



Stewardship Month

Three Great Loves

Love of Neighbor - Love of Children - Love of Creation



Our St. Paul

Nov 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
 Rachel Budko, Director of Mother's Day Out
 Leah Beth Black, MDO Teacher
 Lindsey Davis, MDO Teacher
 Diana Haar, MDO Teacher
 Jennifer Hadley, MDO Teacher
 Amy LeGrand, MDO Teacher
 Lynn McCullough, MDO Teacher
 Nicole McCullough, MDO Teacher
 Kim Nunnally, MDO Teacher
 Laura Osborn, MDO Teacher

Church Office Contact Information:

618-233-3303

stpaulucc.org

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**.

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Dec 2020	Nov 18	Nov 23

Pastor's Message

Give Thanks in All Circumstances

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always. Give thanks in all circumstances. I'm sure I'm not the only one to feel this is a nearly impossible task sometimes, right? With so many issues going on in our individual lives and families as well as in the world, gratitude and praise often takes a back seat.

Maybe this is the moment for us to pause and breathe. Maybe this is the moment in which we are to refocus our minds from the hurry and anxiety of our world to offer God our praise for what we have and celebrate the beauty of love in our community and congregation.

I want to thank all of you who have been continuing your pledges and making additional gifts this year. I also want to thank each one of you who have been volunteering to make calls, dropping off items at people's houses, ushering at our services, and sending notes to congregants. Because of all that you've been doing, we are able to keep connected with one another and share God's love.

It's very easy to be grateful to be a part of St. Paul UCC. Our volunteers are ready and willing to jump right in when we ask for assistance on a project. Even in the midst of this unique time, we have so many people who are designing creative ways to reach out to our congregants and community.

So even though we may have to wear a mask for the foreseeable future and sit a few feet from one another, I still rejoice. Even though our church life has a different image in 2020 than in 2019 as we can't all be together at once, I give thanks that we are still being the church, still connecting with one another, and still finding ways to gather even with guidelines. This year has taught me that the resilience of the people of St. Paul UCC will withstand anything, and our ingenuity overflows.

Throughout this month and, especially on Thursday, November 26, I will remember the gifts that you continue to share with our church - from talents, time, and treasures. And I look forward to continuing to discover new ways of being church alongside all of you!

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

From The President's Corner

Welcome to November! As we start this new month, it's hard to realize that Thanksgiving is only four weeks or so away and the Christmas holidays and New Year's events are not far behind. I'm sure we'll see the continued cool weather turn to cold as the days continue getting shorter and the nights longer. With this in mind, I hope everyone continues to be safe and take all the precautions as we all together continue to combat this awful coronavirus disease.

As I have said before, we're still meeting and conducting most of our church activities and making our routine decisions in a large part 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 supportive church staff. No better evidence of that is the Worship Team starting with Pastor Michelle and Craig, as well as others 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. And thanks as well to all of those who work to produce the afternoon services.

On a continued bright note, our indoor services have been quite successful for those who have been able to attend. This is in spite of the capacity and other restrictions that the State imposes that we must adhere to. Our ushers continue to do an excellent job of insuring that members and others who are attending are as safe as possible while in the church. Thanks to them. I encourage all of you who are able to attend one of our Sunday morning services. The outside services staff led by Pastor Michelle and Craig, which are coming to a close, have been well received by our members and guests. There is preliminary discussion ongoing that we may continue that service in the sanctuary on into November and beyond. Stay tuned. You should be aware that we continue to follow all of the rules in our services to protect us from the virus including masks, social distancing and use of hand sanitizers among other measures. If you haven't been yet, hopefully you can make one of the afternoon services as everyone seems to enjoy them.

I also want to mention again that our church office reopening has worked out quite well for everyone. If you have business that requires you to visit 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 out and have your temperature checked.

I want to thank all the people who have worked so hard on our reopening plans for our Mother's Day Out program taking into consideration all of the virus concerns and precautions that must be addressed. Hopefully that program can open in January 2021 and be a success as it has been in past years.

As I continue to say each month, you can rest assured that with the coronavirus all round us, we're trying not to miss a beat continuing with the spiritual life and doing the business of the church and congregation in a fashion similar to what we've all known in the past. A continued thank you for all you do to support our church. Stay safe.

