

Our St. Paul September 2024

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October

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September 20

MAIL DATE
September 30

Pastor's Message

God's Glimmers in Germany

As you probably already know, Aaron and I went to Germany at the end of July through the beginning of August. Our trip was amazing. This was our first trip to Europe, and seeing so many pieces of history from five hundred to almost one thousand year ago was amazing. Even after going to St. Augustine in January where the oldest continuous European colony remains, older pieces of history crossed my path this summer. Relics, artwork, and even some buildings in Germany herald from earlier in the second millennium BCE. My mind was blown seeing such remains from centuries ago.

With the many churches we toured, the many castles and villages we had the chance to see along the Rhine River, I had the chance to see the glimmer of God in some unique, holy moments.

The first one happened in a chapel in Rudesheim. After touring Hildegard of Bingen's Abbey on the hill and soaking in the beautiful landscape, we headed down to the village. As many churches were open to tour along the way, we went into the Wallfahrtskirche St. Hildegard (which is the Pilgrimage Church of St. Hildegard). Upon our entry, we noticed the church was empty with the exception of two people. One woman, most likely a tourist, began singing. The beauty of her voice echoed throughout the sanctuary. For me this was an extremely holy moment.

The other moment worth mentioning was the beginning of the worship service at the Bergkirche in Wiesbaden. As the organist began to play the first notes of the prelude, the sun burst forth from the thick layers of clouds and streamed into one of the stained glass windows. The timing to me was perfect and was a beautiful way to usher my time leading worship at this congregation.

Having this opportunity to experience life in a place where I didn't know the language and thousands of miles from home gave me the chance to see the world in a different way. Granted, I missed ice and air conditioning! But the opportunity to exit my comfort zone to see such cultural and historical richness was a blessing. Along with the landscape of the Rhine, the ability to chat with other clergy in Frankfurt gave me a picture of where the Church has been and where it is going. Like churches in our country, their worship attendance is not as large as it once was, but they offer the communities the chance to see the beauty of their sanctuaries as places of history and art.

I look forward to taking some time next summer as planned to see England where my mother's family originated as well as some wonderful cathedrals and art in Paris. The world is a beautiful place, given to us by God. Stepping outside of my comfort zone to experience a different facet of God's creation is a blessing that I will never take for granted!

Blessings,
Pastor Michelle

ST. PAUL UCC ANNOUNCES

*Hot Mess Express
Coffee Truck
Wednesdays*

SEP 4 & 18

7-10 AM

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PUZZLES

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

Bring one take one!

St. Paul UCC is closed on September 2 for the Labor Day holiday.

Normal hours will resume Tuesday, September 3.

Have a wonderful holiday!!!

Pastor Michelle's

**OFFICE HOURS
AUG 12-SEPT 28**

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, be in a meeting, or attending to a pastoral situation.

The History and Archaeology of the Bible

Tuesdays - 10:00 a. m. -11:30 a.m.

St. Paul UCC - Genesis Room

September 3 – November 19, 2024

- Sept 3** 1 The World of Genesis, 2 The Tower of Babel
Sept 10 3 The Journeys of Abraham, 4 Joseph in Egypt
Sept 17 5 The Story of Moses, 6 The Mystery of the Exodus
Sept 24 7 The Settlement in the Promised Land, 8 The Rise of the Israelite Monarchy
Oct 1 9 The Kingdom of David, 10 The Temple of Solomon
Oct 8 11 The Northern Kingdom of Israel, 12 The Rise of Assyria
Oct 15 13 The Rise and Fall of Judah, 14 The Persian Era
Oct 22 15 The Empire of Alexander the Great, 16 Judea in the Early Roman Empire
Oct 29 17 The Kingdom of Herod the Great, 18 The World of the Gospels
Nov 5 19 The Birth of Jesus, 20 Young Jesus
Nov 12 21 Jesus and John the Baptist, 22 The Ministry of Jesus
Nov 19 23 The Passover Events in Jerusalem, 24 The Rise of Christianity

Source material provided is a DVD from The Great Courses!

