



Worship Bulletin

**November 19, 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

Thanksgiving Sunday

November 19, 2017 9:00 am

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

PRELUDE

Gelobt sei Gott. (God be Praised)

Healey Willan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL to INVEST from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

The Message

One: But friends, you're not in the dark, so how could you be taken off guard by any of this? You're sons of Light, daughters of Day!

**Many: We live under wide open skies and know where we stand.
So let's not sleepwalk through life like those others. Let's keep
our eyes open and be smart!**

One: People sleep at night and get drunk at night. But not us! Since we're creatures of Day, let's act like it!

**Many: We'll walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith,
love, and the hope of salvation!**

+CALLING HYMN 177

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

PRAYER of CONFESSION

Rev. Kenneth L. Samuel

Lord, I want to confess it can be hard to give. We're all going through some real tough times, and like so many ask, "Who's got the money? Who's got the time?" How can I give so generously when I have so much uncertainty? Yet the fact I'm worried makes me mindful of your grace. My time may be short, but my faith is still strong. You've seen me through hard times and you've always made a way—even when I thought there was no way out! So let the giving of my talents, my time or my treasure, reflect the abundance of your faithful love. Help me to keep a little song in my heart—just like Jesus taught me to pray! *Amen*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

SERMON from Matthew 25:14-29

"Where Money Grows"

NT p. 27

JOURNEY to GENEROSITY

"Plenty But Few"

Stewardship Board

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O Gott, Du grimmer Gott (O God, Thou Faithful God)* Flor Peeters

+DOXOLOGY 356

+DEDICATION PRAYER

RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS Anne von Brecht & Joyce Ernst

+SHARING the PEACE

DUET *How Can I Keep From Singing?* arr. Richard Walters
Osceola Mueller & Lisa Hudnall

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 195 *God of Earth and Sea and Heaven*

+GO FORTH and INVEST

One: Since we belong to the day, let's promise to be sober,
Many: Keeping faith and love like 'money in the bank!'
One: We wear our hope like a shield and our salvation like a helmet,
**Many: Because God doesn't want us to suffer or lose,
But to live a rich life with a real priceless purpose!**

+POSTLUDE *Nun Danket alle Gott (Now Thank we all our God)* Sigfrid Karg-Elert



NEWS & NOTES

Nov 19, 2017



WE ARE STEWARDS OF FORGIVENESS

"Then Peter came and said to him, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'"

Our text today centers around forgiveness. When we think about forgiveness in the church, we probably first think about God forgiving us. And that is the foundation of all other forgiveness. But our text focuses on forgiving one another, particularly when someone has done something to violate you or to violate community.

When something is unforgiven, it stands like a roadblock between two people, between a person and community, or between communities. Only when it is removed can each party fully give to the relationship and receive from the relationship and engage in the mutual support that should characterize true community.

We are stewards of our time, talent, money, and other resources. We are stewards of forgiveness. We are stewards of possibility for individuals, households, and larger communities.

When we use our resources to support the church, we vote for a world in which we put the roadblocks aside and replace them with the free flow of traffic in real community.

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WEEKLY GIVING IF THE PERCENTAGE IS

(Rounded to the nearest dollar)

Annual Income	Monthly Income	Weekly Income	2%	4%	6%	8%	10%	15%
16,000	1,333	308	6.00	12.00	18.00	25.00	31.00	46.00
20,000	1,667	385	8.00	15.00	23.00	31.00	39.00	58.00
25,000	2,083	481	10.00	19.00	29.00	38.00	48.00	72.00
30,000	2,500	577	12.00	23.00	35.00	46.00	58.00	87.00
35,000	2,917	673	13.00	27.00	40.00	54.00	67.00	101
40,000	3,333	769	15.00	31.00	46.00	62.00	77.00	115
45,000	3,750	865	17.00	35.00	52.00	69.00	87.00	130
50,000	4,167	962	19.00	38.00	58.00	77.00	96.00	144
60,000	5,000	1,154	23.00	46.00	69.00	92.00	115	173
75,000	6,250	1,442	29.00	58.00	87.00	115	144	216
100,000	8,333	1,923	38.00	77.00	115	154	192	288
125,000	10,417	2,404	48.00	96.00	144	192	240	361

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 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?"

