

“No matter who you are,  
No matter where you are  
on life’s journey,  
You are welcome here.”



# *Welcome to Worship*

*Welcome to St. Paul Church. We are glad you are here!*

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## *Pastor Gus Kuether's 55th Ordination Anniversary Celebration*

9:00 am Combined Worship in the Sanctuary  
...Fellowship & friends in Activities Center following service

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### Information for our friends...

#### **Weekly Sunday morning services ~**

Our **9am Traditional Service** is inspired with hymns and has Children's Church. Bring your children to attend service, after our Children's time, go for a lesson & kids can be picked up in the Welcome Center after service.

Next week try our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service** in our Heritage Hall.

The B Street Band is proud to share their contemporary Christian music and welcomes you to listen and sing along. *Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.*

**The Nursery is open during 9 am services**, and is the first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary. 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, please see your ushers if you have any questions.

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

**We want to know you!! Please sign the Pew Pad today.** If you are new to St. Paul, want your information updated or with us every week- let us know you are here!! 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 hospital to notify the church office. Also please notify the Church Office regarding hospitalized members of the St. Paul faith family. If you have a new addition to your family, if your address or phone changes, please contact the church office so we can keep our records current.

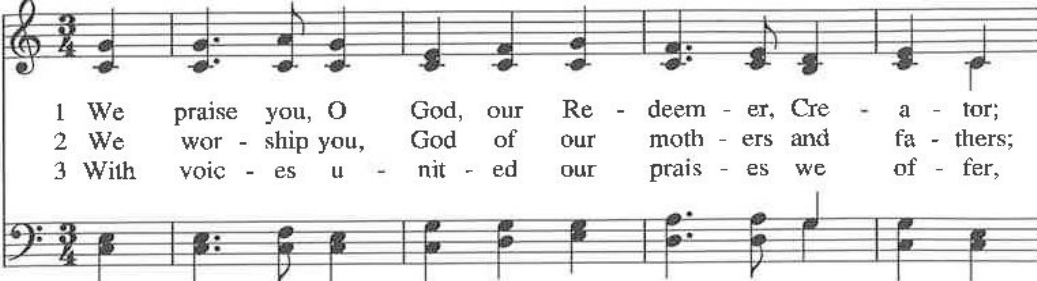
*Your phone call is crucial to our ministry!*

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## THANKSGIVING



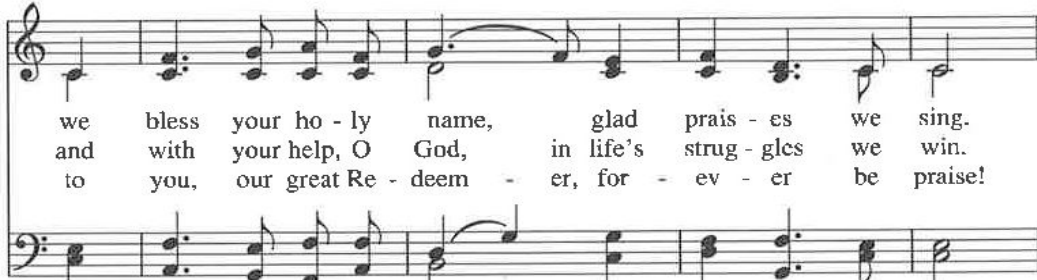
1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our moth - ers and fa - thers;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through life's storm and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our song of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you nev - er will for - sake us,  
Our sins now con - fess - ing, we pray for your bless - ing;



we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O God, in life's strug - gles we win.  
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

+LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Pam Nicholson

For the worship of God in prayers and praise, for the preaching of the Word, for the celebration of the holy sacraments,

**Offered by the long line of pastoral leaders of this congregation, we give thanks.**

For the comfort of those who mourn, for the help for those who are perplexed, for the guidance for those who seek strength,

**Offered by the long line of pastoral leaders of this congregation, we give thanks.**

For the support and nurture of families, for the guidance of children, for the calling of youth into the life of Christian service,

**Offered by the long line of pastoral and lay leaders of this congregation, we give thanks.**

For the opening of minds to your truth, for the care of the hungry and needy, for the giving of hope and courage,

**Offered by the long line of pastoral and lay leaders of this congregation, we give thanks.**

For the unity of all believers in Christ, for the carrying of the Gospel into all the world, for the furtherance of the unity of all people,

**Offered by the long line of pastoral and lay leaders of this congregation, we give thanks.**

For the consecration of life and service, in grateful remembrance of those who have gone before us, and in gratitude for our life together in this church,