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Mission MOMENT

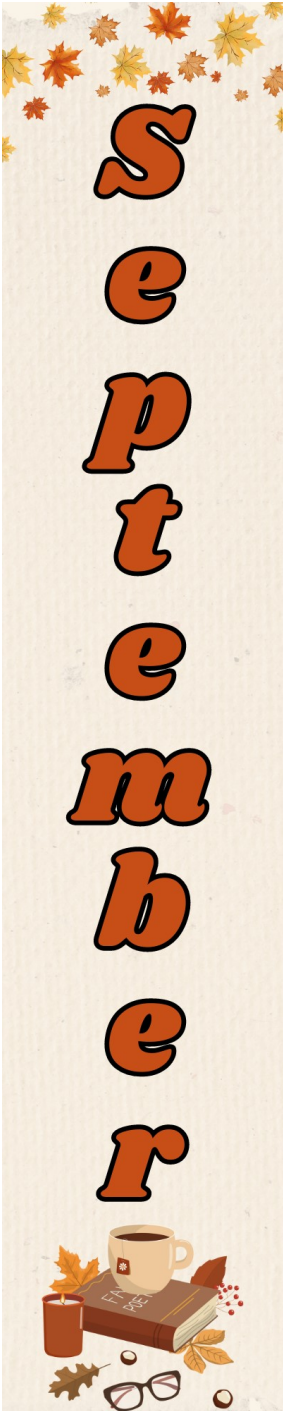
The sharing session, "Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCDs) and other ways to reduce your taxes", June 2nd is canceled and will instead be shared as a mission moment on **September 8th**.






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






We would like to email the OSP monthly newsletter to you instead of mailing it . This would save money on both postage and the cost of paper. We will have some printed copies available to pick up in the Welcome Center. Please contact the office if you do not currently receive the OSP by email so that we can add you to the list. Thank you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
<p>1 9am-Communion Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p> <p><i>National Forgiveness Day National Pastor's Spouses Day</i></p>	<p>2 Labor Day Office Closed</p>  <p>labor day</p>	<p>3 9am-Quilters 9am-Pickleball-slow pace 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>8 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10am-Mission Meeting</p> <p><i>National Grandparents Day</i></p>	<p>9 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p><i>National Teddy Bear Day</i></p>	<p>10 9am-Quilters 9am-Pickleball-slow pace 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>15 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10am-Mission Meeting-Library</p>	<p>16 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> <p><i>National Stepfamily Day</i></p>	<p>17 9am-Quilters 9am-Pickleball-slow pace 10am-Seekers Bible Study 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>22 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p>  <p><i>First Day of Fall</i></p>	<p>23 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>	<p>24 9am-Quilters 9am-Pickleball-slow pace 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p> <p><i>National Punctuation Day</i></p>
<p>29 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p>  <p><i>National Coffee Day</i></p>	<p>30 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p><i>National Love People Day</i></p>	<p><i>National Pain Awareness Month</i></p> <p><i>Self-Care Awareness Month</i></p>

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>4</p> <p>7am-Hot Mess Express 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 1pm-With You 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10am-Worship Meeting 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Food Bank Day</i></p>	<p>7</p>
<p>11</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir 5pm-Inclusion Discussion @ Eckerts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:30am-Yoga Gold 7pm-Personnel Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00am-Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>Positive Thinking Day</i></p>	<p>14</p>  <p><i>National Live Creative Day</i></p>
<p>18 7am-Hot Mess Express 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 1pm-Women's Guild 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p> <p><i>Air Force Birthday</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>10:30am-Yoga Gold 6pm-Council Meeting</p> <p><i>National Talk Like a Pirate Day</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00am-Pickle Ball</p> <p><i>National POW/MIA Recognition DAY</i></p>	<p>21</p>  <p><i>National Dance Day</i></p>
<p>25</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p> <p><i>National Daughter's Day</i></p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p><i>National Pancake Day</i></p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am-NO Pickle Ball</p>  <p><i>National Brave Day</i></p>	<p>28</p>  <p><i>National Good Neighbor Day</i></p>
	<p><i>National Blood Cancer Awareness Month</i></p> <p><i>Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month</i></p> <p><i>Prostate Health Month</i></p>		<p><i>National Piano Month</i></p>  <p><i>National Classical Music Month</i></p>

For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Marilyn Dinkelmann
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms
Tim Ritter
Laura (Phillips) Howie
Betty Rieso
Larry Walton
Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter
Wayne Caughman
Hector Rivera
Jerry Hough

Lou Ann Niemann
Cheryl Cooper
Debbie Price
Christopher Mitchell
Audrey Krummrich
Amy Drake
Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of
Marlene Mueller
Bill Halfacre,
Vi Nettleton's brother
The Day family of Waterloo for their 3 year
old son



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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ST PAUL UCC BELLEVILLE
PRESENTS

