



Our St. Paul

July 2023

YOUR St. Paul Team

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30am-4pm

Friday

9am-12pm

Church Office Contact

Information:

618-233-3303

stpaulucc.org



Please send the following to us:

1. What are two or three of your favorite hymns/worship songs?

2. What are ways that you have shared kindness with your neighbors?

Please send this information to swilhelm@stpaulucc.org or call the church office at (618) 233-3303.



Thank you to all who donated
snack for VBS!
GREAT TEAM WORK!

SAVE THE DATE!



October 27th!
Glo Bingo!
More info to come!

OUR ST. PAUL is published monthly. It is edited by our pastor and produced by the office staff. Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul**.

ISSUE

August

DEADLINE

July 25

MAIL DATE

July 31

Pastor's Message - Appreciating Creation

My husband Aaron has a goal in his life to travel to each US national park and monument during his lifetime. So far, he has been to over 179 National Park sites (31 of them are National Parks). While there are a few remote ones he assumes he will not travel to, he is always planning trips to see the beauty of God's creation.

When we were planning our Alaskan cruise, we decided to travel to Glacier Bay National Park and the town of Sitka.

There are not enough words in our language for me to describe Glacier Bay! The snow capped mountains, clear waters, majestic glaciers, and local animals were a gift to embrace. There was just not enough time to spend reflecting on the magnitude of God's artistry while gazing upon the surroundings. I couldn't believe I was on the same planet as the lower 48. These moments were filled with holiness!

In Sitka, we walked to the Sitka National Historic Park which held some ornate totems. Each one told stories of the Tlingit and Haida people. While we were in the park, we noticed a soar of bald eagles. Through the stories of the Indigenous people, the surrounding mountains and volcanoes surrounding Sitka, and the company of the nearby bald eagles, we noticed the sacredness of the space and how God's creation is not to be taken for granted.

And this made me reflect on the following: How is it that we are caring for creation so as not to speed up the melting of our glaciers which will throw off the balance of creation? How are we recognizing the stories of our country's Indigenous ancestors and the pain they went through?

I know many people - including the UCC this month at General Synod - are now starting meetings and other events with a land acknowledgement of the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who were settled on the particular land. For instance we are on land once Osage, O-ga-xpa Ma-zhoⁿ (O-ga-xpa), Quapaw, Myaamia, Očhéthi Šakówiŋ, Kaskaskia, and Kiikaapoi (Kickapoo). Recognizing treaties made with them and the history of the land as well as their stories can be part of this land acknowledgement.

We are always asking ourselves how we can better creation. Caring for our gardens, recycling our bottles, and supporting local farms can be a start. Having conversations about the history of our country - recognizing our heritage and recognizing the ways others have experienced oppression is crucial to the well being of our country and entire world. These are more ways that we can share kindness and be the light in our world.

I give much gratitude to our lay leaders in this congregation who are planning our July 2 worship service as they give thanks to God for the beauty of our country including special places like national parks and recognize the wisdom of Native Americans leaders. May we continue to celebrate the beauty of our country and world and seek new ways to care for one another. And let us pray for rain so our farmer's crops can grow and so the northern wildfires will cease!

Blessings, *Pastor Michelle*

Thinking about Pentecost

Since Pentecost Sunday, May 26, we are now in the longest season of the liturgical calendar which lasts until advent. With Pentecost being about the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Christian church, it got me thinking about the Holy Spirit at our church. As church council president this year, I have attended at least one meeting of most of the teams/boards at St. Paul. This experience has left me very impressed with the members of our church. The level of care, dedication, and expertise exhibited has me feeling that the Holy Spirit is very alive and active among us. It is also gratifying to see that the average attendance at worship services has gone up in recent months. Through the grace of God and the talents and wisdom of many people through the years, the radio and streaming mediums enabled us to receive the worship services outside the walls of the church. This has been quite a blessing, especially during the dark days of the COVID pandemic. However, I personally find it very wonderful to be in God's house worshipping and fellowshiping with my friends and Christian neighbors, and I hope all who are able will come be a part of worship services. As the old saying goes "the more the merrier." But even better than that, more people worshipping together will make our services more vibrant than they already are, and I think they are pretty good right now. Also, it's good to remember Jesus' words in Matthew 18:20 "For where two or more gather in my name, there am I with them." So my hope and prayer is that we will always stay open to the Holy Spirit's guidance so that we may be a loving and caring Christian church that will thrive long into the future.

God bless you all,
Terry Kalinowski





Senior Pickle Ball



Pickle ball is a combination of tablet tennis, badminton and tennis.

This sport is played on an indoor badminton court with a racquet and whiffle ball.