**We give thanks to you for this church's past and pray for your continued blessing and guidance.**

ANTHEM

*God Is Here*  
Chancel Choir Ensemble

Green/Taylor, arr. Larson

RECOGNITION OF MINISTRY

Mimi Llamas & Susan Relfe

Our special guests today~

Mrs. Barb Eichenlaub-Cornell (Rev. Lorenz Louis Eichenlaub),

Mrs. Dottie Engelsdorfer (Dr. Rev. Marvin F. Engelsdorfer),  
Pastor Herb & Bennie Schafale,  
Pastor John & Shirley Trnka,  
Pastor Ann & Harry Wilson,  
Pastor Drew & Sandy Kramer,  
Pastor Bill & Cynthia Cummins,  
Greg & Renee Seaman,  
Mrs. Sue Kuether, and  
The family of Pastor Gus Kuether.

COMMON PRAYER AND 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**

MUSIC

*Aria*  
Scott Wilson, Saxophone

Eugene Bozza

SERMON

Psalm 138

INVITATION TO SHARING *What Gift Can We Bring* ANNIVERSARY SONG

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?  
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?  
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,  
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

OFFERTORY

*In Christ Alone*  
B Street Band

Keith Getty

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,  
Who planted and watered so that dreams could come true.  
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,  
for mission that bids us to turn prayer into deed.  
Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,

for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,  
The Word is our promise always, forever;  
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

+ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pam Nicholson

+INVITATION TO CELEBRATION

Mimi Llamas, President

+SENDING HYMN

*God, You Have Set Us*

National Hymn

God you have set us in this time and place,  
Called us as stewards of your love and grace.  
O keep us faithful, set our souls afire,  
And by your Spirit all our work inspire.

Let doors and hearts provide a welcome here.  
Let walls and voices ring with songs of cheer.  
Let truth be preached and justice rightly done.  
In Christ our Savior make us truly one.

Call youth and age into these halls for praise.  
Then send us out for service all our days,  
Your word of peace and challenge here made real  
Spurs us to act with energy and zeal.

So may the world become our neighborhood,  
Each wishing each the right, the true, the good.  
Word, font, and table calling us to be  
Bound up in Christ, in Christ set boldly free.

+BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

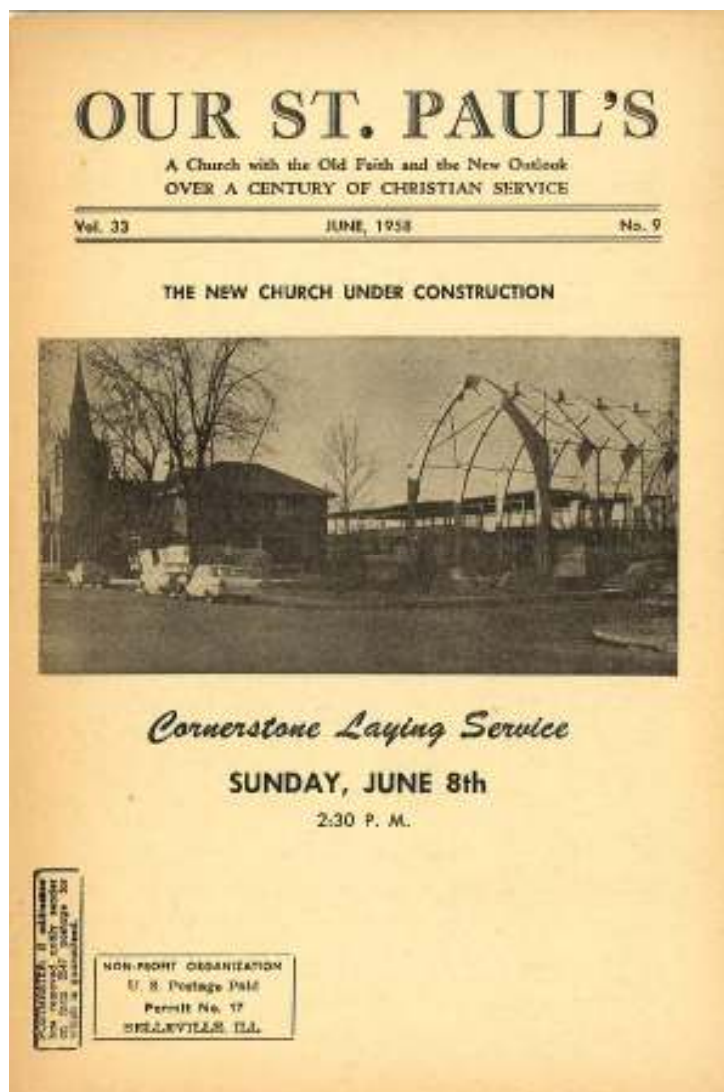
*Prelude and Fugue in C Major*

J.S. Bach

## 60 Years Ago This Week

A service to commemorate the laying of the Cornerstone to the new Sanctuary of St. Paul Church was on Sunday, June 8th, 1958. Below you can see what the bulletin and the OSP looked like for this special occasion. These and other memorabilia are located in the Welcome Center today for your viewing. If you would like to see the Cornerstone, it is located on the southwest corner of the building, near the playground.

