



Our St. Paul

August 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



Women's Guild Rummage Sale

Friday, September 29 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 30 9:00 a.m. – noon

Clean out the closets! Share your past treasures! It's Time!

Proceeds from this traditional event go to our church missions.

Can you help us set up on the previous Wednesday & Thursday? HELP!

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

NEXT ISSUE

September

DEADLINE

August 25

MAIL DATE

August 31

Pastor's Message - Kindness: What the World Needs Now

In 1965, there was a lot of social issues with which members of our world were struggling. While it was a few years before my time, much of the music during that time connected with me. That year, Hal David and Burt Bacharach wrote the song “What the World Needs Now.” I’m sure most of us in our minds can remember the tune originally sung by Jackie DeShannon voicing the words:

*What the world needs now is love, sweet love
It's the only thing that there's just too little of
What the world needs now is love, sweet love
No, not just for some but for everyone*

The 1960's were yearning for songs such as this due to so much conflict, unrest, and hope for justice and equity. The past 60 years have craved these lyrics too. Sometimes, it feels like our political landscape is more conflicted than ever, and all we want is a world where we see love spreading where hate resides.

In our visioning process, we realize how much more love and kindness are needed in our world. One of our initiatives that came from our visioning process was the St. Paul UCC Kindness project. Kindness has been part of the hearts of our folks since this church's inception in 1839. We were part of the creation of Memorial Hospital and the Interfaith Food Pantry. We've seen in recent years gifts of kindness through our worship services at St. Paul Home, Tuesday Night Community Meals, and our With You care team. We continue to think of new ways to spread kindness in our community—like with our April neighborhood clean up or sharing the love of God at Pride (which we will once again do in late September).

I believe there are always new ways for us to create more kindness in our world. I'll be preaching on the topic through October 15 with our Share Kindness sermon series. Some of our congregants will be sharing their own stories of how they experienced God's present through an act of kindness. We will create opportunities smaller and larger to deliver love and kindness in our world.

So, St. Paul—How can we, as a congregation, be the leaders of kindness in the Belleville community?

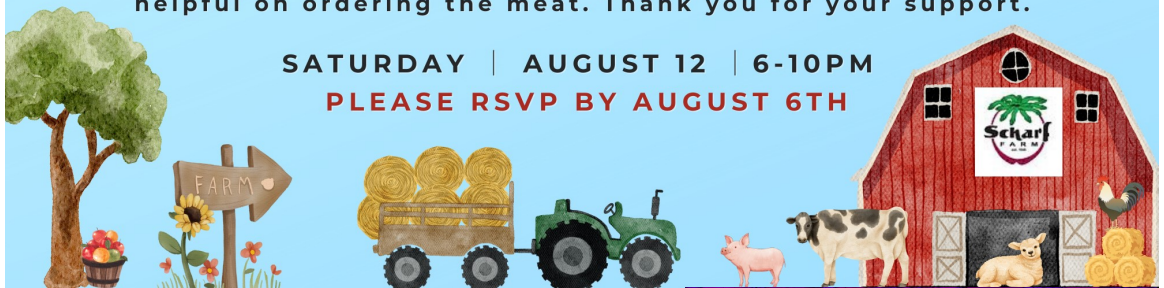
Blessings, *Pastor Michelle*

You may ask “why is there an umbrella as part of the kindness project and sermon series?” The umbrella is a representation of an act of kindness. It blocks the pains of pouring rains and heat of hate in our world. May we hold the umbrella of kindness as a way of sharing God with our neighbors.

SCHARF FARM SUMMER BASH

Al & Nancy would like to invite everyone from the congregation and friends to join in for fun, laughter, friendship, food and music by Jillian and Chris Ritter. They will provide Roy-el brisket and chicken, and you bring an hors d'oeuvre, side, or dessert. Please bring your cooler with your beverage. The charge is \$20.00 per person which will be donated to various missions at St. Paul UCC. Bring a lawn chair and come and relax, have fun, enjoy your favorite music and get to know your fellow church members. Feel free to invite friends. We want this to be an great way to start the Fall Season for St. Paul UCC. For reservations **please call Sandy Ritter at 222-1123**. This is most helpful on ordering the meat. Thank you for your support.

SATURDAY | AUGUST 12 | 6-10PM
PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 6TH



*General Synod
Wrap Up
Conversation*

JOIN US!

HEAR FROM
DELEGATES
ABOUT THEIR
SYNOD
EXPERIENCES!