A low impact/ low risk activity:

Mondays & Wednesdays

@ 9-11am,

Fridays 9:15-11:15

St Paul UCC ACTIVITY CENTER

115 W B Street, Belleville, IL 62220

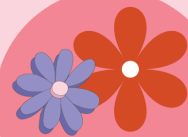
For more information call

St. Clair County Office on Aging:

618-234-4410 ext. 7034



**Flowers, music and
bulletin sponsorships
are a lovely way to
honor the memory,
birthday or
achievement of your
loved one. To sign up,
you can call the
church office.
Cost is \$35.00.**



SUMMER YOGA SESSION @ ST. PAUL

With Jessica


Mondays & Thursdays

June 26-July 17 @ 10:30 a.m.

Yoga Dates: 6/26, 6/29, 7/6, 7/10, 7/13 & 7/17 (no yoga on 7/3)



After July 17th there will be a break until after Labor Day!





SHUFFLER'S CLUB

Please join us on the
2nd Tuesday of every
month @ 1pm
in the Library at
St. Paul UCC
115 W. B St., Belleville

MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT












Next Meeting July 18th

THANK YOU FOR SHARING AND CARING, SANDY RITTER





Sun	Mon	Tue
	National Grilling Month 	Pastor Michelle will be at the UCC General Synod June 29-July 5.
2 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts	3 OFFICE CLOSED 	4 OFFICE CLOSED 
9 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts 10am Mission Meeting	10 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30-Yoga Gold  Chronic Disease Day National Kitten Day	11 9am-Quilters 1pm-Shufflers-Library 5pm-Community Dinner 5pm-Finance Meeting National Cheer Up the Lonely Day
16 9am Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts  National Ice Cream Day	17 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold  World Emoji Day	18 9am-Quilters 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner
23 9am Christmas in July Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts National Parent's Day	24 9am-Pickle Ball International Self Care Day	25 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner  National Wine & Cheese Day
30 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts	31 9am-Pickle Ball	

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>National Picnic Month</p> 	<p>BE KIND BE BRAVE BE SILLY BE HONEST BE HAPPY BE YOU</p>	<p>1</p>  <p>Canada Day</p>
<p>5 9am-Pickle Ball 1pm-With You Meeting</p>  <p>National Hawaii Day</p>	<p>6 10am-Worship Meeting</p>  <p>National Fried Chicken Day</p>	<p>7 9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Strawberry Sundae Day</p>	<p>8 10am-Centering Prayer</p>  <p>National Freezer Pop Day</p>
<p>12 9am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Pecan Pie Day</p>	<p>13 6pm-Personnel Meeting</p>  <p>National Barbershop Music Appreciation Day</p>	<p>14 9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National French Fry Day National Mac & Cheese Day</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>National Give Something Away Day</p>
<p>19 9am-Pickle Ball 1pm-Women's Guild</p> 	<p>20</p>  <p>National Moon Day National Lollipop Day</p>	<p>21 9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Junk Food Day</p>	<p>22 10am-Centering Prayer</p>  <p>National Hammock Day</p>
<p>26 9am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Aunt & Uncles Day</p>	<p>27 6pm-Food Pantry Meeting</p>  <p>National Love is Kind Day</p>	<p>28 9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Waterpark Day</p>	<p>29</p> 

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 Mark Eckert

Jane Bonaldi
Donna Davis
Terry & Synthia Kalinowski
Jucy Koch & Al Stahl
Debbie Lippert
Paul & Sue Sutherland
Lynn & Luci Bradley
Gary Buckrod

IMO Bob Harms

Jane Bonaldi
Donna Davis
Bruce & Pam Elser
Gloria Strohm
Marian Twitchelle

IMO Diane Denison

Bruce & Pam Elser—Community Dinner
Janice Friedrich
Gloria Strohm
Donna Davis
Rusty & Sandy Wagner
Edith Elliott—Community Dinner
Paul & Sue Sutherland

IMO JoAnn Oesterle

Dave & Sue Hoffmann—FA
Ruth Klingel

IMO Marilee Black

Kent Black

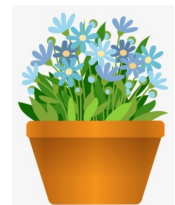
Father's Day Honor Roll

IMO Elmer Perschbacher
Jeffrey Phillips-son
Rick Addison-son in law
Jim Howie-son in law
By Elgee & Jeanette Phillips

Elgee Phillips
By Jeanette Phillips

IHO Elgee & Jeanette Phillips

70th Anniversary
Stephenie Bauza—Music
Friends of St. Paul-Flowers
Jeffrey Phillips-Flowers
Jeanette Sporleder
Gloria Strohm



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

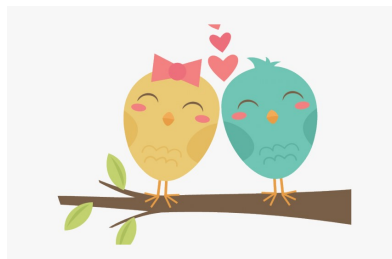
May 2023 Attendance: 9am 388 + Online May 2022 9am: 338 + Online
May 2023 All Gifts: \$35,220.13 May 2022 All Gifts: \$35,064.64

