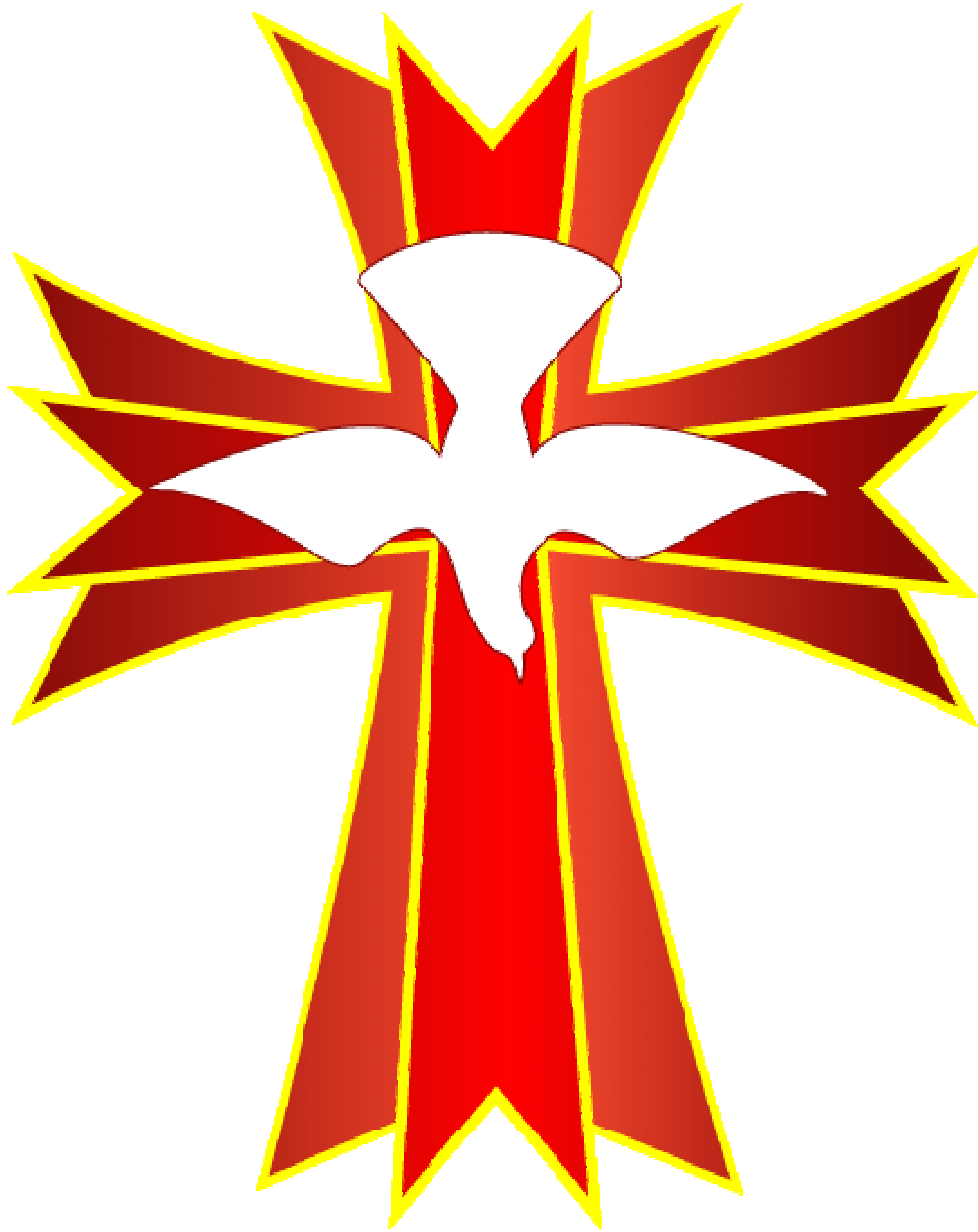


Pentecost



Confirmation Sunday

Welcome to Worship

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

9:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
Special Celebration in Activities Center in Honor of Confirmands

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.

Next week, try 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!

