

St. Paul United Church of Christ



Sundays - 9am
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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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AUGUST

Worship Leaders

August 2 - Rev. Joan H. Mier
 August 9 - Rev. Joan H. Mier
 August 16 - Craig Bielke
 August 23 - Craig Bielke
 August 30 - Craig Bielke

REVENUE	2026 Final Budget	2026 June Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$352,648.00	\$21,896.32	\$178,636.32	50.66%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$4,000.00	\$827.00	\$827.00	20.68%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$15,120.00	\$1,310.00	\$7,610.00	50.33%
130500 - Building Fund	\$10,000.00	\$282.00	\$1,298.00	12.98%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,900.00	\$232.38	\$3,156.69	45.75%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$965.00	\$4,002.00	N/A
130323 - Bank/Paypal Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.11	#DIV/0!
131100 - Memorials	\$8,000.00	\$370.00	\$2,890.00	36.13%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$1,304.70	\$2,465.44	#DIV/0!
Total Operating Revenues	\$612,778.00	\$27,187.40	\$218,064.56	35.59%
Team Revenues	\$4,677.27	\$417.50	\$2,061.76	44.08%
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$617,455.27	\$27,604.90	\$220,126.32	35.65%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$357,080.60)	(\$18,909.44)	(\$101,865.02)	28.53%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$36,643.47)	(\$4,263.46)	(\$18,012.82)	49.16%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$9,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$709.49)	7.47%
Education	(\$1,500.00)	(\$22.00)	(\$181.39)	12.09%
Stewardship	(\$1,200.00)	\$0.00	(\$502.42)	41.87%
Property	(\$193,631.20)	(\$9,963.70)	(\$92,031.88)	47.53%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$15,900.00)	(\$433.43)	(\$3,907.95)	24.58%
General Fund	(2,000.00)	-	\$0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$617,455.27)	(\$33,592.03)	(\$217,210.97)	35.18%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	(\$5,987.13)	\$2,915.35	

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Jun-26 9am 347 + Online Jun-25 9am 434 + Online
 Jun-26 All Gifts: \$27,504.90 Jun-25 All Gifts: \$32,417.30

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: September- Deadline to submit information: August 20th.

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 Dennis Luehder
 Donna Davis



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
 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
 Gay Eckert

Please call the office for prayer requests. 618-233-3303



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.

Greetings St. Paul,

The arrival of August brings with it a return to school for students and teachers alike. Although summer doesn't end on the calendar until September, the new school year signals for many the end of summer break. Before long, we will see school buses making their morning and afternoon runs, high school football games will begin, and we will eventually say goodbye (or good riddance) to the hot days and warm evenings. Seasonal changes often remind us of the changes in our lives. We have been experiencing a season of change at church as our search for a new pastor continues.

How is that search progressing? Well, the search committee has been pouring over profiles of candidates, reaching out to some, and interviews will take place. In the meantime, what can *everyone* in our congregation do to support the process?

- **Step one: be in prayer. Pray for the team. Express your hopes and fears about the process and our future to God.**
- **Show up. Continue to support the work and ministry of St. Paul by doing the work we have been called to do. Talk to one another about those hopes and fears. Share your thoughts with our council members and/or members of the search committee.**
- **Be patient. God's timing is not our own. Know, though, that this season will come to its conclusion in due time. When that happens, a new one begins. A new convent will be forged with our newly settled and this congregation.**

The good news is and always has been that God is always present, Christ walks beside us, and the Holy Spirit leads the way.

Peace.



July Council Meeting Updates

Shout-Outs

- The Worship Team did a fabulous job on the July altar decorations which honored our country's 250th anniversary and Independence Day.
- Thank you to Roger Henke and Sherry Wilhelm for their work in researching and posting articles about our church history and making bulletin boards for all to see.
- Jeremy Lopez has arrived home safely from his deployment. We look forward to seeing him soon.

