

“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!*

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

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!*

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# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

*Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 16, 2018      9:00 am

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Adagio*

Felix Mendelssohn

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Wisdom cries out in the street.

**All: What does Wisdom say?**

One: She calls for us to listen and to love one another.

**All: We come today to listen and to love.**

One: Wisdom is here with us.

**All: We are ready to worship God.**

### INVOCATION (Unison)

**Holy Wisdom of God: You call to us from the depths of our hearts, where we long for connection with you and with one another. You call to us from busy streets and neighborhoods where human pain and possibility are most urgent. You call to us from our sacred stories where God, Christ, Spirit create, challenge, and comfort. Guide us, we pray, on an adventure of hope. Help us see with your eyes the ways which lead to beloved community where Christ Jesus is at the center. Amen.**

### +OPENING HYMN

*Lift High the Cross*

### +PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: Christ calls on us to “lose our life in order to save it”; To “take up our



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

CHANCEL CHOIR

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Alice Parker

SCRIPTURE

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

The Heavy Cross

+HYMN

*I Have Decided to Follow Jesus*



1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -  
2. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be -  
3. Tho' none go with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go  
4. Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -



cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low  
hind me, the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me, the cross be -  
with me, still I will fol - low, Tho' none go with me, still I will  
cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low



Je - sus,  
fore me,  
fol - low,  
Je - sus?  
No turn - ing back, — no turn - ing back. —

**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: The psalmist declares, "The heavens are telling the glory of God. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge." Let us share our gifts so that we can also partake in telling others of God's glory!

**OFFERTORY**

*Adagio*

J.S. Bach

**+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**

**All-knowing God, in a spirit of joy, we give thanks for the talents, time, and treasures you have given to us. Teach us to use these gifts to create greater access, insights, and wisdom for people within and outside of these walls. Amen.**

**+HYMN**

*Lord of the Dance*

**+BENEDICTION**

One: Let us ponder the challenge of Jesus this week:

1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be-gun, and I  
2. I danced for the scribe \_\_\_ and the Phar - i - see, but they  
3. I danced on the Sab - bath when I cured the \_\_\_ lame, \_\_\_ the  
4. I danced on a Fri - day and the sky turned \_\_\_ black; \_\_\_ it's  
5. They cut me \_\_\_ down \_\_\_ and I leapt up \_\_\_ high, \_\_\_

danced in the moon and the stars \_\_\_ and the sun, and I  
would not \_\_\_ dance and they would not fol - low me, I \_\_\_  
ho - ly \_\_\_ peo - ple \_\_\_ said it was a shame; they \_\_\_  
hard to \_\_\_ dance with the dev - il on your back; they \_\_\_  
I am the life that - 'll nev - er, nev - er die; I'll \_\_\_

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. \_\_\_ At  
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and \_\_\_ John; \_\_\_ they  
whipped and they stripped \_\_\_ and they hung me \_\_\_ high; and they  
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd \_\_\_ gone, \_\_\_ but  
live in \_\_\_ you \_\_\_ if you live in \_\_\_ me; \_\_\_

Beth - le - hem I \_\_\_ had my birth. Dance, then wher - ev - er you may be;  
came to \_\_\_ me and the dance went on.  
left me \_\_\_ there on a cross to die.  
I am the dance and I still go on.  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

I am the Lord of the Dance, said he. And I'll lead you all wher -  
ev - er you may be, and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

Who do we say *Christ is in our lives, our community, our world?*

Let Holy Wisdom shine through all our pondering, and lead us to recognize and serve our Risen Savior in all our encounters. Amen!

**All: Amen!**

**+POSTLUDE**

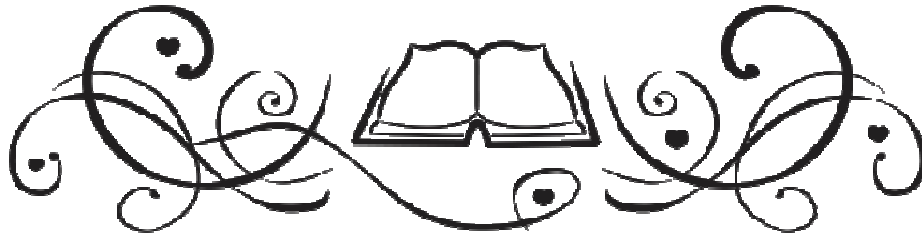
*The Heavens are Telling*

Benedetto Marcello

**Invocation, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Call to Offering, Dedication Prayer and Benediction from Wisdom Calls: Service Prayers for the 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost** was written by the Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Minister and Team Leader for the Center for Analytics, Research and Data, LCM.

