

Look at the world  
from a different angle



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“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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9:00 am Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

11:00 am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

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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.

Try our relaxed family-friendly **11am Celebration Service**.

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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# *St. Paul United Church of Christ*

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

August 5, 2018 9:00 am

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*He is There!*  
Lisa Hudnall, soloist

Mary Kay Beall

## CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the house in which stories are told.

**Many: This is the space where we remember.**

One: Through writings and voices we share the adventures of ancestors.

**Many: This is the space where we remember.**

One: The Spirit of God opens our souls to wisdom.

**Many: This is the space where we remember.**

One: May we use our senses to absorb the stories.

**Many: This is the space where we remember.**

## INVOCATION (Unison)

**God of all directions, you nudge us to turn our heads. You encourage us to peer at the world from other angles. May this place be one in which we approach sacred adventures from another perspective. Amen.**

## +OPENING HYMN #285

*Just As I Am, Without One Plea*

## +PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: Dynamic God, you free us from cemented perspectives. Our minds are frozen in unhealthy ways. Such thoughts divide us from you, God, as well as our neighbors.

**All: God, through you we are released from stagnation. We are able to understand our growing edges, turn around, and find grace. For all of this, we give our gratitude. Amen.**

## +ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: We no longer need to be glued to views that hurt us and our neighbors. Through the grace of God, there is renewal in our hearts and minds.

Let us start by sharing the peace of Christ with one another.

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Many: And also with you.**

One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT with Pastor Michelle

SOLO

*Amazing Grace*  
Lisa Hudnall, soloist

arr. Diane Bish

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26-7, 12:1-15a

SERMON

A Different Angle  
Rev. Michelle Torigian

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE with 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.**

RECEIVING OUR MORNING GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

One: Time, talents, and treasures flow freely from God. May we embrace this abundance of gifts as we share during this time of offering.

OFFERTORY

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

arr. Ron Schmoltze

+**DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know

Praise Spirit, with us evermore

**One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

**+UNISON PRAYER of DEDICATION**

**Fountain of Blessings, for the gifts in our minds, hearts, and hands, we give thanks. Surround these abundant blessings with your love and guidance. God of plentitude, share your wisdom with us so that we can utilize all gifts to build your Kin-dom. Amen.**

**+HYMN #332**

*As We Gather at Your Table*



1. As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your  
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of  
3. Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that



word, help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be  
life; send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is  
feast where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our  
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for -  
least. There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de -



own; teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
gave; may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
stroy, as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

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## SERVICE OF COMMUNION

### Invitation

One: This is the joyful feast remembering the life and ministry of Jesus.

**Many: Each of us has travelled our own road to gather together around this table. We come seeking communion with God and with each other.**

One: This table is open to all who wish to know God more deeply, to live in love and faithfulness as Jesus did and to share in the community of God's people.

### Prayer of Communion

One: Holy One, You know and love each of us completely. We gather here to share this food and drink and in doing so remember the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

May our sharing and building up of one another empower us to live boldly and to speak out against in justice and oppression. We pray for the strength to resist the evils of our time, evils which divide us from each other.

Help us to stand for what is life-giving even at the risk of suffering for our beliefs and actions as Jesus did. Give us courage to love others as you love us especially when loving others comes with a price. We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst. We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice. Through your Holy Spirit, bless this bread and cup. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table, that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the Christ in our midst. Bless those who do not eat with us here now but still remain part of the extended table. Gracious God, we thank you for your goodness and your constant presence with us as we remember Jesus in whose name we pray. Amen.

One: On the night of the Passover, Jesus asked for his friends to meet in a room-a room away from the chaos of the outside world to celebrate friendship, share concerns, rest with friends, and build the body and soul. The bread was blessed and broken by Jesus who shared the bread with his friends. Those present were thankful for the time and space of the feast.

**All: We eat this bread in remembrance of the celebration between Jesus and his friends and the life-changing love of Christ.**

One: At the wedding at Cana, as the wine vats ran dry, Mary knew the value of hospitality. The tables were to be filled, and the cups overflowing. Jesus blessed the vats filled with water, turning them into wine. The best refreshment was enjoyed by all.

**All: We drink from our cups to celebrate the presence of Christ with those he loves. As we partake, we remember the new covenant.**

One: As many were fed by the words of Jesus, they hungered for food. The loaves and fish were blessed and shared by Jesus, and thousands were fed!

