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Delegate to Illinois South Conference Report

This Annual Report will be discussed at the Annual meeting on February 25, 2024.

Rev. Michelle Torigian

Senior Pastor

Greetings to my St. Paul UCC Friends! 2023 was a beautiful year for St. Paul as we cherished the wonderful ways we cared for one another and our neighbors across Belleville.

Kindness was the theme of 2023. We focused through the lens of how we could continue to spread kindness in the greater Belleville community. One particular event was picking up trash around our neighborhood in April. Additionally, we coordinated with Jan Friedrich and Pam Walton who hung kindness banners and bulletin boards around the church. In the summer, I began a sermon series on this theme, and we had a number of our congregants share stories of what kindness meant to them during worship.

We concluded our visioning process that we began in 2022. From the visioning process, we came up with four initiatives: (1) serving the younger people in our church and finding more programming that will increase participation from outside persons, (2) focus on caring for our current congregants and finding programs that will care for them and their caregivers, (3) the Kindness Project, and (4) increasing our public relations.

We held a session with our younger members and friends at the beginning of the year as we searched for what younger generations may need from their faith communities. Our youth met a number of times last year and led services throughout the year. It's wonderful seeing the youth involved in reading during our worship services, involved in our music program, sharing their stories in worship and lending their skills to technology. I worked with our Christian Education team to organize and lead the VBS program "Hero Hotline" in June. It was wonderful working with Trinity UCC again on VBS this year! We are creating a new faith formation event on the fourth Sunday of the month beginning in February 2024.

We also began a Public Relations Team at St. Paul. This team has been brainstorming ways to promote our worship services, the use of our building, and church programs. Last year, we held a number of events for our community members at St. Paul—including a fundraiser for Uni-Pres Kindercottage, workshop for Deaconess Ministries, Coffee Cup Connections and the 2023 Annual Meeting for the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, and one of the Leadership Belleville days in the fall. I've attended a number of Belleville Chamber of Commerce events and continue to publicize our church through social media. Thank you to the Belleville Magazine who published a beautiful article on Heritage Hall. We worked with Trinity UCC to set up a Pride booth and the Shriner's Parade again with them this year. And it was a blessing to connect with Soucial Kitchen and Bennie's Pizza with the Currency of Caring program which provided a meal for the December 19 Community Dinner!

The With You group, of which I'm a part, met consistently on the first Wednesday of every month throughout this entire year to discuss the needs of some of our congregants. I update the team as information becomes available. I continue to lead communion usually once per month at St. Paul Senior Community during the worship service. We welcomed new members in December.

The number of activities held in the St. Paul UCC building throughout 2023 continued to increase. Thanks to our support staff member Mary Blaies who also works for the St. Clair County Office on Aging, we now host pickleball multiple times per week, yoga, badminton, and movies. We had food trucks from Hot Mess Express coffee and LizzieBobsBakery. We continue to stream on Facebook, YouTube, on our website, and broadcast on Jubilee 690am.

In the autumn, I had the chance to lead a study on the book *Bible Stories for Grown-Ups*. I also planned a book study on the book *Wintering* for January 2024.

Stewardship continued the 50/50 raffle and other fundraisers including the Glo Bingo at the end of October. We thank everyone who hosted a St. Paul Friends event this year as we are always grateful to be spending time in fellowship with our congregants!

St. Paul UCC was grateful to receive the Mission Companion honor at the Hoyleton Honors Dinner in February.

I led 12 funerals, two baptisms, attended a number of visitations as well as celebrations of our congregants and their loved ones. It's a blessing to spend time with you!

We were grateful to welcome our organist/pianist Kevin Chunko to our staff on Pentecost Sunday and hire our new Ministry Assistant Rev. Tim Powers-Reed to begin on January 2, 2024. The Pastoral Relations Committee met throughout the year. We've also begun talking about a sabbatical that I will take in 2025. I worked with Dr. Lisa Withrow on clergy coaching.

I engaged in ecumenical and intradenominational work during the year as well. I met with the Mainline Protestant clergy a number of times this year at The Abbey. I also am still co-chairing the Justice and Mission Team of the conference.

I helped to create worship and prayers for the United Church of Christ denomination and helped to write liturgy for General Synod. I was also elected to be a delegate to General Synod in 2023. Additionally, I had written materials in the *Abingdon Worship Annual 2024* which was released in 2023 and wrote materials for the 2025 book. I also had liturgy and prayers in the book *Act/Fast: Spiritual Practices for a Climate in Crisis*.

I attended Rev. Brett Palmer's installation in February, Rev. Tim Powers-Reed's ecclesiastical council in March and led a prayer at his ordination in July, and I led the charge to the congregation at Rev. Merrimon Boyd's installation in October

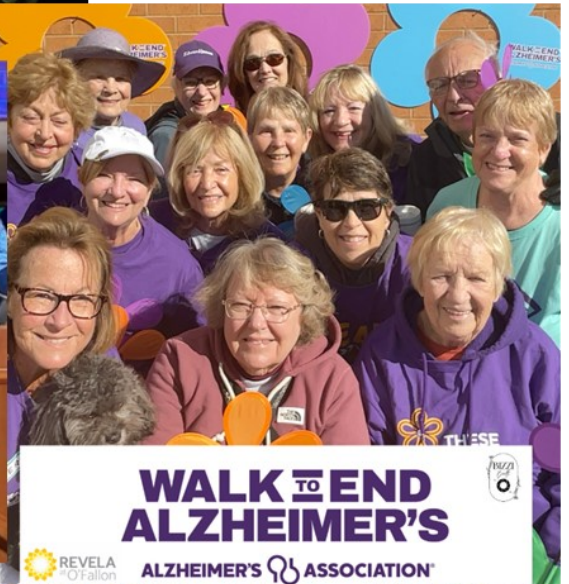
Thank you to our lay leaders who helped to lead a services last summer and to the clergy (Rev. Doug Stewart, Rev. Cari Frus, and Frederick Accola) who filled in for me on my Sundays off while I was at General Synod and we were on our honeymoon last summer. I was grateful to have one of our new members, Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler, schedule to preach for me in January 2024.

There is much to celebrate at St. Paul UCC now that we have reached 2024. On March 17, 2024, we will be reaching our 185th anniversary. I celebrate having a wonderful staff and leadership team to bring our vision to fruition. The energy at St. Paul continues to build, and I look forward to continuing to create with God and you in this next year.

It's a joy for me to be your pastor and to walk with you each and every day. May we continue to lean on God for strength and courage. May we continue to build a world of kindness, justice, peace, and humility. And may we love one another in the spirit of Christ.

