



“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 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
Congregational Meeting following 9am service & the Culinares
11am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a theological based sermon. And our **11am Celebration Service** has a relaxed family-friendly message with contemporary Christian music. *Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*
- The Nursery is open during 9 am service (first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary)
If the small person 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. 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.

LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP

<i>Lay Reader</i>	Sandy Wagner
<i>Nursery Care</i>	Carmen Shepard & Julie Nollette
<i>Radio</i>	Brett White
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Dana Rosenzweig
<i>Ushering Team</i>	Al & Nancy Scharf, Wayne Caughman, Joyce Maurer, Paul & Sue Sutherland
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Sandy Ritter, Fred & Carol Hotz
<i>Sunday School Assistants</i>	Gentry family
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Traditional Music Director</i>	Dan Fry
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 18, 2018 9:00 am

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Gift to Be Simple

Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 22:23-31)

One: People of God, we gather to tell of God's name to all.

**All: God's love has never left us and we will praise
God's faithful love.**

One: People of God, come and lift loud songs to the One who
has heard our cries.

**All: God's love has lifted us from our dashed hopes and
leads us to our future.**

One: People of God, those who seek the Holy shall be filled
from everlasting to everlasting.


**All: God's love is deserving of praise from ourselves to
the ends of the earth! Alleluia!**

INVOCATION (Unison)

**Loving God who calls us to follow Christ's ways of love in
the world, this morning we give to you our praises and our
joy as we offer them for all the earth and all its creatures.
Move among us with words of comfort and peace and spur us
towards acts of love as we encounter your church and the world.
Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,



For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

+UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

Lord of All, we confess that we say that we love our siblings in Christ, but we do not always show that love. Our words speak of the love we have for our neighbors, but our actions tell a very different story. We have not invested in our love for our neighbors through our time, talents, and treasures. Forgive us, Holy God. Remove our pride. Teach us to love as you love, so that we may more faithfully demonstrate our love for you through our love of all others. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Before industry, before economy, before agriculture,

before all the systems of our own creation, there was Love.
There is still Love.
God's love for us knows no beginning and no end.
Give thanks, for we are a loved and forgiven people. Amen.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

MISSION MOMENT	Stewardship	Stephenie Bauza
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ANTHEM	<i>If You Love Me</i> Chancel Choir	John Ness Beck
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SCRIPTURE READING	1 John 4:7-21
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SERMON	Treasures
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+HYMN	<i>To You, O God, All Creatures Sing</i>
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Information about today's service:

Call to Worship, Invocation, Call to Offering, Dedication Prayer from the *What Shall We Bring?* UCC
stewardship resources

Prayer of Reconciliation <http://worshipcloset.com/5th-sunday-of-easter-words-for-worship-year-b/>

Assurance of Grace, Benediction from Outside the Gates: Service Prayers for the Sixth Sunday of Easter
was written by the Reverend Jill K Warner, Pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in
Aberdeen, SD.



- 1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -
 2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a-cross the
 3 Your flow-ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to
 4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery



thing sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your burn-ing sun with gold-en
 sky sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your morn-ing ris - es with a
 hear, sing your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun-ti - ful and
 way, sings your prais-es, al-le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra-grant



beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais-es,
 song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais-es,
 bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais-es, al-le -
 flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais-es,



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

- 5 Now we who are of ten-der heart,
 for-giv-ing oth-ers, take our part,
 sing your prais-es, al-le-lu-ia!
 To you we lift our pain and care,
 re-ceive the bur-dens that we bear,
 sing-ing prais-es, al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

- 6 In you, a kind and gen-tle death
 pre-pares to hush our fi-nal breath
 sing-ing prais-es, al-le-lu-ia!
 Christ goes be-fore us to re-new
 the way that leads us home to you
 Hear our prais-es, al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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: Imagining love in action is God's great call in our lives. Through our stewardship focus and campaigns, we continue to dream life and love through our gifts, our ministries, and our missions. Today we are reminded that because God loved us first, we then become the love-bearers to our world. Today we bring our gifts of love to be blessed, to be shared, to be received. May God find us unwavering in our commitment to love one another. Our offering will now be shared.

