



Our St. Paul

May 2024

## YOUR St. Paul Team

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor  
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Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff  
Mary Blaies, Support Staff

## **Church office hours:**

Monday - Thursday

8:30am-4pm

Friday

9am-12pm

## **Church Office**

**Contact**

**Information:**

**618-233-3303**



IT'S BACK!

# COFFEE TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

## HOT MESS EXPRESS AND ST. PAUL UCC

WEDNESDAYS MAY 1 & MAY 15  
FROM 7-10AM  
ST. PAUL UCC  
IN THE PARKING LOT ON THE CORNER  
OF 2ND STREET AND WEST C STREET

StPaulUCC.org

# YOU'RE INVITED TRIVIA NIGHT

With  
**Uni-Pres Kindercottage**

Location: St. Paul United Church of Christ  
115 W. B St, Belleville, IL 62220

Water and soda provided

Mulligans: \$3 or 2/\$5

50/50

Silent auction

Bring your own snacks

"Table Decorating Contest: Win Big  
with Your Creative Table Design!"

For table reservations call

(618)874-6505

\$20 per ticket or table of 8 for \$160

**MAY 18th**

**6PM - 10PM**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:00  
TRIVIA STARTS AT 7:00  
NON-ALCOHOLIC EVENT**

Payments can be made by checks to Uni-Pres Kindercottage  
564 Veronica Ave East St.Louis,IL 62205 or cashapp: \$UnipresKindercottage



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**NEXT ISSUE**

June

**DEADLINE**

May 22

**MAIL DATE**

June 1



## **Pastor's Message - Gonna Go Back in Time!**

Recently, this question was posted on Facebook: "You've been teleported back to 1995. What's the first thing you would do?" I remember that the mid-1990's were a fun time in history with grunge music and coffee houses. The year 1995 was significant in that I graduated with my Bachelor of Arts. While there was transitional time in discerning what the next steps were in career, relationships, and location, I worked in retail until plans came together to move to Florida in January 1996.



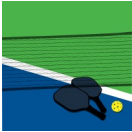




Given the opportunity to go back to 1995, I would first and foremost tell my dad how much I love him and give hugs to him, my living grandparents, and friends who have passed. I would ask the questions I didn't realize I should have asked nearly 30 years ago before illnesses take people away from us. I would learn how to cook some of the Armenian dishes my grandmother would make. I would travel more without fear and soak in as many memories as possible.








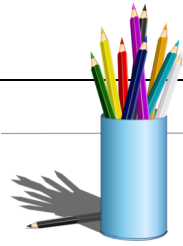

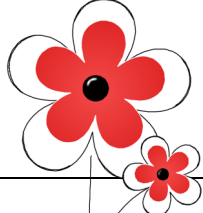


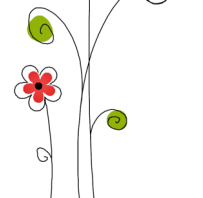
Ultimately, though, I wouldn't want to make different decisions. Because I moved to Florida and took employment opportunities as I did, life brought me to this very spot. I wrestled with life's challenges, gained wisdom through life's lessons, and found my authentic self through the journey. In the past 29 years, I connected with many people, and I feel blessed by many of these relationships. I wouldn't want to change any of that as the various paths I've taken have led to this particular time and space.

We know that making one little change along the way would impact the time-space continuum - or we know that's how it is in movies like *Back to the Future*. I wouldn't have met Aaron if one of the little paths were different. For all of these reasons, I wouldn't tell myself to change one thing - except to better recognize my worth as a child of God sooner than I did.

One thing I've wrestled with when it comes to my faith is how much impact God's intentions have on our lives. I don't necessarily believe that God planned each and every one of those moves. I don't think the disasters were "God's plan." But along the way God was calling me down a path - maybe like my Google Maps GPS directions. And sometimes I would listen. When I didn't hear God clearly, I probably needed to take a few extra turns to get back to the direction I needed to take. On the scenic path, I had the chance to gain wisdom and meet a few wonderful people. God uses each road and each experience to enrich our lives. And for God's presence on each path, I give thanks!

