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No matter where you are  
on life’s journey,  
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# *Welcome to Worship*

*Welcome to St. Paul Church! We are glad you are here!*

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9:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
11:00 am Celebration Worship in our Heritage Hall

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## Information for our friends...

### **Weekly Sunday morning services ~**

Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns and has Children's Church. Bring your children to attend service, after our Children's time, go for a lesson & kids can be picked up in the Welcome Center after service.

Join our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service** in our Heritage Hall.

The B Street Band is proud to share their contemporary Christian music and welcomes you to listen and sing along. *Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*

**The Nursery is open during 9 am services**, and is the first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary. 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, please see your ushers if you have any questions.

**Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.**

**We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today.** If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week– let us know you are here!! 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 hospital to notify the church office. Also please notify the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

*Your phone call is crucial to our ministry!*

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

**[www.stpaulucc.org](http://www.stpaulucc.org)**

# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

April 29, 2018 - 9:00 am

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*Jesus Loves Me*

Charles Callahan

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Here in this place of worship, with the congregation of the faithful,

**All: we lay down our fears, to boldly sing God's praise.**

One: Here in the vineyard of the Lord, with our sisters and brothers in Christ,.

**All: grandparents tell stories of faith to little ones sitting on their laps.**

One: Here where God waits to serve us at the Table:

**All: we shall be so filled with love that we will run to serve others.**

+HYMN #53

*God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him*

+CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE (prayed in unison)

**God of Compassion: called to be one body, we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces; your children of love, we insist on the right to despise our sisters and brothers; though your Perfect Love was broken for us, we are afraid to give of ourselves to the world. Abide in us, Vine Grower. Forgive us of our sins, so we may live boldly, love fearlessly, and proclaim unceasingly that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior.**

+SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

*Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*  
Chancel Choir

William Dailey

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 8:26-40

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

And so we pray:

**Forgive us where we go astray,  
and keep us on the path of life.**

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 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.**

MISSION MOMENT

Community Dinners

Sandy Ritter

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS and OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Voluntary in e*

John Stanley

+DOXOLOGY 338

+DEDICATION PRAYER

From you comes every gift we need, every blessing we have. May we not hoard them for ourselves, but offer them back to you, that the poor might be fed, the lonely befriended, and the despairing be filled with hope. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

+HYMN #247

*Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

+COMMISSIONING and BENEDECTION

+POSTLUDE

*Fugue in d*

Johann Pachelbel



# NEWS & NOTES

April 29, 2018



## Special Guests at St. Paul

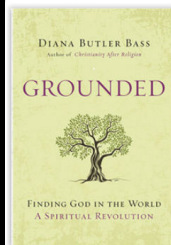
We are blessed to have special guests in our pulpit in coming weeks. Make sure to join us & welcome our guests!

April 29 9am-Craig Bielke 11am-Greg Seaman  
May 6 9am Pastor Herb Schafale 11am Greg Seaman



### The St. Paul Congregation Calls a New Pastor

Rev. Michelle L. Torigian is currently the pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Old Blue Rock Road in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to ministry, Torigian worked in fundraising and marketing for nonprofits as her previous career. She graduated from Eden Theological Seminary in 2010, Fontbonne University in 1995 and is a graduate of Belleville West High School. Torigian is the author of a number of articles on the Huffington Post Religion page including "Between Childless and Childfree," a reflection for Mother's Day. Torigian has also written various pieces for the United Church of Christ including for the New Sacred blog, the worship service for General Synod in 2015, and the UCC Daily Devotional. Her essay "Always the Pastor, Never the Bride" was published in the book *There's a Woman in the Pulpit* and her essay "Worshiping in the Gaps: Developing Unique Worship Services" in the book *Sacred Habits: Rise of the Creative Clergy*. She has also written pieces for the 2017 book *A Child Laughs*. Torigian regularly posts her musings on current events, justice issues, pop culture, and theology at [www.michelleorigian.com](http://www.michelleorigian.com). Currently her first Sunday at St. Paul, Belleville is scheduled to be July 8, 2018.



### ONLINE CHRISTIAN BOOK GROUP

"There is nothing worse than sleeping through a revolution," Bass says. Her new book will not only help you wake up. It will equip you to be an enthusiastic participant in what I believe is the deepest and most important movement taking shape in our lifetime." -- Brian D. McLaren, speaker, activist, & author of *A New Kind of Christianity*

**Get in on the ground floor and join a study group of the book *Grounded: Finding God in the World, A Spiritual Revolution* by Diana Butler Bass. Our group will read and study the book through email exchange and with three (or more) face-to-face meetings.** If you are interested or simply curious, email Brett White at [glorifystudy@gmail.com](mailto:glorifystudy@gmail.com) Read up on this book and others by the author by visiting [dianabutlerbass.com](http://dianabutlerbass.com) Hope you join us and get *Grounded*!



