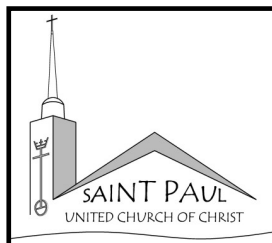




**Beloved,**

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



“No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
on life’s journey,  
You are welcome here.”

# *Welcome to Worship*

at St. Paul UCC

*We are glad you are here!*

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9 am Worship ~ online

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## Information for our friends ~

- Our **9am Virtual Worship Service** is inspired with hymns, scripture and a uplifting, theological based sermon and can be seen on Facebook live, on [stpauluccorg](http://stpauluccorg) (our website - and watched at your convenience), and heard on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on [Jubilee690.com](http://Jubilee690.com) at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.
- Please send prayer requests by email to [tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org) or call the church office at 233-3303.
- We want to know that you are listening / watching online!  
Please call, email or message us!
- If you would like a call or know someone who might need a call, please let us know.
- To continue your offering during this difficult time, go to [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for online giving or contact the church office to set up automatic withdrawal.
- When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospital to notify the church office. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

### WORSHIP LEADERS

<i>Senior Pastor</i> .....	Rev. Michelle Torigian
<i>Director of Faith Formation &amp; Care</i> .....	Craig Bielke
<i>Music Director</i> .....	Dr. Bill Wade
<i>Director of Non-Traditional Music</i> .....	John Posth



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Belleville, Illinois*



Watch videos on YouTube:  
[https://www.youtube.com/  
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OT = Old Testament

NT = New Testament

† Please stand if able

***St. Paul***  
***United Church of Christ***  
***Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost***  
November 22, 2020    9:00 am

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**WELCOME**

**PRELUDE**

*We Gather Together*

Neil Harman (b. 1957)

**ENTRY INTO WORSHIP**

Know that the Holy One is God. And We are God's people.  
Worship the Holy One with gladness;  
Come into God's presence with singing.  
Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.  
Make a joyful noise!  
For God is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever,  
and God's faithfulness to all generations.  
Let us worship with thanks and joy!  
Let us praise God in song and word and prayer.

**INVOCATION**

Gracious God, we long to know you better.  
Open us to recognize your presence,  
to receive you fully,  
and to be ready to follow your leading. Amen.

# OPENING HYMN Come Ye Thankful People, Come (ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR)

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,  
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

## **PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

Loving God, too often,  
we overlook the needs of people around us  
while we proclaim our devotion to you.  
We could do so much more to feed the hungry,  
clothe the naked, to welcome the stranger, and heal the sick.  
We fail to see how our systems diminish the humanity of all of us,  
how our systems deny healing to the poor.  
Open our eyes to see your presence in every person,  
and to respond to their needs so that we may be rightly  
called by your name. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Though we wander, God searches us out.  
God reaches out to us, longing to bring us ever closer.  
Hear this good news: you are forgiven and free.

## **CHILDREN'S CHAT** with Craig Bielke

## **ANTHEM**

*I Will Sing of Your Love, Love, Love*

Christopher Grundy

## **SCRIPTURE**

Matthew 25:31-46

## **SERMON**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

## **BLESSINGS OF OUR GIFTS AND PLEDGES**

O Holy One who dwells in our midst  
You abide in each heart  
and root yourself in our communities.  
Yet always you push us out of our comfortable places,  
calling us into the ever-wider world of human diversity.  
You challenge us to recognize in others your beloved face.  
We offer these gifts to you for Love of Neighbor.  
Take and multiply them,  
Show us how to create a world where the stranger is welcomed,  
Greeted as Cherished-of-God,

Honored with justice,  
Engaged in peace.  
All this we ask in the name of the One who calls us “Friend”,  
And invites us to ponder ever more deeply  
“Who is my neighbor?”

Information about today's service: All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded. Hymns used with permission through OneLicense.net License #A-715913 Elements of this service written by the Rev. Ruth Garwood, a certified leader of InterPlay, a system of forms in movement, story-telling and vocalizing that brings body and soul together, and brings communities together. She teaches suicide first aid via Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training.  
Blessing of the Gifts and Pledges by the Rev. Susan A. Blain Minister for Worship and Gospel Arts, JLCM



**CLOSING HYMN**      *Rejoice, The Lord Is King!*      (DARWALL'S 148TH)

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
4 Re - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

This system contains the first three staves of the hymn. The top staff is the vocal melody in treble clef, 4/4 time. The middle staff is the piano accompaniment in treble clef, featuring chords and moving lines. The bottom staff is the piano accompaniment in bass clef, providing a harmonic foundation with chords and a steady bass line.

