

St. Paul United Church of Christ



Sundays - 9am
Join us in-person
or live on
Facebook and Youtube!

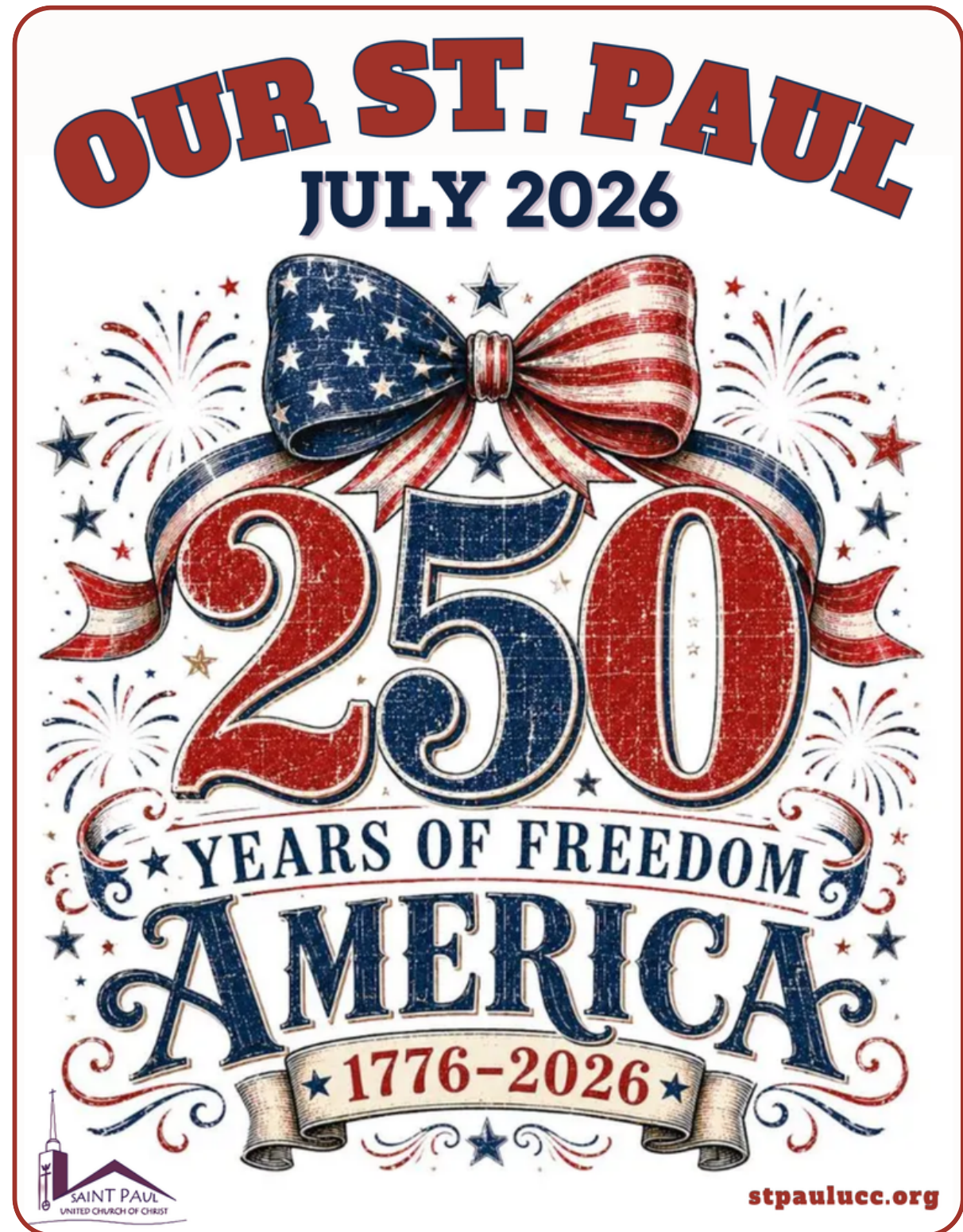


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Your St. Paul Team

Rev. Joan H. Mier, Supply Pastor
Ken Dahm, Facility Manager
Sherry Wilhelm, Office Manager
Kathy Buehler, Bookkeeper
Dr. Tristan Frampton, Director of Music
Cynthia Johnson, Organist
Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff

