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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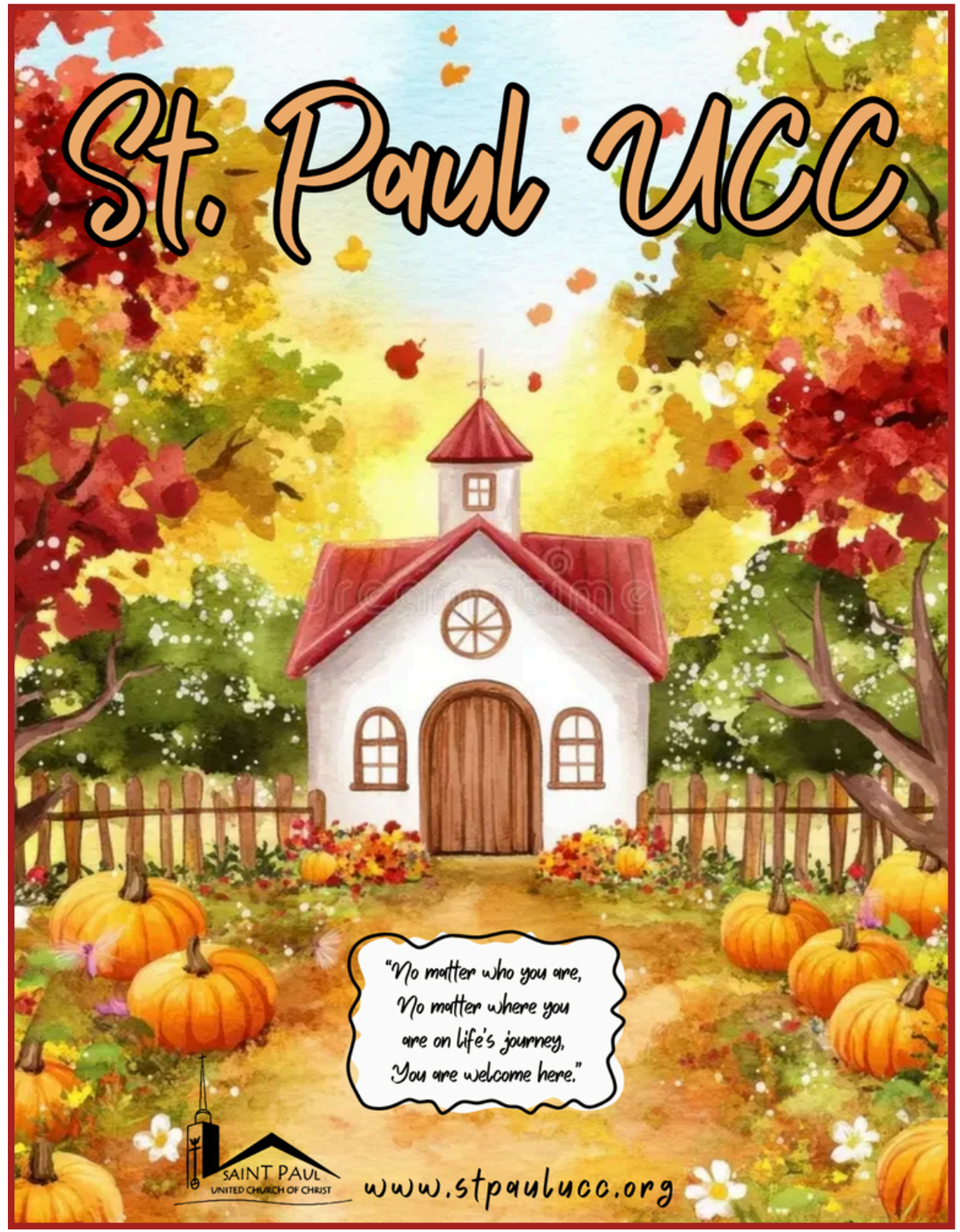
For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
Lou Ann Niemann
Al Stahl
Laura Sadler
Alec Zaber
Jane Bonaldi
Paul Sutherland
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
Gerry Hough
Stephen Schmidt
Dolly Kirsch
JoAnn Elmore

