

**"THE VESSEL
THE POTTER
WAS MAKING
OF CLAY WAS
SPOILED IN
THE POTTER'S
HAND,
AND HE
REWORKED
IT INTO
ANOTHER
VESSEL, AS
SEEMED
GOOD
TO HIM."**

Jeremiah 18



"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>	Eileen Peter
<i>Radio</i>	Sherry Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Tina LakeHopper and Rick Haar
<i>Ushers</i>	Donna Davis, Bob & Judy Harms, Scott Gentry, Terry Kalinowski
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Lana Gentry, Shirley Martin, Jerry Messick, Gloria Strohm
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Trumpet Soloist</i>	Dr. Thomas Birkner
<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

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2019 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Be Thou My Vision

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: To take the clay of our lives and shape disciples:

Many: God calls us to the Potter's House.

One: To receive and mend those who are broken from life experiences:

Many: God calls us to the Potter's House.

One: To love and heal those who are wounded from war:

Many: God calls us to the Potter's House.

One: To shelter all who are outcast and heavily burdened:

Many: God calls us to the Potter's House

One: Let us enter this place of transformation:

Many: And worship our God!

INVOCATION (Unison)

Great Potter, allow us to enter into your house to worship you. We have come to lay the clay of our lives on your wheel. Shape and fashion us into vessels for your Spirit who will mend those who suffer, heal the sick, and offer the outcast loving shelter. Create in us the spirit to serve those who are broken from laboring in life and war. Bless us with a new attitude to serve you and your people. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

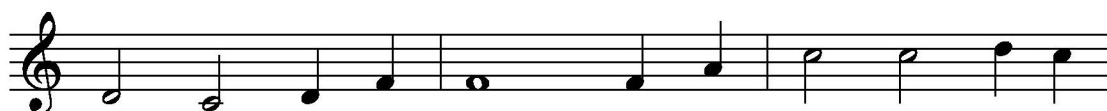
As a Fire Meant for Burning



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing with a bright and warm-ing
2. We are learn-ers; we are teach - ers; we are pil - grims on the
3. As a greenbud in the spring - time is a sign of life re -



flame, so the church is meant for mis - sion, giv - ing
way, We are seek - ers; we are giv - ers; we are
newed, so may we be signs of one - ness 'mid earth's



glo - ry to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or
ves - sels made of clay. By our gen - tle, lov - ing
peo - ples, man - y hues. As a rain - bow lights the



cus - toms, but to build a bridge of care, we join
ac - tions we would show that Christ is light. In a
heav - ens when a storm is past — and gone, may our



hands a - cross the na - tions, find - ing neigh - bors ev - ery - where.
hum - ble lis - tening Spir - it we would live to God's de - light.
lives re - flect the ra - diance of God's new and glo - rious dawn.

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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, Assurance of Grace, Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, and Benediction from A Labor of Care for the Broken: Service Prayers for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost written by LT Leticia Rouser, a chaplain in the United States Navy. Prayer of Reconciliation from <http://rev-o-lution.org/2019/08/29/worship-resources-for-september-8th-2019-thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost/>

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: God of justice and mercy, we confess that our ways are not always Your ways. We often choose the easier path where we do not have to see those who are suffering. We choose the well-worn trail for simple acts of kindness rather than the radical way of mercy, empathy, and compassion.

All: Forgive us. Call us to double-back and relearn Your ways of justice, mercy, and love. Help us to break away from the well-worn trail and take the more difficult way of love that calls us to meet the needs of others. In the name of Jesus Christ, who gave up the world's ease and went to the cross, we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God's word assures us that everything we need to be disciples is in the Potter's House. God is able to place us on the wheel and shape us into vessels that will serve all people.

We can leave this place with the assurance that we are being molded daily by the Potter, and when we come forth we shall love like God. Let us give thanks to the Word of God!

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

Culinares

Ken Nettleton

SPECIAL MUSIC

Anyway
Tyler Kohrs

McBride, Warren, Warren

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 18:1-11

SERMON

Make It Work!

