

"The man and his wife hid themselves
from the Lord God in the middle of the
garden's trees."
Genesis 3

From *The Fall of Adam and Eve* by Michelangelo



"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
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.
- Prayer Request Cards can be found in the pew pockets. Please write your request and place slip on the center arm before service or give to an usher.
- 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.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Senior Pastor.....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
Director of Faith Formation & Care.....	Craig Bielke
Music Director	Dr. Bill Wade
Director of Non-Traditional Music.....	John Posth

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament † Please stand if able

St. Paul United Church of Christ

First Sunday of Lent

March 1, 2020 9:00 am

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sojourner (I Want Jesus to Walk with Me)

Arranged by Raymond Henry (b. 1931)

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven.

Many: Happy are those who receive God's mercy.

One: Rejoice and be glad, you upright in heart.

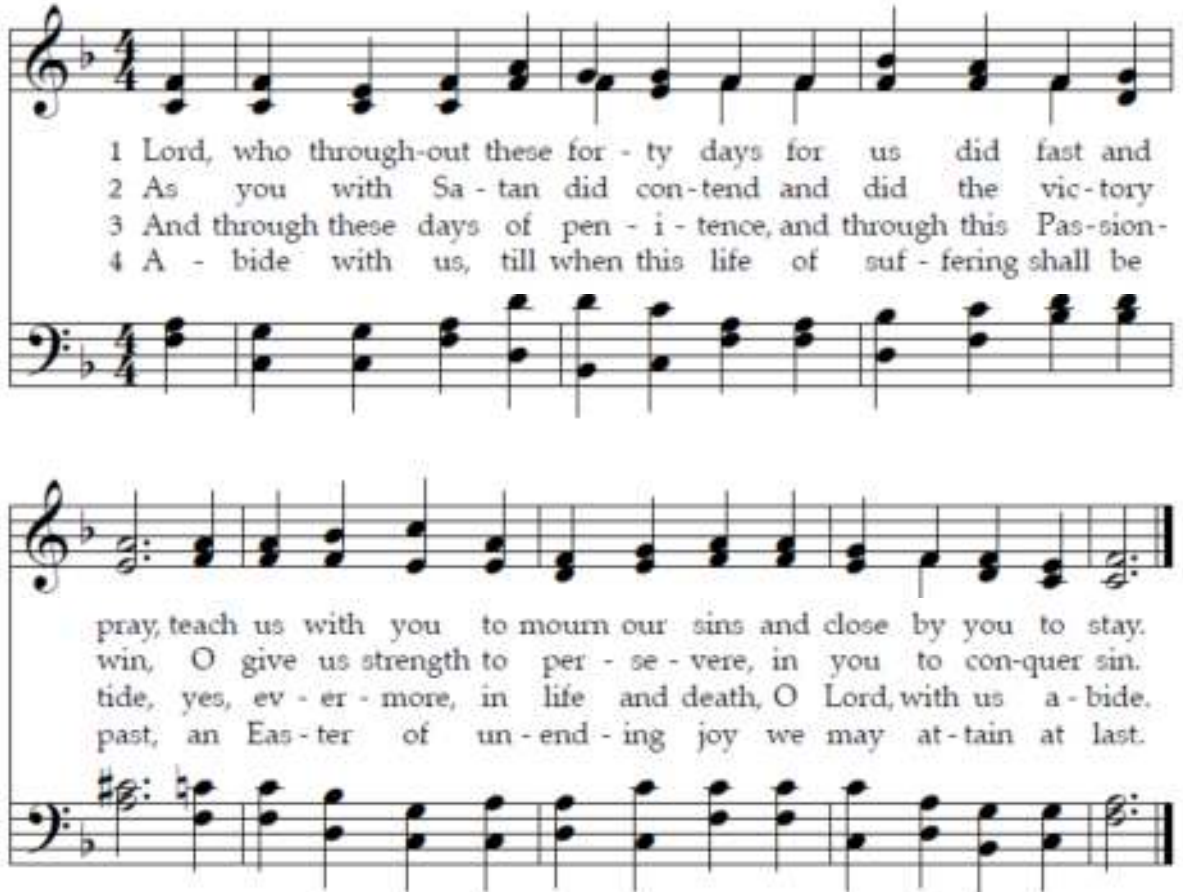
Many: Shout for joy, you people of God.

One: Let us worship the one who gives us strength to resist
temptation in the wilderness of our lives.

