



Be strong
and take heart,
All who hope
in the Lord.

Psalm 31:25

Our St. Paul

Aug 2020



YOUR St. Paul Team

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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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Pastor's Message

What's in a Name?

I've heard a common question recently: what is my name now that I'm married? A few years ago, even before I met Aaron, I decided that I was going to keep my last name.

While there are a few reasons why I decided this a while back, the top reason was my grandfather. They decided to separate him from his siblings to ensure the last name "Torigian" would live on. Even though my grandfather, his brother, and his sister survived, I am the last person of the last generation in my family to have the last name "Torigian." To me, it represents a family who survived a genocide and the resilience that endured.

(For the record, Aaron has a wonderful last name too. It's Coleman.)

I've seen how many of my friends and many of you have made a variety of choices when it comes to choosing names. I've seen my female friends take their spouse's name in order to have a "team name" for the family and others who have decided to hyphenate to represent their past and future. I've noticed some clergy couples choose to hyphenate last names so that both members of the couple have both last names. Both my mom and my sister have retained their maiden names as one of their middle names. And I have some friends who have combined last names into one new name for the family.

Choosing a name and renaming goes beyond just marriage. I have friends who changed their name because it no longer fit who they were. I have transgender and gender non-binary friends who change their name to reflect the person God has always known them to be. I have friends who will often choose to switch back to their birth last name once they get divorced and others who keep their married last name upon divorce because it matches their childrens' names.

Naming is a holy process. In Genesis 2, God gave humans the task of naming the animals. Through names, God calls Abraham and Sarah, Jacob (Israel), and Paul into new phases of their lives. Without a doubt, most of you have pondered names - either your own or when you were having children. You wanted your child to have a name that meant something honorable to your family.

Whatever names we decide for ourselves, for children, and for our family, it's often a process full of prayerful reflection - one in which we embrace what God is calling each of us to do and one which reflects our identity with God.

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle
(Still the Rev. Michelle L. Torigian)

From The President's Corner

Welcome to August! Our weather for July has ended up being quite hot and humid. But hopefully, August will see a cool down as the days slowly get shorter and the nights longer. With this in mind, I hope my third letter as council president still finds you all still doing well as we all continue to combat this coronavirus disease that knows no bounds. We can't be too careful or let our guard down for a moment as evidenced by a resurgence of new cases in our area. Of course, one more case of the virus or another death is one too many.

As you all know, we continue to operate the church, albeit in a different manner, that before the pandemic hit us all. We meet and conduct our church business on a regular basis through our established Teams, the Executive Council and the Council itself using our virtual mediums. However, this takes a concerted and vigorous effort on the part of many of our members and our wonderful supportive church staff whom do what is needed for our church without hesitation. No better evidence of that is the group starting with Pastor Michelle, that continues to produce our Sunday virtual services, our Zoom sessions and meetings and the many other things we all enjoy through that medium. Continued thanks also to Dr. Bill Wade and John Posth and our church choir who put in several hours each week to produce our wonderful music that we all enjoy each Sunday morning.

Our church Regathering Team under the excellent leadership of Mimi Llamas and Dave Hoffmann, continues to be very active and meets regularly in addressing all of the issues we need to consider as we diligently plan for opening our church again. Our team has excellent members who are willing to devote their time and talents to help as we all wrestle with some tough decisions on reopening with safety being at the foremost. And I hope you were able all to join us in the first step in this reopening process at the First Street Summer Worship. The first of these outdoor church services was held on July 12th in front of the Welcome Center. Due to the heat and excessive sun that day, a recommendation was made to relocate future services to a section of 1st Street between B and C Streets. The first of these services at that location was postponed by the excessive heat and humidity as well as a round of severe storms that came through the area. Hopefully you all can make one of outdoor services. You can continue to rest assured that the entire regathering team is working deliberately to make our facility and you all as safe as possible for both the outdoor services as well as when we do return to our sanctuary.

I also want to mention that our church office reopening which began on Monday, July 6th has worked out quite well for everyone. Entry is only through the office doors on the B Street side. Please call the church office before you arrive. And don't forget your mask!

