

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 18, 2018 9:00 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Brother James' Air

Dale Wood

+OPENING HYMN #157 *Christ, Thou Art the Sure Foundation*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let us gather in worship.

All: O God, we wish to see Jesus! We come to worship, to pray and learn.

One: We come looking for Jesus in

Scripture lessons,

In our own life experiences,

In helping our world,

In prayer for each other.

All: We seek to follow

in the way of Jesus.

One: We lay bare before God

and one another

Our own wilderness journey

Filled with some gladness and hope,

With reluctance and sorrow,

With fear and confusion.

All: O God, speak to us, show us,

touch us with your presence!

One: Let our Lenten Journey lead us to Jesus

So that we may show Jesus forth In our lives,

our faith community, and our world.

All: Amen

+CENTERING PRAYER

God of the journey, you invite us the church,

“To accept the cost and joy of discipleship”

And “to be your servants in the service of others.”

In doing so, may your presence be our guide and Jesus our model.

May we respond to you in loving faithfulness.

Amen

+CHORAL RESPONSE Hymn #232, Verse 4

Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

In my heart, In my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

+SHARING the PEACE

... The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share a sign of that peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S TIME

MUSIC MINISTRY

Guide My Feet, Lord
Chancel Choir

arr. John Carter

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with
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

SCRIPTURE READING - Jeremiah 31:31-34 and *John 12: 20-33

SERMON

MISSION MOMENT

Community Interfaith Food Pantry

Jim Young

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

Wayfarin' Stranger

arr. Michael Larkin

+DOXOLOGY 355

+DEDICATION PRAYER

God, there are many who "wish to see Jesus."

In joy and celebration of the many gifts that

we share, we ask you to bless all of our offerings.

May Jesus shine in all the world. Amen

+HYMN # 275

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G

Henry Heron

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!**

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

For Our Prayers

Marilee Black - Debbie Hailstone - Doreen Jones
Linda Mentzer - Marsha McCoy - Bob Myland

For Our Pastoral Search

Hebrews 13:17

¹⁷ Have confidence in your leaders because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

Pray for your future pastor to faithfully shepherd the church and for members of the church to joyfully place themselves under their leadership.

For Our Thoughts

Coincidence is God's way of remaining anonymous.

