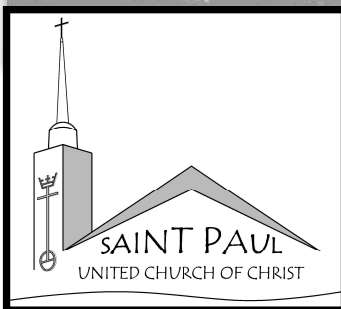




There was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

LUKE 18:3



**"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>	Donna Young
<i>Radio</i>	Brett White
<i>Sound / Control Room</i>	Tina LakeHopper
<i>Ushers</i>	Wayne Caughman, Sue Hoffmann, Joyce Mauer, Sue Sutherland
.....	Carson Hopper and Avery White
<i>Welcome Center</i>	Fred & Carol Hotz, Sandy Ritter
<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

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2019 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude In G

Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Some of us wonder what this faith is all about,

Many: And come hoping to learn things useful and heart-full.

One: Some of us are confident in “what we have learned and what we have believed.”

Many: And come longing to share our heart-full knowledge.

One: We have all come to learn from each other and from the words of scripture:

All: You write your sacred texts, O God, in scripture and on our hearts; you welcome us into depths of understanding. Meet us here and lead us deeper into relationship with you; equip us for every good work. Join our desire to learn with your willingness to teach us justice and joy. For this purpose we gather, O Holy One. Amen.

INVOCATION (Unison)

O God of Persistence, you seek our hearts in a world where there are so many distractions. You pursue us and are relentless, showing us the ways of justice and mercy, showing us how your ways lead to peace. You never give us up, not for a moment. When we feel alone, O God, you are present with us. When we fall away, O God, you continue to turn our hearts and heads back to you. When we forget you, O God, you continue to show us that you are at work in our world and in our lives. May we turn back to you, and be persistent in our own pursuit of love, justice, and mercy. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'What A Friend We Have In Jesus'. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we of - ten for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: God of Steadfast Love, we confess that we are weary and worn down. The journey for justice is long, winding, and uphill. We strive for basic human decency and rights. We cannot fathom why some hold on to power and privilege in ways that harm others. We are tired, O God, tired of the journey, tired of the struggle.

All: But You are the God of Steadfast Love, a love that never ceases, a love that renews and restores us. Renew us, O God. Restore us to the path of justice, O God. Grant us strength and courage to keep on. Give us endurance for the journey, that we would not stop seeking justice for all, for only then will we know peace. In the name of Christ, who did not give up even unto death and calls us by name into this way of life, we pray. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Christ urges us on, calling us to speak truth to power, to work for justice for all. We do not journey alone. God has given us one another. Know that you matter to God. Know that you are loved. Know that your work in this world for justice is valued. Lean on one another, and grant each other rest, knowing that your love for one another is inspired by your love for God, and you will see this through. God is with you, now and always. Amen.