Peace to all,
Wayne Caughman, President

Update on Regathering

We have been holding in-person worship services in the sanctuary for the 9am service since the beginning of October. Our 4pm service will now be moved indoors beginning on November 8. Registration is needed for both services. We are following the current mitigations placed on Region 4. Each service will have a total of 25 people.

If you are interested in being an usher for either service, please contact Wayne Caughman.

We are putting together guidelines for small groups meeting in the church building. If you would like more information, please contact the church office.

Our hope for the future is not only to continue to evaluate needs in this time of COVID-19 but also to spend our energy finding creative ways to connect with our congregants and community.

Thank you for your patience and willingness to abide by the guidelines as we work to regather safely!

Pastor Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor
Wayne Caughman, Council President 2020
Dave Hoffmann, Regathering Co-Chair
Mimi Llamas, Regathering Co-Chair





Kindercottage

First round of donations were taken to Kindercottage on Monday by the Mission Team.

- 24 packs disinfecting wipes
- 5 hand sanitizer
- 2 hand soaps
- 5 bottles of bleach
- 105 sets of latex gloves
- 42 pairs of socks
- 17 face masks
- 29 undies
- 3 hats
- 2 pair of gloves
- 1 pair of pj's,
- toothpaste, brushes and tissues

& a check for \$525!

Want to help?



There is still TIME!
Here is how! →

Kindercottage needs:

Cleaning supplies,
Toddler size gloves,
hats, scarves,
socks, & undies

**See page 8 & 9
for more information**

*In loving memory of those
who have passed this year...*

Marie Bade
Walter Becker Jr
Gerry Boeschen
Mary "Mickey" Curtis
Ruth Ann Erwin
Henry "Joe" Gain
Anna May Gersch
Rosemary Henke
Terry Hentze
Elmer Robert Humphries
Betty Julien
Janice Candage King
Glenna Krick
Richard Krimmrich
Joanne Kurtz
Anna Margaret Mann
Dewayne McCoy
Marsha McCoy
Sally Medder

Margaret Miller
Nancy Jo Mitchell
Alice K. Mueller
Cordelia Neff
Kenneth Oesterle
Edward Lincoln Pelo
Dr. Emanuel Rashet
Robert Remick
Arthur Rhrin
Arthur Schmidt III
Kenneth Sindel
Rev. Dr. John Tinka
Margot Ann Uhrig
Louise Voegtle
Lucretia J. Walton
Albert Wunderlich
Robert "RB" Young
Theresa Yung





ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Franklin Neighborhood Association *Thanksgiving Baskets*

PLEASE DONATE TO THE FRANKLIN
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
THANKSGIVING BASKETS.
& HELP OTHERS HAVE A BLESSED HOLIDAY.
GIVE THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE.

115 WEST B STREET, BELLEVILLE 62220
WWW.STPAULUCC.ORG



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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

≡ Cleaning Supplies for Kindercottage ≡

Items Needed:
Cleaning supplies
such as: bleach,
clorox wipes, etc.

PPE : masks, gloves,
kids masks.

Bring to church drop boxes or call for 618-233-3303



**Toddler size
gloves, hats, scarves,
socks & undies collection
for**
Kindercottage

We will be collecting Toddler size gloves,
hats, scarves, socks, & undies for
Kindercottage. Please bring & place in boxes
at worship services or church office.
Donations also welcome. Thank you!

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50/50 TICKETS



DRAWING

NOV 20TH

DONATION

**\$1 EACH or
6 for \$5**

**FOR TICKETS: STPAULUCC.ORG & print
FACEBOOK / stpauluccbelleville & print
call the church office 233-3303**

**ALL TICKETS & DONATIONS MUST BE MAILED IN,
FILLED OUT & RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 20TH
115 West B Street, Belleville, IL 62220**

City of Belleville License Raffle Number #603005

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT ST PAUL UCC

LOVE Beloved,

Jesus calls us to share God's love. In the United Church of Christ, we respond to that call by embracing **Three Great Loves**.

What we do reflects the wisdom of scripture, "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God" (1 John 4:7). When acting in loving ways, the very spirit of God moves through us. Across our Christian movement, we embody God's love in three ways:

- **Love of Children**
- **Love of Neighbor**
- **Love of Creation**

The ways we share God's love in our congregation may not look the same as the ways another United Church of Christ congregation witnesses to God's love. Our priorities may differ. But we're united in a shared commitment to be God's hands and feet in making a more just world for all.