Blessings, Pastor Michelle





Tristan Frampton

Music Director

It has been an exciting year for our music ministries here at St. Paul! Perhaps the most eventful news was the arrival of our new organist, Kevin Chunko. After over a year of scrambling to schedule guest organists for every worship service, Kevin finally arrived just before the start of summer. He was well worth the wait. His musicianship and mastery of the organ really brings a whole new energy to worship. He is a joy to work with. St. Paul is blessed to have such a fine musician as part of the team. I would be remiss not to include a big thank you to our more active guest organists during our time waiting for Kevin's arrival. Bob Chamberlin, Andrzej Zahorski, and especially Janet Spencer were all so gracious and helpful during a difficult time for our music ministries. Their efforts will always be appreciated.

Having a permanent organist has allowed our Sanctuary Choir to pursue a more varied and challenging set of repertoire, which also helps to enhance worship. The highlight for me was the ability to have a Music Sunday during Advent, during which the choir, accompanied by a stellar string quartet and our amazing Kevin Chunko, performed a setting of the Magnificat by Antonio Vivaldi. During this performance, we incorporated beloved carols so that our whole congregation could join together in singing and celebration. A special thank you and congratulations to our soloists, Osceola Mueller, Teresa Schmidt, and Bill Guthrie. I would like to think that this, and all of the music provided by both our Sanctuary Choir and Glory Ringers, greatly enhanced worship, particularly during the Advent and Christmas season.

We have had many successes in our Glory Ringers ensemble as well. We have new members join our ranks (although we dearly miss Laura and Karey Sadler—their

contributions to the group were tremendous—and wish them well on this next stage in their lives). It has been exciting to see our youngest member, Jack, steadily improve from ringing one bell and color-coding his music to handling multiple bells and using extended ringing techniques. It has also been less challenging scheduling dates to ring this year—it is important to have all of our ringers available, as missing even one person can have a devastating effect on performances—which has been a breath of fresh air. I'm looking forward to continuing to work with the Glory Ringers this coming year.

It has also been nice to have more youth-led services throughout the year. I have enjoyed having Jack Wilson and Lauren Shepard participate by ringing in the Glory Ringers and playing clarinet, respectively. We are looking forward to hearing more from both of them in the new year. I am currently transposing an instrumental part for Lauren to accompany our Sanctuary Choir during Holy Week.

Looking ahead, we will need to keep organ maintenance in mind on our beautiful 49-rank Schantz organ. Fortunately, Kevin is very knowledgeable as both an organist and an organ technician. His expertise will allow us to anticipate future needs. Also looking ahead, with the new make-up of our handbell ensemble, we may need to allocate more funds to purchasing new sheet music appropriate for the size of the group.

To end on an exciting note, we are very blessed to have a new Yamaha baby grand piano in our rehearsal room. It is a joy to play and makes rehearsal much more effective and enjoyable. A big thank you to Janet Spencer and Ruth Klingel, who purchased the piano as a gift in honor and memory of Denny Spencer and David Klingel. Their contributions to our music ministry program will benefit us for many years to come. We are truly blessed to have such wonderful musicians and people who actively and substantively contribute to our music ministries here at St. Paul.



Ian Hipkins

Technology Coordinator

During last year, my responsibilities have not changed for the most part. I have been in charge of setting up for concerts and services, as well as getting the volunteers organized for events that I cannot manage alone. Over the past two months I was involved in setting up for all the Christmas holiday events, as well as the Metro East Concert. We used three wireless headset mics for the Kid's play, and had to replace one which was broken awhile ago. Overall the services went well, and there were no major issues that came up. Me and Rick are still working on video in Heritage Hall, and we are going to meet the next time he is here to test the camcorder he has with a wired connection. The focus for 2024 will be to keep improving the quality of the services, as well as keep the volunteers up to speed on the stations they are on.

Finance Team

Serving on the Finance Team were Wayne Kniepkamp, Stephenie Bauza, Dana Rosenzweig, Mike Pierce, Terry Kalinowski, Laurence Walton and Staff Liaison Kathy Buehler. The Team coordinated with other Church Teams to control expenses during the year. Fiscal controls and spending approvals that were put in place in previous years were continued and implemented. We were aware of the need to protect our core investments in the Endowment Fund.

The FY 2024 budget was prepared based on previous years' expenditures and realistic revenue expectations. The various Church Teams provided essential input into the budget process. Prayerful decisions were made to strengthen the Church and its future. The Church Bookkeeper worked with the Financial to prepare the final document. The FY 2024 Budget received Congregational approval December 10, 2023.

Congregational offerings for FY 2023 (including Building Funds) of \$391,664 were 99% of budgeted amount. Our total revenues at the close of the year were \$712,706.

Our operating expenses were \$706,018. And the difference between operating expenses and revenue for 2023 was \$6,687 in the black.

As of December 31, 2023, our investment funds (Stifel Investment) were \$1,769,339 in the Endowment Fund and another \$355,355 in the Michelson Fund. This is an increase of \$29,078 from the previous year.

A distribution of \$50,392 was made from the Endowment Fund for capital improvements. This was basically the cost of upgrading obsolete electrical panels.

A distribution of \$100,000 was made to cover operating expenses for FY 2023. This was \$10,500 under budgeted amount. In FY 2022 we did not need to make a withdrawal.


We received \$11,309 in memorials and a \$40,000 bequest designated for \$30,000 for a new hire and \$10,000 for Radio Ministry support.

As of December 31, 2023, we have 39,484 in the bank plus another \$55,132 of various designated funds.

We would like to thank all Church Teams for their efforts in keeping costs down during 2023. We would also thank all members of the Church for their continued generosity that enables St. Paul UCC to remain in a strong financial position.

Sincerely,
Laurence Walton, Treasurer 2023

Finance Team

 Cash Accounts	December-23	Operating Checking Account	Stifel Investment	The Michelson Organization
110200 - Cash in Bank-Bank of Belleville		42,543.71		
410610 - Cash Invested-Endowment			1,769,338.92	
410650 - Cash -The Michelson Organization				355,355.00
610200 - Cash Operating - Fine Arts		18,687.58		
610610 - Cash Invested-FA-AGE Cash/Money FND			7,962.36	
011008 - Cash - Camp Scholarships		5,757.99		
011016 - Cash - Men's Culinary Group		8,706.43		
011021 - Cash - St Paul Friends		3,653.99		
011024 - Cash - Youth Mission Trip		1,472.99		
011025 - Cash-Adult Mission Trip		2,224.45		
011029 - Cash - Radio		951.47		
011030 - Honduras/Ecuador		100.00		
011036 - Cash-Holiday Bskts		1,141.00		
011047 - Cash-Youth		1,425.41		
011079 - Cash - Library Fund		1,007.05		
011099 - Cash - Misc (Scholarship funds)		1,400.00		
610101 - Cash - Gus Kuether Leadership Development Fui		2,485.54		
610101 - Cash - Dr. Rose Adult Ed (652005)		3,710.77		
Account Balances		95,268.38	1,777,301.28	355,355.00
2,227,924.66	=	Total St Paul invested & operating cash		