Blessings,  
Pastor Michelle

MAY 2024		Sun	Mon	Tue
		<i>National Mental Health Awareness Month</i>  <i>National Celiac Disease Awareness Month</i>  <i>National Dental Care Month</i>		<i>National Stroke Awareness Month</i>  <i>Melanoma Awareness Month</i>  <i>National Strawberry Month</i>
		<b>5</b> <b>9am-Communion Worship</b> 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts <b>10am-Wills &amp; Trusts Seminar</b> <b>3pm-Metro East Chorale Concert</b>	<b>6</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold <b>6pm –Executive Council</b>  <i>National Nurses Day</i>	<b>7</b> 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 12pm-Shufflers 5pm-Community Dinner 7-9:30pm-Masterworks <i>National Foster Care Day</i>
		<b>12 MOTHER'S DAY</b> <b>9am-Worship</b> 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts <b>10 am Mission Meeting-Library</b>  <i>Fibromyalgia Awareness Day</i>	<b>13</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold 	<b>14</b> 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner <b>5pm-Finance Meeting</b> 7-9:30pm-Masterworks
		<b>19 PENTECOST SUNDAY</b> <b>9am-Worship</b> 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts   	<b>20</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold  <i>National EMS Week</i>	<b>21</b> 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 7-9:30pm-Masterworks
		<b>26</b> <b>9am-Worship</b> 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts <b>4pm-End of Year Youth Celebration</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b> 	<b>28</b> 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 7-9:30pm-Masterworks

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p><b>7am-Hot Mess Express</b></p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball</p> <p><b>1pm-With You Meeting</b></p> <p>6pm-Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p><b>10am Worship Meeting</b></p> <p>10:30AM-Yoga</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Space Day</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p><b>3pm - St. Paul Friends Derby Party</b></p>  <p><i>National Star Wars Day</i></p>
<p>8</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>12-4pm-Rummage Set Up</p> <p>6pm-Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p><b>7pm-Personnel Meeting</b></p> 	<p>10</p> <p>9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Military Spouse Appreciation Day</i></p>	<p>11</p>  <p><i>National Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive Day</i></p>
<p>15</p> <p><b>7am-Hot Mess Express</b></p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball</p> <p><b>1pm-Women's Guild</b></p> <p>6pm-Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> <p><b>6pm-Council Meeting</b></p> <p><i>National Do Something Good for Your Neighbor Day</i></p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>World Hypertension Day</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>6pm-Kindercottage Trivia Night</b></p> <p><i>Armed Forces Day</i></p>
<p>22</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball</p> <p>6pm-Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6pm-Food Pantry Meeting</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Road Trip Day</i></p>	<p>25</p> 
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>6pm-Bells Rehearsal</p> <p>7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><i>National Senior Health &amp; Fitness Day</i></p>	<p>30</p>  <p><i>National Creativity Day</i></p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:15 am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Smile Day</i></p>	



# MOTHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL

The Mission Board invites you to honor your Mother (or any special woman in your life) on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th! Give a donation in her name and she will be placed on the Mother's Day Honor Roll in the bulletin on Mother's Day! This year the Mission Board will focus these contributions to Camp Dubois and Kindercottage. Please place this form with your donation in the offering box or mail/drop off to the church office by May 5th.

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**CIRCLE ONE:**      **IN MEMORY OF**      **IN HONOR OF**

**MOTHER / LOVED ONE'S NAME**

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**YOUR NAME**

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**PHONE #**

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**Saturday May 4  
3:00 P.M.**

**St. Paul Friends announces  
the annual observance of,  
Kentucky Derby Day:  
The Run for The Roses**

At the home of  
Lyn and Kris Mueller  
429 Weatherstone Dr.  
Belleville 62221

Bring a favorite beverage, an  
appetizer to share and \$10.00 for  
“The Good of the Cause.”