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

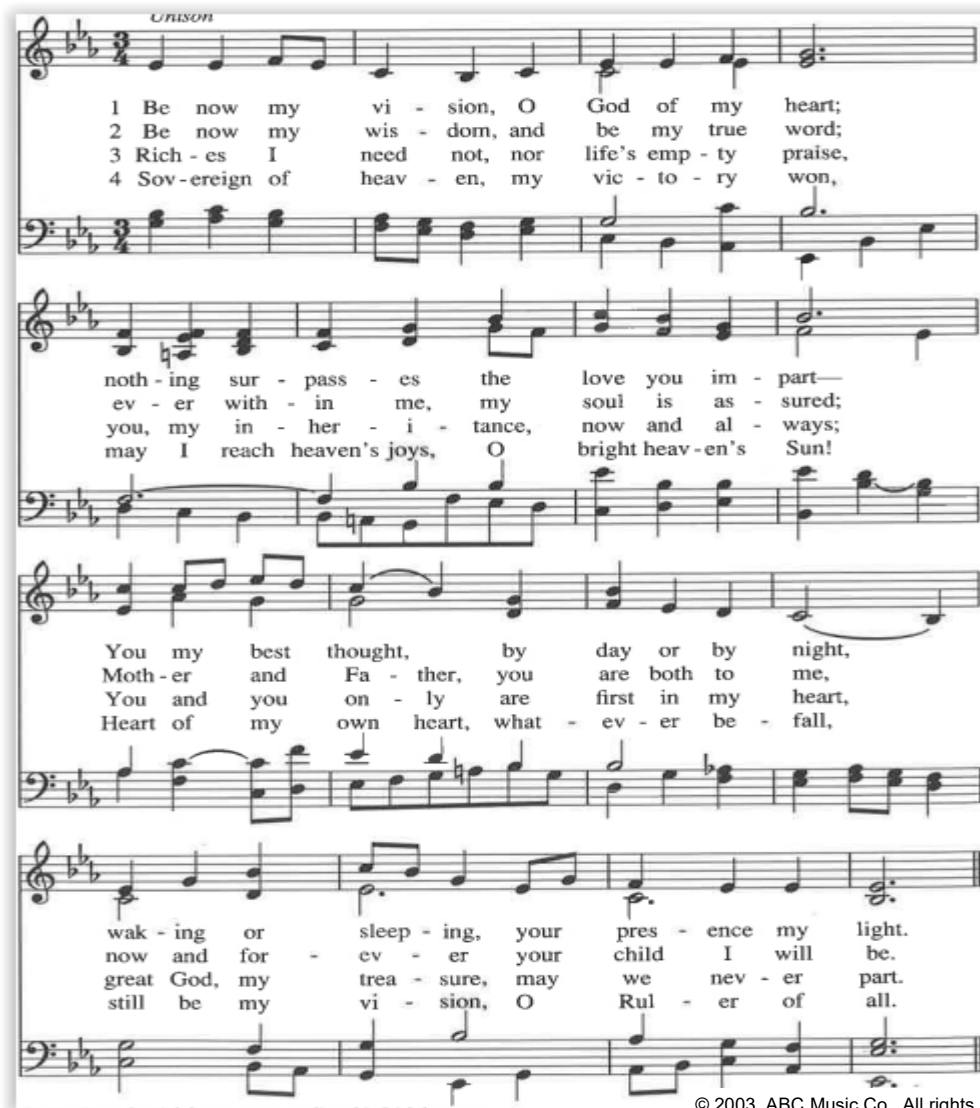
St. Paul Radio

Sherri Stepp

+CLOSING HYMN

Be Now My Vision

Unison



1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,
noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part -
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

One: We leave today, meditating on God's decree given in scripture and on our hearts. Let us find the Holy One day by day in "heart-full" knowledge as a covenanting God who calls us to keep our part of the bargain. Let us go forth certain of the presence of our good God. Amen! **All: Amen.**

POSTLUDE *We Thank You, Jesus, Dearest Friend* Dietrich Buxtehude



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We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday
mornings ~

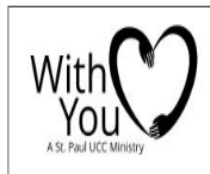
9am Worship
10am Sunday School

stpaulucc.org



Culinaires Breakfast

Today in the Activities Center



St. Paul With You presents:

PRAYER: Sunday, October 20th 11:00 a.m.

Is there a right or wrong way to pray? How do I begin to lead a prayer?

Bring your questions and thoughts to our group discussion led by Pastor Michelle Torigian.

(Following breakfast with The Culinaires)

Community Interfaith Food Pantry is seeking volunteers!!

In 2017, the Community Interfaith Food Pantry averaged 558 families per month receiving food assistance. That year, we had an average of 112 volunteers per month donating their time. In 2018, the average was 632 families per month and 107 volunteers. In August 2019, we served 655 families with 98 volunteers. As you can see, the number of families is on the rise and the number of volunteers is falling. Can you help?

Most volunteers work 2-3 hours, once a week, every other week or once a month. Some of the openings to be filled:

- Shoppers: 2 hour commitment-Mon 1-3 &/or Fri 1-3
- Warehouse: 3 hours Thurs or Fri mornings,
or Fri afternoon in the pantry
- Grocery pick up: 3 hours Friday mornings
- Panera pick up (Fairview Heights) 1 hour commitment
10pm 2nd Tuesday or 2nd Thursday
(perfect for the night owl)

People interested in volunteering at CIFP, contact Mike F. or Jim at 355-9199.



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 Culinares Only 200 tickets to be sold! See below
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.

German Dinner 11am-1pm ~ Get your Ticket today!

