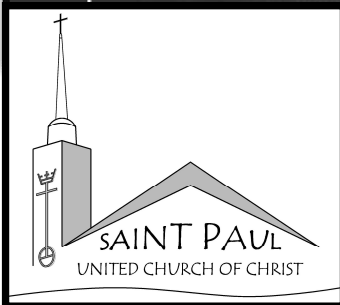


WORLD  
COMMUNION  
SUNDAY



“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> .....	Roger Relfe
<i>Radio</i> .....	Sherry Stepp
<i>Sound / Control Room</i> .....	Rick Haar and Tina LakeHopper
<i>Ushers</i> .....	Wayne Caughman, Dana Rosenzweig, Beverly Brightwell, Carol Simon
.....	Leslie, Carly & Megan Dahm, Tammy & Amber Flach, Judy Saeger
<i>Welcome Center</i> .....	Scott Gentry, Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Debbie Lippert, Sandy Kramer
<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***  
***World Communion Sunday***

***Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost***

October 6, 2019 9:00 am

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**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

*Aria for Cornetto and Organ*

Dietrich Buxtehude  
arr. Michel Rondeau

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come to this space with love.

**Many: The steadfast love of God never ceases.**

One: Come to this space with curiosity.

**Many: We are one body, one planet, one Church.**

One: Come to this space with hope.

**Many: As we gather with the bread and the cup, love is served.**

One: Let us worship!

**INVOCATION (Unison)**

**O Source of Justice, we are Your One Body. We are called to follow Jesus to create beauty and justice in your creation. Your planet. As we experience your Word and presence here today, may we be awakened to see how suffering hurts the entire Body. Strengthen us. Draw us in to witness your vision and to remember the resilience and resistance of faithful people in every time and space. Amen.**

**+OPENING HYMN**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;  
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;  
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,  
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.  
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

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## **+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

**One:** Faithful One, we confess that our faith wavers and falls apart. We confess that at times the world seems to work against us, and at times the world runs us over.

**All:** **We confess that at times we unintentionally harm others because of the spiritual and emotional injuries inflicted upon us. Forgive us, and help us to find healing with each other. Grant us your peace and mercy in our lives. Help us to find hope and to trust in your faithfulness, that when we fall apart, we will be put back together into something new; for you are our God, and make all things new, including us. Amen.**

## **+ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

**One:** The steadfast love of God never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. May you know God's mercy and steadfast love in your life. May you know forgiveness, healing and hope. May you share that love, grace, and mercy with one another, and the peace of God will be 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**

Neighbors in Need Fund

Stephenie Bauza

*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, Receiving Our Morning Offerings, Dedication Prayer, and Benediction from Beauty and Suffering: God's Holy Planet, A Service of Holy Communion for World Communion Sunday, was written by the Rev. Ashley Goff.*

*Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace from <http://rev-o-lution.org/2019/09/28/worship-resources-for-october-6th-2019-seventeenth-sunday-after-pentecost-world-communion-sunday>*

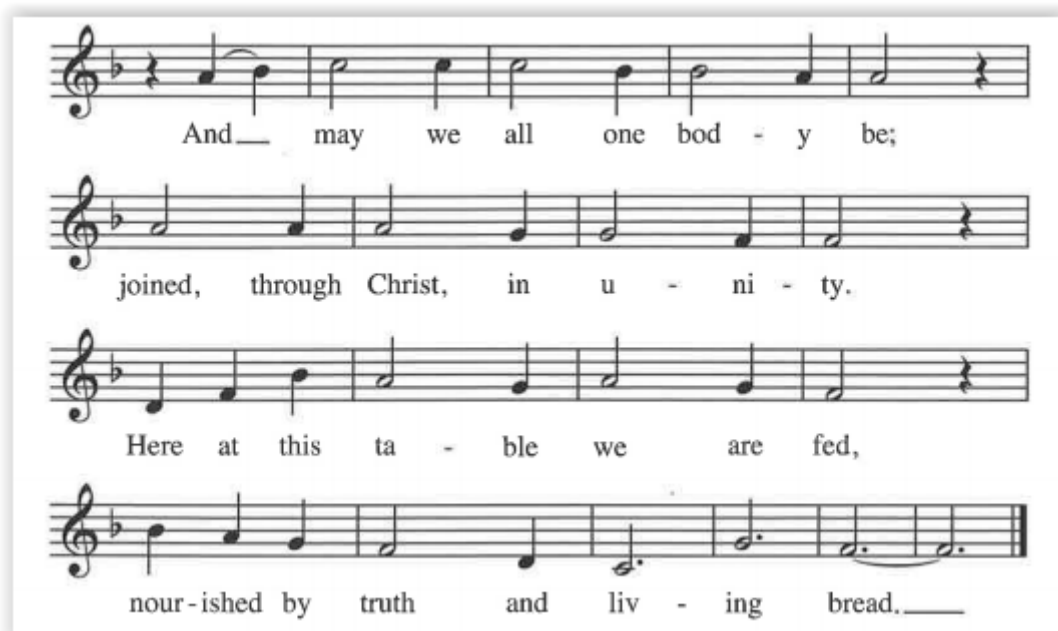
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**CHOIR ANTHEM**

