



## **Worship Bulletin**

**January 7, 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!

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9 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary  
*Culinaires' breakfast in Activities Center*  
11 am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

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## *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!**

115 West "B" Street, Belleville (618) 233-3303

**[www.stpaulucc.org](http://www.stpaulucc.org)**



**ONE for the ROAD**

A Christmas Creed from Latin America

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the Gospel  
that began in Bethlehem.  
I believe in the One whose spirit glorified a small village,  
whose coming the shepherds saw a sign, and for whom there  
was no room in the inn.  
I believe in the One whose life changed the course of history,  
for whom the kings of the earth had no power,  
and who was not understood by the proud.  
I believe in the One to whom the poor, the oppressed, the discouraged,  
the afflicted, the sick, the blind and the leprous gave welcome  
and accepted as Savior.  
I believe in the One who, with love, changed the hearts of the proud,  
and with his life, showed that it is more important to serve  
than to be served, and that the greatest joy is in giving your life for others.  
I believe that Christmas is strength and power and  
this world can change if, with humility and faith, we kneel before the manger.  
I believe that I must be the first one to do so. *Amen*

**OUR OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY** *Brightest and Best* arr. Michael Burkhardt

**+DOXOLOGY 356**

**+DEDICATION PRAYER**

**+SHARING the PEACE**

**PRAYERS for 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.*

**GRACE for the JOURNEY** from Ephesians 3:7-12

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**+SENDING HYMN 118**

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

**+SENDING PRAYER**

All-directing God, you place stars in the sky that guide our life's journey.  
May we find in you more courage and strength, and find ourselves kneeling to a  
much different Savior: more a shepherd than a monarch, more a giver than  
collector, more open to welcome than ever to judge. Help us to follow the Star of  
your Child to discover our place in your Story of Life! *Amen*

**+POSTLUDE**

*We Three Kings*

Kristina Langlois



# NEWS & NOTES

Jan 7, 2018

## St. Paul Culinares will be cooking TODAY !!



Join us in the  
Activities Center  
after the  
9am service  
for fellowship  
and fun!  
Freewill donation

We want to know  
YOU

are here!  
Please make sure to sign  
in the pew pad  
in your pew.



## 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.

### Tuesday Morning

#### Adult Christian Education Classes

6 Week class begins this Tuesday

10am in the *Genesis Rm*

Facilitated by Kris Mueller

### Sunday Morning

#### Adult Christian Education Classes

6 Week class begins next Sunday

10:15am in the *Library*

Facilitated by Lou Ryseff

# 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto: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**

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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

# University of Illinois Chamber Singers

The University of Illinois Chamber Singers is the premiere choral ensemble at the University of Illinois, comprised of experienced and outstanding singers from across the entire student body. The ensemble, conducted by Dr. Andrew Megill, explores a broad range of choral music, from Medieval chant to newly commissioned works, while demonstrating the highest level of musical excellence. The ensemble tours nationally and internationally and can be heard at conventions of America's leading choral organizations. Come here, relax and enjoy....

*ONE NIGHT ONLY*

**Friday, January 12, 2018  
at 7:30 pm in our Sanctuary**



**Admission is free  
Bring your friends**



**Freewill Donation**



**Join us next Sunday, Jan 14th  
for our Special Guests**

9am Service ~ Pastor Gus Kuether

11am Service ~ Greg Seaman



**congregational meeting**



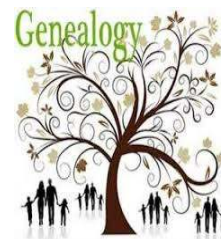
**Join us on  
Sunday, Feb 11th**

**9am Worship Service  
10: 15am Meeting  
in Activities Center**

**ANNUAL REPORT DEADLINE**

**Annual Reports are due in the  
church office by January 10. Thank you!**

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.