Where: Eckert's Cider Shed
951 S Green Mount Rd., Belleville
When: August 22 @ 3pm
Cost: Own food and drinks

For more information, contact Rev. Michelle Torgian at
St. Paul UCC Belleville: 618.233.3303

Share Kindness

Sermon Series Through October 15

Be Present

Grant Ourselves Grace

Embrace Inclusivity

♡ **Forgive Others**

Care for Creation

Scatter Love

Understand One Another

Embody Courage

Proclaim Gratitude

Encourage Talents

Share Resources

Celebrate the Wins

Crafty Mania

Proceeds to benefit: Youth group & missions of the church

Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry maker or like to Sew/Knit?

Whatever your craft, join us!

Spend the day doing what YOU like!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!

Saturday October 14, 2023



9:00am-4:00pm

Cost: \$35.00

Includes: Lunch, snacks, crafting space, attendance prizes,
and vendors in the afternoon. Tickets for raffle items will also be available for purchase!

What: ALL DAY CRAFTING

Where: St. Paul UCC

115 West B Street (Enter on C Street), Belleville, IL 62220

Register by sending a check with your information below to St. Paul UCC

Call with questions: 618-233-3303

For your convenience, pay online at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-paul-ucc-56807225373>

A service fee of \$4.19 will be charged when you register online.

Reservation and Payment is due by October 5th. Reservation will only be held with payment.

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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____















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August

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>Our <i>Sharing Kindness</i> sermon series each Sunday this month through October 15</p> <p></p>	<p></p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am-Quilters 9am-Badminton 5pm-Community Dinner</p> <p><i>World Lung Cancer Day</i></p>
<p>6</p> <p>9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts</p> <p></p> <p><i>Hiroshima Day of Remembrance</i></p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 1pm-Christian Education</p> <p></p> <p><i>Purple Heart Day</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am-Quilters 9am-Badminton 1pm-Shufflers-Library 5pm-Finance Meeting 5pm-Community Dinner</p> <p></p>
<p>13</p> <p>9am Worship & Blessing of the Students & Teachers 10am Coffee & Doughnuts 10am Mission Meeting</p> <p><i>National Left Handers Day</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 7pm-Executive Council</p> <p></p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am-Quilters 9am-Badminton 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>20</p> <p>9am Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p> <p>4pm Youth Putt-Putt and Pizza at Centerfield Park</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p></p> <p><i>National Senior Citizens Day</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am-Quilters 9am-Badminton 10am-PEO (Jan F.) 5pm-Community Dinner 3-5pm Synod Wrap Up Talk at Eckert's Cider Shed</p>
<p>27</p> <p>9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts</p> <p></p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p></p> <p><i>National Thoughtful Day</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner</p> <p></p> <p><i>National Lemon Juice Day</i></p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 1pm-With You Meeting</p> 	<p>3</p>  <p>National Watermelon Day</p>	<p>4 9am-Worship Team 9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>National Sunflower Day</p>
<p>9</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>International Day of The World's Indigenous People</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10am-PEO (Sue H) 7pm-Personnel Meeting</p>  <p>National Lazy Day</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Son's and Daughters Day</p>	<p>12 6-10 pm</p> <p>St. Paul Summer Bash Scharf Farm</p> <p>International Youth Day</p>
<p>16</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 1pm-Women's Guild</p>  <p>National Roller Coaster Day</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6pm-Council Meeting</p>  <p>Black Cat Appreciation Day National Nonprofit Day</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Fajita Day</p>	<p>19</p>  <p>World Honey Bee Day World Humanitarian Day</p>
<p>23</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 12pm-Beginner Pickleball</p> 	<p>24</p>  <p>National Waffle Day National Peach Pie Day</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO-Pickle Ball</p>  <p>National Park Services Founders Day</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>Uni-Press Kindercottage Laugh Out Loud Event</p> <p>National Women's Equality Day</p>
<p>30</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 12pm-Beginner Pickleball</p>  <p>National Grief Awareness Day</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>International Overdose Awareness Day</p>	<p>National Dog Month</p> 	<p>National Wellness Month</p> 

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Thank you from St. Paul Church. We appreciate your generosity!

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

IMO Mark Eckert

Lynn Koehler
Allen & Nancy Scharf
Viola Nettleton
Nancy Viehman, David & Valarie Mueth
& Mark & Leslie Klawonn
Alec & Karen Zaber
Marilae Perkins
Pam Walton
Darwin & Mary Lu Bretsch
Barbara Suess
Vernell & Richard Wagner
Barbara Cornell
Bruce & Pam Elser
Jack & Evelyn Schmitt

IMO Bob Harms

Terry & Synthisa Kalinowski
Paul & Sue Sutherland
Gary Strittmatter
Pam Walton
Peggy L Twitchell
Kevin & Mary Hembrough
Carolyn Black
Ruth Klingel
Lynn Koehler
Rusty & Sandy Wagner

IMO Diane Denison

Jane Bonaldi
Tim & Sandy Ritter
Steve & Debbie Kotras
James Grimm
Cecelia Eilering
Lynn Koehler

