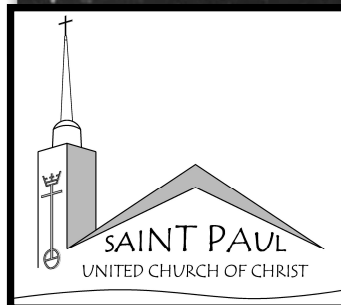




For all who exalt themselves will be
humbled, and those who humble
themselves will be exalted.
Luke 14:11



"No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
on life's journey,
You are welcome here."

Welcome to Worship

at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

9 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon, in a family friendly environment.
- 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>	Jan Friedrich
<i>Radio</i>	Sherry Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Tina LakeHopper and Rick Haar
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Caughman, Tammy Flach, Leslie, Carly, and Megan Dahm,Carol Simon, Judy Sager
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Scott Gentry, Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Debbie Lippert, Sandy Kramer
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Organist / Pianist</i>	Janet Spencer
<i>Senior Pastor</i>	Rev. Michelle Torigian

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

St. Paul
United Church of Christ
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2019 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Meditation

Marcel Dupre

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 81)

One: Sing aloud to God our strength, and shout with joy:

Many: God, our Host, welcomes us.

One: God reminds us, “I brought you out of the land of Egypt
and fed you along the way:”

**Many: When we opened our mouths,
God filled us with good things.**

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness,
trusting the promise:

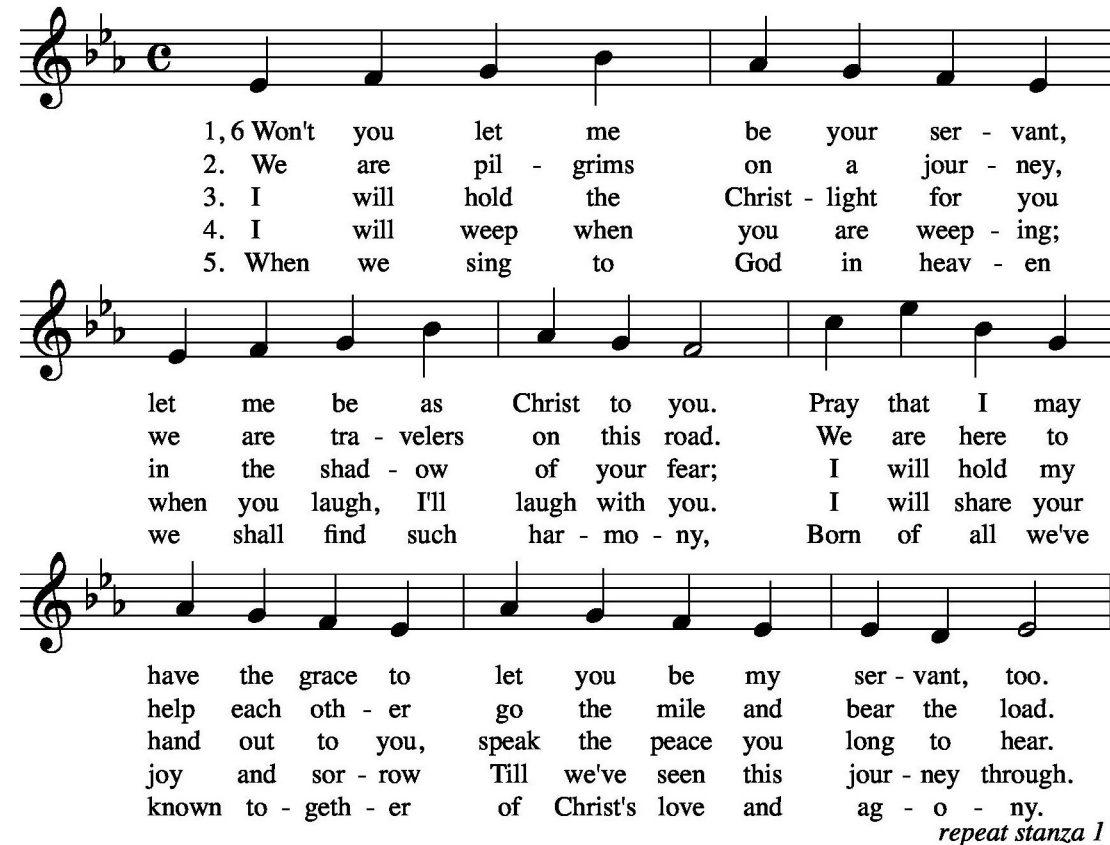
**Many: a feast for all--
freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven,
and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger.**

All: Let us worship God!