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

St. Paul United Church of Christ

PENTECOST SUNDAY with the RITE OF CONFIRMATION
and HOLY COMMUNION
May 20, 2018 - 9:00 am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Children of the Heavenly Father* J. Wayne Kerr

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: On the day of Pentecost those who believed in Jesus were gathered together in Jerusalem. And the Holy Spirit came upon them in a mighty way.

All: Tongues as of fire rested upon them and they were able to witness about Jesus and the Kingdom of God in an amazing way.

One: The Apostle Peter was inspired by the Holy Spirit to preach repentance of their sins, and the people listened with keen attention.

All: That day about three thousand believers were added to the family of faith. So, today we celebrate the Holy Spirit inspired birthday of the Christian Church.

+HYMN # 150 *O Spirit of the Living God*

+Invitation to Confess Our Sins

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION (prayed in unison)

We confess that we are like those in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost: unclear at times about who to follow, confused by the many voices of the world around us, conflicted about what you want of us, O God. Send your Holy Spirit upon us here this day in a way that cleanses us of our sins and shows clearly the way you want us to go in the present and the future, dear Lord.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 338 *Glory Be to the Father*

+SHARING THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
Share a sign of peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S TIME

ANTHEM

In this Very Room
Chancel Choir

Ron & Carol Harris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 2:1-18, 36-41

SERMON

“The Amazing Holy Spirit at Work”

RECEIVING OF OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Blessed Assurance

Charles Callahan

**+DEDICATION PRAYER: Great Giver of every good and perfect gift,
we are genuinely grateful for the mighty and the simple gifts you
give us. Inspire our very lives to be living gifts working your holy
purposes through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Amen.**

+HYMN # 277

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Sing stanzas 1, 3, 5

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome and Meaning of Baptism

Questions of the Candidates

Congregational Assent: We promise our love, support and care.

Act of Holy Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

RITE OF THE CONFIRMED

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? [**I do,]**

Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ? [**I do.]**

Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior? [**I do.]**

Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?
[**I promise, with the help of God.]**

Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in all the world? [**I promise, with the help of God.]**

+Affirmation of Faith by the Congregation and Candidates

Do you believe in God? [**I believe in God.]**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ? [**I believe in Jesus Christ?]**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? [**I believe in the Holy Spirit.]**

+Prayer of Confirmation

Almighty God, who in baptism received these your servants into the church, forgave their sins, and promised them eternal life, increase in them the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Grant love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation,

gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Thereby strengthen them for their ministry in the world; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Act of Confirmation and Blessing

Prayer of Confirmation

Question about Participation

Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of St. Paul United Church of Christ as it serves this community and the world?

[I promise, with the help of God.]

Congregational Welcome: We promise you our continuing friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Greeting in Christian Love and Giving of Gifts

+HYMN: # 336

Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

Sing stanzas 1, 2, 5

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Commune

Jesus' Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Congregational Response: Be present with us as we share this holy meal and throughout our lives, that we may know you as the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit, lives forever. Amen.

Serving of Holy Communion to the Confirmands

Serving of Holy Communion to the Congregation

(Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence. The outer of cups contain grace juice. The inner circles contain wine. Please hold the bread and the cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.)

+PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING: We give thanks, Almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jesus Christ, and the inspiration of your Holy Spirit. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen and Amen.

+CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 357
Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Sing stanza 1 only

+BENEDICTION and POSTLUDE *Recessional* Robert Paoli



NEWS & NOTES

May 20, 2018



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, Pastor 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. Pastor 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. Pastor 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*. Pastor Torigian regularly posts her musings on current events, justice issues, pop culture, and theology at www.michelletorigian.com. Currently her first Sunday at St. Paul, Belleville is scheduled to be July 8, 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!

May 20 Confirmation Sunday 9am Pastor Herb Schafale

May 27 9am Craig Bielke 11am Greg Seaman

Mother's Day Roll of Honor

Corrections

In Honor of

Sonya Myland, *from Donna Nettleton,*
grandchildren Kristin & Brett Perkins, and Daniel Nettleton,
and great-grandson Grayson.

