

St. Paul United Church of Christ

First Sunday in Lent

February 18, 2018 9:00 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN'S ENSEMBLE *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*
arr. John Walters

REMEMBER and BELIEVE from Mark 1:9-15 NT p. 33

+CALLING HYMN 229 *Hope of the World*

STEP by STEP from Psalm 25 in *The Message*

Show me how you work, God; school me in your ways.

Take me by the hand; lead me down the path of truth.

You are my Savior, aren't you?

Forget that I sowed wild oats; mark me with your sign of love.

Plan only the best for me, God!

God is fair and just; he corrects the misdirected.

He gives the rejects his hand, and leads them step-by-step!

CHILDREN'S TIME "Where do rainbows go?"

SERMON from Genesis 9:8-16

"How does your rainbow grow?" OT p. 7

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM *Wondrous Love* arr. Chester Alwes

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Meditation on *Rathbun* Robert Powell

+DOXOLOGY 338 & 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 290

What a Fellowship

+TRAVELING MERCIES

from Psalm 25 in *The Message*

From now on, every road you travel will take you to God.

Follow the Covenant signs; read the charted directions.

What are God-worshippers like?

Arrows aimed at God's bulls-eye!

Keep watch over me and keep me out of trouble;

Don't let me down when I run to you.

Use all your skill to put me together;

I wait to see your finished product!

+POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G

J.S. Bach



Information for friends...new and old.

Weekly Sunday morning services ~

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 relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service** with our B Street Band, who play contemporary Christian 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!**



Our music sponsorship today -
Happy Birthday in Heaven
to Steve Suess on Feb 11th

From
Jennifer Sage and
Dave & Roni Douglas

For Our Prayers

Margaret Birkner - Marilee Black
Janet Heil - Janice King - Marsha McCoy
Bob Myland - Mary Anne Walton - Bill Whicher

For Our Pastoral Search

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. *(James 1:5-8)*

Pray that our church remains faithful and steady during this period.

For Our Thoughts

Grace is but glory begun, and glory is but grace perfected. *Jonathan Edwards, 18th century*

It is evident that immunity to any transcendent voice and disregard of neighbor leads finally to the disappearance of passion. *Walter Brueggemann, 20th century*

The real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back. That's real glory. That's the essence of it. *Vince Lombardi, 20th century*

<u>Sun, Feb 11</u>	9am Traditional Service 10:15 Congregational Mtg 10:15 Adult Christ Ed Class 11am Celebration Service
<u>Mon, Feb 12</u>	10am Exercise Class 3pm Gov French 6pm Mission Bd—Library 6pm Volleyball
<u>Tues, Feb 13</u>	9am Quilters 10am Adult Christian Ed Class— Gen Rm 3pm Gov French 5pm Comm Dinner 6pm Basketball —AC 7pm Shufflers—Library
<u>Wed, Feb 14</u>	9:30 Baby Class— HH 10:30 Staff Mtg 12pm Ash Wednesday Service 3pm Gov French 5pm Finance Bd Mtg 7pm Ash Wednesday Service Band / Bells / Choir
<u>Thurs, Feb 15</u>	3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6:30pm Council
<u>Fri, Feb 16</u>	3pm Gov French 5pm Basketball

— *This week at* — **St. Paul UCC**
Please see stpaulucc.org for full calendar of events!



Welcome

We are glad you're here!

St. Paul United Church of Christ

February 11, 2018 9:00 am

9 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:15am

Congregational Meeting

10:15am

Adult Christian Education Class begins in Library

11 am

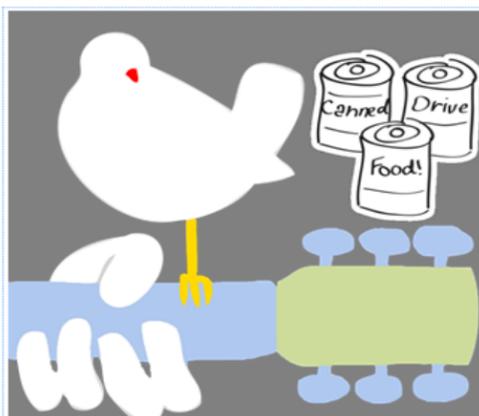
Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

