



Our St. Paul

April 2024

## YOUR St. Paul Team

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## **Church office hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
8:30am-4pm  
Friday  
9am-12pm

## **Church Office**

**Contact**

**Information:**

**618-233-3303**

## **T-Shirts**

### **Highlighting St. Paul UCC stained glass**

**Heritage Hall Rose Window  
on the front  
Main Chancel Window  
on the back**



**Choice of shirt color:  
white or black**

**Choice of style:  
short sleeve (\$32) or long sleeve (\$40)**

**Choice of size:  
Small Medium Large XL 2XL 3XL**

**Contact the church to order:  
618.233.3303**

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**NEXT ISSUE**

April

**DEADLINE**

March 21

**MAIL DATE**

March 31

## **Pastor's Message - The World Awakes!**

Ever since Punxsutawney Phil predicted the early arrival of spring, we've seen the beginnings of the new season... mostly. Through the ups and downs of temperatures—from the stormy almost-80 degree days to the mild 68 degree afternoons to the chilly 30-something degree mornings to snowy evenings, we've weathered the roller coaster of this February and March's climate.

So often, nature imitates what we are often feeling inside. We endure the winters of our lifetime. We relax during what appears to be summertime filled with youthful moments.

Even more so, our earth and our hearts are aching for springtime. As weather has been all over the place after a season of cloudy, chilly weather, we want the full sunny days of spring. As we notice the buds on the trees for the first time each year, we know that spring is around the corner. I notice that something in my heart changes, and I feel that, as Song of Solomon says "winter has passed," even if we do get five inches of snow the next week. Any of us who endure season affective disorder latch on to these signs of spring, knowing that the transition to a new season is ahead.

Everything in our world and our beings are aching for springtime. We want to leave behind the chills of winter with its ice and frigid temperatures and head right into spring.

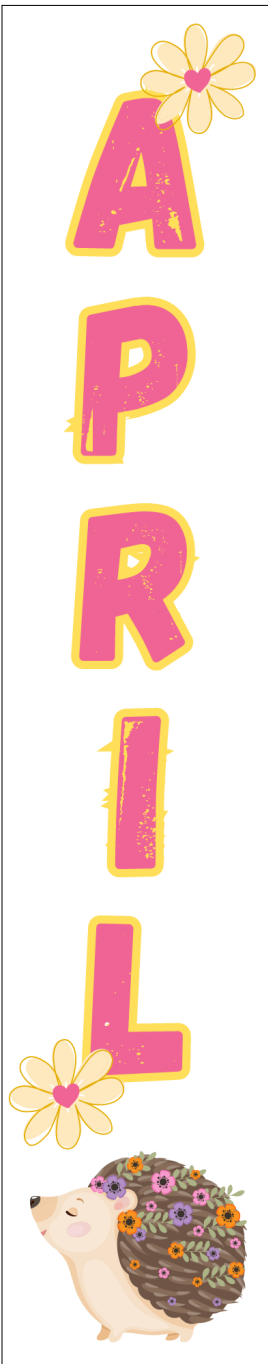
And that's the beauty of Easter right around the time of Spring's birth. We've gone through the beauty of Holy Week, including the mournful, wintery Good Friday. And now we are ready for our earth and our spiritual season to come alive again.





Everything yearns for the renewal that we see in spring and at Easter. Flowers and temperatures are just a part of it. When it comes to Easter, we know that our faith comes alive too. We have wandered in an arid spiritual wilderness for the 40 days of Lent, and now we have arrived at the season of resurrection. As Easter is a full season from Easter Day until the day of Pentecost, we are given not just one Sunday or one week of Easter. We are given an entire season! We are reminded week after week for 50 days that resurrection is a reality. God has created us as beings who desire renewal when times are challenging and endings surround us.






















Granted, there are times when it's tough to see resurrection. And maybe something does have to end for something new to begin, and that requires some grief. What this season gives us a renewed sense of hope of which we often lose track. Easter reminds us that the story doesn't end at Good Friday—and our story will find a new chapter in one way or another.

As we see the trees blossom and the plants bloom during Spring 2024, know that your soul is planning on the same. Hope ignites our hearts to find new beginnings. Awakening to new possibilities is Easter's gift. May we continue to seek the ways God's love is reviving our world and hearts again.