Menu ~ German stuffed Pork Loin, Pork Sausage, Potato Pancakes with apple sauce,
Spaetzel with gravy, Sauerkraut with hocks, red cabbage, yeast rolls with apple butter,
and apple kuchen with German milk sauce.

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.

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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.

Be included in the new St Paul United Church of Christ Church directory

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our families for a new church directory.



What to expect

- A professional photography session, no session fees.
- View your images after your session and make your selections.
- You will receive one FREE 8x10 standard print and church directory plus other special offers.
- Bring a canned/dry good food item to photography day to donate for local hunger relief and receive a \$5 off a Portrait Order Coupon.

Lifetouch

Photography dates

Wednesday, Nov 13th, 2 - 9 PM
Thursday, Nov 14th, 2 - 9 PM
Friday, Nov 15th, 2 - 9 PM
Saturday, Nov 16th, 10 AM - 5 PM

Sign up for your photography session

- Go to our church website at stpaulucc.org
- Call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm
- Visit sign up table on Sundays starting October 6th

Heritage Hall Beams for Sale

In excellent shape with very few nails on ends and very few or NO bolt holes.
Asking \$2.50 linear foot. Can be sold in total packages or partial packages.
Contact Church at 233-3303 and speak to Pat Kinney during regular business hours.
Information posted in multiple locations.

All beams are 3" x 14"

21' - 1
19' - 6
15' - 4
12' - 8
10' - 2
9' - 4
8' - 15
7' - 6



Totenfest at St. Paul UCC will be November 3rd.
We would like to make sure we have a complete list for our Totenfest.

Please contact the church office before Monday, October 28th to see if your family member is included in our list, or if you would like to add your immediate family member to our list.



Peanut Squares

sales begin Nov 10th!!!



!!!! 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!

St. Paul's MDO Spirit Night

Tuesday, October 29th, 2019

5PM - 8PM



Join us for food and fun! Come support St. Paul's MDO and a portion of the night's sales will be donated accordingly.



Green Mount Commons

2532 Green Mount Commons Drive, Belleville, IL

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**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

Updated Schedule 2019-2020

Saturday, October 19

7 pm

“Bumping Into Broadway”
Andrew Peters, Organ
Silent Movie and Concert

Thursday, October 24

7 pm

“No-Name Choir & Friends”
Triad High School’s Voicemale
Linda Remiger-Bruce, conductor

SWIC Chamber Singers
Andy Jensen, director

Belleville West High School Bass
Choir
Jeaninne Moeller, conductor

No-Name Chorale Men’s Choir
Andy Jensen, conductor
Diana Umali, piano

Saturday, December 21

7 pm

A St. Paul Music Ministry Christmas
Tristan Frampton, director

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

7 pm

“Explore the Sound VI”
SWIC Music Department
Concert Choir and Chamber Singers
Faculty Instrumental Solos
Andy Jensen, conductor

Sunday, May 3

3 pm

“Yearning to Breathe Free”
SWIC Music Department
Concert Band
Ed Jacobs, conductor

Friday, May 22

7 pm

Wittenberg, Germany Sclosskirche
Gospel Choir

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

For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy
 Jan Meyer
 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, Oct 20 Culinaries Sunday
9am Worship
10am Sunday School –library
- Mon, Oct 21 10am Exercise
 4:15 Girl Scouts
 6:30 Basketball
- Tues, Oct 22 9am Quilters
 5pm Comm Dinner
 5pm Girl Scouts - Great Room
 5pm Ecuador Mtg - Upper Room
- Wed, Oct 23 9:30 Baby Class- Great Rm
 6pm Bells
 7pm Choir
- Thurs, Oct 24 4pm Masterworks
 6pm Food Pantry Mtg
 6:30 Shufflers
7pm Fine Arts Concert
- Sat, Oct 26 180th set up
 Clean Up Day
 Centering Prayer

Pastor Michelle’s Office Hours this week:
Mon & Tues 9am–noon & Thursday 2pm-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	Oct 6, 2019	Oct 7, 2018
	146/Single Serv	136/ 22

Offering for 10/06/2019 -	\$19,385	General Fund	Needed each week	\$13,281
Giving to...			\$473,422	
Budget to...			\$531,240	
Total Budget			\$690,615	