



Our St. Paul

April 2021

## **YOUR St. Paul Team**

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Donna Young, Receptionist/Secretary  
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## **Church Office Contact Information:**

618-233-3303

[stpaulucc.org](http://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!*

**OUR ST. PAUL** is published monthly. It is edited by our pastor and produced by the office staff.

Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul**.

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May 2021	Apr 21	Apr 29

## Pastor's Message

Each season of the year, I would find God's amazing beauty when traipsing around Ault Park in Cincinnati. When I was living in Cincinnati, I would make special trips across town to see the blooms in spring, the snow in winter, and the leaves as they transform in autumn's golden hues.

One photograph I took at Ault Park was through an ornate metal cylinder. It overlooked lower lands on Cincinnati's East Side. I was able to take the picture so that the cylinder framed the bright landscape on the other side, and then used some photograph filters to make the colors pop even more. The darkness of the tube contrasted the bright landscape on the far side of the photograph. It looked as though someone was going through a tunnel and arriving at a land akin to Oz.

A friend of mine expressed the way she saw the photograph: it was like emerging from the shadow-filled tunnel of depression. Low moods will often feel like the gloom of tunnels, and when that time is over, everything seems much brighter.

Anytime we emerge from a tough time, life seems so much brighter—whether it's after a loss, after a physical illness, or when psychological illness is effectively being treated. When I would have surgery, I know I would feel stronger each day, and with the added energy, I would feel like I was emerging from a similar tunnel.

Right now, as we are receiving our vaccines and slowly but steadily emerging from the cocoon of the past year, I experience this same sense of leaving the shadow-filled tunnel. The days are warmer, the trees are blooming, and we are beginning to congregate more often. The first Sunday back at our 4pm service outdoors felt glorious as it was mild and sunny. Seeing your cheery, mask-filled faces brought a sense of joy to us!

To me, emerging from the wilderness tunnel is an image of Easter. Jesus the Christ is exiting a lightless, isolating tomb and re-entering a world that is bright and full of life. Resurrection is something that we have all experienced at various points of our lives, and I'm pretty sure that we will not escape this life without a couple of major wilderness stints. The joy that comes with the revival of our souls that follows is a gift.

Easter gives us the chance to name the times we've emerged from tunnels and tombs. This is the season that we give thanks for the bright, vivid scenes of the garden where Jesus the Christ sits, reminding us that there is a new beginning around the corner.



S T P A U L U C C P R E S E N T S

# VIRTUAL EASTER *Service* [LIVE] 9 AM

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stpaulucc.org & Facebook

## Special Congregational Meeting

via **zoom**



Rev. Michelle  
Torigian



Dr. Stephen  
Schmidt,  
Council  
President

Hosted by:



10:30am



Sunday, April 18



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



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# ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## WORSHIP & HOLY WEEK



### 9AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Beginning March 7, the 9am Worship service will be Live, and ONLINE, from the Sanctuary with 25 people. REGISTRATION, MASKS, & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

### 4PM OUTDOOR WORSHIP



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

# 28

## PALM SUNDAY



REGISTRATION, MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

**9AM FILLED**

4pm Outdoor

# 1

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

Maundy Thursday Worship will be together outdoors. Bring a chair! MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

# APR

6:30pm Outdoors



# 2

## GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Worship will be together outdoors. Bring a chair! MASKS & SOCIAL DISTANCING required.

6:30pm outdoors



# APR

# 4

## EASTER SUNDAY

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

# APR

**9AM FILLED**

9am & 10:45am

stpaulucc.org  
618-233-3303

*Join us!*

*You are welcome here!*

# St. Paul United Church of Christ



Open Position:

Director of Mothers' Day Out Program at St. Paul United Church of Christ-Belleville

This position requires a Bachelor's Degree or 10 years of experience in Early Childhood Development. The program runs from the middle of August to the middle of May with some hours over summer months. The 2021-2022 program will provide 10 hours of educational and social development activities to children ages 3-5. Detailed job description forwarded to those who meet requirements. Start date: upon completion of successful interview and background check with anticipation of May 1, 2021 start.

