

Our St. Paul

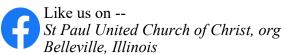
December 2021

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.

Church Office Contact Information: 618-233-3303 stpaulucc.org





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

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ISSUE	DEADLINE	MAIL DATE	
January	December 23	December 30	

Pastor's Message - "Be Curious, Not Judgmental"

As many of you know, I consider myself a "pop culture preacher" because I enjoy using illustrations from movies, TV shows, and music. The show I really got into the most this year was Ted Lasso. (I can't tell you how many times I've watched the two seasons all the way through!) The show is about an American football coach who heads over to Richmond, right outside of London, to coach a European football (aka soccer) team.

Ted's best assets are his positive attitude, his compassion, and his willingness to really understand the people he works with. I see how Ted attempts to bring out the best in the people he works with, a coveted gift for any leader.

There is one episode in which Ted and the owner of the team Rebecca run into Rebecca's ex-husband with his new girlfriend. Ted and the ex-husband play a round of darts with the winner attaining a little extra power (regarding the team) as his prize.

Nearing the end of the darts game, Ted says the following:

"Guys have underestimated me my entire life. And for years, I never understood why. It used to really bother me. But then one day, I was driving my little boy to school and I saw this quote by Walt Whitman, and it was painted on the wall there. It said, 'Be curious, not judgmental.' I like that."

The quote from Ted, like many quotes, has stuck with me. This quote in particular is one that stands out above the rest. *Be curious, not judgmental.* (I feel like I need to woodburn this on a plaque and hang it up somewhere!) This way of living takes everything we have sometimes. We want to give a bad review of a business without understanding that the owner may be sick or facing a crisis in their life, and that's why the service was terrible that day. We want to scream at the driver in front of us without realizing that they may have a sick child at home or a family member in the hospital.

A great Biblical example of this is the story where Jesus sat at the well with the woman who had five husbands and another partner. Jesus names this as matter of fact, not in judgment. Instead, he spends time with the woman, connecting with her and inspiring her. As we see in most of Jesus' ministry, he led by this example, being curious about the lives of his followers as he met them on the journey, and setting aside judgment.

And I think that's what we are called as followers of the Christ.

Advent is a time for us to open hearts and minds as we wait for the Christ child to come into the world. During this season, how is it that we can be more curious about the people around us? What don't we know about them that we should learn?

Throughout Advent, I'll be giving short talks around noon on Facebook Live based on some Ted Lasso quotes as well as scriptures. You don't need to watch the show to connect with the video.

May your season of Advent be full of light, illuminating the way to the stories of our neighbors.

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MEMORIALS

Help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas this year!

We are planning a special display of <u>assorted colors of poinsettias</u> on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Please order through the church on the form below.

**The poinsettias will not be personalized with tags; however, all will be recognized in the bulletin. There will be a variety of different colors of poinsettias and you are invited to choose one after the late service on Christmas Eve or later that week. We thank you for your understanding.

You may also choose to give a cash gift in memory, in honor, or in celebration of a special person or event.

Please fill out the form below and include a check in the *amount of \$10.00 for each plant*.

**Please note: We must have your poinsettia/memorial information no later than Sunday, Dec 12th in order for your information to appear in our Christmas Eve bulletins - no exceptions.

Poinsettias may be picked up after the **last** Christmas Eve Service of Worship or later that week (office/church closed December 27th).

The information you include below will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Detach below

I will order a poinsettia through Church I wish to give a loving gift.
(If by check, please make payable to St. Paul Church)
IN MEMORY OF
or IN HONOR OF
or IN CELEBRATION FOR
GIVEN BY









SOCKS, UNDIES, GLOVES, SCARVES & HATS NEEDED FOR



KINDERCOTTAGE

ADDRESS

St Paul UCC 115 W B St Belleville

CONTACT

618-233-3303

www.stpaulucc.org

We are collecting socks, undies, gloves, scarves & hats for Kindercottage.

SIZES: 9 months to 16

Please bring items to worship services or to the church office by December 5th.

Cash donations are accepted if you would rather skip the shopping.





SAVE THE DATE St. Paul UCC Congregational Meeting

December 12 immediately following worship This will be a hybrid meeting—both in person and on Zoom.

If you will be joining us by Zoom, please log on by 10am. Here is the information: Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8676056534
Or join by phone: (312) 626-6799 (please log on by 10am)

Please let us know if you need a copy of the budget or slate of nominees.



