



*For unto us
a child is born,*

..... HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED

Wonderful Counsellor,
THE MIGHTY GOD
THE EVERLASTING FATHER,
The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6



Our St. Paul

Dec 2017

St. Paul Church Staff

Rev. Robert Koepcke, *Interim Pastor*
Rev. Herbert M. Schafale, *Minister of Visitation*
Tyler Kohls, *Christian Education Coordinator*
Dan Fry, *Director of Traditional Music Ministry*
Scott Wilson, *Director of B Street Band*
Jeana Smith, *Director of Mother's Day Out*
Tina LakeHopper, *Office Coordinator*
Stephenie Bauza, *Accountant*
Karen Juenger, *Receptionist/Secretary*
Patrick Kinney, *Facility Manager*
Stephanie Elmore, *Staff Support*
Nick Wilhelm, *Staff Support*



Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Fridays: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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When you or a loved one is admitted to a hospital, please ask the hospitals to notify the church office. Also please telephone the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. The pastors will visit church members and their families each week. If you have a new addition to your family, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.
Your communication is crucial to our ministry! We cannot help if we don't know.

Our Worship Service is broadcast LIVE on KSTL - 690 AM radio
& streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm

OUR ST. PAUL is published monthly. It is edited by our pastor and produced by the office staff.
Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul.**

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>DEADLINE</u>	<u>MAIL DATE</u>
Jan 2017	Dec 12	Dec 18

St. Paul UCC

Holiday Schedule

Sunday, December 24

at 9am Traditional Service
with Chancel Choir

Family Friendly Service with
B Street Band
at 4:30pm in Heritage Hall

at 7:00pm
Traditional Service
with Chancel Choir & Glory Ringers

Sunday, December 31st

9am Traditional Service &
11am Celebration Service



**The St. Paul Culinares
will be cooking
Sunday, Dec 3 !!**

Join us in the Activities Center
after the Traditional Service for
fellowship and fun!



Mark your calendars

**Sunday, Dec 10
for the
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
in the sanctuary
at 10am**

The budget and agenda
will be available in the
Welcome Center, Heritage Hall and
office on December 3rd.

Mingles & Singles Christmas Party

Saturday, December 9 at 6:30 PM

At Barb Suess' home ~ 34 Kingston Drive

Please bring an appetizer to share and adult beverage of choice

RSVP: bjsusess15@yahoo.com or 397-1113



Ornament Sunday

On December 10th, please bring an ornament that you or your family would like to help beautify the large tree in the sanctuary.

If you would like your ornament returned at the end of the season, please make sure your name is placed securely on the ornament. Thank you.



The St. Paul Youth will be putting on a skit of "A Charlie Brown Christmas" at the 11am Celebration Service on Dec 17. Join us in a new Christmas tradition.

Women's Guild Christmas Party will be Tuesday, December 19th at 7 PM. We will celebrate Christmas with the Christmas Story & Carols. Bring cookies to share and 1 dozen for exchanging plus a \$5.00 Christmas Exchange Gift. And of course we'll have Lots of Appetizers. Come join in the fun!!

Join **Santa for Supper**

On Saturday, December 16th in St Paul's Activities Center
Doors open at 4:30pm

*Come with the family, enjoy some dinner,
meet Santa & maybe even an elf or two.*

*St. Paul UCC
115 West B Street,
Belleville
Park & Enter on C street*

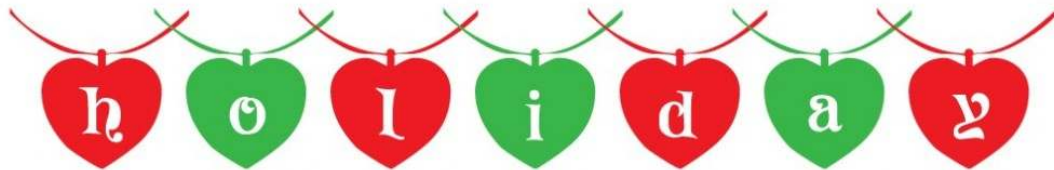
Games

Activities



Sponsored by St Paul UCC Youth Group

the joy of



giving

**Join us for Christmas Caroling
at St. Paul home ! Dec 10th at 11:30am
Spreading Christmas cheer!
Contact Dan Fry for info!**

The Star Tree is here! The Star Tree is here!



Choose a star,
buy an age appropriate gift, wrap it,
tape your star on the front & return it to the tree
no later than Wednesday, December 13th.

Santa's elves from The Women's Guild will make sure
your gift makes a child's Christmas special.

