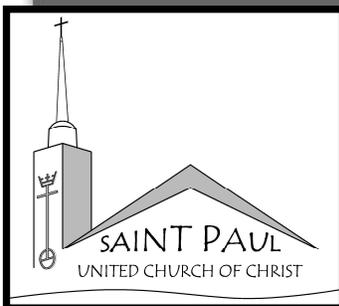




*"between you and us a great
chasm has been fixed"*

LUKE 16:26



"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
10am Sunday School in the library

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>	Pam Nicholson
<i>Radio</i>	Donna Davis
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Rick Haar and Tina LakeHopper
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Caughman, Brett, Elise and Avery White, Bruce and Pam Elser
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Nancy Beasley, Beverly Clark, Sam and Sue Sivewright
<i>Director of Christian Education / Sunday School Teacher</i>	Tyler Kohrs
<i>Interim Choir Director</i>	Dr. Tristan Frampton
<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
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 29, 2019 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

The Climb
Tyler Kohrs

J. Alexander & J. Mabe

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come before the Fountain of Life whose waters refresh us.

Many: Earth is filled with the presentness of God.

One: The cosmos is filled with the God's abundant love.

Many: Holy! Holy! Holy!

Earth is filled with the presentness of God.

One: Let us celebrate God's gifts with resounding excitement.

Many: And celebrate the fullness of God's presence.

INVOCATION (Unison)

Divine Bridge, Loving God: you span rivers, borders, conflicts, and places of wilderness. Through your companionship, we learn to reach across the chasms of our lives. Through your love, gaps begin to close. May your realm become our reality. May the winds of justice close the great abyss between people of privilege and our neighbors on the margins. Amen

+OPENING HYMN

Hope of the World

Chorus

1 Hope of the world, O Christ of great com - pas - sion;
2 Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en,
3 Hope of the world, a - foot on dust - y high - ways,
4 Hope of the world, who by your cross did save us
5 Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death vic - to - rious,

speaking to our fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent;
bring - ing to hun - gry souls the bread of life:
show - ing to wan - dering souls the path of light:
from death and dark de - spair, from sin and guilt:
who by this sign did con - quer grief and pain:

save us, your peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,
still let your Spir - it un - to us be giv - en
walk now be - side us, lest the tempt - ing by - ways
we ren - der back the love your mer - cy gave us;
we would be faith - ful to your gos - pel glo - rious:

who by our own false hopes and aims are spent,
to heal earth's wounds and end her bit - ter strife.
lure us a - way from you to end - less night.
take now our lives and use them as you will.
you are our Lord, and you for - ev - er reign!

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+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

All: The deep chasms which resides between us and our neighbors continue to expand. The rifts are overflowing with extreme pain. We feel as if these spiritual canyons will never heal. Give us the strength and courage we need to work with our estranged neighbors to fill the gaps. May the great abyss of pain and resentment heal. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: God will continue to call us to fill the chasms which abide between our neighbors and us. Through God's grace we heal. We give thanks to God's steadfast loving presence!

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

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 Women's Guild Rummage Sale Dorothy Kirsch

CHOIR ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* arr. Jack Schrader
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Luke 16:19-31

SERMON The Canyons

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: Siblings in faith, the Spirit of truth is with us! Each week we take time to acknowledge the many ways that God continues to bless us with treasures, talents, and time.

Many: **We then share what we have with joy and thanksgiving, returning to God a portion of what God has given us.**

OFFERTORY *That House Was Built For Me* T. Douglas & A Shamblin

+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

We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us. Pour out your blessings on these offerings, that they might be a source of blessings in our church, in our community, and in our world. Through this act of sharing, may we counter fear with hope and transform scarcity through generosity. We offer this prayer in the name of the Creator, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN

God Be with You

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain, by his coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain, 'neath his wings pro-tect-ing hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; if life's per-ils should con-found you,

with his sheep se-cure-ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
dai-ly man-na still pro-vide you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.
God will put his arms a-round you; God be with you till we meet a-gain.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God Be with You". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

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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.

https://www.rexachuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_c_liturgy_collection/year_c_liturgies_-_pentecos/creation5pent16c2992019.html

Invocation, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, and Benediction written by Rev.

Michelle L. Torigian

Receiving Our Morning Offerings and Dedication Prayer from Wisdom Calls: Service Prayers for Trinity Sunday written by the Rev. Heather A. Moody.

+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

One: May God's love bridge the rifts in our relationships.
May the love of Christ unite us as one body to serve
our world.

May the love of the Spirit connect each faction to create
the realm of God.

Let us flow with the winds of God as Divine justice fills
each fracture and heals each abyss. Amen!

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE

Thank You & Good Luck, Tyler!





Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday
mornings ~

9am Worship
10am Sunday School

stpaulucc.org

Welcome Donna Young, our new Receptionist / Secretary

Jim and I have been members of St. Paul for over 24 years and I look forward to serving the church and all of you in my new position as Receptionist/Secretary.



