



Our St. Paul

November 2023

YOUR St. Paul Team

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30am-4pm

Friday

9am-12pm

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618-233-3303

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Hot Mess Express

COFFEE TRUCK @

ST. PAUL UCC ON

NOVEMBER 1ST & 15TH

7AM - 11AM

Pick up your drink and
head to The Mosaic
Room for Coffee &
Conversation with
Pastor Michelle!
9am-11am



hotmessexpresscoffee.com

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

NEXT ISSUE

December

DEADLINE

November 22

MAIL DATE

December 1

Pastor's Message

The Deliciousness of Thanksgiving

Each year on Thanksgiving, my mom, Aaron, and I meet up with my sister, brother-in-law, niece and nephew, and head over to my sister's in-laws. When we arrive, there's a huge assortment of sides to go along with the turkey. I can tell how hard my sister's mother-in-law has worked on the meal that we consume on what has really become one of my favorite holidays.

I'm extremely grateful for the family and extended family with whom I joined together for the grand meal. Not only am I filled with all sorts of food, but I also am spiritually filled by the joy received from spending time with some of the people I care for the most.

But when I was much younger, and single, and living in Florida, I didn't have family around with whom I spent the day. Sometimes, my parents would drive down for the holidays. Other times, I got together with neighbors from my apartment complex or friends from church. Because of the grace and kindness of friends and neighbors, I never was alone on a holiday. The blessing of openness on behalf of others gave me the chance to appreciate the ways God provides. For some of us, the need isn't food but the company of others. And from my experience in my younger years, God is the great connector, ensuring we aren't alone.

In what ways have you experienced something similar? How have you opened your doors or provided meals and company for a single friend who doesn't have family nearby?

Paul says in Philippians 1:3-4 "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you..." I give thanks for the people of St. Paul. I thank God for the gifts you share—sometimes going completely out of your way to ensure a fellow congregant or member of the community is cared for. I thank God for my family—for Aaron, for my mom, my sister, our extended family including my and my sister's in-laws. I thank God for my dear friends who are willing to be present when the need arises. I thank God for the food I eat, the laughter I experience, the beauty of our earth, the process of creating, the people surrounding me, and my calling as a pastor.

May the Thanksgiving holiday remind us all of our joyful experiences and the comfort we receive in our times of need. Happy Thanksgiving!

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle



St Paul Shufflers and Gamers

Light Lunch and NEW TIME!

2ND Tuesday of the month @ 12 Noon

It's time to eat and have some fun. Bring your favorite game or join in with others. It can be a card game or board game. Or you can just be a kibbitzer and become a part of the party.

Who: Members and friends are welcome to break bread and have fun and conversation.

Where: Heritage Hall

When: 12:00 noon – until you're tired of having fun and conversation

What: A light lunch of soup or salad will be provided. Free for first timers and those anything else you want with your soup or salad; i.e. crackers, bread, butter. \$5 there-after. Bring your own beverage. Coffee can be provided. **The soup on November 14th will be Greek-style minestrone.**



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.



**Women's Guild
November 15th
@ 1pm**



Senior Pickle Ball



Mondays & Wednesdays
@ 9-11am,

Fridays 9:15-11:15

Beginners Wednesdays @ 11:30

St Paul UCC ACTIVITY CENTER

For information call
St. Clair County Office on Aging:
618-234-4410 ext. 7034



Blue Christmas

Tuesday, December 19th
7 p.m.
Heritage Hall



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Twice a year, St. Paul UCC is known for its sharing of treasures at Our Women's Guild Rummage Sales. It's a joy to see so many come to our Activity Center to discover life-changing, affordable finds. And, the blessings continue to be shared as remaining items are passed on to other not-for-profit organizations. The money we receive from our sales is divided among a list of designated programs to benefit even more of our neighbors. Thank you to all of those who donated once-loved items from your homes. Thank you to all of you who made special items for our bake sale. Thank you to those who helped throughout this 4-day event. You continue to make this Mission possible.

