

# Our St. Paul February 2022

## YOUR St. Paul Team

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#### **2022 OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday 8:30am-4pm

> **Friday** 9am-12pm

Masks Required

# Snacks for healthcare workers Once again this year, we are asking for monetary donations in order to purchase snacks for healthcare workers at Memorial Hospital. Please contact the church office at 618.233.3303 to make a donation.

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March	February 23rd	March 1st

#### A Message from the Pastor and A Letter from our Visioning Team

As many of you know, I'll be having surgery in the middle of February. While I'm out recovering, our visioning process continues. Our core team through this process—Dave Hoffmann, Debbie Lippert, Mimi Llamas, and Terry Kalinowski, along with Steve Schmidt and me, have been meeting with our facilitator, the Rev. Dr. Lisa Withrow. As you will see below, our next steps include interviewing people through February and March. We look forward to hearing about your dreams for our wonderful church, knowing that God is walking alongside of us through this entire process. Blessings, Pastor Michelle

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Dear St. Paul UCC Friends,

A blessed 2022 to you! We have an exciting initiative launching in January to move St. Paul into its emerging future: "Pray, Align, and Thrive" is a year-long journey for the church to co-create the "what's next" for us in service of the church and surrounding community. More than visioning, a core team and a working team are taking action to listen well to people's spiritual and missional needs, then creating together what the church of the future will look like, with feet grounded in the St. Paul tradition.

We will be contacting active members and affiliated attenders in the next month for interviews about these very things. You will receive an invitation to speak with someone from the teams about what is meaningful to you about St. Paul. This process is not meant to problem-solve, but to awaken possibilities. IF you are not active currently but would like an interview opportunity, please contact the church office at 618-233-3303 to set up a time with one of the interviewers.

The core team members are Dave Hoffmann, Debbie Lippert, Mimi Llamas, and Terry Kalinowski. The working team members are Diane Drake, Sandy Wagner, Rusty Wagner, Mona Scheibel, Rick Drake, Ruth Bush, Dana Rosenzweig, Doug Bush, Sandy Ritter, Sherri Gericke, Karen Keuss, Pete Kobernus, Donna Davis, Susan Relfe, and Bruce Elser. One of these individuals will be interviewing you. If there is someone specific you would like to interview you, please contact the church office.

Feel free to connect with one of the core team members if you have ideas beyond the interview. They are working with a consultant, Rev. Dr. Lisa Withrow, and volunteering many hours of time for this initiative throughout 2022! Regular updates will be available to you as the work progresses.

We give thanks for you, look forward to hearing your dreams for the church, and working with you in 2022.

Dr. Steve Schmidt, Council President Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

# You're INVITED TO OUR Congregational Meeting

A MEETING TO VOTE ON ANNUAL REPORTS. ANNUAL REPORTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE SANCTUARY AND ONLINE.



*Wнен*: February 13, 2022 Following worship service

WHERE: St. Paul United Church of Christ & Zoom

Zoom information: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8676056534 Meeting ID: 867 605 6534 Dial by your location (312) 626-6799



#### **Souper-Bowl of Caring**

Bring in your cans of soups and other non-perishable food items February 6 & 13 for the Interfaith Food Pantry. Participants can use their canned items to vote for their favorite football team in the big aame as part of the fun! When you bring in your cans of nonperishable food items on February 6 or 13, you can use your donation to "vote" on who you would like to win the Superbowl. We will have boxes on one side of the chancel for one team, and boxes on the other side of the chancel for the other team. And, for those who do not care for football or the teams playing, we will have a section in the middle those who are neutral. We thank you for participating in this fun activity to collect food for our neighbors!

#### A Covid-19 Guidelines Update for St. Paul United Church of Christ Updated February 1, 2022

Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, the St. Paul United Church of Christ leadership has taken this virus seriously and has followed local, state, and federal guidelines as well as listened to the science informing the public on the need for mitigations.

Due to a large number of cases in our area of the Omicron variant, we continue to have additional adjustments to our guidelines.

First of all, we will be canceling all Sunday coffee hours through February 13. Coffee hour will begin again on February 20, provided Covid numbers continue to drop. There will not be a Culinares breakfast in February.

Secondly, previously scheduled events such as the Trivia Night and Valentine's Day Dinner (both in February) have been canceled for the time being. Christian Education for elementary, middle, and high school will not be held in February. At this time, the Adult Bible Study will begin February 22. Team meetings in February will continue to be held on Zoom.

Third, we are still physically distancing in the sanctuary for worship and wherever possible in our building. We ask that our congregants be seated every-other pew where the blue cushions have been placed.

Masks are mandated at all times while in the St. Paul UCC building (per state guidelines). If you are unable to wear masks over both your nose and mouth, you can watch our service online on Facebook, YouTube, or on our website (stpaulucc.org). Sunday morning services are also broadcast live on Jubilee 690AM.

Throughout this entire process, having worship in person has been our number one priority. By instituting these practices, we have been and believe we can continue to do so safely.

Thank you for your help in keeping the St. Paul United Church of Christ community safe!

Blessings, Dr. Steve Schmidt, Council President Mimi Llamas, Safety Team Dave Hoffmann, Safety Team Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager & Safety Coordinator



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6 9am Worship	7 7pm Executive Council	8 9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner
13 9am Worship 10am-Congregational Meeting Superbowl Sunday!	14	15 9am-MDO 9:30am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner
20 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts National Muffin Day!	21 Office Closed President's Day	22 9am-MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner
27 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts	28	

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
EVERYONE is welcome here				
2 9am MDO 1pm-St. Paul With You 6pm-Mission Groundhog Day!	3 9am MDO	4 National Wear Red Day!	5	
9 9am MDO <u>Pizza Day</u> !	10 9am MDO 6pm–Personnel Meeting National Giving Hearts Day!	11 National Shut-In Visitation Day!	12	
16 9am-MDO	17 9am MDO 6pm Council Meeting National Random Acts of Kindness Day!	18    National Drink Wine Day!	19	
23 9am-MDO	24 9am-MDO National Chili Day!	25 National Chocolate Covered Nut Day!	26 SETTING IN EXAMPLE National Set A Good Example Day!	