Easter Blessings, friends!  
Pastor Michelle



Sun	Mon	Tue
<p><b>National Parkinson's Awareness Month</b></p> <p><b>National Month of Hope</b></p> <p><b>National Child Abuse Prevention Month</b></p>	<p>1</p> <p><b>Easter Monday</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p> 	<p>2</p> <p>9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 7-9:30pm-Masterworks</p> <p><i>National Reconciliation Day</i></p>
<p>7</p> <p><b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee &amp; Doughnuts <b>10am-Fine Arts Meeting</b></p> <p><i>National No Housework Day</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p><i>National Zoo Lovers Day</i></p>	<p>9</p> <p>9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 12pm-Shufflers <b>5pm-Finance Meeting</b> 5pm-Community Dinner 7-9:30pm-Masterworks</p>
<p>14</p> <p><b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee &amp; Doughnuts <b>10 am Mission Meeting-Library</b></p>  <p><i>National Gardening Day</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p><i>National Tax Day</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner 7-9:30pm-Masterworks</p>
<p>21</p> <p><b>9am Worship</b>  10am-Culinaires' Breakfast 3pm-Masterworks Children's Concert <b>2-3 &amp; 4-5:30 Youth Joy Rally</b></p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> <p><i>PASSOVER BEGINS</i> <i>Earth Day</i></p> 	<p>23</p> <p>9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 7-9:30pm-Masterworks</p>
<p>28</p> <p><b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</p>  <p><i>National Superhero Day</i></p>	<p>29</p> <p>9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p><i>National Shrimp Scampi Day</i></p>	<p>30</p> <p>9am-Quilters  10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 7-9:30pm-Masterworks</p> <p><i>Passover Ends</i></p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>3 7am-Hot Mess Express  9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball <b>1pm-With You Meeting</b> 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4 <b>10am Worship Meeting</b> 10:30AM-Yoga  <i>National School Librarian Day</i></p>	<p>5 9:15 am-Pickle Ball  <i>National Deep Dish Pizza Day</i></p>	<p>6  <i>National Handmade Day</i></p>
<p>10 9am-Pickle Ball 12-4pm-Rummage Set Up <b>1pm-With You Meeting</b> 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal  <i>National Siblings Day</i></p>	<p>11 9am-4pm-Rummage Set Up <b>7pm-Personnel Meeting</b>  <i>National Pet Day</i></p>	<p>12 <b>1pm-Website Meeting</b>  <b>RUMMAGE SALE 4PM-7PM</b> </p>	<p>13 <b>RUMMAGE SALE 9AM-NOON</b> </p>
<p>17 7am-Hot Mess Express  9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball <b>1pm-Women's Guild</b>  </p>	<p>18 10:30am-Yoga Gold <b>6pm-Council Meeting</b>  <i>National Exercise Day</i></p>	<p>19 9:15 am-Pickle Ball  <i>National Garlic Day</i></p>	<p>20 <b>Crafty Mania 9-4</b>  <i>Volunteer Recognition Day</i></p>
<p>24 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal <i>National Administrative Professionals Day</i></p>	<p>25  <i>National Telephone Day</i></p>	<p>26 9:15 am-Pickle Ball  <i>National Pretzel Day</i></p>	<p>27 <b>7 pm Fine Arts Concert Equinox Chamber Heritage Hall</b>   <i>National Arbor Day</i></p>
<p><b>National Pickleball Month</b> </p>	<p> </p>	<p><b>National Volunteer Appreciation Month</b> </p>	<p></p>



# Crafty Mania

## All day crafting!

Proceeds to benefit: Youth group & missions of the church!

Scrapbooking, card or jewelry making, sewing/knitting . . .  
whatever your craft, join us!

ATTENDANCE  
PRIZES!

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

9:00am-5:00pm

Cost: \$40.00

CRAFT  
VENDORS

Cost includes: Lunch, snacks, attendance prizes,  
and vendors in the afternoon.

Tickets for raffle items will also be available for purchase!

**Event Location:** St. Paul UCC  
115 West B Street (park & enter on C Street), Belleville, IL 62220

Register by sending in a check with your name,  
phone #, and email to:

St. Paul UCC, 115 W. B St., Belleville, IL, 62220

**SEATING IS ON A FIRST COME BASIS!**

Please call with questions: 618-222-1123

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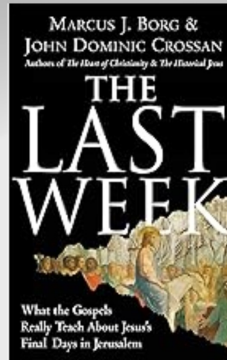
## ATTENTION SEEKERS:

We will be reading and discussing this book:

The Last Week by Marcus Borg and  
John Dominic Crossan.