*Living Bread*  
Chancel Choir

Joel Raney

Congregational participation:



And— may we all one bod - y be;  
joined, through Christ, in u - ni - ty.  
Here at this ta - ble we are fed,  
nour-ished by truth and liv - ing bread.---

**SCRIPTURE**

Luke 17:5-10

**SERMON**

The Mustard Seed

**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: We give thanks for the planet we share with all of God's creation and for imagining a world-made-new. Let us share what we have as one way of creating a world free from hunger, poverty, and oppression.

**OFFERTORY**                    *Adagio from Symphony 3*            Charles-Marie Widor

**+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

**Embolden us, O God, as people of your global village to trust that a new creation is possible. May our sharing be a symbol of that trust and covenant. Amen.**

## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

One: God be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Open wide your hearts;

**Many: We open them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God!

**Many: It is right to give God our thanks and praise!**

One: Though creation sometimes weeps,

**Many: we wait lovingly for you, God.**

One: For you created the heavens, earth, and all that is in them:  
you cast sunbeams, open flowers, and feed insects.

You are beyond the galaxies, under the oceans, and inside each grain. You could sustain all of your creation, but you will not without us.

**All: Thank-you for the wonders of creation and for your great trust in us.**

One: Though humanity sometimes weeps,

**Many: we wait lovingly for you, God.**

One: For you smiled on an outcasted Hagar, blessing her descendants, you guided the doubtful Israelites, leading them to freedom, you spoke through the Judges and the Prophets, providing words of wisdom, you lived among us as a teacher, healer, and friend, giving us a sacred path to follow. You could have made us self-sustaining, but you did not; your love sustains us.

**All: Thank you for the worldwide fellowship of disciples,  
who faithfully attempt to share your love with all of creation.**

One: In Jesus, love incarnate, you provide us all we need for each day:  
his words comfort the weary;  
his actions challenge the contented;  
his touch heals the sick;  
his presence feeds the deepest hunger in our souls.  
In Jesus and in his feast you provide for us the sustenance  
we need to respond to the cries of creation.  
The bread of life, nourishes our worn bodies.  
The cup of blessings, revives our thirsty souls.  
The gathered community, strengthens our growing faith.

Though the Church sometimes weeps,  
we wait lovingly for you, God.

For centuries, Christians of different customs have gathered to commune with you and each other through the sharing of this feast. In their partaking you have been with them, just as you are with us now. And so we join with our siblings around the world by remembering that on the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "Take eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant. Do this for the remembrance of me."



One: God, we remember and give thanks for your Son,  
and we ask that you bless and pour your Spirit on these simple  
things, bread and wine:

**All: Make this broken bread whole in our taking.  
Make this full cup overflow in our sharing.**

One: With these elements nourish and sustain us,  
our way, our truth, our life;  
our Creator, our Redeemer, our Sustainer.  
Praise be to you, now, tomorrow, and forever.

### **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)**

**Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.**

**We are fed by your love;**

**we are strengthened by your life.**

**We are sent forth into this world to live into the  
visions God has laid on our hearts.**

**We are now commissioned to:**

**feed as we have been fed,**

**forgive as we have been forgiven,**

**love as we have been loved.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Amen.**

**+CLOSING HYMN**

*Hope of the World*

1. Hope of the world, thou 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 thy cross didst save us

Speak 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,

Save us, thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing pas - sion,  
Still let thy Spir - it un - to us be giv - en  
Walk thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing by - ways  
We ren - der back the love thy mer - cy gave us;

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 thee to end - less night.  
Take thou our lives and use them as thou wilt.

**+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION**

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One: With this Body, we have been fed.  
Now may the God of Community, three-in-one,  
be with us all to be a just, free, and gentle people.  
Let the people of God say, "Amen!"

All: Amen.

**POSTLUDE**

*Rigaudon*

Andre Campra



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We're glad  
you're here!

News & Notes

Sunday  
mornings ~

9am Worship  
10am Sunday School

***stpaulucc.org***



## Welcome Kyle Adams! Our new St. Paul Custodian!

Hello my name is Kyle Adams. I am a Ranken Technical Student. I am from Millstadt and I am engaged and plan to be married next October. I look forward to meeting all of you.

