

Our St. Paul March 2021



## **YOUR St. Paul Team**

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

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Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager

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Donna Young, Receptionist/Secretary

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Rachel Budko, Director of Mother's Day Out

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**St. Paul**  
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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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## Pastor's Message

I recently read an article on the Washington Post entitled "Here's why deep down we like rewatching the same old movies and shows — especially during the pandemic."

One of the interviewees in the article stated this: "It's comforting...These are reliable things, where you can flash back to a happier, simpler time in your life."

I'll be honest: I'm one who watches the same television series over and over again. Most of the time, I have the show playing when I'm doing household chores. The familiarity of the characters and storylines brings a sense of comfort in a chaotic, messy world. Whether it's Parks and Recreation, Grey's Anatomy, or Friends (which I'm currently rewatching), viewing these shows again and again is as soothing as a cup of tea and pair of cozy socks.

Staying in my comfort zone rewatching television shows and movies for the billionth time is very easy. But then I became familiar with *Twins the New Trend*, two young men in their early twenties who record themselves reacting to songs from the past few decades as they hear them for the first time.

These are songs that many of us would find familiar. From Dolly Parton to Earth, Wind, and Fire, the guys give each song their due. They were brought up in a household whose religious tradition restricted them from popular culture; much of what we have all experienced is new to them. The excitement in their eyes when they hear a new-to-them song is refreshing. They nearly leaped out of their seats when they first heard the drum riff in the song "In the Air Tonight" by Phil Collins.

No matter the style of music - from country to pop to R&B to classical, these two young men always find the positive in the music. They are always going outside of their comfort zones and what they know to experience something new.

I think many of us tend to lean towards the familiar if given a choice. We tend to go back to the same stories we know in scripture instead of heading to a book of the Bible that we don't know as well. Instead of heading to one of our comfort books of the Bible (like Mark or Romans or Psalms, for instance), what if we decided to read something less familiar? Might it be time for us to re-read (or read for the first time) a book in the Bible like Obadiah or Amos? What about a book like Zephaniah or Zechariah?

Mixing the familiar with the non-familiar gives us both a sense of comfort with nudging to grow. What books, scriptures, movies, songs, television shows, etc. brings you comfort during uneasy times? What books, scriptures, movies, songs, television shows, etc. is new to you and may nudge you outside of your comfort zone during this season of Lent?

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

## From The President's Corner

It's cold and winter has finally arrived in February. Covid infections are down, vaccinations are in process and everyone is anticipating the end of this long winter of isolation. The pandemic, however, is not over. There are new more dangerous strains of the virus and while we are all tired of the restrictions, now is not the time to let down our guard. Continue to be faithful to one another by wearing masks and maintaining social distancing.

We are anticipating in person services again some time in March, but there will be restrictions on numbers as before and precautions will be taken. With Spring coming we hope to restart outside evening service when the weather permits.

Church projects being looked into include restoring the bells and making them more functional. The building team is also looking into updating the lighting, sound system and audiovisuals in the sanctuary. All of this, of course, requires money. Some of it is in the budget, but we may need special fund raisers for the rest. More later as we firm up plans and needs.

Be safe. Be hopeful (confident expectation) and continue to walk in the light of God's love.

In Christ,  
Stephen Schmidt  
St. Paul Council President 2021



# ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## WORSHIP & HOLY WEEK



# 7

## MAR

### 9AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Beginning March 7, the 9am Worship service will be Live in the Sanctuary with 25 people.

REGISTRATION, MASKS, & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

# 21

## MAR

### 4PM OUTDOOR WORSHIP



Beginning March 21, the 4pm Worship service will be outdoors in parking lot. Bring a chair! MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

# 28

## MAR

### PALM SUNDAY



REGISTRATION, MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

9am Sanctuary  
4pm Outdoor

# 1

## APR

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Worship will be together outdoors.

Bring a chair!  
MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

6:30pm Outdoors



# 2

## APR

### GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Worship will be together outdoors.

Bring a chair!  
MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

6:30pm outdoors



# 4

## APR

### EASTER SUNDAY

TWO Easter Services  
50 people each with  
REGISTRATIONS.  
MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

9am & 10:45am

stpaulucc.org  
618-233-3303

*Join us!*  
*You are welcome here!*



# St Paul UCC



## Pot O' Gold 50 / 50

**Drawing on  
March 17  
2021**

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



**All tickets & donations MUST be filled out,  
mailed in, & RECIEVED before March 17, 2021  
Mail to: 115 West B Street, Belleville, IL 62220**

**For Tickets: [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) & print  
Facebook & print  
Call church office 618-233-3303**



### **[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)**

**All proceeds will benefit St. Paul UCC  
City of Belleville license #603041**

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# EASTER

## Egg Stravaganza

SUNDAY APRIL 3RD

**6 Stations telling the story of Easter**

**Eggs ~ Candy ~ Easter Bunny**

St. Paul United Church of Christ

PARKING LOT - 115 West B Street, Belleville, Illinois

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

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**If there is bad weather, event will be canceled.  
Please watch Facebook & [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for updates.**

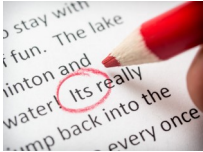














Sun	Mon	Tue
	1 Casimir Pulaski Day 	2
7 9am Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Online Worship 	8	9
14 Daylight Savings Time 9am Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Online Worship Pi Day 	15	16
21 9am Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Online Worship 	22 World Water Day 	23
28 Palm Sunday 9am Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Outdoor Worship 	29 Natl Vietnam War Vets Day 	30 Natl Doctors Day 



Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>National Grammar Day</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>Employee Appreciation Day</p> 	<p>6</p> <p>10 Year Anniversary of Pastor Michelle's Ordination</p> 
<p>10</p> <p>Natl Hug Your Dog Day</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Natl Plant A Flower Day</p> 	<p>13</p>
<p>17</p> <p>St. Pat's Day</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>6pm Council Zoom</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>First Day of Spring Natl Day of Happiness</p> 
<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Natl Crayon Day</p> 	<p><b>March is also:</b></p>	<p>Women's History Month</p>	<p>March Madness</p> 



# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

## **COMMUNITY INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY**

- AFTERNOON VOLUNTEERS MWF 12-3PM & SAT 9-11AM
- VOLUNTEERS TO PICK UP AT ALDI'S ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY
- VOLUNTEERS TO PICK UP FROM PANERA 1ST THURS & 2ND TUES
- VOLUNTEER FOR MONTHLY PICKUPS AT ALDI, WEST END SCHNUCKS, AND PAPA JOHNS
- A VOLUNTEER FOR SECRETARY HELP IN THE OFFICE
- A VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT TREASURER

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING, CONTACT MICHAEL  
618-355-9199 OR [FEEDBELLEVILLE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:FEEDBELLEVILLE@GMAIL.COM)**



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# Archives Artifacts

ST. PAUL TRIVIA FROM THE DESK OF ROGER HENKE

QUESTION: Norbert Krausz led the music program for many years at St. Paul UCC.  
What year did he begin as the St. Paul Organist?

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

ANSWER: 1970



## 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.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## March Anniversaries

3/1 Cal & Jeanine  
Guthrie  
3/5 Michael & Fran  
West  
3/18 David & Marsha  
Steen

Financials will return  
next month.

3/1 Anna Czerniejewski  
Carly Dahm  
Eric Gentry  
3/3 Jennifer Mentzer  
3/4 Jane Bonaldi  
3/5 Gaye Bettis  
Claudette Graetz  
Kathryn Trickey  
3/6 Rachel Budko  
3/8 Bob Vokes  
3/9 Marsha Steen  
3/12 Darwin Bretsch  
Ryan Seaman  
3/13 Sherry Davinroy-  
Kobernus  
Janet Kniepkamp  
Donna Wooden  
3/15 Joy Horn

## March Birthdays

3/15 Fred Hotz  
Carolyn Ryseff  
3/16 Ruth Ann Erdmann  
3/19 Janice Friedrich  
3/22 Georgia Wright  
Bobby Lee Frerking  
3/25 Elizabeth Naylor  
3/26 Paul Hopper  
3/27 Larry Walton  
Connor Dziaba  
3/28 Donna Davis  
Gordon Maiworm  
3/29 Elgee Phillips  
3/31 Betty Rieso  
Susan Sivewright



## GOT YOUR VACCINE?

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE  
2ND SHOT OF YOUR VACCINE.

WE WILL KEEP THIS INFORMATION PRIVATE,  
IT HELPS US MAKE SAFETY DECISIONS FOR THE CHURCH

618-233-3303

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WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!





# 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  
115 West B Street  
Belleville, Illinois 62220  
681-233-3303  
stpaulucc.org

Made with PosterMyWall.com



Front & back of bookmark pictured here.

## 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 UCC Prayer List

Walter Beatty                      Joyce Maurer  
 Phil McClary, Lynn Koehler's nephew  
 Carl Schneider              Sherry Stepp              Donna Thomas  
 Carol Wilkinson, Oriana's aunt  
 James, Kevin, & Chaz

## 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 Jodie Lippert**

Jeffrey & Diane Lutz

### **IMO Marilee Black**

Kent Black

### **IMO Jean Eckert**

Paul & Sue Sutherland

Jay Vogt

Patricia Pitra

Sharon & Benjamin

Campbell

Vernell Wagner

Diane & Rick Drake

Faye Weis

Caroline Busse

Harvey & Gloria

Holliday

Bev Juenger

Al & Nancy Scharf

Lynn & Luci Bradley

Betty Leppard

Viola Nettleton

Bobbie Smith

James & Sheila Fritze

Elgee & Jeanette Phillips

### **IMO Daniel Nathan**

**Bauder**

Stephenie Bauder-Bauza

### **IMO Wayne Pfingston**

Lynn & Luci Bradley

### **IMO Joan Sackmann**

Stephenie Bauza

### **IMO Madonna Woy**

Judy Saeger

### **IMO Don Bayer**

Elgee & Jeanette Phillips

James & Dawn Hartwerth

The Bozsa Living Trust

Daniel Brewer

Eric & Teri Wuebbels

Dewey & Paula Williams

Karen & Mark

Polczynski

Stephenie Bauza

Judy Saeger

Roger & Dianne Mueller

**(Radio)**

Terry & Synthia

Kalinowski

(correction from Feb)

**(Food Pantry)**

Ron & Jan Meyer

### **IMO Doris O'Connor**

**(Fine Arts)**

Ken & Osceola Mueller

### **IMO Kathleen**

**McMullan**

Jamie Mehrtens

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: February 24, 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](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!*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to  
[tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org](mailto: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.