



Our St. Paul June 2020



YOUR St. Paul Team

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor
Craig Bielke, Director of Faith Formation & Care
Dr. Bill Wade, Director of Music
John Posth, Non-Traditional Music Director
Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager
Tina LakeHopper, Office Coordinator
Stephenie Bauza, Accountant
Donna Young, Receptionist/Secretary
Stephanie Elmore, Staff Support
Kyle Adams, Staff Support
Rachel Budko, Director of Mother's Day Out
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Lindsey Davis, MDO Teacher
Diana Haar, MDO Teacher
Jennifer Hadley, MDO Teacher
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Nicole McCullough, MDO Teacher
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Please try St. Paul online giving!

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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Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul**.

ISSUE	DEADLINE	MAIL DATE
July 2020	June 24	June 27

Pastor's Message

The Church Is Alive!

This is a season when the church has had to embrace the creativity of God! Our staff has been working hard. For those of you who may be listening on the radio - we are recording worship from each of our homes. Rick Haar and Tina edit the videos, and Tina continues to work on the bulletin from her home computer. Neil Holliday updates the website from his home as well. Stephenie splits her time between her home office and the church office, collecting the mail from the post office twice per week. Craig and the Christian Education team are crafting our first ever Virtual VBS. And Pat and Kyle are doing what they can to keep the building in wonderful shape, preparing it for the time when we can gather safely again.

Through the final weeks of the school year, Rachel and the MDO teachers continued to update families with enriching activities for their students. A few teachers even used Zoom to reach out to their students.

Our choir has been recording each of their separate parts from their homes as well. Bill has been directing through Zoom. Bill also records the hymns from his home, then sends them to John so that he can lead the hymn through his voice.

We've had many of our congregants active in worship as well. They've sent in photos for our various worship services - like pictures of them holding drawings of palms on Palm Sunday and photos of how they've been seeing God in this season. We've had congregants and confirmands read scripture for worship. They will record their own separate videos at home and then send us the videos for us to edit together.

Many of our teams are meeting as well. I mentioned a few times already something called "Zoom." Just like conference calls on phones in the past, Zoom is a computer application that allows everyone to see each other's faces and hear each other's voices during meetings. We've had staff meetings, semi-weekly meetings with the worship staff to ensure we are clear with our vision for worship each week, MDO teacher meetings, executive council and church council meetings online in April and May, Christian education meetings to discuss our Virtual VBS this year, finance team meetings, and youth group virtual gatherings. Twice every week I hold Zoom fellowship hours - 5pm on Wednesdays and 10am on Sundays.

And most days of the week, I'm trying to reach out by a short video on Facebook Live. Whether it's a prayer, scripture, or a poem, I want to assure those who are watching that "we are here."

I've seen how God uses each of our gifts and new technology to spread the good news of hope, grace, and love to our expanding world. Some are watching our services on Facebook Live from different parts of our country (and Canada too)! We are expanding the ways we are church. Through the wonders of all sorts of technology, we are widening our reach.

And of course, through phone calls and notes, we are able to reach our congregants of all ages and generations, making sure that we connect with each of you during this time. Thank you to our With You Team for continuing to make phone calls during this season! I have been trying to reach as many of you as possible through phone conversations. If you need a conversation and I haven't yet reached you, please reach out to me anytime.

This has been a time of learning and growth for each of us. Thank you to everyone who continues to stretch their comfort levels of using the internet and technology. Thank you to the staff who has been extremely flexible and willing to try new things to keep connected. And thank you to everyone who has given treasures, talents, and time during the past two and a half months.

If you would like to find ways to get connected to the internet and our online gatherings, please contact me. We have volunteers who would love to help you learn more about these means of connection.

Just like the church was alive after the earthly ministry of Jesus as the Holy Spirit brought gifts, wisdom, and strength to the apostles, we too are a church that is alive! Like many other congregations, we have learned new ways to be church. And when the time comes for us to regather together again, we will be stronger for the new gifts we've embraced from the Holy Spirit.

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

From the President's Corner

Welcome to June! Our weather has been less than ideal for a typical spring season! Of course, the flowers and grass have benefitted from it. Bright sunny days all seem to cheer us up much quicker than the gloominess of cold and damp days. With that in mind, I hope my first letter as council president finds you all well, as we prayerfully adhere to and implement all of the health measures we have been advised to follow by the experts, to remain safe as we battle this coronavirus disease. And we all wait for the vaccine to hopefully protect us from this unseen enemy. Hopefully sooner than later!

I must say and without any hesitation, it's been unusual and different for me since taking over as your President from Mimi Llamas in March. As a member of the Council the last two years and observing how she managed and motivated people and got so many good things done for our church, I knew I had some big shoes to fill in following her as President. And that has proven to be so true! Since taking over, I've relied on advice and help from Mimi, Pastor Michelle and others to serve as your leader. And I can say without any question, no one has hesitated in providing me whatever support I might need.