**All: We eat this meal in the presence of Christ knowing that we must go forward with courage, feeding others with foods that sustain the souls and bodies of those who hunger.**

One: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

#### **Distribution of Elements**

*Christ welcomes to the table all who seek his presence. The outer circle of cups contains grape juice. The two inner circles contain wine. Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served, so we may commune together.*

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

**Generous God, Thank you for being refreshed at this meal that we have shared together. Through Scriptures and this meal, we have been reminded of the importance of staying closely connected with You in spirit and with others in community. Now send us out refreshed, renewed and ready to proclaim and embody your love for all people as Jesus did. Amen.**



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**+HYMN**

*This Is the Day of New Beginnings*

*Unison*

1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
\* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and  
mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
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bring - ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone. 1-3 4  
dif - ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
griev - ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
gin - nings — our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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**+BENEDICTION**

One: May the stories of old bring us closer to God and the tales from today to our neighbor. May the power of these narratives nudge our spirit into new territory - full of love, full of hope, full of peace.

**All: Amen!**

**+POSTLUDE**

*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

arr. Mark Sedio

Worship service written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Communion written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian and Julie Watson





# NEWS & NOTES

Aug 5, 2018

**Summer  
Youth  
Musical**



presents

# Annie Jr.

<b>Friday</b> <b>Aug 10</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Aug 11</b> <b>7pm</b>	<b>Sunday</b> <b>Aug 12</b> <b>2pm</b>
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**No Admission Cost - bring the family!**  
*Free Will Offering*

**St. Paul UCC**  
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**Director Tyler Kohrs**

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## Blessing of the Backpacks

On Sunday, August 12, 2018 anyone (child or adult) attending school who would like to start their school year off "blessed", bring your backpacks for the "Blessing of the Backpacks" done by our very own, Pastor Michelle.

## Franklin School School Supplies Drive

Help bring joy & support to the Franklin School for their 2018-19 Academic Year  
Supplies Needed:

Pencils, Markers, Notebooks, Erasers  
Notebook Paper, Scissors, Rulers  
Folders, Crayons, Germ-X  
Kleenex/Tissues, Dry Erase Markers  
Copy Paper, Glue, Glue Sticks

**Please place in basket in Welcome center on Aug 12th !!!! Or bring to church office!!**



PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS FOR OUR  
ST. PAUL NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM

**CARDINAL BASEBALL!!**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
**CARDINALS VS. GIANTS**

**6:15 pm game**



Tickets go on sale Sunday, August 5  
in the Welcome Center/Activity Center or from the Church Office on weekdays.  
\$20 per person (no children's ticket price) Seats are in the Left Field Pavilion Section 371

We'll have a panoramic view of the entire field!

The give away that evening is a Cardinal sweatshirt for those 16 and older.

This is a fundraiser for St. Paul and our goal is to sell 300 tickets – so invite friends, family – everyone you know who's a baseball fan – even if they root for the Giants! **If we reach our goal, 4 lucky ticket holders will win a pregame field visit to watch batting practice, we'll get a group photo, group recognition on the scoreboard during the game and, if available, sing God Bless America or Take Me Out to the Ballgame.** Plus, we'll be earning \$\$ for St. Paul while having a great evening of fun and fellowship! You just can't miss this event!!

Here are a few tips that might be helpful:

- \*Only soft-sided coolers no larger than 16"x16"x8" are allowed in the stadium
- \*No backpacks are allowed, unless it's a diaper bag
- \*Factory sealed soda, water in clear plastic bottles, no larger than 2 liters, are allowed
- \*No alcohol or non-alcoholic beer is allowed \*Empty cups, mugs or plastic bottles are allowed
- \*No aluminum containers, glass bottles, metal cans or thermoses are allowed
- \*Food items are allowed but must fit in a bag no bigger than 16"x16"x8"

Redbird Express Information:

- \*Cost for round trip (cash only) adults \$5; ages 2 – 12 \$2; under 2 free
- \*Buses leave (about every 5 – 8 minutes) beginning 2 ½ hours before game time from the water tower at St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights and *if we know that we'll have more than 25 riders, we might be able to get our own bus*
- \*Drop off is at the corner of Clark & Broadway near Gates 5 & 6
- \*The last bus leaves stadium -Clark Street between Broadway & 4<sup>th</sup>, 45 minutes after game ends

Let's make this a super success & start off our new church year with a home run!!

