

Our St. Paul

October 2021

YOUR St. Paul Team

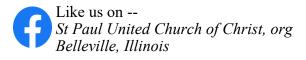
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Have You Heard?

Have you heard the call to help out with our Sunday morning sound and slide volunteers? Also known as our tech team, we're calling for four people to volunteer one or two Sundays a month to help us out on sound and slides. It's pretty simple, and we'll teach you how! So, please answer the call and get in touch with Sherry Wilhelm, swilhelm@stpaulucc.org; or Bill Wade drewade@gmail.com; or Pastor Michelle pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at 618-233-3303 to let us know.







Watch videos on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/stpauluccbelleville

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Pastor's Message - World Communion Sunday

Each year on the first Sunday of October, we commemorate World Communion Sunday. Each Sunday we celebrate the meal of Christ, there are people all across the world coming to the table as well. Yet on this particular Sunday every year, we focus on how large this table is and the diversity of its members. From Kenya to Chile to France, there are people partaking in this same meal, remembering Jesus the Christ who lived among us and whose Spirit abides with us today.

I've always believed it's crucial that we see and extend the communion table beyond time and space. When we watch a worship service hours after it has been live, and we choose to take communion, we are still part of that table and still part of that communion service. When we take communion from home and use whatever elements we have on hand, we are still part of that communion experience.

This table influences many other parts of our faith. Whenever we can eat together - whether with the Culinaires on the third Sunday of the month or getting together with a church friend to dine outside along East Main Street, we celebrate the Christ around us. When we serve food during our Tuesday night meals and donate to the Interfaith Food Pantry, we honor the table of Christ. Like Jesus sharing meals with the crowds, our faith leads us to share food with our neighbors as well.

The table of Christ reminds us we are not alone in our joys and our struggles. As we are the branches to Jesus the Christ's vine, we are always connected. The days may be getting cooler here in the northern hemisphere, but holy meal we will eat on October 3 and each first Sunday of the month thereafter reminds us of the warmth that abides in the community of St. Paul UCC and the hearts of our congregants.

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

While the weather is nice and we can sit outside, join me (Pastor Michelle) at Balance Coffee for Coffee and Conversations!

Wednesday, October 6 3-4:30pm Wednesday, October 13 9-11am Tuesday, October 19 2:30-4:30pm Monday, October 25 2:30-4:30pm



A Letter from the Council President

The visioning team has met twice. It has been a rough start and as a leader I take some of the blame and responsibility. However, nothing with great meaning has ever been accomplished without some rough patches, especially with the people of God. Just read your bible. The Israelites were barely out of Egypt when they thought they had made a mistake with pharaoh's army at their heels and complained to Moses and God that maybe they had made a mistake and should have stayed in Egypt. Once within the promised land, the tribes eventually could not get along and split into the northern kingdom of Israel and the southern kingdom of Judah. The disciples, in Jesus presence, quarreled amongst themselves. The early church was never united and in agreement. Paul and the church in Jerusalem, specifically, James the brother of Jesus, did not see eye to eye. We have all the letters of Paul written mostly to churches for correction and exhortation due to contention within the church or what he perceived to be due to false beliefs. Yet in all of these instances, God continued to work with the flawed individuals and groups to bring forth the results he desired. Church is much like family. And relationships and movement within families gets messy, but if we keep God in our hearts and seek what God would have us do and be, we too can achieve what God has in store for us.

This is not going to be a short quick fix if we expect to do it right. It is not for a small group of individuals to decide the future direction and ministry of St. Paul UCC. It is the responsibility and privilege of the entire congregation to pray and rest in God to discern the way forward. The team is currently interviewing a number of potential facilitators to determine if we wish to hire someone to help us in this process or do it without. Our plan is to vision the ongoing ministry of St. Paul, with clear goals and pathways to achieve those goals. This will require your prayers for the members of the team, and your participation, when called upon to help in the process. Feel free to contact me, Pastor Michelle or any member of the visioning team with concerns or interests. Members include Mimi Llamas, Richard Erdmann, Dave Hoffman, Terry and Synthia Kalinowski, Gus Kuether, Sandy and Rusty Wagner.

Stephen Schmidt

Please join us!

Concert October 10, 2021 at 3:00 PM in the Sanctuary!

St. Paul UCC, Belleville will host a program of Organ and Handbell music sponsored by the St. Louis Chapter of the American Guild of Organists at 3:00 PM on Sunday, October, 10, 2021.

Monetary and candy donations are graciously accepted for Trunk or Treat!