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.

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

Mingles & Singles Christmas Party Saturday, December 9 6:30pm
 Barb Sues's House - Please bring an appetizer to share & drink of choice.
 34 Kingston Drive, Belleville RSVP 397-1113 / bjsusess15@yahoo.com



CRAFTY MANIA

Proceeds to Benefit: A Mission of the Church

Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry Maker, or like to Sew?
 What ever your craft, join us!! Spend the day doing what you like!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!

What: All Day Crafting
When: Saturday - Feb 3rd, 2018
 8:30am - 4:00pm
Where: St. Paul UCC
 115 West B st (enter on C st)
 Belleville, IL



Adults: \$30.00 with lunch / \$25 no lunch
Includes: snacks, vendors, reserved space, attendance prizes,

Extended Hours Available! 9am-10:30pm \$35.00 per person (meals served) / NO meals \$30

Contact Person: Diana Haar @ (618)233-3303

dmhaar@charter.net

****ENTER RAFFLE TO WIN A CRICUT CARTRIDGE, ACCESSORIES &
 other raffle items. Raffle tickets available for purchase.**

***** Early bird registration due January 8th (to be entered in special drawing)**

Reservation Deadline is January 22nd

Make checks payable to: St. Paul UCC
Mail payment & reservation to: St. Paul UCC
 115 West B st
 Belleville, IL 62221
Attn: Crafty Mania

Name: _____
 Phone: _____ E-mail: _____ (print clearly)
 I would like to sit by _____
 My craft is _____
 Enclosed is my payment of (please circle ONE below)

- 1 \$30.00 with lunch / \$25.00 no lunch 9am - 4pm
- 2 \$35.00 with lunch & dinner / \$30.00 no meals 9am - 11pm

**Fireside
 Club Mtg**
 Sunday,
 Nov 26
 6pm
 Heritage
 Hall

Come and
 Join us.
 Pastor Gus
 is showing
 us his slides
 from the
 Eclipse,
 plus we will
 play some
 card
 games. All
 member
 and friends
 of St Paul
 are
 welcome to
 come.

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!



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.

— This week at — St. Paul UCC

Sun, Nov 19 **9 am Traditional Service w/ Children's Church**
10:15 Adult Ed in Library
11am Celebration Service
2pm Sheltered Reality

Mon, Nov 20 10am Exercise class—HH
12pm Prayer Group
6pm Volleyball Group—AC

Tues, Nov 21 OSP Deadline
9am Quilters-Quilters Rm
4pm Masterworks
5 pm Community Dinner
6pm Cub Scouts
7pm Women's Guild—HH

Wed, Nov 22 9:30 Baby Class-HH
Band / Bells / Choir

Thurs, Nov 23 Closed—Thanksgiving

Fri, Nov 24 Church Closed

Sat, Nov 25 10am Centering Prayer



Weekly Attendance

	<u>Nov 5, 2017</u>	<u>Nov 6, 2016</u>
9am / 10:45	147/24	164/36

General Fund

Offering for 11/05/2017 -	\$30,318	Needed each week	\$14,023
Giving to Date			\$586,931
Budget to..			\$631,035
Total Budget			\$729,201

For Our Prayers

Family of Marian Bayer - Margaret Birkner - Judy Beisiegel
Joyce Maurer - Sue Northern - Karen Range

For Our Pastoral Search

Pray for the church to wholeheartedly trust the Lord
while searching for a pastor; pray for the search committee to trust the
Holy Spirit's leadership.
(See Proverbs 3:5-6)

For Our Thoughts

When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope
that I would not have a single bit of talent left and could say,
'I used everything you gave me.'

Erma Bombeck, 20th century

You cannot swim for new horizons until you have courage to
lose sight of the shore.

William Faulkner, 20th century

The greatest risk to man is not that he aims too high and misses,
but that he aims too low and hits.

Michaelangelo, 16th century