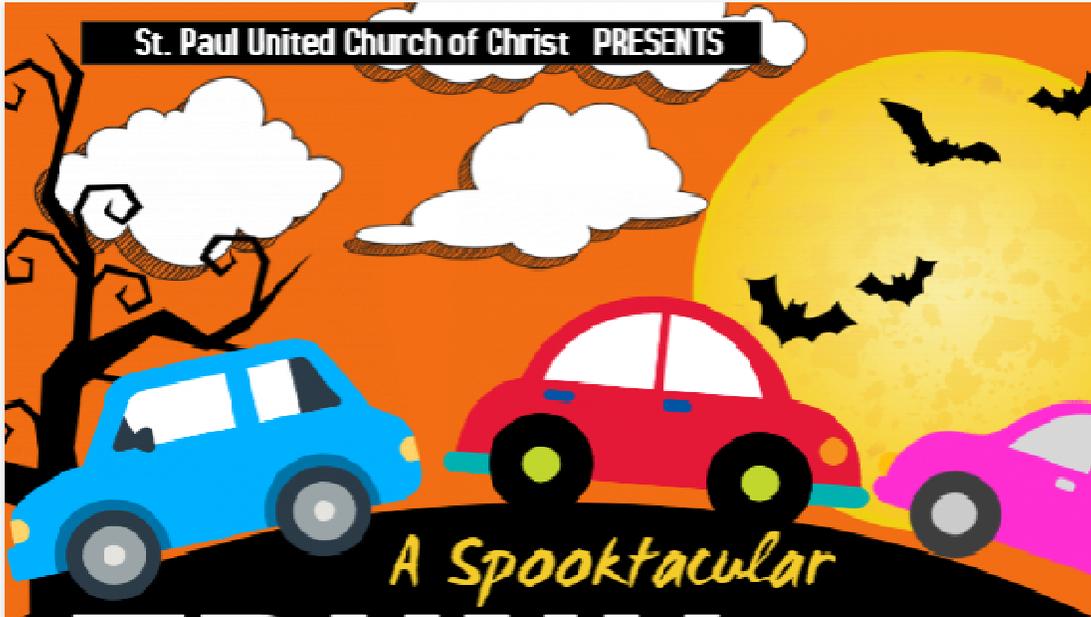
Welcome Dr. Tristan Frampton, our new Interim Choir Director



Tristan Frampton is a choral conductor, music educator, and composer currently residing in Ballwin, MO. He is Professor of Music and Director of Music Activities at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, where he has built a thriving music program with vocal and instrumental offerings. Dr. Frampton has his PhD in Music Education at the University of Missouri, and holds a Master of Music in Choral Conducting from the University of Arizona, and a Bachelor of Arts in Vocal Music from Truman State University.

If you would like to see more about Tristan, go to tristanframpton.com for videos and recordings.

St. Paul United Church of Christ PRESENTS



A Spooktacular

TRUNK or treat

Saturday, October 19th, 2019

Event begins at 10am / stpaulucc.org

115 West B Street, Belleville, IL / Parking Lot off C Street

Free lunch at 11am / Fun & Safe environment / Candy!

Spooktacular is coming up!!!

The Christian Education Board is looking for volunteers to have a trunk at this year's event. You can hand out candy, you can have a game, or even tell a short Halloween story. Whatever you want, we want the community of St. Paul to be involved and would love to have you join us. If you would like to do a trunk please contact Sandy Ritter by email, sandyritter@ymail.com or call 618-222-1123.

We are accepting candy donations for Spooktacular!

Farewell & Good Luck to Tyler!!

Tyler Kohrs will be moving to Nashville,
Tennessee and soon become famous —
so before he leaves us we need to
send him off in style!!

On Sunday, Sept 29th come to a special
service with Tyler and join us for a
celebration in the Activities Center
after the service.

NASHVILLE



Saturday, October 5, 2019

Join us, Team: **St. Paul UCC Belleville** at SWIC



Registration: 8:00 am
Ceremony: 9:00 am
Walk: 9:30 am

**Donate to our Team
to help Research to
End Alzheimer's Disease.**



Are you a techie
(Or have always
wanted to be one)?

NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO LEARN
HOW AND HELP YOUR CHURCH
DOING IT!

IF YOU'RE A TECHNOLOGY-
MINDED PERSON AND YOU
WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO
BE AN AUDIO/VIDEO ENGINEER,
WE WANT YOU ON OUR TEAM!

WE'LL TEACH YOU EVERYTHING
YOU NEED TO KNOW TO
VOLUNTEER IN OUR TECH
MINISTRY.

CONTACT ST. PAUL UCC FOR
MORE DETAILS.

