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in the Lord

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Our St. Paul

Sept 2019

YOUR St. Paul Team

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Office Hours: *Please note new start time:*

Mon thru Thurs: 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Fri: 8:30 am-4:00 pm

ST. PAUL NOW HAS ONLINE GIVING!!!!

St Paul UCC Belleville has joined the world of Technology by bringing Online Giving to our church. Effective immediately you may now give to St Paul Church electronically and pay by credit card, debit card or use your bank account information. Simply log on to stpaulucc.org and click the "Online Giving" button and follow the instructions. You can use this form of donating towards the Heritage Hall, Operating Fund, Building, Radio, a Memorial and more.

When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospitals to notify the church office. Also please telephone the church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. The pastor and visitation team will visit church members and their families each week. If you have a new addition to your family, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

Your communication is crucial to our ministry!

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Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul**.

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Adopting an “All of Us” Perspective

Every two years the denomination comes together at General Synod to reflect and vote on issues, reconnect with the larger church, and celebrate milestones. I have attended the past six Synods and believe attending is part of my calling to connect and grow with the larger church.

As I see every two years, the entire denomination does not agree on everything. Some issues on which the delegates will vote are extremely divisive. Yet, at the end of the day, we understand that we are one Church.

When I wrote the closing worship a few years ago, part of my goal was to have a service in which we all come together again before departing. Knowing that people spoke on various sides of the issues presented, we still valued our time of worship together. This is because of our covenant with one another.

The denomination is built on the idea of covenant. We understand that churches and individuals are autonomous from one another. Yet because of the concept of the Body of Christ, we need one another despite differences. We recognize this connection to the Body of Christ - our covenant - will sustain us through debates and difficult discussions.

And we try to embrace this concept here at St. Paul UCC. There are spaces within this church for people who think differently about salvation and about the Trinity. There are spaces within this church for people who enjoy cooking and those who enjoy crafting. We have spaces within this church for people who want to serve on our Mission Board and people who want to serve our Building and Property Board. No two people are alike, and we celebrate one another's gifts and honor differing respectful perspectives.

So often, we choose an “us versus them” mentality. Instead, we are called by God to choose an “all of us” philosophy: that no matter how different we are in our looks, our gifts, or our perspective, we are welcome here.

In what ways do each of us need to shed an “us versus them” perspective? In what ways do we, as a church, need to work on incorporating an “all of us” philosophy? What might it take for us to challenge ourselves to understand another's story in order to build a world of love? What might it take for us to continue to build relationships within this church?

When I reflect on the concept of covenant and being one Body of Christ, I reach for the lyrics of the song “One” by U2: “We're one, but we're not the same; We get to carry each other.”

We, as congregants of St. Paul UCC and as members of the United Church of Christ denomination, are one. We are not the same. But it is our call to care for one another and connect, as we can, to another part of the Church.

*Blessings,
Pastor Michelle*

P.S. If you are interested in my General Synod report or would like to speak to me more about the denomination, please see me!

From the President's Corner

Well that was quick!!! Poof, and summer is becoming a memory and fall is peeking around the corner. Everyone who knows me knows summer is by far my favorite season. This one has been a bit sketchy!!! In June it rained like Noah was building an ark. Then July was HOT. August just flew by and now the kiddos are back in school. Wow, time really does fly, doesn't it!!!?

The best part of fall at St. Paul is the return of MDO! I always love the beginning of school days with the MDO kiddos in our hallways, laughing and loving life. Our new Director, Rachel Budko is ready to go as are the wonderful teachers on our MDO staff. Come in one day during the week and see the fun. It will lighten your load dramatically, I promise.

