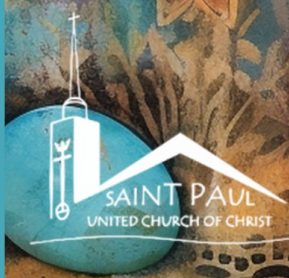


OUR ST. PAUL

APRIL 2026



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YOUR St. Paul Team

Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager
Sherry Wilhelm, Office Manager
Kathy Buehler, Bookkeeper
Dr. Tristan Frampton, Director of Music
Cynthia Johnson, Organist
Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff

Church office hours:

Monday - Thursday
8:30am-4pm
Friday
9am-12pm

Church Office Contact
Information: 618-233-3303
stpaulucc.org

April Wedding Anniversaries

4/4-Tom & Kathy Birkner
4/14-Darwin & Marylu Bretsch

4/14-Kevin & Shelley Shipp
4/22-Wayne & Carol Weidemann

April Birthdays

4/2-Mindy Bernal
4/7-Peggy Burke
4/14-Pat Kinney
4/15-Gay Eckert
4/17-Lisa Smith

4/18-Michael West
4/19-Duane Trickey
4/20-Jacob Florek
4/24-Bette Ettling
4/29-Dick Erdmann

Follow us on ...



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Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for *Our St. Paul*.
swilhelm@stpaulucc.org or call the office.
Next issue: May- Deadline to submit information: April 20th.

Spring has sprung, friends. Signs of life abound as we journey with Jesus to the cross during Holy Week with the pinnacle of the Christian year, Easter Sunday, as its conclusion. But, that is not the end of the story, for death has no victory nor sting. Jesus is risen, and so are we. As people of the resurrection, we are called to share the good news of Christ and serve others accordingly.

Join together in worship during Holy Week. Palm Sunday will mark Jesus's triumphant entry in Jerusalem and our With You Team will be recognized and commissioned during worship; Maundy Thursday will be a combined meal and worship service at Trinity UCC; Good Friday will feature sacred music and the voices of our Chancel Choir in a service of Tenebrae; and Easter Sunday will resound with the sounds of brass and shouts of Alleluia. What a meaningful and glorious time to be together in community.

Our search team has met, the church profile is in its final stages, and we will be putting ourselves "out there" for candidates to provide the next era in pastoral leadership at St. Paul. Easter is a celebration of the Great 50 Days, but the joy and assurance of life and love's victory over death is forever in our hearts and the heart of our faith. Pray for our continued ministry *and be part of it!*

What a joy to live our faith journey in a community such as St. Paul! As we approach Easter, may you be inspired to live with the knowledge that God is still speaking and Christ lives.

Blessings!



Celebrate Easter with us at
St. Paul UCC!

**Easter Sunday
SERVICE**

APRIL 5TH @ 9AM



**GOOD
FRIDAY
SERVICE
FRIDAY,
APRIL 3
@ 7:00 PM**



115 W. B. ST, BELLEVILLE, IL

Updates from the March Council Meeting

Shout-Outs:

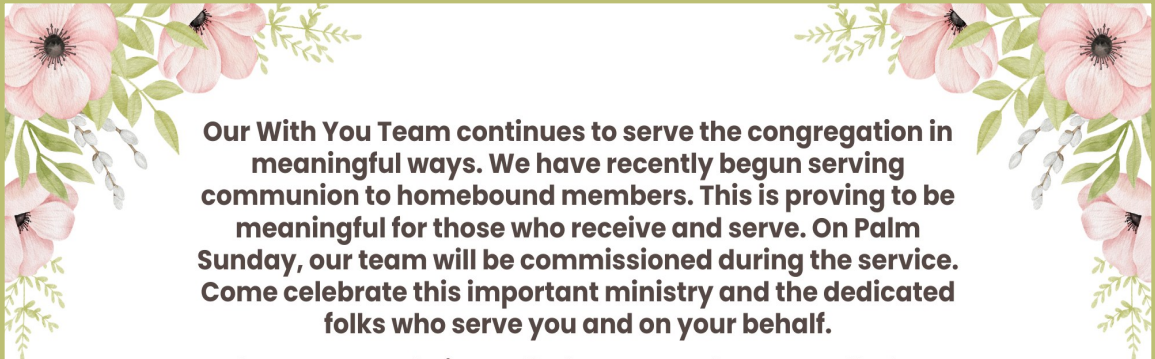
The With You team is doing excellent work in their commitment to families. Tristan and Cynthia deserve our thanks for their dedication and hard work in preparing for our Good Friday and Easter Sunday services.

