

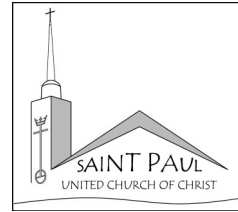


Our St. Paul

July 2024

YOUR St. Paul Team

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor
Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager
Dr. Tristan Frampton, Director of Music
Kevin Chunko, Organist/Pianist
Sherry Wilhelm, Office Coordinator
Kathy Buehler, Bookkeeper
Ian Hipkins, Technology Coordinator
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 stpaulucc.org

Pastor Michelle's June 1 – July 21 office hours

Mondays 12-4pm
Tuesdays 9:30am-2:30pm
Wednesdays 12-4pm
Thursdays 9:30am -1:30pm



Fridays are my sabbath days. While I am not in the office or attending to administrative work, I am available for pastoral emergencies.

If there are exceptions, I'll note them in the weekly bulletin and eNews. As always, feel free to call ahead as I may have stepped out for a few minutes, or attending to a pastoral situation.

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Pastor's Message - External Batteries

As my cell phone begins to age, I notice it doesn't hold the battery power like it did when I first bought the cell phone. It's a challenge - especially when traveling or not having access to a power source for long periods of time. While talking on the phone takes quite a bit of energy, it's not near how much various apps such as the camera or speaking on video utilizes the battery.

To take care of this issue, I've purchased external batteries that I now take with me everywhere. Since it takes a while to recharge the extra battery, I have a few that I continue to rotate. This way, I'm not at a loss of connection, whether it's someone from St. Paul or from my family who needs me. I can look up information, use my GPS on my travels, and create pictures for our social media accounts.

This reminds me of how our human physical batteries tend to run down quicker than they used to. We wish we could plug ourselves into an external battery so that we could have extra energy to keep doing what we did when we were in our twenties or thirties. I've seen the preschool children at VBS this week running constantly around our Activity Center without getting tired, and I wish I had a quarter of their energy! Of course, most of the time, we all have the energy we need to get our tasks finished, but what a wonderful thing it would be to have an external battery so that we could also run around the block without stopping for an hour at a time.

I also think that sometimes we need spiritual-emotional external batteries to get through our day. Whether it's spending time praying to or listening for God, such time in meditation helps our batteries to recharge. Many of us fill our batteries through time with loved ones. Most of us have activities that help us to spiritually recharge - like an artistic hobby or playing a round of golf. God has gifted us with these activities as spiritual-emotional batteries that keep our minds, hearts, and souls alive. By engaging in these activities, taking care of your health, and finding proper mental health care, our batteries have the potential to keep recharging as they need.

God is our internal battery, and God is our external battery. God is the energy that keeps our hearts, minds, and souls powered and ready to take on anything that comes before us. Here's a scripture to reflect upon during the tough times from Isaiah 40:29-31: "He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.





Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

Many blessings on a joyous month of July!

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

P.S. I'll be gone from July 22-August 6 as I head to Wiesbaden, Germany to preach and explore the Frankfurt area and beyond!



