

# Stewardship Month

*They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
which yield their fruit in its season.*

*Psalm 1: 3a*



*Rooted in*

*Love*

## Our St. Paul

November 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](mailto:swilhelm@stpaulucc.org); or Bill Wade [drwewade@gmail.com](mailto:drwewade@gmail.com); or Pastor Michelle [pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org) or call the church office at 618-233-3303 to let us know.

**Church Office**  
**Contact Information:**  
618-233-3303  
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December	November 22	November 30

## Pastor's Message - Old Keys and New Doors

On the first night of Art on the Square, I popped into the old Keil's Landmark Building (where Blanquart's Rusty Gem Vintage Market now resides). Near the back of the store, I found a new sign on a vintage bicycle wheel that said this: "Old keys won't open new doors."

I know I'm grateful for the new keys in my life - the key that opens my house and the key that opens my car door. I'm grateful for the keys that get me inside the church building so that I can live into my calling.

Admittedly though, I probably have old keys in boxes, never to be used again. I know I have an old key on my personal keychain, and I'm not entirely sure why. Maybe I am too sentimental and want to keep a piece of my past. *What good is it for me to keep this key?*

This reminded me of the Gospel reading when Jesus tells his followers in Matthew 9: "No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved."

Sometimes, we are called to look at the previous ways, programs, and styles and measure it against fresh perspectives and ideas. As Jesus would probably reframe the sign on the vintage bicycle wheel: *No one inserts an old key into a new keyhole, for the old key can jam an old lock. The new door cannot be opened by this old key.* Jesus may wonder why I have my old key on the keychain. Jesus may wonder why any of us still do what we do if it no longer works for us.

As we just celebrated Reformation Sunday on October 31, we are reminded that old rules didn't work for a Church yearning to be transformed. Martin Luther found this out during his time. Luther's new perspectives and movement attracted a number of people who were no longer connected to the Church of the past.

When we think about it, the keys that were used in the 1840's no longer fit this building as we don't have the old building across the road. The keys that were used in the 1910's and 1950's no longer help us unlock the doors each Sunday morning either. We are a church that has listened to our still-speaking God and has embraced the new key when the old one no longer fits. Over the past 180+ years, we've come to worship in different sanctuaries and display new paraments. We've changed our primary language from German to English during our worship services. All of these changes remind us that we have continued to transform this church as God has called.

It's fascinating to think about what could be next for our congregation. As we look to the visioning process in 2022, may we know to dispose of our "old keys," hold onto "new keys," and know that God's Spirit will inspire us to open new doors so that we can head into new directions.

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

## Rooted in Love

Our Stewardship theme of **"Rooted in Love"** draws inspiration from Psalm 1, "They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season." The Psalmist invited us to imagine all the good things we can bear when well planted. What might we give away when rooted in love?

But the Psalmist also meant something deeper. The word we translate as "planted" in English means "transplanted" in Hebrew. This translation speaks to the power of love to move us from one place to another, the power to convert us from one way of life to another. What would need to change in our lives for us to be fully rooted in love?

We might need to make a move from a "mindset of scarcity" to a "mindset of abundance." A scarcity mindset makes us think there will never be enough - we must compete, one against another, because there is not enough to go around. Scarcity thinking names all the things we cannot do, all the things we cannot share. But a mindset of abundance sees the fullness of God's love. Martin Luther King Jr. saw the world abundantly - despite all the injustice he confronted, King knew God's spirit moved through history, creating and renewing community.

King once described the force of love that animated the Civil Rights Movement. "Agape is not a weak, passive love. It is love in action. Agape is love seeking to preserve and create community. It is insistence on community even when one seeks to break it. Agape is a willingness to go to any length to restore broken community."

**What would it mean for our lives to be rooted in such love?**



**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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# REGISTER NOW FOR JANUARY 2022



for

## St. Paul Mother's Day Out



**We offer 3 day a week classes for 3 & 4 year olds  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am-12:30pm**

- Caring and enriched environment for children to grow socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically
- Well-respected program for more than 40 years
- Warm family atmosphere with the same highly qualified professional staff caring for your 3-5 year olds
- Daily we emphasize our motto for sharing, caring and learning together

Please call or email to schedule a tour and meet with our coordinator!