Brought to you by your St. Paul Stewardship Board



**Kurt Fest** The Mueller Family will honor the memory of Kurt Jacob Mueller, our son and brother at a Free Outdoor Concert featuring *the Harris Brothers* Thurs, Aug 16 6pm-9pm at the Belleville Mini Park (between Wine Tap & Tavern on Main) 227 East Main St  
*Come for friendship! Celebrate Life!  
The music will be great!*

**Mingles & Singles Celebrate  
Summer Party at Al & Nancy Scharf's Farm  
8132 State Rt. 163, Millstadt Saturday, August 25  
Fun begins at 6:30pm  
1st annual 'Scharf Olympics' games, Live band,  
hang out with Pastor Michelle, and much more!!**

YOU are needed on the St. Paul UCC Team to help raise money for the cure to end Alzheimer's. Join us on Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for the Walk to End Alzheimer's at SWIC. To register for the St. Paul UCC Team, go online to "Walk To End Alzheimer's, Belleville" OR Contact Susan Relfe at susanrelfe@att.net or 234-2176



Join Andy Jensen and the **No-Name Chorale** for **The Song Within**, a FREE concert presented at 3:00pm on Sunday, August 12 at Union United Methodist Church, 721 E. Main St. in Belleville. This marks the chorale's 5th annual summer project and will feature 50+ singers from the greater St. Louis area and a variety of music celebrating hope. A free-will offering will be taken to support the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, a network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We sincerely hope you'll join us for another experience worth sharing!

### **Worship Service Volunteers Appreciation Day**

The Worship Board will host our annual "Thank You" for our worship service volunteers on **Sunday, August 19**. If you usher, run the radio room, sound systems, worked in the control room, read during a service or shook a hand as a greeter, lit a candle .... *join us!!* We will meet after the 9am service in the Activities Center to enjoy a light lunch together! *All who have helped in making our worship services wonderful are encouraged to attend!*

### **Worship Service Volunteers Training Day**

All worship service volunteers are encouraged to attend a volunteer training on **Sunday, August 26**. If you usher, run the radio room, sound systems, worked in the control room, read during a service or shook a hand as a greeter, lit a candle... *join us!!* We will meet in the sanctuary after the 9am service. *We will be learning more about how to have a safe and caring church environment.* Questions—please call church office.

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## For Our Prayers

Darwin Bretsch - Karen Boeschen - Amy Drake - Mike Foppe  
 The family of Richard 'Dick' Goers - Ruth Grandcolas  
 Marsha McCoy - Kamden Newman - Ruth Mabray - Geneva Rehg- Bill Whicher

## For Our Thoughts

I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination. *Jimmy Dean*  
 Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship. *Buddha*  
 Change your thoughts and you change your world. *Norman Vincent Peale*

— This week at — St. Paul UCC

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

<u>Sun, Aug 5</u>	<b>9am Traditional Serv</b> <b>11am Celebration Serv</b>
<u>Mon, Aug 6</u>	10am exercise 6pm NAMI- Gen Rm 6pm SYM-TECH WEEK
<u>Tues, Aug 7</u>	9am Quilters 1pm Comm Dinner Food Prep 5pm Comm Dinner 6pm SYM-TECH WEEK
<u>Wed, Aug 8</u>	9:30am Baby Class-HH 6pm SYM-TECH WEEK Band
<u>Thurs, Aug 9</u>	6pm SYM-TECH WEEK 6pm Board Meetings 6pm SYM-TECH WEEK
<u>Fri, Aug 10</u>	9:30 S&N Mtg -Upper Rm <b>7pm ANNIE</b>
<u>Sat, Aug 11</u>	<b>7pm ANNIE</b>
<u>Sun, Aug 12</u>	<b>9am SPECIAL ANNIE SERV</b> <b>2pm ANNIE</b>

## For Your Information!

- Craftymania**  
 Sept 22nd - sign up now!  
 Sign up Sheets on bulletin board or [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)!
- Men's Breakfast Group**  
 Meet Wednesday morning about 7am at Swansea Family Restaurant at 4425 West Main, Bville
- Genealogy Class**  
 Learn more about you!  
 Genealogy class will be Aug 15th at 10am
- Golfers**  
 Meet at 1:30 & 3:45 at the Orchards. Everyone welcome!
- Babies Fun Stories and More**  
 2nd & 4th Weds at 9:30am  
 Fun for babies & toddlers

Weekly Attendance		
9am / Celebration	July 22, 2018	July 23, 2017
	141/23	177/Single Serv

Offering for 07/22/2018 - \$37,265		General Fund		Needed each week \$12,912	
Giving to .....	_____	\$366,157			
Budget to .....	_____	\$374,448			
Total Budget	_____	\$671,441			