St. Paul Invites You to Raise a Glass in

A Toast to Tuesday! Wine-tasting Fundraiser at Grappa Growlers

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 6:00-8:00 pm \$25 per person

Includes wine tastings, appetizers, glass of wine, St. Paul wine glass, raffle baskets, & fall 50/50 drawing.

Additional food, wine, beer available for purchase.

Grappa Growlers will donate 10% of sales for the evening to St. Paul!

Grappa Growlers is located at 1501 North Belt West, Belleville 62226

Winners will be drawn at the Toast to Tuesday fundraiser on October 5, but you can join the raffle even if you're not at the fundraiser.

Just purchase raffle tickets and select the baskets you'd like to take a chance on.

Tickets are 6 for \$10 or "nose to toes" for \$20 and will be on sale in the Welcome Center on Sunday, Sept. 26 and Oct. 3.

- Fall Favorites from Scharf Farms (pictured) -Christian Ed
- European Wines & Treats-Larry Walton, Stewardship & Ushers
- St. Louis Cardinals fan gear-Mission
- Michigan Gourmet Gifts-The Wagners
- Culinaires' Dinner for 8
- Lucky Lotto Scratchers-Food, Friends & Fun
- Cozy Care Basket-Fireside

Raffle proceeds benefit the church's operating fund.



St. Paul UCC begins a new series of Bible study starting October 5 through November 23.

We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the church library. The topic is 2-15 minute video presentations by John Dominic Crossan on *The Challenge of Jesus* followed by discussion.

The eight week series is divided into four segments, a total of eight sessions.

*The World of Jesus, session 1, "Peace Through Victory" and "On Stone and Marble," session 2 "Acts of the Divine Augustus" and "Olympian Imperial Gods"

*The Life of Jesus, session 3 "Empire and Eschaton" (We're going to learn what that means, too) and "Herod 'King of the Jews'", session 4 "By the Sea of Galilee" and "A Collaboration With God"

*The Death of Jesus, session 5 "Why Blood Sacrifice?" and "Jewish God and Norman Lord", session 6 "The Last Week" and "The Sacrifice of Jesus"

*The Resurrection of Jesus, session 7 "Why Bodily Resurrection?" and "That First Easter Sunday", session 8 "Ascension Into Heaven" and "New Earth & New Heaven" and "Epilogue" Come one, come all with an open mind and heart! Come when you can even if you have to miss session(s). No prior knowledge is necessary. There is no homework. No tests. It will not influence your GPA. We, even our multi-facilitators, are searchers and travelers on our own faith journey. Come join us for varied, nonjudgmental discussions. A 32 page participant's document of discussion starters and questions can be provided in two ways. The church can print a copy for you for a small donation or send you a PDF via email to be printed at home. For more information contact the church office at 618-233-3303.

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 3rd supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota.



Neighbors in Need helps make Unfailing Love possible. For this to occur, it needs your support.

Please give generously. And remember, contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made online at anytime:

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Sun	Mon	Tue	
3 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hour after Worship	4 9am PEO Meeting 9:30am Stewardship Mtg National Taco Day!	5 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 6pm-Grappa Growlers	
9am Worship 10am Coffee Hour & K-5 10:15am Sunday School K-5 3pm Organ & Bells Concert Pastor Appreciation Day!	11 OFFICE CLOSED Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day	12 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 1pm-Shufflers 5pm-Community Dinner	
17 9am Worship Culinaire's Breakfast following Worship	18 7pm Executive Council International Chocolate Cupcake Day!	19 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 6:30 pm-MDO Advisory	
24 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hour & K-5 10:15 Sunday School K-5	25 National Greasy Foods Day!	26 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner	
31 9am Worship 10am Coffee Hour Reformation Sunday Halloween	haopy HALEWEEN		

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 National Custodial Workers Recognition Day!	
6 9am MDO 5:00pm-Handbell Practice 7pm-Chancel Choir National Noodle Day!	7 9am MDO 9:30am Stewardship Meeting	National Hero Day!	9 9am Rehearsal Hand Bells & Chorus 10am Centering Prayer	
13 9am MDO 10am Handbell Rehearsal 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir	9am MDO 6pm— Personnel Meeting 7pm— Personnel Meeting National Dessert Day!	Happy Boss's Day!	National Sweetest Day!	
20 9am MDO 1pm-Women's Guild 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir	21 9am MDO 6pm Council Meeting	22 National Make a Dog's Day!	23 10am Centering Prayer National Make a Difference Day!	
27 9am MDO 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir National Black Cat Day!	28 9am MDO 6pm-Food Pantry Board Meeting	29 Halloween Spooktacular Weekend 7pm Pipe Screams Organ Concert with John Cargile	30 10am-Trunk or Treat	

Camp Dubois needs your help!







