it.

Paul said to the Colossians, ***"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*** Colossians 3:12-14

Help Us Communicate

We want to make sure we are communicating with you. We send a weekly email and others as needs arise. Please trust us with your email address so you can receive these important emails. Send your address to church@stpaulumc.org.

Another way we communicate is through our electronic sign in front of the Christian Life Enrichment Center (CLEC). We apologize that the sign has been out for a few weeks. Parts have been ordered and we hope to have the sign up and running very soon.

Good News

At St. Paul, we lift up how we Give in Love through our weekly Good News. If you have good news to share about your church experience or ministry, email church@stpaulumc.org. We look forward to sharing how you have been blessed and are a blessing to others.

Welcome New Stephen Ministers

Stephen Ministers work closely with the pastors to provide care and a listening ear to those in need. Today, we celebrate the commissioning of seven new Stephen Ministers: June Aldrich, Betty Bowersox, Bill Elmhurst, Yvette Carter, Ed Rose, Cathy Woods, and Pat Zdenek. Congratulations! This team is now a part of a 20 year old ministry of St. Paul.



A lot has changed in the past 20 years but one thing has not, the need for people to see the love of Jesus through those who are called by his name. If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister contact Mary Vaughn at 584-8165 ext. 200.



Handicapable Luau Night

Friday night, April 12, the LuAnne Willey Fellowship Hall was beautifully adorned with all types of Hawaiian décor and colorful leis worn by the 115 attendees. The evening was filled with dancing, photo opportunities, table projects, wonderful fellowship, scrumptious fruit skewers and delicious cookies. How our Handicapable family is blessed with all the church does for us and allows us to do! We love all of you!

Sunday, April 21

Lil' Kidz Nursery	9:00 AM
Fountain Worship	9:30 AM
Sanctuary Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Sanctuary Worship	11:00 AM
Stephen Ministry Lunch	12:00 PM
Homeless Feeding	3:30 PM
Youth Choir	5:30 PM
Youth Group	6:30 PM
Ignite	7:00 PM

Monday, April 22

Handbells	5:30 PM
Drama Ministry	6:45 PM

Tuesday, April 23

Sonrise Men's Study	6:30 AM
Parent's Morning Out	9:00 AM
Pew Committee	9:00 AM
Joy Fellowship	10:30 AM
Women's Task Force	5:30 PM
Vision Team	6:00 PM
Adult Basketball	8:30 PM

Wednesday, April 24

Community Bible Study	9:00 AM
UMW-Dorcas	9:00 AM
Youth Source Groups	6:00 PM
Equip U	6:00 PM
Dessert Social	6:00 PM
Youth Small Groups	6:00 PM
Handicapable Ministry	6:15 PM
Bible Studies	6:30 PM
Trustees Team	7:30 PM
Adult Co-Ed Volleyball	7:45 PM

Thursday, April 25

Men's Bible Study	7:00 AM
Parent's Morning Out	9:00 AM
Prayer Shawl	5:30 PM
Intercessory Prayer	7:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 PM
Choir Social	8:30 PM

Friday, April 26

Church Office Closed

Handicapable Hoedown	6:00 PM
Adult Basketball	7:30 PM

Saturday, April 27

Soaring Eagles	8:00 AM
Snack Bar	8:00 AM

Submit or view an event online:
www.stpaulumc.org

**Southwest Campus
Sanctuary & Children's Ministry Center**



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B Ignite Young Adult Ministry
C Lil' Kidz Nursery
D Kidz Konnection

- Color Key**
Worship
Adult Bible Study
Student Ministry
Children's Ministry

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H Student Ministry Source Group
I Inspiration Bible Study
J Friendship Bible Study



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