The work of our congregation to manifest God's love in the world can happen because of the generous financial and volunteer support of our members and friends. **Because of you, our church expresses God's love in our community.**

Please consider pledging to support our congregation. Your financial commitment will strengthen our congregation as a beloved community. With your help, we can show the world what love of children, love of neighbor, and love of creation looks like today. Together, we can answer Jesus' call to love.





November
Anniversaries

4 Lynn & Luci Bradley
28 Kary & Laura Sadler
Paul & Sue Sutherland

2 Janice Martin
Floyd Voyles
3 Ruth Klingel
Billie McLemore
Shirley Martin
Allan Stahl
5 Kaylee Bennett
6 Stephen Skelton
7 Ellen Bohnemeier
Beth Jacob
Synthia Kalinowski
William Mentzer
9 Benjamin Shepard

November
birthdays

10 Bette Rotert
12 Amy Drake
Ricky Morton
Sonia Myland
13 Kent Black
16 MaryAnn Gain
17 Natalie Seaman
18 James Thomas
19 Dorothy Maiworm
20 Tina Lake-Hopper
22 Jean Eckert
Betty Leppard
24 Grace Wolf

25 Jeanine Guthrie
26 Russell Hoffmann
Nathan Smith
Sydney Vokes
27 Jerry Messick
28 Sandra Kramer
29 Alvin Bettis
Joyce Maurer
30 Bob Harms
Allen Scharf
Diana Trickey



ST. PAUL UCC

Wed, Nov 25

DRIVE-THRU Communion

11am - 1pm

Welcome Center
entrance

Bring a canned good
item for the
Community Interfaith
Food Pantry

WEAR YOUR MASK

Rev. Dr. Donnley Dutcher, former associate pastor of St. Paul UCC, Belleville (1983-1986), has released the ebook *Listenings: A 365-Day Calendar of God Still Speaking to Our Lives* on Amazon Kindle.

The book's description states the following:

"Have you ever doubted if God really exists? Or God's forgiveness or love for you? Have you had any times of spiritual emptiness or despair? Have you ever prayed to God then waited to hear God speak back to you? In this book that begins with a pastor's compelling personal spiritual journey, you will learn how to discern the voice of God for yourself.

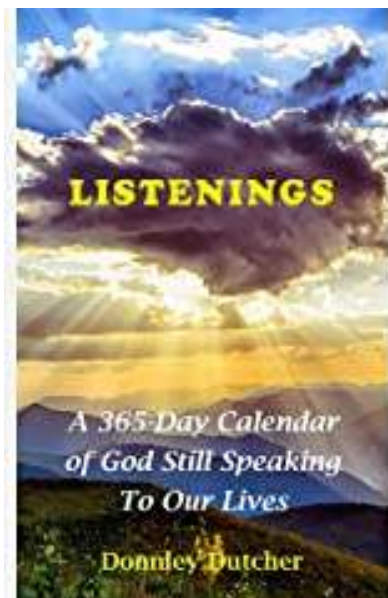
"Listenings: A 365-Day Calendar of God Still Speaking to Our Lives is a story of a pastor's spiritual emptiness and despair, his learning a new way to pray, and how to listen to God speak to him. He was gifted and moved by the spirit to write each of these meditations at the conclusion of deep, intense prayer. The 'listenings' are for your blessing, gifting, and enrichment, as you listen to God speaking directly to you through each of them."

In the book, Dutcher fondly recalls the New Year's Eve communion service at St. Paul UCC. From our conversation together, he remembers many of the people at this church and the transformative experiences at our congregation.

Pastor Michelle



Rev. Dr. Donnley Dutcher





Star Tree

The Star Tree will be happening this year!

We will have stars beginning the first week of Advent - Sunday, November 29th.

Gifts to be returned by Dec 15th.

If you are unable to come to church, we will have online options also.

Complete details will be in the Dec OSP.

St Paul United Church of Christ

What have you been doing to stay connected?

We would like to know!