Each year Camp Dubois holds a Fall Festival as their annual fundraiser. This year our Mission Board, on behalf of the members of St Paul United Church of Christ, is putting together 2 baskets to raffle off at the Fall Festival. All proceeds from the baskets will be donated to Camp Dubois.

What can you do to help?

Please donate basket items (see themes below), gift cards, or make a monetary donation to support this fundraiser. Items must be received by August 22nd please!

We also want to send a very LOUD Shout Out to the very talented, Threads of Hope crew for donating a beautiful quilt and to the Prayer Shawl team for donating an afghan.

Basket 1 Theme – Warm Cozy Night At Home, suggested items cozy socks, wine, wine glasses, gourmet snacks, candles, card games, cozy pillows, gift cards (maybe take out dinner gift cards) to supplement the cozy afghan.

Basket 2 Theme –Baby Bundle, suggested items are "anything baby," to include gift cards, baby books, baby essentials, or anything to supplement the beautiful baby quilt.







Women's Guild will begin meeting regularly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month from 1:00 until 3:00 pm in Heritage Hall beginning on October 20th for fellowship and dessert. Please bring a bag of Halloween Candy for Trunk or Treat and 96 count Puffs Basic Facial Tissues which will be wrapped during our November meeting for St Paul Senior Community. I'm told

these are available at Dollar Tree stores and Walmart. Unfortunately, due to Covid and for the protection of everyone we have cancelled our October Rummage Sale however plan on having a rummage sale in April 2022.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EVENTS NEEDS YOUR HELP

Christian Ed is conducting a lesson for Sunday School every 2nd and 4th Sunday from 10:15 to 10-45. We have gracious teachers that have volunteered to teach the lesson prepared from Pastor Michelle. This class is for K-thru grade 5.

Pastor Michelle is conducting a round table lesson once a month for grades 6 thru 12. After the lesson games follow. The August event went very well and have invited a few others that are interested in coming September 26. Pastor Michelle will also ask some of the youth to participate in the Technology aspect of the 9 o'clock service to help make them feel more engaged in the service.

Christian Ed team is inviting the congregation to donate funds or packaged candy for our Community outreach Trunk or Treat. We have invited 3 neighborhood schools to come join the festivities. Masks are required. The Fine Arts Concert Series will host a spooky organ concert on Friday night, October 29th with the Trunk or Treat followed on Saturday morning from 10-12. We have 8 trunks that have volunteered, so if you would like to dress up and join the fun with a trunk call Sandy Ritter at 222-1123 to reserve a spot. Thanks for all the team work to make St. Paul UCC a fun, safe place to be.

Christian Ed Board has also been holding a Bible Study on Tuesday mornings from 10 -11. We will start a new lesson October 5th in the Library. Please feel free to join us for interesting conversation and friendship. Thanks to all of our facilitators who have made this possible.

So as you can see Christian Ed Team is making a difference and will keep you updated on what is on the agenda. Please feel free to call if you have a question or comment otherwise please join in on making St. Paul UCC a great church of which to be a member.

Your Christian Ed Team, Marlene Mueller, Sandy Ritter, Syndy Kalinowski, Bette Rotert and Mary Lu Bretsch.

Anniversaries + S Birthdays V

October Anniversaries

10/1-Dana Rosenzweig & Beverly Brightwell 10/7-Leslie & Kenneth Dahm 10/7-Tracy & Ashley Lehr 10/8-Sharen & Bill Guthrie 10/11-Michael & Patricia Pierce

10/21-Donna & Jim Thomas 10/26-Diane & Rick Haar 10/27-Deborah & Terry Meyer 10/29-Andrew & Brittany

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October Birthdays

10/1-Leslie Dahm 10/1-Madison Meyer 10/2-Judith Beisiegel 10/3-Jack Snyder 10/3-Bev Vokes 10/4-Jean Chamberlin 10/4-Lisa Quandt 10/4-Jack Wilson 10/4-Quinn Collier 10/6-Beverly Clark 10/8-Megan Dahm 10/12-Karen O'Hara 10/13-Alan Keuss 10/13-Lou Ryseff 10/13-Zander Wagner 10/13-Aria Wagner 10/13-Cadence Kepler 10/14-Beverly Juenger 10/16-Carl Schneider 10/17-Samuel Wagner 10/18-Lauren Shepard 10/19-Jim Young 10/22-Carol Weidemann 10/24-Daniella Hernandez 10/25-Stephenie Bauza 10/25-Scott Gentry 10/27-Gary Buckrod 10/29-Fran West 10/29-Alec Zaber

Happy Belated Birthday to Jerry Pierce-Heisler on 9/24!





