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

SAINT PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome to Worship at St. Paul UCC

We are glad you are here!

9 am Worship in the Sanctuary 9:15 Pre-K Sunday School ~ Nursery 10 am Sunday School ~ 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 Cry Room is open during 9 am service ~If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy in this space.
- •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						
Lay Reader	Sandy Wagner					
<i>Radio</i>	Renee Seaman					
	Dana Rosenzweig and Tina Lake Hopper					
	Wayne Caughman, Larry Walton, Carson Hopper, Sherri Gericki					
Welcome Center	Cecil Crites, Sandra Loefler, Bob & Judy Harms					
Interim Bell Director	Laura Sadler					
Interim Choir Director	Dr. Tristan Frampton					
Organist / Pianist	Janet Spencer					
<u> </u>	Rev. Michelle Torigian					

OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Stewardship Sunday

November 24, 2019 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Come, Ye Thankful People Come George Elvey

For the Beauty of the Earth Conrad Kocher Glory Ringers arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 97)

One: God rules the Earth with justice: Many: Earth and Earth's people rejoice!

One: All nature serves God:

Fire clears the way and lightening lights God's path:

Many: Earth and Earth's people rejoice!

One: The heavens proclaim God's righteousness;

All peoples behold God's glory:

Many: Earth and Earth's people rejoice!

One: Delight in God, O coastlands and heartlands;

Give thanks to God, O faithful ones:

Many: Earth and Earth's people rejoice!

INVOCATION (John 17: 20-26)

Mysterious God,

You reveal yourself in Jesus, your Beloved Child who invites us to share in the unity of all that is Holy: the holiness that is You, your creation, and your people.

Meet us here today, O Unity, and teach us to be one:

One in love for our neighbor,

One in love for our children,

One in love for creation.

We pray in the name of Jesus, whose fervent prayer was ever:

"May they all be one." Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

For the Beauty of the Earth



+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (Revelation 22: 12-14;16-17;20-21)

One: O God, the waters of life are your gift.

And yet we are so often careless with that precious gift. We are unable to support your precious creation on land,

in animals, in people.

All: Forgive us for neglecting our water supply.

Forgive us for neglecting your creation.

Remind us that part of our human oneness is a

healthy creation.

Empower us to advocate just practices for all who hunger

and thirst: For your earth is a gift. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: In Christ we are forgiven and refreshed and empowered to celebrate all God's good gifts and to share them in justice and peace: For God's earth is a gift, and let us celebrate by our care

for this planet!

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

INTRODUCTION OF BRYAN BIELKE

STEWARDSHIP AND STAFF MOMENT

CHOIR ANTHEM Many Gifts, One Spirit Mary Lynn Lightfoot

Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1

Proverbs 8:22-31

Revelation 21:1-5a & 22:1-5

SERMON Love of Creation

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 PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS

One: Jesus prays that we might all be one: with him, with God, with each other. One way to respond to this prayer is to share our gifts for the common good, to support all of God's children and all of God's creation.

OFFERTORY

We Gather Together Netherlands Folk Hymn Glory Ringers arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

+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

O God, receive these treasures. Bless them and multiply them, that they may strengthen and unify the work of your Church here and around the Earth you love. May all of these pledges of treasures, time, and talents bless this congregation and our community. 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.
Worship service based on On in Love and Mission: Service Prayers for the Seventh Sunday of Easter, during the Fifty Great Days of Mission 4/1 Earth was written by the Reverend Susan A. Blain, Minister for Worship and Spiritual Formation,

+CLOSING HYMN

God Reigns o'er All the Earth (21 NCH)



+BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

One: Go forth in the Peace of Christ, renewed in Unity, thirsting for Justice, rejoicing in the love of God for Earth and Earth's People. **Amen!**

All: Amen.

POSTLUDE Let All That Hath Breath Praise The Lord John Ferguson

Our Stewardship Highlights

Your St. Paul Facility Staff



I am Pat Kinney. Happily married for 37 years, four wonderful children, eight beautiful grandchildren. Love the outdoors and working with my hands.

I enjoy the variety and daily challenge at St. Paul. I consider it an honor to be responsible for this property, and continue to strive for a safe and welcoming environment for all members and guests alike.

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and he will establish your plans" Prov 16.3

My name is Kyle Adams. I am a Ranken Technical Student during the day and I work at St Paul in the evening. I am from Millstadt and I am engaged and plan to be married next October. I look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know you better.