OFFERTORY *Shall We Gather at the River* Michael Larkin

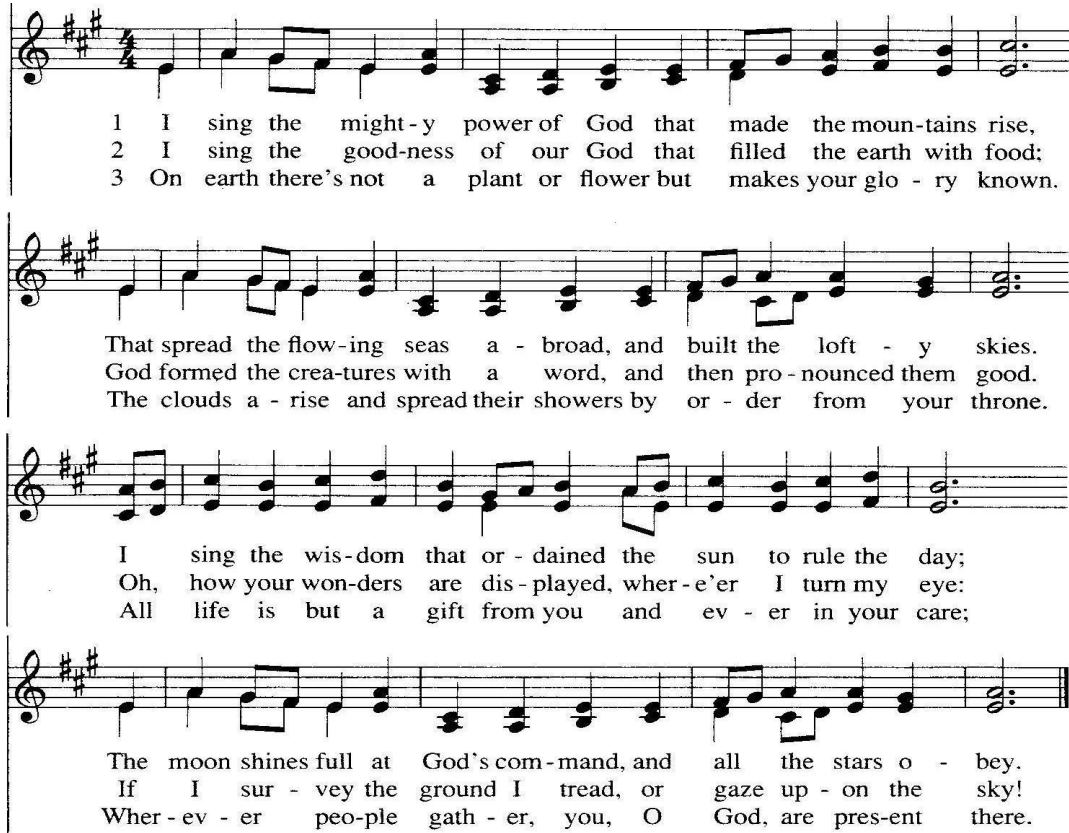
+DOXOLOGY *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore;
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER

Bend our hearts this morning toward the least and the lost with these gifts and pledges. Bless them to your work, we pray. Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

+BENEDICTION (Based on Psalm 67)



1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Oh, how your won-ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:
All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

One: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make God's face
to shine upon us, that His way may be known upon earth.
Her saving power among all nations.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for God judges the
peoples with equity and guides the nations upon earth.

All: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

One: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

All: May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere the God of all Creation. Amen!

+POSTLUDE

Voluntary in G

Henry Heron



THANK YOU TO THE MANY!!!!