You can all rest assured that we're doing our best, through both the Executive and the regular Council and the various church teams that exist, to keep our church operating, although in a different mode currently, to address both personnel, fiscal and facility issues that can and do arise at St. Paul. However, this takes a concerted effort on the part of many of our members. That brings me to the entire church staff who have been nothing short of spectacular in doing what is needed to support our church. Without their complete support, we would fall woefully short. And we all know what a job our church team starting with Pastor Michelle and including many others have done in producing our Sunday virtual services, our Zoom sessions and meetings and the many other things we all enjoy through that medium.

I want to mention that our church regathering team has been quite active and meeting to address all of the issues we need to consider for eventually opening our church. And just recently, Mimi and Dave Hoffmann, who as head of our Safety and Security team, have both stepped up and volunteered to be co-leaders of this team. Many thanks to both of them for doing this!!

Enough said but even with the unusual times we're all in, you can rest assured that we're trying not to miss a beat continuing with the life of the congregation in some fashion similar to what we've known in the past. Looking forward to seeing you all again!

Peace to all,
Wayne Caughman, President

**St. Paul United Church of Christ
& our church friends**

Vacation Bible School

June 29, 30 & July 1

Is Your Life In The Desert?

**Register on Google forms
before June 15th**

<https://forms.gle/QVgkkDBgBfBoWmK77>

**Packets picked up prior
Music & Videos on YouTube
Two live Zoom sessions a day**

Questions?

**Craig Bielle-Dir of Faith Formation & Care
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Dear St. Paul Friends,

Since the middle of March, most of us have been primarily staying close to home due to the COVID-19 pandemic. For some of you, this season has been trying for your spirits. Like many in Scriptures, all of us in one way or another feel like we have been in exile as well.

As our communities begin to slowly open, many may be wondering how St. Paul UCC may be visioning a building reopening plan in the coming weeks or months. So far, our Regathering Team has met virtually on two occasions. Mimi Llamas and Dave Hoffmann are the co-chairs of the team. Others who are part of the team include Pastor Michelle, Wayne Caughman (council president), Jan Friedrich, Patrick Kinney, Dana Rosenzweig, Craig Bielke, Dr. Bill Wade, John Posth, Stephenie Bauza, Tina LakeHopper, and Rachel Budko.

Our team has been reading many articles regarding the safety of churches in the time of COVID-19. We are examining the recommendations of the Illinois South Conference as well as other thorough documents on the safety of worship, keeping in mind the guidelines of the region/state and the data from the Greater St. Louis Metropolitan Area and the Metro East.

Many of the articles that we have read recognize that worship services are considered some of the highest risk situations, and the risk increases with singing and being indoors. Finding solutions on how to hold meaningful worship while still keeping all attending safe is not a light task. Yet deep practical and theological conversations emerge from our meetings. We know that worship may seem quite different when we regather in person, but through gradual steps, we are seeing concrete plans taking shape. Our goal is to craft a solid plan before creating a definitive timetable, including the best times and ways to gather in person for meetings and other events.

There is much we still do not know about the COVID-19 as it is a novel, or new, virus to humans. Acknowledging this as part of the process means trial and error as we make progress, taking steps forward and maybe a few back or sideways, knowing that we are still moving in the direction of being together. We know that God's grace is with us in this process.

In the meantime, we continue to hold worship in a variety of platforms. Not only can you listen to worship on Jubilee 690 AM on Sundays at 9am and 9pm, but you can also watch the services on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stpauluccbelleville/> as well as on our website StPaulUCC.org. You can participate in Zoom Fellowship Time on Wednesdays at 5pm or Sundays at 10am, and most days, Pastor Michelle connects with congregants on Facebook Live. For more information, contact the church at (618) 233-3303. The church can put you in touch with us. You can also reach out to us at the following:

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Mimi: mimillamas221@aol.com (618) 616-2148

Pastor Michelle: pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org

Wayne: waynecaug@yahoo.com

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PROPERTY UPDATE

Hello from Quarantine!

Hope all are well and managing to maneuver this crazy time! Just wanted to let you all know that the church is still there, and running smoothly, it is just absent of all of the normal staff and your familiar faces around!

We have had Pat Kinney and Kyle at the church doing a good deal of things that don't require them being next to each other and respecting proper social distance requirements. They have been putting a much needed fresh coat of paint on the main and lower level corridors. They are working on the landscaping and did a spring clean-up of the leaves and winter debris.

Pat has been working on prepping and painting the exterior side of the wooden Heritage Hall doors that are on "B" street. You should drive by when you are out to see the work in progress!

They are also working tirelessly removing the vent filters throughout the entire facility, power-washing them and sanitizing them so that the church will be ready to go when we get the ok to return.

