



Our St. Paul

July 2022

YOUR St. Paul Team

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager

Tristan Frampton, Director of Music

Sherry Wilhelm, Office Coordinator

Kathy Buehler, Bookkeeper

Ian Hipkins, Technology Coordinator

Donna Young, Receptionist

Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30am-4pm

Friday

9am-12pm

Call us @ 618-233-3303

*How are you experiencing
God this summer?*

St. Paul friends:

Send in your photos of how you
have experienced God-
whether it's been on vacation,
in your backyard, or anywhere
in between.

We will be posting them on the
bulletin boards in the hallway
near the office.

Please send photos to
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org



**Welcome to our
new bookkeeper
Kathy Buehler!**

I am married to my
husband Rob of 47
years. We have two
children and three
grandchildren. My
prior employment
consisted of 36 years
in the banking industry. I enjoy spending
time with family and doing crafts.



**Welcome to our
new Technology
Coordinator
Ian Hipkins!**

I am a full-time
junior student at
Southern Illinois
University in
Edwardsville.

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

ISSUE

August

DEADLINE

July 22nd

MAIL DATE

August 1st

Pastor's Message

Day by Day

July 2 marks my fourth anniversary here at St. Paul UCC! It's been a pleasure serving this church and our people for these four years - even though much of that time has been navigating the unexpected pandemic.

Through these years, we've had the chance to love one another and collaborate together as we further "our mutual ministry in Christ's name," as our installation service states.

Such work - especially when we were at the height of the pandemic - is something best focused on in small pieces, looking at the whole but engaging in the work in smaller portions. One of my dear friends in Florida would often say to me "take things 15 minutes at a time." Whenever she would speak these words to me, I was comforted by the sensible nature of taking life step-by-step. And at St. Paul, we continue to take our work step-by-step as we care for our congregation now and vision for the future with God's help.

Recently, I was listening to the song "Day by Day" from the *Godspell* soundtrack. The lyrics of the song note these words:
*Day by day/Day by day/Oh Dear Lord/Three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly/Love thee more dearly/Follow thee more nearly/Day by day*

What a beautiful prayer: To see God more clearly, to love God more dearly, to follow Jesus the Christ more nearly each and every day.

As I enter my fifth year here, this is my prayer for my own life and for our mutual ministry here at St. Paul. As humans and as God's children, all we can do is take this life day by day or, if needed "15 minutes at a time." I pray that you will find comfort in taking life in smaller pieces when needed!

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

**Pastor Michelle will be out of the office on vacation July 4-9.
Please call the office phone number if you have pastoral emergencies during this time.**



Trivia Night

August 20, 2022

7:00pm/Doors open 6:15pm

St. Augustine of


Canterbury Church

1910 West Belle ~ Belleville IL

Beacon Ministry, a ministry for poverty-stricken people in the Belleville area and beyond is having a Trivia Night fundraiser and silent auction. The cost is \$20 per person and our church is looking to have a St. Paul table at this event. Anyone interested can put your name on the sign-up sheet in the church Narthex or call the office.

If we can get a table of ten people before Aug. 4 it will only cost \$15 per person.

Attendees are welcome to bring snacks and there will also be beer, wine, soda, and water available for purchase at the event.



50/50 Summer Grand Slam

Help support the operating fund by participating in our summer 50/50 drawing. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, August 28 - St. Paul day at the ballgame. Tickets are available in the Welcome Center and through the church office.

Take me out to the ballgame,
Take me out with my friends,
Join with St. Paul at the Cardinals game,
Oh, to miss it would be such a shame!
For a ticket, hotdog, and soda,
and give-away bobble surprise,
Only \$25 all this you can claim at the old, ballgame!



August 28 – St. Louis Cardinals vs. Atlanta Braves

Game Time 1:15pm

\$25 per person

Ticket includes voucher for hotdog and soda.

Plus Mystery Hall of Fame Car Parade Bobblehead to first 25,000!

Tickets are limited. Get yours in the Welcome Center on Sundays or through the church office.

a LISTEN UP! Bible study

God is still speaking,

ELISSA JOHNNK

Next Bible Study
Listen Up Series - John
Starting August 2nd @ 10am
in the Genesis Room
Contact
Donna Davis for more information!

MARGARITA MONDAY BOOK EXCHANGE FUNDRAISER

Bring books, go home with books and
share in the hospitality of friends and food!

Monday, July 18 - 6:00pm-?

Location: Sue & Dave Hoffmann's home

Cost: \$20 - Margaritas & Food Provided

Proceeds to benefit the general fund.