## Women's Guild Bake Sale & Rummage Sale

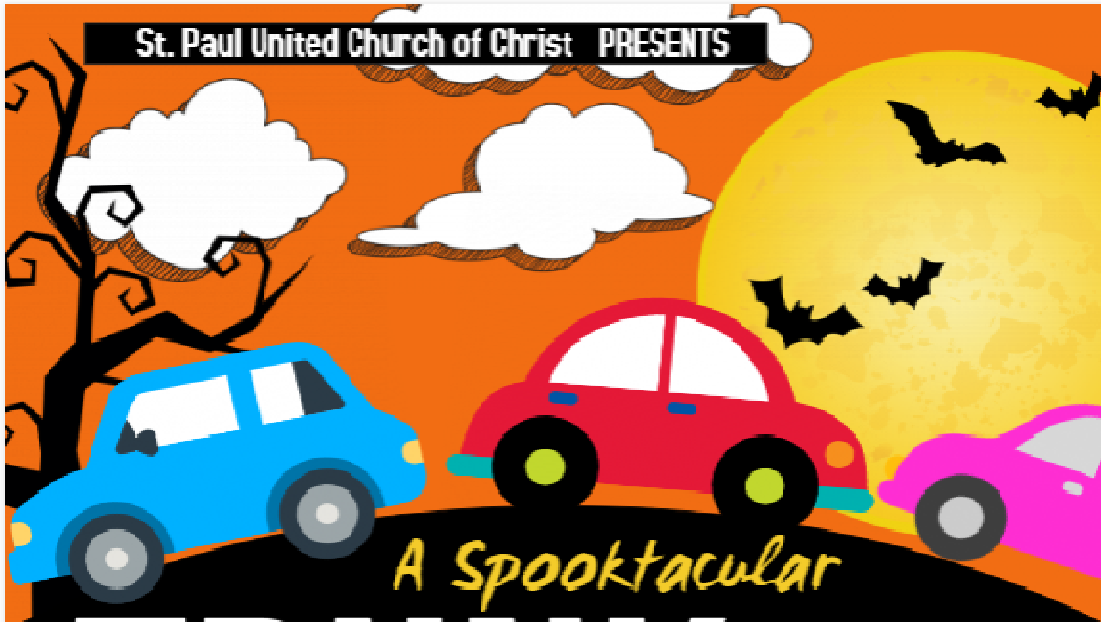
Friday, Oct 11  
5:30-8pm

&  
Saturday,  
Oct 12  
9am -noon



St Paul Activities Center

St. Paul United Church of Christ PRESENTS



*A Spooktacular*

# TRUNK or treat

**Saturday, October 19th, 2019**

Event begins at 10am / [stpaulucc.org](http://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](mailto:sandyritter@ymail.com) or call 618-222-1123.

**We are accepting candy donations for Spooktacular!**



## 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](mailto:drakes8320@att.net).

# 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](http://stpaulucc.org)
- Call Lifetouch at 1-866-756-0281  
Monday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm
- Visit sign up table on Sundays starting October 6th

## 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!

We will be meeting for the BOOK CLUB will be on  
October 13th! We decided to change the book to the  
following:

*The Good Immigrant:*

*26 Writers Reflect on America.*

This book is compiled of stories and was published earlier  
this year. It also focuses on immigration from an  
American perspective. We will try to focus on the first  
10-12 stories this month.

Here is the link to purchase the book on Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/Good-Immigrant-Writers-Reflect-America/dp/031652428X>

We look forward to seeing you at Tavern on Main  
on October 13 at 11am!



## 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](http://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](mailto:lunds@ucc.org)





# ANNUAL MEETING OFFERINGS

LOCAL-REGIONAL-NATIONAL



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

**# 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.



**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

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

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

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**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

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**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

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

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

### For Your Prayers

The Family of  
 Shirley Valentine  
 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](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)

### This Week

Sun, Oct 6 Neighbors in Need  
 World Communion Sunday  
**9am Worship**  
**10am Sunday School -library**

Mon, Oct 7 10am Exercise  
 3pm Gov French - AC  
 6pm Mission Board- Library  
 6:30 Basketball - AC

Tues, Oct 8 9am Quilters  
 5pm Comm Dinner  
 5pm Girl Scouts  
 6pm Shufflers

Wed, Oct 9 9:30 S&N Mtg - Library  
 9:30 Baby Class- Great Rm  
 Noon - Rummage Sale setup begins  
 4pm Christian Ed - Upper Rm  
 6pm Bells  
 7pm Choir

Thurs, Oct 10 4pm Masterworks  
 6pm Board Meetings

Fri, Oct 11 Wedding Rehearsal

Sat, Oct 12 5:30 Rummage Sale  
 9am Rummage Sale  
 Centering Prayer  
 Wedding

**Pastor Michelle's Office Hours this week:**  
**Monday 9am-noon & Thursday 2pm-5pm**

### 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 /11 am	<u>Sept 15, 2019</u>	<u>Sept 16, 2018</u>
	138/Single Serv	139/23

Offering for 09/22/2019 -	\$4,525	<b>General Fund</b>	Needed each week	\$13,281
Giving to...			\$460,004	
Budget to...			\$504,678	
Total Budget			\$690,615	