

I HAVE TOLD YOU THESE THINGS  
SO THAT IN ME YOU

*I may have*  
*Peace* 

IN THIS WORLD YOU WILL HAVE TROUBLE

*But take heart!*

I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD

JOHN 16:33

Our St. Paul

Jan 2020



## **YOUR St. Paul Team**

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When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospitals to notify the church office. Also please telephone the church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. The pastor and visitation team will visit church members and their families each week. If you have a new addition to your family, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

*Your communication is crucial to our ministry!*

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## **Pastor's Message - Small Steps**

On Christmas Day, I watched the Queen Elizabeth's annual Christmas speech. She began noting the fiftieth anniversary of the landing of Apollo 11 on the moon and the first steps taken on its surface. As she noted, "It's a reminder for us all that giant leaps often start with small steps."

The Queen's address eventually transitioned all of this to the birth of Jesus: "Of course, at the heart of the Christmas story lies the birth of a child: a seemingly small and insignificant step overlooked by many in Bethlehem. But in time, through his teaching and by his example, Jesus Christ would show the world how small steps taken in faith and in hope can overcome long-held differences and deep-seated divisions to bring harmony and understanding. Many of us already try to follow in his footsteps. The path, of course, is not always smooth, and may at times this year have felt quite bumpy, but small steps can make a world of difference."

There may be times when steps seem big to all of us. Reworking our bylaws and governance may seem like big steps. Even restoring Heritage Hall appears as one a huge step. But like everything in the past, the large projects and acts were just a number of small steps placed next to one another.

Remember - there have been seemingly-big steps in the life of this congregation, like when you were hiring new pastors and when you were building the Welcome Center or Activity Center. But even when you were going through major changes within this congregation, small steps helped you as individuals and the congregation as a whole embrace a new era.

The Queen's speech reminded me that even a big movement like the Jesus Movement started with smaller steps. We may think of the birth of Jesus as a huge event, but like every other birth, it was still just a birth. We may think healings were huge events, but in reality, they were small, caring interactions between Jesus and the person he had just met.

Small steps help us to understand one another better and to move past our anxieties. Small steps help us to figure out how to fix problems in our communities and help us to heal in ways we didn't think were possible. Small steps allow us to take something completely overwhelming and handle confidently in smaller bites. When we take one step to the next, what we must remember is the grace that God has given to us and the grace we must extend to one another.

There are many things on the horizon that I am looking forward to in 2020: the completion of the Heritage Hall restoration project, the beginning of a new Confirmation Class, the creation of a new non-traditional service and more. In my own personal life, I am excited about my own huge step: my summer wedding and new marriage. With all of these wonderful new plans in the works, I know that small steps will help us transform the unknown into the known, will help us embrace new calls by God, and will help us create a world of hope and love.

Blessings on a healthy and happy 2020!  
Pastor Michelle

## ***From the President's Corner***

Wow, we made it! December has come and gone, and it was a VERY BUSY time for all of us at St. Paul. It all got rolling the first weekend in December with the popular Cookies with Santa event. Santa made a memorable appearance, accompanied by a new helper elf this year, our very own Roger Henke!!! Roger and Santa were the hit of the day – followed closely by the dozens of cookies provided by our amazing St. Paul bakers. The Santa helpers in the kitchen turned out gallons of hot chocolate, accompanied by whipped cream and marshmallows. It was a truly special day.

Craig Bielke and Pastor Michelle accompanied our youth group to St. Paul Senior Community for some Christmas Caroling. The residents there were so appreciative of those young voices. Good work Youth Group! Pastor Michelle offered a Blue Christmas service for those who were maybe having a difficult time during the holiday season. Those times that normally make us so happy, can at times in our lives, make us very sad. Pastor Michelle provides a service that focuses on those enduring those sad times. Thank you, Pastor Michelle.

Our amazing Mother's Day Out Program performed their Christmas Programs right before their last day of school before the holiday. They were fantastic!!! Those kiddos are so darn cute, and talented. Lots of hard work and practice by the amazing MDO teachers led to two super performances. After each performance, the kids and their families enjoyed cookies and hot chocolate. And, Santa and his elf (this time elf Craig Bielke). St. Paul is blessed with 2 amazing elves!!!!