**USED  
BOOK  
SALE**



## **MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOOK FAIR**

Wed, May 2 9 am-7 pm  
Thurs, May 3 9 am-7 pm  
Fri, May 4 9 am-7 pm  
Sat, May 5 8am-noon

**NEW TIMES!**



### Mother's Day Honor Roll

Mission Board invites you to honor your Mother (or any special woman in your life) on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13th! Give a donation in her name and she will be placed on the Mother's Day Honor Roll in News & Notes on Mother's Day! Donations should be placed in the offering basket along with the form, or mailed/dropped off to the church. All donations will go to the Camp DuBois Scholarship Foundation allowing our church children, and neighborhood children, to attend summer camp. Your donation supports our youth and assists in creating lifetime experiences and memories of summer camp! Please place your donations in the offering basket along w/ the form or mail to the church office.

**Circle One:**            In memory of            In honor of

Mother/Loved One's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN THE ST. PAUL MINGLES AND SINGLES ORGANIZATION IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE  
OUR NINTH ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF:

### "DERBY DAY "THE RUN FOR THE ROSES"

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 5, 2018 START TIME 3:30 P.M.

WHERE: AT THE HOME OF LYN AND KRIS MUELLER, 429 WEATHERSTONE DR BELLEVILLE

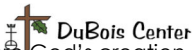
PLEASE BRING: HORS D'OEUVRES AND BEVERAGES TO SHARE

If you haven't attended a Mingles and Singles event lately, this one is not to be missed! PLEASE COME!

Remember our non-fund-raiser pledge: \$10.00 per person for "the good of the cause."

RSVP: KRIS MUELLER 234-9447 or muellerkm75@hotmail.com

Come join the Women's Guild at our May meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup>  
at 7:00 in Heritage Hall. Bring a friend! We will celebrate and honor all mothers with Flowers  
and yummy desert. Stephenie Bauza will present "Choir Trip to Germany 2017".



### **Experience DuBois Center this Summer**

Explore God's creation on acres and acres of beautiful terrain. Swim and boat in the lake. Ride a horse. Go for a hike. Sing around the bonfire. Be yourself, try new things and grow your faith. Be part of a Christian community. See how amazing serving God is! There is an exciting line-up of great summer camps for all ages at DuBois Center.

**Camp brochures are available in our church office! [www.duboiscenter.org](http://www.duboiscenter.org)**

**A full week at Camp costs \$400 +/-.** If you'd like to provide scholarship assistance,  
write your check to St. Paul UCC. and designate it "DuBois Scholarship."  
You'll help provide a wonderful opportunity for one of our young people.

# CELEBRATION of Ministry

June 10th - Save the Date!!  
 In honor of 55th Anniversary of  
 Pastor Gus Kuether's ordination

## Shirley Fritz Scholarship 2018 Award Winners!

Amber Flach      Eric Gentry  
 Gabryel Price      Wayne Sherland  
 Lee-Alison Wilson

*Please join us on Sunday, May 27 at the 9am service  
 for the presentation of the  
 Shirley Fritz Scholarship Award Certificates.*

## 54th Annual Mtg Illinois So Conf Oct 27, 2018



Knights of Columbus / Collins Club, Collinsville  
*If you are interested in being a delegate  
 or have any questions about being a delegate,  
 please contact Mimi or Tina.*



## GRADUATION CELEBRATION

The St. Paul Faith Family would like to celebrate with those in our congregation who are graduating this year from high school, college, or other educational institutions.

On May 27th, we will list the graduates in the News & Notes and will honor you and rejoice in your major milestone. *Let everyone share the joy of remembering your special day!*

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Please fill in the form below and put it in the offering plate, or return it to the Church Office by May 20th.