Finance Team

Monthly Financial Activities

	2023 Final Budget	2023 Sept Actuals	2023 Oct Actuals	2023 Nov Actuals	2023 Dec Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
REVENUE							
30100 - Congregational Offerings	\$373,478.63	\$20,064.00	\$30,014.00	\$30,824.37	\$38,398.80	\$374,184.97	100.19%
30104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$4,000.00	\$600.00	\$5,514.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,028.50	175.71%
30105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$10,200.00	\$915.00	\$915.00	\$915.00	\$915.00	\$10,655.00	104.46%
30500 - Building Fund	\$22,000.00	\$812.00	\$1,445.00	\$785.00	\$922.00	\$17,479.00	79.45%
302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$1,175.00	\$3,202.50	\$3,110.00	\$3,874.95	\$41,002.76	N/A
31100 - Memorials	\$12,000.00	\$1,331.20	\$310.00	\$1,110.00	\$3,690.00	\$11,309.20	94.24%
31200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	N/A
31300 - Building Income	\$5,000.00	\$868.00	\$1,664.00	\$858.00	\$1,116.10	\$6,999.10	139.98%
31400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	\$670.00	\$0.00	\$375.00	\$200.00	\$1,245.00	103.75%
31499 - Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Income	\$26,504.60	\$14,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$28,400.00	107.15%
31600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per guidelines)	\$110,500.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40,000.00	\$100,000.00	90.50%
31650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. exp.)	\$63,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50,392.00	79.99%
31900 - Other Income	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$11,111.78	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$11,456.92	763.79%
Total Operating Revenues	\$629,383.23	\$100,635.20	\$54,176.28	\$38,277.37	\$89,116.85	\$700,152.45	111.24%
Team Revenues	\$9,000.00	\$2,270.59	\$506.50	\$1,804.60	\$1,105.31	\$12,553.24	
Capital Expenses							
Grand Total	\$638,383.23	\$102,905.79	\$54,682.78	\$40,081.97	\$90,222.16	\$712,705.69	111.64%

EXPENSES							
PERSONNEL							
Total Personnel	(\$328,793.04)	(\$28,336.82)	(\$24,347.76)	(\$28,160.15)	(\$27,683.27)	(\$316,685.95)	96.32%
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT - formerly Operating Expenses							
Total Expenses	(\$38,628.00)	(\$2,310.11)	(\$3,748.41)	(\$5,334.26)	(\$2,782.99)	(\$40,865.54)	105.79%
OUTREACH (FORMERLY MISSION BOARD)							
Total Expenses	(\$13,885.22)	(\$216.00)	(\$1,743.94)	(\$183.99)	(\$20,275.63)	(\$45,866.74)	330.33%
EDUCATION							
Total Expenses	(\$2,925.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$112.56)	(\$254.93)	(\$1,290.27)	44.11%
STEWARDSHIP							
Total Expenses	(\$1,675.00)	(\$114.57)	(\$2,740.00)	(\$346.00)	\$0.00	(\$4,239.23)	253.09%
PROPERTY							
Total Expenses	(\$236,999.97)	(\$32,253.77)	(\$20,411.55)	(\$13,837.46)	(\$11,836.61)	(\$235,065.50)	99.18%
CONGREGATIONAL CARE (FORMERLY WORSHIP BOARD)							
Total Expenses	(\$15,477.00)	(\$93.46)	(\$12,038.52)	(\$1,076.93)	(\$3,441.49)	(\$61,765.22)	399.08%
GENERAL FUND							
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$240.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$638,383.23)	(\$63,324.73)	(\$65,030.18)	(\$49,051.35)	(\$66,274.92)	(\$706,018.45)	110.59%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	\$39,581.06	(\$10,347.40)	(\$8,969.38)	\$23,947.24	\$6,687.24	

Finance Team

Revenue and Expense Comparisons							
2019-2023							
<u>Budget</u>			2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
			\$ 690,615	\$ 598,394	\$ 650,056	\$ 644,244	\$ 638,383
<u>Revenues</u>			2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Congregational Offerings	130100		\$364,917.68	\$ 391,903.61	\$ 372,727.02	\$ 383,640.11	\$ 374,184.97
Fundraising Events (began in 2011)	130104		\$ 6,565.18	\$ 4,947.00	\$ 6,492.38	\$ 5,215.20	\$ 7,028.50
Building Income (205 W B St)	130105		\$ 9,600.00	\$ 9,775.00	\$ 10,075.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,655.00
From Building and EGL funds (for Loan)	130500		\$ 23,490.50	\$ 24,105.00	\$ 20,670.00	\$ 19,591.00	\$ 17,479.00
Missions/Outreach	Various		\$ 27,439.19	\$ 29,587.73	\$ 26,480.39	\$ 32,303.57	\$ 46,503.60
Memorials	131100		\$ 10,677.00	\$ 12,587.99	\$ 11,914.40	\$ 14,845.50	\$ 11,309.20
Bequests	131200		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Building Income (Rental)	131300		\$ 11,548.97	\$ 2,481.00	\$ 1,111.27	\$ 1,881.00	\$ 6,999.10
Pastoral Expenses (Revenue for begun 2	131499		\$ 2,904.00	\$ 438.00	\$ 5.00	\$ (5.95)	\$ -
Pastoral Honorariums	131400		\$ 2,025.00	\$ 1,135.00	\$ 2,185.00	\$ 2,055.00	\$ 1,245.00
Investment Income	131500		\$ 11,360.00	\$ 17,040.00	\$ 29,465.00	\$ 26,625.00	\$ 28,400.00
Endowment Distribution	131600		\$ 55,000.00	\$ 50,361.28	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	\$ 100,000.00
Capital Projects (from Endowment)	131650		\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,034.75	\$ 50,392.00
Other Misc. Income (2020 includes \$67,300 from PPP)	131900		\$ 20,062.29	\$ 68,150.21	\$ 1,072.96	\$ 2,091.01	\$ 11,556.92
Board Revenues (began in 2018)			\$ 18,584.27	\$ 16,260.75	\$ 9,193.39	\$ 9,683.65	\$ 14,407.42
			\$589,174.08	\$628,772.57	\$536,391.81	\$547,159.84	\$680,160.71
Gain from Mother's Day Out (overage in Revenue)			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$589,174.08	\$628,772.57	\$536,391.81	\$547,159.84	\$680,160.71
<u>Expenses (by Board)</u>							
Personnel			\$305,606.71	\$ 308,821.11	\$ 271,853.81	\$ 259,244.42	\$ 316,685.95
Operating (now Administrative Support)			\$ 44,360.81	\$ 40,286.33	\$ 36,740.75	\$ 52,781.87	\$ 40,865.54
Missions/Outreach			\$ 38,030.38	\$ 42,364.88	\$ 37,822.88	\$ 45,610.57	\$ 48,881.74
Christian Ed			\$ 5,362.68	\$ 663.30	\$ 762.46	\$ 2,225.99	\$ 1,040.27
Stewardship			\$ 1,059.44	\$ 1,343.76	\$ 2,296.83	\$ 1,046.30	\$ 4,239.23
Christian Growth			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Business & Property			\$ 188,902.01	\$ 144,135.42	\$ 173,855.01	\$ 174,742.43	\$ 235,065.50
General Fund-Pastoral Expense(2018)			\$ 2,474.00	\$ 648.34	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 240.00
Worship/Congregational Care			\$ 10,281.96	\$ 9,052.24	\$ 17,213.35	\$ 8,240.75	\$ 21,573.76
			\$596,077.99	\$547,315.38	\$540,545.09	\$543,892.33	\$668,591.99
Monies moved over to 2024 Operating Fund			\$ 9,199.00	\$ 3,842.73	\$ 3,134.38	\$ 3,107.83	\$ 6,655.48
Difference			(\$6,903.91)	\$81,457.19	(\$4,153.28)	\$3,267.51	\$11,568.72
PPP Loan				(\$67,300.00)			
Actual Revenue Overage or Shortage			\$ 2,295.09	\$ 17,999.92	(\$1,018.90)	\$ 6,375.34	\$ 18,224.20