The Fine Arts program featured our Choir, Handbell choir, and a wonderful group of very talented musicians. Tristan Hampton, our interim Choir Director, organized the program and hired the musicians. Jan Spencer was our organist, and Laura Sadler led the Bell Choir. Roger Relfe with his deep voice and lovely English Accent, did the readings. It was a beautiful program!!

After months of searching, and lots of interviews, the Music Director Search Team was able to find the right candidate for our church. At times it seemed it would never happen, but God always provides for us. Dr. Bill Wade will join us on January 5 as our Organist and Choir Director. He will wear many hats, including director of our bell choir and overall Music Director. Bill brings with him a ton of experience and great talent. And, he is a very nice man!!! Please welcome him when you see him at church! Now our search focuses on a Contemporary Service music leader. The search team will be going full force on that task immediately.

The Christmas Eve services were well attended and beautiful. Tristan Hampton finished his time with us that evening by singing in the 4:30 service and directing the choir at the 7pm service. Both were with candle light, scriptures and favorite carols. I love our Christmas Eve services.

After a few days to catch up, we will be back at it!! The holidays are past and there is a lot to do in the new year. The first Sunday in January, the 5<sup>th</sup>, the By Laws Revision Team will be asking the congregation to ask any questions they may have about the proposed new bylaws at a special meeting after the church service. The team has worked very hard on the proposed bylaws, and they want the congregation to have an opportunity to ask any questions they may have before being asked to approve them,

As I said, there is a lot to do. Please consider joining us – we always need able and willing hands. Let's get this year off to a great start! See you in church!!

Blessings,

Mimi Llamas, President Church Council

## 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.

Sunday, December 22 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.**

Sunday, February 9 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

## WELCOME to Dr. Bill Wade Our New Director of Music

Dr. Bill Wade is excited to join the staff at St. Paul UCC January 1, 2020. A native of Arlington, Texas, Bill has been music minister/organist in Saint Louis, MO for the last eleven years at Trinity Presbyterian Church and then Ferguson First Presbyterian Church. Bill has been an active church musician since age 14 and has served churches in TX, OK, KS and MO.

Bill is a former Dean of the Saint Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and is a member of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians, the Handbell Association of America and the Hymn Society of North America and Canada.

Dr. Wade is a retired physician, has a Masters degree in organ performance from Webster University, and a Masters in Public Health from Saint Louis University.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Closed	2	3	4
5 <i>Communion</i> 9am Worship 10am Sunday School  By Laws Informational Congregational Meeting	6 MDO (Back to School) 10am exercise 6:30 Volleyball	7 MDO 9am Organ tuners Quilters 1pm Food Prep 5pm Comm Dinner	8 MDO 9:30 Baby Class 6pm Youth Group Mtg Bells / Choir	9 MDO 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6pm Board Meetings	10 MDO 3pm Gov French	11 10am Ctr Prayer 10am Worship Bd Mtg and take down of Christmas
12 CONGREGATIONAL MTG 9am Worship 9:15 Pre-K Sunday School 10am Sunday School  Congregational Meeting (Bylaw Approval)	13 MDO 10am exercise 5pm Girl Scouts 6pm Mission ? 6:30 Volleyball	14 MDO Quilters 10am Safety Meeting 1:30 Shufflers 4:30 Ecuador Meeting 5pm Comm Dinner 5pm Girl Scouts	15 MDO 10am Genealogy Class Bells / Choir	16 MDO 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 5pm MDO Chic-Fil-A Fundraiser 6pm Council	17 MDO 3pm Gov French	18 Youth Group Outing
19 <i>Culinaires</i> 9am Worship 9:15 Pre-K Sunday School	20 Closed	21 MDO Quilters Comm Dinner 7pm Women's Guild	22 MDO 9:30 Baby Class Bells / Choir	23 MDO 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6pm HH Meeting	24 MDO 3pm Gov French 6:30pm Youth Group Movie Night St Paul Cinema	25 10am Ctr Prayer
26 9am Worship 9:15 Pre-K Sunday School 10am Sunday School Confirmation Meeting	27 MDO 10am exercise 4pm MDO Parent/Teacher Conferences 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30 Volleyball	28 MDO Quilters 4pm MDO Parent/Teacher Conferences Comm Dinner	29 MDO Bells / Choir	30 MDO 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks	31 MDO Craftymania setup	Feb 1 Craftymania

# CRAFTY MANIA

Proceeds to Benefit: A Mission of the Church

Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry Maker, or a Sewer?  
What ever your craft, join us!! Spend the day doing what you like!!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!



