



Worship Bulletin

**November 5, 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

All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2017 9:00 am

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

MEN'S ENSEMBLE *My Lord, What a Morning* arr. Gilliam

ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CALLING HYMN 302 *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

RADIANT from Psalm 34

One: Look to God, and be radiant;
Many: Let our faces never be ashamed!
One: This poor soul cried,
Many: And was heard by the LORD!
One: O taste and see that the LORD is good;
Many: Those who seek God lack no good thing.
One: The LORD will change the life of his servants;
Many: None who abide will be condemned!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH "How do you spell 'Bible?'"

SERMON from Matthew 5:1-12 "How do you spell 'Saint?'" NT p. 4

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *Come to the Table* Allen Pote

HOLY COMMUNION

JOURNEY to GENEROSITY The Stewardship Board

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Brother James' Air* Dale Wood

OFFERTORY RESPONSE HYMN 215, Verse 3

DEDICATION PRAYER

+SHARING the PEACE



NEWS & NOTES

Nov 5, 2017



JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY: THE WAY OF JESUS

"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." Matthew 9:35-10:23

One virtue of this passage for today's church, with respect to stewardship, is that it underlines the importance of making as clear a choice as possible in using resources in favor of the Realm of God. Individuals, households, and congregations become clearer and deeper in stewardship commitment when we make a deliberate "Yes."

By making a strong pledge of time, talent, money, and other resources, we reinforce others who have already done so, and we encourage those who have not done as much to do the same. Another virtue of the passage is that it underscores the fact that our choices have long-term consequences.

We may not believe that failure to give to the church is going to keep us out of heaven, but we certainly know that investing money in the work of ministry and mission on behalf of others improves the quality of life in our community. It also directly benefits us with a sense of purpose, overall well-being, and being a part of something that is larger than ourselves. It is good for us!

To accept the command of Jesus to engage in bringing wholeness to a fragmented world is to be on a mission that matters. It is a mission that is not without risk, cannot be taken without deep personal commitment, and requires that we ultimately trust God to provide what we need. Then again, most things that matter in life are not necessarily easy or without effort.



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 TODAY following 9am service
for special vote on Recommendation from Stewardship and Nominating.**

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.

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



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



Peanut Squares are coming!!

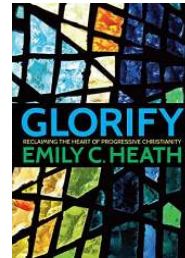
**Get yours on
Nov 12 & 19!!**

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



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 reclaiming 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.

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.

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?"

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/Welcoming 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.

Music Notes



Thanks to the **Glory Ringers** and **Chancel Choir** for their fine musical contributions to Reformation Sunday (500th anniversary edition)! Special thanks to Karen for her first (?) presentation on bells, and to the choir for singing a challenging setting well!

Glory Ringers, we will be looking at some Christmas possibilities tonight, and deciding whether Nov. 12 makes sense or not for the American hymn tunes setting.

Men's Ensemble, we will rehearse at the end of choir tonight and we sing (Prelude) this Sunday.

Women's Ensemble, our next scheduled Sunday is December 17, but I might see if you would be willing to sing sooner, more info to come .

Chancel Choir, I have made some changes in our upcoming repertoire to balance, I hope, somewhat easier pieces with more difficult ones.

Please remember that our retreat will be on **Nov 12**, here at the church. I have made a change and it will go from 10:30-2.

Rehearsal 10:30-12
Lunch (upstairs by choir rm)12noon
Rehearsal 12:30-2

Peace, Dan

— This week at — St. Paul UCC

- Sun, Nov 5 **9 am Traditional Service w/ Children's Church**
10am Congregational Mtg
CULINAIRES BFAST!!
11am Celebration Service
2pm Sheltered Reality
- Mon, Nov 6 10am Exercise class—HH
4pm Peanut Square Assmly
6pm Volleyball Group—AC
6pm Youth Group
7pm Confirmation
- Tues, Nov 7 9am Quilters-Quilters Rm
5 pm Community Dinner
6pm Cub Scouts
7pm Search Committee-Library
- Wed, Nov 8 9:30 Baby Class
5pm Finance Bd
6pm Volleyball Group—AC
Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Nov 9 4 pm Masterworks
6pm Board Meetings
6pm Ecuador—Gt Rm
- Sat, Nov 11 10am Ctr Prayer

Weekly Attendance

	Oct 22, 2017	Oct 21, 2016
9am / 10:45	119/17	140/Rend Lake

General Fund

Offering for 10/22/2017 -	\$16,003	Needed each week	\$14,023
Giving to Date		\$552,530	
Budget to..		\$602,989	
Total Budget			\$729,201

For Our Prayers

Margaret Birkner – Joyce Maurer – Sue Northern
NYC Attack Victims – Peace Process in Colombia
People of Kenya – Progress for Puerto Rico

For all the Saints

All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less
than a single lovely action.

James Russell Lowell, 19th century

*Not everything that can be counted counts,
and not everything that counts can be counted.*

Albert Einstein, 20th century

Where there are no good works, there is no faith. If works
and love do not blossom forth, it is not genuine faith,
the gospel has not gained a foothold, and Christ is not yet rightly known.

Martin Luther, 16th century

*Lay hold of something that will help you,
and then use it to help somebody else.*

Booker T. Washington, 20th century

*If you believe what you like in the Gospels,
and reject what you don't like,
it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.*

Augustine of Hippo, 5th century