Email
tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org
or call 233-3303



Prayer List

Christopher Clark, Beverly Clark's son
 Mary Ann Gain, Tammy Flach's mom
 Lynn Koehler Billy Ruth Pelc
 Shirley Martin
 Kara Novak, Lou Ann Niemann's sister in law
 Rick Reeble, son of Sue & Larry Reeble
 Tim Ritter Joan Sackmann

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
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 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 Al Wunderlich

(Radio)

Jan Friedrich

IMO Richard Krummrich

Janet Noble

IMO Pastor John Trnka

(Radio)

Jan Friedrich

IMO Rosemary Henke

(Radio)

Jan Friedrich

IMO Ken Oesterle

(Radio)

Jan Friedrich

IMO Arthur Rhein

Gay Eckert

IMO Anna May Gersch (bee Blum)

Robert Yung

Dolores Givannini

IMO Loretta Jane Walton

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Larry Walton

IMO Gerry Boeschen

Karen Boeschen

IHO Ken Frazier & MecKendree U

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Jim Forrler

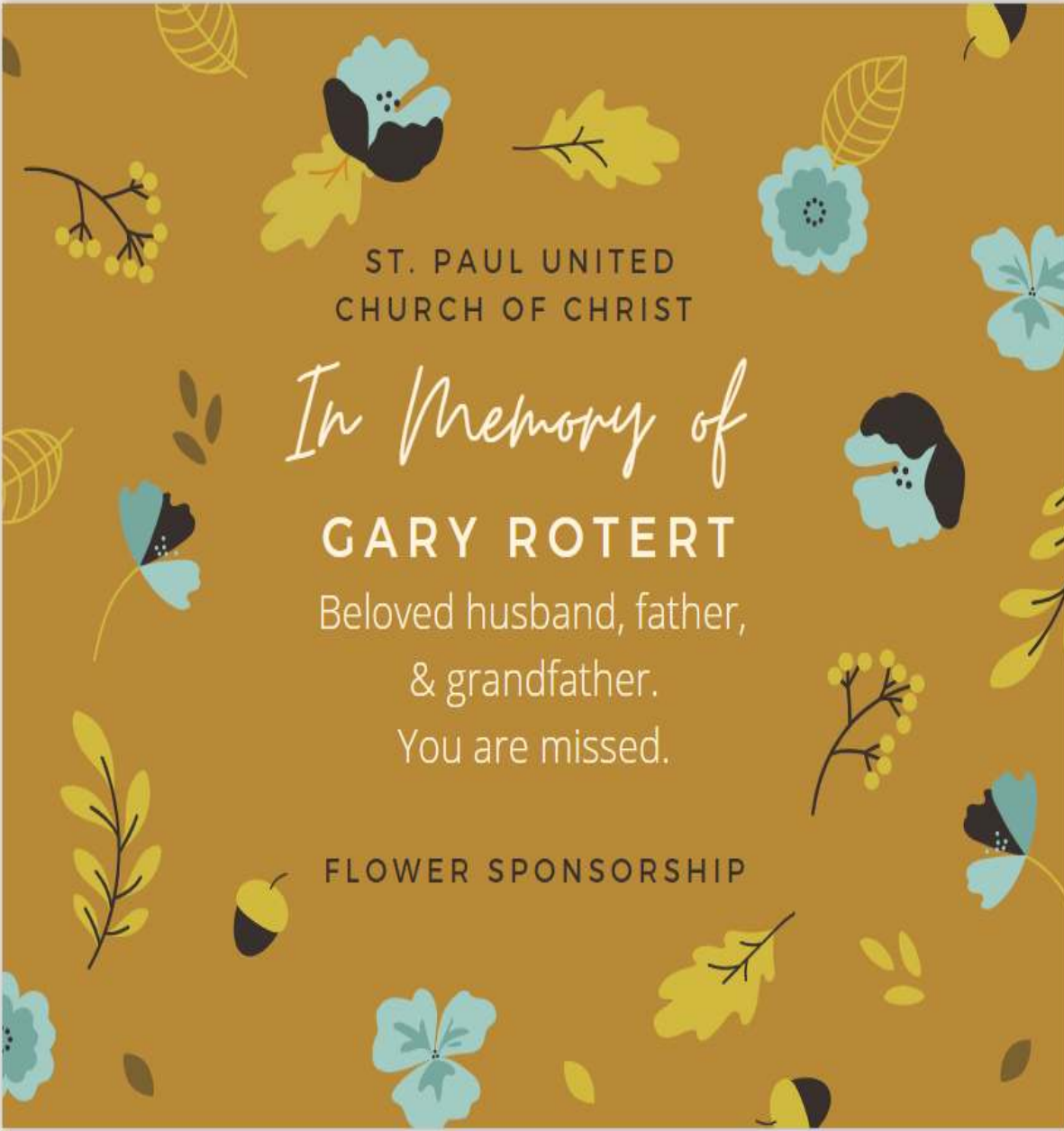
ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Sept 2020 Attendance: 186 (Outside Services)	Sept 2019 694
Online Services All Gifts: \$34,281.43 (4 Sundays)	All Gifts: \$28,140.65 (5 Sundays)
Gifts exclude MDO revenue and endowment distributions, but does include investment income.	