Last Sunday, Nov 11th we celebrated the Installation of our Pastor, Michelle Torigian. It was a warm and beautiful service, and St. Paul Church should be very, very proud! You all showed that St. Paul welcoming spirit and joy the entire day. I would like to thank the many groups who, when asked to consider donating time and treasure to making this day the remarkable day it was, so generously stepped up and donated to defray the cost of such an event, particularly the reception that followed~

The Church Council,
Church Boards,
Executive Board,
Culinaires,
Fireside Club,
Mingles and Singles,
Music Ministry,
Office Staff,
Women's Guild,
& Youth Group.

Also, a big thank you to Sandy Ritter for organizing people. And to Marlene Mueller, Judy Koch, Kathy Liddy and Debbie Lippert for being our smiling, gracious hostesses at the reception. It was a great team effort and I so appreciate all of you!!!

Mimi Llamas, president

Pictures of Installation on the next two pages.

Pastor Michelle's Installation

November 11, 2018







SUNDAY SCHOOL TODAY!!

10am in the AC today!
with Tyler and friends!

St. Paul UCC Holiday Schedule

Wednesday, December 19

6pm in Heritage Hall

Blue Christmas Service

The Blue Christmas service is an opportunity for people facing a difficult Christmas due to a variety of issues including the loss of a loved one, unhappy Christmas memories, seasonal depression, trauma, health issues or other transition.

Monday, December 24

Christmas Eve Services

4:30pm & 7pm

Sunday, December 30

New Year's Weekend

9am Single Service
with Guest Craig Bielke



The Culinares are cooking today!!

Join us for a delicious meal
~ after the Congregational Meeting, of course ~
prepared by our talented friends!

CONGEGATIONAL MEETING TODAY FOLLOWING 9am SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION FROM STEWARDSHIP & NOMINATING
Thursday, October 18, 2018 Church Council Meeting

The Stewardship & Nominating Board of St. Paul U.C.C. upon the request of Pastor Michelle, recommends that the Council and Congregation suspend Bylaw ARTICLE VIII THE CHURCH COUNCIL, Section 2 E: the portion which states, “....a slate of officers.....for service during the one year period commencing on the first Sunday in January.” The Bylaw suspension is limited only to this sentence portion and expires December 31, 2019.

Support information:

It is the belief of Pastor Michelle and the Stewardship & Nominating Board that this is still an important transitional time in the life of St. Paul. We believe that consistency of the Executive Committee leadership is imperative at this point.

There are several Council Executive Committee members whose terms would be extended for one year by this change: Mimi Llamas, Al Scharf, Donna Nettleton, Larry Walton, Wayne Caughman, Dana Rosenzweig , and Susan Relfe. These members have been exemplary leaders and we feel that their expertise and continued membership for one additional year on the Council Executive Committee will only enhance the success of what St. Paul is trying to accomplish for our future.

This recommendation was unanimously approved at the October 18 Council meeting. Therefore, a Congregational meeting to approve this recommendation is scheduled immediately following the 9 A.M. service on November 18.

Sandy Wagner and Sue Sutherland
Co Chairs Stewardship & Nominating Board

**Winter Weekend 2019
is scheduled for January 19-21, 2019
(over the Martin Luther King Jr weekend).**

The event will take place at DuBois Center and the theme is

"Speak Your Truth". The keynote speaker is Rev. Trayce Potter who is the Minister for Youth and Young Adult Engagement for the UCC.

The cost remains the same as last year at \$150 (early bird rate) or \$165 (late registrations) which includes lodging and meals. We plan to have the information and registration packet go out to the churches & youth leaders within the week, so watch your emails! We hope you will start to encourage your youth to attend this faith-filled and relationship-building event!

Contact Tyler Kohrs about early registration.

**Adult Confirmation
Class Information
COMING SOON!!
Contact Tyler Kohrs
if interested....**



*Adult
Confirmation*



Join us this year in sharing the joy of the season~
come to the "Hanging of the Greens".

