



O give thanks to the LORD,
for God is good;
God's steadfast LOVE endures
FOREVER.

Our St. Paul

March 2020



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Mon thru Thurs: 8:30 am-5:00 pm
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St. Paul

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St. Paul UCC Belleville has joined the world of Technology by bringing Online Giving to our church. You may now give to St Paul Church electronically and pay by credit card, debit card or use your bank account information. Simply log on to stpaulucc.org and click the "Online Giving" button and follow the instructions. You can use this form of donating towards the Heritage Hall, Operating Fund, Building, Radio, a Memorial and more.

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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| April 2020 | March 24 | March 27 |

Pastor's Message

A Time of Preparation

Across the news each day I see more news about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). It's difficult not to focus on the scary portion of the news stories - from how fast it can spread to the number of deaths it has caused.

Instead of worrying about the frightening possibilities, I am trying to refocus my attention on what we can control. I called a meeting with many of our staff as well as a few of the congregations lay leaders to discuss how we can prepare. We thought about each program and piece of the church and how we can keep our congregation, MDO families, staff, and visitors safe as possible. What do we need to improve upon now? What contingency plans do we have for the future if the disease ends up affecting this community?

Unfortunately, this means making some changes and additional ones in the future to keep our congregation as safe as possible. While change may be scary, we also know that some alterations are needed to ensure that health and wholeness are available to as many of our congregants as possible.

Preparation of all sorts can be a spiritual practice. Just as Jesus spent 40 days in the wilderness preparing for his ministry, we prepare for the Easter celebration during these 40 days of Lent. Through prayer, worship, and other spiritual practices, we grow closer with God and ready ourselves for the day of resurrection.

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids is an illustration stressing the importance of preparation. The ten women readied themselves to wait for the groom; however, five did not bring extra oil for the night. They ended up missing out on the wedding banquet. This may be a very different situation, yet Jesus stresses the crucial process of preparation and thinking ahead.

In Matthew 10, Jesus gives us the analogy of being "wise as serpents and innocent as doves." While we aren't talking about metaphorical wolves or physical human enemies around us, we are speaking about wisdom. We must be wise - considering various possible scenarios and yet be like doves by keeping a sense of innocence and hope about us.

May our season of Lent be one in which we focus on growing closer to God as well as "keep awake" to the world to ensure a safe planet for all.

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

From the President's Corner

Welcome to March!! It's almost Spring, even though it could snow at any time! I guess all in all we haven't had a horrible winter, but the lack of Sunshine really is hard on the psyche. I'm oh so ready to sit on my deck and relax in the Spring warmth. February was a big month for us. We elected a new slate of Council Members and Officers. It is a wonderful group of people who have the best interest of St Paul Church locked securely in their hearts. The Nominating team did a superb job of seeking out some of the best candidates for you and you responded by giving them all a unanimous vote. They took office on Sunday March 1st. Let's all support them this year. The best way to do that is to volunteer every time you get an opportunity. It takes all of us to make St. Paul successful. In addition to voting for our new council, Crafty Mania, on February 1st was a huge success again. And it earned \$\$ for our new Sunday School Room (by the way, take a walk upstairs sometime and take a peek at the new room). It is where the old Church Mouse resided!! New paint, new flooring, new blinds – it looks fantastic!!! Our Fine Arts Program presented a wonderful evening of cool jazz that even those who are not fans of jazz totally enjoyed. Jazz Winds of Patagonia featured a hometown boy, Bill Molenhof and his uber talented wife Marie Gabriela on piano and voice. It was delightful!!! We moved into the Lenten season with 2 beautiful and well attended Ash Wednesday services. Pastor Michelle and the Stewardship team shared a card with bible verses for each day of lent based on the “Sermon on the Mount”. That will be the focus of our messages during this Lent. There will be a service and light luncheon each Wednesday during Lent with different groups providing the luncheon each week. The service will begin at 11:30 and the lunch will be at noon. All in the Activity Center. For the first time in a long time, we have a complete staff!! Congratulations to the Personnel Team and the Music Director Search Team. We finished filling our open positions with the hiring of John Posth for the Non-Traditional Music Director. John is a wonderful young man, fresh from the Bradley University. He has a background of music, and music in church. He is a percussionist, singer, etc. etc. He has degrees in Music Studies and Religious Studies. He is a delightful young man and will be a great asset to our church. Please make John welcome to our St Paul family!!! Be sure to put April 5th on your calendar and come celebrate the Restoration of Heritage Hall. It will be wonderful!!!! Well, all good things must eventually come to an end. I have so enjoyed being your Council President. It has been an honor to serve you all as we look to the future with great excitement. We have a pastor who has a lot of great ideas and lots of energy. She loves this congregation and wants only the best for all of us. We are blessed to have lay leaders who are able and willing to spend lots and lots of hours planning for our future. And best of all, we have all of you. – the People of St. Paul. You all are wonderful. I feel a kinship with each of you and I am proud to serve beside you. Wayne Caughman will be a fine President! He has the best of St. Paul at the forefront of his mind at all times. You all are aware of how much of his life he devotes to St. Paul already. He will continue what we have begun here – updating old processes and building cohesive teams of staff and volunteers. Working together, there isn't anything we can't accomplish. Wayne will continue this column!!! I might throw a column into the OSP from time to time – I have really enjoyed communicating with all of you each month. Blessing to all of you wonderful St Paulians!!!!!!