# *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 on Jan 28 & Feb 4.



**2018 FINE ARTS CONCERT SEASON**

**UNIVERSITY of ILLINOIS CHAMBER SINGERS**

Friday, January 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm

**A VALENTINE DINNER & CONCERT**

FEATURING

**Sounds of Harmony Chorus**

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Dinner at 6:15 pm / Concert at 7:15 pm

No ticket is required for the concert only

**CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN POPULAR SONG**

Tom Birkner & Paul Johnston

Friday, April 20, 2018 at 7:30pm

**RED, WHITE, & BLUE REVUE**

*& Picnic Supper*

Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 3 pm

*In lieu of tickets, a free will offering is received.*

We appreciate those who wish to support the  
**2017-2018 Fine Arts Series**  
of St. Paul United Church of Christ  
by their gift of:

Angel (\$500 & above)  Benefactor (\$300-\$499)  Patron (\$200-\$299)  Sponsor (\$100-\$199)  Friend (\$25-\$99)

Please make your check payable to *St. Paul Fine Arts Fund* and place in an envelope in the collection plate or mail to *2017-2018 Fine Arts Series, 115 West "B" Street, Belleville IL 62220*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Thank you!**

Exercise  
Class  
10am  
Mondays



We have a friendly group of quilters that meet here at St. Paul on Tuesdays. If you would like to join the quilters group, if you need a baby quilt for a gift or maybe you have a quilt that needs some tender loving care... our quilters can help! Contact Sonja at 530-3897.

### FLOWERS, MUSIC & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP

Sign up now to sponsor flowers, music or the bulletin each week. Many dates are available. Cost is \$30. Your sponsorship dedication is printed in the News & Notes and is a lovely way to honor the memory or achievement of your loved one. Sponsorship forms and sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board currently located at the office doors in the hallway. Please consider sponsoring flowers, music or bulletins for Sunday worship.

### 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.

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

# — This week at — St. Paul UCC

Please see [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for full calendar of events!

- Sun, Jan 7 9am Traditional Service  
Culinaries' Breakfast  
11am Celebration Service  
2pm Sheltered Reality
- Mon, Jan 8 10am Exercise  
11am Piano Tuning  
3pm Gov French  
5pm Safety Mtg  
6pm Youth Group  
6pm Mission Bd- Library  
7pm Confirmation Class
- Tues, Jan 9 9am Quilters  
10am Adult Christian Ed Class- Gen Rm  
10am Website Mtg-Library  
3pm Gov French  
5pm Comm Dinner  
6pm Basketball -AC  
7pm Search Comm
- Wed, Jan 10 9:30 Baby Class  
10:30 Staff Mtg  
3pm Gov French  
Band / Bells / Choir
- Thurs, Jan 11 3pm Gov French  
4pm Masterworks  
6pm BOARD MEETINGS/ PICTURES  
6:30 Ecuador Mtg- Grt Rm
- Fri, Jan 12 3pm Gov French  
5pm Basketball  
7:30 Uof I Chamber Singers Concert
- Sat, Jan 13 10am Centering Prayer  
7:30 Belleville Philharmonic Concert

### General Fund

Offering for 12/31/2017 - \$4,815	Needed each week \$14,023
Giving to Date	\$749,619
Budget to..	\$729,201
Total Budget	\$729,201

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## ***For Our Prayers***

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

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## ***For Our Pastoral Search***

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Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. (*Psalm 139:23-24*)

**Pray for members of the search committee to have pure hearts as they work through the search process. Pray for our future pastor to maintain a pure life before God.**

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## ***For Our Thoughts***

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The Lord gave me 'Sojourner,' because I was to travel up an' down the land, showin' the people their sins an' bein' a sign unto them. Afterwards, I told the Lord I wanted another name 'cause everybody else had two names, and the Lord gave me 'Truth,' because I was to declare the truth to people. ***Sojourner Truth, 19th century***

If you wish to travel far and fast, travel light. Take off all your envies, jealousies, unforgiveness, selfishness and fears.  
***Cesare Pavese, 20th century***

All journeys have secret destinations of which the traveler is unaware.  
***Martin Buber, 20th century***

Wherever you go, go with all your heart.  
***Confucius, 5th century BCE***