On November 25th, we will begin Advent
by decorating our church
for the holiday season together.

At the 11 am Celebration Service,
we will be "Hanging the greens" together.

Then at 4:00pm, come back to church
& help in the Sanctuary/Welcome Center areas.

Bring an appetizer and a drink.

Some food and drink will be provided.

Cookies with Santa



Saturday, Dec 8th

10am-Noon

St. Paul UCC

115 West B Street— enter off C Street

stpaulucc.org



**The wait is over!
Peanut Squares
are here!!
On Sale after church on
Sundays while they last!
\$7 for bag of 6**



Many thanks for the well wishes upon my wedding to Jayne on Nov. 4. I look forward to seeing some of you on Dec. 2 between services to celebrate! Speaking of celebrating, Advent is here, and with that comes wonderful Advent and music Christmas of the season. You will hear bells, ensembles and full choir anthem during the season, and please make a special point to join us on Dec. 9 at 9 for a full morning of musical selections which will be a preview of some of the repertoire we will do on our Fine Arts Music Ministry Christmas concert, which will involve the Chancel Choir and ensembles, handbells, soloists, the B Street Band, and audience carols. It is at a **new day and time** – Saturday, December 15, at 7 pm. If you have come in the past, you know how beautiful this program is, if not, come join us as we bring and ring in the season of Christmas.

Dan



Mingles & Singles Christmas Party

Friday, December 14th at 6:30pm

Join us at Barb Suess' home for a fun and festive evening
34 Kingston Dr., Belleville

Please RSVP at 397-1113 or bjsuess15@yahoo.com

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice.

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 –January 26, 2019*

8:30am – 4:00pm

*(if the event gets cancelled due to snow
or low attendance, the new date would be March 23rd)*

Where: St. Paul UCC

115 West B Street (enter on C Street), Belleville, IL

Adults: \$30.00 with lunch / \$25 no lunch

Includes: snacks, vendors, reserved space, attendance prizes,

Extended Hours Available! 9am–10:00pm \$35.00 perperson (meals served) / NO meals \$30

Contact Person: Diana Haar - dmhaar@charter.net or

Tina at St. Paul Church - (618) 233-3303

****ENTER RAFFLE TO WIN A CRICUT ACCESSORIES & other raffle items-**

Raffle tickets available for purchase at Crafty event!

*****Early bird registration due January 2nd** (to be entered in special drawing)

Reservation Deadline is January 16th

*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 Street, 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 – 10:00pm

Thank you!!!



Save the Date

UCC Resources



Individual Registration Fees	
By Feb 1	After Feb 1
\$30	\$35

Day of Discipleship

Join other members from Illinois South Conference to learn what the United Church of Christ and Illinois South Conference have to offer as resources for your church. From legal counsel to technology to authorization to insurance, there is help from the UCC General Counsel; the UCC Office of Philanthropy, Technology, Identity and Communications; Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization; the Pension Boards; and the Illinois South Conference

Saturday, February 23, 2019

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

St. Paul UCC
Belleville, Illinois

Speaker Panel

Rev. Shana Johnson

Illinois South Conference

Heather Kimmel

UCC General Counsel

Andy DeBraber

UCC Office of Philanthropy, Technology, Identity and Communications

Holly Miller Shank

Ministerial Excellence, Support & Authorization (MESA)