INVOCATION (Unison)

God, you are our hiding place and our refuge in the time of distress. We turn to you now, seeking comfort from the wounds of the world and power to face all our afflictions. Be present in our struggle, and help us to rest in your eternal promises. May we be fed both with the bread of the world and the nourishment of your word, strong to resist temptation and faithful in our worship of you. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* (ST FLAVIAN)



1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
4 A - bid with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bid.
past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

+PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: Wise God our Savior, we confess that we have fallen for the world's knowledge, a knowledge that claims to be of good and evil, but is truly of power and control. We have sought to gain an edge over others, to possess more by consuming more, to make sure our comforts and way of life are met before others can even simply live.

All: **God of Wisdom, forgive us, and lead us away from the ways of the world. Call us into the ways of Wisdom, and away from the foolish knowledge of the world. Lead us into the life of the kin-dom, the beloved community that You have created for us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: The call of God's Wisdom is in your heart. Listen. Hear your own heartbeat; it beats the same as all others. The image of God is in you and in one another. Listen. Love. Breathe. Care. Show the same grace and mercy that has been given to you, and love one another, always. Share the Good News. Amen.

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

+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

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

Covenant

Leader: Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Individuals: I am.

Leader: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Individuals: I do, relying on God's grace.

Leader: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our siblings in Christ who have answered God's call to service.

Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them.

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Installation of Officers

MISSION MOMENT

Wittenburg Choir

Sandy Wagner

CHOIR ANTHEM

Golgotha in Bethlehem

Words by Pamela Martin, Music by Lee Dengler (b. 1949)
Chancel Choir

A cross within the wooden manger,
a thorn within each piece of straw,
a traitor in each kneeling stranger,
a tomb within the cattle stall.

Swaddling cloths, a linen shroud,
angel choirs, an angry crowd,
Each gloria a requiem,
Golgotha in Bethlehem.

The joy and Passion intertwining,
at the moment of the Savior's birth;
And as the star was brightly shining, the shadow of a cross,
the shadow of a cross fell on the earth.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 2:15-25 & 3:1-21

Matthew 4:1-11

Reader: Dick Erdmann

SERMON

Songs of Experience

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE and 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.

CALL TO OFFERING

One: In the story of Adam and Eve, we see creation's splendid possibilities and humanity's limitations.
In Jesus the Christ, we see humanity's strength and God's glory made manifest – the harmony of creation restored. We offer these gifts and tithes as we seek to restore balance and beauty in our world.

OFFERTORY *Aberystwyth (Jesus, Lover of my Soul)*

Tune: Joseph Parry, (1841-1903) arr. by Gerald Near (1942-2016)

+RESPONSE TO OFFERING

Take, O Take Me As I Am

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall

be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

+UNISON DEDICATION PRAYER

Faithful God, let these gifts be like food and drink in the wilderness for those who have suffered and longed for your presence. May these offerings strengthen those who are resisting temptation and lead us to attend to all who need your healing. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and savior. Amen.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Presentation

One: Open our eyes, our ears, our mouths.
Let us be doers of the word and not hearers only,
taking on those tasks set before us with uncommon vision and
wholehearted expectation.

Invitation

One: Friends we are about to share in the sacred story
and celebrate community together through this meal.
We take pleasure in your great bounty, O God, let us also take
delight in the abundance of the simple things in life
which are the true sources of joy.

Prayer of Communion

One: Loving and caring God, you have searched us out and known
us, all that we are is open to you...

Silence

**All: O God, bring new life, where we are worn and tired;
new love, where we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness, where we have wounded, and the joy and
freedom of your Holy Spirit, where we are the prisoners of
our selves.**

One: In time beyond our dreaming, Creativity God hovered over the
water, and was revealed in fire and storm and precious law.
Likewise, humanity in this creative likeness evolved on this
earth, along with earth's minerals and waters, flowers and
fruits, living creatures of grace and beauty!

All: We offer this our thanks and praise.

One: In the 40 days of Lent, we also remember the love made
manifest in the birth, life, and stories of Jesus of Nazareth. In
his healing acts and radical teachings we recall the words he
spoke to call forth love, care, and respect for one another.