Ho Ho Ho!



Undie Sundays

Please support the Mission Board in collecting new underwear, socks, pajamas, hats, and gloves for the children of our community. Help us ensure no child goes without basic needs this winter. Our goal is to provide each child at KinderCottage with the items listed above they need. Sizes 2 – 16 are requested. If we exceed our goal, thanks to your generosity, the items are distributed to other organizations within our community. If you are unable to shop, we will kindly accept cash donations. Collection box will be available at each service on December 3, 10 and 17. If you miss collection at service, feel free to drop off at the church office. We appreciate your support!



Help those in need with Christmas Basket donations!

Christmas is fast approaching and the Mission Board would like to assist those less fortunate in the Franklin Neighborhood area. Monetary donations in any amount will enable us to provide a Christmas basket for these families. Donations may be mailed to the St. Paul Church office or placed in the offering plate.

Please clearly mark your donation as "Christmas Basket Donation".
Thank you for your help.



GO GREEN With your weekly offering!

Did you know we can automatically debit your checking account for your weekly offering? This would enable the mission of St. Paul to continue even if you miss a Sunday offering and it simplifies our accounting. Go green and eliminate your envelopes! Interested? Contact Stephenie Bauza in the Church office.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS & MEMORIALS

Help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas this year!

We are planning a special display of assorted colors of poinsettias on Christmas Eve, December 24th.

Please order through the church on the form below.

***The poinsettias will not be personalized with tags; however, all will be recognized in the bulletin. There will be a variety of different colors of poinsettias and you are invited to choose one after the late service on Christmas Eve or later that week. We thank you for your understanding.*

You may also choose to give a cash gift in memory, in honor, or in celebration of
a special person or event.

Please fill out the form below and include a check in the **amount of \$10.00 for each plant.**

****Please note: We must have your poinsettia/memorial information no later than Friday, December 17th in order for your information to appear in our Christmas Eve bulletins - NO EXCEPTIONS****

Poinsettias may be picked up after the **last** Christmas Eve Service of Worship
or later that week (office/church closed December 25 and 26).

The information you include below will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins.

Detach below

_____ I will order a poinsettia through Church. _____ I wish to give a loving gift.

(If by check, please make payable to St. Paul Church)

IN MEMORY OF _____

or

IN HONOR OF _____

or

IN CELEBRATION FOR _____

GIVEN BY _____



St. Paul United Church of Christ
Fine Arts
presents a

Music Ministry Christmas Concert



Featuring:

St. Paul
Chancel Choir,
B Street Band,
Glory Ringers,
and audience carols.