INVOCATION (Unison)

**Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet where the last may be
first, and the humble and the mighty trade places. Let us share
your abundance with no fear of scarcity; let us greet strangers as
angels you have sent! Send your Spirit now so that we may find a
place at your table and welcome others with radical
hospitality. In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray.
Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant*



1, 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant,
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney,
3. I will hold the Christ - light for you
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing;
5. When we sing to God in heav - en

let me be as Christ to you. Pray that I may
we are tra - velers on this road. We are here to
in the shad - ow of your fear; I will hold my
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you. I will share your
we shall find such har - mo - ny, Born of all we've

have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
joy and sor - row Till we've seen this jour - ney through.
known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.
repeat stanza 1

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+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION *(Based on Jeremiah 2)*

One: Dear God, we have known you since the time you led our ancestors from bondage to freedom. We have found no fault in your promise. Yet we wander from the path that you have set and put our faith in other “gods” which lead us away from justice, compassion and hospitality.

All: **We forsake your blessing. Forgive our faithlessness and our arrogance. Restore us to right relationship with you and all those in our midst. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God is merciful and slow to anger.
God seeks the lost and extends the invitation again and again.
God welcomes us when we turn to God.
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel,
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: 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

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 25:6-7 Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON Seated in the Back of the Room

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with the 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: As God has welcomed us,
let us extend God's blessings by sharing our tithes and offerings
in support of Christ's ministry today.

OFFERTORY

Prayer

William H. Harris

+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

**Dear God, you have offered us a place at the table
and you have called us to share without expectation
of being repaid. You have called us to make a place for the poor,
the outcast and the oppressed. So we ask that you bless these
resources. May they support ministries of compassion
and justice until all of your children have a place at the table.
Amen.**

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

Invitation

One: God be with you,

All: And also with you.

One: Open wide your hearts!

All: We open them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks for this time and space,

All: Giving praise to God for this meal we will share.

Prayer

One: We are surrounded by a world of hunger and hurt. We are surrounded by injustices, loneliness, illnesses, and hate. Yet through you, God, we know a different story. Our sacred story tells us of many times when our ancestors dined with the Divine. When the Israelites left Egypt, they escaped with little resources. As refugees, they moved into the wilderness. In their exile, God rained sacred sustaining bread from heaven.

Our sacred story tells us of times when our ancestors dined with those who hungered. When Abraham was approached by three strangers, he offered them bread to rebuild their bodies and refresh their souls.

Our sacred story tells us that when sojourners listening to the teachings of Jesus became hungry, Jesus gathered loaves and fish, ultimately providing enough for all in attendance with twelve additional baskets to share.

Our sacred story tells us that on the night before Jesus died, as he and his friends gathered in a room, Jesus clenched a loaf of bread. He broke the loaf and said “do this in remembrance of me.” And after supper, as the night grew long, Jesus took a cup. As he blessed its contents, he exclaimed “Drink in remembrance of me.”

And our sacred story tells us that two of the disciples were on their way to Emmaus and came upon a stranger on the journey. In a spirit of hospitality, they invited him to stay. As their new friend broke the bread, they were able to see the Christ.

Our table extends beyond this time and space: to food pantries, to community meals, to dinners shared with home-bound friends, and to coffee shared with friends who grieve. When two or three are gathered, the Christ is present. As scriptures detail, in showing hospitality to strangers, we entertain the angels in our midst. As we have experienced, while sharing bread and cup, we have encountered angels among us.

