

"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!

 Pastor Herb's Celebration
 9 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary Communion Sunday
 11am Celebration Service in Heritage Hall

Information for our friends ~

Our 9am Traditional Service is inspired with hymns, scripture and a theological based sermon. And our 11am Celebration Service has a relaxed family-friendly message with contemporary Christian music. Please feel free to try one or both styles of worship.
The Nursery is open during 9 am service (first classroom in the hallway off the sanctuary) If the small person gets wiggly, there are toys & books to enjoy.
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. 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.

LEADING THIS TIME OF WORSHIP

Lay Reader		Jan Friedrich
Nursery Room	Sandy Frerking a	nd Bobbi Frerking
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Sound / Control Room	Rick Haar and	Tina LakeHopper
	Dana Rosenzweig, Beverly Brigh	
Ca	rly, Leslie & Megan Dahm, Tammy and Amber F	lack, Carol Simon
Welcome CenterScott	t Gentry, Jeanine Guthrie, Rose Hoy, Sandy Kram	er,Debbie Lippert
Director of Christian Education	/ Sunday School Teacher	Tyler Kohrs
Music Ministry	·	Chancel Choir
Director of Music Ministry		Dan Frv

St. Paul United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 3, 2019 9:00 am

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Robert Lind

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: In this place, we seek the presence of God.
- All: In this space, we yearn to discover companionship from the Divine.
- One: In our lives, we cast our hopes upon an all-loving God
- All: Knowing that our Creator dreams with us.
- One: Throughout each season, our Divine Partner of Endurance sustains us
- All: Giving us the strength, the patience, and the desire to live into our callings.

INVOCATION

- One: Spirit of Love, as you hover above us, dance below us, encircle us, and energize us, our souls find transformation. No longer do we believe that we are on our own; we belong to you. We are not without companions; we have the love of neighbor sustaining us.
- All: In this season of hearts and flowers, open us to new ways of showering love in our world. With gratitude, we celebrate the love of our neighbors when we hurt. With thanksgiving, we celebrate your steadfast love. Allow us to share this love and light with all who ache and all who are lonely. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
1 Joy-ful, joy - ful, we a - dore you, God of glo - ry, God of love; 2 All your works with joy sur-round you, earth and heaven re - flect your rays, 3 You are giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blessed, 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;
Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore you, open-ing to the sun a - bove. Stars and an - gels sing a - round you, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest! Bound-less love is reign - ing o'er us, re - con - cil - ing race and clan.
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the storms of doubt a - way; Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea, Lov - ing Spir - it, Fa - ther, Moth - er, all who love be - long to you; Ev - er sing - ing, move we for - ward, faith - ful in the midst of strife,
Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day. Chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, teach us what our praise should be. Teach us how to love each oth - er, by that love our joy re - new. Joy - ful mu - sic leads us on - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

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+UNISON PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION

One: We often refuse to read the world through your Divine Lens, God. We prefer to find a complete picture of the world through our own scratched, muddied monocle instead of your loving glasses. When we choose our own angles, we act out of a partial picture. We refuse to embrace God's detailed depiction of the world and God's people.

All: We prefer to gaze at your people through our preconceived notions instead of the spotless spectacles that God offers to us. However we see the world, may we attempt to see others' lives through the perspective of God. May God's steadfast love transform our hearts and reawaken our souls. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GRACE

One: Our Divine Partner of Endurance weathers the storms with us and warms our hearts made bitter by hatred. Let us celebrate that God is always traveling with us, sharing grace and love along the way. Amen!

All: Amen! Thanks be to God!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you. One: Let us share a sign of the peace with one another.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM

An Expression of Gratitude David Schwoebel In honor of Pastor Herb Schafale's life in ministry Chancel Choir

Lyrics to An Expression of Gratitude I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. Always with joy in ev'ry prayer for you.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you. In ev'ry prayer with joy, I thank my God. I thank my God for your fellowship in the gospel, from the very first day 'til now.

I thank my God for you. And I am sure that he, who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion at the day of Christ.

And this I pray, that your love may abound more and more, Abound in knowledge, in judgment, that you may approve what is excellent to the glory of God. That you may be pure and blameless, filled with the fruits of righteousness which comes through Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1: 3-6; 9-11)

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13

SERMON Life After Hallmark Movies

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: God is generous, pouring out the gifts of grace and love. We respond with our renewed commitment to God's vision and by giving our offerings to the ministries of God's church. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY	Sheep May Safely Graze	J.S. Bach
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+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 DEDICATION PRAYER

Divine Partner of Endurance, we bless this offering as people who have received your gifts of grace and hope. We return to you a portion of the abundance you have given to us. We dedicate all that we give, to your loving purposes: bringing in those who have been cast out; standing strong on behalf of those who are weak; speaking out with your Word of joy and justice for all people. May your loving realm increase! In Jesus' name: Amen.