**St. Paul MDO Program**

**618-233-3303**

**[suehoffmannmdo@stpaulucc.org](mailto:suehoffmannmdo@stpaulucc.org)**

115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220

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





## Dress for Fall in the latest St. Paul Spirit-wear!

In a nod to our St. Paul history,  
our new T-shirts and sweatshirts  
feature the Rose Window  
on a heather gray shirt.



Our first order will be placed on Nov. 8.

Sample shirts/sizes will be on display in the  
Welcome Center on Sunday mornings.

Ultra Soft Bella T-Shirts \$15

Gildan Sweatshirts \$25

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Size	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL	Total Quantity		Cost
T-shirt quantity								@ \$15 ea	
Sweatshirt quantity								@ \$25 ea	
								Grand Total:	

Make checks payable to St. Paul UCC.



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## *A Toast to Tuesday!*

*Thank You to our Sponsors*

### *Solomon Level*

Clayborne & Wagner - Michael Wagner, Attorney

A to Z Pediatrics - Dr. Jean Vogel Wagner

### *Nebuchadnezzar Level*

A-AGE Electric

Bank of Belleville

Elite Technology Solutions



### *Magnum Level*

Karen & Al Keuss

Sandy & Tim Ritter

Ruth Ann & Dick Erdmann



## *Cheers & Special Thanks to*

Our Host - Jodi Meravy and Grappa Growlers

Wine Tastings - Marketplace Selections





THANK YOU  
to everyone who  
purchased raffle  
tickets for the  
Dubois baskets.  
The winner for the Cozy  
Night Basket was  
Laureen Torigian and  
the winner for the  
Baby Quilt basket was  
Sherry Davinroy!  
\$500 raised!!!  
Thank you



## Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 21 from 3-5pm  
Please meet at the Sanctuary/Welcome Center Doors.

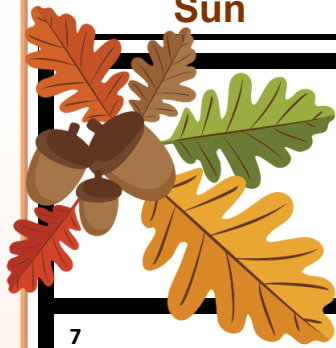



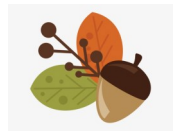
## Gathering of Middle & High School Youth


Sunday, November 21 at 4-5:30pm

St. Paul UCC Youth Room

For more information, contact Pastor Michelle at  
[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)

# N O V E M B E R

Sun	Mon	Tue
	1 2pm Zoom Visioning 	2 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner
7 <b>9am Worship - Totenfest</b> 10am Coffee Hour 3pm Organ & Bells Concert <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i>	8 	9 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 1pm-Shufflers 1pm-Blanket Making-HH
<b>14 Stewardship Sunday</b> <b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee Hour 10:15am Sunday School K-5th 10:15 Social Justice Book	<b>15</b> 7pm Executive Council	<b>16</b> 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner
<b>21 9am Worship</b> Culinaire's Breakfast after Worship 10am Fine Arts Meeting 3-5pm Hanging of the Greens 4pm Middle & High Sch Youth	<b>22</b>  <i>National Game &amp; Puzzle Week!</i>	<b>23</b> 9am No MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner
<b>28 First Sunday of Advent</b> <b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee Hour 10:15 Sunday School K-5th	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9am MDO 1pm-With You 5:00pm-Handbell Practice 7pm-Chancel Choir 	4 9am MDO 9:30am Stewardship Meeting 6:30pm– Personnel Meeting	5  <i>National Doughnut Day!</i>	6 10am Centering Prayer  <i>National Play Outside</i>
10 9am MDO 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir	11 <b><i>Veteran's Day</i></b> <b><i>Office Closed</i></b> <b><i>No School</i></b>	12  <i>National Chicken Soup for</i>	13 
17 9am MDO 1pm-Women's Guild 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir	18 9am MDO 6pm Council Meeting  <i>Mickey Mouse Birthday!</i>	19  <i>National Play Monopoly Day!</i>	20 10am Centering Prayer ADOPTION 
24 9am No MDO 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir	25 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b> <b>Office is closed</b> 	26 <b>Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday</b>	27  <i>Small Business Saturday!</i>
			

Nov. 9th—Heritage  
Hall @ 1pm

## BLANKETS, BLANKETS, BLANKETS

### HOYLETON YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Is your church looking for a great mission project? Hoyleton Youth and Family Services currently serves 360 foster children aging in a range from 0-18. This project would provide a fleece blanket for each of the children for Christmas.

