



Worship Bulletin

**October 29, 2017
9:00 am Worship**



**"No matter who you are,
no matter where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here."**

Welcome ~ We are glad you are here!

9:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
& Children's Church

11am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

Information for friends....new and old.

- **We have two service on Sunday mornings ~**
9am Traditional Service with hymns and Children's Church, when your children can go for a lesson after our Children's time & can be picked up after service in the Welcome Center. We also have our family-friendly **11am Celebration Service** with our B Street Band, who play contemporary music. Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.
- **The Nursery is open during 9 am services.** If the small person who is with you gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy. Please feel free to visit whenever needed!
- Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available .
- **Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.**
- **Please sign the Pew Pad today.** If you are new to St. Paul UCC, please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.
- **When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital,** please ask the hospitals to notify the church office. Also please telephone the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. The pastors will visit church members and their families each week. If you have a new addition to your family, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current. **Your telephone call is crucial to our ministry!**

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St. Paul United Church of Christ

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017 9:00 am

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament † Please stand if able

GLORY RINGERS *All Creatures of our God and King* arr. Hal Hopson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALLING HYMN 197 *O Word of God Incarnate*

WORK of the PEOPLE from Psalm 90 The Message

One: God, it seems you've been our home forever;

**Many: Long before the mountains were born,
Long before you brought earth itself to birth,
from 'once upon a time' to 'kingdom come' – you are God.**

One: Oh! Teach us to live well!

Many: Teach us to live wisely and well!

One: Surprise us with love at daybreak;

Many: Then we'll skip and dance all the day long.

One: Let your servants see what you're best at—

Many: The ways you rule and bless your children.

One: And let the loveliness of our Lord, our God, rest on us,
confirming the work that we do.

Many: Oh, yes. Affirm the work that we do!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH "People Are Like Pumpkins!"

SERMON from Matthew 22:34-46 "Back to Basics" NT p. 24

PRAYER for REFORM Martin Luther

**Dear Father in heaven, for the sake of your dear Son Jesus Christ grant us
your Holy Spirit, that we may be true learners of Christ, and therefore acquire
a heart with a never ceasing fountain of love. Amen**

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *A Mighty Fortress* arr. Chester Alwes
(This setting was written for our 2017 Europe tour choir. Chester Alwes is an Emeritus Assoc. Prof.
of Choral Conducting and Literature at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.)

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Toccata

Domenico Zipoli

+DOXOLOGY 357, VERSE 1

DEDICATION PRAYER

+SHARING the PEACE

GLORY RINGERS

A Mighty Fortress

arr. Douglas Wagner

PRAYERS for the PEOPLE with THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

+SENDING HYMN 298

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

+SENDING PRAYER

Martin Luther

O God, it is also your will that we should not individually name you Father but together call you our Father and united pray for all. So give us a united love that we may know and consider all to be brothers and sisters. United we ask you, our beloved Father, for each and for all, even as one child speaks for another. *Amen*

+POSTLUDE

Toccata in F

Johann Pachelbel



NEWS & NOTES

Oct 29, 2017

St. Paul Senior Community presents

TRIVIA NIGHT

\$80 per table
Max 8 people
per table

50/50!
Heads/Tails!
St. Louis Cardinals
Quilt Raffle

Saturday, November 4th
Doors open at 6:30 / Trivia Starts at 7pm

Contact Kris Mueller, Sandy Ritter, Mimi Llamas, or Sandy & Rusty Wagner or call 233-3303 - for reservations
MC for the night will be Chris Ritter!

Join us for a night of fun and friendly competition!



LOOK WHAT'S COMING FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP BOARD!!!

Here at St. Paul, we celebrate stewardship throughout the year but our tradition also includes a special emphasis or focus on the fall.

This year's theme is

"Journey to Generosity", THE WAY OF JESUS!

Our Stewardship celebration will take place the first four Sundays in November. Here's what you have to look forward to:

November 5

Journey to Generosity: The Way of Jesus *Matthew 9:35-10:23*

Faith Promise to God: Stewardship Expresses Love for All –

Love for God and Love for Neighbor – *join our Culinaires for Breakfast*

November 12 Accept the Yoke of Jesus *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

Faith Promise to the Church: We make a material difference to the church when we put our time, talent, money and other resources in the service of love of God and love of neighbor through the church.

November 19 We are Stewards of Forgiveness *Matthew 9:35-10:23*

Faith Promise to Yourself: The more we share, the more we represent our trust that God can work through the community as a whole to provide for all.