#### 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 Caroline Busse

Janet Heil

IMO Marilee Black Kent Black

IMO Jodie Lippert ( MDO) Jeffry & Diane Lutz

IMO Lev Reynolds

Donna Davis

#### **IMO Norma Boyd**

Judy Koch Dave & Sue Hoffmann Donna Davis Debbie Lippert Darwin & Mary Lu Bretsch (Community dinner) Pam Walton (Food Pantry) Rick & Diane Drake (Radio) Terry & Synthia Kalinowski



#### February Anniversaries

2/4 - Raymond & Jean Chamberlin 2/21 - Jack & Barbara Olsen



2/3-Donna Kelly 2/3-Donna Nettleton 2/4-Cindy Kettler 2/4-Deborah Meyer 2/6-Gene Crites 2/6-Duane Hausmann 2/8-Marlene Lindauer 2/10-Gary Friedrich 2/10-Donna Young 2/12-Kay Ortmann 2/14-Patricia Pierce 2/16-William James

#### February Birthdays

- 2/17-Janet Spencer
- 2/18-Brian Mentzer
- 2/18-Clarence Wolf
- 2/20-Sandra Krummrich
- 2/21-Mimi Llamas
- 2/23-James Bevirt
- 2/23-Jean Sporleder
- 2/24-John Hoehn
- 2/25-Lucy Eckert
- 2/27-Roger Relfe
- 2/27-Joyce Ernst

Revenues	2021 Final Budget	2021 Dec Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
Congregational Offerings	\$400,256.18	\$39,255.00	\$372,727.02	93.12%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$81,450.00	5,509.00	54,109.50	66.43%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	(375.00)	1,959.00	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	25.00	6,492.38	216.41%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,900.00	1,700.00	10,075.00	101.77%
Building Fund	\$20,000.00	1,384.00	20,670.00	103.35%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	6,039.12	26,480.39	N/A
Memorials	\$11,000.00	1,295.00	11,914.40	108.31%
Bequests	\$0.00	0.00	30,000.00	N/A
Building Income	\$0.00	1,310.00	1,111.27	N/A
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	450.00	2,185.00	182.08%
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	15,000.00	20.62%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Income	\$4,500.00	418.67	1,072.96	23.84%
Total Operating Revenues	\$640,056.18	\$57,385.79	\$583,266.92	91.13%
Team Revenues	\$10,000.00	1,469.72	9,193.39	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			\$0.00	
Grand Total	\$650,056.18	\$58,855.51	\$592,460.31	91.14%
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$319,711.18)	(\$22,370.01)	(\$271,853.81)	85.03%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(39,400.00)	(3,400.17)	(36,740.75)	93.25%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(14,425.00)	(19,371.88)	(37,822.88)	262.20%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(3,275.00)	(82.15)	(762.46)	23.28%
Stewardship	(1,425.00)	0.00	(2,296.83)	161.18%
Property	(179,215.00)	(9,890.66)	(173,855.01)	99.22%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,155.00)	(6,645.36)	(17,213.35)	113.58%
MDO	(81,450.00)	(3,865.35)	(58,589.66)	71.93%
General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(650,056.18)	(65,325.58)	(599,134.75)	92.17%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	9	(\$6,470.07)	(\$6,674.44)	

## ST PAUL UCC MOTHER'S DAY OUT PROGRAM

# ENROLL NOW FOR

# FALL SEMESTER CLASSES!

"WE OFFER A CARING AND ENRICHED ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TO GROW SOCIALLY, EMOTIONALLY, INTELLECTUALLY & PHYSICALLY"

We have openings for School Year 2021- 2022 (midterm) for children ages 3 & 4. Class Times: Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thurday 9:10-12:30



CONTACT OUR MDO COORDINATOR FOR A TOUR AT: (618)233-3303 EMAIL:SUEHOFFMANNMDO@STPAULUCC.ORG

## Attn: Grandparents!

If you are taking care of your grandchildren and are in need of some time for yourselves... we are here for you!

## St. Paul UCC Prayer List

Gus KuetherAnn HollidayLori ColemanKaren ZaberAl StahlAudrey KrummrichCarol HotzJoyce MaurerShirley MartinWayne CaughmanKristine MuellerScott Schmidt, brother of Steve SchmidtScott Schmidt, brother of Steve SchmidtFamily of Beverly JuengerLoved Ones of Debra & Shirley HailstoneFamily of Betty Hartmann

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 Bellevillearea 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!



#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

### **Drivers Needed!**

We have members in search of a ride to Sunday Worship. Please contact the office for more information. 618-233-3306 swilhelm@stpaulucc.org



# 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.

#### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

December 2021Attendance: 9am362+ OnlineChristmas Eve 2 Services—183December 20219am: All Virtual6pm: All VirtualDecember 2021 All Gifts:\$42,070.05December 2020 All Gifts:\$57,009.11Gifts exclude MDO revenue and endowment distributions, but does include investment income.

### 115 WEST "B" STREET, BELLEVILLE, IL 62220 PHONE: 618-233-3303 MAIL DATE: **February 1st, 2022**

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