It's a day-by-day account of Jesus's final  
week in Jerusalem. We have a couple of  
facilitators lined up.

**Tuesdays @ 10am - Genesis Room**



### Schedule of topics:

Feb 27 Palm Sunday

Mar 5 Monday

Mar 12 Tuesday

Mar 19 Thursday

Mar 26 Friday (we are  
omitting Saturday)

Apr 2 Easter Sunday

Apr 9 Wednesday

Apr 16 Marcus Borg video

"Did Jesus Rise from the  
Dead?" from Marcus Borg  
Foundation

St. Paul UCC, 115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220 ~ 618-233-3303

## St Paul Shufflers and Gamers

**2ND Tuesday of the month!**

Lunch @ 12:30pm - games being @ 1:00pm

It's time to eat and have some fun. Bring your favorite  
game or join in with others. It can be a card game or  
board game. Or you can just be a kibbitzer and become  
a part of the party.

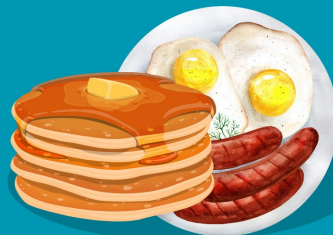
- **Who:** Members and friends are welcome to break  
bread and have fun and conversation.
- **Where:** Heritage Hall
- **When:** 12:30pm – until you're tired of having fun  
and conversation
- **What:** A light lunch of soup or salad will be  
provided. Bring your own beverage and  
anything else you want with your soup or  
salad; i.e. crackers, bread, butter.

Coffee can be provided.



## CULINAIRE'S BREAKFAST

Join us on the 3rd Sunday of the month  
immediately following  
Sunday Worship Service.



A free will offering is happily accepted

# FRIDAYS WITH THE FRIAR

Meet with Pastor Tim discuss theology & current events and enjoy a cup of coffee!

Every Friday from 10am to Noon!

@ Pour 322 in  
Belleville, Illinois!



# Youth

## JOY RALLY

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

2 TO 3PM: PRE-K & KINDERGARTEN

1ST-5TH GRADES

PLUS PARENT FELLOWSHIP TIME

4 TO 5:30PM:

6TH - 12TH GRADES

Hosted by St. Paul UCC Belleville

115 West B Street, Belleville

618.233.3303

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IT'S  
BACK!

## COFFEE TRUCK WEDNESDAYS

### HOT MESS EXPRESS AND ST. PAUL UCC



APRIL 3 AND APRIL 17  
FROM 7-10AM

ST. PAUL UCC

IN THE PARKING LOT ON THE CORNER  
OF 2ND STREET AND WEST C STREET

StPaulUCC.org



## MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

Please join us  
on the 3rd Tuesday of  
every month from 1-3pm  
in the craft room.

Please join us!



## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Thank you from St. Paul Church. We appreciate your generosity!  
**TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

### **IMO Marilee Black**

Kent Black

### **IMO Sue Reeble**

### **IMO Rick Reeble**

### **IMO Arthur Schmidt III**

### **IMO Art Schmidt IV**

Judy Schmidt

### **IMO Harold Yung**

Robert Yung

### **IMO Richard Fry**

Music Ministry—Fine Arts

### **IMO Elgee Phillips**

Dolly Kirsch

Gordon & Dorothy Maiworm

Donna Davis

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

Randall & Donna Trone

Diane Drake

Ruth Klingel

Jane Bonaldi

### **IHO Jeanette & Elgee Phillips**

Stephenie Bauza

Debra Price, Jan Wohlrab,

Wayne Bryant, & Joe Bryant

# ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

115 W. B Street

Belleville, IL

**Activity Center (Gym)**

(Across from Franklin School)

**INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!**



### **Bake Sale!**

*Donations of  
baked goods accepted!*

**VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED!**

**CONTACT SUSAN RELFE  
IF YOU CAN HELP!**

**SUSANRELF@OUTLOOK.COM**



**SALE  
DATES**

**Fri., April 12th**

**4-7pm &**

**Sat., April 13th**

**9am-12pm**

Donations are accepted **starting April 2nd** on  
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am-2pm only.

