



Worship Bulletin

January 14, 2018
9:00 am Worship



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

Welcome ~ We are glad you are here!

9 am	Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary
10:15am	Adult Christian Education Class begins in Library
11 am	Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

Information for friends...new and old.

- **Weekly Sunday morning services ~**
9am Traditional Service with hymns and Children's Church, when your children can go for a lesson after our Children's time & can be picked up after service in the Welcome Center. We also have our family-friendly **11am Celebration Service** with our B Street Band, who play contemporary music. Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.
- **The Nursery is open during 9 am services.** If the small person who is with you gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy. Please feel free to visit whenever needed!
- Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are available .
- **Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed on Jubilee690.com at 9am Sundays and repeated at 9pm.**
- **Please sign the Pew Pad today.** If you are new to St. Paul UCC, please fill in your contact information and we will happily contact you as you wish.
- **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 telephone call is crucial to our ministry!**

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St. Paul United Church of Christ

Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 14, 2018 9:00 am

OT = Old Testament NT = New Testament * Please stand if able

YOU ARE HERE, NOT BY ACCIDENT: KNOWN, LOVED, AND CALLED

PRELUDE *French Suite No. 5 in G Major, Allemande* J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN OF PRAISE *I Sing the Praise of Love Unbounded* # 54

*GATHERING WORDS (*responsive*)

One: You have searched me, LORD,
 and you know me.

**Many: You know when I sit and when I rise;
 you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

One: You discern my going out and my lying down;
 you are familiar with all my ways.

**Many: Before a word is on my tongue,
 you, LORD, know it completely.**

One: You hem me in behind and before,
 and you lay your hand upon me.

**Many Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
 too lofty for me to attain.**

One: Where can I go from your Spirit?
 Where can I flee from your presence?

**Many: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
 if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

One: If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
 if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**Many: even there your hand will guide me,
 your right hand will hold me fast.**

CENTERING PRAYER (*unison*)

**Father, creator of breath; Mother, birther of life; recognize us for who you
crafted us to be, not for who we have become. We strive and stretch to befit
what you designed. Pour your love and your spirit on us in this hour so that we,
with Samuel, might say, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Amen**

RESPONSE (*Listen once, all sing twice*) Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

**Spirit. Spirit of gentleness,
Blow through the wilderness, calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
Stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

*SHARING THE SPIRIT

The Spirit of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
(You may greet those around you in a similar fashion.)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH "Known, Loved, and Called"

ANTHEM *Be Thou My Vision* arr. David Schwoebel

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE with 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.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PHILIP, NATHANAEL AND YOU from JOHN 1:43-51 NT p. 87
LIVING SAMUEL'S CALLING from 1 Samuel 3:1-10 OT p. 236

SERMON "YOU'RE NOT HERE BY ACCIDENT"
Pastor Gustav H. Kuether

OUR OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY *Flutes* Jean-Francois Dandrieu

*DOXOLOGY 356 & DEDICATION PRAYER

*SENDING HYMN 177 Awake, Awake to Love and Work

*WORDS OF BLESSING

One: You are known. You are loved. You are called.

Many: We are known by the Creator.

We are loved by the Redeemer.

We are called by the Holy Spirit.

One: Our worship has come to an end.

Our service is now launched.

**Many: Go with me, my friends,
into the adventures of the Holy Spirit's calling.**

One: Go with the blessing of the
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **AMEN.**

POSTLUDE *Dialogue* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault



NEWS & NOTES

Jan 14, 2018

Welcome our Special Guests today

9am Service ~ Pastor Gus Kuether

11am Service ~ Greg Seaman



Lent



Mid-week Lenten Chapel Services

11:30am Wednesdays

Musical offerings by St. Paul musicians, as well as readings and hymns

Lunch provided: soup & salad served from 12:00 pm

Freewill Donation

Plan to come and be with us.

February 21– March 21

2/14 Ash Wednesday

Noon & 7pm-Sanctuary

3/29 Maundy Thursday

6pm – PotLuck & Service - AC

3/30 Good Friday

Noon & 7pm-Sanctuary

3/31 Bunny Breakfast

9am Activities Center

4/1 Easter

9am - Sanctuary

11am - Celebration Serv

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED CLASSES

LISTEN UP—THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

God's word is alive. God will always have something new to say to us.

That's why the purpose of the *LISTEN UP!*

Bible Study series is not simply learning information about the Bible.