Please send resume with 3 references:

St. Paul UCC

115 West B Street

Belleville, IL 62220

ATTN: MDO Search

Or email to

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





# Easter Celebration

There are two special ways in which you can share in the Easter celebration.

We will be decorating the altar area with assorted spring flowers.

You may purchase a spring flower and/or make a memorial gift.

All Easter gifts will be listed in the Easter bulletin and on Facebook.

Please email [tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org](mailto:tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org) or mail information below with the check before Wednesday, March 31st.






In memory or honor of

Given by

Memorial or Spring Flower  
each flower \$10

You may take your flowers home after the 9:00 am service of worship on Easter Sunday, April 4 or pick them up on Tuesday, April 6. Thank You.



Sun	Mon	Tue
March 28 <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9am Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Outdoor Worship 	March 29	March 30  6pm Personnel Mtg
4 <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> 9am Worship 10:45 Worship NO Zoom Social Hour NO Outdoor Worship 	5  Easter Monday Church Closed 	6  Nat'l Librarians Day 
11 9am Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Outdoor Worship	12	13
18 9am Worship 10:30 Zoom Special Cong Mtg NO Zoom Social Hour 4pm Outdoor Worship	19  Bicycle Day 	20
25 9am Worship 10:30 Zoom Social Hour 4pm Outdoor Worship	26  Pretzel Day 	27

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 31	1 April Fools Day Maundy Thursday 	2 Good Friday 	3 Nat'l Love Our Children Day 
7 Nat'l Walking Day 	8	9	10 Nat'l Siblings Day 
14	15 6pm Council Zoom	16	17
21 Administrative Professionals Day 	22 Earth Day 	23	24
28 Nat'l Superhero Day 	29	30 Arbor Day Celebrate Arbor Day 	<b>April is also:</b> Nat'l Autism Awareness Month Nat'l Child Abuse Awareness Month Stress Awareness Month

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# EASTER

## Egg Stravaganza

Saturday, April 15th 1-3pm

6 Stations telling the story of Easter

Eggs & Candy ~ Easter Bunny

St. Paul United Church of Christ

PAUL 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.





ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Happy 90th  
Birthday  
Elgee Phillips!*

Happy 90th Birthday  
to the Best Husband,  
Father, Grandfather, &  
Great-Grandfather.

FLOWER SPONSORSHIP

*Happy 90th  
Birthday!*



MUSIC SPONSORSHIP

In honor of **MATT  
SHERLAND**

With love,  
Deanna Sherland

ST. PAUL  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

The background of the card is dark teal with a grid of yellow dots. Overlaid on this are several stylized musical notes and treble clefs in red, orange, and yellow. The text is centered in a white rectangular area.

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## April Anniversaries

4/3 Lonnie & Cindy  
Kettler  
4/4 Tom & Kathy  
Birkner  
4/14 Darwin &  
Mary Lu Bretsch

4/4 Cheryl Cooper  
4/7 Peggy Burke  
4/8 Dennis Luehder  
4/9 Pastor Michelle  
4/12 Millie Wilson  
4/14 Patrick Kinney  
4/17 Lisa Smith  
David Steen

## April Birthdays

4/18 Michael West  
4/19 Sue Hoffmann  
Duane Trickey  
4/20 Jacob Florek  
4/21 Rachel Dziaba  
4/28 John Posth  
4/29 Richard  
Erdmann



## 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  
TLAKEHOPPER@STPAULUCC.ORG

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER!

