

# St. Paul United Church of Christ



**Sundays - 9am**  
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Your St. Paul Staff

Rev. Joan H. Mier, Supply Pastor  
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Sherry Wilhelm, Office Manager  
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Ken Dahm, Facility Manager  
Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff

ST. PAUL UCC  
OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday  
8:30am-4pm

Friday  
9am-12pm

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September

Worship Leaders

September 6 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

September 13 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

September 20 - Craig Bielke

September 27 - 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: October - Deadline to submit information: September 21st.

| REVENUE                                               | 2026 Final Budget | 2026 July Actuals | YTD Actuals    | % of Budget |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 130100 - Congregational Offerings                     | \$352,648.00      | \$54,192.35       | \$232,828.67   | 66.02%      |
| 130104 - Fund Raising Events*                         | \$4,000.00        | \$80.00           | \$907.00       | 22.68%      |
| 130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.                    | \$15,120.00       | \$1,310.00        | \$8,920.00     | 58.99%      |
| 130500 - Building Fund                                | \$10,000.00       | \$407.00          | \$1,705.00     | 17.05%      |
| 130741-BASSC Utilities                                | \$6,900.00        | \$429.24          | \$3,585.93     | 51.97%      |
| 1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)                | \$0.00            | \$75.00           | \$4,077.00     | N/A         |
| 130323 - Bank/Paypal Revenue                          | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$34.11        | #DIV/0!     |
| 131100 - Memorials                                    | \$8,000.00        | \$70.00           | \$2,960.00     | 37.00%      |
| 131200 - Bequests                                     | \$0.00            | \$0.00            | \$0.00         | N/A         |
| 131300 - Building Income                              | \$6,000.00        | \$150.00          | \$2,385.00     | 39.75%      |
| 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            | \$12,511.30       | \$14,976.74    | #DIV/0!     |
| Total Operating Revenues                              | \$612,778.00      | \$69,224.89       | \$287,289.45   | 46.88%      |
| Team Revenues                                         | \$4,677.27        | \$436.42          | \$2,498.18     | 53.41%      |
| Capital Expenses                                      |                   |                   |                |             |
| Grand Total                                           | \$617,455.27      | \$69,661.31       | \$289,787.63   | 46.93%      |
| EXPENSES                                              |                   |                   |                |             |
| Personnel Expenses                                    | (\$357,080.60)    | (\$19,179.24)     | (\$121,164.26) | 33.93%      |
| Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)  | (\$36,643.47)     | (\$3,822.97)      | (\$21,835.79)  | 59.59%      |
| Outreach (formerly Mission board)                     | (\$9,500.00)      | (\$2,612.73)      | (\$3,322.22)   | 34.97%      |
| Education                                             | (\$1,500.00)      | \$0.00            | (\$181.39)     | 12.09%      |
| Stewardship                                           | (\$1,200.00)      | (\$169.28)        | (\$671.70)     | 55.98%      |
| Property                                              | (\$193,631.20)    | (\$21,488.13)     | (\$113,520.01) | 58.63%      |
| Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)          | (\$15,900.00)     | (\$1,173.38)      | (\$5,081.33)   | 31.96%      |
| General Fund                                          | (2,000.00)        | -                 | \$0.00         | N/A         |
| Total Operating Expense                               | (\$617,455.27)    | (\$48,445.73)     | (\$265,776.70) | 43.04%      |
| Difference between Revenue & Expenses                 | \$0.00            | \$21,215.58       | \$24,010.93    |             |

| ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS |              |                   |              |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| Jul-26 9am             | 310 + Online | Jul-25 9am        | 331 + Online |
| Jul-26 All Gifts:      | \$68,428.31  | Jul-25 All Gifts: | \$25,367.43  |



## 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

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**

### MEMORIALS & GIFTS

**ST. PAUL CHURCH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES YOUR GENEROSITY.  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

IHO of Al & Nancy Scharf's  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
by Debbie Lippert

IMO of Marilee Black  
by Kent Black



**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,

**September is upon us. Fall is just around the corner (although pumpkin spice season kicked in a few weeks ago). The heat is holding on, but soon—really soon—the temperatures will cool. Another year begins winding down. The church year will follow suit. Ordinary time will carry us into our celebration of the saints, a season of gratitude, and the arrival of Advent. Change is coming. It always is. God is always about the business of doing something new.**

**Recently, an American cultural icon, Dolly Parton, passed away after a brief battle with cancer. She had been a fixture in music, film, and television for decades. She became even more known and admired for her philanthropic work as she dedicated time and treasure to causes that were close to her heart and reflective of her faith. In order to remain culturally relevant, Dolly adapted and changed with the times. And even as it seemed that she would be doing that for just a little while longer, her time on earth came to its end. People of all kinds seemed to take note. In a time that can seem as if division has won the day, the death of a beloved celebrity—even if only for a day—united people. Sports, with all of its drama of preparation, sacrifice, strength, strategy, and endurance has the same effect. National tragedies do as well. Time of incredible joy and sadness knows no division. Shouldn't our Christian community be the same? At its best, the church meets people exactly where they are, knows no division, and embraces the highs and lows of—and for—one another.**

**As the seasons change, let us do the same as we ponder the future of St. Paul and our pastoral leadership; doing so with the sure knowledge that we do so with God so that we “might all be one” in Christ and in community with each other and neighbor.**

**Peace.**



## Updates from the August Council Meeting

### Old Business:

- Ehret Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling has ordered the new boiler for our sanctuary. The installation depends upon the delivery date, which is expected to be late September or early October.
- The Belleville City Council approved the warming center plans. The Congregation will hear more about how we can help with this project in the coming months.