So how can you help?

- Enlist the members of your church to gather fleece and having a "sewing" day. No real sewing involved so all members can help!
- Donate money so other churches can purchase fleece for churches that will sponsor a sewing day.

#### GIRLS

(0-3)	50	(4-8)	51	(9-12)	28	(13-18)	35
1 YARD		1 1/3 YARDS		1 3/4 YARDS		1 7/8 TO 2 YARDS	

#### BOYS

(0-3)	56	(4-8)	62	(9-12)	31	(13-18)	46
1 yard		1 1/3 YARDS		1 3/4 YARDS		1 7/8 TO 2 YARDS	

\*\*\*These yardages are suggested based on the age of the child. We are only using one layer of fleece for each child.

If you would like to help one or more children receive their own "blankie"...and yes, teenagers would love to have one to call their own, then contact:

Sue Hoffmann [davesue95@gmail.com](mailto:davesue95@gmail.com) 618-593-7795

St. Paul UCC Church Belleville 618-233-3303

Please let me know which age group(s) you would like to target and how many blankets you wish to contribute. We would like to have all 360 by December 1<sup>st</sup> so Hoyleton can distribute them in plenty of time for Christmas.

DONATION CHECKS CAN BE MAILED TO ST. PAUL UCC 115 WEST B STREET BELLEVILLE 62220

FLEECE CAN BE DROPPED OF AT ST. PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE OR ANY PARTICIPATING UCC CHURCH



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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## Items Needed:

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

PPE : masks, gloves,  
kids masks.

# ≡ Cleaning Supplies for Kindercottage ≡

Bring to church drop boxes or call for 618-233-3303



Thank You For Your Donations!  
**TOGETHER** we collected over  
**\$2500** for Alzheimer's Research.

Fifteen members of our congregation walked on October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 with our Team: St Paul UCC Belleville: Stephenie Bauza, Peggy Burke, Wayne Caughman,  
 Diane & Rick Drake, Edie Elliott, Debbie Lippert, Mimi Llamas, Sonja Myland, Marlene  
 Mueller, Susan & Roger Relfe, Laureen Torigian, Pastor Michelle, Larry Walton.  
 Donations continue to be accepted.

**Alzheimer's Isn't Stopping...Neither Are We!**







Women's Guild will be meeting regularly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 1:00 until 3:00 pm in the Activity Center for fellowship and dessert. Our next meeting is on November 17th, and we will be wrapping Puffs and completing Christmas cards for our St. Paul Senior Committee.



## **St. Paul With You - Volunteer Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 3rd, 1:00 p.m. in the Church Library**

Join us to share concerns and to support members of our congregation. Even though our hospital visits are on hold due to COVID, we have much more to offer one another. Who needs us to visit, to phone, to run errands, to send cards, to prepare meals, our prayers, etc.? To enhance our communications, we will continue to meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Another opportunity for Christians in Action!

## **St Paul Fine Arts**

### **2021-2022**

### **Season**

Concerts sponsored by St. Paul Fine Arts

Admission is free, a freewill offering will be received.



Saturday Dec. 4-7:00 p.m.—No-Name Chorale, Andy Jensen, Conductor

Sunday Dec. 19th-3:00 p.m.—Gateway Ringers-Handbell Choir

Saturday, Feb. 12-7:15 p.m.—Valentine Dinner and Concert, 6:00 p.m. dinner by ticket only—7:15 p.m. Belleville West Vocal Ensemble-free to the public

Date TBA                      Black Tulip Chorale

Sunday, May 1-7:00 p.m.    Masterworks Chorale

“A Night at the Opera” with Christine Brewer

Concerts endorsed by St. Paul Fine Arts. Admissions may be charged.



# Star Tree

The Star Tree will be  
happening again this year!  
We will have stars beginning  
the first week of Advent -  
Sunday, November 28th.  
Gifts to be returned by Dec 15th.  
If you are unable to come to  
church, you may send in a  
monetary donation. \$25 per  
child is recommended and our  
Elves will do the shopping.