As mentioned before, one of our beloved stained glass windows in Heritage Hall was broken in four places in May. We had it repaired by a company that we've used in the past for stained glass work both in the sanctuary and in Heritage Hall. The outpouring of financial support by our members and others to help pay for these repairs was over the top! Thanks to one and all for your generosity!

Enough being said but even with the unusual times we all find ourselves in, you can rest assured that we're trying not to miss a beat continuing with the spiritual life and doing the business of the congregation in fashion similar as can be to what we've known in the past.

Peace to all,
Wayne Caughman, President

A letter from Mother's Day Out

July 27, 2020

Dear MDO Families:

I wanted to reach out to provide an update on the St. Paul Mother's Day Out program. Over the last several weeks the MDO re-opening team has met several times to discuss our plans for the upcoming school year. At our last meeting this past week, we made the difficult decision to postpone our reopening until January 2021. This was an extremely difficult decision for St. Paul Mother's Day Out, but in light of these unprecedented events we feel that this is the best decision for our children and families.

Unfortunately, Covid-19 cases are on the rise in our community. Our primary focus is the safety and health of our children and families, teachers and staff. With continued concerns over sanitization and controlling the spread of infection, and our ability to obtain the recommended supplies to ensure the safety of everyone, we know that this is the best decision for MDO at this time. Current CDC guidelines recommend that all individuals wear masks when indoors, or outdoors when not able to maintain social distancing and we understand the difficulties in administering these types of guidelines for children in our age groups at St. Paul's Mother's Day Out.

In addition to these concerns, we have had a significant drop in registration due to concerns over Covid-19. Our permanent helpers have also been impacted by some school districts hybrid learning schedules and remote learning and our staff has also been impacted by these decisions.

St. Paul's Mother's Day Out will reevaluate the schedule with the reopening team in mid-October. Our plan is to notify families about reopening no later than November 10th. I want to thank all of you in advance for your patience and understanding.

For those Families that have already paid tuition for the upcoming school year, we wanted to provide several options for your current tuition fees:

St. Paul's Mother's Day Out can hold your tuition and apply it towards reopening

We can refund any tuition that has been paid

You can donate any tuition that has been paid toward MDO special projects to fund capital improvements and program updates

If we do not reopen for the 2020-2021 school year we will refund any registration fees and or tuition that has been paid for the school year or you may apply to the following school year.

During this time, we plan to continue to interact with our families and children and make improvements to the program. Please know that this is a decision that we did not take lightly and our number one priority is keeping our children and families safe and healthy. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at anytime.

Rachel Budko
Director MDO

A Letter from Your Regathering Team

Dear St. Paul Friends,

Since our last update, our Regathering Team has met numerous times to discuss the decisions which have been made and look ahead with much hope. Our goal was first to craft a solid plan, which we believe we have accomplished based on safety guidelines for congregations. These processes are extremely similar to what our neighboring churches have set up for their congregations as well. Early in July, our Regathering Team and volunteer ushers created a video to introduce our congregants and visitors to the new processes of indoor worship during this stage of COVID-19. Please visit our website stpaulucc.org to view the video.

As there has been a regional spike in the numbers of cases in recent days, we are now meeting weekly to talk about how to best be the church in this particular phase. We are wrestling with the timing of our regathering inside the sanctuary for worship. This is where our congregation's opinions matter. You will be asked to answer survey questions on attending worship in our sanctuary. Some will be contacted through email and others through phone calls. We ask that you take time to answer these questions with your honest views.

Our outdoor Sunday evening service, which began on July 12, has been a wonderful way to bring together our congregants. By moving the service to First Street, we are able to receive the best shade that summer has to offer, and this makes the experience much cooler than worship in our parking lot. We will now be hosting this outdoor worship service until at least August 30, and we thank our Worship Team, staff, and volunteer musicians for providing a service that can connect us to one another and God.

We will continue to stream worship - both Sunday morning and Sunday evening services - on Facebook Live which you can find at <https://www.facebook.com/stpauluccbelleville>. The services will be made available on YouTube and through our website stpaulucc.org. As always,

the Sunday morning worship service will be available on Jubilee 690AM at 9am and 9pm on Sundays.