115 West "B" Street, Belleville (618) 233-3303

www.stpaulucc.org



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



Belleville's
**Community
Interfaith
Food Pantry**
1st Annual
Food-Stock Concert
Sunday, March 4th 2:30 pm
at St. Paul UCC - 115 West B St (Enter on C St), Belleville
Free Entry w/ Can Goods or Donation
Early spring is a time of year when the Community Interfaith Food Pantry needs help filling their shelves. Bring can goods and enjoy an afternoon of celebration music while helping others!
All donations will go to the Community Interfaith Food Pantry.
Sponsorship opportunities available—contact Tina at tflakehopper@stpaulucc.org
The 11 Churches that make up the CIFF are coming together for a concert to benefit the food pantry!
Come to hear celebration bands and choirs from St. Paul UCC, St. Teresa's & Peace Lutheran.
Appelizers will be provided on the day concert courtesy of St Paul UCC Youth Group
For more information about CIFF - go to feedbelleville.org

Lent

Mid-week Lenten Chapel Services
11:30am Wednesdays
Musical offerings by St. Paul musicians, as well as readings and hymns
Lunch provided:
soup & salad served from 12:00 pm
Freewill Donation Plan to come & worship with us.
February 21– March 21

2/14 Ash Wednesday
Noon & 7pm-Sanctuary

3/25 Palm Sunday
9am Pastor Schafale & Chancel Choir
11am Greg Seaman & B Street Band

3/29 Maundy Thursday
6pm – Rev Shana Johnson & Potluck

3/30 Good Friday
Noon-Sanctuary & 7pm-Chancel Choir

3/31 Bunny Breakfast
9am Activities Center

4/1 Easter Sunday
9am - Pastor Gus Kuether w/ Chancel Choir & Brass Quintet
11am - Greg Seaman w/ B Street

Your Stewardship Board would like to remind everyone what is celebrated during Lent.

Lent is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, **Lent** is a season of reflection and preparation before the **celebrations** of Easter. By observing the 40 days of **Lent**, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days.

This year everyone will receive a Lenten Offering box. The box reminds us by the Bible printed verses from John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." And John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." Each of us has the opportunity to replicate Jesus' sacrifice by depositing a daily offering into your Lenten Box and returning your offering box on Easter. Your daily sacrifice will benefit the mission and ministry of St Paul Church as guided by the Great Commandment; "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind."

Offering Boxes will be given out Sunday February 11th and will be available Ash Wednesday February 14th.

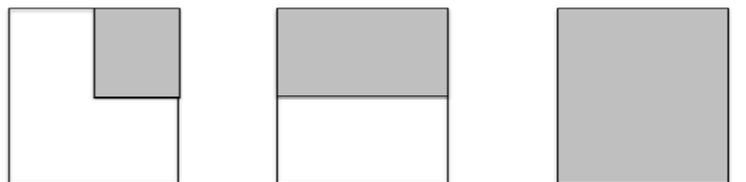


Genealogy
The Genealogy Interest Group will meet on
Wed, Feb 21 at 10 AM
in the Genesis room.
Get ready to do your genealogy this year!
Questions-call Rick Drake 632-7796.

Weekly Attendance
9am / Celebration
Jan 28, 2018 126/26
Jan 27, 2017 157/25



Food Pantry Friends:
As you may know, FOOD-STOCK, the 1st Annual Community Interfaith Food Pantry Concert, is quickly approaching and we are getting a program booklet together. Here is one way you can be a part of the day and help support the Food Pantry at the same time! Sponsorships are a creative (and lasting) way to give support, as well as advertise for your group or business! Please check out the graphics below for a few different options:



Quarter Page Ad: \$20
Half-Page Ad: \$30
Full-Page Ad: \$50

We hope that you will consider purchasing ad space. You can include anything from a simple message, quotes, or a picture. If you decide to purchase an ad, please contact the St. Paul UCC church office by **Feb 15, 2018**. Any questions email tflakehopper@stpaulucc.org. Thank you!