THE BLANKET BRIGADE! 223 BLANKETS MADE!

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED CUT, TIE AND CROCHET BLANKETS FOR CHILDREN IN THE HOYLETON FOSTER PROGRAM. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MISSION BOARD FOR DEDICATING MONEY FOR THE PROJECT.

VOLUNTEERS WORKED IN HERITAGE HALL ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9TH AND TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16TH. SOME WORKERS TOOK BLANKETS HOME TO FINISH. SEVERAL CHURCH MEMBERS COULDN'T ATTEND OUR WORK DAYS, BUT BOUGHT MATERIAL AND WORKED ON THE PROJECT AT HOME. OTHER CHURCH MEMBERS DONATED MONEY TO PURCHASE THE FLEECE FOR THE BLANKETS.

THIS WAS TRULY THE WORK OF THE TIME, TALENT AND

TREASURES OF OUR CHURCH MEMBERS.

VOLUNTEERS:



RUTH BUSH
DEBBIE LIPPERT
RUTH ANN ERDMANN
SUE HOFFMANN
JUDY KOCH
SUE SUTHERLAND
MARLENE MUELLER
SUSAN RELFE
TERESA SCHMIDT
PAM NICHOLSON
PAM ELSER
DIANE DRAKE
PASTOR MICHELLE
JEANETTE PHILLIPS

KAREN KEUSS
LAUREEN TORIGIAN
KATHY BIRKNER
JAN FRIEDRICH
MIMI LLAMAS
JERRY PIERCE-HEISLER
SANDY RITTER
BETTE ROTERT
SONJA MYLAND
JANET METZGER
TERRY DICKINSON
ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN
GIRL SCOUT TROUP-REDBUD



<u>Activity Center Walking Schedule</u>: Mondays 9-11, Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays 1-3 and Fridays 1-3.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am MDO 1pm-With You Meeting 5:00pm-Handbell Practice 7pm-Chancel Choir	2 9am MDO 9:30am Stewardship Meeting 5:30pm– Personnel Meeting	TIS THE SEASON TO BE	4 10am Centering Prayer 7:00pm Fine Arts Concert Carols By Candlelight No-Name Chorale
8 9am MDO 5:00pm-Handbells 6:00pm-Mission 7:00pm-Chancel Choir	9 9am MDO National Pastry Day!	Human Rights Day!	6:00pm Friends, Food & Fun Christmas Party
15 9am MDO 1pm-Women's Guild 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir	16 9am MDO 6pm Council Meeting	National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day!	18 10am Centering Prayer National Wreaths Across America Day!
22 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir	23	Christmas Eve Worship 4:30pm 7:00pm	25 Merry CHISTMAS
29 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed	2022 Happy New Year

Do you have a favorite Christmas hymn or carol? Please send us your requests!

swilhelm@stpaulucc.org or call 618-233-3303





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.

Open Hours For Walking in St. Paul UCC's Activity Center

Now that the weather is cooler, St. Paul UCC is opening the Activity Center for congregants and friends to walk around the Activity Center. The hours are as follows:

Mondays 9-11am Tuesdays 1-3pm Wednesdays 1-3pm Thursdays 1-3pm Fridays 9-11am

For more information, contact the church office at 618.233.3303.



Cleaning Supplies still needed for Kindercottage. These include bleach, Clorox wipes, etc. Additional PPE items are also needed (masks, gloves, kids masks).

Contact the church office at (618)233-3303 with any additional questions.



REGISTER NOW For January 2022



for

St. Paul Mother's Day Out



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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

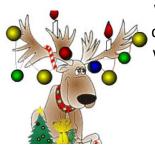


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Women's Guild will be celebrating Christmas on Wednesday Dec 15th from 1:00 until 3:00 pm in Heritage Hall. We will read the Christmas story and sing Christmas carols. Be sure to bring your homemade cookies and a \$6 exchange gift. Hors d'doeuvre's will be served. Our next meeting will be January 19th, 2022, when we will be installing our new officers and having a Potluck.

St Paul Fine Arts 2021-2022

Season

Concerts sponsored by St. Paul Fine Arts Admission is free, a freewill offering will be received.



Satuday 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.