Revenues	<u>2023 Final Budget</u>	<u>2023 May Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	373,479	36,426	177,099	47.42%
Special Stewardship Events	4,000	0	615	15.36%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	10,200	1,700	4,250	41.67%
Building Fund	22,000	814	9,024	41.02%
Outreach / Various Missions	0	1,970	25,533	N/A
Memorials	12,000	130	2,620	21.83%
Bequests	0	0	40,000	N/A
Building Income	5,000	276	1,136	22.72%
Pastoral Honorarium	1,200	0	0	0.00%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	0	0	0	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	26,505	0	14,200	53.58%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	110,500	0	0	N/A
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	63,000	0	33,000	52.38%
Other Income	1,500	21	33	2.21%
Total Operating Revenues	629,383	41,337	307,509	48.86%
Team Revenues	9,000	1,439	4,276	47.51%
Grand Total	638,383	42,776	311,785	48.84%
Expenses				
Personnel	(328,793)	(26,390)	(124,704)	37.93%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(38,628)	(4,533)	(16,272)	42.12%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(13,885)	(212)	(8,387)	60.40%
Education	(2,925)	(795)	(805)	27.54%
Stewardship	(1,675)	(111)	(829)	49.46%
Property	(237,000)	(13,297)	(105,117)	44.35%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,477)	(40,233)	(42,257)	273.03%
General Fund	0	0	0	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(638,383)	(85,571)	(298,370)	46.74%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	0	(42,794)	13,415	



July Wedding Anniversaries

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



July Birthdays

7/4-Pam Walton	7/16-Judith Koch
7/6-Marlene Mueller	7/18-Michael Herrmann
7/7-Ronald Buckrod	7/19-Bryant Steen
7/8-Pam Elser	7/21-Cheryl Buckrod
7/8-Carole Goers	7/21-Nick Elser
7/8-Kris Mueller	7/22-Lonnie Kettler
7/8-Dana Rosenzweig	7/23-Barbara Harszy
7/8-Vickie Dziaba	7/23-Julie Morton
7/9-Sandy Loeffler	7/23-Jane Rogers
7/11-Gus Kuether	7/25-Wayne Caughman
7/13-Tom Birkner	7/27-Sue Kuether
7/13-Terry Kalinowski	7/27-Nancy Viehman
7/14-Dave Hoffmann	7/28-Sandy Wagner
7/14-Sam Sivewright	7/30-Emily Stokes
7/15-Barb Suess	7/31-Wayne Weidemann
7/16-Marilyn Dinklemann	7/31-Frank Graetz

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Shirley Martin
Marilyn Dinkelmann
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms
Scott Schmidt, brother of Steve Schmidt
Steve Schmidt
Rev. Gus Kuether
Betty Rieso
Carol Hotz

Tim Ritter
Laura Howie, daughter of Jeanette & Elgee Phillips
Alec Zaber
Syndy Kalinowski
Jo Ann Purdy-Elmore
Hector Rivera
Jessica Poirot, great niece of Syndy Kalinowski



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

A Uni-Pres Kindercottage Fundraiser

LAUGH OUT LOUD

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, Aug 26, 2023

Show time starts @

6:30pm

**115 W B St, Belleville, IL 62220,
St. Paul UCC**

(\$400 Gold VIP Table)
Will seat 10 people at a table.
Gift bags, food, and priority seating begins at 5pm.
Backstage passes will allow you to meet and greet the comedians.

(\$300 Silver Table)
Will seat 10 people at a table.
Reserve seating is available before 6:00 p.m. with gift bags included. Feel free to bring your own food or snacks for your table.

(\$25 Bronze)
Includes individual theater style seating. Feel free to bring your own snacks.

**Christian
Comedy
night**



"No alcoholic beverages allowed"

For more information Call 618-874-6505 or email
Aimee@unipreskindercottage.org

CHRISTMAS IN JULY COLLECTION

WE ARE COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING FOR THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

LIST OF FOOD ITEMS NEEDED
UNEXPIRED/UNOPENED/NO GLASS PLEASE

- CANNED CHILI W/BEANS
- INSTANT POTATOES
- AU GRATIN & SCALLOPED POTATOES
- CAPRISUN JUICES

AND JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JULY 23 AT 9AM FOR A CHRISTMAS IN JULY SERVICE!

StPaulUCC.org

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PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: June 30, 2023

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Return Service Requested

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Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship
10am Coffee & Doughnuts
Culinaires' Breakfast on break
until September



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



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*St Paul United Church of Christ,
Belleville, Illinois*

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)!**

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.

