

Our St. Paul

Sept 2020

Trust in the
Lord
with all your
heart

PROVERBS 3:5





YOUR St. Paul Team

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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**.

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Oct 2020	Sept 21	Sept 28

Pastor's Message

A few days ago, Jeanette Phillips brought to my attention something that was written in the history of our congregation. Rev. Pessel, the pastor at the time, wrote the following in a letter: "We had a terrible time here with the flu. People died like flies. One, two, three, or four funerals a day. Got at last tired of burying people. They were in their prime, no older people at all. Many children orphaned. Almost everyone was sick with the flu or pneumonia."

I can't imagine how exhausted Rev. Pessel was in 1918. Not only had World War I just ended, but the epidemic of the Spanish Flu was picking up. My heart goes out to this former pastor of our congregation. To experience your congregants getting sick and many younger congregants dying would have been heartbreaking.

I imagine that all of us are experiencing a sense of this exhaustion in 2020. While we are blessed with technology like the internet, better access to phones, and the ability to continue connection through email and social media, we still are abiding in an unprecedented time during our lives - something St. Paul and all of us haven't had to experience in 102 years. What we believed to be a two-week hiatus in March has ended up becoming a situation in which we are having many difficult conversations on how to safely co-exist with this virus in our communities. There is no doubt that all of us are exhausted in trying to navigate our current world and attempting to make the healthiest decision for all - whether in our families or workplaces. On top of all of this, some of you may have experienced this terrible virus, watched a family member get ill, or lost a loved one due to complications from COVID-19. Our prayers are with you as you face this illness directly.

The exhaustion in living in our current world is real. We are all trying our best to live in this current realm, looking forward to moments that remind us of pre-COVID lives and getting back to a life that looks much like 2019. We are working to move forward while being very intentional about being safe. Our staff and volunteers have worked diligently and innovatively as possible to continue the ministry and mission of our congregation. As we have seen recently, we are dealing with the "whiplash" that comes with moving forward then needing to take a step back when the regional rate of infection increases.

We miss our old lives and the ease in which many daily activities came to us - everything and anything from figuring out how to safely go to the store to how to safely socialize with our friends.

What we must remember is that God is steadfast in bringing us the peace, wisdom, and support we need. When we feel this sense of exhaustion, our call is to take a few moments to look for God in our current situation. A scripture that I am holding very close to me during this time is Isaiah 40:31: "those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

There is no doubt in my mind that God was helping out Rev. Pessel in 1918 here at St. Paul UCC. God is guiding all of us, and God will see us through this time just like God did back 102 years ago.

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

From The President's Corner

Welcome to September! Our weather for August has ended up being somewhat hot and humid with some wonderfully cool and dry days and nights mixed in. As we start this new month, hopefully, we'll see a continued cool down as the days slowly get shorter and the nights longer. With this in mind, I hope my fourth 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 recent resurgence of new cases in our area with a resulting tightening of the restrictions in our area to further protect us all.

As you may all know, we're still meeting and conducting our church activities 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 who does what is needed for our church without hesitation. No better evidence of that is the Worship Group starting with Pastor Michelle, that continues to produce our Sunday virtual services, our Zoom fellowship hours 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. I also know that the members of the choir who are in the Bell group are now practicing faithfully every week for the day when they again can perform for us inside the sanctuary.

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 inside sanctuary service again. Our team has 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. I know frustration sets in as they set new dates for reopening in our sanctuary and then for one reason or another they have to cancel those dates. However, on a bright note, our outdoor services have been quite successful except for some unwanted weather intrusions.

We plan to continue those beginning at 6 PM on 1st Street through the end of September. We follow all of the rules outside to protect us from the virus including masks and social distancing. Hopefully you all can make one of outdoor services as everyone seems to enjoy them. You can rest assured that the entire regathering team continues to work deliberately to make our facility and you all as safe as possible for both the outdoor services as well as when we do eventually return to our sanctuary.

I also want to mention that our church office reopening has worked out quite well for everyone. If you have business that requires you to come to the church, please enter through the office doors on the B Street side. If you can, please call the church office before arrival so they will be expecting you. And don't forget your mask! You will be signed in and have your temperature checked.