Guest Conductor ~Tristan Frampton
Accompanist ~ Janet Spencer

Free Will Offering

December 17, 2017 3pm

St Paul UCC Sanctuary
115 West B Street, Belleville • 233-3303

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 Communion Sunday 1st Sunday of Advent 9am Worship Service Culinaires cooking! 11am Celebration Service 2pm Sheltered Reality</p>	<p>4 10am Exercise Class 3pm Gov French 4:30 Investment Gp -Libr 6pm Youth Group 6pm Volleyball-AC 7pm Confirmation</p>	<p>5 9am Quilters 10:30 Website Mtg 3pm Gov French 5pm Comm Dinner 6pm Cub Scouts- Grt Rm 7pm Search Committee</p>	<p>6 10:30 Staff Meeting 3pm Gov French 5pm Finance Bd—Library 6pm Volleyball Choir / Bells / Band</p>	<p>7 3pm Gov French –GAME 4pm Masterworks 6pm Worship Bd-Papa Vito 6:30 PFLAG-Gt Rm</p>	<p>8 9:30 S&N Mtg– Upper Rm 3pm Gov French 4:30 Masterworks</p>	<p>9 10am Centering Prayer Youth to Six Flags for Christmas event</p>
<p>10 CONGREGATIONAL MTG 2nd Sunday of Advent 9am Worship Service Congregational Meeting 11am Celebration Service</p>	<p>11 10am Exercise Class 3pm Gov French 5pm Safety Comm 6pm Mission Bd– Libr 6pm Volleyball-AC</p>	<p>12 OSP DEADLINE 9am Quilters 10:30 Website Mtg 3pm Gov French—GAME 5pm Comm Dinner 6pm Cub Scouts-Gt Rm 7pm Shufflers-library 7pm Search Comm–Gen R</p>	<p>13 9:30 Baby Class 10:30 Staff Meeting 3pm Gov French 5pm Finance Mtg-Library 6pm Volleyball –AC Choir / Bells / Band **Last day for Star Tree gifts**</p>	<p>14 3pm Gov French 4pm Masterworks 6pm Cub Scouts 6pm Boards 6pm Ecuador Mtg– Gt Rm</p>	<p>15 3pm Gov French</p>	<p>16 10am Star Tree pickup - Welcome Center 4:30 Santa Supper</p>
<p>17 3rd Sunday of Advent 9am Worship Service 10:15 Advent Class –library 11am Celebration Service 11:30 Christmas Caroling 3pm Fine Arts Christmas Concert</p>	<p>18 OSP ASSEMBLY 9am MDO Christmas Pro- gram –Sanctuary &AC 10am Exercise Class 12pm Prayer Group 6pm Volleyball-AC 6pm Youth Group 7pm Confirmation</p>	<p>19 9am MDO Christmas Program –Sanctuary &AC 9am Quilters 10:30 Website Mtg 5pm Community Dinner 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Women’s Guild 7pm Search Comm-Library</p>	<p>20 9:30 Baby Class 10:30 Staff Meeting 6pm Volleyball –AC Choir / Bells / Band</p>	<p>21 4pm Masterworks 6:30 Council</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 10am Centering Prayer</p>
<p>24 Christmas Eve Sunday 9am Worship Service 4:30pm Celebration Service 7pm Worship Service 31 New Years Eve Sunday 9am Worship Service 11am Celebration Service</p>	<p>25 Christmas Church Closed</p>	<p>26 Church Closed</p>	<p>27 8:30 Basketball Gp-AC 10:30 Staff Meeting 1pm Volleyball Gp-AC Choir / Bells / Band</p>	<p>28 8:30 Basketball Gp-AC 1pm Volleyball Gp-AC 4pm Masterworks</p>	<p>29 8:30 Basketball Gp-AC 1pm Volleyball Gp-AC</p>	<p>30</p>

Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul UCC,

In the United Church of Christ we have a “call” system instead of an “appointment” system. This means that instead of a denominational leader such as a bishop “appointing” our next pastor, we as a congregation have the opportunity to “call” our new pastor. While our Conference will not simply “appoint” a new person, they will be working alongside of us to offer support and resources in our search process.

Times of transitions such as this can make us as a bit anxious wondering what comes next. Many of our leaders have already been approached by members with questions about the “now what?” We are consistently meeting with Rev. Shana Johnson, the Conference Minister of the Illinois South Conference, in which she shared with us the UCC procedures during a time of pastoral transition.

Here is a brief overview of the process and procedures will be following:

A Search Committee has been selected. The members of that committee are: Donna Nettleton-Chair, Donna Davis, Roger Henke, Tina LakeHopper, Terry Kalinowski, Jim Means, Susan Relfe, Dana Rosenzweig, and Al Scharf.

The interim pastor will not be a candidate for the “settled” position as they are being called for the specific purpose of helping us step back and rediscover who we are and what we need in a future leader.

Illinois South Conference will advertise the open position of Senior Pastor among UCC clergy all across the country. Our Search Committee will read ministerial profiles, screen candidates, conduct interviews, check references, and eventually select a candidate who will be recommended to the entire congregation.

This letter is to let you know that we are taking steps to think about our future. We will keep you informed on a regular basis. For now, let us express our gratitude to God, and for the members of St. Paul. Please keep us in your prayers.

In Christ’s name,

Donna Nettleton
Chair, St. Paul Search Committee

TAKE NOTICE

This morning you will find in the pews at each end and in the middle an EMERGENCY RESPONSE GUIDE . Please read and make yourself familiar with the instructions. Also, as part of the SAFE CHURCH we are asking you to sign legibly the attendance pad when you sit down at the beginning of the service (including children). The request for this is that if an evacuation is necessary and a head count or trying to locate someone after the all clear it can be done by using the attendance pads as a starting point.



St. Paul Church Council Notes for Nov 2017 Meeting

On November 16, 2017, the St. Paul Church Council gathered and discussed the following:

- 3 new members will be joining this month!
- Business & Property concerns - Aisle repairs and Great Room bathroom renovations.
- Church security was discussed and team has been formed. Steps are being taken to secure the premises, congregation and visitors.
- Next Congregational Meeting will be held on Dec 10th - Budget and Agenda will be out one week in advance. Please get information to Tina by end of Month.

Guide Book & Directory -

Advertising Opportunity

We are in the process of updating our annual Guide Book & Directory for the Church. This book will be the Who, What, Where, When, Why and How of our Congregation. The book is being provided at no cost to our Church, including the mailing to each family, and again is being subsidized by local businesses that advertise in it. If you own or manage a business and would like to find out about advertising in our book, call the Church Office.