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# Anniversaries & Birthdays



## November Anniversaries

11/4-Lynn & Lucy  
Bradley

11/28-Laura & Karey  
Sadler

11/28-Paul & Susan  
Sutherland



Happy  
anniversary

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## November Birthdays

11/2-Floyd Voyles  
11/2-Janice Martin  
11/3-Ruth Klingel  
11/3-Shirley Martin  
11/3-Billie McLemore  
11/3-Al Stahl  
11/5-Kaylee Bennett  
11/7-Ellen Bohnemeier  
11/7-William Mentzer  
11/7-Syndi Kalinowski  
11/8-Alice Schuessler  
11/9-Benjamin Shepard  
11/10-Bette Rotert  
11/12-Amy Drake  
11/12-Ricky Morton  
11/12-Sonya Myland  
11/13-Kent Black  
11/16-MaryAnn Gain

11/17-Natalie Seaman  
11/18-James Thomas  
11/19-Dorothy Maiworm  
11/20-Tina Lake-Hopper  
11/22-Betty Leppard  
11/24-Grace Wolf  
11/25-Jeanine Guthrie  
11/26-Nathan Smith  
11/26-Sydney Vokes  
11/26-Russell Hoffmann  
11/27-Jerry Messick  
11/28-Sandra Kramer  
11/29-Joyce Maurer  
11/29-Alvin Bettis  
11/30-Bob Harms  
11/30-Al Scharf  
11/30-Diana Trickey

Happy  
Birthday



Revenues	<u>2021 Final Budget</u>	<u>2021 Sept Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$400,256.18	\$30,137.00	\$266,820.01	66.66%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$81,450.00	7,294.75	38,594.50	47.38%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	0.00	1,897.00	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	2,665.00	5,454.00	181.80%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,900.00	850.00	7,525.00	76.01%
Building Fund	\$20,000.00	1,398.00	17,005.00	85.03%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	440.00	17,614.27	N/A
Memorials	\$11,000.00	964.40	10,377.40	94.34%
Bequests	\$0.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	N/A
Building Income	\$0.00	0.00	(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	7,100.00	29,465.00	267.86%
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	(350.79)	598.92	13.31%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$640,056.18</b>	<b>\$70,498.36</b>	<b>\$426,172.37</b>	<b>66.58%</b>
Team Revenues	\$10,000.00	1,027.73	5,866.04	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			\$0.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$650,056.18</b>	<b>\$71,526.09</b>	<b>\$432,038.41</b>	<b>66.58%</b>
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$319,711.18)	(\$21,197.46)	(\$207,632.96)	64.94%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(39,400.00)	(3,080.26)	(27,567.43)	69.97%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(14,425.00)	(1,289.92)	(14,347.39)	99.46%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(3,275.00)	(102.56)	(780.31)	23.83%
Stewardship	(1,425.00)	(181.02)	(1,865.60)	130.92%
Property	(179,215.00)	(29,373.01)	(140,018.57)	79.91%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,155.00)	(385.44)	(7,807.10)	51.52%
MDO	(81,450.00)	(5,916.33)	(45,453.05)	55.80%
General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	<b>(650,056.18)</b>	<b>(61,526.00)</b>	<b>(445,472.41)</b>	68.53%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	18	<b>\$10,000.09</b>	<b>(\$13,434.00)</b>	

# St. Paul UCC Prayer List

Gus Kuether	Bev Juenger
Lori Coleman	Julie Nollette
Al Stahl	Audrey Krummrich
Carol Hotz	Joyce Maurer
Jim Young	Barb Suess
Mimi Llamas	Our Neighbors



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to  
Pastor Michelle at  
[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)  
or call 233-3303

## A note about regathering October 7, 2021

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

**Per the state guidelines, all people over the age of 2 must wear a mask inside the church building (when not actively eating or drinking).**

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!

## 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

September 2021 Attendance: 9am 298+ Online 6pm No Late Service

September 2020 9am: Virtual 6pm: 186 outside

September 2021 All Gifts: \$61,075.93 August 2020 All Gifts: \$34,281.43

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

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PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: **October 29, 2021**

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Return Service Requested

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### Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship  
10am Coffee Hour  
Culinaire's Breakfast  
every 3rd Sunday

### Poinsettias for Christmas Eve

Interested in purchasing poinsettias for  
Christmas Eve? Please contact the church  
office at 618.233.3303.

Each poinsettia will be \$10 per plant.



### Flowers, Music and Bulletin sponsorships are available!

Our sponsorships are a lovely way  
to honor the memory or  
achievement of your loved one.

You can call the church office, or  
there is a sign up sheet outside the  
office hanging on the bulletin board.

The sponsorship cost is \$35.00.



We want to know  
**YOU** are here!  
Please make sure to sign in on  
the pew pad in your pew.