Heritage Hall has been our focus. It is really coming along and we have so many people to thank for all the progress. Dave Hoffmann and Roger Harris are such great team leaders. They have spent so much of their own time planning and preparing for all the work to be done, getting bids for work we can't do on our own, meeting with all the stakeholders, and working on most Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings. In addition to those two, there were so many of you that stepped up and showed up with gloves, hats etc. and worked very hard knocking stuff down and hauling stuff out!! Last month I talked about raising money to meet our goals. Many of you answered the call and wrote checks to the cause. Because of you wonderful, generous people, we are very close to our goal. Thank you, thank you, thank you!! We are not completely there, but were getting close. There is still time and need for help. We will keep everyone updated on the progress. It is so EXCITING!!!

In August, Pastor Michelle finished up the summer sermon series revolving around Musicals. Our St. Paul youth as well as youth who have previously taken part in our Summer Youth Musical took part in those special Sundays with their special talents. It was delightful!! This past Sunday, Avery White, who has grown up right before our eyes, performed a beautiful interpretive dance to the beautiful Amazing Grace. It was breathtaking. So beautiful and graceful! Thank you, Avery, for sharing your talent with all of us. We are blessed at St. Paul with an abundance of talent. And while she was dancing, Big Bird, Oscar the Grouch and other Sesame Street characters kept watch from different vantage points in the church. That was fun!!! Those same characters now grace the fence around the playground in the front of the church.

Our fantastic Facilities Manager, Patrick, is back with us!!! We are all beyond happy about that!!! In terms of new people, we are still in search for a Music Director. The team is working hard and will not stop until we find the right fit for our program.

Mingles and Singles held their yearly end of summer fest at Scharf's farm on Saturday evening, the 24th. It was our best ever and we raised a lot of money for church programs. Chris Ritter and his uber talented daughter, Jillian brought their music and karaoke machine as well as their own personal talent!! We found out that we have a lot of singing talent in our church, including our Pastor Michelle!!! The Proud Mary group had a slow start, but they rebounded nicely and got the party started. It was one of the most beautiful evenings of the summer and the setting at the farm is intoxicating. What a great event with a great group of people. It was WONDERFUL!! Thanks to Al and Nancy Scharf for their incredible hospitality.

Fall is coming and activities gear up. Get involved – we need all of you. Ask me if you're not sure where you can be of service, or ask anyone for that matter. We need all of you. See you in church!!

Blessings,

Mimi Llamas, President Church Council

ST. PAUL NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM
CARDINAL BASEBALL!!
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
CARDINALS vs. BREWERS
7:15 pm game



Get a group together!
\$20 per person (no children's ticket price)
Seats are in the Left Field Pavilion
We'll have a panoramic view of the entire field!
The give away that evening is a
Cardinal Hockey Sweater 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 Brewers!

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"

For questions about what you can bring to the stadium, see mlb.com/cardinals/ballpark/security.

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

Your church has decided that the "old canoe" that worked so well when you were floating down the river, doesn't bring your church success when the world is navigating a new terrain of "mountain climbing." What to do? What to do? At this year's Annual Meeting, we will look at churches who are navigating new terrain...have gone from surviving to thriving...have their feet on the ground and are marching with the blessed assurance of transformative changes. They have listened to God's call and have adapted with repurposed buildings, the priesthood of lay leaders, interactive worship services and embracing the demographics of their communities. Witness fearlessness and hope. Adapt your paradigm to the reality of now. Transform your church. Find out what makes your church's heart sing.



Would you like to be a delegate for St. Paul UCC at this year's Annual Meeting? If so, please contact the church office. Thanks!

Pl a r n

Everyone welcome to help recycle plastic bags by folding, cutting and knotting plastic bags to crochet beds for the disadvantaged. We had a great time working and talking together. You can even brownbag your lunch and drink and join the quilters. 10am Tuesday, Sept 3rd in the craft room downstairs. You must enter from the Sanctuary doors due to Mother's Day Out School in session. Stay as long as you like and enjoy some fellowship. Any questions feel free to call Sandy Ritter 222-1123

Rally Day

Fall is upon us and we will be celebrating the new church year on Sunday, September 8th. The Christian Ed Board is asking for donations of brownies or cookies to share after Church Service with the congregation. Welcome to bring them in a few days before or Sunday morning for your convenience. Please mark - Rally Day dessert. Thank you in advance and let's kick off the fall season with an inspiring year. Questions -Sandy Ritter 222-1123.