Viola Nettleton, *from Donna Nettleton,*
grandchildren Kristin & Brett Perkins, and Daniel Nettleton,
and great-grandson Grayson.

For the best mom & Babba, Barb Suess, *from her children & grandchildren.*

In Memory of

Ruth Ann Erdmann, *from Dick and Ruth Ann Erdmann*

CELEBRATION of Ministry

Join us on June 10th at 9am to celebrate as a congregation, our blessings in ministry and honor the 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.

**Shriner's Parade is Friday, June 1st!!
 Join our St. Paul group and walk with our float !**

(Meet 5:30 St Paul parking lot on day of parade)

**Don't forget the CANDY!
 We need lots & lots of CANDY!**

Please bring to church or you can give donation for purchase of candy
 ...everyone loves a parade!

Fireside Club, Sunday, May 27th at 6pm - Dee Zopp is our guest speaker on 'Just a note'. Come join us for an interesting program and enjoy dessert. All are always welcome.



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!*

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) _____

Email: _____ phone number: _____

St. Paul Fine Arts Series
presents the



Sunday
June 3
3pm
Sanctuary

Freewill Offering Taken

★
★ **Red, White, & Blue Picnic** ★
★ **Sunday, June 3rd** ★
★ **Following the Red, White, & Blue Revue** ★
★ **Activity Center** ★
★ *Sponsored by St. Paul Mission Board* ★
★ Pulled Pork, Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans, Desserts, Drinks. ★
★ **Tickets on Sale on Sundays May 6 -27 in the Welcome Center!** ★
★ **Cost: \$10.00 per adult / \$2 kids (carry-outs available)** ★
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★ **To all our great bakers . . .** ★
★ We need cakes and pies for the Patriotic Picnic. If you are able to donate, please fill
★ out the form below and place it in the offering plate. Cakes and pies should be delivered to the
★ kitchen on **June 3rd** before the concert.
★ I will bring _____ cake(s)/cookies / I will bring _____ pie(s)
★ Name _____ Phone _____
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“No matter who you are,
 No matter where you are
 on life’s journey,
 You are welcome here.”

Weekly Attendance	
9am / Celebration	<u>Apr 29, 2018</u> <u>Apr 30, 2017</u>
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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 for full calendar of events!

<u>Sun, May 20</u>	9am Traditional Service Celebration in the AC 12noon Private Rental –HH
<u>Mon, May 21</u>	10am Exercise Class 12pm Prayer Grop– Gen Rm 3pm Gov French 5pm Safety Mtg-Pstr Office 6pm Mission Picnic Mtg 7pm Private Rental - HH
<u>Tues, May 22</u>	9am Quilters 10am Christian Ed 2:30 Insurance Mtg-Library 3pm Gov French 5pm Comm Dinner
<u>Wed, May 23</u>	9:30 Baby Class 3pm Gov French 5pm Basketball –AC Choir
<u>Thurs, May 24</u>	10:30 Staff Mtg 3pm Gov French 6:15 Food Pantry Mtg 7pm Shufflers
<u>Fri, May 25</u>	3pm Gov French
<u>Sat, May 26</u>	10am Centering Prayer

Offering for 05/06/2018 - \$19,836	General Fund	Needed each week \$12,912
Giving to... _____	\$229,368	
Budget to... _____	\$232,416	
Total Budget _____		\$671,441

The flowers on the altar
today are in honor of the
50th Wedding Anniversary of
Dorothy and Gordon Maiworm
on May 18th.
from the family



For Our Prayers

Amy Drake – Barb Ernst - Brittany Kuether
Marsha McCoy - Sherry Stepp - Jim Young - Bill Whicher

For Our Thoughts

Well done is better than well said.

Benjamin Franklin

If you can dream it, you can do it.

Walt Disney

It does not matter how slowly you go as long
as you do not stop. *Confucius*

Do something wonderful, people may imitate it.