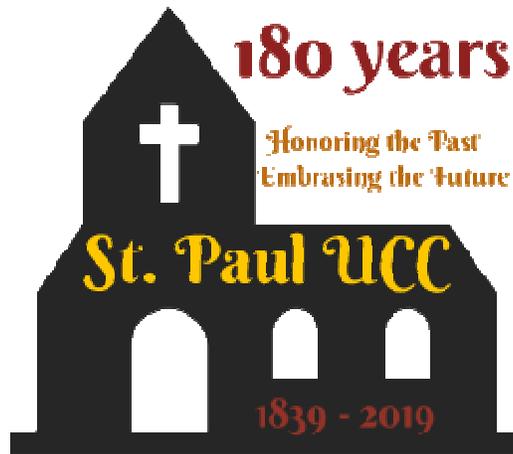
WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE
AN
USHER??



*Are you
social and
like to
help
others?*

Be an USHER!!

We need ushers to help at our
9am service as well as at other church
events. Vacancies exist on all Sundays. If
you are interested in becoming either a
permanent or substitute usher or have any
questions, talk to Wayne Caughman,
or call him at 791-0105.



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 (Only 200 tickets to be sold!)
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.

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, Oct 1st 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 'CENTER OF HOPE'

St. Paul UCC has been a part of the conversations at the Homeless Backbone Committee meetings each month. One of the projects with which the committee is involved is the Center of Hope, a partnership between Beacon and Salvation Army. Their goal is to provide Shelter, place to wash clothing, cots to rest and a place to shower for the homeless and working poor. This will take place on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays from 9:30a.m. to 2:30p.m. As many other area churches and religious organizations are working together to make this project a success, we would like to offer this opportunity to St. Paul UCC to participate in the community in a worthwhile cause that can make a difference in Belleville. Volunteers can gather at the Salvation Army October 3 at 11:30a.m. in Belleville. Volunteers will get a tour of the Salvation Army Basement where the Center of Hope will be located. There will be assistance for getting a background check to qualify. If you have any questions, contact Sandy Ritter. Thank you!



Be included

Be photographed
for the St Paul United
Church of Christ
Church Directory

Nov 13th-16th
Save the dates!

Lifetouch.

MINGLES & SINGLES HALLOWEEN PARTY

Calling all Ghosts, Goblins, Witches & Warlocks!

You're invited to celebrate an early Halloween in the home of Rusty & Sandy Wagner!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18 at 6:30pm

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your adult beverage of choice.

Costumes are encouraged but not required.



!!!! SAVE THE DATE !!!!

ST. PAUL TRIVIA NIGHT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 P.M.

\$15 per person or \$120 per table of 8

Silent Auction, 50/50, Blues Quilt Raffle, Heads or Tails

Put it on your calendar and invite your friends!

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.

Special Offering for *Neighbors in Need* - Sunday, October 6th



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.

Photo 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-iaf.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



ANNUAL MEETING OFFERINGS

LOCAL-REGIONAL-NATIONAL



**NOISY OFFERING WILL BE TAKEN
HERE on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20th**

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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.



**St. Paul UCC &
Threads of Hope**

BLUES Quilt Raffle

\$5 per ticket
**Proceeds to benefit the
St. Paul UCC Heritage Hall
Restoration project!**

Drawing will be held at the
S&N Trivia Night on
Sat, Nov 16, 2019

Quilt size: 80"x 65"

Tickets on sale Sundays
and in Church office!!



St. Paul Fine Arts Concerts

2019-2020

Updated Schedule

Saturday, October 19 7pm
Andy Peters "Bumping into Broadway"
Silent Movie and Concert

Thursday, October 24 7pm
No Name Choir Men's Ensemble

Saturday, December 21 7pm
St. Paul Music Ministry Christmas

Thursday, February 20 7 pm
"Jazz Winds of Patagonia"
Bill Molenhof, Artistic Director, Percussion
Maria Gabriela Guala, Piano, Voice
Joy Harris, 6 – String Electric Bass, Voice

Sunday, March 29 7pm
"Explore the Sound VI"
Southwestern Illinois College Music Department
Concert Choir and Chamber Singers
Faculty Instrumental Solos
Dr. Andrew Jensen, Conductor

Sunday, May 3 3pm
"Yearning to Breathe Free"
Southwestern Illinois College Music Department
Concert Band
Ed Jacobs, Conductor

Friday, May 22 7 pm
Schlosskirche Gospel Choir
from Wittenberg, Germany

For Your Prayers

The Family of
Dorothy Placek
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 29 **9am Worship**
10am Sunday School –library
Tyler’s Farewell Celebration

Mon, Sept 30 10am Exercise
11am Memorial Service
for Dorothy Placek

Tues, Oct 1 9am Quilters
10am Plarn-Craft Room
1pm Food Prep/Comm Dinner
5pm Comm Dinner

Wed, Oct 2 7pm Choir

Thurs, Oct 3 4pm Masterworks
6pm Worship Bd
6:30 PFLAG

Fri, Oct 4 Wedding Rehearsal

Sat, Oct 5 Wedding

Pastor Michelle’s Office Hours
this week: Tuesday 9am–noon
Thursday 1pm-5pm

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

For Your Information

FLOWERS, MUSIC & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

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.

Weekly Attendance

9am /11am	<u>Sept 15, 2019</u>	<u>Sept 16, 2018</u>
	147/Single Serv	146/23