Community Interfaith Food Pantry
needs LOTS of reusable grocery bags!!
The bags help get food to the homeless in our area.
Please bring any to the food pantry





CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH HERITAGE

In October, we will celebrate two church anniversary dates ~
our congregation will have been in Belleville for 180 years
and the new sanctuary will celebrate 60 years!

Our church heritage is German Evangelical.
And to celebrate our German Heritage we will have a
celebration on Sunday, October 27th!!

Lots of activities are being planned for this special day ~
Special German-themed Worship Service,
A German meal prepared by the Culinaires (tickets will go on sale soon),
A German Band, Archives presentation by Roger Henke, & more.
Also, the St. Paul Worship Board will make a record of where in
Germany your ancestry came from.

If you would like assistance in locating your heritage, Rick Drake and his Genealogy Group
are willing to help. Come to Rick's meetings or contract him by email at drakes8320@att.net.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion 9am Worship Special Offering for ISP Trooper Nick Hopkins	2 Labor Day Closed	3 1st Day of MDO (T/Th) Quilters 10am Security Mtg 10am Plarn-Art Rm Food Prep 5pm Comm Dinner NAMI	4 1st Day of MDO (M/W/F)	5 MDO 1:30 Homeless Mtg 4pm Masterworks 6:30 PFLAG	6 MDO	7
8 RALLY DAY 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 11am Book Club at Tavern on Main FLU SHOTS - Walgreens 10am-11am AC	9 MDO 10am exercise 4pm Girl Scouts—Gen Rm 5pm Bylaw's Mtg—Library 6pm Mission—Upper Rm	10 MDO Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner NAMI Shufflers	11 MDO 9:30 Baby Class	12 MDO 4pm Masterworks 5:30 Worship Bd 6pm Board Mtgs	13 MDO 9:30 S&N Bd Cardinal Game	14 10am Ctr Prayer
15 Culinares 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	16 MDO 10am exercise	17 MDO Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner 6pm HH Mtg	18 MDO 10am Genealogy Class	19 MDO 4pm Masterworks 6:30 Council	20 MDO Craftymania setup	21 Craftymania
22 9am Worship 10am Sunday School 6pm Fireside	23 MDO 10am exercise	24 MDO Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner	25 MDO 9:30 Baby Class	26 MDO 4pm Masterworks 6pm Food Pantry Mtg Shufflers	27	28 10am Ctr Prayer
29 9am Worship 10am Sunday School	30 MDO 10am exercise					



The Culinaries are back!!

Sunday, Sept 15th

The Culinares would like to invite anyone who is over 18, and who would like to become a Culinaire...be in the kitchen at 7:30ish on the 18th to learn and help!

Contact Dave Hoffmann with questions.

Get your Flu Shots HERE!!

Sunday, Sept 15th 10am-11am
in the Activities Center after service

Please fill out forms in Welcome Center this Sunday for pre-qualification with your insurance.

Information you will need is: ID and Insurance Card
Flu Shots will be given by qualified professionals from the Walgreens store in Swansea, IL.





2019-2020

Saturday, October 19 7pm

Andy Peters "Bumping into Broadway"
Silent Movie with Concert

Saturday, December 21 7pm

St. Paul Music Ministry Christmas

Sunday, March 29 7pm

SWIC Chamber Chorus

Sunday, May 3 3pm

SWIC Concert Band

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 21, 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–10:00pm \$35 per person (meals served) /\$30pp NO meals

Contact: Diana Haar @ dmhaar@charter.net

Raffle tickets available for purchase for a variety of items!

