



Our St. Paul

Feb 2021



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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**.

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>MAIL DATE</u>
March 2021	Feb 17	Feb 23

Pastor's Message

This has been a messy year. It's hard to believe that we have been trying to figure out how to best be the church as we live in a Covid-19 world for about 11 months now.

It's taken many conversations to figure out how to best be the church in the midst of a pandemic. There were times when decisions have been easier to make - like when we all were sheltering in place at the beginning of the pandemic or when the number of positive cases were elevated during the holidays. And there have been and continue to be times when decisions have been more difficult.

(On top of this, news stories have stirred many feelings within us. In many ways, these current events have further divided us from one another instead of nudging us to sit down and really try to understand where our neighbors are coming from. We continue to pray for unity, peace, healing, and growth across our country and communities and that any cells of hate will dissipate.)

But I've seen so much hope in the midst of mess. Our leaders have been as faithful as possible to God and to the ways we can bring church to our congregants in the safest and most creative ways. Our leaders have been faithful, embracing both science, safety, and the pastoral needs of our congregants. We've pushed ourselves to learn and do more to ensure the Good News of God's love and grace continue to spread - even when we can't be with each other in person. For this, I am truly grateful.

As we see in scripture over and over again, God works best in the midst of chaos. Throughout Lent, I'll be focusing on the messy situations of our Bible and how God works to better our world even when mess is very present. Our devotional entitled Bless This Mess will nudge you to reflect upon your faith, challenging you to love God, love your neighbor, and love yourselves even more than before. We also hope that you have a chance to pick up a Lenten Box on February 13 which will include some activities and elements which will deepen your Lenten experience.

Living in the mess sometimes means that we don't have all of the answers or clear solutions. Oh how much we want to have easy answers! Life doesn't always allow this. But it means that we are willing to wrestle with situations to bring about God's kingdom here on earth.

May your Lent be a time of blessings and growth as we grow with God and our neighbors.

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

From The President's Corner

Many of us recently sang "We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". We also observed the first Sunday of Advent-Hope. On first impression, wish and hope may appear to be the same thing. A wish is a desire for something, someone or an event that we don't currently have. Hope, however, is the confident expectation that our desire will be met and fulfilled.

I appreciate all the support the members of St. Paul have provided during this unusual and challenging past year. My hope and confident expectation is that we will all have a Happy New Year as we continue to support one another and our wider community in this next year.

Yours in Jesus Christ,

Stephen Schmidt
St. Paul Council President 2021



A Note On Regathering...

We will be continuing virtual worship and meetings throughout the month of February. We will continue to evaluate the virus statistics. At this time we are looking to hold in-person worship in some capacity during the month of March.



YOU'RE INVITED



to our Congregational
ZOOM MEETING

Meeting to vote on Annual Reports
Annual Reports will be mailed out 2 weeks prior



DATE: SUNDAY, FEB 28
TIME: 10:30 AM

**LINK WILL BE POSTED DAY
BEFORE THE MEETING ON
FACEBOOK & STPAULUCC.ORG**

**PHONE # TO CALL IN
1-312-626-6799**

DOWNLOAD THE ZOOM APP IN ADVANCE ON YOUR PHONE, COMPUTER, OR TABLET.



ASH WEDNESDAY

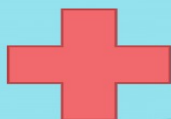
Online Worship
Wednesday, Feb 17
7pm
stpaulucc.org



THANK YOU

For Everything You Are Doing During the Health Crisis

Thank you for your monetary donations for snacks for the workers in the Covid Units at Memorial Hospital, as you can see they are very happy with our gift! Good job, St. Paul!



Let's help our local heros!



To help those who work in the Covid areas at Memorial Hospital, we are collecting monetary donations to provide snacks / food. Please send donation to Church Office or contact with questions.

St. Paul United Church of Christ PRESENTS

Archives Artifacts

ST. PAUL TRIVIA FROM THE DESK OF ROGER HENKE

QUESTION: Who was our pastor when WIBV began broadcasting St. Paul UCC Sunday morning services?
What year did those radio segments begin?

Questions about the question or would you like to know more about St. Paul history?
Email Archivist Roger Henke at roger@stpaulucc.org

Answer with the Birthdays & Anniversaries

"IN THE BEGINNING" RETURNS!

From late 2012 through early 2015, Alice Jerome, in her role as archivist, wrote a series of articles that appeared monthly in the "Our St. Paul" publication.






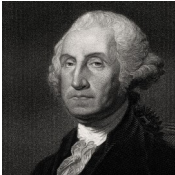
The material provided a summary of the 175-year history of our church as part of the Anniversary celebration. I have collected the entire run into one document. *It is on the church website for your convenience.*





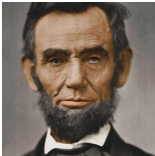







Alice did a wonderful thing here. It is an entertaining look back.