Update Membership Information

Here is your chance to update YOUR record for our annual Guide Book & Directory. It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

If you have not already informed the Church Office about changes to your record, please let us know now so that the information in the Guide Book & Directory is correct. Thank you.

CRAFTY MANIA

Proceeds to Benefit: A Mission of the Church

Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry Maker, or like to Sew?
What ever your craft, join us!! Spend the day doing what you like!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!!!

What: All Day Crafting
When: Saturday – Feb 3rd, 2018
8:30am – 4:00pm
Where: St. Paul UCC
115 West B st (enter on C st)
Belleville, IL



Adults: \$30.00 with lunch / \$25 no lunch

Includes: snacks, vendors, reserved space, attendance prizes,

Extended Hours Available! 9am–10:30pm \$35.00 per person (meals served) / NO meals \$30

Contact Person: Diana Haar @ (618)233-3303

dmhaar@charter.net

****ENTER RAFFLE TO WIN A CRICUT CARTRIDGE, ACCESSORIES &
other raffle items. Raffle tickets available for purchase.**

***** Early bird registration due January 8th (to be entered in special drawing)**

Reservation Deadline is January 22nd

Make checks payable to: St. Paul UCC
Mail payment & reservation to: St. Paul UCC
115 West B st
Belleville, IL 62221
Attn: Crafty Mania

Name: _____
Phone _____ E-mail (print clearly) _____
I would like to sit by _____
My craft is _____
Enclosed is my payment of (please circle ONE below)

- 1 \$30.00 with lunch / \$25.00 no lunch 9am – 4pm
- 2 \$35.00 with lunch & dinner/ \$30.00 no meals 9am – 11pm



Masterworks
CHORALE
CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Magnificat

A Masterworks Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 P.M.

**ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH,
O'FALLON, IL**

**TICKETS: \$20 ADULTS;
\$15 SENIORS 65+ & MILITARY; \$10 STUDENTS
WWW.SINGMASTERWORKS.ORG - (618) 304-9094**



Amazing Archives

The future of our past is ever present

It won't be long before the end of the year arrives. All of us have our unique way to tap into our hearts to prepare for the greatest celebration of all time - the birth of our Savior. Whether that includes shopping till you drop, decorating your house from top to bottom, or singing Christmas Carols with your friends and family while you sip hot spiced cider or egg nog (or something that may make you dance on the table wearing a lamp shade singing Grandma Got Run Over By A Reindeer), the memories and traditions continue.

I hope you join me in one of my traditions. The beginning of each year I like to sort through the boxes of my family memories. This segues into cleaning the closets, drawers and files. I have a box labeled 'for archives' that church related articles and pictures get placed.

The archives has very little information about the first church. Any information you have that you would like to share would be a prized possession to add to the church's history.

Have a blessed, awesome Christmas!

In Service To God,
Jo Ann Elmore, Archivist

We have a wonderful group of quilters named Threads of Hope - that meet here at St. Paul on Tuesdays.

ToH are selling Baby Quilts. If you are interested in a Baby Quilt, please contact Sonja at 530-3897. Also, If you would like to join the quilters group, or would like lessons, talk to Sonja.



St. Paul's Celebrations

December Anniversaries



8 Curt & Jeanette Agne
14 David & Lisa Wagner
Richard & Ruth Ann
Erdmann
15 Bob & Bev Vokes
16 Jason & Sherry Karstens
17 Don & Judy Beisiegel
27 Scott & Peggy Burke

December Birthdays

1	Haley Steen	21	Grayson Perkins
	Linda Hermann	23	Walter Ortmann
2	Michael Wagner	27	Alison Cyphers
3	Debbie Lippert		Carol Hotz
	Judith Saeger	28	Billy Ruth Pelc
4	Donna Thomas		Marilyn Young
	Tommy Hermann		Joseph (JT) Milton
5	Nancy Scharf		Elise Gibson
	Val Martin	30	Todd Grumley
6	Robert Yung	31	Elvera Juenger
8	Marilee Black		Dolly Kirsch
	Thomas Mentzer		Larry Reeble
11	Jerilyn Hausmann		Rose Hoy
12	Caroline Busse		
	Betty Lehr		
4	14		
	Walter Beatty		
	Maggie Pool		
15	Carolyn Hazelip		
	Gwen Borsch		
16	Bruce Elser		
	Lou James		
	Todd Keller		
17	Jeanette Agne		
19	Patricia Oberholtzer		