November 26

Stewardship is Loving God and Loving Neighbor *Matthew 22:34-46*

Looking towards the future here at St Paul.....

....*Follow the Way of Jesus!*

ADULT EDUCATION SPIRITUAL & FORMATION Opportunities

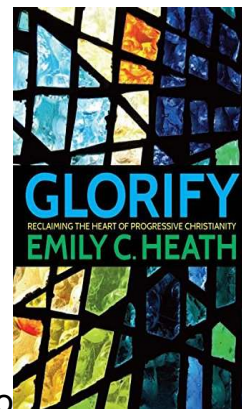
ONLINE Adult Ed. Book Study!

Join in the discussion of

Glorify:

***Reclaiming the Heart of
Progressive Christianity***

by Emily C. Heath



UCC pastor and writer, Emily C. Heath, makes the case for continuing discipleship as a way to revitalize our witness as the 'mainline' in an engaging and accessible read.

This study will be an email exchange. One chapter (10 total) read and discuss via email with an in-person gathering at the end of the study.

If you would like to participate, send an email with your name to glorifystudy@gmail.com or sign up during the month of October at the church.

We'll be reading and discussing Chapter 1 beginning the week of Nov 5 with our group meeting finale in January.

This is the PERFECT way to fit adult ed. into a busy schedule or make room for another study without the face-to-face commitment.

DISCUSSIONS ACROSS DIFFERENCES 2017:

Diversity and Inclusion

With diversity and inclusion such hot topics in our society and so central to the theology and practice of the United Church of Christ, let's look at a large corporation's (AMEREN) perspective of the subject and then focus on inclusion and diversity from a Biblical/theological perspective.

*Karen Foss leads ten-minute video interviews with
John O'Leary, Frankie Muse Freeman, Antonio Douthit Boyd,
& Jackie Joyner-Kersey*

*Facilitated by Pastor Kuether
In the Library
10:15 to 11:00 AM*

NOVEMBER 5

"Courage Beyond What We See," focuses on how life is what we make of it. It challenges the participants to face obstacles or uncertainty head-on. Participants will be encouraged to call upon their courage when faced with significant challenges to overcome the fear and push through in order to be transformed by their experience.

NOVEMBER 12

"100 Years of Courage," helps participants to understand what courage means to make positive change. Participants will be encouraged to challenge their thinking regarding the definition of courage and speaking up when they see an unsafe act.

NOVEMBER 19

"The Courage to Soar," focuses on an individual who at the peak of his professional career courageously decided to take a different path in life.

NOVEMBER 26

"The Courage to Win Together," focuses on the importance of Diversity and Inclusion to winning teams and executing an organization's strategy.

Do you have "The Courage to be All In?"

Congregation Meeting Notice

On September 19, 2017, the St. Paul Church Council gathered and discussed the following:

RECOMMENDATION FROM STEWARDSHIP & NOMINATING

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 Church Council Meeting

The Stewardship & Nominating Board of St. Paul U.C.C. recommends to the Council and Congregation to suspend Bylaw

ARTICLE VIII THE CHURCH COUNCIL , Section 1 D,
the first sentence which states, "Members shall be elected to serve a term on the Council not to exceed three years with no immediate re-election." The Bylaw suspension is limited only to this sentence and expires December 31, 2018.

Support information:

It is the belief of the Stewardship & Nominating Board that this is an important transitional time in the life of

St. Paul. We believe that consistency of leadership is imperative at this point.

There are three Council members who would be affected by this change: Judi Keplar, Mimi Llamas and Donna Nettleton. All of these members have been exemplary leaders and we feel that their expertise and continued membership of one additional year on the Council will only enhance the success of what St. Paul is trying to accomplish for our future.

This Recommendation has passed Council and will be voted on at Congregational Meeting.

**Congregational Meeting
on November 5, 2017
following 9am service
for special vote on
Recommendation from Stewardship and
Nominating.**

**Peanut Squares are coming!!
Get yours on
Nov 12 & 19!!**

If you would like to help assembly peanut squares, contact your Mission Board friends!!



I should ...I might... I will attend a informative meeting of the WITH YOU Caring Ministry after the Traditional service on Oct 29. The meeting will be in the library. We need to assist with congregational visitation for special temporary needs. Contact Luci Bradley for further information at 277-4453.



DONATIONS.....TIME...Your Pick!

Franklin Neighborhood Association needs you to support our children, our community!