Blessings,
Mimi Llamas, Past President

St. Paul United Church of Christ
invites you to

*The Celebration
of the
Restoration
of
Heritage Hall*

Sunday, April 5, 2020
2pm - 4pm
Open House / Reception

St. Paul United Church of Christ
115 West B Street
Belleville, IL 62220

RSVP to 618.233.3303
or flakehopper@stpaulucc.org
by Sunday, March 29

Dedication Presentation at 2:15pm
Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting at 2:30pm

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**BUNNY
BREAKFAST
&
EASTER
EGG
HUNT**

SATURDAY
11 **APRIL**
at 10am

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entrance
on C Street

Free Breakfast
& meet the
Easter Bunny!



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EASTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 12 9 AM

Lenten Services

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

Maundy Thursday

Service & Culinaries dinner
6pm in the AC

Good Friday Services

Services at 12pm & 7pm
in the Sanctuary

Bunny Breakfast

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



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|---|---|---|--|--------------------------|---|
| 1 Communion 9am Worship 10am Sunday School | 2 MDO 10am exercise 6:30 Volleyball | 3 MDO Quilters 1pm Food Prep 5pm Comm Dinner | 4 MDO 11:30 Lenten Services Youth Group Bells/Choir | 5 MDO 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6pm Worship 6:30 PFLAG | 6 MDO 3pm Gov French | 7 |
| 8 9am Worship 9:15 Pre-K Sunday School 10am Sunday School | 9 MDO 10am exercise 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30 Volleyball | 10 MDO Quilters 9am With You-Gn Rm 1:30 Shufflers 5pm Comm Dinner Girl Scouts 6:30 Mission -Library | 11 MDO 9:30 Baby Class 9:30 Stewardship 11:30 Lenten Services 4:30 Investment Comm Bells/Choir | 12 MDO 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 4:30 Ecuador | 13 MDO 3pm Gov French | 14 10am Ctr Prayer |
| 15 Culinaires 9am Worship 9:15 Pre-K Sunday School | 16 MDO 10am exercise 6:30 Volleyball | 17 ELECTION DAY NO MDO Quilters NO Comm Dinner | 18 MDO 11:30 Lenten Services Bells/Choir | 19 MDO 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6:30 Council | 20 MDO 3pm Gov French | 21 |
| 22 9am Worship 9:15 Pre-K Sunday School 10am Sunday School 6pm Fireside One Great Hour of Sharing | 23 MDO 10am exercise 5pm Girl Scouts 6:30 Volleyball | 24 MDO Quilters Comm Dinner Girl Scouts 7pm Women's Guild | 25 MDO 9:30 Baby Class 11:30 Lenten Services Bells/Choir | 26 MDO 1:30 Shufflers 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6pm Food Pantry Mtg | 27 MDO 3pm Gov French | 28 9am SWIC practice 10am Ctr Prayer Private Rental - AC |
| 29 9am Worship 9:15 Pre-K Sunday School 10am Sunday School Pre-Confirmation Meeting 7pm SWIC Concert | 30 MDO 10am exercise 6:30 Volleyball | 31 MDO Quilters Comm Dinner | | | | |

Spring Cleaning? Downsizing? Changing a Look?
Bring your STUFF to our Activity Center NOW!

WOMEN'S GUILD RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

**Fri, April 3 5:30 -8pm
& Sat, April 4 9am - noon**

And, for extra special fun...

Come help to set-up the previous
Wednesday (after Lenten Service)
thru Friday.



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 Kuether 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.

Our 1st Mission team meeting for 2020 is scheduled for Tuesday March 10th at 6:30 in the Library. If you are interested in joining any Mission teams or hearing more about them, please feel free to attend. Any questions, contact Roger Harris or Judy Koch.



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).

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 ques-
tions on
Medicare/Supplements/
Insurance/Annuities.
Join us!*

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 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. Than 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!



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 info.