Revenues	<u>2020 Final Budget</u>	<u>2020 Sept Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$411,574.22	\$22,146.00	\$279,272.61	67.85%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$111,535.00	\$2,723.75	\$47,565.50	42.65%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	\$18.00	\$1,793.94	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	\$10.00	\$2,369.00	78.97%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	\$800.00	\$7,275.00	75.78%
Building Fund	\$24,500.00	\$1,025.00	\$18,985.00	77.49%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	\$1,705.00	\$21,484.00	N/A
Memorials	\$13,000.00	\$2,056.99	\$8,179.99	62.92%
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	\$260.00	\$1,135.00	75.67%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$10,620.00	\$5,680.00	\$17,040.00	160.45%
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	\$20.72	\$67,670.71	1041.09%
Total Operating Revenues	\$689,929.22	\$36,505.46	\$525,573.03	76.18%
Team Revenues	\$20,000.00	\$285.72	\$12,319.10	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			2,945.00	
Grand Total	\$709,929.22	\$36,791.18	\$537,892.13	75.77%
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$342,588.22)	(23,087.50)	(234,284.64)	68.39%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(45,550.00)	(1,816.66)	(30,266.87)	66.45%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(15,100.00)	(906.25)	(29,349.13)	194.37%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(2,500.00)	(187.08)	(449.96)	18.00%
Stewardship	(1,600.00)	0.00	(715.74)	44.73%
Property	(179,081.00)	(14,401.69)	(109,727.17)	61.27%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(11,975.00)	(177.46)	(3,889.64)	32.48%
MDO	(111,535.00)	(1,121.79)	(52,896.44)	47.43%
General Fund		0.00	(160.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(709,929.22)	(41,698.43)	(461,749.14)	65.04%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		(4,907.25)	76,142.99	



Dottie would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone for helping make her birthday wonderful!



ST. PAUL UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST

In Memory of

GARY ROTERT

Beloved husband, father,
& grandfather.
You are missed.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

Thirteen members of St. Paul UCC Church joined the Walk To End Alzheimer's on October 3rd. Due to the Annual Alzheimer's Event being restricted to small groups this year, St Paul UCC Belleville walked down Main Street. This team surpassed its goal of raising \$2,000 and continues to submit donations to help rid the world of Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias. The Team: Peggy Burke, Wayne Caughman, Edie Elliott, Debbie Lippert, Mimi Llamas, Marlene Mueller, Sonja Myland, Roger Relfe, Susan Relfe, Betty Rotert, Laureen Torigian, Pastor Michelle Torigian, Larry Walton.





METRO EAST COMMUNITY WELLNESS

BECAUSE YOU ARE AN IMPORTANT MEMBER OF
THE COMMUNITY – AND YOUR HEALTH MATTERS!

- Health Assessment
- Education
- Healthy Living Tools
- Teaching Materials

All services and materials will be provided free of charge to community residents age 60 and over by a nurse from Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association.

CALL 618-444-2936 FOR REFERRAL OR MORE
INFORMATION. HOURS: MON-FRI 8 TO 4

Contact Susan Relfe for further information
618-698-5176 susanrelfe@att.net

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Weekly events

Sundays 9am worship - online
10:30 am Zoom Social Hour
4pm worship service

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!

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

VIRTUAL FLOWERS, MUSIC & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

**Flower, Music and Bulletin
sponsorship are STILL available -
now ONLINE!**

Sign up now to sponsor virtual flowers, music or
bulletin each week by contacting the church office.

Online sponsorship will be in
eNews and Bulletin of chosen week.

\$30 for the sponsorship goes to help St. Paul Church.
Your sponsorship is a lovely way to honor the memory
or achievement of your loved one. Please consider
sponsoring flowers, music or bulletins for either
Sunday worship service.