

September

Worship Leaders

September 6 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

September 13 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

September 20 - Craig Bielke

September 27 - Craig Bielke

SEPTEMBER

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

September 6 - Pam Nicholson

September 13 - Donna Davis

September 20 - Zoey Davenport

September 27 - Mona Scheibel

Please consider being a coffee hour host !

It takes about 15-20 min to set up. Have coffee ready by 10:00 a.m. Last coffee call 11:00 a.m. Printed instructions & assistance are always available.

Contact the office or Donna D. to sign up!

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For Your Prayers

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
Stephen Agnew, son of
Carolyn Hazelip
Gay Eckert
Larry Walton
Jennifer Wick,
daughter of Stephenie Bauza
The loved ones of Dave Muskopf, friend
of Tom & Kathy Birkner
Jane Peters, sister of Jerry Pierce
Bette Ettling
The Gentry family

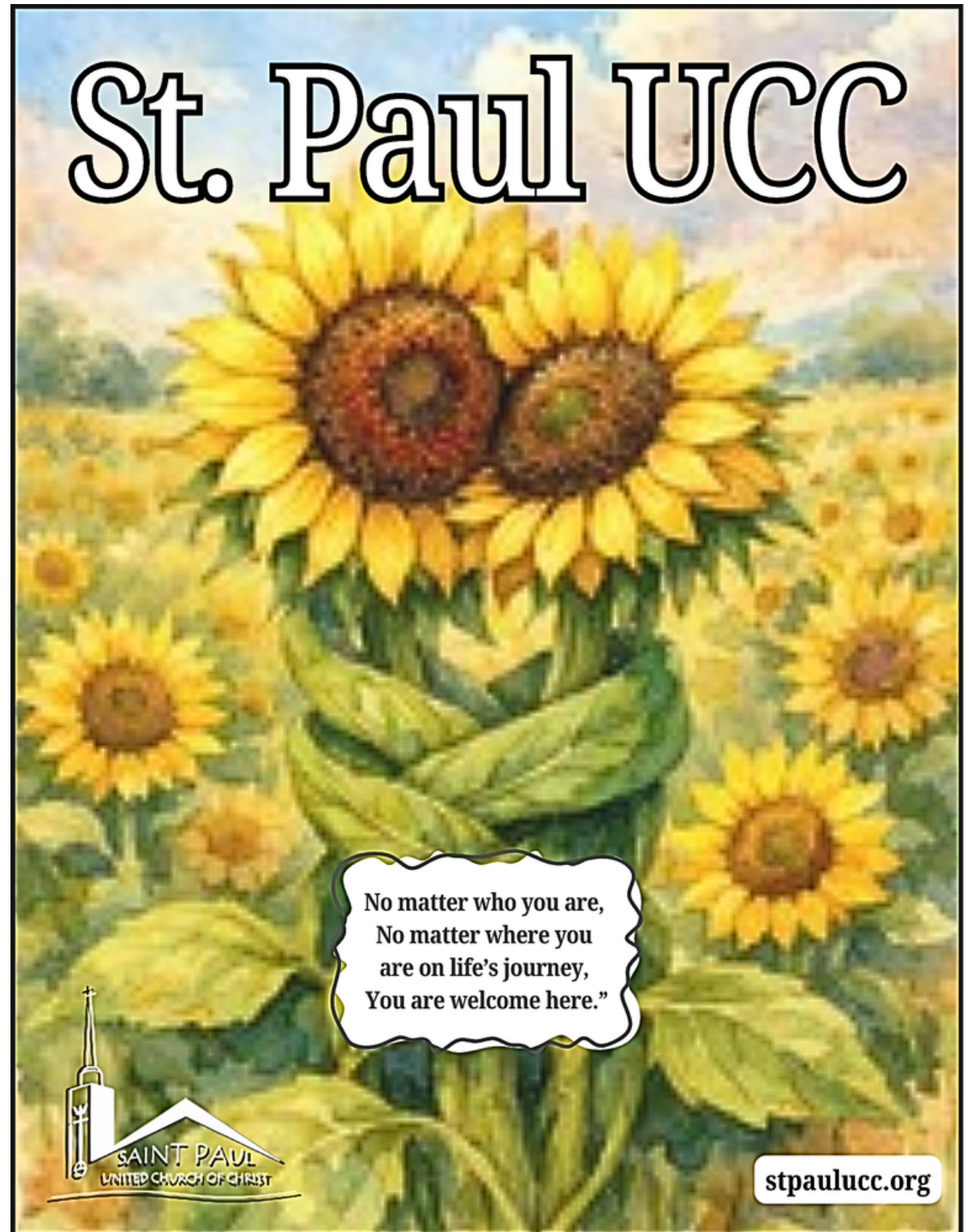
Please call the office for prayer requests. 618-233-3303

Weekly Offerings	8/22/2026
Operating	\$ 1,404.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
	\$ 1,409.00
Giving YTD	\$ 252,706.43
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 230,142.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

August 16, 2026	82	+ Online Participants
August 17, 2025	80	+ Online Participants

St. Paul UCC



No matter who you are,
No matter where you
are on life's journey,
You are welcome here."