**St Paul Shufflers and Gamers**

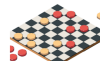
**2ND Tuesday of the month!**

**Lunch @ 12:30pm - games being @ 1:00pm**

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:** 12:30pm – until you're tired of having fun  
and conversation
- **What:** A light lunch of soup or salad will be  
provided. Bring your own beverage and  
anything else you want with your soup or  
salad; i.e. crackers, bread, butter.

Coffee can be provided.



**Upcoming Information  
Sharing Sessions**

**May 5th - Wills and Trusts**

Dick Erdmann will discuss wills and trusts  
plus answer your questions including how  
do I bequeath something to St. Paul.

**June 2nd - Qualified Charitable  
Deductions (QCDs) and other ways to  
reduce your taxes**

Ken Nettleton will show you how to  
reduce your tax burden in ways that can  
benefit you and St. Paul.

**Please RSVP to the church office  
(618-233-3303) to ensure we have enough  
space for you. The location of each  
seminar will be announced during the  
worship service.**



**Spring Concert**

**Sunday, May 5th, 2024 at 3:00 pm**

St. Paul United Church of Christ  
115 W. B Street • Belleville, IL  
FREE ADMISSION

**[www.metroeastcommunitychorale.org](http://www.metroeastcommunitychorale.org)**





## 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 Elgee Phillips**

Lynn Koehler

**IMO Linda Mentzer**

Jim & Lynda Mentzer

**IMO Theresa Yung**

Robert Yung

**IMO Barbara Schuchman**

Stephen & Sandra Icenhower

Dar, Keri, & Dani Cary

Dennis & Carla Dineen

Jeff Erb

Paul & Dede Hendricks

Carrol Davis

Keith Schopp

**IMO Gave Bettis**

Jane Bonaldi

Terry Kalinowski

Donna Davis

## Congrats Class of 2024!



Please submit a photo and information about your or your family member's graduation to [pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org). We will be recognizing graduates of all levels (from pre-K to graduate degrees) during our Sunday, June 9 service.

The poster has a pink background with a border of various colorful candies and lollipops. At the top left is a large swirl lollipop. The title 'Candy &amp; Parade Walkers Needed!' is written in a large, white, cursive font with a pink outline. Below the title, the text reads: 'Once again, St. Paul UCC and Trinity UCC will be walking in the Ainad Shriner's Parade on June 7. Please bring packs of wrapped candy (no chocolate) to St. Paul UCC before June 3. If you would like to walk in the parade with St. Paul and Trinity, contact the church office to let them know. Thanks!'. At the bottom, there are more candy illustrations, including a heart-shaped candy with 'LOVE' written on it and another swirl lollipop.



REVENUE	2024 Final Budget	2024 Mar Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$378,200.29	\$48,297.00	\$476,833.78	126.08%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$3,000.00		\$0.00	0.00%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$11,790.00	\$915.00	\$2,745.00	23.28%
130500 - Building Fund	\$19,000.00	\$1,120.00	\$2,498.00	13.15%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,600.00	\$584.44	\$1,445.28	21.90%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$1,385.00	\$1,975.00	N/A
131100 - Memorials	\$12,500.00	\$1,070.00	\$1,280.00	10.24%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$4,200.00	\$964.00	\$3,048.00	72.57%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131499 - Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131500 - Investment Income /Michelson Income	\$28,400.00	\$14,200.00	\$14,200.00	50.00%
131600 - Stifel Investment-Donation fro Pastoral Minister	\$24,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
131600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per Guidelines)	\$135,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. Exp.)	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131900 - Other Income	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$13.23	26.46%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$646,640.29</b>	<b>\$68,535.44</b>	<b>\$504,038.29</b>	<b>77.95%</b>
Team Revenues	\$3,900.00	\$547.00	\$1,233.55	
Capital Expenses				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$650,540.29</b>	<b>\$69,082.44</b>	<b>\$505,271.84</b>	<b>77.67%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Personnel Expenses	(\$381,018.00)	(\$28,716.91)	(\$87,084.89)	22.86%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$41,607.33)	(\$3,483.59)	(\$9,937.28)	23.88%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$13,500.00)	(\$1,708.25)	(\$1,889.25)	13.99%
Education	(\$2,500.00)	(\$252.09)	(\$306.94)	12.28%
Stewardship	(\$1,480.00)	(\$211.68)	(\$719.71)	48.63%
Property	(\$196,184.96)	(\$14,540.76)	(\$51,114.50)	26.05%
Board)	(\$14,250.00)	(\$1,449.55)	(\$1,958.43)	13.74%
General Fund	-	-	-	N/A
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>(\$650,540.29)</b>	<b>(\$50,362.83)</b>	<b>(\$153,011.00)</b>	<b>23.52%</b>
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$18,719.61</b>	<b>\$352,260.84</b>	

