

November

Worship Leaders

Nov. 1 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

Nov. 8 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

Nov. 15 - Craig Bielke

Nov. 22 - The Rev. Jeremy Lopez

Nov. 29 - Craig Bielke

KINDERCOTTAGE

MISSION TEAM IS COLLECTING ITEMS:

Toddler sized gloves, hats, socks & undies
for ages 1-5 years old!

Please bring your donations to the church
office or drop them off on Sundays in the
x-mas wrapped boxes located in the
Welcome Center.
from October 18 - November 16th

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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
Daniel Holtzclaw, friend of the Birkners
Gerry Hough
Stephen Schmidt

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

Weekly Offerings	10/24/2026
Operating	\$ 1,495.00
Building Fund	\$ 15.00
	\$ 1,510.00
Giving YTD	\$ 299,160.64
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 292,908.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

October 18, 2026	85	+ Online Participants
October 19, 2025	93	+ Online Participants

St. Paul UCC

Totenfest

1st November 2026

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



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Welcome

Sunday, November 1, 2026 ~ 9am
23rd Sunday after Pentecost–Totenfest



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

In the Sweet By and By
arr. Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

P: We have gathered together to celebrate and sing

L: Let the waters roar, and the forests resound with song.

P: Let the wind whisper, and the creatures sigh. Let the thunder roll, and the wolves howl.

P: Let the crickets chime, and the soft rain fall on the leaves.

L: Let everything that breathes praise God!

P: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

ALL: Let us worship God!

(Taken from Worship Resources, "Chorus of Generosity" Stewardship Materials)

*INVOCATION

You are our God and greatly to be praised! In this time of worship, we pray for your holy presence to be with us so that we might be evermore encouraged on our faith journeys. We also pray for the comfort of your holy embrace, especially during our time of remembering those we have loved and released into your eternal home. Let it be so in Jesus' name. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE



**Think about what
brings us together as
brothers and sisters in
Christ and what you
want to sing out loud
and "Sing out loud"
and be proud!**



When was the last time
you sang out loud –
just because?

What were you singing?

Drop the song in the
comments below.

Community Event! Electronics Recycling Day!



St. Paul UCC - Belleville
November 14 - 9am-12pm



- MICROWAVES, WASHERS, DRYERS, HUMIDIFIERS, FRIDGES, FREEZERS, TOASTERS, COFFEE MACHINES, POTS AND PANS, SILVERWARE, LAWN MOWERS, PUSH MOWERS, AC UNITS, LEAF BLOWERS, WEED EATERS,
- COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, SHREDDERS, SPEAKER SYSTEMS, STEREOS, CELL PHONES, HOUSE PHONES, OFFICE PHONES, CARD READERS, DOCKING STATIONS, PROJECTORS, BATTERY BACKUPS,
- WIRES, XMAS WIRE, CAR BATTERIES, HOUSEHOLD ITEM BATTERIES
- TV RECYCLING, FLAT LED TVS ARE NO CHARGE, TUBE TVS, PLASMAS, PROJECTOR DLP TVS ARE CHARGE ITEMS .45 CENTS PER POUND IN THE SHOP .50 CENTS PER POUND PICKED UP.
- COMPUTER RECYCLING WE DO PROVIDE HARD DRIVE DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATES WHEN ASKED ABOUT
- ALL HARD DRIVES ARE DESTROYED AS UNLOADED AT THE SHOP SO YOUR DATA IS DESTROYED AND CANNOT BE USED IN ANYWAY.

115 W. B. Street, Belleville, IL 62220

PROST!

POLKAS, PRETZELS & PFEFFERNUSSE

Join us for a St. Paul Fine Arts Fundraiser
Sunday, November 15 @ 3 p.m. in Heritage Hall for an
afternoon of German dancing, singing and music!



Your \$30 reservation includes:
appetizers, beer, wine, soft drinks and a concert.
Scan the QR code to purchase tickets.

SIGN-UP IN THE WELCOME CENTER
ON SUNDAY MORNINGS OR THROUGH THE
CHURCH OFFICE.

Payment is appreciated with your
reservation.

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Bylaws Discussion Sessions

The President and Bylaws Team chair would like to review the proposed Bylaws changes with you prior to the December congregational meeting. The optional discussion sessions are scheduled for November 15th and 22nd. The same material will be covered in both sessions. The main focus for these sessions will be the proposed changes to the Council.

