

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

Jane Peters, sister of Jerry Pierce
Bette Ettling
The Gentry family
Wes Krummrich
Dorothy Maiworm
Daniel Holtzclaw, friend of the Birkners

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

Weekly Offerings	9/12/2026
Operating	\$ 14,749.00
Building Fund	\$ 57.00
	\$ 14,806.00
Giving YTD	\$ 273,988.43
*large donations	
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 251,064.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

September 6, 2026	85	+ Online Participants
September 7, 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."



stpaulucc.org

Welcome

Sunday, September 20, 2026 ~ 9am
17th Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leader Craig Bielke
Director of Music Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist/Pianist Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist Stephenie Bauza

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Sarabande
by Gilbert M. Martin

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Open your hearts to God's loving mercy.

Lord, come into our hearts this day.

Having received God's mercy, bring that love to others.

Lord, be with us as we reach out to others in compassion.

Feel your spirits filled with the goodness of God.

Lord, we thank you for the many blessings which you pour into our lives. Amen.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our good works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

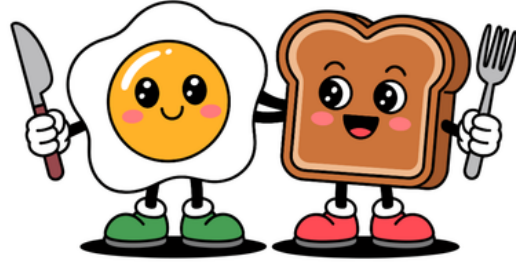


Please join us!

Culinaires Breakfast

September 27
immediately following worship service!

A free will offering is greatly appreciated!



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 www.stpaulucc.org

Seekers Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10 am
St. Paul Library on the main floor
St. Paul UCC
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618-233-3303 www.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!

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



Refreshments ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

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!

Confirmation Classes start Monday, Sept. 21st @ 6:00 pm.

CLOSING HYMN

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me 574

1 I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me (God can use me) an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.) I'm gon-na live so (I'm gon-na live so) God can use me where.)

an - y time (an - y time) and an - y - where. (an - y - where.)

2 I'm gonna work... 3 I'm gonna pray... 4 I'm gonna sing...

OPENING HYMN

598 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear,
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,

he whose Word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode.
well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near!
let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.

On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Fad - ing are the world's best plea - sures, all its bloat - ed pomp and show;

With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
Grace, which like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, you know how fickle we are. We proclaim your presence with us and then behave in ways which run counter for your word. We get caught up in our own needs and whine about the injustices we feel in our lives. Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from the deep chaos and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction throughout our lives, for we ask these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM
Amazing Grace
arr. Jack Schrader
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES
Exodus 16:2-15
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16
Stephenie Bauza

SERMON
Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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
Prelude in E minor
from “Three Organ Preludes”
by T. Frederick H. Candlyn

***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)
Steadfast God, for us to live is Christ. In every season, you hold us, and in every struggle, you knit us together as one body. Receive these gifts as signs that we choose to stand firm, striving side by side, living as citizens of your kingdom. Use what we offer to encourage the weary, strengthen your church, and bear witness that love is stronger than fear. Shape our common life to be worthy of the gospel, until our unity itself proclaims your grace. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (see page 6)

COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Caprice sur les Grands Jeux
from “Suite du deuxième ton”
by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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!*****
618-233-3303