IMO Shirley Martin

Rusty & Sandy Wagner
Paul & Sue Sutherland
Donna Davis

IMO Marilee Black

Kent Black

IHO Elgee & Jeanette Phillips **70th Anniversary**

David & Dorothy Kueker
Paul & Sue Sutherland
Judy Koch
Debbie Lippert
Jane Bonaldi

IHO Dana Rosenzweig Retirement

Lynn & Luci Bradley
Rusty & Sandy Wagner

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

June 2023 Attendance: 9am 335 + Online June 2022 9am: 281 + Online

June 2023 All Gifts: \$37,639.14

June 2022 All Gifts: \$49,193.10

Revenues	<u>2023 Final Budget</u>	<u>2023 June Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	373,479	33,773	211,032	56.50%
Special Stewardship Events	4,000	0	615	15.36%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	10,200	915	5,165	50.64%
Building Fund	22,000	1,827	10,921	49.64%
Outreach / Various Missions	0	1,135	26,668	N/A
Memorials	12,000	1,043	3,663	30.53%
Bequests	0	0	40,000	N/A
Building Income	5,000	314	1,450	29.00%
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	0	33	2.21%
Total Operating Revenues	629,383	39,007	346,746	55.09%
Team Revenues	9,000	860	5,136	57.07%
Grand Total	638,383	39,867	351,882	55.12%
Expenses				
Personnel	(328,793)	(30,330)	(155,034)	47.15%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(38,628)	(3,494)	(19,766)	51.17%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(13,885)	(260)	(8,647)	62.27%
Education	(2,925)	(117)	(923)	31.55%
Stewardship	(1,675)	(50)	(879)	52.45%
Property	(237,000)	(19,725)	(124,841)	52.68%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,477)	(1,717)	(43,973)	284.12%
General Fund	0	0	0	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(638,383)	(55,692)	(354,062)	55.46%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	0	(15,825)	(2,180)	



Anniversaries & Birthdays



August Wedding Anniversaries

8/4-Gus & Sue Kuether
8/7-Al & Nancy Scharf
8/9-Michael & Linda Herrmann
8/15-Tom & Linda Mentzer
8/18-Ken & Osceola Mueller
8/29-Jean & EJ Sporleder

August Birthdays

8/1-Amy Florek
8/1-Edna Mae Schwarz
8/3-Sandy Ritter
8/4-Sandra Frerking
8/5-Craig Liddy
8/5-Eileen Peter
8/6-Mac McCoy
8/8-Lynn Bradley
8/10-Terry Collins
8/10-Laureen Torigian
8/11-Lynwood Mueller
8/13-Ken Mueller
8/15-Gerald Hough
8/16-Judy Voyles
8/16-Lee-Alison Wilson
8/18-Helen Whicher
8/20-Lynn Koehler
8/22-Ken Nettleton
8/22-Judy Keplar
8/23-Judy Harms
8/23-Jeanette Phillips
8/25-Tammy Flach
8/25-Doris Steiner
8/27-Diane Drake
8/27-Sтивен Maiworm
8/28-Diana Haar
8/29-Pam Nicholson
8/29-June Weber
8/31-Karen Keuss
8/31-Jay Naylor

If you would like to share a table with other St. Paul friends, please contact the office to reserve a spot for \$30. Make checks payable to Uni-Pres Kindercottage and drop off in the weekly offering or at the church office.

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.



**Christian
Comedy
night**



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

"No alcoholic beverages allowed"

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

Bee Kind

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Marilyn Dinkelman
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms
Rev. Gus Kuether
Tim Ritter
Laura Howie, daughter of Jeanette & Elgee
Phillips
Alec Zaber

Jo Ann Purdy-Elmore
Hector Rivera
Scott Martin, son of Shirley Martin
Jeanette Phillips
Betty Rieso
Rose Hoy
Lou Ryseff
Clarence Wolf



PRAYER REQUESTS

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



GLO-BINGO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27TH

MORE DETAILS TO COME!



YOU CAN HELP US MAKE OUR GLO-BINGO EVENT EVEN MORE SUCCESSFUL BY CONTRIBUTING A BINGO ROUND SPONSORSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100. PLEASE FILL IN THE INFORMATION BELOW AND TURN IT IN TO THE CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM!

SPONSOR NAME _____

AMOUNT CONTRIBUTED _____

EMAIL & PHONE: _____



2023 Walk To End Alzheimer's

Saturday, October 7th

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. SWIC

Join Our Team: "St. Paul UCC Belleville"

And/Or Donate

Go To: 2023 Alzheimer's Walk Belleville

115 WEST "B" STREET, BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: August 1, 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.