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Investment Committee

The ending balance of funds for all of St. Paul's accounts as of:

	<u>12/31/2022</u>	<u>12/31/2023</u>
Checking/Banking	\$ 103,869	\$ 117,762
Money Market (Fine Arts)	\$ 6,615	\$ 7,962
Endowment	\$ 1,693,020	\$ 1,769,339
Michelson Reality	\$ <u>355,355</u>	\$ <u>355,355</u>
 Total invested assets and operating cash	 \$ 2,158,859	 \$ 2,250,418

Changes in total invested assets and operating cash

Checking/Banking	\$ 13,893
Investment Withdrawals	
Church Capital Expenditures	(\$50,392)
Church Operating	(\$100,000)
Capital Technology Improvement Project	\$0
 Endowment Fund generated income (interest and dividends)	 \$77,666
Stifel Management Expense	(\$16,631)
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 Net	 \$61,035
 Michelson Reality generated Income	 \$28.400

Benchmark S&P was 24.2% and Barclays U.S. Govt. was -2.09%.
At a 60/40 portfolio ratio the overall Benchmark was 15.36%.

Our portfolio time weighted average was 14.25%

Respectfully submitted by

Louis Ryseff, Chair Investment Committee



Personnel Team

Personnel Team: Donna Nettleton, Chair; Al Scharf, Al Stahl, Rusty Wagner, Brett White. Jamie Wilson, Roger Henke, Leslie Dahm. Ex-Officio: Pastor Michelle Torigian; Terry Kalinowski.

Following the resignation of our Music Director in January 2022, a search committee was appointed in January. The committee recommended the splitting of the position into two positions—choir director and organist. Kevin Chunko began his position as organist May 2023.

We oversaw the completion of staff evaluations and conducted the annual review of the Pastor. We utilized a new 360° process this year. The feedback provided by the staff, Church Council members and the Personnel Board was invaluable to Pastor Michelle. A huge thanks to everyone involved!

We worked on filling vacancies on the Pastoral Relations Committee.

Work continues on the St. Paul UCC Personnel Policy to reflect current law and employment practices.

We had input from all of the staff regarding their jobs, working conditions, and any suggestions or concerns they had.

We worked with the Budget and Finance Team and Church Council on staff salaries for 2024. We considered the cost of living increases during the past year, the current job market, and aimed to ensure that our staff is adequately compensated for their high quality of work.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Nettleton, Chairman



Business, Property & Security Team

2023 Proved to be a busy year for this team. It is never a dull moment caring for an aging campus as large as ours.

Patrick Kinney, our facility manager, again has provided an invaluable service and dedication to our building. We owe him a round of applause.

The most costly expenditure was the replacement of the electrical panels. If you will remember, we found out that they were dangerous and could cause fire or electrocution. We decided as a congregation to withdraw money from the endowment to have these replaced. Work began in 2022 and the last panel was installed in 2023.

The second most costly expenditures was the new air-conditioning unit for the activity center / kitchen, that had gone out at the end of 2022. A boom crane was used to put the huge unit into place in March. We are back in business with cool air for that portion of the facility.

The exterior of the campus made some additions. The parking lot was outfitted with new signage to help with liability issues with those that may not be affiliated with our organization. An overhang for the ramp area at the Welcome center door was looked into, but the cost to do this was too great at this point in time. Grab bars were added to the large columns to assist people with getting up onto the sidewalk from the parking level. The trees on the East side of the main chancel area were removed as they were dying, and we became concerned that if a branch fell, it would damage one of the stained glass windows.

We continued our lease agreement with the school district and the BASSC house. After some close assessment by Patrick, we were made aware that the building's brick façade was in very bad condition and we had to have tuck pointing performed. This was completed in the fall of 2023. Patrick also saw that the foundation required attention, and he and Evan sealed what was there. The windows also needed special attention, so Patrick provided caulk and paint to them to get us by, for a few more years. The roof is in poor condition, but we feel that replacing this can be pushed off for a couple of years. The rent is raised each year and the school district is happy to pay. We use this income as part of our operating funds.

Items were added to the technology package, and done so with "In-House" assistance! We added a monitor to the kitchen so that the Culinares can watch and listen to the service while cooking. Ian Hipkins and Richard Haar have been working on a way to provide sound to Heritage Hall for services of any type. They are still working on providing the capability of streaming items that take place in HH, but it is still a work in progress.

One major problem with the security cameras, was that they were not talking to the driver. Mid year, we lost the ability to see what the cameras were seeing. CompuType, the supplier, was called in to assess the situation and it was determined that a module had to be added in order to have the cameras talk to the driver. The module has been installed and it is 99% complete.