St. Paul UCC office hours:
Monday – Thursday
8:30am–4pm
Friday
9am–12pm
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July
Worship Leaders
JULY 5 - REV. JOAN H. MIER
JULY 12 - REV. JOAN H. MIER
JULY 19 - REV. GARY KNIPEKAMP
JULY 26 - CRAIG BIELKE

OUR ST. PAUL is published monthly.
Material for inclusion may be sent to the
church noted for Our St. Paul.
swilhelm@stpaulucc.org
or call the office.
**Next issue: August - Deadline to submit
information: July 20th.**



*Happy
Birthday!*

7/4-Pam Walton
7/6-Marlene Mueller
7/7-Sophia Florek
7/7-Ron Buckrod
7/8-Pam Elser
7/8-Carole Goers
7/8-Kris Mueller
7/8-Dana Rosenzweig
7/8-Vickie Dziaba
7/9-Sandy Loeffler
7/13-Tom Birkner
7/13-Terry Kalinowski
7/15-Barb Suess
7/16-Judy Koch
7/18-Michael Herrmann
7/21-Cheryl Buckrod
7/21-Nick Elser
7/23-Julie Morton
7/28-Sandy Wagner
7/29-Shelley Shipp
7/31-Wayne Weidemann
7/31-Frank Graetz

*HAPPY
Anniversary*

7/2-Bruce & Pam Elser
7/2-Scott & Lana Gentry
7/10-Bill & Lou James
7/10-Rusty & Sandy Wagner
7/17-Brian & Jennifer Mentzer

REVENUE	2026 Final Budget	2026 May Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$352,648.00	\$19,079.00	\$156,740.00	44.45%
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	\$6,300.00	41.67%
130500 - Building Fund	\$10,000.00	\$70.00	\$1,016.00	10.16%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,900.00	\$335.59	\$2,924.31	42.38%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$752.00	\$3,037.00	N/A
130323 - Bank/Paypal Revenue	\$0.00	\$34.11	\$34.11	#DIV/0!
131100 - Memorials	\$8,000.00	\$60.00	\$2,520.00	31.50%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$6,000.00	\$1,335.00	\$2,235.00	37.25%
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	\$14,910.00	52.50%
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	\$245.00	\$1,160.74	#DIV/0!
Total Operating Revenues	\$612,778.00	\$23,170.70	\$190,877.16	31.15%
Team Revenues	\$4,677.27	\$303.00	\$1,644.26	35.15%
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$617,455.27	\$23,473.70	\$192,521.42	31.18%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$357,080.60)	(\$20,034.02)	(\$82,955.58)	23.23%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$36,643.47)	(\$3,230.15)	(\$13,749.36)	37.52%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$9,500.00)	(\$9.49)	(\$709.49)	7.47%
Education	(\$1,500.00)	(\$118.69)	(\$159.39)	10.63%
Stewardship	(\$1,200.00)	(\$112.86)	(\$502.42)	41.87%
Property	(\$193,631.20)	(\$10,228.35)	(\$82,068.18)	42.38%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$15,900.00)	(\$605.36)	(\$3,474.52)	21.85%
General Fund	(2,000.00)	-	\$0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$617,455.27)	(\$34,338.92)	(\$183,618.94)	29.74%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	(\$10,865.22)	\$8,902.48	

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

May-26 9am 355 + Online May-25 9am 397 + Online
May-26 All Gifts: \$29,715.29 May-25 All Gifts: \$40,631.89

Memorials & Gifts

St. Paul Church gratefully
acknowledges your generosity.
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN
LOVING MEMORY OF:

IMO Marilee Black
Kent Black

IMO Audrey Krummrich
Donna Davis
Lynn Koehler

IMO Michael Llamas
Michael Maggio

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

July 5-Lisa Hudnall

July 12-Al Scharf



July 19-Linda & Carol Speichinger

July 26-Mona Scheibel

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!