Old Business:

The insurance company offered a settlement to replace the sanctuary boiler that was damaged when an internal fan locked up. The offer is \$7,000 less than the bid that Ehret submitted for a new 80%-efficient boiler (Ehret said that a high efficiency boiler would not be cost effective since we only use the boiler 6 months per year). The insurance company and Ehret are working through their differences. In the end, we will be responsible for the \$10,000 deductible and \$1500+ for the locked-up fan since our insurance does not cover wear and tear on the fan.

New Business:

The first draft of the 30-page Church Profile has been distributed to the Search Committee and Council. Their feedback is due on April 3rd. The updated Roles and Responsibilities of the Council members was reviewed. Additionally, proposed changes to the Council organization were discussed. Both topics will continue to be discussed at a future Council meeting.



Our With You Team continues to serve the congregation in meaningful ways. We have recently begun serving communion to homebound members. This is proving to be meaningful for those who receive and serve. On Palm Sunday, our team will be commissioned during the service. Come celebrate this important ministry and the dedicated folks who serve you and on your behalf.

Perhaps you are being called to serve others as well. Please contact Susan Relfe (susanrelfe@outlook.com) if you would like to give to this ministry. Our next meeting is April 1 @ 1 PM.

**Christ is risen—indeed!
Your partners in caring,
The With You Ministry Team
Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you
will fulfill the law of Christ.
(Galatians 6:2)**



THE GREAT PUZZLE RACE

Thursday, June 25th - 6:30-9:00PM

Be a puzzle sponsor for \$15!

Deadline to sign up is June 12th!

Cost is \$10 per person (\$5 for ages 6-11)

2-4 people per table

Families are welcome!

Attendance prizes and a prize for 1st and 2nd place winners.

Bring your own drinks and snacks! Popcorn & lemonade will be provided.

Sponsored by St Paul UCC Mission and Christian Education teams.

All proceeds will be donated to Beacon who provides low income people in need of furniture and household goods for a new beginning.

RSVP by mailing or dropping off a check or cash to the office!

115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220

or Scan the Paypal QR Code

(put puzzle race in the memo)

618-233-3303 or email swilhelm@stpaulucc.org



St. Paul Women's Guild

Please join us at our next meeting to see what we're all about!
All ladies are welcome!

Refreshments ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

We help support the community and other missions with proceeds from our Rummage and Bake Sales!

Treat yourself to an afternoon out with old friends & maybe make a new friend. We'd love to have you join us!

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month @ 1:00 pm!



St. Paul UCC Fine Arts

presents . . .

SWIC JAZZ BAND

APRIL
25
7.30 pm

St. Paul UCC
115 W. B. St
Belleville, IL

A free will offering is happily accepted!



Threads of Hope Quilters

Every Tuesday ~ 9am-2pm!
@ St. Paul UCC!

Join us for the enjoyment of quilting.

for info: 618-233-3303
(Community Outreach Mission)

SAVE THE DATE Crafty Mania

Saturday, September 26, 2025 - 9am-8pm

Cost: \$45 for the day : lunch is included.

Dinner will be available for an additional \$10.

St. Paul UCC - 115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220
(Enter on C. St. through the Activity Center)









Register by sending in a check with your information to St. Paul UCC!








Proceeds to benefit organizations outside our church in the greater Belleville area.

Call for questions or more information: 618-233-3303

Reservations and payment are due by:
September 15th!

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Sun	Mon	Tue
		
<p>5 EASTER SUNDAY 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p> 	<p>6 Easter Monday St. Paul UCC Closed</p> 	<p>7 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>12 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10am-Mission Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>19 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p> 	<p>20</p> 	<p>21 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>26 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts</p> 	<p>27 6pm-Monday Funday 6:30pm-Griefworks</p>	<p>28 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 1pm-With You 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p> 	<p>2 MAUNDY THURSDAY @ Trinity UCC</p> 	<p>3 GOOD FRIDAY 7PM SERVICE</p> 	<p>4</p> 
<p>8 9am-Rummage Sale setup 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p>	<p>9 9am-Rummage Sale setup 7pm-Personnel Meeting</p>	<p>10 9am-Rummage Sale Setup</p> <p>RUMMAGE SALE 4-7PM</p>	<p>11 RUMMAGE SALE 9AM - 12PM</p> 
<p>15 1pm-Women's Guild 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p> 	<p>16 6pm-Council Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> 
<p>22 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p>  <p>Earth Day</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Fine Arts Concert SWIC Jazz Band 7:30PM</p> 
<p>29 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir</p>	<p>30</p>		

Please consider being a coffee hour host!

It takes about 15-20 min to set up. Our guests arrive about 10:00. Better to have their coffee ready at that time. Last coffee call no later than 11:00, if not sooner. Takes about 20-25 min to clean up. Printed instructions are available. Assistance is always available.

