



“No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life’s journey,
You are welcome here.”



Welcome to Worship

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

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

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.

Try our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service**.

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. 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

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St. Paul United Church of Christ

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time / Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 2, 2018 9:00 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Toccata in F

Johann Pachelbel

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God of Life,

All: you are as near to us as our breath.

One: Touch our eyes,

All: that we may see you in one another.

One: Open our ears,

All: that we may hear your voice in the cries of the oppressed.

One: Enter our hearts,

All: that we may be filled with your love toward all people.

One: Come, O God of life and breath and wholeness.

All: Be with us now. Show us the way to new life and grant us the courage to be people of your Way.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Worker God, whose hands built the earth, molded our bodies, and sowed the stars across the sky, we gather in your presence this morning with praise and thanksgiving for your mighty deeds. Meet us here, Worker God; strengthen our hearts and our hands to work with you in the building of justice and peace. Amen.

+OPENING SONG #89

Awake, Awake to Love and Work

1. A - wake, a - wake to ___ love and ___ work! The lark is in the
 2. Come, let your voice be ___ one with theirs, shout with their shout of
 3. To give and give, and ___ give a - gain, as God's own grace is

sky; the ___ fields are ___ wet with dia - mond ___ dew; The
 praise; See ___ how the ___ gi - ant sun soars ___ up, God's
 free; To ___ spend your - self nor count the ___ cost; To

worlds a - wake ___ to cry their ___ prai - ses ___ to the
 gift for all ___ your days! So ___ let the ___ love of
 serve most glo - rious - ly the ___ God who ___ gave all

Fount of ___ Life; Christ Je - sus pass - es by.
 Je - sus ___ come and set your soul a - blaze.
 worlds that ___ are, and all that are ___ to be.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: We are workers, God, just like you. But we confess that our work is not always done in a manner that affirms and honors each other. Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

Creator God, you made us to be neighbors, members of one family blessed with great diversity. You created us to be helpers and friends to one another, entrusting to us your justice and your joy.

All: Yet we have denied justice and joy to many, creating worlds of poverty, pain, lost opportunities, and absence of hope. In so many ways, we break each other's hearts. Still, you do not reject us. We ask your forgiveness and pray to be transformed.

Loving God, you restore us to each other and to you, mending our hearts and repairing the world. Through the Spirit, you shape us to be for others what Christ is for us: grace and peace, new life and blessing. We give you thanks for your love, forgiveness, and constant presence. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Our God is a God of grace and transformation. When we ask, God gives us the courage and strength to live out our faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. For this we give our gratitude.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

SUMMER CHOIR

Communion Hymn

David Kellermeyer

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 5:1-6:1

SERMON

Necessary Sabbaths
Rev. Michelle Torigian

HYMN #

They'll Know We Are Christians

1. We are one in the Spi-rit; we are one in the
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in
 3. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by
 4. All__ praise to the Fa-ther, from__ whom all things

Lord We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the
 hand. We will walk with each oth-er, we will walk hand in
 side. We will work with each oth-er, we will work side by
 come. And all praise to Christ Je-sus, His__ on - ly__

Lord. And we pray that all u - ni-ty may one day be re-
 hand. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
 side. And we'll guard each one's dig - ni-ty and save__ each one's
 Son, And all praise to the Spir - it who__ makes us__

REFRAIN

stored.
 land. And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our
 pride.
 one.

love, yes they'll know__ we are Chris-tians by our love.____

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.**

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

One: When our eyes are heavy, we dream of another world.
When our spirits are low, we turn to each other.
When our anger flares, we need each other's gifts most.
We give our gifts of tithes and offerings to create your
kingdom of heaven.

OFFERTORY

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. Michael Larkin

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

+UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION

**O God, you have called your laborers to give their gifts.
Bless these offerings so that they reflect the work of the kingdom of heaven.
With Christ, our servant, we pray. Amen.**

COMMUNION

One: Creator of the harvest - We lift our voices in praise!

Many: Creator of the table - In you we find our peace.

One: In gratitude we gather to share this meal.

Many: With thanksgiving, we gather to share our love for neighbor.

One: As the sun sets earlier, the days become cooler, and the crops near harvest, we celebrate the plenitude of fruits available to us. We acknowledge the ways that we can use our gifts to care for our siblings in need. We extend this table through the work of our hands and the missions of this church.

As we celebrate this sacrament, may we remember the laborers in the fields: the harvesters of the wheat and grapes, the transporters of their yields, those who transform wheat into bread and grapes into juice.

Bless their hands and feet as they labor at farms and gardens, in trucks and warehouses. We give thanks for the ones who prepare the table here today. May their gifts of preparation and hospitality inspire us to extend hospitality to the strangers among us.