Greetings St. Paul,

July brings with it a celebration of American independence, and this year marks the 250th anniversary of it. Members of the Fine Arts Committee and archives have teamed up to put memorabilia on display in the Welcome Center to commemorate the long history of Patriotic Concerts at St. Paul. If you missed the chance to see them on June 28, check out the slides from past concerts paired with a recording of the first show back in 1986. They will be playing in the Welcome Center and in the Sanctuary before worship.

While we think about and give thanks for our country, it is a good time to give thanks for our community of faith that also has a long and storied history. We also have a great future. As we continue the process of searching for a new settled pastor, we have the opportunity to grow in faith and share why we choose to be part of this St. Paul family, and what we will do to serve well into the future.

This summer, take time to think and pray about what God is calling us to do and be. Anything that lasts does so when there is purpose and commitment. Let us be about the business of discerning the former and living the latter.

Keep cool and check on those who need it during these hot days of July, and happy birthday, America.

Peace.



For your prayers . . .

May God watch over these church members and friends, bringing them peace, comfort, strength, and healing wherever it's needed.
May they feel His presence in their hearts, be uplifted in spirit, and surrounded by love and support.

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
Lou Ann Niemann
Al Stahl
Laura Sadler
Alec Zaber
Jane Bonaldi
Ruth Klingel
Carol & Wayne Weidemann

Paul Sutherland
Our Pastor Search Committee
Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
Sylvia, sister of Luci Bradley
Rich Wilburn and his family,
son-in-law of Stephenie Bauza
Staci Atwood, daughter of Judy Saeger
Stephen Agnew, son of Carolyn Hazelip

Please call the church office for prayer requests.

June Council Meeting Updates

Shout-Outs

- Council's impression is everything is going great at church, especially on Sundays. We have our pastors scheduled through September.
- Rev. Gary Kniepkamp, Wayne's brother, will be our guest pastor on July 19.
- Thanks to all the people who participated in the Shriners' Parade.

Old Business:

- Ian Hipkins has agreed to work on a contract basis to clean up our web site, searching out duplicates and "orphans."
- Our HVAC contractor, Ehret, and our insurance company, the Insurance Board, remain about \$6,000 apart on the amount required to replace the damaged boiler. We will continue to try to get the two sides to reach a compromise.

New Business:

- We need more volunteers to host coffee hour after the Sunday services.
- Council approved a new template for the "Team Recommendation to Council" form

Seekers Bible Study

The Seekers is a diverse group of people each on their own faith journey. It is a consensus driven group that openly discusses and determines the study topics and direction. No previous Biblical knowledge is necessary. Pizza and salad are celebratory meals shared after reaching study milestones.

- **Who:** Members and nonmembers; any person who is open to learning and thinking about the topic in new ways.
- **When:** Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00ish a.m.
Beginning **September 8 to October 13, 2026**
- **Where:** Genesis Room (downstairs at Sanctuary entrance) or the St. Paul Library (first floor)
- **What:** Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time by Marcus Borg. It presents the historical Jesus and the heart of contemporary faith.

This book can be found new at Amazon, Barnes and Noble. If you a lot used books, it can usually be found www.thriftbooks.com

Sept 8—Meeting Jesus Again

Sept 15—What Manner of Man? The Pre-Easter Jesus

Sept 22—Jesus, Compassion and Politics

Sept 29—Jesus and Wisdom: Teacher of Alternative Wisdom

Oct 6— Jesus the Wisdom of God: Sophia Becomes Flesh

Oct 13—Images of Jesus and Images of the Christian Life



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CONFIRMATION CLASSES UPDATE!