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: It is time to share a portion of our earnings. Let us get excited-
for God has blessed us to make a deposit into the Kingdom.
Remember, we can't beat God's giving no matter how we
try. Let us cheerfully share our gifts, tithes, and free will
offerings.

OFFERTORY

Now Thank We All Our God J. S. Bach, S.D. Wolff, arr

+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

**Gracious God, we thank you for the opportunity to give our time,
talent, and treasures for the building of your Kingdom on earth.
Bless every gift, tithe, and offering that's deposited into your
Kingdom today; we offer this prayer in your mighty name. Amen**

+CLOSING HYMN


For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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+BENEDICTION

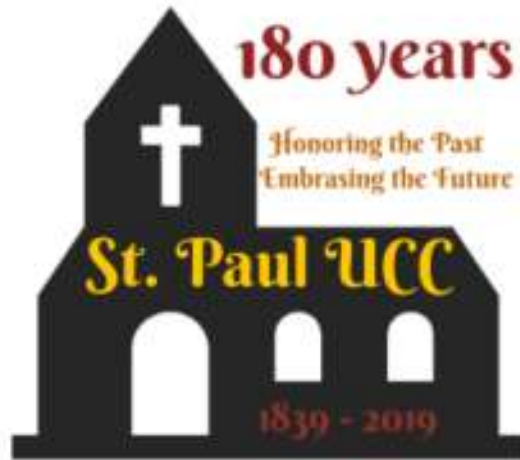
One: Now leave this place knowing that all things are possible in the Potter's House! Go into the world, walk in love, share the healing power of God with everyone, and allow the peace of God that is beyond all understanding keep your hearts and minds in perfect peace. Amen.

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude

G. F. Handel, W.E. Buzzing arr.



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

Next Sunday

Rally Day

Fall is upon us and we will be celebrating the new church year on Sunday, September 8th. Following the service, join us in the Activities Center for some goodies, fun and games, and fellowship. 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.

For the safety and security of all guests and members of St. Paul UCC, as of Sunday, Sept 15th, a delegate/co-chair of board of each meeting will be responsible for being present at the entrance for your attendees to enter. The doors cannot be unlocked and unattended.

All meetings are to be scheduled on the church calendar, through the church office. Fifteen minutes prior to a scheduled meeting (unless other arrangements have been made in advance), a staff member will meet delegate/co-chair at door closest to scheduled space. The delegate/co-chair is then to stay at the door and admit only their attendees. We also request the delegate/co-chair is the last to leave the meeting space, to ensure all attendees have safely exited the building. For larger events, arrangements are to be made through the church office in advance of event date. Thank you for your understanding.

The flowers are sponsored today:

*In honor of the marriage of
Jon Forrler and Kelly Mitchel
on September 1, 2019
from Jim Forrler*





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/Tapas



The Culinares 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.



St. Paul Women's Guild

Tuesday, September 17th 6:30 pm

Dining Out at O'Charley's in Fairview Heights

Good Food, Good Company as we celebrate...

FOUNDERS DAY

Women's Guild meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Heritage Hall.
JOIN US!



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

All concerts are open to the public and a free will offering is taken.

CRAFTY MANIA

Proceeds to Benefit: *Heritage Hall*

Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry Maker, or like to sew?
Whatever your craft, join us!! Spend the day doing what you like!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!

What: All Day Crafting

When: Saturday –September 21, 2019
9am – 4:00pm

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

Includes: Snacks, drinks, reserved space, vendors,
chance at attendance prizes, and fun!

Where: St. Paul UCC
115 West B St. (enter on C St/off parking lot)
Belleville, IL



Extended Hours Available!

9am–10pm \$35 per person (*lunch & dinner*) / NO meals \$30

Contact Person: Diana Haar @ dmhaar@charter.net

Reservation Deadline is September 10th

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):

(9am – 4pm) \$30.00 with lunch \$25.00 no lunch

or

(9am – 10pm) \$35.00 with lunch & dinner \$30.00 no meals

ANNUAL MEETING OFFERINGS

LOCAL-REGIONAL-NATIONAL



#1

NOISY OFFERING FOR UCC DISASTER MINISTRIES

Hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, typhoons...Victims of these natural disasters receive help from the UCC Disaster Ministries who work to provide initial responses and long-term follow-up by providing financial assistance & volunteer groups.