We were able to cut back on the trash pick up, and the use of the utilities, so that has helped a great deal with managing our monthly expenses.

Thanks to a great effort from our staff, we will be ready and waiting for everyone's safe return. Hope to see you all soon!

Sincerely,

Laura Strohm Armstrong
Property Team Leader

Continued from page 6 If you have questions about technology, please give us a call - we have people willing to help connect you to the internet! We thank everyone who has continued their pledges and offerings during this time away from the church building and participated in the many meetings we have hosted on Zoom!

We recognize that our congregants communicate in many different ways. We are committed to keeping you informed on our progress through various communication means, including the OSP, Facebook, our website, and our email updates.

Like the Israelites during the Babylonian Exile, we too have much hope. We know gathering at the St. Paul UCC building will be happening again. And we look forward to the day when we can congregate safely, valuing the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of all.

Blessings,

Dave Hoffmann, Regathering Team Co-Chair
Mimi Llamas, Regathering Team Co-Chair
Wayne Caughman, President, St. Paul UCC Church Council
Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5pm St Paul Zoom Social	4 6pm QPR Zoom (see ad in OSP for registration)	5	6
7 9am Virtual Worship With Communion 10am St Paul Zoom Social	8	9	10 5pm St Paul Zoom Social	11	12	13
14 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social	15	16	17 5pm St Paul Zoom Social	18	19	20
21 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social	22	23	24 5pm St Paul Zoom Social	25	26	27
28 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social	29 VIRTUAL VBS	30 VIRTUAL VBS	July 1 VIRTUAL VBS			



Get your St. Paul Fashionable Masks -
while supplies last!!!

Tuesday (6/2) & Thursday (6/4) from 11am - 1pm
at the Welcome Center door/drive through
for \$10 each

Get one for each member of your family!

If these times don't work for you, please contact Stephenie B at bauzas@stpaulucc.org.



Question Persuade Refer

An opportunity for anyone who wants to learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, how to question, persuade, and refer someone to seek help.

**Please join us on Zoom
Thursday, June 4, 2020
at 6pm**

The QPR program will be hosted by Diana Cuddeback, LCSW of Heartlinks Grief Center. Brought to you by The St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance.

Please email Dana Rosenzweig at Danar@stc708.org to register for this event.





St. Paul Mother's Day Out Program is 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.



Be on the **St Paul UCC Belleville** Team for the Annual Alzheimer's Walk at SWIC on Saturday, October 3rd and

You, too, can be part of one of these awesome pictures!

Our 2020 Team Goal is to raise \$2,000 for Alzheimer's Research. Be part of our team by:

1. Joining our team to walk on October 3rd... in person or spiritually.
2. Donating money personally and from your friends and family.
3. Sharing this opportunity for others to help via your social media.

Go to [2020 Walk to end Alzheimer's, Belleville, IL](#) to join and to donate. Thank you!
An activity of our *St. Paul With You* program.
Walk Team Leader: Susan Reife



Join our Team...

St Paul UCC Belleville

Saturday, October 3rd at SWIC

Walk with us in person
or in spirit.

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June Anniversaries

- 2 Karen & Robert O'Hara
- 4 Ellen & Michael Zimmerman
- 6 Linda & Larry Altmansberger
Donna & Jim Young
- 7 Sandy & Drew Kramer
- 9 Elise & Brett White
- 10 Bennie & Rev Herb Schafale
- 15 Sandra & Wesley Krummrich
- 17 Diane & Rick Drake
Karen & Alan Keuss
Jean & Michael Wagner
- 19 Carol & Fred Hotz
- 20 Jeanette & Elgee Phillips
Roxy & Terry Collins
- 21 Joyce & James Bevirt
- 22 Amy & Ryan Florek
- 23 Jeri & Duane Hausmann
- 30 Kathy & Craig Liddy



June Birthdays

- 1 Keighly Clayton
- 2 Barbara Olson
Susan Reeble
- 3 Rusty Wagner
- 4 Debra Hailstone
- 5 Dawson Anderson
- 6 Ann Holiday
- 7 Viola Nettleton
- 9 Donna Anna
- 10 Pete Kobernus
- 13 Skylar Anderson
- 15 Joyce Bevirt
Louise Joergens
- 16 Rob Naylor
- 17 Logan Anderson
Jessica Poirot
Catherine Richardson
Mona Scheibel
- 20 Hayden Quandt
- 21 Marie Bade
Nancy Beasley
- 22 Amber Flach
Neal Holiday
- 23 Kristine Vineyard
- 29 Karen Zabar
- 30 Norma Franke

