



Worship Bulletin

**November 12, 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

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2017 9:00 am

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

PRELUDE *Prelude and Fugue in G Major* J.S.Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALLING HYMN 9 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

CALL to WORSHIP from Psalm 78

One: God established a decree and appointed a law,

Many: That he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

One: That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn,

**Many: And rise up and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God;**

One: And not to forget the works of God,

Many: But always keep God's commandments!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SCRIPTURE READINGS Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 **OT** p. 205
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30 **NT** p. 11

SERMON "Getting the Most Important Things Backwards" Rev. Schafale

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *Cornerstone* Shawn Kirchner

JOURNEY to GENEROSITY "Accept the Yoke" Stewardship Board

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Air* G.F.Handel

+DOXOLOGY

+DEDICATION PRAYER

+SHARING the PEACE

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 288 *Be Thou My Vision*

+SENDING PRAYER The Book of Common Prayer

**Direct us, O Lord, in all of our doings with your most gracious favor,
that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify
your holy name and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

+POSTLUDE *Allemande* Anthony Holborne



NEWS & NOTES

Nov 12, 2017



ACCEPT THE YOKE OF JESUS

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

According to many of the intelligent and wise in the world, a major life purpose is to accumulate money and other resources as a hedge against insecurity, and to use time and talent for one's own pleasure. While not denying the need for long-term security (not only for oneself but for all in the community), and while rejoicing in the gifts of life, the steward recognizes that one of the most important acts in life is the deeply symbolic act of placing something in the offering plate. That is a commitment to the welfare of all.

The invitation to accept a new yoke — the yoke of Jesus — is a bidding to reject the old ways of the old realm that were life denying and to instead embrace ways that are life giving. As it pertains to stewardship, the old age is exhausting, and ill-fitting. The more we have, the more we want. And seldom do we have enough. By contrast, life in the community that is centered on Jesus is a journey to a world that creates positive, life-affirming, meaning-bestowing energy that is easy and a good fit for those who will try it as a discipline for ordering their existence.

Investing time, talent, money, and other resources in the values and practices of the Realm both helps to enact qualities of the Realm in the present and thereby helps keep alive for future generations the possibility that things can be different — in a good way — in comparison to the way they are now.





Join *Our* Church Family!

Join us on November 19th
at the 9am service,
as we will have two new members
in the St. Paul UCC family!

If you are also interested in joining,
Contact Rev. Robert.
All are welcome here.

Mission Board has 2 extra shirts
from the St Paul shirt sale
\$20 Each
1 Ladies 2X in blue
1 Mens XL in red

Contact Judy Koch if you
are interested!

**Peanut
Squares
are
here!!**

**Get yours on
Nov 12 & 19!!**



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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St. Paul UCC

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 24

at 9am Traditional Service
with Chancel Choir

Family Friendly Service with
B Street Band
at 4:30pm in Heritage Hall

at 7:00pm
Traditional Service
with Chancel Choir

Sunday, December 31st

9am Traditional Service &
11am Celebration Service



**WE HAVE MADE THE
AMOUNT NEEDED FOR THE
MEMORIAL BENCHES !
AMAZINGLY FAST—
BECAUSE OF YOU!!**

**NO MORE LIDS ARE NEEDED
—THANK YOU!**

ADULT EDUCATION SPIRITUAL & FORMATION Opportunities



DISCUSSIONS ACROSS DIFFERENCES 2017:

Diversity and Inclusion

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

TODAY

with Frankie Muse Freeman

"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

with Antonio Douthit Boyd

"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

with Jackie Joyner-Kersey

"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?"

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul UCC,

In the United Church of Christ we have a “call” system instead of an “appointment” system. This means that instead of a denominational leader such as a bishop “appointing” our next pastor, we as a congregation have the opportunity to “call” our new pastor. While our Conference will not simply “appoint” a new person, they will be working alongside of us to offer support and resources in our search process.

Times of transitions such as this can make us as a bit anxious wondering what comes next. Many of our leaders have already been approached by members with questions about the “now what?” We are consistently meeting with Rev. Shana Johnson, the Conference Minister of the Illinois South Conference, in which she shared with us the UCC procedures during a time of pastoral transition.

Here is a brief overview of the process and procedures will be following:

A Search Committee has been selected. The members of that committee are: Donna Nettleton-Chair, Donna Davis, Roger Henke, Tina LakeHopper, Terry Kalinowski, Jim Means, Susan Relfe, Dana Rosenzweig, and Al Scharf.

The interim pastor will not be a candidate for the “settled” position as they are being called for the specific purpose of helping us step back and rediscover who we are and what we need in a future leader.

Illinois South Conference will advertise the open position of Senior Pastor among UCC clergy all across the country. Our Search Committee will read ministerial profiles, screen candidates, conduct interviews, check references, and eventually select a candidate who will be recommended to the entire congregation.

This letter is to let you know that we are taking steps to think about our future. We will keep you informed on a regular basis. For now, let us express our gratitude to God, and for the members of St. Paul. Please keep us in your prayers.

In Christ’s name,

Donna Nettleton
Chair, St. Paul Search Committee

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.



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!



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.

Guide Book & Directory

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.

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.

Are you interested in your Family History or in building a Family Tree?



Join Us!

The Genealogy Group will meet on Nov 15th at 10am in Genesis Rm.



— *This week at* — St. Paul UCC

- Sun, Nov 12 **9 am Traditional Service w/ Children's Church**
10:15 Adult Ed in Library
10:30 Choir Retreat—Choir Rm
11am Celebration Service
- Mon, Nov 13 10am Exercise class—HH
6pm Volleyball Group—AC
6pm Mission Bd— Gen Rm
- Tues, Nov 14 OSP Deadline
9am Quilters-Quilters Rm
5 pm Community Dinner
6pm Cub Scouts
7pm Search Committee-GEN ROOM
7pm Shufflers—Library
- Wed, Nov 15 10am Genealogy Group— Gen Rm
6pm Volleyball Group—AC
Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Nov 16 4 pm Masterworks
6:30pm Council
- Sat, Nov 18 Private Rental—AC

Weekly Attendance

	<u>Oct 29, 2017</u>	<u>Oct 30, 2016</u>
9am / 10:45	130/26	154/27

General Fund

Offering for 10/29/2017 -	\$2,869	Needed each week	\$14,023
Giving to Date		\$555,399	
Budget to..		\$617,012	
Total Budget			\$729,201

For Our Prayers

Margaret Birkner - Judy Beisiegel - Marian Bayer
Joyce Maurer - Sue Northern - Karen Range
Texas Shooting Victims

For Our Thoughts

Courage is being scared to death...and saddling up anyway.
John Wayne, 20th century

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.
Anais Nin, 20th century

The opposite for courage is not cowardice, it is conformity.
Even a dead fish can go with the flow.
Jim Hightower, 20th century

You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience
in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You are able to say
to yourself, 'I lived through this horror. I can take the next thing
that comes along.'
Eleanor Roosevelt, 20th century

One isn't necessarily born with courage, but one is born with
potential. Without courage, we can't practice any other virtue
with consistency. We can't be kind, true, merciful, generous,
or honest.
Maya Angelou, 21st century

Inaction breeds doubt and fear. Action breeds confidence and courage.
If you want to conquer fear, do not sit home and think about it.
Go out and get busy.
Dale Carnegie, 20th century

We should live our lives as though Christ was coming this afternoon.
Jimmy Carter, 21st century