If you have any questions before the sessions,
please contact Roger Harris.

rharris2325@gmail.com or 618-631-4502

OPENING HYMN

Many and Great

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Unison

C(no3) *Cm* *C:* *Cm*

1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mun - ion with you,

(Opt. Hand Drum — d J J)

Fm *Cm* *Bb* *Cm* *Fm* *Cm*

Mak - er of earth and sky. Your hands have
O star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to

Fm *Cm* *Fm* *Cm* *Fm* *Cm*

set the heav - ens with stars; your fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us; with you are found the

Fm *Gm7* *Fm* *C(no3)* *Cm*

moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that

C: *Cm* *Fm* *Cm* *Gm7* *C(no3)* *Fm* *C(no3)*

wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice,
has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

WORDS: Joseph R. Renville, 19th c.; para. Philip Frazier (1892-1964), alt.
MUSIC: Native American melody; arr. Jack Schrader (1942-)
Music Arr. © 2001 Hope Publishing Company

LACQUIPARLE
Irregular

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION

Pastor: Every day, God gives us the great opportunity to live lives that express divine Spirit out into the world. Yet, sometimes life gets so busy; we have so many responsibilities; we get lost in the worry and bother around us and the grief that can hold us in a place of darkness. But then there is Jesus, holding the light for us and saying, “Come to me, come talk to me.” This is the moment when Christ holds the light before you and invites you to a time of sacred communication. 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 moment and then, afterward, I will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE

The light of God’s love is present for you, leading you, guiding you toward a better life—a life where sin can be cast away. Walk on the path of forgiveness, this day, walk in the grace that God offers to you, every day. Let it be so in Jesus’ name. **Amen**

ANTHEM Give Me the Wings of Faith to Rise
by Mark Hayes
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES Psalm 100 and Revelation 7:9-17 Roger Relfe
Matthew 5:1-12 Rev. Joan H. Mier

SERMON “They Will Be Comforted” Rev. Joan H. Mier

TOTENFEST REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (please see insert)

HYMN Jesus Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your King-dom.

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CLOSING HYMN

348 Softly and Tenderly

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 O for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; see, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

watch - ing for you and for me. Come home, come home,
mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come home,
par - don for you and for me. Come home, come home,

ye who are wea - ry, come home; ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, O sin - ner, come home!

***CLOSING HYMN** *Softly and Tenderly* (see page 9)

***COMMISSIONING**

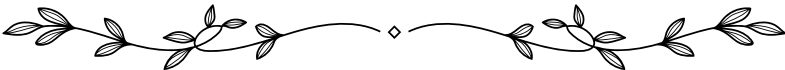
Go forth and be people of the Christian faith who bring comfort to the grieving and care to the weary. Embrace the Spirit of God that dwells around you and within you, now and always. Amen

***BENEDICTION**

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and our God, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word. Amen.

POSTLUDE *Kievan Chant: Kontakion of the Departed*
arr. Dmytro Bortniansky

“Give rest, O Christ, to thy servants with thy saints, Where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing, but life everlasting. ... Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.”



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE IS OPENING A WARMING CENTER AT THE MCCORMICK CENTER FOR THE PATRONS IN NEED. ST PAUL UCC, OTHER CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN INVITED TO ASSIST IN THIS MUCH NEEDED SERVICE.

ST PAUL WILL HOST AN INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 @ 6PM
115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220

FOR QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED TO VOLUNTEER. SO PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR TO ATTEND. REMEMBER THIS IS OUR COMMUNITY SO PLEASE INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND CHURCHES TO ATTEND TO MAKE THIS ENDEAVOUR A SUCCESS. BECOME A CHAIN LINK TO HELP OTHERS.

QUESTIONS? FEEL FREE TO CALL
SANDY RITTER 618-444-5824.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! THANK YOU!

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
God has brought breath, love, and light to us, how could we ever not give back to God for all that has been given to us? Let us be truly gracious in our giving to God. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC
I Know That My Redeemer Liveth
from *Messiah*
by George Frideric Handel
Oscie Mueller, 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)
We pray that these gifts will honor the ministry of your Son, Jesus the Christ, O’ Lord our God. Bless them, and multiply them according to your holy will. Then, be our guide in how we use them for the ministry that you call us to do in the world today. Amen

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

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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)

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*

TOTENFEST SERVICE OF REMEBRANCE

Hymn No. 285 (sing 2x) “Jesus Remember Me”

Jesus said, “My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?” John 14:2 (NIV)

And when the man on the cross next to Jesus asked that he might be remembered when Jesus entered his kingdom, Jesus responded, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” Luke 23:43 (NIV)

Today is a day of remembrance of beloved ones who have gone before us, to the place that the Lord has prepared for them—their Paradise.
Family, friend, or church member will come forward to light a candle as a symbol that their loved one is dwelling in the eternal light of God.

NAME OF DECEASED	DATE OF PASSING
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RINGING OF BELL

LIGHTING OF CANDLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (after each candle lit)
ALL: (He/She) has received the eternal blessing of living in the grace, love, and light of God’s heavenly kingdom. Amen

FINAL PRAYER: We remember the beloved ones who have gone before us, O’ Lord our God, dwelling in the eternal home that you have prepared for them. Yet, we are comforted in knowing that there will be a time that we shall be reunited in the heavenly kingdom with them, where we shall dwell in eternal peace. Amen

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27) May God’s peace now go forth with all who remember these heavenly departed brothers and sisters. Amen.