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

March 2024 9am 592 + Online

March 2023 9am: 493 + Online

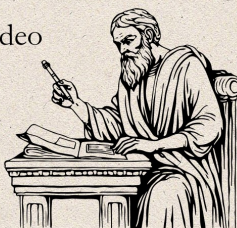
# SEEKERS!

Join Rev. Jerry Bennett and the Bible Study gang as we explore six of the little books near the end of the Bible. 1st and 2nd Timothy and Titus are called the Pastoral Epistles, which means pastoral letters—words of advice to local church leaders and the flock. 1, 2, and 3 John expand upon the Gospel of John, with a focus on how we should live the Christian life.

These letters are very personal and provide rich opportunities for contemplation.

## Schedule:

April 30	Introductory Video
May 7	1 Timothy
May 14	2 Timothy
May 21	3 Timothy
May 28	1 John
June 4	2 John
June 11	3 John



General information, outlines, and study questions will be provided.  
Tuesdays @ 10am - Genesis Room

## ST. PAUL UCC & TRINITY UCC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Cokesbury's



for ages Pre-k through 6th grade

June 24-27 from 6-8pm

held at St. Paul UCC 115 West 'B' St., Belleville

Call 618.233.3303  
for more information or to register.

**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.**



## MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

**Please join us  
on the 3rd Tuesday of  
every month from 1-3pm  
in the craft room.  
Please join us!**





# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



## **May Anniversaries**

5/2-Terry & Synthia Kalinowski

5/5-Bobby & Sandra Frerking

5/14-Steven & Tammy Flach

5/18-Gordon & Dorothy Maiworm

5/25-Ricky & Julie Morton

5/26-Kris & Laura Armstrong

## **May Birthdays**

5/2-Evan Wilhelm

5/5-Audrey Krummrich

5/7-Gene Buxton

5/11-Lana Gentry

5/13-Sherry Stepp

5/16-Roger Harszy

5/16-Avery Elser

5/19-Chase Mentzer

5/19-Terry Meyer

5/19-Laura Armstrong

5/20-Steve Schmidt

5/20-Teresa Schmidt

5/23-Zoey Alexander

5/25-Robert Chamberlin

5/26-Evan Bechtold

5/27-Janet Heil

5/27-Mary Lu Bretsch

5/31-Wes Krummrich

5/31-Carol Taae

5/31-Brett White

5/31-Drew Kramer

## **For Your Prayers**

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Marilyn Dinkelmann

Debbie McIntyre,  
daughter of Arline  
Worms

Tim Ritter

Laura (Phillips) Howie

Alec Zaber

Hector Rivera

Betty Rieso

Linda Minton

Larry Walton

Wayne Caughman

Tim Ritter Jr., son of  
Sandy & Tim Ritter

Jerry Hough

Lou Ann Niemann

Cheryl Cooper

Debbie Price

Christopher Mitchell

Audrey Krummrich

Ralph Eckart,  
brother-in-law of  
Marlene Mueller

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please send prayer requests to:

[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org) or call 618-233-3303.



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### Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship  
10am Coffee & Doughnuts  
Culinaire's' Breakfast 3rd Sunday of the month  
(On summer break—will resume in the fall.)



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*St Paul UCC, Belleville, Il*



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

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](http://stpaulucc.org)**

-and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**