Revenues	<u>2021 Final Budget</u>	<u>2021 Feb Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$400,256.18	\$29,438.10	60,349.10	15.08%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$81,450.00	5,103.10	8,118.75	9.97%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	914.00	939.00	31.30%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,900.00	825.00	1,650.00	16.67%
Building Fund	\$20,000.00	1,085.00	4,205.00	21.03%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	1,135.00	10,413.27	N/A
Memorials	\$11,000.00	1,005.00	1,610.00	14.64%
Bequests	\$0.00	0.00	10,000.00	N/A
Building Income	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	0.00	175.00	14.58%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	5.00	5.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$11,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$72,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Income	\$4,500.00	19.85	28.91	0.64%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$640,056.18</b>	<b>\$39,530.70</b>	<b>\$97,494.03</b>	<b>15.23%</b>
Team Revenues	\$10,000.00	839.35	\$844.05	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			\$0.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$650,056.18</b>	<b>\$40,370.05</b>	<b>\$98,338.08</b>	<b>15.13%</b>
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$319,711.18)	(25,015.13)	(46,884.68)	14.66%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(39,400.00)	(4,848.06)	(6,135.96)	15.57%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(14,425.00)	(5,087.50)	(5,087.50)	35.27%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(3,275.00)	(32.62)	191.39	-5.84%
Stewardship	(1,425.00)	(457.95)	(1,085.12)	76.15%
Property	(179,215.00)	(22,883.00)	(29,144.21)	16.63%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,155.00)	(945.66)	(23.91)	0.16%
MDO	(81,450.00)	(8,327.48)	(13,135.17)	16.13%
General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	<b>(650,056.18)</b>	<b>(67,597.40)</b>	<b>(101,305.16)</b>	15.58%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses				
		(\$27,227.35)	(2,967.08)	

# St. Paul UCC Prayer List

Family of Elizabeth Schmidt (Stephen Schmidt mother)

Family of Rev. Douglas Anders

Walter Beatty

Dottie Engelsdorfer

Phil McClary, Lynn Koehler's nephew

Carl Schneider

Sherry Stepp

Carol Wilkinson, Oriana's aunt

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests  
to

tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org  
or call 233-3303

## CORRECTION TO ANNUAL REPORT:

Ruth Klingel's name was accidentally omitted from the list of Choir members in Congregational Care section of the 2020 Annual Report.

Thank you to Ruth Klingel for her understanding and dedication.

## ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Feb 2021 Attendance: 9am virtual 4pm virtual Feb 2020 601

Online Services All Gifts: \$35,958.25 All Gifts: \$35,322.24

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

## 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 Marilee Black**

Kent Black

**IMO Louise Joergens**

Donna Davis

**IMO Ron Schantz**

Gloria Strohm

Donna Davis

**IMO Jean Eckert**

Janet Nobel



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# Archives Artifacts

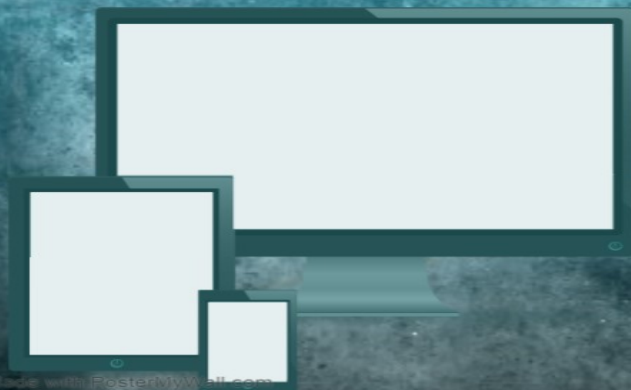
ST. PAUL TRIVIA FROM THE DESK OF ROGER HENKE

QUESTION: Our church has gone by  
different names in it's existence.  
How many names has St. Paul had?  
And how many can you name?

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: 7 names - 1) 1839 St Paul Church Congregation of Belleville  
2) 1841 German Protestant Church and School Congregation of Belleville  
3) 1842 German Protestant Church and School Congregation of Belleville  
4) 1861 St. Paul German Free Protestant Church 5) 1919 St. Paul Evangelical Church  
6) 1934 St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church  
7) 1958 St. Paul United Church of Christ

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

115 WEST "B" STREET, BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: March 26, 2021

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## Weekly events

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

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Please send prayer requests to  
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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.