Early bird registration due Sept 1 (to be entered in special drawing)

Reservation Deadline is September 13th

Please remember IF the minimum attendance is not met by the deadline, the event will be CANCELLED! If the event is a GO- Refunds will only be given up to Sept 19th.

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)

Option 1 \$30.00 with lunch 9am – 4pm

Option 2 \$25.00 no lunch 9am – 4pm

Option 3 \$35.00 with lunch & dinner 9am-10pm

Option 4 \$30.00 no meals 9am – 10pm

Celebrations

September Anniversaries

4 Larry & Susan Reeble
 8 Wayne Kniepkamp
 13 Rob & Carrie Naylor
 14 Richard & Vickie Dziaba
 15 Allan & Sue Joellenbeck
 17 Matthew & Lisa Smith
 19 Grey & Renee Seaman
 25 Mark & Laura Poirot
 Derrick & Alison Collier
 26 Ronald & Janice Meyer



1 Laine Hausmann
 Christopher Price
 Susan Relfe
 2 Karen Boeschen
 Sharen Guthrie
 Henry Keck, Jr.
 Richard Krummrich
 Wayne Kniepkamp
 3 Steven Flach
 Debbie Price
 4 James Hughes
 Jack Olsen
 Avery White
 5 Louise Voegtle
 7 Ashley Hoeft
 Linda Mentzer
 Nancy Wagner
 8 Tyler Dunlap

September Birthdays

9 Rick Drake	20 Albert Wunderlich
Beverly Brightwell	22 William Enyart
10 Delaney Loving	24 Erlene Seelman
Carol Simon	25 Jeffrey Dinkelmann
Sidnie Spargur	26 Vicki Keck
11 Alissa Trickey	Colette Smith
12 Emma Lee	Nicholas Vokes
Wunderlich	27 Doris O'Connor
13 Danielle Wolfe	Arthur Schmidt, III
14 JoAnn Oesterle	28 Kirk Weilmuenster
15 Elise White	29 Sandra Pfingsten-
16 Luci Bradley	Michael Pierce
17 Eddie Elliott	Jan Bolding
Stephanie Elmore	Dawn Steen
18 Kathleen Liddy	30 Logan Dunlap
Janice Smith-Walta	Emily Redden
Roxy Collins	Susan Sutherland
19 John Hartman	

Next Book Club starting!!!

Book: *Go Back to Where You Came From: The Backlash Against Immigration and the Fate of Western Democracy* by Sasha Polakow-Suransky



Where to get books:

Amazon (new and old copies available)

Next Meeting: Sunday, Sept 8th at 11am
 at Tavern on Main / in Tapas area



MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The following memorials and gifts have been received by St. Paul Church:
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

IMO Kevin Eckert

Vi Nettleton
 Jeff & Stephanie Eckert
 Betty Eckert
 (Heritage Hall)
 Gordon & Dorothy Maiworm
 Dolly Kirsch
 (Radio)
 Marilyn Dinkelmann

IMO William (Bill) Whicher

Bruce & Pam Elser
 Ron & Jan Meyer
 Pam Nicholson
 Edna Mae Schwarz
 Gloria Strohm
 Marlene Mueller
 Dave & Sue Hoffmann
 Gary Buckrod

Mimi Llamas
 Lynn & Luci Bradley
 Pearl Spies
 Edward & Billy Ruth Pelc
 Eileen Peter
 Annette Eckert & Bill Enyart
 Pastor Ann & Harry Wilson
 Pam Walton
 Dale & Jane Helms
 Ken & Osceola Mueller
 Jan Dashner
 Kristine & Lynwood Mueller
 Debbie Lippert
 Fred Helms
 Marilae Perkins
 Ruth Klingel
 Larry Walton
 Joyce & Jim Bevirt
 Jane Bonaldi

Billie McLemore
 Henry Keck Jr.
 Jerry Messick
 Stephenie Bauza
 Faye Weis
 Paul & Sue Sutherland
 Judy Saeger
 Scott, Lana & Eric Gentry
 Ken & Jo Oesterle
 Jeanette Sporleder
 Vi Nettleton
 Rusty & Sandy Wagner
 Jerry Bennett
 Donna Davis
 Rick & Diane Drake
 (Heritage Hall)
 Gay Eckert
 Jan Friedrich

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

July 2019

Attendance: 526

All Gifts: \$27,124.57

July 2018:

Attendance: 728

All Gifts: \$57,026.48

Gifts exclude MDO revenue and endowment distributions, but does include investment income.