May your Spirit come and surround us, inspire us and comfort us in the wilderness, and bless our lives and this meal. And so, with Elizabeth who prophesied a birth, Martha who longed for the Anointed One, and James and John who sought to follow on the Way, we join together, saying:

All: Holy, holy, holy, vulnerable and strong God, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Long ago, so our tradition says, Jesus took bread, offered thanks for it, and broke it: 'This bread is broken, as my body will be'. He handed it to his friends, and invited them to eat: 'Remember all that I have been to you'.

Long ago, so our tradition also says, Jesus poured the cup, offered thanks for it, and gave it to his friends: 'This cup is poured out, as my life will be. As you drink give thanks and remember.

Bread... the very source of life. Cup... fruit of the vine and celebration. Let us share this bread and cup knowing that our lives are forever changed by this and every breaking of bread.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence. The outer circle of cups contains white grape juice. The two inner circles contain wine. Please hold the bread (all bread is gluten free) and cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.


PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Life affirming God, we give thanks for this table-gathering of your people. May the supper shared together strengthen us in our witness to the world. Amen.

+CLOSING HYMN *Commit Your Way to God the Lord* (GILSBOROUGH)



1 Com - mit your way to God the Lord: your cause will
 2 Be still be - fore the Lord and wait, and do not
 3 Sal - va - tion comes from God a - lone: the faith - ful
 4 Com - mit your way to God the Lord; to peace and



shine as bright as fire; de - light to do God's
 fret when wrong suc - ceeds; re - frain from an - ger,
 know their help is sure; to heav - en, all our
 truth and grace as - pire; then mer - cy shall be



ho - ly word and you shall find what you de - sire.
 turn from hate, for God will pun - ish e - vil deeds.
 needs are known, and in God's strength we are se - cure.
 your re - ward; God's prom - is - es, your heart's de - sire.

+BENEDICTION

One: Though life is full of temptation, God will see us through.

Many: We rejoice in the one who strengthens us.

One: Though life is full of times of trial,
Christ walks with us every step of the way.

Many: We rejoice in the one who shares our journey.

One: Though life is full of obstacles of faith,
The Spirit eases our burden.

Many: We rejoice in the one who leads us home.

One: Go with God!

All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE *Prelude from Suite in G minor*

Composed by Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1739)

Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded .

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Invocation, Call to Offering, and Dedication Prayer from Worship service based on Tempting! Service Prayers for the First Sunday of Lent written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dilley, MESA team, UCC.

Prayer of Reconciliation and Assurance of Grace from <http://rev-o-lution.org/2020/02/21/worship-resources-for-march-1st-2020-first-sunday-of-lent/>

Call to Worship and Benediction written by B.J. Beu and found in the Abingdon Worship Annual 2020 © B.J. Beu

Communion based on http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/liturgy_collection/year_c_liturgy_collection/year_c_liturgies_-_lenteast/lent3c332013.html

Service of Installation from the UCC Book of Worship



Welcome

We're glad
you're here!

News & Notes

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WELCOME

John Posth

(pronounced Post)

Our new Non-Traditional Music Director

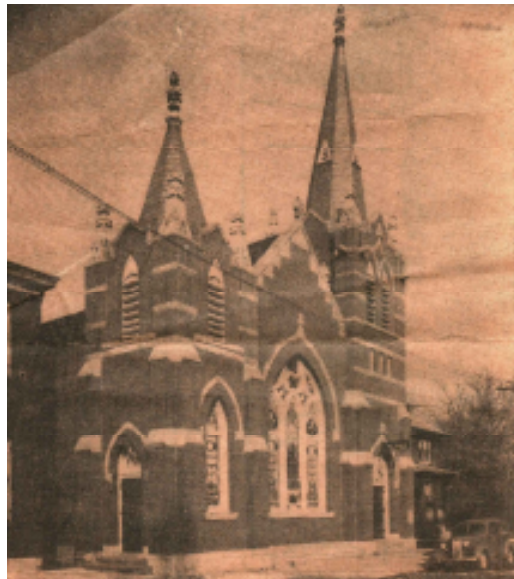
I was raised in Red Bud, IL and participated in music throughout my childhood and high school experience. I attended Bradley University in Peoria, IL and studied music and religious studies earning two bachelor degrees before graduating in May of 2019. I was heavily involved with music in college both as a singer and percussionist. I have worked for Heart of Illinois Special Recreation Association as a summer music instructor for two years and worked for First Baptist Church of Peoria as a music intern for almost four years. I have also played with the Peoria Municipal Band as full time timpanist for two summers. Most recently I moved back from southern California where I spent five months with friends and family after graduating college. I am extremely pleased and excited to be working for St. Paul and look forward to meeting the congregation!