I did want to mention that the restoration effort for Heritage Hall is now complete. I can't say enough about the outstanding effort that Dave Hoffmann and Roger Harris did in leading this effort and the willingness by all of the volunteers to help where needed. And last but not least, this could not have been done without the outpouring of generosity by so many of you but most especially Jerry Messick. Heritage Hall will serve as an excellent venue for many social and other events that all can enjoy once we're back inside our church. When the opportunity allows and we get back inside, stop by, take a look at Heritage Hall and enjoy the wonderful and magnificent handiwork of so many.

A Letter from Your Regathering Team

As most of you know, the rate of infections have increased in this area of Illinois, and new restrictions have been established to reduce the number of infections. Due to the new restrictions placed on the region this week, we will not be holding in-person worship in the sanctuary until further notice. We will continue to monitor the guidelines regarding COVID-19 and will keep you posted on our return to the sanctuary.

Last week, we sent out a letter detailing how we will hold worship services in the sanctuary. While the date of our initial in-person worship is no longer valid, the guidelines will remain the same when we return to the sanctuary for in-person worship. While the guidelines may seem overwhelming, from our research, we know this is the safest way for us to hold worship in the sanctuary. And while it may be different for the time being, having modified worship in the sanctuary with guidelines will still afford us the opportunity to worship together in a space that we love. We are looking forward to the day - hopefully in the near future - in which we can be in this space together to share our love of God.

We will continue to hold the First Street outdoor worship service on Sunday nights at 6pm. The six (6)-foot distance between households is necessary; please sit where the X's are marked on First Street. And as always, bring a chair and wear your mask as we worship together under God's beautiful creation!

We apologize for the inconvenience of having to take the steps backwards due to new guidelines and thank you for your flexibility, friends. This is a time like no other, and we will continue to look forward with hope and anticipation to worshipping together in the sanctuary again.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Blessings,
Dave Hoffmann ([email](#))
Mimi Llamas ([email](#))
Wayne Caughman ([email](#))
Rev. Michelle Torigian ([email](#))



Sun	Mon	Tue
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6 9am Virtual Worship With Communion 10am St Paul Zoom Social 6pm 1st Street Worship	7	8
13 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social 6pm 1st Street Worship	14	15
20 9am Virtual Worship 10am St Paul Zoom Social 6pm 1st Street Worship	21	22
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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
susanrelef@att.net

Book Club

So You Want to Talk About Race

Chapters 7-10

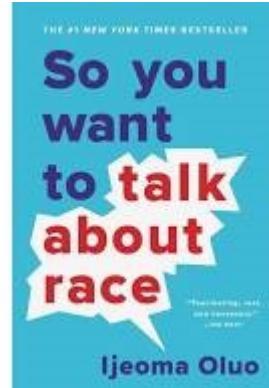
Sunday, Sept 13 11:30am on Zoom

Zoom Meeting Online

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/8676056534](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8676056534)

Meeting ID:
867 605 6534

Join by Phone
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)





September
Anniversarys

- 4 Larry & Sue Reeble
8 Wayne & Janet Kniepkamp
13 Rob & Carrie Naylor
14 Richard & Vickie Dziaba
15 Alan & Sue Joellenbeck
17 Matthew & Lisa Smith
19 Greg & Renee Seaman
25 Mark & Laura Poirot
Derrick & Alison Collier
26 Ronald & Janice Meyer