2018 Adult Mission Trip
Our 2018 trip is planned for the week of May 14 – 18 at Camp DuBois.
Possible projects include building a dock, building changing stalls in the beach house, installing new fans and lights in the rustic cabins, replacing siding on the office, painting, etc. You can come for a few hours 1 day, multiple days, or spend the entire week with us. We will have something for you to do if you want to help or learn a new skill. Please contact Roger Harris 277-3805 or roger.harris@bankofamerica.com to volunteer



Join us TODAY following
9am Worship
10:15am Meeting



Have you been thinking about coming to Women's Guild and checking it out? Now is the time! To celebrate Valentine's Day, come to our February meeting in HH on Feb 20th at 7pm. This evening we will have special guests Tyler Kohrs and Scott Wilson playing beautiful music for us. Dessert will be provided by the gracious hostesses of the month.

2018 DAY OF DISCIPLESHIP & INSTALLATION OF REV. JOHNSON
Mission Making Members
Saturday, March 3, 2018
Evangelical UCC, Highland

WORKSHOPS FOR CHURCH MEMBERS

PURPOSE: To take home an abundance of information that will help your missions make members and members make mission.

WHO: Interested Church Members, Council/Consistory/Committee Members, Youth and Youth Leaders, Church Officers, Delegates, and Christian Educators

WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2018
Workshops – 9:30 am – 2:00 pm (Registration begins at 9:00 am.)
ISC Pride Reception – 2 pm – 3 pm
Installation of Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister – 3 pm – 4 pm

WHERE: Evangelical UCC, 2520 Poplar Street, Highland, IL 62249 (A map is on the back)

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Director of the United Church of Christ CARD (Center for Analytics, Research and Data) ministries

9:00	Registration/Snacks
9:30	Welcome/Prayer/Song/Announcements
9:40 - 10:30	Keynote: Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi
10:30	Move to Workshops
10:40 – 11:50	Workshop 1
12:00 – 12:50	Lunch
12:50 - 2:00	Workshop 2
2:00	Reception sponsored by ISC Pride
3:00	Installation of Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister

Individual Registration Fees		
Individual Registration	By Feb 20	After Feb 20
	\$30	\$35
Registration Includes:		Keynote Speaker Two (2) Workshops Lunch

Workshop Sessions and Speakers
Choose one workshop from workshop sessions #1 and #2

WKSP # 1 & 2 A
Be the Church: A Mission Planning Guide for Congregations
Presented by Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Director of UCC CARD (Center for Analytics, Research and Data).

1 & 2 B
Mission Teams within the United States
Presented by Roger Harris, Belleville St. Paul UCC.

1 & 2 C
Ecumenical Partnerships—Mission in Action
Presented by Lee-Hilson Wilson, Belleville St. Paul UCC and Rev. John Host, Marion Zion UCC.

1 & 2 D
Ending Mission in Your Own Community
Presented by Rev. Katie-Jo Bieker, Collinsville St. John Evangelical UCC.

1 & 2 E
Gauss Who's Coming to Dinner?
Presented by a panel of Donna Calhoun, Collinsville St. John Evangelical UCC; Sandy Rivers, Belleville St. Paul UCC; Carol Meeks, Eboraville St. Paul UCC.

1 & 2 F
Carrs Out on Delivery?
Presented by a panel of Rev. Laurie Crilly, Brighton St. John UCC; Mike West, Highland Evangelical UCC; and Rev. Carol Shanks, Cahokii Bethel UCC.

1 & 2 G
How Does Your Garden Grow?
Presented by Marge Lindhorst, Columbia St. Paul UCC; Pastor Norma Patterson and Milton Jones, East St. Louis Good Shepherd of Faith UCC.

1 & 2 H
Shelter in Times of Trouble
Presented by Pastor Cory Hertz, and members of Belleville Trinity UCC.

1 & 2 I
Setting a Healthy Table for All
Presented by Rev. Donna Papallo, Deaconess Nurse Ministries.

1 & 2 J
The Story—Makina Disinika
Presented by Rev. Idris Cerebas, Freeburg St. Paul's UCC.

1 & 2 K
Growing Church Membership With Older Adult Ministries
Presented by Jan Aerie, MS, gerontologist, family counselor, former UCC national staff member.

1 L
The Mission of Being an Omen & Affirming Congregation
Presented by Dr. Jill Baker, ISC Vice Moderator.

For more information—iscucc.org