In the St. Paul Church Library . . .

FOR CHILDREN: *My Great-Aunt Arizona* by Gloria Houston

The author provides a joyous recounting of the life of her favorite aunt, an Appalachian girl who never left her native Blue Ridge Mountains but influenced the lives of generations of school children as their teacher.

FOR ADULTS:

A New Kind of Christianity: A Tale of Two Friends On a Spiritual Journey by Brian D. McLaren

McLaren examines the intersection of Christianity and contemporary life, a favorite topic of his. The two friends in this book are a pastor and a high school science teacher.

Queen Anne's Lace and Other Words by Mary Jane Hartman

The author reminds us to look for the heavenly existence on earth in the small details of nature and the affirming joy of basic human interactions and experiences.

NOTE: You will see the above books, along with other interesting books, displayed in the church library. Please help yourself, sign the card, and enjoy!

Revenues	<u>2019 Final Budget</u>	<u>2019 July Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$410,894.91	\$23,023.13	\$217,241.49	52.87%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$95,000.00	\$0.00	\$58,301.50	61.37%
MDO Fundraiser/Capital Campaign	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,264.00	126.40%
Special Stewardship Events	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$545.43	9.09%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	\$800.00	\$5,600.00	58.33%
Building Fund	\$21,000.00	\$1,630.00	\$16,582.50	78.96%
Various Missions	\$0.00	\$265.00	\$19,426.44	N/A
Memorials	\$13,000.00	\$395.00	\$6,290.00	48.38%
Bequests	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Building Income	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,231.15	56.65%
Pastoral Honorarium	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$975.00	195.00%
Pastoral Expense Revenue		\$50.00	\$480.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$10,620.00	\$0.00	\$5,680.00	53.48%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$80,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	80.00%
Other Income	\$2,000.00	\$2.55	\$189.76	9.49%
Total Operating Revenues	\$690,614.91	\$26,265.68	\$358,807.27	51.95%
Board Revenues	\$0.00	\$1,239.82	\$11,857.67	
Pew End Donation		\$0.00	\$4,000.00	
Capital Expenses		\$0.00	\$5,220.00	
Grand Total	\$690,614.91	\$27,505.50	\$379,884.94	55.01%
Expenses				
Personnel Board	(\$339,565.95)	(22,390.31)	(183,403.38)	54.01%
Administrative Support	(41,963.96)	(4,262.68)	(27,251.55)	64.64%
Mission Board	(19,350.00)	(467.65)	(15,855.37)	81.94%
Christian Education Board	(6,350.00)	(3,567.41)	(4,613.19)	72.65%
Stewardship & Nominating Board	(1,900.00)	0.00	(505.73)	26.62%
Christian Growth Board	(400.00)	0.00	0.00	n/a
Business & Property Bd (includes Mortgage)	(175,785.00)	(23,978.28)	(116,479.45)	66.26%
Worship Board	(9,300.00)	(3,110.19)	(5,102.96)	54.87%
MDO	(96,000.00)	(1,716.48)	(49,330.98)	51.39%
General Fund		0	(50.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(690,614.91)	(59,493.00)	(402,592.61)	58.29%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		(33,227.32)	992.46	

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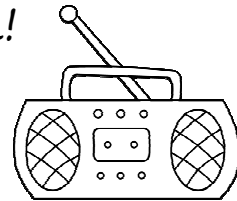


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Weekly Sermons on Website

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stpaulucc.org!