Celebration of the Restoration of Heritage Hall

Sunday,
April 5th
2pm - 4pm



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&
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EGG
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EASTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 9 AM

Ash Wednesday

Services at 12pm & 7pm
in the Sanctuary

Good Friday Services

Services at 12pm & 7pm
in the Sanctuary

Lenten Services

Wednesdays during Lent
11:30am service in AC
12pm light lunch

Bunny Breakfast

Saturday, April 11
10am-12pm in the AC



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Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

The Community Interfaith Food Pantry is taking applications for the following VOLUNTEER POSITIONS:

*** Assistant Treasurer**

Functions and Duties of the Job

- Participate in Board meetings
- Serve on Committees as appointed
- Report regularly to their church member
- Promote and recruit volunteers to work at CIFP
- Notify their church of CIFP's financial status
- Actively participate in CIFP governance

Qualifications

- Appointment by their church member
- Familiarity with the CIFP, its mission and goals
- Willingness to support the mission of CIFP

*** Board of Governors member**

Functions and Duties of the Job

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*** Procurement Director**

Functions and Duties of the Job

- Assist the Treasurer by performing those duties in writing
- In absence of Treasurer, assume Treasurer duties
- Report to the President as necessary

Qualifications

- Member of the Board of Governors
- Excellent math and interpersonal skills
- Ability to execute tasks and plans independently
- Familiarity with the CIFP, its mission and goals

Interested parties should contact Dan or Mike at the CIFP at 355-9199.

2020 Adult Mission Trip

The adult mission trip is May 11-15 at Camp DuBois. The Camp Director has a long list of projects for us to do and we can use your help for 1 or more days. If you are interested in participating this year or would like additional information, please contact Roger Harris 277.3805 / roger.harris@bofa.com).

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT OPPORTUNITY

A Leadership Development Fund has been established to increase the quality of leadership across the entirety of the congregation and its mission and ministries by providing encouragement and financial assistance for St. Paul members. Formal and informal classes, seminars, workshops and facilitation of group and on-site leadership development will enhance the mission and ministries of St. Paul UCC. All St. Paul Leadership Development Grants will be applied for through and recommended by an established St. Paul governance body (i.e. the Church Council, a Board, Committee or Task Force), to the St. Paul Leadership Development Fund Committee for approval and disbursement. The Leadership Development Fund was created by Pastor Gus Kuehler in honor of his 60 th year in the ministry and will be held by St. Paul UCC as a designated fund. The Leadership Development Fund will be administered by the Leadership Development Fund Committee. All grants will be partial and will only cover part of the total costs for attendance and participation. Upon completion, an oral or written report of learnings and suggestions for application at St. Paul will be rendered to the St. Paul recommending body within 60 days. Grant applications are available in the church office. For more information please contact Sue Hoffmann. Thank you.



St. Paul Mother's Day Out Program will begin enrolling children for the 2020-2021 school year. Openings are available for children two through five years of age. Classes meet various days/week Monday through Friday from 9:40-1:00.

If you are interested in enrolling your child please call Rachel Budko at 618-355-1058 or rachelmdo@stpaulucc.org for more information.

DATE CHANGE DUE TO CHURCH BEING POLLING PLACE



St. Paul Women's Guild

Tuesday, March 24th 7:00 p.m.

The speaker for the evening will be Jon Burgmann, answering our questions on Medicare/Supplements/Insurance/Annuities. Join us!

RING IN 2020 WITH YOUTH PROGRAMS AT ST. PAUL UCC & CHRISTIAN ED

NEED VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION to build a YOUNG AT HEART SPIRIT to support our youth programs created by Craig Bielke, our Director of Faith Formation & Care, and Pastor Michelle by participating in the life of St. Paul UCC.

BUILD A TEAM for an Event:

Bunny Breakfast - April 11 from 10am-noon
Vacation Bible School-June 22-26 from 6-8pm
Spooktacular - October TBD
Cookies with Santa - December 5 from 10am-noon
These events need a team of volunteers to help make it success!

Programs:

Any Age from 18-90 can sign up to participate and help chaperone in the different programs and activities. *ALL volunteers must have a current background check and paperwork on file in the office prior to volunteering. Takes approximately 2 weeks at most.