My name is Stephanie Elmore. I have lived in Belleville all my life, I enjoy baking and cooking and always have a smile. I like to help. I'm glad to be a part of St. Paul's staff and all the people in it!

My name is Nick Wilhelm. I enjoy listening to podcasts, watching comedies, and playing computer games. I also enjoy helping others, especially everyone at St. Paul UCC.

Your St. Paul Business & Property Board



L to R: Front Row-Rick Haar, Jack Snyder, Laura Strohm-Armstrong, Back Row -Cecil Crites, Wayne Caughman (co-chair) Lou Ryseff (co-chair), Pat Kinney (staff advisor)

Our Stewardship Highlights Your St. Paul Music Staff



I am Dr. Tristan Frampton, the current Interim Choir Director at St. Paul and I am also a choral conductor, music educator, and composer. I work as the Professor of Music and Director of Music Activities at the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, where I have built a thriving music program with vocal and instrumental offerings. I live in Baldwin, Missouri with my wife and 2 young children.



I am Janet Spencer. I am a retired High School Chorus Teacher, Church Musician (Organist/Choir Director), private Organ/Piano Teacher and freelance Accompanist. Since retiring I have enjoyed serving as a Substitute Organist for a variety of congregations/instruments in the metropolitan St. Louis area. My favorite congregation is St. Paul where I have been a member for approximately 20 years: This is my third Interim here! A former board member of the St. Louis Chapter, American Guild of Organists, as well as a former Organ Instructor for the St. Louis Conservatory of Music. I am currently serving on the Guild of Opera Theatre of St Louis as an active Docent.



I am Laura Sadler. I have been a member at St. Paul's for 25 years. I have enjoyed being part of the quality music program that we have here since 1993 I work as Quality Assurance Officer for the Illinois Center for Autism dotting I's and crossing T's and running after students! I went to school at the U of I for Music education and have taught in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Waterloo, Alton and Belleville, IL parochial schools and also at ICA. My husband Karey and I are avid campers and love to travel. Handbells are my passion and I am so excited to continue working with the Glory Ringers.

St. Paul Quilters / Threads of Hope Prayer Shawl Ministry Plarn Ministry





The flowers today are sponsored:

In loving memory of my husband, Bill, on our 30th wedding anniversary on November 25th.

~ Cynthia

Cummins

Welcom.

We're glad you're here!

News & Notes

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Join us for a baby celebration ~

Baby Bryan Bielke

Son of Craig & Pastor Katie Jo Bielke After service in the Activities Center





Join us for

Sunday School

We are pleased to introduce a new Pre-K Sunday School for littles age 2-5! And our wonderful Sunday School for kids 6 & up is also thriving!

Kids, come & see what's new!



Time: 10am (after service)
Sundays: 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sundays
See you Sunday!!



ANNOUNCING OUR ST. PAUL 2019 STEWARDSHIP FOCUS!

SHARE GOD'S LOVE THE THREE GREAT LOVES: NEIGHBOR, CHILDREN & CREATION

THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER

You will receive an envelope that will include a letter from Pastor Michelle, a budget Pie Chart with narrative and a pledge card. Please, prayerfully consider this important information. This year our focus will be intentional in regard to our St. Paul staff and programming.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

We will celebrate THE LOVE OF NEIGHBOR by spotlighting our office staff - Tina Lake-Hopper, Stephenie Bauza, and Donna Young as well as highlighting our Mission Board and the Interfaith Food Pantry. Everyone is invited to bring items for the pantry.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

We will celebrate THE LOVE OF CHILDREN by lifting up our Mother's Day Out Teachers and Director Rachel Budko as well as our Christian Education Board. Everyone is invited to bring diapers and baby wipes.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

We will celebrate THE LOVE OF CREATION by recognizing our custodial staff - Patrick Kinney, Stephanie Elmore, Kyle Adams, and Nick Wilhelm as well as our Music Ministry including Interim Choir Director Dr. Tristan Frampton, Interim Glory Ringers Director Laura Sadler, and Interim Organist/Pianist Janet Spencer, and our Quilters "Threads of Hope", our Prayer Shawl Ministry, our Plarn Ministry, and our Business & Property Board. Yes, Creation takes many forms!

STEWARDSHIP IS THE CAREFUL AND RESPONSIBLE JOB OF SUPERVISING AND MANAGING SOMETHING ENTRUSTED IN ONE'S

CARE. Brought to you by your resident Stewardship Board

Help those in need with Thanksgiving Dinner!