Please consider donation of below items and/or your time.

DONATIONS

Franklin Neighborhood Assoc. is in need of the following back to school items to ensure each child is cozy and warm and ready to learn: Coats – boys and girls, grade school (K – 6th) sizes (8 – 14), new or gently used; any size will be accepted Winter hats, mittens, gloves Fleece Blankets – small

Items will be collected the month of October, outside the Sanctuary doors, we appreciate your support and kindness in helping others!

TIME

Franklin Neighborhood is searching for volunteers to work with youth sharing a special skill or hobby, exploring cultures, and tutoring (calling all retired teachers)! If you are looking for an opportunity to give back, and enjoy children, please reach out for additional information. Volunteering to support the programs offered to the children of Franklin School may be the opportunity God is calling you for. For more info, contact the Church office or a member of the Mission Board and we will ensure you are connected to the Franklin Neighborhood Association leadership team to explore your options.

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Guide Book & Directory -

Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of our Congregation. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, call the Church Office.

Update Membership Information

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Thank you.

Help those in need with Thanksgiving Dinner!

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and the Mission Board would like to assist those less fortunate in the Franklin Neighborhood area. Monetary donations in any amount will enable us to provide Thanksgiving dinner for these families. Donations may be mailed to the St. Paul Church office or placed in the offering plate. Please clearly mark your donation as "Thanksgiving Donation".

Thank you.



OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE THE THANKSGIVING BOUNTY

We were offered the opportunity to share with the Lindenwood Community to make a variety of salads & desserts to feed 30 international students who will not go home for Thanksgiving. The meal will be served at the Weinstein Farm for Thanksgiving. We need the food delivered on Wednesday, November 22 by 9:30am at the church. You can make as little as a 5 serving recipe to donate. I just need to have enough to feed 30. Please put all sides in throw away containers so we do not have to worry about getting someone's dish back to them. They have some plastic bowls with lids at the Dollar store for salads & desserts can be made with foil pans. So a lot of you have a great recipe for the holiday, please share your bounty to make their Thanksgiving a warm, happy environment from St. Paul UCC. Please call Sandy Ritter at 222-1123 & put your order in. It is very much appreciated & a good way to be a part of the community.

Join us this year in sharing the joy of the season~
 come to the
 "Hanging of the Greens".

On November 26th, we will begin Advent by decorating our church for the holiday season together. At the 11am Celebration Service, we will be "Hanging the greens" together.

Then at 4:00pm, come back to church & help in the Sanctuary/Welcome Center areas.

Bring an appetizer and a drink.

Some food and drink will be provided. After decorating, we could all go to dinner!



— *This week at* —
St. Paul UCC

- Sun, Oct 29 **9 am Traditional Service w/ Children's Church**
 10am With You Mtg—Library
11am Celebration Service
- Mon, Oct 30 10am Exercise class—HH
 6pm Investment Mtg –library
 6pm Volleyball Group—AC
- Tues, Oct 31 9am Quilters-Quilters Rm
 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSSES @ 4PM
 5 pm Community Dinner
- Wed, Nov 1 6pm Volleyball Group—AC
 Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Nov 2 4 pm Masterworks
 6pm Worship Bd-Library
 6:30 PFLAG-Gt Rm
- Sat, Nov 4 **St Paul Home Trivia Night –
 Doors open 6:30pm**

	<u>Weekly Attendance</u>	
	<u>Oct 15, 2017</u>	<u>Oct 14, 2016</u>
9am / 10:45	116/34	117/39

General Fund		
Offering for 10/15/2017 -	\$11,599	Needed each week \$14,023
Giving to Date	\$536,527	
Budget to..	\$588,966	
Total Budget		\$729,201

For Our Prayers

Margaret Birkner – Sue Northern
The People of Puerto Rico & Virgin Islands
Victims of Disaster & Violence

For Our Thoughts

Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength,
while loving someone deeply gives you courage.

Lao Tzu, 6th century BCE

The opposite of love is not hate, it's indifference.
The opposite of art is not ugliness, it's indifference.
The opposite of faith is not heresy, it's indifference.
And the opposite of life is not death, it's indifference.

Elie Wiesel, 20th century

Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that.

*Martin Luther King Jr., A Testament of Hope:
The Essential Writings & Speeches*

Love is that condition in which the happiness of
another person is essential to your own.

Robert A. Heinlein, Stranger in a Strange Land

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

William Shakespeare, All's Well That Ends Well