Sun	Mon	Tue
Pastor Michelle out of the office July 22-August 6	1 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold  <i>National Postal Worker Day</i>	2 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner  Firecracker 50/50 drawing
7 9am-Communion Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts  <i>National Day of Rock n Roll</i>	8 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold  <i>National Freezer Pop Day</i>	9 9am-Quilters 12pm-Shufflers 5pm-Community Dinner 5pm-Finance Meeting <i>Cow Appreciation Day</i> 
14 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10am-Mission Meeting-Library  <i>National Mac n Cheese Day</i>	15 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold  <i>National Pet Safety Day</i>	16 9am-Quilters 12pm-Shufflers 1pm-Mats for Community 1pm-Christian Ed-VBS 5pm-Community Dinner 
21 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts  <i>National Junk Food Day</i>	22 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold 	23 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner 
28 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts  National Parents' Day	29 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold  <i>National Chicken Wing Day</i> <i>National Lasagna Day</i>	30 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner  <i>National Cheesecake Day</i>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball</p> <p>1pm-With You Meeting</p>  <p><i>National Eat Your Beans Day</i></p>	<p>4 Independence Day</p>  <p>Church office closed</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Apple Turnover Day</i></p>	<p>6</p>  <p><i>National Fried Chicken Day</i></p>
<p>10</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball</p> <p>6pm-Inclusion Discussion @ Eckerts</p> <p><i>Chronic Disease Day</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> <p>7pm-Personnel Meeting</p>  <p><i>National Cheer Up the Lonely Day</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00am-Pickle Ball</p> <p><i>National Simplicity Day</i></p>	<p>13</p>  <p><i>National Barbershop Music Appreciation Day</i></p>
<p>17</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball</p> <p>1pm-Women's Guild</p>  <p><i>World Emoji Day</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> <p>6pm-Council Meeting</p>  <p><i>National Tropical Fruit Day</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>Words With Friends Day</i></p>	<p>20</p>  <p><i>National Lollipop Day</i> <i>National Moon Day</i></p>
<p>24</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p> <p>11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball</p>  <p><i>National Cousins Day</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> <p>6pm-Food Pantry meeting</p> <p><i>National Hot Fudge Sundae Day</i></p> 	<p>26</p> <p>9:00am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Disability Independence Day</i></p>	<p>27</p>  <p><i>National Love is Kind Day</i></p>
<p>31</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Father-In-Law Day</i></p>	 <p><i>National Ice Cream Month</i></p>		

Share

***Your photos of "JOY" that we will use in an upcoming worship service

***A celebration - BIG or SMALL - in your life

Email to PastorMichelle@stpaulucc.org

PUZZLES

Now available to
borrow from the
St. Paul UCC
Library!
Bring one take one!



Mission MOMENT



The sharing session, "Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCDs) and other ways to reduce your taxes", June 2nd is canceled and will instead be shared as a mission moment on **September 8th**.

Ken Nettleton will share information on how you can reduce your tax burden in ways that can benefit you and St. Paul.

MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

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



**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.**



JOIN US

ST PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE

INCLUSION

Discussion Series

with

Rev. Michelle
Torigian



Rev. Tim
Powers-Reed

June 12
Disability,
Mental Health &
Neurodivergence

July 10
Family Structures
& Marital Status

August 14
LGBTQIA+
& Race

@Eckerts

951 S Green Mt Rd, Belleville, IL



6pm

For more info call (618)233-3303

A postage increase is happening on July 14th and we are looking at ways to cut back. If you would be interested in receiving the OSP monthly newsletter by email instead of mail, please contact the office by phone or email.

618-233-3303
swilhelm@stpaulucc.org



WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US!

GAME NIGHT!

20, JULY 2024

Join us for card games, board games, and fun!
Bring your own snacks and refreshments and don't forget to share!

TRINITY UCC BELLEVILLE
47 North Douglas, Belleville, Illinois

DOORS OPEN AT: 06:30PM
GAMES START AT: IMMEDIATELY

Open to all ages! Enjoy the fun!

Caution: Pastor Tim may want you to battle classic movie monsters in one of his favorite games called "Horrorified!"

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



St. Clair County Office on Aging



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
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
Ruth Klingel
The family of Jeffrey Dinkelmann