May the Spirit of God encircle these gifts with love. May the Spirit of God bless these gifts and, in doing so, bless the connections between all here and all in our hearts. May the

Spirit of God bless the widows and spouseless ones, children without parents and children from foreign lands, the last and first, the poor in spirit and the ones who hunger and thirst for righteousness. May all of your children in each space on our earth feel your love and experience the winds of your righteousness. Amen.

Distribution of Elements

*Today we will receive the bread and wine by INTINCTION.
Please come forward by the center aisle; take a piece
of bread, dip it into either the wine (labeled with the purple
ribbon) or white grape juice (labeled with a white ribbon).
You may consume both elements while returning to your pew
by the outer aisles. Gluten free option is available.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

We celebrate our gratitude, Divine Companion. As this spiritual meal has nourished us, inspire us to feed our neighbors and journey with the lonely. Through our co-creation together, may we spread love throughout our world and extend your hospitality to people in need. Amen.

Information about today's service:

All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded.

Pieces of this service are often video recorded for our website, social media and over can be heard over the radio.

Call to Worship, Invocation, Prayer of Reconciliation and Assurance of Grace, Receiving our Morning Gifts and Offerings, Dedication Prayer and Benediction from **Look Who's Invited! Service Prayers for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost** written by the Rev. Christopher Ney, Pastor of Central Congregational Church, UCC, of Newburyport, MA.

Communion liturgy written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

+CLOSING HYMN *Let Your Talents and Tongues Employ*



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach-ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery-where!

Refrain



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

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+BENEDICTION

One: As you have feasted at the table at God's invitation,
go into the world renewed and restored.
Go into the world to share to Good News
that there is a place for everyone at God's banquet table.
Go into the world to share God's bounty. Amen.

All: Amen!

POSTLUDE

Voluntary

William Boyce



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.



Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday
mornings ~

9am Worship
stpaulucc.org



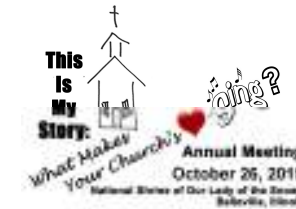
The flowers are sponsored today:

In memory of Paul Bauza,
who passed away on Sept 6th, 2018
and in celebration of our
49th wedding anniversary on Sept 29.

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.

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!

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
or to the bin in our hallway. Thank you.



Plan

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



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



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



TICKETS ON SALE SUNDAYS & OFFICE !

ST. PAUL NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM

CARDINAL BASEBALL!!
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
CARDINALS vs. BREWERS
7:15 pm game



\$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



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

For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy
Dian Thom
Margo Uhrig
Alec Zaber

Like to Help?

Do you have pictures of events here at St. Paul?

We are gathering pictures for a
new pictorial directory.

Send pictures to tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org

This Week

Sun, Sept 1 **9am Worship**

Mon, Sept 2 Labor Day—Closed

Tues, Sept 3 1st Day of MDO (T/Th)

9am Quilters

10am Plarn

10am Security Meeting

1pm Food Prep

5pm Comm Dinner

NAMI

Wed, Sept 4 1st Day of MDO (M/W/F)

Thurs, Sept 5 1:30 Homeless Mtg

4pm Masterworks

6:30 PFLAG

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours
this week: Tuesday 9/2 9am–noon
Thursday 9/5 1pm-4pm

Please call Tina at 233-3303
for any scheduling questions.
Thank you!

For Your Information

Parkinson Speaker

Sept 15 11:30am Library

Presenter:

Johanna Hartlein, nurse practitioner
and medical researcher, will be
giving a talk on Parkinson Disease
(PD): The Causes, Symptoms and
Treatment to our group. She has
over 20 years of experience with PD
patients at Washington University
School of Medicine, a Center of
Excellence in the treatment of
PD. Please join us for this event.

Thank You

Weekly Attendance

9am / 11am Aug 11, 2019 Aug 12, 2018
152/Single Serv 219/SYM

Offering for 08/11/2019 - \$8,728

General Fund

Needed each week \$13,281

Giving to... \$398,702

Budget to... \$424,992

Total Budget \$690,615