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 Marilee Black

Kent Black

IMO Al Wunderlich

Clarence Wolf

IMO Edward Pelc

Barb Cornell
 Judy Castiller & Odell
 McCollough
 Carolyn & Perl Hazelip
 Darwin & Mary Lu Bretsch
 Dolly Kirsch
 Ruth Klingel
 Eileen Peter
 David & Dolores Matzenbacher
 Richard & Jeanne Shelton
 Joan Wiegreffe
 Sam & Susan Sivewright
 Evelyn Fritz
 Brad & Leslie Pelc
 Gwyneth Thomas
 Dorothy & Gordon Maiworm
 Barbara Uhrig
 Jeannine & Spencer Waldron
 Cheryl Cooper
 Gay Eckert
 Stephenie Bauza
 Paul & Sue Sutherland
 Richard & Marsha Rohr
 Lynn Koehler
 Rusty & Sandy Wagner
 Jane Bonaldi
 Donna Davis
 Clarence Wolf
 Bev Juenger
 (Radio)
 Terry & Synthia Kalinowski

(Pew Fund)

Carole Goers

IMO Ken Sindel

Lynn Koehler
 St Paul Fireside Club
 Rusty & Sandy Wagner
 Vera Juenger
 Jane Bonaldi
 Donna Davis
 Paul & Sue Sutherland
 Dave & Sue Hoffmann
 Pam Walton
 Clarence Wolf
 Bev Juenger

(Food Pantry)

Dottie Engelsdorfer

(Radio)

Pearl Spies
 Dolly Kirsch
 James & Sheila (Boos)
 Fritze & family
 Scott & Lana Gentry

IMO Richard Krummrich

Donna Davis
 Cathryn Hamm
 Lynn Koehler

(Food Pantry)

Dottie Engelsdorfer

IMO Marlene Engler

Paul & Sue Sutherland

IMO Art Schmidt

Donna Davis

IHO Sonja Myland's

Mask Ministry

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

IMO Terry Hentze

Donna Kelly
 Dan & Laura Nollman
 David Habermehl

IMO Elmer Humphries

Dennis Humphries
 Paul & Sue Sutherland
 Robert & Merlinda Kirchgessner
 Stephen & Mary Trautt
 Judith McLeod

IMO Louise Voegtle

Paul & Sue Sutherland

IHO Pastor Michelle

(Food Pantry)

Dave & Sue Hoffmann

IHO Sue Hoffmann & her gift of Cornhole Bags

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Apr 2020

Apr 2019

Online Services All Gifts: \$48,700.70 Attendance: 495 All Gifts: \$53,590.27

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

Revenues	<u>2020 Final Budget</u>	<u>2020 Apr Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$411,574.22	\$41,951.00	\$143,611.61	34.89%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$111,535.00	\$7.50	\$42,014.00	37.67%
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	\$800.00	\$2,400.00	25.00%
Building Fund	\$24,500.00	\$1,902.00	\$8,107.00	33.09%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	\$2,395.00	\$10,399.00	N/A
Memorials	\$13,000.00	\$945.00	\$2,462.00	18.94%
Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Building Income	\$11,000.00	\$331.00	\$2,381.00	21.65%
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,500.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	6.67%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$10,620.00	\$0.00	\$11,360.00	106.97%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$60,000.00	\$50,361.28	\$50,361.28	83.94%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$27,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other Income	\$6,500.00	\$67,318.67	\$67,633.64	1040.52%
Total Operating Revenues	\$689,929.22	\$166,111.45	\$340,929.53	49.42%
Team Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$213.03	\$7,429.72	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
Per End Donations (included in Property total exp)			\$0.00	
Grand Total	\$709,929.22	\$166,324.48	\$348,359.25	49.07%
Expenses	*\$650 MDO recvd	& refunded plus	\$200 recvd for paint	
Personnel	(\$342,588.22)	(27,415.34)	(106,947.03)	31.22%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(45,550.00)	(2,456.68)	(16,149.81)	35.46%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(15,100.00)	(631.99)	(6,069.23)	40.19%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(2,500.00)	0.00	(270.38)	10.82%
Stewardship	(1,600.00)	0.00	(223.25)	13.95%
Property	(179,081.00)	(9,200.80)	(53,556.63)	29.91%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(11,975.00)	(171.30)	(3,081.53)	25.73%
MDO	(111,535.00)	(9,932.71)	(42,435.53)	38.05%
General Fund		0.00	(160.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(709,929.22)	(49,808.82)	(228,893.06)	32.24%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		116,515.66	119,446.19	

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Weekly events

<u>Sundays</u>	9am Worship - online 10am Zoom Social Hour
<u>Wednesdays</u>	5pm Zoom Social Hour

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org
or call 233-3303 /580-4440
Thank you!

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul!!

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACEBOOK -**

Like us at *St. Paul United Church
of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to stpaulucc.org**

- and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**

9am Live Sundays& repeat at 9pm

4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**

Call the church office or
email tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org

Praying for your health and well-being!