The Welcome Center Alcove was put back into the mix of Sunday morning activity. The original brochure holders were re-installed, and the monitor was put back into use to show a “loop” of still shots of the various activities that have happened at the church. Hoping to draw the attention of potential new members to show our involvement in various areas of the community, and the goings on of the church

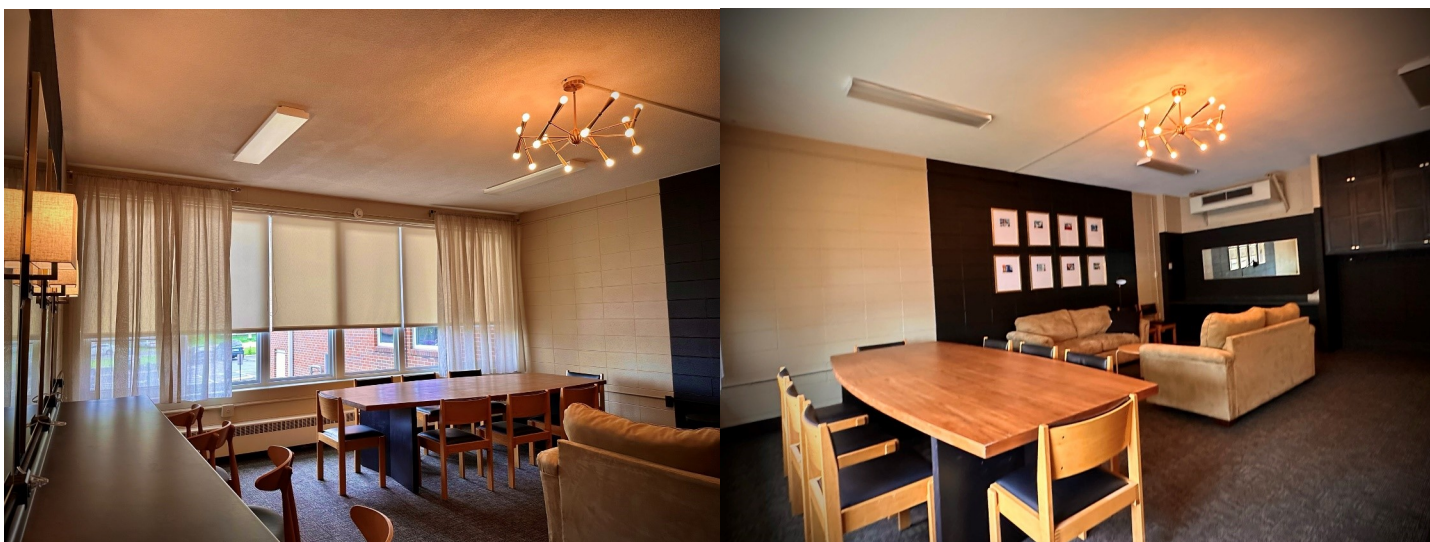
The biggest physical transformation happened in one of the main level classrooms. The Mosaic Room was created as a place for meetings, Brides to ready, Funerals, Concert performers to ready, etc.... The walls were painted, new flooring installed, along with new counter tops and seating. Existing choir chairs were re-upholstered and the original Eichenlaub table was refinished by Dave Hoffmann, and moved into the space, providing a continuing mid century design element to the space. The room was used several times throughout the year for performers, and for several funeral services as a family gathering room. A large percentage of the cost to assemble this room was donated, and done with people volunteering time and talent.

The office lobby went through a facelift also, with new paint, flooring, and some new badly needed guest seating, which was donated by Mueller Furniture. Again, a majority of the labor to transform the room was donated by members and staff. The only expenditure was the cost of the flooring materials. This was installed by our own staff to save money. Other furniture pieces were donated by members.

Finally, the team assembled to brainstorm as to how to allow outside and internal groups use the facility in a secure manner. A plan was put into place using a second code for the Welcome Center doors. A tentative contract was drafted to be used as a template for all future use by any organization that is outside of our church.

Laura Strohm Armstrong’s term as BP&S Team lead ended at the end of 2023, passing the torch to Bruce Elser. She will still remain on the team and will assist Bruce.

Here is to most of the big issues being taken care of in the past couple of years, and to less repairs to happen in 2024!



Stewardship

Team Members: Stephenie Bauza, Peggy Burke, Sue Sutherland, Donna Thomas – team leader, Sandy Wagner, Larry Walton. Rev. Michelle Torigian – staff liaison.

- Team members presented stewardship moments for One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund.
- The Stewardship team provided the Lenten devotionals: Vincent Van Gogh and the Beauty of Lent from the SALT Project.
- In October our stewardship campaign consisted of a letter written by Rev. Michelle. Included with the letter were pledge cards for time and talents as well as treasures.
- Fund Raising:

- We had a couple of 50/50 drawings during the year (Mar and Jul).
- The Halloween Theme fund raiser – GloBingo event took place at Belle Vegas Bingo Hall on 27 October 23. We raffled off a basket of booze (thanks to donations from church council and stewardship board), a basket of lottery tickets (thanks to donation by Stephenie Bauza), a beautiful Cardinal Quilt (a sincere thanks to the St Paul Quilters for their donation), and a 50/50 Drawing. We had 14 sponsors that helped cover the costs.
- A sincere thanks for all the hard work and generous donations from our friends
- Fund Raising goal for year was \$4,000. We basically made our goal (\$3,926).

- Advent devotionals were provided to the congregation. This devotional was – MAGNIFY *Mary/s Song* and the Magnificent Women of Advent from the SALT Project.

The Stewardship Team thanks you for your generous gifts of time, talents, and treasures that sustain and enrich the works of St Paul UCC.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Thomas



CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

CO-CHAIRS: Janet Kniepkamp and Beverly Brightwell

The Congregational Care Team represents all the groups in the church who provide support for and develop relationships among the members of St. Paul UCC, Belleville. We feel fortunate that groups and activities were able to resume normal in person functioning during 2022 and continue God's work to make our relationships stronger.

SUBTEAMS

CHOIR/MUSIC

As always, the music department is in full preparation mode now and throughout the year. Currently we continue practicing toward each service but are also preparing for Easter tide. Now having a wonderful director and a wonderful organist/accompanist, our music flourishes. Soli deo Gloria – For the Glory of God! We of the choir and bells are very appreciative of all the support that we get from the council, pastor, and congregation. All of you inspire us to continue preparing to sing praises to the glory of God and adding to the worship experience. “Come, let us sing for the joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.” Psalms 95:1.

Respectfully submitted, Osceola Mueller

CULINAIRES

The Culinaires for 2023 continued doing the third Sunday breakfast and the fifth Tuesday Community Dinners. We have also purchased a new coffee system, updating the old one in the kitchen.