RSVP: Sue 618-593-7795

Maximum 50 participants

Save the Date!

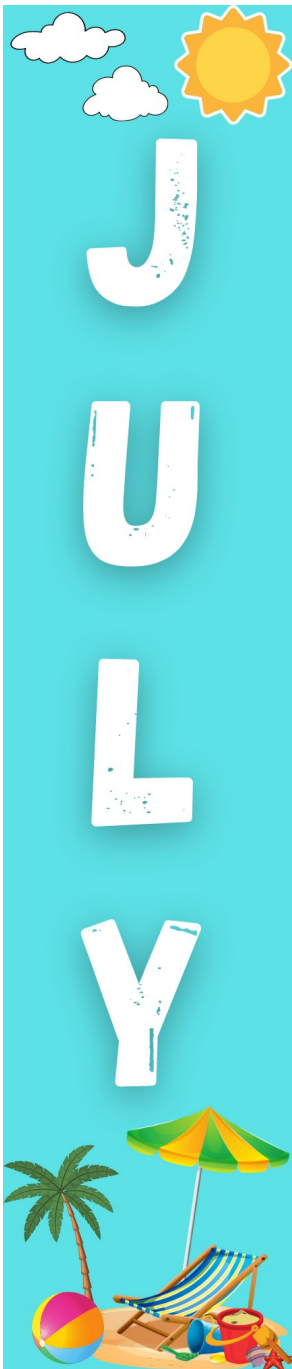
On August 13th from
6-10pm. You are
invited to a music,
food & fun Fundraiser
at Scharf Farm!




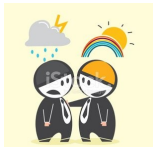


MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

**NEXT
MEETING
Tuesday,
July 19th
from 1-3pm
in the
craft room**



**THANK YOU FOR SHARING
AND CARING,
SANDY RITTER**



Sun	Mon	Tue
		
3 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts	4 Independence Day! OFFICE CLOSED 	5 OFFICE CLOSED No power due to electrical renovations in the building Pastor Michelle on vacation this week
10 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts	11  <i>National Cheer Up the Lonely Day!</i>	12 9:30am-Quilters 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner
17 9am Worship 10am Culinaires' Breakfast	18 6pm-Margarita Monday Book Exchange 	19 9:30am-Quilters 10am-Worship Committee 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner
24 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts	25  <i>National Hot Fudge Sundae Day!</i>	26 9:30am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner <i>National Aunt and Uncle's Day!</i>
31 9am Worship 10am Coffee Doughnuts		

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>National Postal Worker Day!</i>	2 3-5pm Patriotic Concert Sanctuary 
6 OFFICE CLOSED	7  <i>National Father Daughter Take a Walk Day!</i>	8  <i>National Freezer Pop Day!</i>	9 10am-Centering Prayer  <i>National Sugar Cookie Day!</i>
13 6:30pm-Mission Meeting 6:30pm-UCC Statement of Faith Study group  <i>National French Fry Day!</i>	14  <i>National Mac & Cheese Day!</i>	15 <i>National Give Something Away Day!</i>	16 
20 1pm-Women's Guild 6:30pm-UCC Statement of Faith Study group	21 	22  <i>National Mango Day!</i>	23 10am-Centering Prayer
27 6:30pm-UCC Statement of Faith Study group  <i>National Love is Kind Day!</i>	28 	29  <i>National Lasagna Day!</i>	30  <i>National Cheesecake Day!</i>

Coming This Summer... What Do We Believe???

A sermon series and evening Bible/faith study on the
UCC's Statement of Faith.

The evening study begins July 13 at 6:30pm, and the sermon series starts during the 9am service on July 17. We will use the book *Affirming Faith* as part of this study. For more information, contact Pastor Michelle at pasormichelle@stpaulucc.org

Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who made the rummage sale a success: everyone who donated items, set up the sale, worked during the sale, boxed up the leftover items, made a purchase, and shared the information here on Facebook and with your friends!