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 Donald Bayer

Karen Polczynski

IMO Erma Scheurer

Paul & Sue Sutherland

IMO Norma Ullrich

Donna Davis

IMO Gayle Wren

(Choir)

Billy Wren

IMO Caroline Busse

Donna Davis



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Beginning Tuesday January 11 10:00 a.m. in the Genesis Room an eight-week study facilitated by "Committee."

Join your church friends for a video study presented by John Dominic Crossan. Participants will view the video, share questions, and discuss The Challenge of Paul.

Paul is one of Christianity's most impactful, yet most debated and misunderstood figures. In "The Challenge of Paul," John Dominic Crossan gives us the benefit of his lifelong search for the Paul of history to create a new understanding that sheds new light on Paul and why he is more relevant than ever today.

ADULT EDUCATION MISSION STATEMENT

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Grow forward with Christ through education which enables us to explore, deepen, share and live out our faith. By exploring Faith and Life, St. Paul Adult Education strives to help our adults understand: The history and basis of our faith and how that history relates to faith today.

Anniversaries + S

<u>December</u> Anniversaries

12/14-Dick & Ruth Ann Erdmann

> 12/15-Bob & Bev Vokes

12/17-Don & Judy Beisiegel

12/27-Scott & Peggy Burke

December Birthdays

12/1-Hayley Steen

12/1-Linda Herrmann

12/2-Micheal Wagner

12/3-Debbie Lippert

12/3-Judy Saeger

12/4-Donna Thomas

12/5-Nancy Scharf

12/6-Robert Yung

12/8-Thomas Mentzer

12/11-Jerilyn Hausmann

12/14-Walter Beatty

12/15-Carolyn Hazelip

12/16-Bruce Elser

12/16-Lou James

12/16-Todd Keller

12/19-Patricia Oberholtzer

12/21-Doug Bush

12/27-Carol Hotz

12/30-Linda Minton

12/31-Elvera Juenger

12/31-Dolly Kirsch

12/31-Larry Reeble

12/31-Rose Hoy







Revenues	2021 Final Budget	2021 Oct Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
Congregational Offerings	\$400,256.18	\$37,433.00	\$304,253.01	76.01%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$81,450.00	4,132.00	42,726.50	52.46%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	437.00	2,334.00	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	248.38	5,702.38	190.08%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,900.00	850.00	8,375.00	84.60%
Building Fund	\$20,000.00	986.00	17,991.00	89.96%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	2,307.00	19,921.47	N/A
Memorials	\$11,000.00	2.00	10,379.40	94.36%
Bequests	\$0.00	0.00	30,000.00	N/A
Building Income	\$0.00	160.00	(198.73)	N/A
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	200.00	1,375.00	114.58%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	0.00	5.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$11,000.00	0.00	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	84.00	682.92	15.18%
Total Operating Revenues	\$640,056.18	\$46,839.38	\$473,011.75	73.90%
Team Revenues	\$10,000.00	891.43	6,757.47	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			\$0.00	
Grand Total	\$650,056.18	\$47,730.81	\$479,769.22	73.80%
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$319,711.18)	(\$21,324.71)	(\$228,957.67)	71.61%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(39,400.00)	(3,488.95)	(31,056.38)	78.92%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(14,425.00)	(2,069.90)	(16,417.29)	113.81%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(3,275.00)	0.00	(780.31)	23.83%
Stewardship	(1,425.00)	(271.21)	(2,136.81)	149.95%
Property	(179,215.00)	(14,530.47)	(154,549.04)	88.21%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,155.00)	(2,219.26)	(10,026.36)	66.16%
MDO	(81,450.00)	(5,193.54)	(50,646.59)	62.18%
General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(650,056.18)	(49,098.04)	(494,570.45)	76.08%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	18	(\$1,367.23)	(\$14,801.23)	

St. Paul UCC Prayer List

Gus Kuether Carol Hotz

Bev Juenger Joyce Maurer

Lori Coleman Jim Young Al Stahl Barb Suess

Audrey Krummrich Karen Zaber

Shirley Martin

The loved ones of Caroline Busse, Joy Horn, and Norma Ullrich.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

A note about regathering November-December 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

October 2021 Attendance: 9am 369+ Online 6pm No Late Service
October 2020 9am: 116 + Online 6pm: 157 + Online

October 2021 All Gifts: \$48,895.43 October 2020 All Gifts: \$34,415.87

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

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PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: **December 1, 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

(Changed to December 12th for December only)

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.