Due to a variety of factors including safety and financial viability, our Mother's Day Out (MDO) program will not resume in the Fall 2020. The earliest that the program will reopen is January 2021. The special MDO Reopening Team will meet again in mid-October to begin discussing the possibility of beginning the program in ways that are healthy for the children, their families, our staff, and the entire church. Please read MDO Director Rachel Budko's letter that is in this month's OSP. (page 5)

Thank you to everyone who has continued their offerings during this season and all who have participated in the many virtual meetings and gatherings we have hosted on Zoom! We still host Zoom Fellowship on Sundays from 10-11am and will be resuming Wednesday Zoom Social Hour from 5-6pm each week.

Just as we mentioned in the first letter to you, 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.

Please feel free to reach out to any or all of us with questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing your thoughts on the survey and pray that we can faithfully follow God's intentions for St. Paul UCC during this season of our congregation's life.

Blessings,

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Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor - pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org



Sun	Mon	Tue
2 9am Virtual Worship With Communion 10am St Paul Zoom Social 6pm 1st Street Worship	3	4
9 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social 6pm 1st Street Worship	10	11
16 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social 6pm 1st Street Worship	17	18
23 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social 6pm 1st Street Worship 30 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social	24 31	25

Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
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5 5pm St Paul Zoom Social		6		7		8	
12 5pm St Paul Zoom Social		13		14		15	
19 5pm St Paul Zoom Social		20		21		22	
26 5pm St Paul Zoom Social		27		28		29	

First Street Summer Worship

Live Music with
John Posth and Dr. Bill Wade
with
special performances by

Carly Dahm

Sunday, Aug 2

and

Jillian & Chris Ritter

Sunday, Aug 9

6pm Sundays on First Street this Summer
Join us in person or on Facebook Live!

COME AND JOIN US FOR
FUN & RELAXING WORSHIP SERVICE
UNDER THE SHADE TREES OF FIRST STREET

First Street Summer Worship

formally Beach Blanket Worship

SUNDAYS
AT
6 PM

NOW
THROUGH
AUG 30



BRING A
CHAIR
WEAR YOUR
MASK
FRESH LIVE
MUSIC
EACH WEEK

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2019 St Paul UCC END ALZ Team



**You can be on the
Virtual St. Paul UCC Belleville Team
for the Annual Alzheimer's Walk
on Saturday, October 3rd**

This year might look a little different,
but the goal is the same --
to END ALZHEIMER'S

This year -

- ~join our team and send in your donation,
Team St Paul UCC Belleville!
- ~Get your friends & family to participate
via social media,
- ~ on Sat, Oct 3, take a pic of yourself walking
to END ALZ and send to your leader!

For questions, contact Susan Relfe
susanrelfe@att.net



Upper Room booklets
for August have arrived.
If you would like one, please contact Tina at
tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or
call the church office at 233-3303.

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

\$10 each

Get one for each member of your family!

Colors are:

Blue, Red, White & Black

Contact the church if you would like one!!





August Anniversaries

4	Gus & Sue Kuether
5	Charles & Jane Warren
7	Allen & Nancy Scharf
9	Michael & Linda Herrmann
15	Thomas & Linda Mentzer
18	Kenneth & Osceola Mueller
22	Walter & Sandy Ortmann
28	Wayne & Sandra Pfingsten
29	EJ & Jean Sporleder

August Birthdays

Amy Florek	1	Judith Harms	23
Edna Mae Schwarz	1	Jeanette Phillips	
Lebecca Peterson	2	Perl Hazelip	24
Doris Taylor		Tammy Flach	25
Dylan Cyphers	3	Doris Steiner	
Kullen Hausmann		Joan Sackmann	
Sandy Ritter		Diane Drake	27
Hayley Bohanan	4	David Wagner	
Sandy Frerking		Diana Haar	28
Diana Krick		Pam Nicholson	
Janet Noble		Presley Perkins	
Craig Liddy	5	June Weber	29
Eileen Peter		Karen Kuess	31
Roscoe "Mac" McCoy	6	Jay Naylor	
Lynn Bradley	8		
Bobbie Smith			
Terry Collins	10		
Laureen Torigian			
Riley Worthen			
Gayle Wren			
Lynwood Mueller	11		
Kenneth Mueller	13		
Gerald Hough	15		
Judith Voyles	16		
Lee-Alison Wilson			
Helen Whicher	18		
Lynn Koehler	20		
Judi Keplar	22		
Ken Nettleton			