Please notice the pictures on the screen of the laying of the Cornerstone, before & after service.







# NEWS & NOTES

June 10, 2018



## Special Guests at St. Paul

We are blessed to have special guests in our pulpit in coming weeks. Make sure to join us & welcome our guests!

June 10	9am Pastor Gus Kuether	Ministry Celebration
June 17	9am Craig Bielke	11am Greg Seaman

### The St. Paul Congregation Calls a New Pastor

Rev. Michelle L. Torigian is currently the pastor of St. Paul United Church of Christ, Old Blue Rock Road in Cincinnati, Ohio. Prior to ministry, Pastor Torigian worked in fundraising and marketing for nonprofits as her previous career. She graduated from Eden Theological Seminary in 2010, Fontbonne University in 1995 and is a graduate of Belleville West High School. Pastor Torigian is the author of a number of articles on the Huffington Post Religion page including "Between Childless and Childfree," a reflection for Mother's Day. Pastor Torigian has also written various pieces for the United Church of Christ including for the New Sacred blog, the worship service for General Synod in 2015, and the UCC Daily Devotional. Her essay "Always the Pastor, Never the Bride" was published in the book *There's a Woman in the Pulpit* and her essay "Worshiping in the Gaps: Developing Unique Worship Services" in the book *Sacred Habits: Rise of the Creative Clergy*. She has also written pieces for the 2017 book *A Child Laughs*. Pastor Torigian regularly posts her musings on current events, justice issues, pop culture, and theology at [www.michelleorigian.com](http://www.michelleorigian.com). Her first Sunday at St. Paul, Belleville is scheduled to be July 8, 2018.



## FATHER'S DAY HONOR ROLL

Please help the Gus Kuether Leadership Fund by remembering the special men in your life on Father's Day. Please fill in this sheet and return it along with your donation, and your listing will be on the Father's Day Honor Roll in the News & Notes on Father's Day. Please place information in the offering basket or bring to the church office by **Sunday, June 13**.



**Circle One:**                      In memory of                      In honor of  
 Father/ Special Men's Name \_-  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name / From \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Introducing the Pastor Gus Kuether Leadership Development Fund

The Pastor Gus Kuether Leadership Fund will be to encourage members of the congregation to take classes, seminars, workshops which will enhance the mission and ministries of St. Paul UCC.

For any of you who would be so inclined to make a donation of any kind, please make any checks to St. Paul UCC with a notation that it go to this fund.

We are in the process of setting all the parameters of the fund so expect to be hearing more about it in the very near future.

### Thanks to the congregation, Pastor Herb, and especially “With You”.

Some of you may and some may not know that I spent the last 9 days of May in Memorial Hospital. Being in the hospital is not a thing that anyone looks forward to and I was no exception. But the stay was related to problems derived from my aggressive Prostate Cancer.

There are events that help to make the stay tolerable. One is visit by family and Helen our son Bill were regular visitors and I looked forward to each visit as the visit brought me a little bit of healing. Frequently when I was feeling down I would ask Helen to come; that always helped. Another visit that really helped are those by Rev. Herb Schafale. He does a great job of connecting you with St. Paul. My gratitude to those who sent me cards. When I received a card, I knew that those individuals were thinking of me.

There was another visit that was equally as important as the family visit and it was visits by members of *With You*. We, in this congregation, are all part of the wider church of Jesus Christ. The church is about people and relationship and caring. Why belong to a church that doesn't care about you – that would not be a Christian church.

I knew from the *With You* visits that the St. Paul congregation cared about me. *With You* is certainly the most important ministry of St. Paul. In the times of crisis that result in a hospital stay it is important to know that the Church of Jesus Christ cares.

I would love to be part of the *With You* team, but my cancer has taken such a toll on me that I am physically unable to participate. But you can – give serious thought to becoming a member of *With You*. You will be greatly rewarded.

Thank You, Bill Whicher.