Old Business:

- Our HVAC contractor, Ehret Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling, agreed to match the final offer from our insurance company to replace the damaged boiler. Our portion of the replacement cost is \$12,380.90 which includes our \$10,000 deductible and the cost of the inductor motor. The inductor motor locked up at the end of January, and our replacement cost insurance does not cover worn out parts.
- An incident involving two dinner guests took place at the May 19th Community Dinner. No one was injured; however, the Council wanted to create a safer environment for the volunteers as well as the dinner guests. A proposal describing how to create a safer environment was approved by the Council and implemented by the volunteers in early June. The Council reviewed how things went in June and voted to continue to use the safety proposal for all future Community Dinners.

New Business:

- Sandy Ritter and Sandy Loeffler attended a meeting regarding a warming center for the city of Belleville. The group presenting the information has a meeting scheduled with the Belleville City Council.
- If the City Council approves the plan, then you will hear more about how we can help with this project in the coming months.

**Coming
August 16 . . .
165 Years of
Heritage Hall!**

If you're looking for something to read, check out the St. Paul Library. We have a large collection of books on many subjects, both nonfiction and fiction. We also have a small selection of audiobooks and DVDs, as well as many jigsaw puzzles. You can see a sample of the collection on the cart in the welcome center, or stop in to the library in the main hallway. Check outs and returns are easy, and there are no late fees!



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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August

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

August 2 - Bruce & Pam Elser
August 9 - Al Scharf
August 16 - Linda & Carol Speichinger
August 23 - Mona Scheibel
August 30 - Donna Davis

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. ~Printed instructions & Assistance are always available. Contact the office or Donna D. to sign up!



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!

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



Bring your friends!

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

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 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

Crafty Mania

Saturday, September 26, 2026 - 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 (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.

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!

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

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

August



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 9am-Worship 10am-coffee	3 4:30 pm- Investment Mtg.	4 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner	5	6	7	8
9 9am-Worship 10am-coffee 10am-Mission Mtg	10	11 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner	12 1pm-With You	13	14	15 6:30pm Scharf Farm
16 9am-Worship 10am-coffee	17	18 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers 1pm-Mats 5pm-Community Dinner	19	20 7pm-Personnel Mtg.	21	22
23 9am-Worship 10am-coffee	24 6pm Monday Funday	25 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner	26	27 6pm-Council Mtg.	28	29
30 9am-Worship 10am-coffee	31		back to school			

AUGUST

Birthdays

8/1-Amy Florek
 8/3-Sandy Ritter
 8/4-Sany Frerking
 8/5-Eileen Peter
 8/6-Mac McCoy
 8/11-Lynwood Mueller
 8/11-Diane Grohmann
 8/13-Ken Mueller
 8/15-Gerald Hough
 8/16-Lee-Alison Wilson
 8/20-Lynn Koehler
 8/22-Ken Nettleton
 8/25-Tammy Flach
 8/27-Diane Drake
 8/27-Steven Maiworm
 8/28-Diana Haar
 8/29-Pam Nicholson
 8/31-Karen Keuss
 8/31-Jay Naylor

HAPPY Anniversary

8/7-Al & Nancy Scharf
 8/9-Michael & Linda Herrmann
 8/18-Ken & Osceola Mueller
 8/29-Jean & EJ Sporleder

FUNDRAISER FOR COMMUNITY INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Pampered Chef is DOUBLING fundraiser donations again during August so let's help feed Belleville's hungry! Many new products have been introduced since our last fundraiser so you will want to see what's new for your kitchen or to give as gifts!

When product sales (before tax, shipping/handling) reach just \$650 the Community Interfaith Food Pantry will receive a check for 30% of the product sales.

PLUS Pampered Chef will contribute an additional \$3 for every party booked from this fundraiser.

PLUS Sherri, our Fundraising Pampered Chef consultant, will donate 8% or more!

PLUS Sherri, our fundraising Pampered Chef consultant, will donate 10% of product sales from all parties booked from this party with guest product sales of \$350 or more that is held/closed through October 16**

Shop and order 24/7 through August 30 via the fundraiser party link at

<https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/3624916jko>

Not a fan of technology?

- Sherri will be taking orders Sunday August 9 in Heritage Hall after service
- Or contact her at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com

** Contact Sherri Foppe at 618 791-6148 or cookinsherri2@gmail.com for details on hosting a virtual or fun cooking get-together to earning FREE products!