ST. PAUL FRIENDS

St. Paul Friends met five times during 2023 for fellowship, fun and dining. The events were a planning meeting in January, St. Patrick's Day, Derby Day, Scharf Farm Event and Christmas Party. Each guest donates \$10 to our treasury to support various needs of St. Paul. The expenses last year were for Patrick and Evan for cleaning the rock and mulch from the flower beds and to Sue Hoffmann for the purchase of material for blankets for the children at Hoyleton.



Judy Koch, Organizer



ST. PAUL WITH YOU

Our St. Paul With You Team continues to grow. Twenty church members have volunteered to visit, send cards, phone, celebrate, and pray for our church members who are experiencing challenges in their lives.

Monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Michelle, to share only information which we need to know in order to be able to help. This is a confidential, caring gathering. We pray for the sad moments, as well as celebrating the joys of success. Working together, we discuss how we might help our sisters and brothers in difficult situations.

In October, our St. Paul UCC Belleville Team again surpassed their fundraising goal for the 2023 Annual Alzheimer's Walk. Fifteen of us applied Facebook, phone calls, and face-to-face opportunities to raise \$2,869 for Alzheimer's Research and caregiver support. Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions.

The St. Paul With You Team planned and organized our 2nd Christmas Caroling Evening. Thank you to the ten choir members who shared the warmth of the season with our congregation.

Please contact the church office if you would like our Team to reach out to you, and/or you would like to be part of our Team. Pastor Michelle guides us to those with whom to share our gifts. We look forward to also working closely with our new Ministry Assistant, Rev. Tim Powers-Reed.

ST. PAUL'S SENIOR COMMUNITY

Volunteers continue to provide worship services on a weekly basis at the Senior Community, which is attended by a faithful group from the apartments; nursing facility residents attendance depends on staff availability. Many thanks to the volunteers who lead the worship services: Gay Eckert, Dolly Kirsch, Susan Relfe, Sandy Ritter, and Bette Rotert, and also to Kim Brush and Peggy Burke who share piano responsibilities. Pastor Michelle provides communion on the first Sunday of the month. The Youth presented their Christmas program again this year.



USHERS

The St. Paul ushering team under the general direction of Wayne Caughman and his assistant, Terry Kalinoski, did a fantastic job in 2023 of providing support to members and others at all of our Sunday morning services, as well as concerts and other events that were held in our sanctuary and in Heritage Hall. A special thank you to the following ushers: Dana Rosenzweig, Beverly Brightwell, Larry Walton, Laureen Torigian, Pam and Bruce Elser, Jan Friedrich, Jerry Pierce-Heisler, Sam Sivewright, Sherri Gericke, Scott Gentry, Cecil Crites, Ken Nettleton, Diane Drake, Ron Dill, Dick and Ruth Ann Erdmann, Terry Kalinowski and Wayne Caughman. With all the recent additions, there will be enough users to staff four people each Sunday. This will be important for passing offering plates.

WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Our 22 members discuss our joys and needed prayers since we last met, and plan the missions we might provide at St. Paul. The 2023 officers were: Stephenie Bauza, president; Sherry Stepp, vice president; Susan Relfe, secretary; and Dorothy Maiworm, treasurer.

The Guild is well-known for the Spring and Fall Rummage Sales, and this year did not disappoint. We thank all of you who donated your cherished items, who volunteered during our 3-day set-up, and who worked side-by-side with us throughout the 2-day sale. Items are marked at low prices so everyone can benefit from this important mission. Proceeds from these sales are designated at the beginning of the year and divided between: Community Interfaith Food Pantry, Dubois Center, Emmaus Home, Hoyleton Home, Kinder Cottage, and St. Paul UCC. Items remaining at the close of each sale are donated to other not-for-profit organizations. Dates for **2024** have been set: **April 12 & 13 and October 11 & 12.**

Traditionally each year, we remember those at St. Paul Senior Community. In November we wrapped 170 boxes of tissues and signed cards to wish all of the residents a Merry Christmas. Sunday church services were also led there each week by some of the Guild members.

We are ready to help as needed within the church, preparing or setting-up funeral luncheons as requested; baking for the Rummage Sale and special events; providing rosebuds for our communion table to announce new births. Bill Guthrie serenaded our group in May for our annual Mother's Day Lunch. Having taken a couple of summer months off from our meetings, in September, thirteen of us met at Fletcher's Restaurant for our "Welcome Back Lunch".

Everyday, members are supported through phone calls, cards, and visits to wherever they currently reside. Rides are available to our meetings, if needed, especially for our special potlucks and game day. All women of the church are invited to join us to celebrate & share our many gifts and to enjoy the company of one another. Officers for 2024 are: Susan Relfe, president; Sandy Ortmann, secretary; and Stephenie Bauza, treasurer.

WELCOME TEAM

We are blessed to have a wonderful Welcome Team! Our mission is to ensure that every person (first time guest, regular visitor, or long-time member) entering St. Paul Church is welcomed warmly. We open car doors, we open the church doors, we provide wheelchairs, and direct attendees to the elevator. You will see our smiling faces on Sunday morning worship, other worship services, and other special events.

Thank you to Scott, Lana, & Erik Gentry, Bette Ettling, Judy Koch, Ruth Bush, Marlene Mueller, Al Scharf, Lynn Bradley, Sherry Stepp, Jeanine Guthrie, Beverly Brightwell, Sue Sivewright, and Larry Walton for serving in this capacity!!!!

Debbie Lippert, Contact Person

WORSHIP

Worship members included Janice Friedrich, Wayne Caughman, Lynn Koehler, Pam Walton. Debbie Lippert resigned her position.

Worship is responsible for ushers, collecting the offering, serving communion, and decorating the sanctuary and Heritage Hall. We take care of paraments and banners, liaison with the music director, and provide budgeted funds for the care of the organ, piano, and bells. We welcomed our new organist Kevin Chunko.

With the relaxing of Covid 19, we started to slowly bring back how we collected offering and serving communion. On Easter Sunday we started collecting the offering by passing the plate. On communion Sunday (the first Sunday of the month) we do not pass the offering plate but ask the congregation to use the offering box in the narthex to place their offering. The other monthly Sundays we pass the offering plate.

Communion is served with the congregation coming forward to the Pastor to receive their bread then proceed to the usher holding the tray of wine and grape juice then return to their pew. Gluten free communion is also available. At this time, we are not passing the elements in the pew.

We thank Sherry Davinroy and Pete Kobernus for donating wine for communion.

For Easter thirty-two assorted spring flowers were ordered and 200 palm spears were ordered with 30 spears going to the St. Paul Senior Community for their Palm Sunday services.

We started passing the offering plate on Easter Sunday. Maundy Thursday service was held in HH with a dinner of salad and soup provided by David Hoffmann.