COMMUNION

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

One: Ecclesiastes tells us that there is a season for everything.

Seasons for planting and reaping

Seasons for mourning and dancing

Seasons for losing and seeking.

Today, at this table, we embrace the intersection of two seasons:

The season of welcoming and the season of bidding farewell. We welcome new faces to the table of Christ knowing that all are welcome to this time and space as Jesus the Christ crafted a table set for all.

This table also represents a time of farewell-of the departure of faces from this space. Yet as we reach for the bread and cup, even with droplets of sadness in our hearts, we understand that the table forever unites us for eternity.

May the Spirit of God surround these elements as the Spirit surrounds us in our seasons of change. May the Spirit guide us in our ministries and service. May the Spirit bless us as we mourn and dance, lose and seek, plant and reap.

On the night before Jesus' departure, Jesus gathered his friends one last time for a meal like no other. As he took the bread he blessed and broke it.

"Remember me" he said and passed the loaf to his friends.

On the night before Jesus' departure, as the friends gathered one last time for this meal which extends beyond time and space, Jesus took a cup filled with the fruit of the vine. "Remember me" he said and passed the cup to his friends.

A first meal. A last meal. A meal like no other. This gift from the Christ connects us for eternity. And through our time together today we are forever part of this Table. Today we will receive the bread and wine by INTINCTION. Please come forward by the center aisle; take a piece of bread, dip it into either the wine (labeled with the purple ribbon) or white grape juice (labeled with a white ribbon). You may consume both elements while returning to your pew by the outer aisles.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, your love crafted the table at which we feasted today. Your love connects us whether we are nearby or miles apart. Through your love, we grow closer to you and our neighbor. May the bread and cup refresh our souls and renew our relationships, and may we know that we are part of this table for eternity. Amen.

LITURGY OF PASTORAL DEPARTURE, BLESSING FOR, AND RECOGNITION OF REV. DR. HERB SCHAFALE

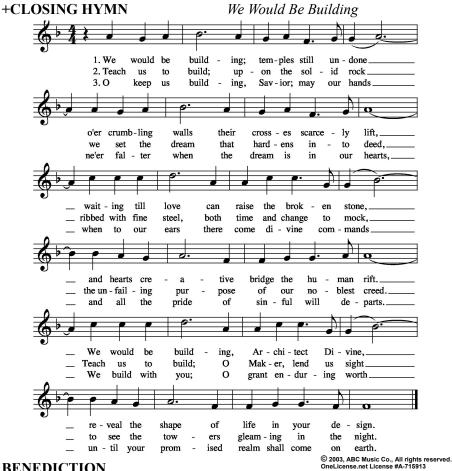


All St. Paul United Church of Christ services may be recorded.

Call to Worship, Invocation, Prayer of Reconciliation, Assurance of Grace, Communion Liturgy, and Prayer of Thanksgiving written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian

Call to Offering, Prayer of Dedication, and Benediction from "Chosen as Witnesses": Service Prayers for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany written by John A. Nelson.

Liturgy of Pastoral Departure and Blessing from friends in the United Church of Christ



BENEDICTION

One: May God bless you and keep you; may God's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; may God look upon you with favor and grant you wholeness, harmony, hope: shalom, now and always. All: Amen!

+POSTLUDE Glory to God, We Give You Thanks J. Wayne Kerr

A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF PASTOR HERBERT M. SCHAFALE AND 60 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Born on April 2, 1934 in Marion, Illinois to Oscar and Marie (Mysch) Schafale, Herbert Michael was the 4^{th} of 5 children. He was baptized in the German language with his cousin Kay by their grandfather, Rev. C. A. Mysch, in his uncle's home in Decatur, Illinois. The Schafale family was very active in Zion E. & R. Church (later the United Church of Christ) where Herb was confirmed in 1948. Herb attended Marion public schools, graduating from Marion Township High School in 1952. At age 11, following the visit of an international missionary who stayed in the Schafale home, Herb felt a clear call from God to be a missionary abroad. Very shortly, his hero became Albert Schweitzer, a German missionary doctor to western Africa.