The
INCLUSION

Discussion Series
Sept 11 @ 5pm

Topic:
LGBTQIA+ & Race

*Join us for the third session of this series
on theology and the beauty of inclusion
in faith communities!*

@Eckerts Cider Shed
951 S Green Mt Rd, Belleville, IL

**NEW DATE
& TIME**

JOIN US



**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

September Wedding Anniversaries



9/8-Wayne & Janet

Kniepkamp

9/13-Rob & Carrie

Naylor

9/14-Richard & Vickie

Dziaba

9/17-Matthew & Lisa

Smith



September Birthdays

9/1-Susan Relfe

9/2-Karen Boesch

9/2-Sharen Guthrie

9/2-Henry Keck, Jr.

9/3-Wayne Kniepkamp

9/3-Sтивен Flach

9/3-Debbie Price

9/4-James Hughes

9/4-Avery White

9/9-Beverly Brightwell

9/10-Carol Simon

9/10-Aaron Coleman

9/15-Elise White

9/16-Luci Bradley

9/17-Edie Elliott

9/18-Kathy Liddy

9/18-Janice Smith-Walta

9/18-Roxy Collins

9/22-Bill Enyart

9/24-Erlene Seelman

9/24-Jerry Pierce-Heisler

9/26-Colette Smith

9/29-Michael Pierce

9/29-Jan Bolding

9/30-Sue Sutherland



Happy Birthday

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

IHO Helen Whicher 95th B-Day
Lynn & Luci Bradley



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.



Helping the people who use the Interfaith Food Pantry is easy if you have a Medicare advantage plan! Most plans offer a credit every quarter for over the counter (OTC) products. These credits can be used for things like toothbrushes and paste, feminine hygiene products, first aid products, etc. If you have credits that you don't need for your family, why not purchase some of those items and donate them to the interfaith food pantry we have a collection box here at St. Paul! (Some plans credits expire at the end of each quarter (Sept 30) so please check your plans and don't just let those credits expire!) Thank you! Questions please see Synthia Kalinowski



Senior Pickle Ball

Mondays & Wednesdays

@ 9-11am, Fridays 9:15-11:15

Beginners Wednesdays @ 11:30

St Paul UCC ACTIVITY CENTER



St. Clair County Office on Aging

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

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



REVENUE	2024 Final Budget	2024 July Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$378,200.29	\$32,713.00	\$206,207.51	54.52%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$3,000.00	\$130.00	\$1,360.00	45.33%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$11,790.00	\$1,200.00	\$6,975.00	59.16%
130500 - Building Fund	\$19,000.00	\$900.00	\$5,826.00	30.66%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,600.00	\$423.82	\$3,246.66	49.19%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$185.00	\$4,024.00	N/A
131100 - Memorials	\$12,500.00	\$220.00	\$3,115.00	24.92%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$4,200.00	\$1,399.00	\$7,358.00	175.19%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	\$250.00	\$860.00	71.67%
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	\$15,000.00	60.73%
131600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per Guidelines)	\$135,000.00	\$0.00	\$78,500.00	58.15%
131650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. Exp.)	\$22,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	50.00%
131900 - Other Income	\$50.00	\$265.37	\$278.60	557.20%
Total Operating Revenues	\$646,640.29	\$37,686.19	\$357,950.77	55.36%
Team Revenues	\$3,900.00	\$422.11	\$3,414.38	
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$650,540.29	\$38,108.30	\$361,365.15	55.55%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$381,018.00)	(\$27,014.56)	(\$204,109.44)	53.57%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$41,607.33)	(\$5,162.02)	(\$24,117.06)	57.96%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$13,500.00)	(\$4,092.00)	(\$4,563.00)	33.80%
Education	(\$2,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,264.36)	50.57%
Stewardship	(\$1,480.00)	(\$119.70)	(\$662.86)	44.79%
Property	(\$196,184.96)	(\$16,208.02)	(\$123,741.09)	63.07%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$14,250.00)	(\$1,413.69)	(\$7,642.49)	53.63%
General Fund	-	-	\$0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$650,540.29)	(\$54,009.99)	(\$366,100.30)	56.28%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	(\$15,901.69)	(\$4,735.15)	

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Jul-24 9am 316 + Online

Jul-23 9am 328 + Online

Jul-24 All Gifts: \$36,733.30

Jul-23 All Gifts: \$48,413.58

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Return Service Requested



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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.)

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) **Sign up for the eNews**



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



**Remember St. Paul UCC as you
prepare your will or trust!**



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