### 2018 Adult Mission Trip

23 people from St. Paul, Christ UCC Dupon, and two Collinsville churches participated in this year's adult mission trip the week of May 14 – 18 at Camp DuBois. The group was divided into the following project teams:

•Office siding – the team removed the old siding from the longest side of the office and garage, repaired the garage foundation, rebuilt the garage wall, and installed new siding

\*Boat dock – the team built a new U-shaped boat dock, floated the dock to its final location, and anchored the dock in place

\*Beach house – the team built 5 changing stalls with doors on the boy's side and another 5 stalls on the girl's side

\*Rustic cabins – the team modified the existing roof trusses in order to raise the ceiling fans, added some outlets, and updated the wiring in 10 cabins

\*Painting – the team painted the interior and exterior of the beach house, primed and painted the new office siding, prepared and painted the iron railing on the lower level of Oak Lodge, and some benches

The team has not decided where to go for next year's trip, but the team expects to do something outside of our local area. Please contact Roger Harris ([roger.harris@bankofamerica.com](mailto:roger.harris@bankofamerica.com)) if you want to be added to the mailing list for the 2019 Adult Mission Trip.

## SAVE THESE DATES!!

**JULY 29 3 PM – 4:30 PM**  
Region 9 Gathering/Music & Ice Cream Social  
 Great Entertainment and Fellowship  
 The B Street Band will be performing for  
 a gathering of Illinois South Conference  
 Region 9 churches on July 29. The  
 concert will begin at 3:00 with an ice  
 cream social to follow at 3:30 in the fel-  
 lowship hall of the church.  
 Free-will offering  
 St. John UCC in Fairview Heights  
 10207 Lincoln Trail, Fairview Hts



## CARDINAL BASEBALL!!

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
**6:15 P.M. GAME**  
**CARDINALS VS. GIANTS**  
**TICKETS ARE \$20 Per Person**  
**AND GO ON SALE FIRST SUNDAY OF**  
**AUGUST**  
**(This is a fundraiser for St. Paul!!)**  
**THE GIVE AWAY THAT DAY IS A**  
**CARDINAL SWEATSHIRT**  
**FOR THOSE 16 & OLDER**  
**STAY TUNED FOR INFORMATION!**

Women's Guild - June 19, 2018

Can you believe - it's Summertime - and -  
 time for America's favorite - picnic time! It  
 has been an annual tradition for the  
 Women's Guild to celebrate the end of their  
 business for the summer -  
 with an indoor picnic - with no ants!  
 All the ladies of the church are invited! Just  
 bring a side-dish (vegetable or a salad).  
 The Guild is furnishing the fried chicken  
 (yum) and the dessert (double yum).  
 So - just it on your calendar - June 19, at  
 6:30 pm, and be prepared to have fun -  
 complete with bingo!

Offering for 05/27/2018 -	\$3,538	<b>General Fund</b>	Needed each week	\$12,912
Giving to...	██████████	\$252,263		
Budget to...	██████████	\$271,152		
Total Budget	██████████	\$671,441		

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**SEMINAR ON PRE-PLANNING**  
**BURIAL & CREMATION**  
**JUNE 19, 2018**  
**HERITAGE HALL 11:30am -1:30pm**  
**LUNCH PROVIDED FROM ROY-EL CATERING**  
**PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN JUNE 17, 2018**  
**TO: LAURIE ANDERSON**  
**910-8629 OR 233-7200**

**— This week at — St. Paul UCC**

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

Sunday School today will be after the Recognition of Ministry—please send kids with Tyler and pick them up in the Welcome Center after service.

- Sun, June 10      **9am Special Combined Service**
- Mon, June 11      10am exercise  
6pm Mission Bd
- Tues, June 12      9am Quilters  
5pm Comm Dinner  
7pm Shufflers
- Wed, June 13      9:30 Baby Class— HH Band
- Thurs, June 14    6pm Board Meetings  
6pm Ecuador Mtg

<b>Weekly Attendance</b>		
9am / Celebration	<u>May 27, 2018</u>	<u>May 28, 2017</u>
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***For Our Prayers***

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Marilee Black - Amy Drake – Marsha McCoy

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***For Our Thoughts***

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Infuse your life with action. Don't wait for it to happen.  
Make it happen. Make your own future. Make your own hope.  
Make your own love. And whatever your beliefs, honor your  
creator, not by passively waiting for grace to come down from  
upon high, but by doing what you can to make grace happen...  
yourself, right now, right down here on Earth.

*Bradley Whitford*

What you do today can improve all your tomorrows.

*Ralph Marston*

Things do not happen. Things are made to happen.

*John F. Kennedy*