Prayer List

The Family of
 Nancy Jo Mitchell, Christopher Mitchell's mom
 Christopher Clark, Beverly Clark's son
 Mary Ann & Joe Gain, Tammy Flach's parents
 Lynn Koehler Marsha McCoy
 Kenneth Oesterle Billy Ruth Pelc
 Darwin Novak, Lou Ann Niemann's brother
 Rick Reeble, son of Sue & Larry Reeble
 Tim Ritter Joan Sackmann

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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 Ken Sindel

Diane & Rick Drake

IMO Cordelia Neff

Donna Davis
 Kerber, Eck, & Braeckel LLP
 Elizabeth Cerulli
 Diane C. Mueth
 Faye Weis

IMO Pastor John Trnka

Donna Davis
 Kris & Lynwood Mueller
 Paul & Sue Sutherland
 Janet Noble
 (Heritage Hall)
 Dick & Ruth Ann Erdmann

IMO Rosemary Henke

Alec & Karen Zaber
 Faye Weiss

Gaye Eckert

Sheri Ohlendorf
 Dan & Laura Nollman
 Donna Davis

(MDO)

Michael & Jacqueline Hostetter
 Deborah & Terry Meyer

IMO Nancy Jo Mitchell

Donna Davis

IHO of Eileen Peter's Birthday

Bobbie Smith

IHO Jeanette Phillip's Birthday

Bobbie Smith

IHO & IMO Mary Anne Walton's Birthday

Larry Walton

IHO of Marilyn Dinkelmann's Birthday

Edna Mae Schwarz

IHO Don Bayer's Birthday

Edna Mae Schwarz

IHO Vi Nettleton's Birthday

Edna Mae Schwarz

IHO Michelle & Aaron

Donna Davis

IHO/IMO of my husband

Paul Bauza
On 8/29/20 on what would have
been our 50th Wedding
Anniversary
 Stephenie Bauza

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

June 2020

Online Services All Gifts: \$46,608.36 Attendance: 624 All Gifts: \$52,502.04

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

June 2019

Revenues	<u>2020 Final Budget</u>	<u>2020 June Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$411,574.22	\$32,208.00	\$203,682.61	49.49%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$111,535.00	\$348.75	\$43,256.75	38.78%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	\$1,334.00	\$1,678.00	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	\$835.00	\$910.00	30.33%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$4,800.00	50.00%
Building Fund	\$24,500.00	\$5,446.00	\$14,758.00	60.24%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	\$3,155.00	\$17,214.00	N/A
Memorials	\$13,000.00	\$575.00	\$3,872.00	29.78%
Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Building Income	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,381.00	21.65%
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	10.00%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	(\$100.00)	\$0.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$10,620.00	\$0.00	\$11,360.00	106.97%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,361.28	83.94%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$27,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Other Income	\$6,500.00	\$0.00	\$67,641.90	1040.64%
Total Operating Revenues	\$689,929.22	\$45,401.75	\$422,065.54	61.18%
Team Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$969.36	\$8,434.58	
Pew End Donations (included in Property total exp)			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			\$1,690.00	
Grand Total	\$709,929.22	\$48,061.11	\$422,065.54	60.64%
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$342,588.22)	(27,706.04)	(161,481.11)	47.14%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(45,550.00)	(2,438.96)	(21,108.27)	46.34%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(15,100.00)	(15,025.00)	(24,239.58)	160.53%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(2,500.00)	0.00	(262.88)	10.52%
Stewardship	(1,600.00)	0.00	(375.25)	23.45%
Property	(179,081.00)	(6,850.90)	(68,128.71)	38.04%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(11,975.00)	0.00	(3,081.53)	25.73%
MDO	(111,535.00)	(638.66)	(49,960.96)	44.79%
General Fund		0.00	(160.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(709,929.22)	(52,659.56)	(328,797.96)	46.31%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		(4,598.45)	101,702.16	

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Weekly events

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

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Please send prayer requests to
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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!