Mark Your Calendars: Women's Guild 2024 Spring Rummage Sale **April 12th & 13th.**



THANK YOU

To all of our sponsors, volunteers,
participants, donors, and Stewardship Team
for making our first ever Glo Bingo
a success!

The Seekers will begin
studying *Understanding the Old
Testament* 10:00 a.m. Tuesdays in
the Genesis Room.
All members and nonmembers are
Welcome, and no prior Biblical
knowledge is necessary.

Thank you to our the Threads of Hope
Quilters at St. Paul for donating the
Cardinals quilt that was raffled last
Friday. Our winner was Larry Walton!
The quilt raffle fundraiser raised \$1379
for the church! Congrats to Larry, and
thank you to the Quilters!

MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT



























NO MEETING FOR NOVEMBER



THANK YOU FOR SHARING AND CARING, SANDY RITTER

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p><i>National Hospice & Palliative Care Month</i></p> 	<p><i>Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month</i></p> 	<p><i>National Native American Heritage Month</i></p> 
<p>5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts  <i>National Donut Day</i></p>	<p>6 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold 4:30pm-Investment Meeting <i>National Nachos Day</i> <i>National Saxophone Day</i></p>	<p>7 <i>9am-Quilters</i> 10am-Seekers Bible Study Community Dinner </p>
<p>12 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts 10am Mission Meeting <i>National Chicken Soup for the Soul Day</i></p>	<p>13 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold 7pm-Executive Council <i>World Kindness Day</i></p>	<p>14 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 12pm-Shufflers-5pm 11:15-Stewardship Meeting 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>19 9am Worship 10am-Culinaire's Breakfast 10am Fine Arts Meeting-Library </p>	<p>20 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold </p>	<p>21 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner  World Hello Day</p>
<p>26 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts  <i>National Cake Day</i></p>	<p>27 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold  <i>Cyber Monday</i></p>	<p>28 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner  <i>Giving Tuesday!!!</i></p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 ALL SAINTS DAY! 7am-Hot Mess Express 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 1pm-With You meeting 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	2 10am-Worship Meeting 10:30am-Yoga Gold 	3 9:15 am-Pickle Ball 	4 
8 9am-Pickle Ball 12pm-Beginner Pickleball 1pm-Website Meeting 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	9 7pm-Personnel Meeting  <i>World Adoption Day</i>	10 OFFICE CLOSED In observance of Veteran's Day 	11 Veteran's Day 
15 7am-Hot Mess Express 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 1pm-Women's Guild 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	16 10:30am-Yoga Gold 6pm-Council Meeting <i>International Day for</i> <i>Tolerance Day</i>	17 9:15 am-Pickle Ball  <i>National Fast Food Day</i>	18  <i>Happy Birthday</i> <i>Mickey Mouse!</i>
22 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! 	24 OFFICE CLOSED  <i>National Native American</i> <i>Heritage Day</i>	25  <i>National Day For The</i> <i>Elimination of Violence</i> <i>Against Women</i>
29 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal <i>Electronic Greetings Day</i>	30  <i>National Personal Space Day</i>		<i>National Family Caregivers</i> <i>Month</i> 

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Thank you from St. Paul Church. We appreciate your generosity!
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

IMO Marilee Black

Kent Black

IMO Jessica Krauss

Jane Bonaldi

IMO Rose Hoy (Music)

Mark Moss

Bunny Arriola

Mary Guann

C Fontaine

Norma Franke

Ken Nettleton

Janet Spencer

Brett & Elise White

Karen Felt

Susan Radden

Lynn Koehler

Alec & Karen Zaber

Sandy Kramer

IMO Jeanette Phillips

Eileen Peter

Alec & Karen Zaber

Annette Ecker

IHO Lynn & Luci Bradley

40th Anniversary (Fine Arts)