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Welcome

Sunday, August 30, 2026 ~ 9am
14th Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leader Craig Bielke
Director of Music Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organists/Pianist Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist Donna Davis

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

This Is My Father's World
Tune: Terra Beata
arr. John Innes
Mary Lu Bretsch, organ, Cynthia Johnson, piano

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Sometimes God calls us through burning bushes, telling us to go free a whole people despite our insecurities and fears.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us, and we don't understand the full meaning of the call, the ways our families, friends, and communities may resist the good news and us as messengers of it.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Sometimes God calls us to a path that is harder than we think we can handle, asking us to trust that God will provide what we need.

God, help us accept your call on our lives.

Beloved, God's call takes many forms. Sometimes it feels as natural as breathing, and sometimes we want to run as far as we can. But take assurance in this: You are not alone. God is with us, and God's call can be trusted, because no matter where it leads, God is there.

God, help us accept your call on our lives and to trust that what you equip us to do is what you call us to do as members of the Body of Christ. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pour your Light, Holy Spirit of God, into our hearts and minds. Help us to know more clearly and grasp more fully the Good News of Jesus. And help us then to know how to share it. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who with You and the Father, are One God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE



LAST DAY TO ORDER Pampered Chef is Aug 30!

I'm happy to share that the Pampered Chef Community Interfaith Food Pantry fundraiser has reached over \$650 in product sales which means Pampered Chef will be donating 30% product sales! Plus, Sherri will be donating another 8-10% depending on the final product sales!

You are invited to shop/order direct from the fundraiser link at <https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/3624916jko> OR shop via the link then text/call or email Sherri at 618 791-6148 cookinsherri2@gmail.com. Order direct from Sherri & amp; she may be able to save you some shipping costs if you are in the Belleville area. Sherri will personally be at the Pantry to take orders Saturday August 29 from 10:45 to 11:30am. The August Sale includes products that are retiring to make way for new exciting products!

Don't want/need anything for yourself or to give as a gift? Order Meal Mixes to be delivered to Community Interfaith Food Pantry! You can see the Meal Mixes & amp; August Sale on the shopping link above! Want to be 1st to show off the New Fall/Winter Products, have another \$3 donated to the Pantry & amp; allow Sherri to donate more money to the pantry? Contact her before the fundraiser ends!

Save THE Date!

FRIDAY, OCT. 23RD @ 6 PM



**BIG PAPA G'S
MUSIC TRIVIA
@ ST. PAUL UCC**

- ROUND SPONSORS NEEDED - \$100!
- AUCTION BASKET RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
- ROUND JUDGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

115 W. B. St. Belleville, IL 62220

(618) 233-3303

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Crafty Mania

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

Join us for a full day of crafting fun! Bring your favorite projects, share ideas with other crafters, and enjoy hours of creativity, inspiration, and handmade creations.



Raffle Baskets and 50/50



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.

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!**



48 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

G C Am D Em G/D D7 G

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

G C Am D Em G/D D7 G

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

G D/F# G Em G/B D

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
 all praise we would ren - der, O help us to see

G C Am D Em G/D D7 G

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 and with - er and per - ish - but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

OPENING HYMN

Lord, Speak to Me

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N.C. G B7/F# Em Am7 D7 G G/B

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un -

C D7/A G/B A/C# D A7 D G B E Am7

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 stum - bling and the stray - ing feet; and feed me, Lord, that
 pre - cious things which you im - part; and wing my words, that
 til my heart shall o - ver - flow in kind - ling thought and

D7 G G/B C D7/A G/B Am/C G/D D G

let me seek your wan - dering chil - dren, lost, a - lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

WORDS: Frances R. Havergal (1836-1879), alt.
 MUSIC: Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856)

CANONBURY
 L.M.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ Jesus, our teacher, we have not listened for your word amid the clamor of words all around us. We are more pleased to repeat familiar tunes than to listen for new melodies and strange harmonies. We try harder to defend what we think we know than to reach for that which is beyond our grasp. Slow to trust, afraid of the unknown, we are cautious to hear and do your will. We pray for hearts to pay attention to the cries of our neighbor and to resonate with your Spirit. Silence us and instruct us until we learn afresh to sing the songs of faith, hope, and love. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cross Medley
(Beneath the Cross of Jesus / Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross)
arr. John Innes

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 3:1-15
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

SERMON

Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
Hymn Tune: Ellesdie
arr. Larry Shackley



*DOXOLOGY (Tune: Old Hundreth)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God’s grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen

DEDICATION PRAYER (UNISON)

Holy God, you call ordinary people from unexpected places and send them into hard and holy work. As you met Moses in the fire that did not consume, and as you met Peter on the road of costly discipleship, meet us now in these gifts we bring. Shape us by your presence, not by fear; by service, not by power; by love that risks itself for the sake of others. Receive our offering as a sign that we trust your “I AM” to go with us and that we are willing to follow Christ, even when the way is demanding. Use what we give to bring freedom, healing, and hope to your world. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* (see page 6)

COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Gigue in E Minor*
by Gabriel Voigtländer

ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

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

SALE DATES

Fri., Oct. 9th
4-7pm &
Sat., Oct. 10th
9am-12pm

Bake Sale!
*Donations of
baked goods accepted!*

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

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

SUSANRELFE@OUTLOOK.COM

Donations will be accepted starting September 28th!
**Drop off hours: Monday-Thursday. If you need help
unloading ***PLEASE CALL before you come!*****
618-233-3303