PreK Sunday School - 45 minute commitment in nursery during worship service, programming prepared, assist lead teacher, all weeks but 1st
Sunday School - Following service in the library, programming prepared, assist lead teacher, all weeks but 3rd
Youth Group - meets first Wed of the month through May, 6-8pm
Youth Group Outreach Outings - usually Saturdays or evenings - Once a month Chaperone/ Building relationships with the youth & keeping them interested.

As you can see Christian Ed, Craig, Pastor Michelle have been very busy providing energetic and enthusiastic programs that will interest our youth. We can only build on this with ALL OF YOUR HELP. SO BECOME INVOLVED TO BUILD A VITAL PART OF THE FUTURE OF ST. PAUL UCC.

Please call the church office if you have any questions.

We like when you are here

so, please let us you know you are here!!

When you sign in the pew pad, please sign in complete information
(first and last name, etc)

If there would be an emergency, we would use these pads to know whose was where,
when, and complete information
is important for this process.

So, please be sure to fill out the pew pad
completely every week!

Thanks!!



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THE WITTENBURG GERMANY
SCHLOSSKIRCHE GOSPEL CHOIR
IS COMING TO ST. PAUL

SAVE THE DATE AND BE A PART OF THIS
GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Here's your chance to get to know someone new. On Friday, May 22, as our final Fine Arts Series Concert, we will be welcoming the Wittenburg Germany Schlosskirche (Castle Church) Gospel Choir. They will need housing while they're here and we're inviting our St. Paul Congregation to help.

Our friends will arrive on Thursday evening, May 21 and we're inviting YOU to be a part of hosting our guests on Thursday and Friday nights. Our schedule is as follows:

***Thursday, May 21** The choir arrives at St. Louis Lambert Airport, via Delta airlines, at approximately 7 p.m. They will take the Metro Link to the Memorial Hospital station and will arrive, hopefully, about 9 p.m. Host families will pick up their guests at the station. We suggest that a snack or light meal be offered to them.

***Friday, May 22** You are invited to provide breakfast. The choir needs to be at St. Paul ready to rehearse at 10 a.m. Lunch will be provided at noon and rehearsal will resume at 1 p.m. The singers will need to be picked up at 3 p.m. This is a time to visit, relax, have dinner and change into concert attire. They need to return to St. Paul at 6 p.m. for warm ups in the choir room. The concert is at 7 p.m. Then it's back home to visit and rest – another snack?

***Saturday, May 23** You are invited to provide breakfast and have your singer(s) and all belongings at the Memorial Hospital station at 9:45 a.m. They will depart to St. Louis from there.

Please contact Sandy Wagner (skwagner51@gmail.com or 618-560-9491) with your questions or commitment to be a host. We hope that YOU will agree to be a part of this exciting experience!



at St. Paul UCC

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

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History with Henke

A hint of St. Paul history each week

March 11, 1923 - Dedication of the Parsonage that had been built on the lot adjoining St Paul Church. This parsonage was located west of the old church directly in front of the present playground. This parsonage was torn down in 1962.

March 29, 1936 - The congregation voted unanimously to beautify, modernize and increase the seating capacity of the sanctuary for the 97th anniversary of the church at a cost of approximately \$20,000. At this time, St. Paul's was affectionately known in the city of Belleville as "Old St Paul's".

This Week

Sun, Mar 1 Communion
9am Worship
10am Sunday School

Mon, Mar 2 MDO
 10am exercise class
 6:30 Volleyball

Tues, Mar 3 MDO
 9am Quilters
 1pm Food Prep
 5pm Comm Dinner

Wed, Mar 4 MDO
 11:30 Lenten Service

Thurs, Mar 5 MDO
 4pm Masterworks
 6pm Worship Team
 6:30 PFLAG

Fri, Mar 6 MDO

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours:
Tues 10am -1pm

For all scheduling questions,
 please contact Tina 233-3303

For Your Prayers

Pam Elser
 Rosemary Henke
 Lynn Koehler
 Marsha McCoy
 Sandy and Tim Ritter
 Kenneth Oesterle
 Billy Ruth Pelc
 Joan Sackmann
 Dian Thom
 Nancy Vieman

PRAYER REQUESTS

Cards are now in the church pews.
 Please write your request and place
 slip on the center pew arm before
 service or give to usher.

Weekly Attendance

9am /11am	Feb 16, 2020	Feb 17, 2019
	147/Single	112/19

This updated picture of our Offerings received now reflects only Operating and Building Offerings.