Following Herb's first year in high school, he met Benaleen (Bennie) Grohman of Pinckneyville, IL at the UCC-related Dixon Springs church camp. There followed almost 7 years of letter writing (1,255 letters altogether), ups and downs in their always-at-adistance relationship, and a lot of maturing before they married on June 10, 1956 in Pinckneyville. Herb attended UCC-related Catawba College in Salisbury, NC for 2 years and then UCC-related Fisk University in Nashville, TN for 2 years majoring in philosophyreligion and from which he graduated in 1956 with honors. Bennie attended and graduated from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL majoring in elementary education and from which she graduated in 1956.

God re-cycled Herb's call to ministry from missionary work abroad to inner-city ministry to local church ministry over 14 years of preparatory schooling, but his call remained firm and devoted. As Herb received his 3 years of basic theological training at Eden Seminary in Webster Groves, MO, Bennie taught elementary school in Webster Groves. During this time their first child, Michael Paul, was born in 1958, followed by Mark Andrew in 1960, Connie Beth in 1961 and Carla Marie in 1965. Herb's graduation from Eden Seminary took place in May 1959, followed by his June 7, 1959 ordination to the Christian ministry in Zion UCC, Marion, IL. His first call was from the Board for National Missions to establish a new congregation in Cahokia, IL. These were good church -growing years, so a church site was purchased and the church building built and dedicated. When Herb received a call in 1965 to pastor 650-members St. Paul's UCC in Freeburg, IL, Bethel Church numbered some 240 members. During these years and following, he was active in directing and counseling at summer church camps in southern Illinois and serving on Conference committees.

His 15¹/₂ year pastorate in Freeburg was steady and rewarding with faithful activity in all aspects of local church life and ministry. During this time the 4 Schafale children were confirmed at St. Paul's Church and attended Freeburg schools, with 3 graduating before heading off to college. Herb worked part-time on his Doctorate of Ministry degree at Eden Seminary and completed it in 1978. Carla, their youngest child, graduated from Mehlville

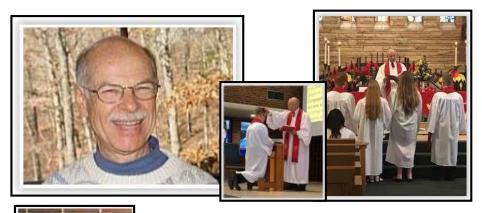
High School after the Schafales moved to St. Johns Evangelical UCC, Mehlville, MO in November of 1980. Here Herb served as Senior Pastor, heading a sizable staff in this church of 2,270 members. Bennie continued to teach elementary grades during these years and the Schafale children all graduated from college. During these years Herb and Bennie attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and eventually became a presenting clergy couple for UCC Marriage Encounter. Most aspects of St. Johns' church life were encouraging and good during Herb's pastorate, but the very heavy load of pastoral duties and complicated problematic issues arose and he resigned at the end of 1985.

Herb's fourth pastorate was at 680-members Bethel UCC in Freelandville, IN, the largest rural congregation in the UCC, with close family ties, where he served 13 productive and gratifying years. All four of the Schafale children married and 11 grandchildren gradually came into the family. Herb and Bennie continued to periodically present Marriage Encounter Weekends from coast to coast, ending with 50 weekends presented over 25 years. Here too Herb was active in UCC Conference activities and attended General Synod of the UCC several times. With 40 years of full-time local church ministry behind him, Herb retired on April 18, 1999 with the Schafales moving to their first owned house south of Belleville and re-joining St. Paul's UCC in Freeburg, IL.

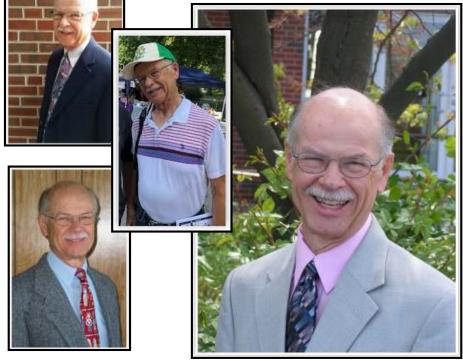
In October of 1999, Senior Pastor Ann Wilson proposed that Herb consider coming to St. Paul UCC, Belleville, IL as part-time Minister of Visitation. In time, he accepted this continuation of ministry, starting on February 1, 2000. Over these 19 years Herb has visited hundreds of shut-ins, many for several years as their health declined, made many hospital visits, conducted funeral services and occasionally preached in St. Paul's sanctuary. He found that affirming each person's specialness in the eyes of God, listening to small and large individual concerns, and establishing deep and enriching relationships with many of these folks was deeply satisfying. During these years, Herb has served three sabbaticals while other pastors were away, filled in with some other ministerial tasks, including conducting the Rite of Confirmation service on Pentecost of 2018, and generally being "on call" for unusual situations where a pastor was needed. And too, the Schafale family expanded as 12 great-grandchildren joined the family to date. With his gradually declining eyesight and nearing the age of 85, Herb decided to fully retire after serving 19 faithful years with St. Paul Church, effective January 31, 2019.