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

Weekly Offerings		10/31/2026
Operating	$	7,106.00
Building Fund	$	-
	$	7,106.00
Giving YTD	***$***	***306,266.64***
*Large Donation		
Weekly Budget	$	6,974.00
Budget to Date	$	299,882.00
Total Budget	$	362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
October 25, 2026	83	+ Online Participants
October 26, 2025	78	+ Online Participants



Welcome



Sunday, November 8, 2026 ~ 9am

24th Sunday after Pentecost

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Supply Pastor ..... Rev. Joan H. Mier
Director of Music ..... Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist ..... Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist ..... Beverly Brightwell

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Elevation in E flat*
by Dom Paul Benoit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
Leader: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!
People: Come, let us worship God.
Leader: Near and far, we hear the songs of sorrow-.
People: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of gladness.
Leader: Near and far, we hear the sounds of suffering-
People: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of relief
Leader: Near and far, we hear the sounds of injustice-
People: let us listen, and act, so they become songs of repair
Leader: Come, make a joyful noise to God, all the earth-
ALL: Come, let us worship God!
(Taken from worship resources, "Chorus of Generosity," stewardship materials)

***INVOCATION**
We choose you O' God to worship and adore, for you are the amazing Sustainer of our lives. When we are weary, your Word can lift us up and bring us joy for a new day.When tears fall from our eyes, you are the great Comforter ever close to us. Let our worship demonstrate the great love we have for you, great Caregiver of us all. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE



What does it mean to be generous to you, how much you give to St. Paul UCC Belleville, and or what you can do for your family, friends and neighbors?



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!

Fine Arts German Concert

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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CLOSING HYMN

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus 344



Worship and Rejoice 344
WORDS: Anonymous
MUSIC (ASSAM 10.10.10.8.) Indian folk tune

OPENING HYMN

Open My Eyes, That I May See 480



WORDS and MUSIC: Clara H. Scott (1841-1897), alt.

OPEN MY EYES
8.8.9.8.8.8.8.4.

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION
Pastor: Every day, we choose how close we are to our Lord. Some days from the moment we wake, we are in communion with God. Other days, it may be the moment that we lay our head on the pillow for a night's rest that we remember to talk with our Lord. The Lord misses us when we don't make time for him. Therefore, let's take time now to speak to Jesus. It will be most pleasing to the One who divinely listens to us. 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 will offer the Words of Grace.

Silent Confession and Reconciliation

WORDS OF GRACE
We speak, and God listens. Then God speaks, and we are called to listen. How awesome it is to be in the midst of divine communication—communication that offers amazing gifts of unconditional love and forgiveness. Thanks be to God! **Amen**

ANTHEM *The Gift of Love*
arr. Hal Hopson
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-15	Beverly Brightwell
I Thessalonians 4:13-18	Beverly Brightwell
Matthew 25:1-13	Rev. Joan H. Mier

SERMON "Chose" Rev. Joan H. Mier

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.

MISSION MOMENT Stewardship

GIFTS OF GENEROSITY

REFLECTION ON GIVING
How do we choose to give to the Lord—through our hard work, through our mission efforts, or through our monetary gifts? Maybe it isn't just one thing that we can give to the Lord, maybe God asks us to do a bt of it all, because that is what faithful disciples do for him. Let us be generous always and in all-ways for the love of Christian ministry. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC
All Creatures of Our God and King with Simple Gifts
arr. Marcia Wells
Janie Bloomer and Peggy Burke, pianists

***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 come before you in great faith and love to offer these gifts. Help us to choose the right path for the ministry that we are called to do in the name of Jesus Christ. Bless these gifts, we pray, that a greater share of your love may be offered to those most in need. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN** "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (See page 6)

***COMMISSIONING**
Choose a relationship with Jesus, before choosing any other. Allow yourself to feel his unconditional love embrace you and comfort you, and then be willing to offer his love and comfort to the weariest of souls. Let it be so. **Amen**

***BENEDICTION**
God chooses to be your great Caregiver, always willing to listen and to guide. Allow yourself to feel that holy embrace and let it bring a song of joy to your heart. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Andante in F*
by Johann Georg Albrechtsberger

NEXT SATURDAY!!!
Electronics Recycling Day!
St. Paul UCC - Belleville
November 14 - 9am-12pm