After laboring on the streets of Jerusalem— doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God- Jesus clutched bread in his hands. He blessed the

food, gave thanks, and heartfully expressed to his friends that this was the bread of life. "As you eat this bread, remember me."

After supper, Jesus grasped the cup filled with the gifts of the vine. In his blessing, he reminded them "whenever you drink of this cup, remember me."

Spirit of wisdom and of wonder, wind around these elements today. May they stir us from stagnation into actively loving God, our neighbors, and ourselves. May our participation at this table transform us into the people God is calling us to be.

With gratitude, we gather at this table. As we take a piece of bread, let us experience the love of God as seen in Jesus the Christ. As we immerse the bread into the cup, let us remember the grace that pours from God.

Communion

Today we will receive the bread and wine by INTINCTION. Please come forward by the center aisle. Please take a piece of bread, dip it into either the wine or the grape juice, labeled with ribbons. You may consume both elements while returning to your pew by the outer aisles.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Generous God, Thank you for being refreshed at this meal that we have shared together. Through Scriptures and this meal, we have been reminded of the importance of staying closely connected with You in spirit and with others in community. Now send us out refreshed, renewed and ready to proclaim and embody your love for all people as Jesus did. Amen.

+HYMN# 307 Red

Now Thank We All Our God

+BENEDICTION (*inspired by Philippians 1:21-30*)

One: Let us continue in our work.

All: Let us live in manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

One: Let us be in one spirit, striving side by side,

All: Let us find Christ in our struggles,

One: Let us be surprised by the joy in our faith,

All: Let us find you, O God, in all our work. Amen.

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Call to Worship, Opening Prayer, Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, and Assurance of Pardon are from <http://www.ucc.org/justice/worker-justice/labor-sunday/worship-resources.html>

Invitation to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, and Benediction written by Rev. Elsa A. Peters, Communion written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian and Julie Watson



NEWS & NOTES

Sept 2, 2018



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR
ST. PAUL NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM

CARDINAL BASEBALL!! SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 CARDINALS vs. GIANTS 6:15 pm game



\$20 per person (no children's ticket price) Seats are in the
Left Field Pavilion Section 371

We'll have a panoramic view of the entire field!

The give away that evening is a Cardinal sweatshirt for those 16 and older.

This is a fundraiser for St. Paul and our goal is to sell 300 tickets – so invite friends, family – everyone you know who's a baseball fan – even if they root for the Giants! **If we reach our goal, 4 lucky ticket holders will win a pregame field visit to watch batting practice, we'll get a group photo, group recognition on the scoreboard during the game and, if available, sing God Bless America or Take Me Out to the Ballgame.** Plus, we'll be earning \$\$ for St. Paul while having a great evening of fun and fellowship! You just can't miss this event!!

Here are a few tips that might be helpful:

- *Only soft-sided coolers no larger than 16"x16"x8" are allowed in the stadium
- *No backpacks are allowed, unless it's a diaper bag
- *Factory sealed soda, water in clear plastic bottles, no larger than 2 liters, are allowed
- *No alcohol or non-alcoholic beer is allowed
- *Empty cups, mugs or plastic bottles are allowed
- *No aluminum containers, glass bottles, metal cans or thermoses are allowed
- *Food items are allowed but must fit in a bag no bigger than 16"x16"x8"

Redbird Express Information:

- *Cost for round trip (cash only) adults \$5; ages 2 – 12 \$2; under 2 free
- *Buses leave (about every 5 – 8 minutes) beginning 2 ½ hours before game time from the water tower at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights and *if we know that we'll have more than 25 riders, we might be able to get our own bus*
- *Drop off is at the corner of Clark & Broadway near Gates 5 & 6
- *The last bus leaves stadium -Clark Street between Broadway & 4th, 45 minutes after game ends

Let's make this a super success & start off our new church year with a home run!!

Brought to you by your St. Paul Stewardship Board



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 22nd, 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

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 28th (to be entered in special drawing)**

Reservation Deadline is September 10th

******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

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

YOU are needed on the St. Paul UCC Team to help raise money for the cure to end Alzheimer's. Join us on Saturday, September 29th for the Walk to End Alzheimer's at SWIC. To register for the St. Paul UCC Team, go online to "Walk To End Alzheimer's, Belleville" OR Contact Susan Relfe at susanrelfe@att.net or 234-2176



Have You Met The 12?

This fall, running from Sept 6 through Nov8, there will be an opportunity for you to "Meet the 12".

What 12 do you ask? Those men who traveled the road less traveled with Jesus Christ.

We will get to know each of these men on a personal level. We will find they are not exceptional—but in fact—quite ordinary. Men who were available and obedient to the Master's call. You will walk in their shoes. You will understand their doubts and hopes.