Call to Worship from **Wisdom Cries Out! A Liturgy for Just Peace Sunday** written by the Rev. Amber Neuroth, Pastor of Hope United Church of Christ in Alexandria, VA

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**LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP**

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| <i>Lay Reader</i> .....Lynn Bradley  | <i>Sound</i> .....Rick Haar              |
| <i>Radio</i> .....Renee Seaman   | <i>Control Room</i> .....Dana Rosenzweig |
| <i>Ushering Team</i> .....Al & Nancy Scharf, Wayne Caughman, Joyce Maurer, Paul & Sue Sutherland |  |
| <i>Welcome Center</i> .....Scott Gentry, Sandy Ritter, Carol & Fred Hotz                         |  |
| <i>Music Ministry</i> .....Chancel Choir   |  |
| <i>Traditional Music Director</i> .....Dan Fry   |  |
| <i>Senior Pastor</i> .....Rev. Michelle Torigian   |  |





# NEWS & NOTES

Sept 16, 2018



**The Culinaires are cooking!!**  
**Join us on Sunday, Sept 16 after**  
**9am service for a wonderful**  
**meal prepared by the Culinaires.**  
**The Culinaires will now be cooking**  
**on the third Sunday of the month.**

## St. Paul UCC Fall Kick - Off

Join us for a wonderful day of  
Worship, Music, Activities, Food,  
Friends and Fellowship!

Sunday, Sept 30th

10am Combined Service

11am Activities & Food Trucks  
on the Parking Lot

12:30 Concert by

Richard Bruxvoort Colligan

In the sanctuary / Free will offering

Kick off for  
New Sunday School Time!

10am in the Library  
starting October 7th!





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

**CARDINAL BASEBALL!!**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
**CARDINALS vs. GIANTS**  
**NEW START TIME**



**12:05 pm**

**\$20 per person (no children's ticket price)**

**Seats are in the Left Field Pavilion Section 372**

**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 – so invite friends, family – everyone you know who's a baseball fan – even if they root for the Giants! 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 & 4<sup>th</sup>, 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



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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:susanrelfe@att.net) or 234-2176



THE END OF ALZHEIMER'S  
STARTS WITH *you.*

Are you interested in being a member of St. Paul UCC? Please contact Pastor Michelle or the church office.



### **The Community Interfaith Food Pantry are in need of reusable shopping / grocery bags.**

Bags like this are needed for our friends who may be struggling with homelessness, maybe traveling on bike, or walking a long distance. If you would like to help, you can bring the bags directly to the food



pantry or place them in the red cart in our hallway.

Thank YOU!



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](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)

St. Paul UCC



**CORNHOLE**

**C L A S S I C**

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

**SATURDAY, 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**

**CASH PRIZES FOR**

**1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

**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](mailto:skwagner51@gmail.com)



# Huntley Brown pianist

Sunday, Sept 23rd

3:00pm

St. Paul UCC Sanctuary



St. Paul Fine Arts  
**C**oncert  
S E R I E S  
2018-2019 SEASON

Huntley Brown will perform on the church's Steinway Model B grand piano for a concert of inspiring music you will love. An ordained minister, his music ministry has spanned the United States and abroad. **FREE CONCERT / FREEWILL DONATION**



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# FALL FESTIVAL

Sunday Oct 7  
from 11-5

## DuBois Center

Family Friendly Community Event • FREE Parking • FREE Admission

**Live Music**      **Pony & Hay Rides**  
**Quilt Drawing**      **Creation Crawls**  
**Upscale Resale**      **Silent Auction**  
**Kidz Korner**      **Pontoon Boat Tours**

**Crafters & Artisans!**

and, of course,

**Great Food**

Indoor & outdoor dining

Pulled Pork, Pocket Tacos, Funnel Cakes,  
Kettle Corn, Sweet Treats and much more!

For everyone's safety --  
Sorry, No Pets

For more info:  
**DuBoisCenter.org**



**DuBoisCenter**  
2651 Quarry Rd. DuBois, IL





## ***For Our Prayers***

Marsha McCoy - Bill Whicher

## ***For Our Thoughts***

Obstacles are things a person sees when he takes his eyes off his goal.

*E. Joseph Cossman*

One cannot and must not try to erase the past merely because it does not fit the present.

*Golda Meir*

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be.

*Douglas Adams*

It is not in the stars to hold our destiny but in ourselves.

*William Shakespeare*

— This week at — St. Paul UCC  
 Please see [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for full calendar of events!

- Sun, Sept 16 **9am Traditional Service**  
**Culinaires breakfast**  
**11am Celebration Service**  
 Choir retreat
- Mon, Sept 17 10am exercise  
 12pm prayer group – Gen Rm  
 3pm Gov French  
 4:30 Girl Scouts—Gen Rm  
 5pm Safety Mtg– Library
- Tues, Sept 18 9am Quilters  
 10am Website Mtg– Library  
 3pm Gov French  
 5pm Comm Dinner  
 7pm Women’s Guild
- Wed, Sept 19 10am Genealogy Class– Gen Rm  
 3pm Gov French  
 Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Sept 20 10am Christian Ed Class  
 Gen Rm  
 3pm Gov French  
 4pm Masterworks  
 6pm Council Mtg /Training
- Fri, Sept 21 9:30 S&N Mtg  
 3pm Gov French
- Sat, Sept 22 10am Centering Prayer  
 Craftymania

## **For Your Information!**

### **Women’s Guild Founders Day**

Will be held at O’Charley’s

6:30pm in O’Fallon

Tues, Sept 18

Fun, Food, & Fellowship!!

**Genealogy Class** is meeting this Wednesday, Sept 19th at 10am in the Genesis Rm.

For more information, contact Rick Drake or the church office.

### **Babies, Fun, and More**

Meet on the 2nd & 4th Weds

in the Heritage Hall at 9:30am

### **Men’s Breakfast Group**

Meet Wednesday morning

about 7am at Swansea

Family Restaurant at

4425 West Main, Bville

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