**What:** All Day Crafting  
**When:** Saturday –February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020  
**\*\*\*(if the event gets cancelled due to snow or low attendance, the new date would be April 18th)\*\*\***  
9:00am – 4:00pm

**Where:** St. Paul UCC  
115 West B st (enter on C st)  
Belleville, IL

**Adults:** \$30.00 with lunch / \$25 no lunch  
**Includes:** snacks, vendors, reserved space, attendance prizes,

**Extended Hours Available!** 9am–10:00pm \$35.00 per person (meals served) / NO meals \$30

**Contact Person:** Diana Haar @ [dmhaar@charter.net](mailto:dmhaar@charter.net) or

St. Paul Church @ (618) 233-3303

***\*\*Raffle tickets will be available for purchase of a variety of items.***

***\*\*\* Early bird registration due January 6<sup>th</sup> (to be entered in special drawing)***

## **Reservation Deadline is January 20<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\*\*\*Please remember IF the minimum is not met by the deadline, the event will be **CANCELLED!!****

**Make checks payable to:** St. Paul UCC

**Mail payment & reservation to:** St. Paul UCC **Attn: Crafty Mania**

115 West B st

Belleville, IL 62220

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail(print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to sit by \_\_\_\_\_

My craft is \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my payment of (please circle ONE below)

1 \$30.00 with lunch / \$25.00 no lunch 9am – 4pm

2 \$35.00 with lunch & dinner/ \$30.00 no meals 9am – 10:00pm



January Anniversaries

3 Roger & Susan Relfe  
30 Gene & Judy Crites



January Birthdays

1 Rick Haar	18 Linda Altmansberger
2 David Heizer	Osceola Mueller
3 Judith Schuessler	19 JoAnn Elmore
Ellen Zimmerman	Elaine Smith
5 Fern Regensberger	Jack Stokes
7 Mitchell Fish	21 Cal Guthrie
Paul Sutherland	Bernadine Limper
8 Janet Hentze	24 Lou Ann Niemann
9 Carson Hopper	David Steen
8 Bob Cyphers	25 Samantha Jacob
Michael Eckert	Drew Kastner
11 John Birkner	27 Shirley Boesch
12 Kathy Birkner	Ryan Peterson
Kathleen Parker	Tyler Poirot
13 Judith Crites	29 Abigail Gibson
14 Carrie Naylor	Roger Harris
Robert O'Hara	Raymond Kepler
16 EJ Sporleder	31 Jessica Bearley
Gloria Strohm	Andrew Elser
17 Roger Henke	McKenna Loving
	Sandy Ortmann

**Attention 2018 Council Members:**  
**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE**

Annual Reports are due in the church office by **January 19, 2020**. Thank you!

### MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The following memorials and gifts  
have been received by St. Paul Church:  
**TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND**  
**IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

#### **IMO Albert Juenger**

Elvera Juenger

#### **IMO Donna Stepp**

(Radio)

Sherry Stepp

#### **IMO Frank & Wildama Brestal**

Barbara McGhee, daughter

#### **IHO My Parents,**

#### **Ray & Jean Chamberlin**

Blake & Linda Huch

### **St. Paul's MDO Spirit Night**

Thursday, January 16th, 2020  
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.

Chick-Fil-A  
2532 Green Mount Commons  
Belleville, IL 62220

### **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

Nov 2019

Attendance: 620 All Gifts: \$37,320.19

Nov 2018

Attendance: 635 All Gifts: \$35,651.97

Gifts exclude MDO revenue and endowment distributions, but does include investment income.

Hello Social Justice Book Group!

Over the next three months, we  
will be reading *The New Jim Crow: Mass*

*Incarceration in the Age of  
Colorblindness* by  
Michelle Alexander.