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

This system contains the next three staves. The vocal melody continues on the top staff, with a long note on 'eternal'. The piano accompaniment in the middle and bottom staves continues with harmonic support, including some chromatic movement in the bass line.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a - gain I say, re-joyce!

This system contains the final three staves. The vocal melody on the top staff concludes with a final cadence. The piano accompaniment in the middle and bottom staves also concludes with a final chord and sustained notes.

## **BENEDICTION**

May God give you wisdom and revelation.  
May the eyes of your heart be enlightened.  
May you know the hope to which God has called you,  
And may the blessings  
of the Creator, the Redeemer and the Sustainer  
go with you this day and always. Amen.

## **POSTLUDE**

*Nun danket alle Gott*

(Now Thank We All Our God)  
Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



# ***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***



# Welcome

We're glad  
you're here!

News & Notes

***stpaulucc.org***

## 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.





St. Paul  
United Church of Christ

# ONLINE giving



It's easy & only takes a few minutes!

We also offer Auto Withdrawl  
from your checking account!

For more info:  
contact Stephenie in the church office  
at 233-3303 or [bauzas@stpaulucc.org](mailto:bauzas@stpaulucc.org)

[acionlinegiving.com/4828](https://acionlinegiving.com/4828)

If donating online, please consider increasing your donation by 3%  
to cover the costs involved with processing online giving. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY





# *St. Paul Postcards*

**St. Paul UCC is proud to be selling  
12 postcards for \$12  
by St. Paul UCC Artists  
Proceeds go to St. Paul UCC**

**Contact the church office  
to arrange pick up or mailing**



**St. Paul United Church of Christ  
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Belleville, Illinois 62220  
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[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)**

# 2020 STAR TREE



2020  
has been a very  
unusual year to  
say the least but  
Covid or not, all children  
look for gifts from Santa.

With services being  
'virtual' for at least the next

few weeks, it would difficult at best for  
everyone to choose a star from  
the star tree.

So... this year, to keep YOU safe, rather  
than have you shop and bring gifts to the  
church, we are asking for monetary donations  
to sponsor a child / family (recommended  
donation of \$25 per family member, please).  
This year we have 30 families with the total of  
81 children!

Let's bring some smiles to our neighborhood children's faces during  
this difficult year! Please send your donations to:  
St Paul UCC, attn: Star Tree, before December 4th. Thank you!!

*Merry  
Christmas*

[www.stpaulucc.org](http://www.stpaulucc.org)



Hi, hope you all are doing well and staying safe! As Christmas time approaches, we ask that you remember those less fortunate in your holiday plans. It is important to stop and reflect on the joy and blessings in your own life while also being aware that not everyone is so fortunate. Last year, St. Paul MDO adopted a family for the holidays and I was so moved by the out-poring of support from all our wonderful MDO families. This year, I have chosen Lydia's House as the charity to support. Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children.

Lydia's House is the only agency in St. Louis that provides

- Transitional housing in safe, confidentially located, and fully furnished apartments,
- Up to 24 months to recover from abuse and build new lives,
- Support services tailored specifically to the needs of domestic violence survivors,
- Lydia's House can house up to 35 families at any given time. (And up to 70 children).


Below are items that are needed during this holiday season. If you would prefer for me to do the shopping for you or to pick up a gift card, I would be more than happy to do so. You can Venmo or Paypal me the money and I can then purchase the items. Please know that no amount is too small or too large. Your generosity will have a positive impact on people who are in need, as well as the larger community.

Lydia's House will be doing a drop off on December 11<sup>th</sup>, location is to be determined or you can arrange a drop off with myself and I can get the items to them. Thank you so much for all your support and consideration!! Together we can all make a difference!!