Thanksgiving is fast approaching and the Mission Board would like to assist those less fortunate in the Franklin Neighborhood area. Monetary donations in any amount will enable us to provide Thanksgiving dinner for these families. Donations may be mailed to the St. Paul Church office or placed in the offering plate.

Please clearly mark your donation as "Thanksgiving Donation". Thank you.

Hanging of the Greens SUNDAY at 4pm

Sanctuary

Bring a snack and a drink and help make the church beautiful for the Christmas Season!!



Santa Needs YOUR Help

Christian Ed will be hosting the Cookies with Santa on Saturday, December 7th from 10am -noon for the youth of the church and community. We are asking the congregation to please bake 2 dozen of your favorite cookies and bring them the week of December first. Please mark them for Santa. Bring on your Christmas Spirit and once again your help in making this event special is very much appreciated. You can sign up or feel free to call me.

Sandy Ritter 222-1123



Undie Sundays

Please support the Mission Board in collecting new underwear, socks, pajamas, hats, and gloves for the children of our community. Help us ensure no child goes without basic needs this winter. Our goal is to provide each child at KinderCottage with the items listed above they need. Sizes 2 – 16 are requested. If we exceed our goal, thanks to your generosity, the items are distributed to other organizations within our community. If you are unable to shop, we will kindly accept cash donations. Collection box will be available until December 15th. If you miss collection at service, feel free to drop off at the church office. We appreciate your support!



Center of Hope

The Center of Hope needs NEW Men's and Women's underwear

- in a range of sizes and Men's clothes
- new & used
 Please bring to
 Center of Hope or to
 church office
 Thank you for helping
 others!!!

THE BYLAW REVISIONS ARE ALMOST COMPLETE!

Your Bylaw Committee has been hard at work these past few months. Our task is to carefully revise our present bylaws in an effort to make them more efficient and flexible.

Some of the concepts we will be recommending will be quite different from the way we presently do business and govern ourselves. But we hope you will agree that the suggested changes will move us into the future with less cumbersome requirements.

Here's what you need to know about the timeline:

Sunday, December 8 immediately following the service at the Annual Congregational Budget Meeting, we will be asking the Congregation for permission to postpone the annual election until the Annual Meeting on February 8.

<u>Sunday, December 22</u> the proposed Bylaw revisions will be available for you to read.

Sunday, January 5 immediately following the service, an informal meeting for Q & A will be held in the sanctuary

Sunday, January 12 immediately following the service, a Special Bylaw Meeting will be held in the sanctuary to vote on the proposed Bylaws.

<u>Sunday, February 9</u> immediately following the service, elections will be held as part of the Annual Meeting agenda.

Thank you for your consideration concerning this most important effort.

Bylaw Committee:

Brett White Mimi Llamas
Larry Walton Dana Rosenzweig
Karen Keuss Sandy Wagner, chair
Diane Drake Pastor Michelle Torigian





A MASON JAR ADVENT

Advent is a season for stepping away from the frantic busyness and clutter of "stuff" and embracing instead, a time to slow down, breathe, and refocus on God's love and goodness in anticipation of the coming of the Christ Child.

Sunday, December 1 is the first Sunday of Advent. This year we are offering a unique way to observe the season. We invite each family to take home a mason jar, available in the narthex. Each jar will contain 24 tags and each tag will

suggest a prayer, activity, conversation starter or social media prompt.

May the Peace of the season surround you and yours.

Your Stewardship Board



CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MEMORIALS

Help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas this year!

We are planning a special display of <u>assorted colors of poinsettias</u> on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Please order through the church on the form below.

**The poinsettias will not be personalized with tags; however, all will be recognized in the bulletin. There will be a variety of different colors of poinsettias and you are invited to choose one after the late service on Christmas Eve or later that week. We thank you for your understanding.

You may also choose to give a cash gift in memory, in honor, or in celebration of a special person or event.

Please fill out the form below and include a check in the *amount of \$10.00 for each plant*.