Albert Schweitzer

Our Confirmands

Dawson Riley Anderson



Son of Laurie Anderson, grandson of Karen Range.
Baptized today at St. Paul United Church of Christ.
Godson of Brianna Anderson & Scott Keplar.
Dawson will soon be a sophomore at Belleville West High School
Dawson likes the outdoors - fishing and horseback riding , and going to camp,
and playing video games, he would someday like to be an airplane mechanic.
Life verse: "But now I will send for many fishermen," declares the Lord,
"and they will catch them. After that I will send for many hunters,
and they will hunt them down on every mountain and hill and
from the crevices of the rocks." *Jeremiah 16:16*

Logan Elizabeth Anderson



Daughter of Laurie Anderson, granddaughter of Karen Range.
Baptized today at St. Paul United Church of Christ.
Goddaughter of Brianna Anderson and Cindy Anderson.
Logan will soon be graduating from 8th grade at Central Middle School and
will be attending West High School in the fall.
Logan's interests are singing and acting.
Life verse: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,
bearing with one another in love." *Ephesians 4:2*

Skylar Ann Anderson



Daughter of Laurie Anderson, granddaughter of Karen Range.
Baptized today at St. Paul United Church of Christ.
Goddaughter of Brianna Anderson and Cindy Anderson.
Skylar will be a Senior at West High School in the fall.
Skylar enjoys playing bass guitar and photography, her goal is to travel the
world someday, and will be going to college to be a sound technician.
Life verse:
Praise the Lord Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Psalm 150:1-5

Carly Ann Fuli Dahm



Daughter of Kenneth & Leslie Dahm, granddaughter of Joyce Maurer.
Goddaughter of Kate Mannix and Jimmy Mannix.
Carly will graduate 8th grade at Wolf Branch and
will be attending East High School in the fall,
and her favorite activities are band, cheer, crafting, and hand lettering,
Her goal is to get good grades and to go to Washington University.
Live verse: “When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said,
“I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never
walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” *John 8:12*

Jacob Wagner Florek



Son of Amy & Ryan Florek,
grandson of Sandy & Rusty Wagner and Terry Florek & Marlene Mueller.
Baptized at St. Paul United Church of Christ.
Godson of Jason Florek & Erin Florek.
Jacob will be an 6th grader at Wingate Elementary School in the fall and
he likes to play golf and basketball.
Life verse: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.
Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God
will be with you wherever you go.” *Joshua 1:9*

Sophia Maureen Florek



Daughter of Amy & Ryan Florek,
granddaughter of Sandy & Rusty Wagner and Terry Florek & Marlene Mueller.
Baptized at St. Paul United Church of Christ.
Goddaughter of Michael & Jeanie Wagner.
Sophia will be an 8th grader at Mascoutah Middle School in the fall,
and some of her favorite things are volleyball, golf, and crafts.
Sophia’s goals for the future are to get good grades and go to a good college.
Life verse: “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing..” *1 Thessalonians 5:11*

Carson Matthew Hopper



Son of Paul & Tina Hopper, Grandson of Carla Lake and Cecilia Bradshaw.
Godson of Kendra Lake & Scott Keplar,
Baptized today at St. Paul United Church of Christ.
Carson will soon be graduating from 8th grade at Central Middle School
and will be attending East High School in the fall,
In his spare time he likes to play video games, go bowling, hunt pokeman,
and spend time with his family. Carson would like to be a veterinarian.
Life verse: “But now ask the beasts, and let them teach you;
and the birds of the heavens, and let them tell God.” *Job 12:7*

Natalie Elizabeth Seaman



Daughter of Greg & Renee Seaman and Catherine Seaman,
granddaughter of Barbara & Russ Bynum and Shirley & Kermit Holtgrewe.
Goddaughter of Mary Pierce and Tom Hewlett.
Natalie will be a Freshman at West High School in the fall.
Natalie’s hobbies are singing in musicals, playing the trumpet,
horseback riding, art, music and writing.
Life verse: “These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith
—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though
refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when
Jesus Christ is revealed.” *1 Peter 1:7*

*After service today,
please join us in the Activities Center
for cake and punch in celebration
of the Confirmation Class.*