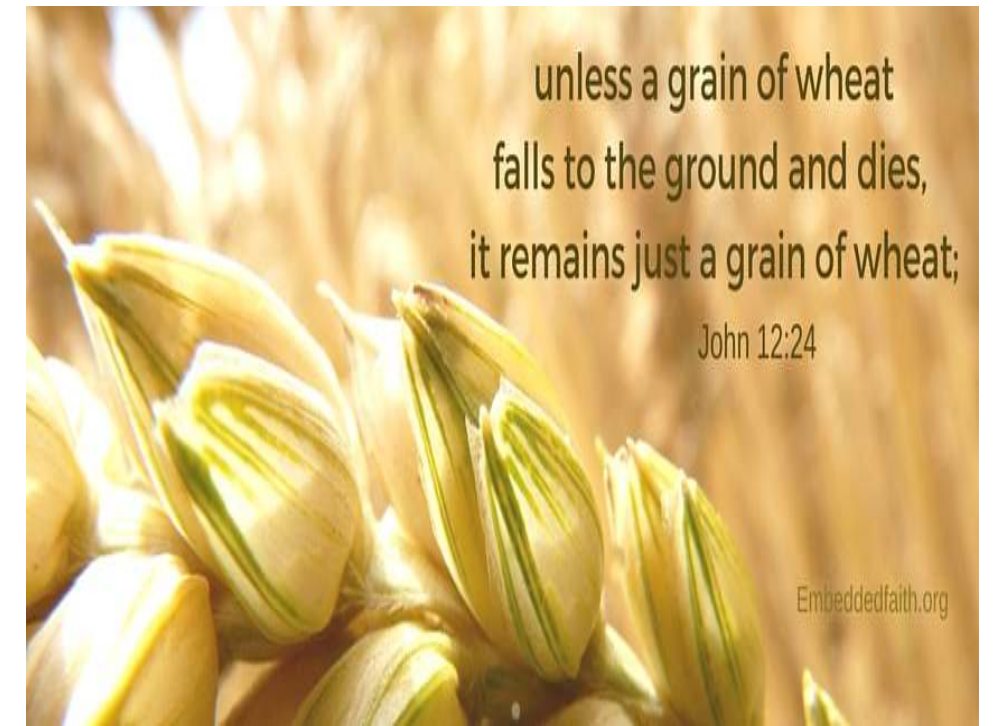
Albert Einstein

Some memories are unforgettable, remaining ever vivid and heartwarming.

Joseph B. Wirthlin

Just remaining quietly in the presence of God, listening to Him, being attentive to Him, requires a lot of courage and know-how.

Thomas Merton



Welcome

We are glad you're here!

St. Paul United Church of Christ

March 18, 2018

9 am

Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

10:15 Adult Christian Education—Library

11 am

Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

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

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Our Special Guests today:

Greg Seaman & Tyler Kohrs



— *This week at* — **St. Paul UCC**

Please see stpaulucc.org for full calendar of events!

<u>Sun, Mar 18</u>	9am Traditional Service 10:15 Adult Christ Ed—library 11am Celebration Service
<u>Mon, Mar 19</u>	10am Exercise Class 3pm Gov French 6pm Volleyball
<u>Tues, Mar 20</u>	ELECTION DAY 9am Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner 6pm Cub Scouts 6pm NAMI-Great Rm 7pm Women's Guild
<u>Wed, Mar 21</u>	10am Gen Class— Gen Rm 9:30 Staff Mtg 11:30 Lenten Service 3pm Gov French 6pm Volleyball Band / Bells / Choir
<u>Thurs, Mar 22</u>	3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6:15 Food Pantry Mtg
<u>Sat, Mar 24</u>	10am Ctr Prayer 9am SWIC Choir Practice 1pm Bville Phil Practice 7pm Bville Phil Concert

Fireside Club will be meeting on March 25 at 11:30am at the Roundtable Restaurant for lunch - See you there!!



Our Easter Celebration

There are two special ways in which you can share in the Easter celebration. We will be decorating the altar area with assorted spring flowers. You may purchase a spring flower and/or make a memorial gift. Please use the form below.

EASTER MEMORIAL GIFT

Gift is given:
 IN MEMORY OF _____
 OR
 IN HONOR OF _____
 GIVEN BY _____

ASSORTED SPRING FLOWERS

The price is \$10.00.

Gift is given:
 IN MEMORY OF _____
 OR
 IN HONOR OF _____
 GIVEN BY _____

Please return this form and the appropriate check to the church office by Sunday, March 25. You may take your flowers home after the 9:00 a.m. service of worship on Easter Sunday, April 1 or pick them up on Tuesday, April 3.
 Thank You.

Lent



Mid-week Lenten Chapel Services

11:30am Wednesdays

Musical offerings by St. Paul musicians, as well as readings and hymns

Light lunch provided, served from 12noon

Freewill Donation
 Plan to worship with us.
 Leading service:

March 14 - Susan Relfe
 March 21 - Mary Lu Bretsch

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- & 7pm-Chancel Choir at 7pm

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



Special Guests at St. Paul

We are blessed to have special guests in our pulpit in coming weeks.

Make sure to join us & welcome our guests!

March 18 9am - Greg Seaman 11am - Tyler Kohrs
 March 25 9am - Pastor Herb Schafale 11am - Greg Seaman
 March 29 Maundy Thursday - Rev Shana Johnson
 March 30 Good Friday - Craig Bielke 12noon & 7pm
 April 1 Easter 9am-Pastor Gus Kuether 11am-Greg Seaman

Maundy Thursday

Join us and Rev. Shana Johnson for a special evening on Maundy Thursday ~ March 29 at 6pm in the Activities Cntr.
 6pm Potluck Dinner 7pm service

Please bring the following according to your last name:

A-G Vegetable H-M Salads N-Z Desserts

The main course will be provided.