Barbara Suess

Dave & Sue Hoffmann

Judy Koch

Kathleen Liddy

Charles & Jean Claxton



TOTENFEST
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

September 2023 Attendance: 9am 366 + Online September 2022 9am: 341 + Online

September 2023 All Gifts: \$22,504.59

September 2022 All Gifts: \$32,026.58

Revenues	<u>2023 Final Budget</u>	<u>2023September Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	373,479	20,064	274,948	73.62%
Special Stewardship Events	4,000	600	1,515	37.86%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	10,200	915	7,910	77.55%
Building Fund	22,000	812	14,327	65.12%
Outreach / Various Missions	0	1,175	30,815	N/A
Memorials	12,000	1,331	6,199	51.66%
Bequests	0	0	40,000	N/A
Building Income	5,000	868	3,361	67.22%
Pastoral Honorarium	1,200	14,200	670	55.83%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	0	670	0	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	26,505	0	28,400	107.15%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	110,500	60,000	60,000	N/A
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	63,000	0	50,392	79.99%
Other Income	1,500	0	45	3.01%
Total Operating Revenues	629,383	100,635	518,582	82.40%
Team Revenues	9,000	2,271	9,137	101.52%
Grand Total	638,383	102,906	527,719	82.66%
Expenses				
Personnel	(328,793)	(28,337)	(236,495)	71.93%
Administrative Support	(38,628)	(2,310)	(29,000)	75.07%
(formerly Operating Expenses)				
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(13,885)	(216)	(23,663)	170.42%
Education	(2,925)	0	(923)	31.55%
Stewardship	(1,675)	(115)	(1,153)	68.85%
Property	(237,000)	(32,254)	(188,980)	79.74%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,477)	(93)	(45,208)	292.10%
General Fund	0	0	(240)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(638,383)	(63,325)	(525,662)	82.34%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	0	39,581	2,057	



IT'S TIME TO ORDER
POINSETTIA'S
IN HONOR/MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES

COST IS | \$12.00

EACH 6.5" POT COVERED WITH FOIL WILL HAVE
10 OR MORE BLOOMS. ORDER BY 12/1/23

YOU MAY MAIL OR DROP OFF YOUR ORDER
TO THE OFFICE.

In Honor or Memory of _____

By: _____

How many: _____ Amount enclosed: _____



Anniversaries & Birthdays



November **Wedding Anniversaries**

11/4

Lynn & Luci Bradley

11/28

Laura & Karey Sadler

11/28

Paul & Sue Sutherland

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman	Hector Rivera
Carol Hotz	Scott Martin, son of Shirley
Marilyn Dinkelmann	Martin
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of	Betty Rieso
Arline Worms	Linda Mentzer
Tim Ritter	Linda Minton
Laura Howie, daughter of	Wayne Caughman
Elgee Phillips	Tim Ritter Jr., son of
Alec Zaber	Sandy & Tim Ritter

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

November **Birthdays**

11/2-Floyd Voyles

11/2-Janice Martin

11/3-Ruth Klingel

11/3-Billie McLemore

11/3-Al Stahl

11/3-Ian Hipkins

11/5-Kaylee Bennett

11/7-Ellen Bohnemeier

11/7-William Mentzer

11/7-Syndy Kalinowski

11/7-Tristan Frampton

11/10-Bette Rotert

11/12-Amy Drake

11/12-Ricky Morton

11/12-Sonya Myland

11/13-Kent Black

11/16-MaryAnn Gain

11/18-Jim Thomas

11/19-Dorothy Maiworm

11/22-Betty Leppard

11/24-Grace Wolf

11/25-Jeanine Guthrie

11/26-Nathan Smith

11/26-Sydney Vokes

11/26-Russell Hoffmann

11/27-Jerry Messick

11/28-Sandy Kramer

11/29-Joyce Maurer

11/29-Al Bettis

11/30-Al Scharf

11/30-Diane Trickey



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MAIL DATE: November 1, 2023



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Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship
10am Coffee & Doughnuts
Culinaires' Breakfast
3rd Sunday of the month



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



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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.