**Please call to schedule your drop off time!**

**618-233-3303**



Revenues	2024 Final Budget	2024 January Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
Congregational Offerings	378,200	20,031	20,031	5.30%
Stewardship (Fund Raising)Events	3,000	0	0	0.00%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	11,790	915	915	7.76%
Utilities - BASSC	6,600	444		
Building Fund	19,000	595	595	3.13%
Outreach / Various Missions	0	315	315	N/A
Memorials	12,500	150	150	1.20%
Bequests	0	0	0	N/A
Building Income	4,200	443	443	10.55%
Pastoral Honorarium	1,200	0	0	0.00%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	0	0	0	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	28,400	0	-	0.00%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	135,000	0	0	N/A
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	22,000	0	0	0.00%
Other Income	50	13	13	26.46%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>646,640</b>	<b>22,907</b>	<b>22,463</b>	<b>3.47%</b>
Team Revenues	3,900	239	239	6.12%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>650,540</b>	<b>23,145</b>	<b>22,701</b>	<b>3.49%</b>
Expenses				
Personnel	(381,018)	(27,845)	(27,845)	7.31%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(41,607)	(2,885)	(2,885)	6.93%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(13,500)	(78)	(78)	0.58%
Education	(2,500)	0	0	0.00%
Stewardship	(1,480)	(194)	(194)	13.11%
Property	(196,185)	(14,754)	(14,754)	7.52%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(14,250)	(142)	(142)	1.00%
General Fund	0	0	0	N/A
Total Operating Expense	<b>(650,540)</b>	<b>(45,898)</b>	<b>(45,898)</b>	7.06%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	<b>0</b>	<b>(22,752)</b>	<b>(23,196)</b>	

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

January 2024 9am 390 + Online

January 2023 9am: 415 + Online

January 2024 All Gifts: \$23,194.41

January 2023 All Gifts: \$56,380.61

*St. Paul United Church of Christ*  
*185th Anniversary Celebration*

**Thank you to all who attended, supported, volunteered  
for our celebration!  
It was truly a great day because of you!**

St. Paul UCC  
115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220  
StPaulUCC.org

**Check out the new  
information on our website!**

**Stpaulucc.org**

Your St. Paul website now features a segment on the windows of our current Sanctuary. Created by the Website Committee and Archives, all the beautiful panes are shown in color as well as black & white!

The message conveyed by their abstract design explains why we worship the Trinity. Read the artist's own words about his approach and discover the unique nature of his work.

The website storehouse of window information is extensive. Take your time, use the navigation tools, and enjoy the trip.

May this help expand your knowledge of the priceless artifacts of our third church.

If you are unable to go online, contact Archives for a copy.

**St. Paul UCC 115 W. B. St. Belleville, IL 62220  
618-233-3303**





# ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAYS



## **April Anniversaries**

4/3-Lonnie & Cindy Kettler

4/4-Tom & Kathy Birkner

4/14-Darwin & Mary Lu Bretsch

## **April Birthdays**

4/2-Melinda Bernal

4/4-Cheryl Cooper

4/7-Peggy Burke

4/8-Dennis Luehder

4/9-Pastor Michelle

4/12-Millie Wilson

4/14-Patrick Kinney

4/17-David Steen

4/17-Lisa Smith

4/18-Michael West

4/19-Sue Hoffmann

4/19-Duane Trickey

4/21-Rachel Dziaba

4/29-Dick Erdmann

4/29-Kevin Chunko

## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Marilyn Dinkelman

Debbie McIntyre,  
daughter of Arline  
Worms

Tim Ritter

Laura (Phillips) Howie

Alec Zaber

Hector Rivera

Betty Rieso

Linda Minton

Larry Walton

Wayne Caughman

Tim Ritter Jr., son of  
Sandy & Tim Ritter

Jerry Hough

Lou Ann Niemann

Cheryl Cooper

Debbie Price

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please send prayer requests to:

[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org) or call 618-233-3303.



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### Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship  
10am Coffee & Doughnuts  
Culinaire's' Breakfast 3rd Sunday of the month



Like us on Facebook  
*St Paul UCC, Belleville, Il*



Watch videos on YouTube:  
<https://www.youtube.com/>

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACBOOK -**

Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)**

-and you will find: videos of services, sermons, archives, and much more!!

3) **Listen to the radio! 690am**

9am Live Sundays & repeat at 9pm

4) **Sign up for the eNews (Newsletter)!**

**YOGA GOLD**  
**@ ST. PAUL**  
With Jessica

Every Monday @ 10:30 am  
and

the 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10:30 am



### Senior Pickle Ball

Mondays & Wednesdays  
@ 9-11am,

Fridays 9:15-11:15

**Beginners Wednesdays**  
**@ 11:30**

**St Paul UCC ACTIVITY CENTER**

For information call  
St. Clair County Office on Aging:  
618-234-4410 ext. 7034

