

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	8/29/2026
Operating	\$ 1,591.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
	\$ 1,596.00
Giving YTD	\$ 254,302.43
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 237,116.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

August 23, 2026	81	+ Online Participants
August 24, 2025	92	+ 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 6, 2026 ~ 9am
15th Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Supply Pastor **Rev. Joan H. Mier**
Director of Music **Dr. Tristan Frampton**
Organist **Cynthia Johnson**
Liturgist **Dick Erdmann**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Cantilène religieuse
by Théodore Dubois

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, we worship our God, but also take time to remember the hard-working people in our country

People: Let us honor our God; let us offer our respect for those who are diligent in the work they do to make our country and this world a better place.

Leader: Today, we offer thanks to our sacrificial Lord, but also remember the great sacrifice of lives that occurred on September 11, 2001.

People: Let us offer great thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ; let us, also, remember and offer thanksgiving for all those individuals who helped others and lost their lives in the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

ALL: O' Lord God, you are with us in times of rejoicing and you are with us in times of tragedy. We are comforted knowing that you are always with us. Amen.

*INVOCATION

God our Great Comforter, we want to rest in your holy embrace this day. Some of us are tired from the work that we do; some of us are tired because of memories that bring grief to our hearts. Let your Spirit of loving care be with us in this time of worship, we truly pray in Jesus' name. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

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



NEW: A SWAP (share with another person) table will be available for craft items you would like to trade!

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!

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!**
SUSANRELF@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



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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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!

Seekers Bible Study

September 8

to

October 13, 2026

Genesis Room
(downstairs at Sanctuary entrance)
or the St. Paul Library (first floor)



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1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for pil-grim feet, whose stern, im-pas-sioned stress
 3 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 4 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
 a thor-ough-fare for free-dom beat a-cross the wil-der-ness!
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-ery gain di-vine!
 and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!

WORDS: Katharine L. Bates (1859-1929)
 MUSIC: Samuel A. Ward (1848-1903)

MATERNA
 C.M.D.

2 Cor. 5:16-17

Brian Wren, 1978; rev. 1983

1 This is a day of new be-gin-nings, time to re-
 2 For by the life and death of Je-sus, God's might-y
 3 Then let us, with the Spir-it's dar-ing, step from the
 4 Christ is a-live, and goes be-fore us to show and
 * In faith we'll gath-er 'round the ta-ble to taste and

mem-ber and move on, time to be-lieve what love is
 Spir-it, now as then, can make for us a world of
 past and leave be-hind our dis-ap-point-ment, guilt, and
 share what love can do. This is a day of new be-
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bring-ing, lay-ing to rest the pain that's gone.
 dif-ference, as faith and hope are born a-gain.
 griev-ing, seek-ing new paths, and sure to find.
 gin-nings—our God is mak-ing all things new.
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*Alternate fourth stanza for Holy Communion

Brian Wren wrote this hymn in 1978 for a New Year's Day service in Oxford, England. The music is by the editor of two hymnals of the United Methodist Church and was composed for the original Wren text.

Tune: BEGINNINGS 9.8.9.8.
 Carlton R. Young, 1987

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Pastor: Sometimes, we feel heavy burdened when we come before the Lord. There are so many memories that we carry, so many responsibilities that take our time away from connecting with our God; we feel like we can handle things on our own, until we just can't do it. It is time now, beloved of God, to take a moment, just to speak to God about where you are in relationship with the Higher Power of your lives. As I cannot put words into your mouth in regard to what you need to say to God, I can only welcome you into this sacred moment and then, afterward, I am blessed to offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE

God holds you in a loving embrace because you are so precious to God. Allow yourself to feel loved and forgiven; allow yourself to feel refreshed and renewed in the depths of your spirits. How blessed we are, beloved in Christ, to experience the amazing grace of God. **Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC

'Til the Storm Passes By
by Mosie Lister
arr. Tom Fettke
Bill Guthrie & Tristan Frampton, soloists

SCRIPTURES

Exodus 12:1-14	Dick Erdmann
Romans 13:8-14	Dick Erdmann
Matthew 18:15-20	Rev. Joan H. Mier

SERMON

A Day of Remembrance	Rev. Joan H. Mier
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PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

REFLECTION ON GIVING

We are called to be people who diligently work for the expanse of the ministry of Jesus Christ in our community and in the world. Therefore, let us give faithfully so that the great mission of our Lord may continue to be fulfilled. Let it be so in his holy name. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Were You There (When the World Stopped Turning)
by Alan Jackson
Bill Guthrie, soloist

***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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)
You are our God that bestows amazing grace; we worship and praise your holy name and offer these gifts to you for the ministry of Jesus Christ. Bless these gifts, we pray, that they will be used wisely, according to the will of our Savior. Help us to always follow in his footsteps. Amen

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (See insert)

*CLOSING HYMN	<i>America the Beautiful</i>	(see page 6)
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***COMMISSIONING**
Continue to work hard, brothers and sisters in faith, for that which is most pleasing to our Lord Jesus Christ. Offer hope to those who are without hope, bring comfort to those who are grieving, and always be the people who lend a helping hand to those most in need. Let it be so in Jesus’ name. **Amen**

***BENEDICTION**
The love and light of Christ goes with you wherever you go, feel the warmth of God’s love and always be guided by the holy light that goes before you. May it be so for you and all whom you love. Amen

POSTLUDE	<i>Processional in G</i> by Romuald Zientarski
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SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Pastor: Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

People: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving bread.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

All: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

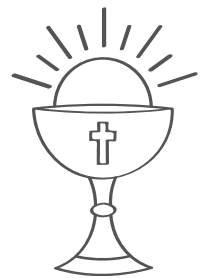
Pastor: Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself. We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as if you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shares the joys and sorrows of life as we know it. We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst.

We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. With all the prophets, martyrs, and saints, and all the company of heaven we glorify you:

All: Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God! Hosanna in the highest!



Pastor: Merciful God, as sisters and brothers in faith, we recall anew these words and acts of Jesus Christ. Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat: This is my body." Jesus took a cup and after giving thanks, gave it to the disciples and said: "Drink of it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." We remember Christ's promise not to drink of the fruit of the vine again until the heavenly banquet at the close of history, and we say boldly what we believe:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread, and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in all for whom Christ died. **AMEN**

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING WINE

Pastor: Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Pastor: The Body of Christ, the living bread. People: AMEN

Pastor: The blood of Christ, the saving cup. People: AMEN

Pastor: Come, for all things are ready.

(Congregants are invited to come forward to receive of the Holy Elements)

COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

ALL: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

**Book of Worship, United Church of Christ, Service of Word and Sacrament II*