Worship also supports, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services, World Communion Sunday, Totenfest, Hanging of the Greens, Blue Christmas, and Christmas Eve services.

Twenty Poinsettias were ordered for Christmas.

A big, "THANK YOU", to Laura Strohm Armstrong for all her help decorating our sanctuary and Heritage Hall for the holidays.

Respectfully submitted by: Janice Friedrich



Education Team

The Christian Education Team was made up of the following members: Synthia Kalinowski Co-chair, Sandy Ritter Co- Chair, Marlene Mueller, Bette Rotert, and Mary Lou Bretsch.

We decided to do a Craftymania fund raiser this year along with the Mission team. Our January date came quickly and we learned many of the ins and out of hosting this event. It was well received so we decided to do another in Oct. which was event more profitable than the January event! During this event our youth served lunch and refreshments. At the January event youth made heart shaped wreaths out of puzzle pieces to give to our church members who are shut ins as well as decorated bags with small gifts for them. Plans to do a similar event in 2024 are underway!

By February our Team was given the task of cleaning out the MDO rooms. Some items have been donated to Kindercottage as well as the Leu Civic Center. There is still much to do with this project but is a work in progress!

We had several youth Sundays this year where the youth participated in the service reading scriptures, playing music etc. as well as a doing a play in December. Thanks to Pastor Michelle for leading these days.

In June we walked in the Shriners parade to advertise VBS for both St. Paul's UCC and Trinity UCC. St. Paul's hosted the VBS program this year. Thanks to the following St. Pauls members who helped with the program as well as Trinity volunteers, St. Pauls volunteers included Pam Nicholson, Sherry Davenroy, Ben Shepherd, Pete Kobernus, Brett and Avery White, Marlene Mueller, Janet Kniepkamp, Mary Lou Bretsch, Bette Rotert. Jamie Wilson, Sandy Ritter, Synthia Kalinowski and Pastor Michelle Torigian.

We used Cokesbury Curriculum" Hero Hotline, Called Together to Serve God!" We invited East Side Fire Department and Belleville Police Department to our family night and presented them them with "trophy posters" signed by our children as well as large tubs of snacks that were collected as our mission project for this VBS. Hero Sandwiches, chips and ice cream were served on family night and we got to see the emergency vehicles close up.

Pastor Michelle continued to nurture our youth with a once a month gathering with those of us on the team rotating to help out. We even went bowling and had pizza!

We also started working on plans for a sunday afternoon gathering of the younger people of the church. This will be for those coming off cradle roll up to Jr High age. We may have parents gather while children are in another area. Hopefully this will come to fruition in 2024 after we have Pastor Tim Powers-Reed on board. Powers-Reed on board.

ARCHIVES

Digitizing of records

Continuation of scanning and storing paper and photographic material into computer storage.

Dissemination of archive information

The church website's history segment continues to be updated in cooperation with Neal Holiday, the site coordinator.

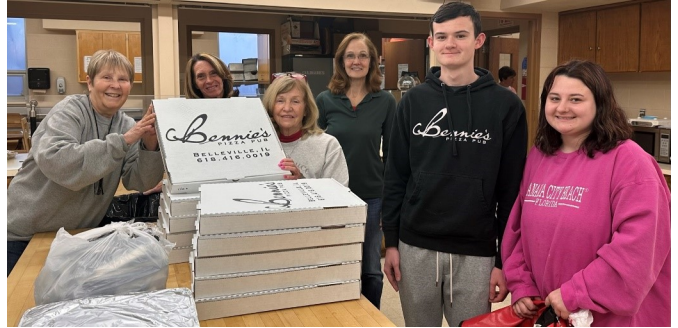
Conducted tours of Heritage Hall and the current Sanctuary for interested visitors. ~Henke



Outreach Team

The Outreach Team consists of the following sub teams and programs:

- Beacon Ministry
- Community Dinner
- Fine Arts
- Mission
- Mission Trips
- Publicity
- Prayer Shawls
- Threads of Hope – Quilters and Stitchers



Beacon Ministry

Primary Contact: Terry Kalinowski

Beacon Ministry is a Belleville and surrounding communities' organization that provides the setting for churches, businesses, and volunteers to join efforts to help break the chains of poverty. Beacon accepts furniture in good condition for future distribution and they are always grateful to receive monetary donations from individuals, businesses, or churches. They held a fundraiser in April and plan to do the same this year as well as are in the process of filling empty Board of Director seats and brainstorming other ideas for fundraisers.

Community Dinner Team

Chair: Sandy Ritter

Community Dinner is held every Tuesday between 4:30 to 5:45. We have been opening a little earlier so they can sit and relax and drink coffee or ice water. We still cook casseroles on the first Tuesday of a month. We have had donors provide meatloaves, rotisserie chickens and a turkey dinner for our guests this year. Bennie Parr from Bennies Pizza supplied pizza and salad for December. The Culinares still donate their left-over breakfast food for the 3rd Tuesday, and we fill in with eggs, applesauce and dessert.



We feed 40 to 50 people most weeks, so we are making more food each week than in 2022. For Christmas, we received 15 blankets, socks, gloves and hats to give out at the Community Dinner. We also received \$90.00 from a group to put towards food. We have five volunteers every Tuesday. Our goal is to bring them a little joy in their life. All the volunteers are so good with the people. We show that we care. Even though it is one Tuesday a week, they appreciate it. We would love to begin serving Community Dinner twice a week in the future, but we would need the backing and time commitment from the volunteers. This outreach program is very important to our community.

Fine Arts Team

Chair: Sandy Wagner

Members: Stephenie Bauza, Tom Birkner, Luci Bradley, Peggy Burke, Bill Guthrie, Mimi Llamas, Osceola Mueller, Marilae Perkins, Eileen Peter, Judy Saeger, Jan Spencer, Barb Suess, Tristan Frampton

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The St. Paul Fine Arts Series sponsored the following events in 2023:

- February 11, 2023 “Love & Other Things” an evening of voice and piano featuring David Wagner and Dan Fry. A reception followed in the Welcome Center. The concert was held in the sanctuary.
- March 26, 2023 SWIC Jazz Band & Friends Directed by Dr. Tom Birkner. The concert was held in the sanctuary.
- April 15, 2023 "Pastime with Good Company" a Spring Madrigal Evening with the Greenleaf Singers in Heritage Hall. A reception followed the concert.
- October 7, 2023 Kevin Chunko in Recital. An organ concert in the sanctuary.