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The following memorials and gifts have been received by St. Paul Church:
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

IMO Penny Kennedy
(Fine Arts)
Henry & Ellen Bohnemeier

IMO Hilde Degenhardt
(Fine Arts)
Joan Pace

IMO Albert Juenger
(Radio)
Elvera Juenger

IMO Dave Klingel
(Fine Arts)
Henry & Ellen Bohnemeier

IMO Ron Saeger
(Fine Arts)
Henry & Ellen Bohnemeier

IMO Steve Suess
(Fine Arts)
Henry & Ellen Bohnemeier
Joan Pace

IMO Marlene Kassebaum
(Fine Arts)
Henry & Ellen Bohnemeier

IMO Marian Hoffman
Joan Pace

IMO Ruth Schifferdecker
Helen & Bill Whicher
Donna Davis

Jan Friedrich
Paul & Sue Sutherland
Rusty & Sandy Wagner
Pamela Thompson & Michael Koscielniak
Rick & Diane Drake
Joyce Maurer
Tim & Sandy Ritter
Kathy & Brian Hopp
Mr. & Mrs. Pat Roussel & family
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Chadderton
(Food Pantry)
Leslie & Ken Dahm

IMO Marian Bayer
Debra Kreitner
Ron & Jan Meyer
Leonhard & Evelyn Fritz
Kenneth & Joy Bruckner
Albert & Vera Juenger
Rhonda Yocks
Susan Randle
Marchelle & Andrew Kassebaum
Paula & Dewey Williams
Lance & Dianne Surmeier
Emily Barrett
(Heritage Hall)
Edna Mae Schwarz

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Oct 2017

Attendance: 744

All Gifts: \$41,127.91

Gifts exclude MDO revenue and endowment distributions, but does include investment income

Oct 2016

Attendance: 863

All Gifts \$43,240.75

	<u>2017 Final Budget</u>	<u>2017 Oct Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Revenues				
Congregational Offerings	\$474,829.66	30,154.68	317,943.92	66.96%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$89,981.00	12,583.75	82,884.00	92.11%
MDO Fundraiser/Capital Campaign	\$1,000.00	0.00	1,165.00	116.50%
Special Stewardship Events	\$7,500.00	980.00	980.00	13.07%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	800.00	8,000.00	83.33%
Various Missions	\$0.00	3,706.07	25,697.54	
Memorials	\$10,000.00	180.00	12,980.00	129.80%
Bequests	\$2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Building Income	\$10,000.00	900.00	9,385.00	93.85%
Pastoral Honorarium	\$3,000.00	0.00	500.00	16.67%
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$36,000.00	0.00	5,487.00	15.24%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$69,744.25	0.00	35,000.00	50.18%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$12,300.00	0.00	12,300.00	100.00%
Other Income	\$2,000.00	13.19	(298.01)	-14.90%
Total Operating Revenues	\$727,954.91	49,317.69	512,024.45	70.34%
Expenses				
Personnel Board	(\$333,354.91)	(27,398.47)	(246,739.86)	74.02%
Administrative Support	(35,720.00)	(2,419.77)	(27,487.24)	76.95%
Mission Board	(47,600.00)	(2,050.15)	(20,641.47)	43.36%
Christian Education Board	(7,000.00)	1,698.35	(1,875.96)	26.80%
Stewardship & Nominating Board	(2,760.00)	0.00	(1,322.67)	47.92%
Christian Growth Board	(450.00)	0.00	(53.93)	11.98%
Business & Property Board (includes Mortgage)	(181,990.00)	(14,067.62)	(142,726.65)	78.43%
Worship Board	(28,110.00)	(1,786.96)	(1,390.17)	4.95%
MDO	(90,981.00)	(19,202.78)	(74,090.54)	81.44%
Total Operating Expense	(727,954.91)	(55,227.40)	(516,328.49)	70.93%
18				
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		(7,519.05)	(4,304.04)	

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PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE Nov 28, 2017

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NEW and Updated! With *Online Calendar* and *Upcoming Events!*



If you can't be with us in person,
join us by listening to
our worship service
LIVE on KSTL - 690 AM radio
& **streamed on Jubilee690.com**
at 9am Sundays and



**St. Paul United Church
of Christ, Belleville, IL**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 3

Culinaires Cooking!!

Dec 10

Congregational Meeting
& Ornament Sunday
11:30 Christmas Caroling

Dec 16

4:30pm Santa Supper

Dec 17

10am Advent Class
3pm Fine Arts Christmas Concert