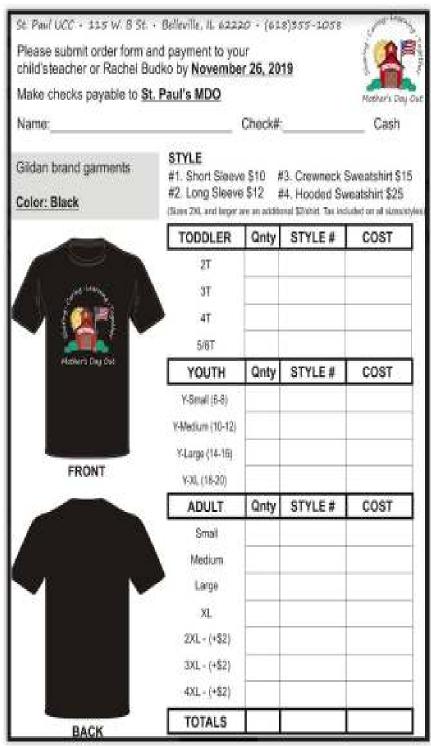
**Please note: We must have your poinsettia/memorial information <u>no later than Sunday, Dec 15th</u>
in order for your information to appear in our Christmas Eve bulletins - no exceptions.

Poinsettias may be picked up after the **last** Christmas Eve Service of Worship or later that week (office/church closed December 25 and 26).

The information you include below will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Detach below
I will order a poinsettia through Church I wish to give a loving gift.
(If by check, please make payable to St. Paul Church)
IN MEMORY OF
or IN HONOR OF
or IN CELEBRATION FOR
GIVEN BY





Help MDO collect
Items for the
Community
Interfaith Food
Pantry this
Holiday Season.
Please bring your items to
the church and place in
special boxes.

ITEMS NEEDED

Peanut Butter 18oz jars Jelly 2lb jars Spaghetti & (Dry) Pasta Spaghetti Sauce 24oz cans Cereal - Sweet & Unsweet 18oz Oatmeal 12oz Paper Towels Laundry Detergent Lg Dish Washing Soap Lg Salt & Pepper Diapers - all sizes Hamburger Helper Jiffy Corn Muffin Mix Chicken & Dumplings 24 oz cans Beef Stew 20 oz Can Tuna 5 & 12 oz Can Chicken 12.5oz Please remember ~ No glass containers & easy open tops are

helpful when serving

the homeless

community







Hoyleton Youth and Family Services, in partnership with Neighbors for Renewal, is pleased to announce a project where Neighbors for Renewal will provide housing refurbishment at a modest cost through volunteerism to allow Hoyleton to provide home-centered care to intellectually-challenged youths. We need your help!

For more information, please contact:

Drew Kramer, Neighbors for Renewal (618) 310-3777 - kdrew2020@gmail.com

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Alice Drobisch, Hoyleton Youth and Family Services (618) 688-7094 adrobisch@hoyleton.org

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Flooring	Plumbing	Electricity	Other:		

Fairview Heights, IL 62208

For Your Prayers

Marsha McCoy Jan Meyer Dian Thom Margo Uhrig

History with Henke *A hint of St. Paul history each week*

Nov 5, 1939 - Centennial Sunday Celebration of St. Paul Church. The morning anniversary sermon was delivered by Prof. Carl Schneider of Eden Seminary. At Church School service, the Hon, Alfred D Riess, Circuit Judge and grandson of the first pastor, was the speaker. At the afternoon community service, the speakers were Rev Arthur Limper, Pres of So IL Dist; Judge Reiss, and Prof Schneider. At the evening jubilee service, the addressees were given by Rev Ludwig C Kutz and Lee Rockwell. Special Music was all services.

This Week

Sun, Nov 24 9am Worship

> Pre-K Sunday School 10am Sunday School 10am Baby Bielke Celebration

4pm Hanging of the Greens 6pm Fireside - AC

Mon, Nov 25 Bridges Pie Making

10am Exercise 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30 Volleyball

Tues, Nov 26 Bridges Pie Making

9am Quilters 4pm Masterworks 5pm Comm Dinner 5pm Girl Scouts

6:30 Music Search Mtg

Wed, Nov 27 9:30 Baby Class Bells / Choir

Thurs, Nov 28 Closed Fri, Nov 29 Closed

> Pastor Michelle's Office Hours this week: Mon-Tues 10am-noon & Wednesday 1-4pm

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

For Your Information



Peanut Squares

on sale Sundays!!!

Mingles & Singles Christmas Party Sat, Dec 14 6:30pm Larry Walton's Home

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share as well as your beverage of choice. Please let Judy Koch know if you plan to attend.

Weekly Attendance

9am /11am Nov 10, 2019 Nov 11, 2018 162/Single Serv 151/Single Serv

Offering fo	or 11/10/2019 - \$9,389	General Fund	Needed each week	\$13,281
Giving to Budget to			\$548,134 \$597,645	
Total Budget				\$690,615