Sponsored by the Worship and Stewardship & Nominating Boards

Weekly Attendance

9am / Celebration Mar 4, 2018 Mar 3, 2017
 170/Single 147/29



Offering for 03/04/2018 - \$30,382

General Fund

Needed each week \$12,912

Giving to... \$115,468
 Budget to... \$116,208

Total Budget \$671,441

St. Paul Women's Guild

SPRING Rummage

& BAKE Sale

Friday, April 6 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 7 9:00 a.m. - Noon

(Saturday - \$1.00 Brown Bag Special)

It's that time of year again for the St. Paul Women's Guild Rummage Sale!! And it's that time of year again -- for YOU to bring unwanted items to the church.

All items such as clothing, children's things, household knick-knacks, liners, books, dishes, small appliances (no furniture or tv's)

- anything that you think would be of some use to someone in our community.

Please come to parking lot by garage door and then call office on buzzer we will come help—please call ahead if you have a large amount.

(For Guild members and friends—set up begins Apr 4 at noon)

Your items are needed **BEFORE** April 6th at noon, so that they may be set up for sale on Friday evening. **Mark your calendar!!**

WOMEN'S GUILD - MARCH MEETING

Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 7 p.m., in Heritage Hall.

Special guest speaker Lisa Adams, from Marketplace Magazine.

Spring Rummage Sale to be held Friday, April 6, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 and Saturday, April 7 at 9 a.m. to Noon.

All ladies are invited to join our group. You will have fun, meet new people, hear interesting speakers, enjoy wonderful desserts & find out what we're all about! See you in March!



ELECTRONIC RECYCLING & PAPER SHREDDING

Sat, April 14 9am to Noon

St. Paul UCC, Parking Lot

FOR COMPLETE LIST OF WHAT IS ACCEPTED—
 PLEASE SEE **WWW.STPAULUCC.ORG**

2018 Adult Mission Trip

Our 2018 trip is planned for the week of May 14 – 18 at Camp DuBois.

Please contact Roger Harris 277-3805 or roger.harris@bankofamerica to volunteer or for more info.



For information about all this and more... see

www.stpaulucc.org



St. Paul UCC For Your Safety

Your safety and security are a priority and taken seriously. We have recently made some changes to make St. Paul a better and safer place to worship and grow.

To maintain your security and the safety of others, the doors to the church will be open for worship and fellowship at specific times:

Sundays

Welcome Ctr & 1st Street Doors
Open: 8am - 9:15am
2nd Street Door
Open: 8am-9:15 &
10am-11:15am
Special Events - to be determined

Mondays – Thursday

Office Hours - 8am-5pm
B Street Doors
Evening hours -
per scheduled events

Friday

Office Hours 8am– 4pm
B Street Doors
Evening hours -
per scheduled events

Saturday

per scheduled events

Please make sure your event / activity is scheduled in the Church Office. For insurance purposes and for staff coverage, we need to know who is in the building. If your event is not scheduled, you may be turned away. To schedule an events, please call Tina in the church office at 233-3303 during office hours.

Please read the Emergency Guides, found in each pew and throughout the church, to be prepared for any situation:

- Fire
- Tornado
- Earthquake
- Personal Emergency
- Active Shooters

First Aid kits are located:

- Usher stand in Narthex,
- Choir Room,
- Church Office,
- Main Kitchen,
- Great Room / lower lever.

An AED is located on main floor hallway next to Church Offices.

CALL 911.

Please inform church office of any accident or issue.

Thank you
for helping us keep
YOUR church safe.

If you have any questions,
please feel free to contact
the church office
at 233-3303.

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