Here's the plan...

- Each ISC church asks its members to donate small or large amounts of change at Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Sunday Services or meetings prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Bring a representation of the change collected to the Annual Meeting at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on October 26. (You can convert some of the change to dollars or one large check by taking the change to a bank. They will count it and exchange it for paper currency.)
- Bring some of the offering as change in a container that can make some noise at the presentation at Annual Meeting.
- Designate a representative from your church to present the money during specified times at Annual Meeting.

#2

DONATIONS FOR UNI-PRES KINDERCOTTAGE

- Prior to Annual Meeting, ask your Church Council to seek contributions from your congregation in support of Uni-Pres Kindercottage. Your donation will help enliven Uni-Pres Kindercottage's mission of helping children and families.
- Bring a check with you to give during Annual Meeting's worship service on Saturday.
- During worship offer your financial support.
- You may wish to offer your own financial support as well.

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.



Our Faith, Our Voice, Our Vote

"Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality." - Romans 12:12 MSG

In 2018, the Neighbors in Need special mission offering and grant pool committee examined the ways in which it could spotlight, the UCC identity and missional initiative: 3 Great Loves campaign, **LOVE OF NEIGHBOR**. Emmaus United Church of Christ, in Vienna, Virginia, applied and received a \$3,500 NIN grant to aid them to work for justice within their community. They partnered with **VOICE** (Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement) in hopes of a securing the outcome they desired.

Photos supplied by Emmaus UCC



Emmaus UCC/VOICE public gathering

Emmaus UCC senior pastor, Rev. Kristen McBrayer shares, "In 2018 we set out to listen to our neighbors. We learned that the greatest concerns in our schools this year are student support for mental health counselors as well as the retention of 'good teachers'. From these listening sessions and meetings with key leaders, we set forth an agenda to increase the funding for mental health counselors so that students have a 250:1 ratio. This ratio is the minimum needed to provide basic support for our students. Retaining our best teachers is key to the success of our school system. Increasing teacher pay is essential to this goal."

Additionally, Rev. McBrayer reports, "In October, 1,300 people from our VOICE institutions met with Virginia's Governor and Attorney General to ask for their support on our agenda. Among those present were more than 600 students, parents, and teachers concerned about our schools. The Governor continues to work with VOICE on funding for mental health and good teacher pay and we believe the ground work we did in 2018 has set the stage for some big wins for our students in the 2019 budget cycle and general assembly."

As people of faith, we are encouraged to advocate for all those who are marginalized by institutional systems as well as individuals. Being able to use one's voice, even at the ballot box, is a key to fulfilling that biblical missional mandate. We are proud to have been a partner with Emmaus UCC as they embarked to make a difference in their community to aid their neighbors in need.

Please join us in supporting the

2019 Neighbors In Need Special Mission Offering. THANK YOU!

Two-thirds of your donations to NIN support advocacy programming and grants.

One-third of your generous gifts directly support CAIM. www.ucc.org/nin.

For more information about this event contact:

Emmaus UCC: <https://emmausucc.org/> or **VOICE:** <http://www.voice-laf.org/>

To learn about the UCC's positions on Disabilities and Mental Health contact:

Rev. Sarah Lund, Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice,
(216) 736-3230, lunds@ucc.org



For Your Prayers

Sarah Doughty
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 8 **9am Worship**
Mon, Sept 9 10am exercise
5pm Bylaws Mtg-library
6pm Mission Bd-upper rm
Tues, Sept 10 9am Quilters
5pm Comm Dinner
Shufflers
Wed, Sept 11 9:30 Baby Class
6pm Youth Group
Thurs, Sept 12 4pm Masterworks
Board Meetings
Fri, Sept 13 Cardinal Game!
Sat, Sept 14 Centering Prayer

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours
this week: Monday 9am-noon
Tuesday 9am-noon

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!



Save the date

to be photographed for the new
St Paul United Church of Christ
directory

Photography dates
November 13th - November 16th

More info coming soon!

Lifetouch