Rummage Sale



Revenues	<u>2022 Final Budget</u>	<u>2022 May Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$379,198.27	\$21,295.05	\$154,960.47	40.87%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$55,110.00	70.00	20,601.00	37.38%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	59.00	2,019.00	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$5,000.00	0.00	(153.50)	-3.07%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$10,500.00	850.00	425.00	40.48%
Building Fund	\$21,000.00	883.00	7,194.00	34.26%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	1,900.00	19,268.88	N/A
Memorials	\$11,000.00	30.00	4,270.00	38.82%
Bequests	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Building Income	\$2,500.00	50.00	750.00	30.00%
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$14,000.00	0.00	15,975.00	114.11%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$98,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$15,000.00	0.00	39,034.75	260.23%
Other Income	\$1,200.00	30.56	49.18	4.10%
Total Operating Revenues	\$614,208.97	\$25,167.61	\$268,218.78	43.67%
Team Revenues	\$6,000.00	923.09	4,267.49	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			\$0.00	
Grand Total	\$620,208.97	\$26,090.70	\$272,486.27	43.93%
Expenses				
Personnel	(\$307,950.27)	(\$21506.12)	(\$105,616.40)	34.30%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(53,350.00)	(3,631.53)	(22,801.03)	42.74%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(13,970.00)	(2,401.36)	(14,803.79)	105.97%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(2,900.00)	(470.64)	(613.65)	21.16%
Stewardship	(1,675.00)	(149.20)	(531.73)	31.75%
Property	(167,008.70)	(9,834.81)	(61,765.87)	36.98%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(18,245.00)	(269.87)	(2,646.48)	14.51%
MDO	(55,110.00)	(4,885.36)	(28,273.82)	51.30%
General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(620,208.97)	(43,148.89)	(237,052.77)	38.22%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	9 0.00	(\$17,058.19)	\$35,433.50	



Anniversaries & Birthdays



July Anniversaries

7/2-Bruce & Pam Elser
7/2-Scott & Lana Gentry
7/8-Dave & Sue Hoffmann
7/10-Willam & Lou Ann James
7/10-Rusty & Sandy Wagner
7/15-Scott & Judy Keplar
7/17-Brian & Jennifer Mentzer
7/17-Aaron Coleman & Michelle
Torigion

July Birthdays

7/4-Pam Walton
7/4-Emily Vokes
7/6-Marlene Mueller
7/7-Sophia Florek
7/7-Eileen Wetzel
7/7-Ronald Buckrod
7/8-Pam Elser
7/8-Carole Goers
7/8-Kristine Mueller
7/8-Dana Rosenzweig
7/8-Vickie Dziaba
7/9-Sandy Loeffler
7/11-Gus Kuether
7/13-Tom Birkner



July Birthdays cont.

7/13-Terry Kalinowski
7/14-Dave Hoffmann
7/14-Sam Sivewright
7/15-Barb Sues
7/16-Marilyn Dinkelmann
7/16-Judy Koch
7/16-Grace Brashier
7/18-Michael Herrmann
7/19-Bryant Steen
7/21-Cheryl Buckrod
7/21-Nick Elser
7/22-Lonnie Kettler
7/23-Barbara Harszy
7/23-Julie Morton
7/23-Jane Rogers
7/25-Wayne Caughman
7/25-Nick Keplar
7/27-Sue Kuether
7/27-Nancy Viehman
7/28-Sandy Wagner
7/30-Emily Stokes
7/31-Wayne Weidemann
7/31-Frank Graetz

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 Richard (Rick) Drake

Mike Eckert
Clarence Wolf

IMO Bobbie Smith

Eileen Peter
Ron & Jan Meyer
Donna Davis
Darwin & MaryLu Bretsch
Dolly Kirsch
Womens Guild
Dorothy & Gordon Maiworm

(Fine Arts)

Lynn & Luci Bradley
Ken & Osceola Mueller
Rusty & Sandy Wagner
Elgee & Jeanette Phillips
Barb Suess

(Music Ministry)

Fine Arts

IMO Marita Ganim

Sandra Pfingsten

IMO Helen Pfingsten

Sandra Pfingsten

For Your Prayers

Gus Kuether
Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Shirley Martin
Sue Kuether
Eileen Wetzel
Grace Wolf
Marilyn
Dinkelmann

Christopher Mitchell
Scott Schmidt, brother of
Steve Schmidt
Laura Sadler
Mona McAllister
Brian Sample, nephew of
Kathy Birkner
The loved ones of Eileen
Wetzel

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org
or call 618-233-3303

*Praying for your health
and well being!*

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

May 2022 Attendance: 9am 419+ Online May 2021 9am: 205 & 6pm: 80
May 2022 All Gifts: \$25,961.70 May 2021 All Gifts: \$30,694.89

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

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MAIL DATE: **July 1st, 2022**

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Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship
10am Coffee Hour
Culinaires' Breakfast is the
3rd Sunday of month

EVERYONE
is welcome here




Watch videos on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/>

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

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACBOOK -**

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)!**



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