### New Business:

- The President will appoint a Nominating Committee in early September.
- The Teams were asked to review their 26 budget information in preparation for the 27 budget discussions.
- Donna Davis volunteered to investigate when we could schedule a community recycling event.

## St. Paul Women's Guild

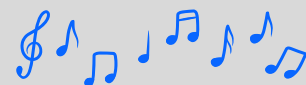
Please join us at our next meeting to see what we're all about! All ladies are welcome!

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!

September 16th  
Meeting is at  
Tavern on Main - 1pm



Fine Arts  
presents  
Stephen  
Mager

September 25  
@ 7:30 p.m.



## 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](http://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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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!



## MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm

Yoga 6:30-7pm

Pickleball 6-8pm



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115 W. B. Street, Belleville  
Enter on 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**

# 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!

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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.

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(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!**

## RUMMAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Wednesday, Oct. 7 - 9am-3pm**  
Help empty bags & boxes of  
donated items.

**Thursday, Oct. 8 - 9am-3pm**  
Unpack & Display donated items.

**Friday, Oct. 9 - 9am-3pm**  
Continue to accept  
donations & sort.

**Friday, Oct. 9 - 4 p.m. - 7pm**  
Welcome shoppers and  
help them to cars.

**Saturday, Oct. 10 - 9am-12pm**  
Welcome shoppers and  
pass out sale bags.

**Saturday, Oct. 10 - 12 pm-1pm**  
Box up the remaining  
items for pick-up.

**DONATE BAKE SALE ITEMS  
FOR FRIDAY & SATURDAY.**

**CONTACT SUSAN RELFE  
IF YOU CAN HELP  
SUSANRELFE@OUTLOOK.COM**



# 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!**

**SUSANRELFE@OUTLOOK.COM**



**SALE  
DATES**

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

**Donations will be accepted starting September 28th!**

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

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## 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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# SEPTEMBER

| SUN                                                                 | MON                                                           | TUE                                                                                        | WED                                                     | THU                             | FRI                                                   | SAT                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                                     |                                                               | 1<br>9am-Quilters<br>5pm-Community<br>Dinner                                               | 2<br>1pm-With You<br>7:15-Choir                         | 3                               | 4                                                     | 5                                |
| 6<br>9am-Worship<br>10am-coffee                                     | 7<br>Labor Day!<br>St. Paul<br>Closed                         | 8<br>9am-Quilters<br>10am-Seekers<br>5pm-Community<br>Dinner                               | 9<br>7:15-Choir                                         | 10<br>7pm-<br>Personnel<br>Mtg. | 11                                                    | 12                               |
| 13<br>9am-Worship<br>10am-coffee<br>10am-Mission<br>Mtg             | 14                                                            | 15<br>9am-Quilters<br>10am-Seekers<br>5pm-<br>Community<br>Dinner                          | 16<br>1pm-Women's<br>Guilder<br>6pm-Bells<br>7:15-Choir | 17<br>6pm-Council<br>Mtg.       | 18                                                    | 19                               |
| 20<br>9am-Worship<br>10am-coffee<br>10am-Fine Arts<br>Mtg.          | 21<br>6pm<br>Confirmation<br>Class                            | 22<br>hello<br>FALL<br>9am-Quilters<br>10am-Seekers<br>1pm-Mats<br>5pm-Community<br>Dinner | 23<br>6pm-Bells<br>7:15-Choir                           | 24                              | 25<br>3pm<br>Fine Arts<br>Concert<br>Stephen<br>Mager | 26<br>8am-8pm<br>Crafty<br>Mania |
| 27<br>9am-Worship<br>10am-coffee<br>3pm<br>Fine Arts<br>Oktoberfest | 28<br>6pm<br>Confirmation<br>Class<br>6pm<br>Monday<br>Funday | 29<br>9am-Quilters<br>10am-Seekers<br>1pm-Mats<br>5pm-<br>Community<br>Dinner              | 30<br>6pm-Bells<br>7:15-Choir                           | AUTUMN<br>is here               |                                                       |                                  |

## happy Birthday

9/1-Susan Relfe  
 9/2-Karen Boeschen  
 9/2-Sharen Guthrie  
 9/2-Henry Keck, Jr.  
 9/2-Wayne Kniepkamp  
 9/3-Steven Flach  
 9/4-Bob Hughes  
 9/4-Avery White  
 9/9-Beverly Brightwell  
 9/10-Carol Simon  
 9/15-Elise White  
 9/16-Luci Bradley  
 9/17-Edie Elliott  
 9/18-Kathy Liddy  
 9/24-Erlene Seelman  
 9/24-Jerry Pierce  
 9/26-Colette Smith  
 9/28-Cynthia Johnson  
 9/29-Jan Bolding  
 9/30-Sue Sutherland

  
 HAPPY  
 Anniversary  
 9/8-Wayne & Janet Kniepkamp  
 9/13-Rob & Carrie Naylor  
 9/14-Richard & Vickie Dziaba  
 9/17-Matthew & Lisa Smith

## 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!

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

WEEKLY CLASSES

6:00 p.m.

September 21

to

March 15th

Confirmation Ceremony

Palm Sunday

March 21st.

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