EXPLORE
THE
SOUND VI

SWIC Music Department Concert Choir and Chamber Singers
Faculty Instrumental Solos
Andy Jensen, conductor

Sun, March 29 ♦ 7pm
St. Paul UCC
part of the Fine Arts Concert Series



March Anniversaries

- 1 Cal & Jeanine Guthrie
- 5 Michael & Fran West
- 18 David & Marsha Steen

March Birthdays

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Anna Czerniejewski | 16 Ruth Ann Erdmann |
| Carly Dahm | 17 Alex Scharf |
| Diane Kramer | Matthew Sherland |
| 3 Jennifer Mentzer | 19 Janice Friedrich |
| 4 Jane Bonaldi | 20 Grace Bassler |
| 5 Gaye Bettis | 22 Georgia Wright |
| Claudette Graetz | Bobby Lee Frerking |
| Kathryn Trickey | 23 Madison Grohne |
| 6 Rachel Budko | Lindsey Wright |
| LaVonne Schwartz | 25 Elizabeth Naylor |
| 8 Bob Vokes | 26 Paul Hopper |
| 9 Grace Bassler | 27 Connor Dziaba |
| Marsha Steen | Larry Walton |
| 10 Alexis Patch | 28 Donna Davis |
| 12 Darwin Bretsch | Gordon Malworm |
| Kathy Donnelly | 29 Sabrina Muir |
| Ryan Seaman | Elgee Phillips |
| 13 Sherry Davinroy-Kobernus | 31 Betty Rieso |
| Janet Kniepkamp | Susan Sivewright |
| Donna Wooden | Claire Zimmerman |
| 15 Joy Horn | |
| Fred Hotz | |
| Carolyn Rysell | |



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 Jodie Lippert

Diane Lutz

IMO Margot Uhrig

Dave & Sue Hoffmann

Judy Saeger

Darwin & Mary Lu Bretsch

Tim & Sandy Ritter

Jack & Barbara Olsen

IMO Al Winderlich

Larry Walton

(Fine Arts)

Judy Saeger

Debbie Lippert

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

(Franklin Neighborhood)

Kris & Lynwood Mueller

Barb Suess

Pam Walton

Donna Davis

(Heritage Hall)

Wayne Caughman

Janet Spencer

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Jan 2020

Jan 2019

Attendance: 527 All Gifts: \$42,945.23 Attendance: 495 All Gifts: \$40,356.38

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

In the St. Paul Church Library . . .

FOR CHILDREN:

What Is Heaven Like?, by Beverly Lewis

This lovely picture book serves as an excellent resource for explaining the afterlife to children and offering comfort in the loss of a loved one.

FOR LENTEN READING:

The Jesus of the Bible, by Stephen M. Miller

This fascinating book is a treasure trove of extra bits of information behind nearly every story and quotation of Christ.

Finding Life: From Eden to Gethsemane—The Garden Restored,

by Jane Rubietta

A lovely collection of daily Lenten devotions centered around the theme of gardens and gardeners that occur in the Bible.

NOTE: You will see the above books, along with other interesting books, displayed in the church library. Please help yourself, sign the card, and enjoy!

| Revenues | <u>2020 Final Budget</u> | <u>2020 Jan Actuals</u> | <u>YTD Actuals</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Congregational Offerings | \$411,574.22 | \$33,795.31 | \$33,795.31 | 8.21% |
| MDO Tuition/Other Income | \$111,535.00 | \$11,027.50 | \$11,027.50 | 9.89% |
| Special Stewardship Events | \$3,000.00 | | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| Rental Income - 205 W B Street | \$9,600.00 | \$800.00 | \$800.00 | 8.33% |
| Building Fund | \$24,500.00 | \$3,143.00 | \$3,143.00 | 12.83% |
| Various Missions | \$0.00 | \$7,294.00 | \$7,294.00 | N/A |
| Memorials | \$13,000.00 | \$100.00 | \$100.00 | 0.77% |
| Bequests | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | N/A |
| Building Income | \$11,000.00 | \$300.00 | \$300.00 | 2.73% |
| Pastoral Honorarium | \$1,500.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| Pastoral Expense Revenue | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | N/A |
| Investment Income / Michelson Income | \$10,620.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| Endowment Distribution (per guidelines) | \$60,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.) | \$27,100.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | 0.00% |
| Other Income | \$6,500.00 | \$286.84 | \$286.84 | 4.41% |
| Total Operating Revenues | \$689,929.22 | \$56,746.65 | \$56,746.65 | 8.22% |
| Team Revenues | \$20,000.00 | \$3,578.66 | \$23,578.66 | |
| Capital Expenses | | | \$0.00 | |
| Per End Donations (included in Property total exp) | | | \$0.00 | |
| Grand Total | \$709,929.22 | \$60,325.31 | \$80,325.31 | 11.31% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Personnel | (\$342,588.22) | (26,899.01) | (26,899.01) | 7.85% |
| Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses) | (45,550.00) | (5,880.12) | (5,880.12) | 12.91% |
| Outreach (formerly Mission Board) | (15,100.00) | (4,668.79) | (4,668.79) | 31.05% |
| Education (MDO listed separately) | (2,500.00) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| Stewardship | (1,600.00) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% |
| Property | (179,081.00) | (14,444.18) | (14,444.18) | 8.07% |
| Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd) | (11,975.00) | (931.82) | (931.82) | 7.78% |
| MDO | (111,535.00) | (10,304.49) | (10,304.49) | 9.24% |
| General Fund | | 0.00 | 0.00 | N/A |
| Total Operating Expense | (709,929.22) | (63,148.41) | (63,148.41) | 8.90% |
| Difference between Revenue & Expenses | | (2,823.10) | 17,176.90 | |

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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

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