Graduate Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school from which you are graduating: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade graduating from or Degree receiving: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors received: \_\_\_\_\_

Future Plans (ie. College, work, grad school) \_\_\_\_\_

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_ phone number: \_\_\_\_\_





# 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 –September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 @ [dmhaar@charter.net](mailto:dmhaar@charter.net)  
or St. Paul Church @ (618) 233-3303

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

**\*\*\* Early bird registration due August 28<sup>th</sup> (to be entered in special drawing)**

**Reservation Deadline is September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*\*\*Please remember IF the minimum is not met by the deadline,  
the event will be **CANCELLED!!****

**Make checks payable to:** St. Paul UCC  
**Mail payment & reservation to:** St. Paul UCC  
115 West B St, Belleville, Il 62220 Attn: Crafty Mania

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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 – 10:30pm



## Jama

**Construction Delegation**

**July 7-16, 2018**

**Questions?**

**Contact Kent Lytle at**

(618)792-5599

[kent.cara.lytle@att.net](mailto:kent.cara.lytle@att.net)

**or visit**

[www.iscucc.org](http://www.iscucc.org)

*No prior construction experience required; you only need \$2200 & a passport valid through 1/16/19.*

**We are building a masonry and block home in Jama this summer in the Manabi province of Ecuador. While we have built nine times in Tosagua which is also in Manabi, this will be our third time building in Jama**

**Elevation : 200 feet**

**Humidity : 75%**

**Daytime temperature: 80-90 °F**

**Nighttime temperature: 70-80 °F**



**Yes! I am interested in the July 2018 Jama, Ecuador Construction Delegation!**

Total cost is \$2200. (\$100 deposit due May1, \$1000 due on June1 and \$1100 due on July1)

Plan to attend both orientation meetings on May 23 and June 20 at St. Paul UCC In Belleville, IL from 6-8 pm.

**\_\_\_\_\_ Please sign me up for the Jama 2018 Construction Brigade. My \$100 deposit is enclosed.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\_\_\_\_\_ I cannot participate this time, but please accept my gift of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support this mission trip.**

Make all checks payable to Illinois South Conference. (Write Jama July 2018 in the memo field.)  
Send to 1312 Broadway, Highland, IL 62249.

Offering for 04/15/2018 - \$9,621

### General Fund

Needed each week \$12,912

Giving to... \$192,692

Budget to... \$193,680

Total Budget \$671,441



Help the  
Community  
Interfaith  
Food  
Pantry  
May 12



Weekly Attendance		
9am / Celebration	Apr 15, 2018	Apr 16, 2017
	224/single serv	149/27 Palm Sunday

- Sun, Apr 29
  - 9am Traditional Service**
  - 10:15 Adult Ed-Library
  - 11am Celebration Service**
  - 3pm Bville Philharmonic Piano Concert
- Mon, Apr 30
  - 10am Exercise Class
  - 3pm Gov French
  - 4:30 Investment Mtg-Library
  - 6pm Volleyball
- Tues, May 1
  - 9am Quilters
  - 10am Christian Ed—Gen Rm
  - 3pm Gov French
  - NO Comm Dinner
  - 6pm Cub Scouts
  - 6pm NAMI-Great Rm
- Wed, May 2
  - 9am-7pm Book Fair
  - 10:30 Staff Mtg
  - Bells / Choir
- Thurs, May 3
  - 9am-7pm Book Fair
  - 4pm Masterworks
  - 6pm Worship Bd
  - 6:30 PFLAG-Gt Rm
- Fri, May 4
  - 9am-7pm Book Fair
  - 6:30 Masterworks practice
- Sat, May 5
  - 9am-Noon Book Fair

#### St. Paul Community Collection Corner

Located in the hallway, by long pew on way to Heritage Hall. This is where you can bring the items listed below, to help the groups and others listed.

- Community Interfaith Food Pantry  
New non-perishable foods, school supplies, diapers and wipes.
- Waterman Shoe Project  
Used, good condition shoes, wrapped in pairs with rubber band, no boxes please. If you have large amount, please call ahead. Thank you.
- Newspaper Blue Sleeves  
Clean and Dry, place in red cart to be reused by paper deliver people in area.
- Recycle Ink Cartridges for Baby Class  
Baby Fun Stories and more will happily recycle your cartridges as a fundraiser for their class.

— This week at — St. PAUL UCC

Please see [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for full calendar of events!



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The Music today is  
in memory of  
Lorna Wolfe~  
*from the family of  
Margaret Birkner*



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### ***For Our Prayers***

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Marilee Black - Amy Drake - Bobbie Lee Frerking - Brittany Kuether  
Family of Susan Lilley  
Linda Mentzer - Lou Ann Nieman - Marsha McCoy - Jeanette Phillips  
Paul Sutherland - Giny Weber - Jim Young

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### ***For Our Thoughts***

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Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path  
and leave a trail. *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Pursue some path, however narrow and crooked, in which you can walk  
with love and reverence. *Henry David Thoreau*

I feel like this: Whatever is in your path and in your heart, you need to do.  
*J. Cole*