Please join me on Thursday mornings, from 10-11 am, in the Genesis Rm for this 10 week study and imagine if Christ can accomplish His purpose through the lives of common men like theses 12 - just imagine what he has in store for you! —Dee Zopp, facilitator

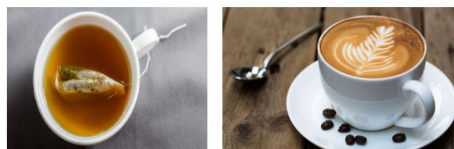


COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

WITH ST. PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE

ST. PAUL UCC WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS TO OUR FIRST MONTHLY GATHERING OF THE YEAR. GET TO KNOW THE COMMUNITY AND FELLOW LINDENWOOD STUDENTS!

**LOCATION: BALANCE COFFEE AND TEA
ADDRESS: 732 S ILLINOIS ST,
BELLEVILLE, IL 62220
WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2018
TIME: 7:00PM TO 9:00PM**



Walgreens will be here with Flu Shots on Oct 21st from 9:30-11:30am Please pick up your pre-registration /pre-payment form in the Welcome Center today!

Questions—Tina at tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org



For Our Prayers

Darwin Bretsch - Mike Foppe - Marsha McCoy - Kamden Newman - Geneva Rehg
 Russell Scheibel - the family of Verna Votrian - Bill Whicher

For Our Thoughts

Find something you love to do, and you'll never have to work a day in your life.

Harvey Mackay

No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

It is only through labor and painful effort, by grim energy and resolute courage, that we move on to better things.

Theodore Roosevelt

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

Sun, Sept 2 **9am Traditional Service**
11am Celebration Service

Mon, Sept 3 Closed for Labor Day

Tues, Sept 4 1st Day of MDO
 (Tues/Thurs)

9am Quilters
 4:30 Ecuador Mtg
 5pm Comm Dinner
 7pm Shufflers

Wed, Sept 5 1st day of MDO (MWF)
 5pm Christian Ed Mtg
 Band / Bells / Choir

Thurs, Sept 6 10am Christian Ed Class
 Gen Rm

4pm Masterworks
 6pm Worship Bd Mtg
 6:30 PFLAG Mtg

Fri, Sept 7 S&N Mtg

Sat, Sept 8 10am Ctr Prayer

For Your Information! Craftymania!!

Sept 22nd - sign up now!
 Sign up Sheets on bulletin board or stpaulucc.org!

Women's Guild Founders Day
 Will be held at O'Charley's
 6:30pm in O'Fallon
 Tues, Sept 18
 Fun, Food, & Fellowship!!

Men's Breakfast Group
 Meet Wednesday morning
 about 7am at Swansea
 Family Restaurant at
 4425 West Main, Bville

www.stpaulucc.org

Franklin Neighborhood Comm Assn need tutors for after-school at-risk students. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact FNCA118@yahoo.com or call 233-1710. Begins Sept 10 - 3:15-4:15.

Weekly Attendance

9am / Celebration	<u>Aug 19, 2018</u>	<u>Aug 20, 2017</u>
	159/21	129/Single Serv

St. Paul UCC



CORNHOLE

C L A S S I C

**FAMILY EVENT TO BENEFIT
ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**



**SATUR-
DAY, SEPT
29**

NOON - 4 PM

**SWANSEA
MOOSE**

**\$40 per TEAM OF TWO
PLAYERS**

\$20 Per Person

**hot dogs, brats & chips available for purchase
and cash bar**

**RESERVATION FORM FOR
ST. PAUL UCC CORNHOLE CLASSIC**

PLAYER NAME(S) AND CONTACT (PHONE &/OR EMAIL)

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

Amount enclosed _____ (checks payable to St. Paul UCC)

Please return to church office or call 618-233-3303

Reservations are not required but are helpful in planning.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP WITH
ST. PAUL UCC CORNHOLE CLASSIC**

I'LL HELP: (NAME, EMAIL &/OR PHONE and RETURN TO OFFICE)

SET-UP (9:30 A.M.) _____

CHECK-IN (11:30 A.M.) _____

FOOD BOOTH _____

ROULETTE WHEEL _____

50/50; RAFFLE TICKETS _____

CASHIER/SCORE KEEPER _____

MISCELLANEOUS _____

**PLEASE COUNT ON ME OR
MY BUSINESS AS A \$50 BOARD/SIGN
SPONSOR FOR THE TOURNAMENT**

NAME/BUSINESS: _____

(We will contact you for sign information)

PHONE/EMAIL _____

AMOUNT INCLUDED _____

Questions? Sandy Wagner 560-9491 or skwagner51@gmail.com