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

**JOIN US AT ST. PAUL UCC
FOR YOGA WITH JULIA
EVERY MONDAY & THURSDAY
@ 10:30 AM**





ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



July Wedding Anniversaries

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

July Birthdays

7/1-Ann Wilson	7/16-Marilyn Dinklemann
7/4-Pam Walton	7/16-Judy Koch
7/6-Marlene Mueller	7/18-Michael Herrmann
7/7-Sophia Florek	7/19-Bryant Steen
7/7-Ronald Buckrod	7/21-Cheryl Buckrod
7/7-Pam Elser	7/21-Nick Elser
7/8-Carole Goers	7/22-Lonnie Kettler
7/8-Kris Mueller	7/23-Barbara Harszy
7/8-Dana Rosenzweig	7/23-Julie Morton
7/8-Vickie Dziaba	7/23-Jane Rogers
7/9-Sandy Loeffler	7/25-Wayne Caughman
7/11-Gus Kuether	7/27-Sue Kuether
7/13-Tom Birkner	7/27-Nancy Viehman
7/13-Terry Kalinowski	7/28-Sandy Wagner
7/14-Dave Hoffmann	7/31-Wayne Weidemann
7/14-Sam Wright	7/31-Frank Graetz
7/15-Barb Suess	

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 Gaye Bettis

Alvin Bettis

Richard & Sheila Villiger

Sandra L Voegelé

Marlene & Scott Lindauer

Sandra G Loeffler

Edward & Deborah Viehweg

Marcia Greenslate

Paula & Kenneth Farley

Marian Hobbs

Randall & Beverly Wissehr

Anna Schoendienst

Douglas & Teena Lowery

Lynn & Judy Haseley

IMO Rev Charles Ross

Gay Eckert

Laurie Eckert Schobert



**Discover our past, present and future
On your updated
St. Paul UCC website.**

**Your Website Team Invites Your Comments Any Time:
Donna Davis, Ian Hipkins, Neal Holliday, Susan Relfe,
Pam Walton, Pastor Michelle and Pastor Tim**

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ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

May-24 9am 480 + Online

May-23 9am 480 + Online

May-24 All Gifts: \$25,049.88

May-23 All Gifts: \$35,220.13

REVENUE	2024 Final Budget	2024 May Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$378,200.29	\$24,344.65	\$155,063.24	41.00%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$3,000.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	1.67%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$11,790.00	\$915.00	\$4,575.00	38.80%
130500 - Building Fund	\$19,000.00	\$935.00	\$4,173.00	21.96%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,600.00	\$405.37	\$2,453.28	37.17%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$1,274.00	\$3,569.00	N/A
131100 - Memorials	\$12,500.00	\$200.00	\$1,865.00	14.92%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$4,200.00	\$371.00	\$5,347.00	127.31%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	\$185.00	\$610.00	50.83%
131499 - Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131500 - Investment Income /Michelson Income	\$28,400.00	\$0.00	\$14,200.00	50.00%
131600 - Stifel Investment-Donation fro Pastoral Minister	\$24,700.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	30.36%
131600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per Guidelines)	\$135,000.00	\$0.00	\$34,000.00	25.19%
131650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. Exp.)	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	25.00%
131900 - Other Income	\$50.00	\$289.86	\$303.09	606.18%
Total Operating Revenues	\$646,640.29	\$28,969.88	\$239,208.61	36.99%
Team Revenues	\$3,900.00	\$25.00	\$1,762.45	
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$650,540.29	\$28,994.88	\$240,971.06	37.04%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$381,018.00)	(\$28,625.96)	(\$147,551.54)	38.73%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$41,607.33)	(\$3,335.01)	(\$14,962.73)	35.96%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$13,500.00)	(\$122.77)	(\$2,080.02)	15.41%
Education	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$306.94)	12.28%
Stewardship	(\$1,480.00)	(\$120.40)	(\$840.11)	56.76%
Property	(\$196,184.96)	(\$31,354.56)	(\$94,964.94)	48.41%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$14,250.00)	(\$2,108.42)	(\$4,512.79)	31.67%
General Fund	-	-	\$0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$650,540.29)	(\$65,667.12)	(\$265,219.07)	40.77%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	(\$36,672.24)	(\$24,248.01)	

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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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<https://www.youtube.com/>

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2) **Go to stpaulucc.org**
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services, sermons, archives, and
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