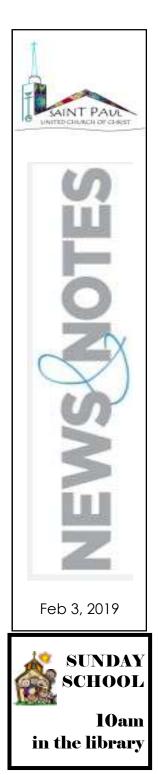
Some pertinent numbers of key pastoral ministries might be appropriate. In nearly 60 years of ordained pastoral ministry in the United Church of Christ, I have officiated at: 891 baptisms, 1,035 confirmations, 721 weddings, 761 funerals, and 1,646 new members received.

Throughout every day of my years of active ministry, I have felt God's inspiration, support and guidance. In good times and difficult moments, I have always trusted our loving God to lead me. My call to ministry from God was clear-cut and genuine, and never have I regretted answering God's call to minister in Jesus' name. May God inspire, support and guide each of us now and in the years ahead. *Pastor Herb Schafale*



Thank You Pastor Herb





Join us on Sunday, Feb 10th 9am Worship Service 10: 15am Meeting



Retirement Celebration

Pastor Herb Schafale's

Join us in celebrating Pastor Herb's 19 years as St. Paul UCC's Visiting Pastor &

60 Years of Ordained Ministry

Sunday, February 3, 2019 9am Special Worship Service Punch & Cake reception following service at St. Paul United Church of Christ 115 West B Street, Belleville stpaulucc.org

Your presence is your gift.



St. Paul Mother's Day Out Program will begin enrolling children for the 2019-2020 school year throughout the month of February. Openings are available for children 2-5 years of age. Člasses meet various days/week Monday through Friday from 9:40-1:00. Priority registration for currently enrolled families will begin February 1st Church members (who are not currently enrolled) will have priority registration beginning February 15th. Our Open House and open registration will be held Sunday, February 24th from 12:00-2:00 in the Activity Center. Church members...take advantage of your week of priority registration (Feb. 15-22) before the registration fee increases on Feb 24! If you are interested in enrolling your child please call Jeana Smith at 355-1058.

VALENTINE DINNER THEATER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Treat your Valentine to our very first St. Paul Fine Arts dinner theater on Saturday, February 9. Our Culinaire's will be serving dinner at 6:30 p.m. as the mystery begins to evolve. Tickets are available for purchase Sundays in the Welcome & Activity Centers and through February 4 from the church office. The cost of the dinner is \$18. Sweet Treat booths will also be

offering goodies for purchase. This promises to be an intriguing evening of delicious food and "whodunit" fun!

GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!!

St. Paul UCC Christian Education Board is helping our youth begin a service project. The youth will be participating with and working on small projects with Region 9 for Kinder Cottage. Some items are needed to help with this project. The item are:

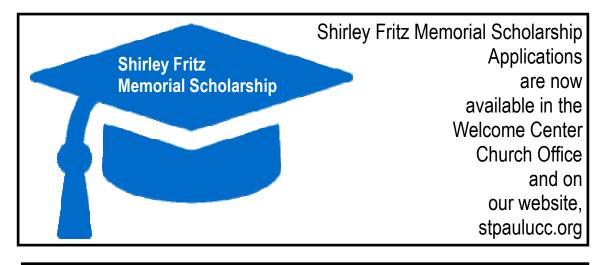


Shoe Boxes with lids,

Red or Valentine or brightly colored wrapping paper to tape around the box Sweetheart candy hearts or other wrapped Valentine candy Printed Valentine notes (packages for little ones to give to family or other children at KinderCottage)

There will be a donation box out in the Welcome Center that will be labeled Kinder

Cottage Donations, if you would like to help. On behalf of the Christian Education Board and the youth of St. Paul UCC, we want to say thank you!



St. Paul Women's Guild *Tuesday, February 19th 6:30 pm* **"Installation of Officers" and Potluck Dinner** Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Heritage Hall. JOIN US!