September Birthdays

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| 1 Laine Hausmann | 18 Roxy Collins |
| 2 Christopher Price | Kathleen Liddy |
| 3 Susan Relfe | Janice Smith-Walta |
| 4 Karen Boeschen | 19 John Hartman |
| 5 Sharen Guthrie | 22 William Enyart |
| 6 Henry Keck, Jr. | 24 Erlene Seelman |
| 7 Wayne Kniepkamp | 25 Jeffrey Dinkelmann |
| 8 Steven Flach | 26 Vicki Keck |
| 9 Debbie Price | Colette Smith |
| 10 James Hughes | Nicholas Vokes |
| 11 Jack Olsen | 27 Doris O'Connor |
| 12 Avery White | 28 Kirk Weilmuenster |
| 13 Ashley Hoeft | 29 Jan Bolding |
| 14 Linda Mentzer | Sandra Pfingsten |
| 15 Nancy Wagner | Michael Pierce |
| 16 Tyler Dunlap | Dawn Steen |
| 17 Beverly Brightwell | Bill Wade |
| 18 Rick Drake | 30 Logan Dunlap |
| 19 Delaney Loving | Emily Redden |
| 20 Sidnie Spargur | Susan Sutherland |
| 21 Carol Simon | |
| 22 Alissa Trickey | |
| 23 Danielle Wolf | |
| 24 JoAnn Oesterle | |
| 25 Elise White | |
| 26 Luci Bradley | |
| 27 Edie Elliott | |

Prayer List

The Family of Kenneth Oesterle

Christopher Clark, Beverly Clark's son

Mary Ann & Joe Gain, Tammy Flach's parents

Lynn Koehler Marsha McCoy

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

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

Bernie Limper

IMO Pastor John Trnka

Bernie Limper

IMO Rosemary Henke

Signal Hill School Staff

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

Timothy & Peggy

Naumann

Lynn & Luci Bradley

Pam Walton

Al & Nancy Scharf

Lynn Koehler

Bernie Limper

Sandy Ritter

Jan Noble

Bev Juenger

(Heritage Hall)

Diane & Rick Drake

(Radio)

Synthia & Terry

Kalinowski

IMO Harold Limper

Bernie Limper

IMO Al Wunderlich

Bernie Limper

IMO David Klingel & what would have been their 60th Wedding Anniversary on

8/28/20

Ruth Klingel

IMO Rosemary Henke

Mac & Marsha McCoy

IHO Helen Whicher's 91st Birthday

Lynn & Luci Bradley

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

July 2020 Attendance: 91 (Outside Services)

Online Services All Gifts: \$44,576.40

July 2019

All Gifts: \$67,724.57

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

NOTE: July 2019 included \$40,165 given towards the Heritage Hall project compared to only \$105 in 2020. So our offerings in 2020 without Heritage Hall are much higher.

Revenues	<u>2020 Final Budget</u>	<u>2020 July Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$411,574.22	\$30,762.00	\$234,444.61	56.96%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$111,535.00	\$2,345.00	\$45,601.75	40.89%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	\$127.94	\$1,805.94	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	\$2,458.00	\$3,368.00	112.27%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	\$800.00	\$5,600.00	58.33%
Building Fund	\$24,500.00	\$1,849.00	\$16,607.00	67.78%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	\$540.00	\$17,754.00	N/A
Memorials	\$13,000.00	\$1,545.00	\$5,417.00	41.67%
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	\$725.00	\$875.00	58.33%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$41,151.94	\$463,217.48	67.14%
Team Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$3,446.05	\$11,880.63	
Pew End Donations (included in Property total exp)			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint		1255.00	2,945.00	
Grand Total	\$709,929.22	\$44,597.99	\$475,098.11	66.92%
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$342,588.22)	(24,595.42)	(186,076.53)	54.31%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(45,550.00)	(2,774.73)	(23,883.00)	52.43%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(15,100.00)	(320.37)	(24,559.95)	162.65%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(2,500.00)	0.00	(262.88)	10.52%
Stewardship	(1,600.00)	(151.01)	(526.26)	32.89%
Property	(179,081.00)	(13,133.93)	(81,262.64)	45.38%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(11,975.00)	(662.52)	(3,743.72)	31.26%
MDO	(111,535.00)	(888.22)	(50,849.18)	45.59%
General Fund		0.00	(160.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(709,929.22)	(42,526.20)	(371,324.16)	52.30%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		2,071.79	103,773.95	

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Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship - online
 10am Zoom Social Hour
 6pm First Street Summer Worship

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!

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

First Street Summer Worship

SUNDAYS
AT
6 PM

NOW
THROUGH
SEPT 27



BRING A CHAIR
WEAR YOUR MASK
FRESH LIVE MUSIC EACH WEEK
NO BATHROOM ACCESS

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