After a meeting between Pastor Joan, Sandy, and Syndy, a decision has been made to start Confirmation classes for those who would like to be confirmed in the church and those who would like to just do a Confirmation refresher, on Monday evenings, **starting September 21, 6:00 p.m.** We will meet every week for approximately 1-1/2 hours (unless there is a holiday or other event), to discuss basic constructs of faith--i.e., God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, The Bible, The Christian Church, what is means to be part of the United Church of Christ. Confirmation classes will finish March 15th and Confirmation presentations, and ceremony for the unconfirmed, will be on Palm Sunday, March 21st.

Please contact SHERRY in the church office to be added to the Confirmation list.

If you have questions, you can speak to Sandy R., Syndy K., or Pastor Joan on Sunday mornings.



MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm

Yoga 6:30-7pm

Pickleball 6-8pm



Puzzles and Board Games Available!

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Enter on 2nd St. at the Activity Center door!
No cost - just a free will offering!
618-233-3303

Bring your friends!

A free will offering is happily accepted.

Free! All are welcome!

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





MISSION TEAM
SCHOOL SUPPLY
DRIVE

Suggested items:

BACKPACKS, PENCILS, TISSUES 100 COUNT BOXES, WIPES, NOTEBOOKS, GLUE STICKS....

Please drop off your items in the Welcome Center - box provided.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Crafty Mania

Saturday, September 26, 2026 - 9am-8pm

Cost: \$45 for the day : lunch is included.
 Dinner will be available for an additional \$10.

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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.

Name & address: _____

Phone & email: _____

I want to sit by: _____

Call for questions or more information: 618-233-3303
Reservations and payment are due by : September 15th!

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)

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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St. Paul Women's Guild

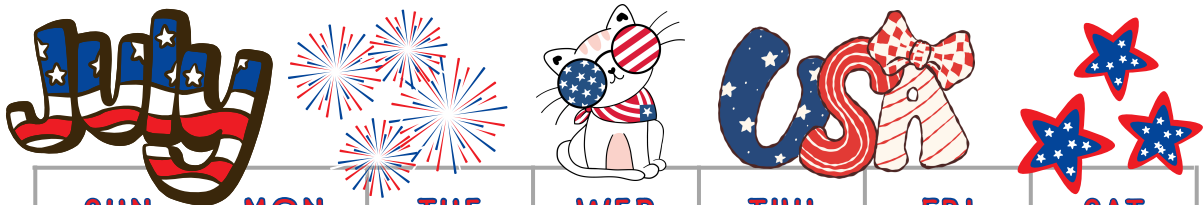
Please join us at our next meeting to see what we're all about! All ladies are welcome!

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!

SUMMER VACATION
NO MEETING JULY & AUGUST



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 1pm-With You.	2	3 	4
5 9am-Worship 10am-coffee	6	7 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner	8	9 7pm-Personnel Mtg.	10	11
12 9am-Worship 10am-coffee 10am-Mission Mtg	13	14 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers 1pm-Mats 5pm-Community Dinner	15	16 6pm-Council Mtg.	17	18
19 9am-Worship 10am-coffee	20	21 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner	22	23	24	25
26 9am-Worship 10am-coffee	27 6pm Monday Funday 6:30pm Griefworks Mtg.	28 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner 6:30pm-St. Paul Progress Mtg.				

St. Paul Friends Fundraiser at Scharf Farm!

Saturday, August 15th from 6-10pm

\$20 per person for all who attend!
(all to benefit mission projects of St. Paul UCC)

WHAT TO BRING:
Your friends - the more the merrier!
 Your favorite hors d'oeuvre/snack to share!
 Your lawn chair and a cooler of your favorite beverage!

Music by:
Jillian & Chris Ritter

Contact Sandy Ritter if you have any questions!
618-222-1123

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 or email the church office. 618-233-3303 ~ swilhelm@stpaulucc.org
Cost is \$35.00.

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