



SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR 2019

We hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and is having a peaceful New Year. St. Paul is no different and as usual new year comes change. The first change of the year will be with security. For the safety and security of the congregation and visitors of St. Paul, as of January 2019 it is now required to have staff in-house anytime the church building is occupied.

This is a good practice for:

- 1) Safety if there is an emergency, we know where people are in the building and will be better able to assist if needed.
- 2) Scheduling being respectful of the church 's spaces and of others. The church is here for all to use - however this is a delicate balance between meetings, groups, activities, and....worship!

We are happy to work with everyone the best we can. Please call sooner rather than later for a space availability.

3) For our Insurance Company.

On Friday, January 4th the locks to the main key doors will have been changed, and a new pass code will be in place. Moving forward, only Staff, Executive Board Members and Head of Security will hold badge passes. All others who hold badge passes at this time are deactivated.

Have a safe new year!

Attention 2018 Council Members: ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE

Annual Reports are due in the church office by January 20, 2019. Thank you!

BLESSINGS ITEMS

We are looking to collect items for "Blessings Box " for those who are less fortunate.

Can you be a blessing to someone else?

These items are given out on Tuesdays to those who come to the Community Dinner and need a little assistance in life.

Items that are helpful and needed:

Bike locks, Clean blankets, clean coats, small containers of wipes, small bottles of sanitizer, individual heat packs, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, chapstick, combs, brushes, small packages of tissues, small first aid kits, deodorant, razor and shaving cream, toothbrush and paste, and personal notes of encouragement. Please place in designated box or bring to church office. *Thank you!!*

Threads of Hope

has baby quilts for sale for any occasion. The quilts are all handmade with love by our quilters and the profits go to St. Paul UCC. There are many to choose from—for boys, girls and neutral colors.

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VALENTINE DINNER THEATER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Treat your Valentine to our very first St. Paul Fine Arts dinner theater on Saturday, February 9. Our Culinaire's will be serving dinner at 6:30 p.m. as the mystery begins to evolve. Tickets will be available for purchase every Sunday in January in the Welcome & Activity Centers and through February 4 from the church office. The cost of the dinner is \$18. Sweet Treat booths will also be offering goodies for purchase. This promises to be an intriguing evening of delicious food and "whodunit" fun!

2019 Adult Mission Trip

The adult mission team has chosen to help with recovery efforts in Hattiesburg, MS the week of June 2 - 8. The city was devastated by a 2016 flood and a 2017 tornado. The recovery effort will build 400 new homes and rehab 1500 existing homes. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact Roger Harris (618.277.3805 / roger.harris@bankofamerica.com). Reservation deadline is March 31, 2019.



Mingles & Singles Planning Meeting

Saturday, January 19th at 6:30 At Donna Nettleton's House 2267 Haverford Drive, Belleville Bring an appetizer to share and a beverage of choice. Questions, please contact Donna at 210-9475.



FLOWERS, MUSIC & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

Sign up now to sponsor flowers, music or the bulletin each week. Many dates are available. Cost is \$30. Your sponsorship dedication is printed in the News & Notes and is a lovely way to honor the memory or achievement of your loved one. Sponsorship forms and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board currently located at the office doors in the hallway. Please consider sponsoring flowers, music or bulletins for Sunday worship.



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Alzheimer's Education Programs

education programs by the alzheimer's association

St. Paul United Church of Christ will be hosting a series of free Alzheimer's education programs in 2019!

Classes will be from 12 – 1:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoons. Location: St. Paul United Church of Christ 115 W. B St. | Belleville, IL 62220

January 20: Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

February 17: 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

March 17: Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

April 28: Effective Communication Strategies

May 19: Understanding and Responding to Dementia Related Behaviors

Programs are free and open to the public! Registration is requested. 800.272.3900 | alz.org/crf

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!!!

All Day Crafting What: Saturday –January 26, 2019* When: 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: E-mail(print clearly) Phone 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 - 4pm2.\$35.00 with lunch & dinner/\$30.00 no meals 9am - 10:00pm

Thank you!!!



For Our Prayers

Bruce Elser - Marsha McCoy - Bill Whicher - Alec & Karen Zaber

For Our Thoughts

Everything you've ever wanted is on the other side of fear. — George Addair

Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know,

and capable of more than you imagine. - Roy T. Bennett

Too many of us are not living our dreams because we are living our fears. - Les Brown

Paul UCC I calendar of events!		9am Traditional Service 10am Sunday School 11am Celebration Service 10am exercise class 3pm Gov French 4:30 Girl Scouts 6pm Volleyball 6pm Mission Bd	Es ist geschaff (i is done) The History of Our Fint Church Can be vieweid, printed or downloaded from our webote www.stpaukioc.org Let Jo Am Emone know II you would like a printed copy evaluative in 2019.
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<i>This week at</i> — St. Please see <i>stpaulucc.org</i> for full	<u>Wed, Jan 16</u> <u>Thurs, Jan 17</u>	10am Genealogy Class 3pm Gov French Band / Bells / Choir 2 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks	GO GREEN with your weekly offering! Did you know we can automatically debit your checking account for your weekly offering? This would enable the mission of St. Paul to continue even if you miss a Sunday offering and it simplifies our
— <i>This week</i> i Please see stpaul	<u>Fri, Jan 18</u> <u>Sat, Jan 19</u>	6pm Plenary and Pictures Council Meeting 6pm Basketball 3pm Gov French Private Rental 6:30 Mingles & Singles Planning meeting - Donna Nettleton's House	accounting. Go green and eliminate your envelopes! Interested? Contact Stephenie Bauza in the Church office. <u>Weekly Attendance</u> 9am /11am <u>Dec 30, 2018 Dec 31, 2017</u> 133/single serv 125/12
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