Rachel Budko



# Holiday Wishlist



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ITEMS NEEDED FOR FAMILIES

**GIRLS**  
AGES: NEW BORN - 17


- CLOTHING (ALL NEW)
  - Winter coats/jackets
  - Gloves, hats, scarves
  - Socks
  - Tennis shoes
- TOYS
  - LOL Dolls
  - JoJo Siwa accessories
  - Barbies
  - Anything with princesses
  - Educational toys
  - Baby alive
- MISC
  - Lotions, perfumes, body washes
  - Purses
- **WOMEN**
- CLOTHING
  - Work out clothing, leggings
  - jackets/hoodies/winter jackets
  - socks
  - Flats
  - Tennis shoes
- HOME APPLIANCES
  - Blender
  - Air fryer
  - Crock pot
  - Insta pot
  - Coffee maker
  - Pots and pans
  - Electric mixer
- MISC
  - Body lotions
  - Perfume
  - Alexa Speaker
  - Bathroom set

**BOYS**  
AGES: NEW BORN- 17

- CLOTHING
  - Winter coats/jackets/hoodies
  - Gloves, hats, scarves
  - Socks
  - Tennis shoes
- TOYS
  - Legos
  - Cars or trucks
  - football, soccer ball, basketball
  - Action figures
  - Remote control cars
  - Dinosaurs
  - Building blocks
- MISC
  - Head phones
  - Watch
  - Walkie talkie set

LYDIA'S HOUSE WILL  
ALWAYS NEED AND  
ACCEPT  
-GIFT CARDS  
(Grocery stores, Walmart,  
Target or Home Depot)  
-CLEANING SUPPLIES

DROP OFF DATE: DECEMBER 11 - Location to be determined or you can email Rachel Budko [rachelmdo@stpaulucc.org](mailto:rachelmdo@stpaulucc.org) to arrange pickup/drop off prior



TO: Lydia's House

FROM: Santa



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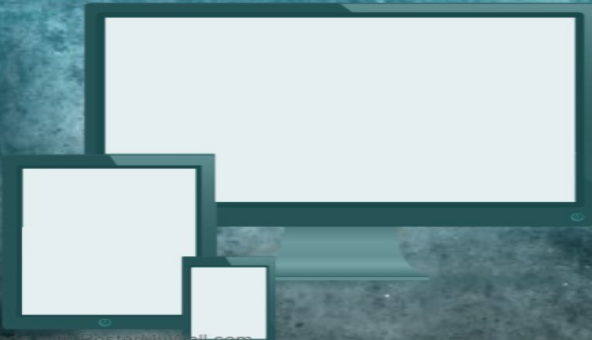
# AMAZON SMILE

Amazon Smile is a way to support their favorite St. Paul UCC every time you shop with Amazon. Shoppers who start at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) will find the same Amazon they know and love, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the price of eligible purchases to the charity of your choice.

Signing up is easy!

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)
2. Sign in with your Amazon.com credentials
3. Choose 'St Paul United Church Belleville, IL' to receive donations.
4. Start shopping!
5. Add a bookmark for [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to make it even easier to return to Amazon Smile. Thank you!

Please  
**JOIN** Our St Paul Community  
**on ZOOM**  
for comradery and friendship



*Sundays*

*Time: 10:30 AM*

*Meeting ID:*

**867-605-6534**

*Meeting Link:*

<http://us02web.zoom.us/j/8676056534>

*Phone: 1-312-626-6799*





# THANK YOU

## St. Paul!



### 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

More information !!!! →



# 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

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.

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**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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618-233-3303





## **METRO EAST COMMUNITY WELLNESS**

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

- Health Assessment
- Healthy Living Tools
- Education
- 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.

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**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](mailto:susanrelfe@att.net)

## History with Henke

*An excerpt from "St. Paul United Church of Christ -  
History of our First Church 1839 - 1860"*

On September 1, 1839, the congregation decided to begin construction of our first church with a start date of September 7, 1839. Land was sold to the trustees for Two Hundred Dollars by Theodore Kraftt, a resident of Belleville who later became the first mayor of Belleville.

## This Week

Sundays 9am Worship-online  
10:30am Zoom Social Hour  
4pm Online Worship

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](http://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](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)

Praying for your health and well-being!

## For Your Prayers

Christopher Clark, Beverly Clark's son

Mary Ann Gain, Tammy Flach's mom

Lynn Koehler

Diane Thom 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

[tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org)

or call 618-233-3303 / 580-4440

Thank you!

## Weekly Attendance

9am / 11am	Nov 8, 2020	Nov 9, 2019
	21 / 18	162 / single

**This updated picture of our Offerings received now reflects only Operating and Building Offerings.**