Contact the office to sign up!



SERVE

Ministry Opportunities

Consider joining one of our teams to serve on a Sunday morning in 2026! New Ushers, Greeters, and Coffee Hour Hosts are always welcome to help provide the hospitality we want others to experience at St. Paul. Please call the church office (233-3303) or email Sherry (swilhelm@stpaulucc.org) if interested!

ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

115 W. B Street
Belleville, IL
Activity Center (Gym)
(Across from Franklin School)
INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!



Bake Sale!

Donations of
baked goods accepted!

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**CONTACT SUSAN RELFE
IF YOU CAN HELP!**

SUSANRELF@OUTLOOK.COM



Donations are now being accepted!

Drop off hours: Monday-Thursday. If you need help unloading *PLEASE CALL before you come!*****

618-233-3303

MONDAY FUN-DAY!
4th Monday of every month!
Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm
Yoga 6:30-7pm
Pickleball 6-8pm




St. Paul UCC
115 W. B. Street, Belleville
Enter on 2nd St. at the Activity Center door!
 No cost - just a free will offering!
 618-233-3303

Puzzles and Board Games Available!

Bring your friends!

A free will offering is happily accepted.
Free! All are welcome!

MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

Please join us!

We could use your help to make mats from plastic bags for people in need!

3rd Tuesday of every month from 1-3pm!

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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 10th! 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 3rd.

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CIRCLE ONE: IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF

MOTHER / LOVED ONE'S NAME

YOUR NAME

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 Judith Harms

Donna Davis
Terry Kalinowski

IMO Gene Buxton

Donna Davis
Terry Kalinowski
Marlene Lindauer

IMO Terry Hoefle

Donna Norbet



For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz

Tim Ritter

Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter

Lou Ann Niemann

Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of

Marlene Mueller

Mike Llamas, brother in law of Mimi

Llamas

Al Stahl

Audrey Krummrich

Laura Sadler

Alec Zaber

Lindsay Eversmeyer, niece of Pam

Nicholson

Jane Bonaldi

Ruth Klingel

Gerald Hough

Sandy Ritter

**Flowers, Music and Bulletin
sponsorships are a lovely way
to honor the memory, birthday
or achievement of your loved
one. To sign up, call the
church office.**

Cost is \$35.00.



GRIEFWORKS

An LGBTQIA+

Grief Support Group

A peer support group for anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community
who has experienced loss and is struggling with grief.

MEETINGS HELD

4TH MONDAY

EVERY MONTH

6:30-8:00 pm

St. Paul UCC

115 W. B Street

Belleville, IL 62220

griefworks2025@gmail.com



REVENUE	2026 Final Budget	2026 Feb Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$352,648.00	\$24,036.00	\$57,824.00	16.40%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$15,120.00	\$1,260.00	\$2,520.00	16.67%
130500 - Building Fund	\$10,000.00	\$222.00	\$309.00	3.09%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,900.00	\$513.38	\$1,024.54	14.85%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$320.00	N/A
130323 - Bank/Paypal Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
131100 - Memorials	\$8,000.00	\$250.00	\$1,200.00	15.00%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$6,000.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	1.67%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
131499 - Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131500 - Investment Income /Michelson Income	\$28,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per Guidelines)	\$171,710.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. Exp.)	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131900 - Other Income	\$0.00	\$447.16	\$461.16	#DIV/0!
Total Operating Revenues	\$612,778.00	\$26,928.54	\$63,758.70	10.40%
Team Revenues	\$4,677.27	\$313.26	\$549.76	
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$617,455.27	\$27,241.80	\$64,308.46	10.42%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$357,080.60)	(\$15,811.55)	(\$32,293.65)	9.04%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$36,643.47)	(\$2,642.76)	(\$5,544.65)	15.13%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$9,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Education	(\$1,500.00)	(\$4.96)	(\$9.92)	0.66%
Stewardship	(\$1,200.00)	\$0.00	(\$247.91)	20.66%
Property	(\$193,631.20)	(\$21,118.21)	(\$41,941.56)	21.66%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$15,900.00)	(\$450.88)	(\$1,134.74)	7.14%
General Fund	(2,000.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$617,455.27)	(\$40,028.36)	(\$81,172.43)	13.15%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	(\$12,786.56)	(\$16,863.97)	

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Feb-26 9am 336 + Online	Feb-25 9am 348 + Online
Feb-26 All Gifts: \$26,861.71	Feb-25 All Gifts: \$17,260.36

Please join us!



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115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220**

In person on Sundays!

Worship Service - 9am
Coffee & Doughnuts - 10am

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Event Rental Space Available!

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