Please take the time to read it. You will be glad you did.

Roger Henke, Archivist



Sun	Mon	Tue
	1	2 Groundhog Day 
7 9am Online Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Online Worship Superbowl Sunday	8 Send a Card to a Friend Day 	9 Nat'l Pizza Day 
14 Valentine's Day 9am Online Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Online Worship	15 President's Day Church closed 	16 Mardi Gras Fat Tuesday 
21 9am Online Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Online Worship	22 George Washington's Birthday 	23
28 10:30am Congregational ZOOM Mtg 9am Online Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Online Worship		February is also:

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Thank the Mailman Day</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Bubble Gum Day</p> 	<p>6</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Umbrella Day</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>Make a Friend Day</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Abraham Lincoln's Birthday</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>Lenten Drive-Thru 1-3pm Welcome Ctr portico</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Ash Wednesday Online service 7pm</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>6pm Council Zoom</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Nat'l Caregivers Day</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>Love your Pet Day</p> 
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>American Heart Month</p> 	<p>Black History Month</p> 	<p>Canned Food Month</p>  <p>Give to the Community Interfaith Food Pantry</p>	<p>Great American Pie Month</p> 

**St. Paul UCC
PRESENTS**

Sat, Feb 13 1-3pm

Drive Thru Lenten Bag Pick-Up & FOOD DRIVE

Items requested:

- Cereal
- Catsup / Mustard / Sugar / Flour
- Mac & cheese / boxed potatoes
- Diapers of all sizes / baby wipes
- Spagetti noodles / sauce (no glass jars)
- Oat Meal / PopTarts
- Peanut Butter / Jelly
- Canned chicken / tuna
- Canned goods

**ALL FOOD ITEMS WILL BE
GIVEN TO THE COMMUNITY
INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY.**

**Contact us by Feb 10
to make sure we have
enough bags for everyone!**

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**stpaulucc.org
618-233-3303**



St. Paul United Church of Christ

Mother's Day Out Preschool

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

We have TWO OPENINGS for 2 YEAR OLDS!
(1) M,W,F (1) W,F

Call Ms. Rachel @
618-355-1058 if interested



Birthdays & Anniversaries

February Anniversaries

- 2/4 Raymond & Jean Chamberlin
2/22 Paul Hopper & Tina Lake-Hopper

Answer to St. Paul Trivia Question
Ben Koehler
1948

February Birthdays

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2/3 Donna Kelly | 2/17 Janet Spencer |
| Donna Nettleton | 2/18 Brian Mentzer |
| 2/4 Cindy Kettler | Clarence Wolf |
| 2/6 Duane Hausmann | 2/20 Sandy Krummrich |
| Gene Crites | 2/21 Mimi Llamas |
| 2/8 Marlene Lindauer | 2/23 James Bevirt |
| 2/10 Gary Friedrich | Jean Sporleder |
| Donna Young | 2/25 Lucy Eckert |
| 2/12 Betty Hartman | 2/27 Joyce Ernest |
| Brad Sedlak | Roger Relfe |
| 2/14 Patricia Pierce | |



St Paul United Church of Christ *Heritage Hall* Bookmark

On sale through the
St. Paul Church Office
\$3 each or 2 for \$5

Bookmark comes in plastic sleeve with blue tassel

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618-233-3303

115 West B Street, Belleville, IL 62220



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**



Prayer List

Stephenie Bauza Walter Beatty
Ellen Bohnemeier Joyce Maurer
Carl Schneider Donna Thomas
James, Kevin, & Chaz

Katy, Savannah, and McKenzie Clybecker
& Roger Gilcrest, (family members of Betty Rotert)

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 Dan Bauder

Larry Walton

IMO Don Bayer

Donna Davis
Vera Juenger
Syndy & Terry Kalinowski
Kim & David Cross
Edna Schwartz
Lynn & Lucy Bradley
Larry Walton
Rhonda Yocks
Michael & Nancy Rule

IMO Marilee Black

Kent Black

IMO Claude Bryan

Grace Wolf

IMO Betty Deutschman

Vera Juenger

IMO Jean Eckert

Michael & Mary Guest
Lynn Koehler
Jan Friedrich
Tim & Sandy Ritter

IMO Doris Kunz O'Connor

Donna Davis
Pam Walton

IMO Joan Sackmann

Mary Lu & Darwin Bretsch

IMO Madonna Woy

David & Peggy Berger
Pam Walton



 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
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





**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.

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

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



Our ongoing way to help

≡ Cleaning Supplies
for
Kindercottage ≡

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

PPE : masks, gloves,
kids masks.

Bring to church or call for 618-233-3303
Financial donations always welcome

115 WEST "B" STREET, BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: January 28, 2021

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Return Service Requested

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Weekly events

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org
or call 618-233-3303

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.