Revenues	2021 Final Budget	2021 Aug Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
Congregational Offerings	\$400,256.18	\$24,140.25	\$236,683.01	59.13%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$81,450.00	1,709.00	31,299.75	38.43%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	0.00	1,897.00	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	395.00	2789.00	92.97%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,900.00	900.00	6,675.00	67.42%
Building Fund	\$20,000.00	1,030.00	15,607.00	78.04%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	295.00	17,174.27	N/A
Memorials	\$11,000.00	417.00	9,413.00	85.57%
Bequests	\$0.00	0.00	10,000.00	N/A
Building Income	\$0.00	441.27	(358.73)	N/A
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	0.00	1,175.00	97.92%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	0.00	5.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$11,000.00	0.00	22,365.00	203.32%
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	382.16	949.71	21.10%
Total Operating Revenues	\$640,056.18	\$29,709.68	\$355,674.01	55.57%
Team Revenues	\$10,000.00	550.33	4,838.31	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			\$0.00	
Grand Total	\$650,056.18	\$30,260.01	\$360,512.32	55.46%
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$319,711.18)	(\$21,838.44)	(\$186,435.50)	58.31%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(39,400.00)	(2,971.47)	(24,487.17)	62.15%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(14,425.00)	(126.25)	(13,057.47)	90.52%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(3,275.00)	250.00	(677.75)	20.69%
Stewardship	(1,425.00)	0.00	(1,684.58)	118.22%
Property	(179,215.00)	(18,315.40)	(110,645.56)	63.15%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,155.00)	(584.67)	(7,421.66)	48.97%
MDO	(81,450.00)	(2,139.79)	(39,536.72)	48.54%
General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(650,056.18)	(45,726.02)	(383,946.41)	59.06%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		(15,466.01)	(\$23,434.09)	
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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 Gayle Wren

Mary Lu & Darwin Bretsch
Jan Friedrich
Barb Suess
(Music)
Ruth Klingel

IMO Joyce Martin

Jane Bonaldi

IMO Bill Faries

Donna Davis
Laura Strohm-Armstrong
Gloria Strohm
Larry Walton
Anthony & Patricia Holdner
Betty & Ted Faries
Craig & Rosalie Veile
Carol & Mary Fuhrhop
Doug & Sharon Dahm
Alan & Karen Keuss
Joanne Shepherdson
David Spitze
Thomas & Susan Fohne
William & Sandra Fahrner
George Uhl

Art Fahrner Vernell Roche Sandy & Rusty Wagner (How Sweet the Sound) Judy Koch

IMO Andy Wade (Music)

Mimi Llamas Osceola Mueller Stephenie Bauza Pam Walton Kris Mueller Teresa & Steve Schmidt Lynn Watts Susan & Roger Relfe Mary Lu Bretsch Patrick Kinney Roger Henke Lynn & Luci Bradley Donna & Jim Young Doug & Ruth Bush Tom & Kathy Birkner Rusty & Sandy Wagner Peggy Burke Ruth Klingel

IHO Helen Whicher's 92nd Birthday

Lynn & Luci Bradley

How have you been a blessing? How have others been a blessing to you?

Please send your answers to Pastor Michelle at pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org. They will be included on our bulletin board and may be included in an upcoming Facebook Live video!

St. Paul UCC Prayer List

Walter Beatty
Lori Coleman
Al Stahl
Audrey Krummrich
Joyce Maurer
Bev Juenger
Julie Nollette
Carol Hotz
Jim Young

Mary Mike Wade, sister of Larry Walton, and the family of Don Wade

A note about regathering

We at St. Paul UCC have committed to following all local, state, and federal guidelines regarding Covid-19.

At this time, we ask all people over the age of 2 to wear a mask inside the church building. All other church activities will remain the same, including coffee hour/breakfasts, singing during worship, in-person team meetings, etc.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that St. Paul UCC is a healthy community for all!



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Please Let Us Know!

Due to a change in Memorial Hospital's record system, we currently are not able to find out who is in their Belleville or Shiloh locations when we call the Belleville-area hospitals each day. Please have someone (you, your family member, or a chaplain at the hospital) let us know when you are at any of the hospitals on either side of the river. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

<u>August 2021</u> Attendance: 9am 342+ Online 6pm 28+Online <u>August 2020</u> 9am: Virtual 6pm: 201 outside

August 2021 All Gifts: \$33,829.66 August 2020 All Gifts: \$27,986.84

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

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Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship

10am Coffee Hour Culinaire's Breakfast every 3rd Sunday

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 dyoung@stpaulucc.org

 Praying for your health and well-being!

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Please send prayer requests to pastormichelle@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.