It is hearing God speak. There is a difference. In these Bible studies, you will be encouraged to listen: listen to the Bible, listen to your own questions and responses, and listen to the honest sharing among participants in your study group. Trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit, we believe that in that mix of biblical text, personal engagement, and honest speaking and listening, God's word may be heard, speaking words of challenge and words of comfort.

Sunday Morning

Adult Christian Ed Classes

6 Week class begins TODAY

10:15am in the *Library*

Facilitated by Lou Ryseff

Tuesday Morning

Adult Christian Ed Classes

6 Week class began last Tuesday

10am in the *Genesis Rm*

Facilitated by Kris Mueller

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

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****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

Mingles & Singles Planning Meeting

The Mingles & Singles group will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 20 at the home of Donna Nettleton 2267 Haverford. Please let our hostess know that you will attend - dlnettle2267@gmail.com or 210-9475 - bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your adult beverage of choice. This is the time when we plan our upcoming year so come prepared to brainstorm!

Let's energize and make 2018 our best year yet!!

Valentine Dinner & Concert Saturday, February 10

Activity Center,
St. Paul UCC
\$17 per person

6:15 pm Dinner
is served
- ticket required

Dinner created and prepared
by the *Culinaires*

7:15 pm The Concert
- no ticket required

Join us for an evening
of entertainment
featuring the
*Sounds of
Harmony Chorus*

Tickets will be on sale in the
Welcome Center




“From the St Paul Safety and Security team: Just as a reminder, we would like to ask you when leaving through one of the locked exit doors at church, please take extra time to insure that the doors you are exiting through are completely closed and locked. This is even more important in the extremely cold weather we have been experiencing”. Thank you for your support.”

— *This week at* — St. Paul UCC

Please see stpaulucc.org for full calendar of events!

- Sun, Jan 14 **9am Traditional Service**
10:15 Adult Christ Ed Class—Library
11am Celebration Service
- Mon, Jan 15 MLK Day—Church Closed
- Tues, Jan 16 OSP Deadline
 9am Quilters
 10am Adult Christian Ed Class— Gen Rm
 10am Website Mtg—Library
 3pm Gov French
 5pm Comm Dinner
 6pm Cub Scouts—Great Rm
 6pm Basketball –AC
 7pm Search Comm
 7pm Women’s Guild
- Wed, Jan 17 10am Genealogy—Gen Rm
 10:30 Staff Mtg
 3pm Gov French
 6pm Volleyball
 Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Jan 18 3pm Gov French
 4pm Masterworks
 6pm Council
- Fri, Jan 19 3pm Gov French
 5:30pm Basketball
- Sat, Jan 20 9am Volleyball



The Genealogy Interest Group will meet on Wednesday, January 17, at 10 AM in the Genesis room. Get ready to do your genealogy this year!

Our topic of discussion and video will be “Creating a Checklist for Genealogy Research.” Questions-call Rick Drake 632-7796.

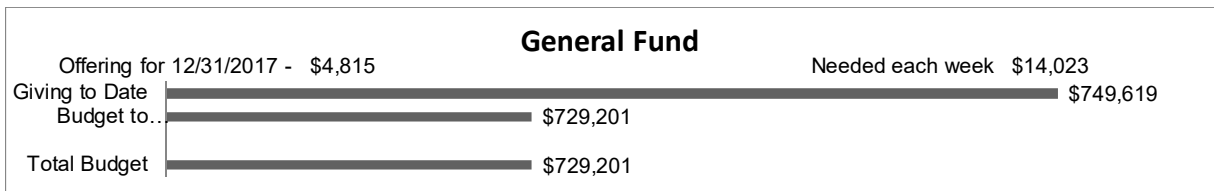


congregational meeting

Join us on
Sunday, Feb 11th

9am Worship Service
10: 15am Meeting

Weekly Attendance	Dec 31, 2017	Dec 31, 2016
9am / 10:45	125/12	closed-weather



For Our Prayers

Marilee Black - Margaret Birkner - Judy Beisiegel
Debra Hailstone - Janet Heil - Janice King
Marsha McCoy - Deb O'Neill - JoAnn Oesterle
Larry & Cookie Riblet - Stephen Schmidt - Mary Anne Walton

For Our Pastoral Search

Ephesians 6:10-11

The Armor of God

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Pray with the understanding that searching for a pastor is primarily a spiritual process, so spiritual warfare will be present.

Pray for God's protection on the search committee and the church.

For Our Thoughts

Love is when the other person's happiness is more important
than your own. H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Let us always meet each other with smile, for the smile is the
beginning of love. Mother Teresa

Knowledge is power. Francis Bacon

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.
Martin Luther King, Jr.