Mission Team

Co-chairs: Pete Kobernus and Sherry Davinroy

Members: Roger Harris, Donna Kelly, Judy Koch, Jan Spencer

The Mission Team supported the following missions during 2023 thanks to the generosity of our congregation:

- Co-sponsored Crafty Mania with Christian Education and the youth in January and October. We anticipate having two Crafty Mania events in 2024 as the attendance and interest has increased during 2023.
- Souper bowl food drive in February for the Interfaith Food Pantry
- Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Honor Roll collections were donated equally to Camp DuBois and Kindercottage
- Supported the Kindercottage comedy night fundraiser “Let us laugh” in August that was held in the activity center.
- St. Paul sponsored a hole for Hoyleton Youth and Family Services golf tournament in October and some St. Paul members played in the tournament.
- Undie Sunday items (e.g., hats, gloves, undies, etc.) were collected and donated to Kindercottage in October
- Assisted Stephenie Bauza with the Star Tree in November



Monetary donations were also sent to:

- ◇ The Hoyleton capital campaign
- ◇ Kids for Christ
- ◇ United Way Tornado Relief
- ◇ Franklin Neighborhood Holiday Baskets



Mission Trips

Primary Contact: Roger Harris

Several adults from St. Paul and other churches in the area rehabbed the interior of the Deer Run shower house at Camp DuBois in 2023.

Prayer Shawls

Primary Contact: Stephenie Bauza

St Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry is looking for crocheters and knitters! Our group remains small with just a few of us knitting or crocheting. Our Ministry team provides shawls for those who need comfort because of illness or grief, and we provide baby blankets at baptism. It is a wonderful fulfilling ministry! During 2023 we gave 2 Prayer Shawls and 2 Baptismal Blankets.

Are you not sure how to knit or crochet and want to learn? I or another member of our group would be happy to teach you. Call, email or talk to me or Judy Koch on a Sunday. Stephenie Bauza, pesabauza@gmail.com or 618-604-6629.



Threads of Hope – Quilters and Stitchers

Chair: Sonja Myland

We have had an outstanding year in 2022. Started the year with 6 quilters. Two new quilters joined the group. Janet Kniepkamp and Zoe Alexander raising our total to 8. We are so happy to have them join us.

We completed 1 king size quilt, 1 queen size quilt, 1 full size quilt and 9 baby quilts. As per our agreement with the church, we gave \$512.60 to St. Paul.

We donated the following: several fleece blankets to be given out at the Community Dinner. Several baby size fleece blankets to Kindercottage at Christmas. Donated one baby quilt to the family of Ginny Muschopf at her funeral. She had hand embroidered the quilt top. Sent 24 pillowcases to the Ukraine through a quilt shop in Florida.



Publicity Team

Team Members: Mimi Llamas, Laura Strohm-Armstrong, Sandy Wagner

Staff Members: Mary Blaise, Sherry Wilhelm, Pastor Michelle

The team was created to present the possibilities for the community to take advantage of the spaces available at St. Paul UCC and meets as needed. We have created a brochure featuring our many opportunities for outside entities to enjoy a beautiful and convenient space for their special events. That brochure is displayed prominently throughout our building.

This year we entertained the Belleville Chamber of Commerce in Heritage Hall for their monthly Breakfast Meeting in March and their Annual Meeting in December. After each meeting, photos of our space appeared in their monthly newsletter. Laura invited a writer from the BND to come to a Sunday morning breakfast to show her HH in use. She took many photos, interviewed Dave Hoffmann and Roger Harris about the renovation and restoration. The article was featured in the Belleville Magazine, published by Lisa Adams Publications. It was a superb presentation of our Heritage Hall.

The Publicity Team has as its goal to make the community, both businesses, and individuals, aware of all that St Paul has to offer as a beautiful and practical venue for their events.



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**St. Paul UCC restores former
sanctuary to create worship
and celebration space**

By Suzanne Koziatek, Contributing Writer

16 Historic Restoration

St. Paul's UCC has spent many years renovating Heritage Hall to its former glory and wants to share the space with the public.

Delegate to Illinois South Conference Report

The Illinois South Conference annual meeting was held on October 21, 2023. It was hosted by St. Peter's UCC in Red Bud, Illinois.

The music reflection during the day was provided by Rev. Monty Jackson who is a singer, songwriter, arranger and record producer as well as pastor of Christ Church UCC in Maplewood. The conference attendees found Rev. Jackson's music to be very inspirational and uplifting.

The day began with worship followed by the first plenary session. The connection with ministry partners was discussed- Hoyelton, the United Church Fund, the Pension Board, Insurance Board, Kindercottage, St. John Community Care, Deaconess Foundation, DuBois Center, Committee on Ministry, and Youth in the Church.

An update was given on the DuBois Center.

Following the update, there was recognition of churches and pastors by the Committee on Ministry.

The plenary session closed with the local team presentation.

Plenary session #2 began after music presented by Rev. Jackson.

The Illinois South Conference Spirit Testimonials were given. It was very interesting to hear about the faith journeys of the speakers.

This was followed by the presentation and vote on the ISC Constitution and Bylaws changes.

After a short break, plenary session #3 took place.

As in plenary session #2, there were additional ISC Spirit Testimonials. Sandy Wagner was one of the participants. She gave a very compelling talk on the importance of covenants.

The 2024 budget was presented, voted on and approved.

The State of the Address was given by Rev. Shana Johnson.

Before adjourning for the day, the attendees participated in closing worship.

General Synod of the United Church of Christ - 2023

The General Synod of the UCC took place in Indianapolis this year. Being that it was only a few hours away, I had an opportunity to attend sessions during the weekend. It was the first time at General Synod. Pastor Michelle, who was a delegate, was asked to write liturgy for Synod at Home which included a communion liturgy also used during the Sunday afternoon worship. Aside from being there to hear the keynote speaker and to attend the Communion service, I was able to attend one of the workshops. The topic was Aged in Our Congregations.

The following are some of the ideas that were presented:

- If we think positively about aging, we have better memory, better balance and increased longevity by 7.5 years.
- People who accept their limitations are in control of their lives.
- We were created by God to age.
- All aging is change. We need to acclimate to change. As we get older, we must accept the fact that we will change.

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- We were created by God for meaning and purpose. Having these is a key to a longer life.
- How do we build connection so that we don't experience loneliness?
- We were created to be in relationships. How can we foster communities where all know that they belong?
- It is important to invite people to use their gifts. All of the aged in our churches have gifts to share. We need to encourage and respect what all bring to our communities. After all, aging is a normal part of life.

Blessings, Lauren Torigian, Delegate to the Illinois South Conference

Our 2023 delegates the Illinois South Conference were Dr. Stephen Schmidt, Teresa Schmidt and Lauren Torigian. Sandy Wagner was the alternative



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