Representative from the Pension Boards

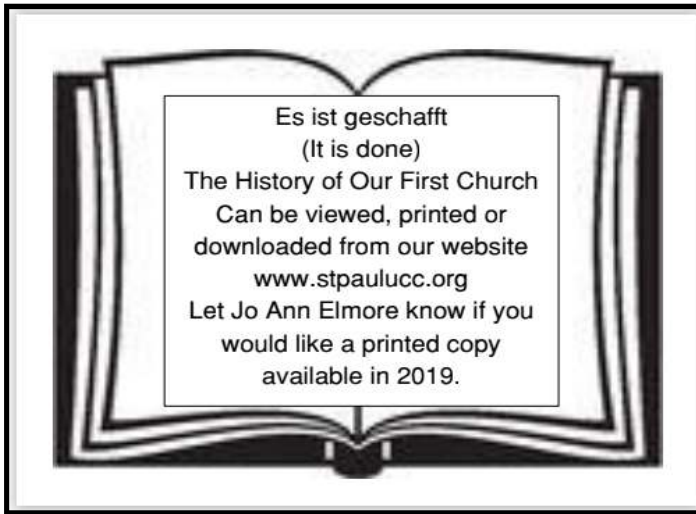
The Pension Boards, United Church of Christ

Saturday, February 23, 2019

St. Paul UCC, 115 West B Street, Belleville, Illinois

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Includes Lunch



If you have cards that you don't need - thank you, bday, get well—bring to the church office - we can put them to good use!



Online Directory / Mobile App & Phone Directory

Online Directory Coming Soon! Need to contact a member of this congregation, but you don't have your Guide Book & Directory with you?

New this year, we are working with Guide Book Publishing to launch a highly secure Online Directory & Mobile App!

Key Features:

- Easy to use search features
- One touch calling / texting / emailing / directions
- The ability to upload your own photos
- Bank level password encryption



This product will serve as an interactive pictorial directory without the commercial photography (no portrait session to attend, no pictures to buy). It is a safe, secure directory that can only be accessed by our congregation through our website or mobile app.

This is in addition to our printed Guide Book & Directory.

Please make sure the church office has your correct contact information!

PHONE NUMBERS! ADDRESS! EMAILS!

However, should you choose to not want to be a part of the Online Directory or printed Guide Book & Directory, please contact the church office, so we can remove your information from the list before uploading the information.

If you have a company that is interested in advertising in this new product and the printed Guide Book & Directory please contact the office. It is through the support of advertisers in our community that these services continue to be provided to us at no cost.

Thank you!!!



For Our Prayers

Brittany Keuther - Marsha McCoy - Bill Whicher

For Our Thoughts

“Overthinking is the biggest cause of unhappiness.” *Anonymous*

“Thoughts have energy. Make sure your thoughts are positive and powerful.” *Anonymous*

“Your life is a reflection of your thoughts.” *Anonymous*

“May your day be filled with good thoughts, kind people, and happy moments.” *Anonymous*

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

<u>Sun, Nov 18</u>	9am Combined Service Congregational Meeting Culinaires! 10am Sunday School in AC 11am Celebration Service
<u>Mon, Nov 19</u>	10am exercise class 12pm prayer group 4:30 Girl Scouts 6pm Volleyball
<u>Tues, Nov 20</u>	9am Quilters 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 5pm Comm Dinner 7pm Women’s Guild
<u>Wed, Nov 21</u>	10am Gen Class 3pm Gov French Band
<u>Thurs, Nov 22</u>	Closed for Thanksgiving
<u>Fri, Nov 23</u>	Closed for Holiday
<u>Sat, Nov 24</u>	Centering Prayer

Feeling Social!?

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

Genealogy Group Meeting
Wednesday, Nov 21 at 10am
Come and find out about
more of who YOU are!

Fireside Group Meeting
Sunday, Nov 25th at 6pm
Come for dessert and enjoy
guest speaker Susan Relfe
Talk about the ‘With You’
program. All members and
friends are welcome !

Weekly Attendance

9am / Celebration	<u>Nov 4, 2018</u>	<u>Nov 5, 2017</u>
	180/16	130/26

stpaulucc.org

Offering for 11/04/2018 - \$16,090		General Fund	Needed each week \$12,912
Giving to..	\$563,791		
Budget to..	\$568,128		
Total Budget	\$671,441		