We will be meeting on the  
following dates:

Jan 12 Feb 9

All three of the dates will be on  
days in which we have  
congregational meetings about  
the budget or bylaws, so we will  
meet at Tavern on Main at 11am  
or as soon as the meeting is  
over - whichever happens to be  
later.

You'll find the link  
below to the book on  
Amazon. I look  
forward to discussing  
this  
with you!

Pastor Michelle



Pre-Confirmation  
Classes starting in late  
January

Do you know a young  
person in sixth-eighth  
grade that may be  
interested in  
confirmation class?  
We would love to have  
them join us for a pre-  
confirmation class on the  
fourth Sundays of each  
month following  
worship.

For more information,  
contact Pastor Michelle.

The Culinares would  
like to celebrate a year  
“well-done” and see  
what is on the  
“menu” for 2020!

If you would like to know more  
about the Culinares, ask  
questions and see what all the  
fuss it about, come to our  
meeting on

Saturday, January 18 at 6pm.

Bring a spouse, friend, or  
significant other. And please  
bring an appetizer or something  
to share - Be bold!

This is the group to try  
new things on!

Dave & Sue Hoffmann's Home  
233 Bourdelais, Swansea

Revenues	<u>2019 Final Budget</u>	<u>2019 Nov Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$410,894.91	\$26,874.58	\$308,507.06	75.08%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$95,000.00	\$13,727.50	\$103,633.00	109.09%
MDO Fundraiser/Capital Campaign	\$1,000.00	\$289.00	\$1,691.00	169.10%
Special Stewardship Events	\$6,000.00	\$5,521.00	\$6,540.18	109.00%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	\$800.00	\$8,800.00	91.67%
Building Fund	\$21,000.00	\$1,002.00	\$21,118.50	100.56%
Various Missions	\$0.00	\$1,233.00	\$22,562.94	N/A
Memorials	\$13,000.00	\$112.00	\$9,037.00	69.52%
Bequests	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Building Income	\$11,000.00	\$100.00	\$10,248.97	93.17%
Pastoral Honorarium	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$1,600.00	320.00%
Pastoral Expense Revenue		\$0.00	\$2,904.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$10,620.00	\$0.00	\$11,360.00	106.97%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$80,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	31.25%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$25,000.00	100.00%
Other Income	\$2,000.00	\$29.57	\$266.65	13.33%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$690,614.91</b>	<b>\$79,788.65</b>	<b>\$558,269.30</b>	<b>80.84%</b>
Board Revenues	\$0.00	\$548.04	\$15,348.66	
Pew End Donation		\$0.00	\$5,060.00	
Capital Expenses		\$0.00	\$5,220.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$690,614.91</b>	<b>\$80,336.69</b>	<b>\$583,897.96</b>	<b>84.55%</b>
Expenses				
Personnel Board	(\$339,565.95)	(25,592.49)	(276,931.32)	81.55%
Administrative Support	(41,963.96)	(5,695.16)	(39,539.77)	94.22%
Mission Board	(19,350.00)	(84.03)	(22,153.82)	114.49%
Christian Education Board	(6,350.00)	(42.17)	(5,171.61)	81.44%
Stewardship & Nominating Board	(1,900.00)	0.00	(851.89)	44.84%
Christian Growth Board	(400.00)	0.00	0.00	n/a
Business & Property Bd (includes Mortgage)	(175,785.00)	(10,425.30)	(159,080.57)	99.19%
Worship Board	(9,300.00)	(284.06)	(8,683.96)	93.38%
MDO	(96,000.00)	(8,236.93)	(83,894.11)	87.39%
General Fund		0.00	(2,474.00)	N/A
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>(690,614.91)</b>	<b>(50,360.14)</b>	<b>(608,781.05)</b>	<b>88.15%</b>
<b>Difference between Revenue &amp; Expenses</b>		<b>29,428.51</b>	<b>(24,883.09)</b>	

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**Age 2-5: Pre-K Sunday School**

Our Pre-K Sunday School takes place in our Nursery  
Time: 9:15am after the Children's Time  
Sundays: 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th

**Age 6+: Sunday School**

Our Sunday School takes place in our Library (for now)  
Time: 10am (after service)  
Sundays: 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th

**For more information:**  
contact Craig 233-3303    [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

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&  
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