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St. Paul Community Contribution Corner

Located in the hallway, by long pew on the way to Heritage Hall.

This is where you can bring the items listed below - to help the groups and others listed.

<u>Community Interfaith Food Pantry</u>

New non-perishable foods, school supplies, diapers and wipes.

- Blessing Box

 Items given out on Tuesdays to those who come to the Community Dinner and need a little assistance in life (blankets, toiletries, socks, hats, scarves, gloves, etc.)
- <u>Waterman Shoe Project</u> Used, good condition shoes, wrapped in pairs with rubber band, no boxes please. If you have large amount, please call before drop off.
- <u>Newspaper Blue Sleeves</u>

Clean and Dry, place in red cart to be reused by paper deliver people in area.

• <u>Recycle Ink Cartridges for Baby Class</u>

Baby Fun Stories and more will happily recycle your cartridges as a fundraiser for their class.

We are looking to collect items for "Blessings Box" for those who are less fortunate. *Can you be a blessing to someone else?*

These items are given out on Tuesdays to those who come to the Community Dinner and need a little assistance in life.

Items that are helpful and needed:

Bike locks, Clean blankets, clean coats, small containers of wipes, small bottles of sanitizer, individual heat packs, socks, gloves, hats, scarves, chapstick, combs, brushes, small packages of tissues, small first aid kits, deodorant, razor and shaving cream, toothbrush and paste, and personal notes of encouragement. Please place in designated box or bring to church office. *Thank you!!*

We want to know YOU are here! Please make sure to sign in the pew pad in your pew.

The Community Interfaith Food Pantry <u>NEEDS</u> Reusable Shopping / Grocery Bags

Bags like this are needed for our friends who may be struggling with homelessness, maybe traveling on bike, or walking a long distance.

If you would like to help, you can bring these items directly to the food pantry or place them in the red cart in our hallway. **Thank YOU!**



The red rosebud on the altar today is in celebration of: Our new grandson, *Finnegan "Finn" Daniel Friedrich* Born January 26, 2019 7lbs, 8ozs & 21 inches long Son of Daniel & Amanda Friedrich Proud grandparents Gary & Jan Friedrich Aunt & uncle - Lee Alison & Scott Wilson Cousins - Jack, Milie, and Dani

2019 Adult Mission Trip

The adult mission team has chosen to help with recovery efforts in Hattiesburg, MS the week of June 2 - 8. The city was devastated by a 2016 flood and a 2017 tornado. The recovery effort will build 400 new homes and rehab 1500 existing homes. If you are interested in the trip or would like more information, please contact Roger Harris (618.277.3805 / roger.harris@bankofamerica.com). Reservation deadline is March 31, 2019.

Threads of Hope has baby quilts for sale for any occasion. The quilts are all handmade with love by our quilters and the profits go to St. Paul

UCC. There are many to choose from—for boys, girls and neutral colors. If you are interested, please contact Sonja at 530-3897.







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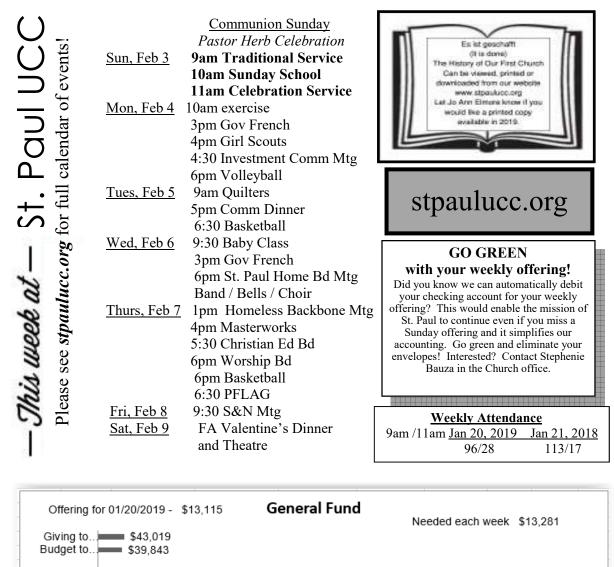


For Our Prayers

Bruce Elser - Marsha McCoy - Bill Whicher - Alec & Karen Zaber *For Our Thoughts*

Your true success in life begins only when you make the commitment to become excellent at what you do. — Brian Tracy

I am not a product of my circumstances. I am a product of my decisions. — *Stephen Covey* The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams — *Franklin D. Roosevelt*



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