



Your St. Paul Team

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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 communication is crucial to our ministry!*

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Everything is Faith Formation

I took a class on Christian Education during my second year of seminary. I learned many important lessons during my time in the class (and will share more as time goes on). But the greatest piece of wisdom I learned was this: everything is faith formation.

Much of the time, we believe our learning comes from studying books or even listening to sermons. However, each and everything we do around us impacts the way we look at who God is, what does it mean to be church, who is Jesus the Christ, etc. For instance, if we have few images of Jesus as a Middle Eastern man, what does that say about our theology of Jesus? If we only use "Father God" in the way we speak to God, how are we limiting the way we communicate about our Eternal God? What does it mean for our message of hospitality if areas of the building cannot be accessed by people with disabilities?

Once you go to seminary, this type of theological reflection happens constantly as you go about your day. In the United Church of Christ, a clergy person is considered pastor AND teacher. While teaching doesn't always happen in classrooms, we as educators ensure that our messages consistently follow the love of God and the dignity that Jesus the Christ shared with his followers. We know that each sign, each classroom and - YES - even each bathroom reflects how we communicate our faith. Everything - from the size of toilet stalls to the posters on our walls are part of how we communicate faith formation.

So as we enter the month of July, I ask you all to take a look around? How does everything from the sanctuary to our activity center to the wall hangings and more represent our number one value: WE BELIEVE ALL PEOPLE MATTER TO GOD and are welcome here.

In what ways do we consistently communicate this message? How can we communicate this better through our programs, building, worship, and pastoral care? How can we ensure all people know that they make a difference to God? If you have ideas on how we can communicate this value, please let us know!

July 2 will be my first anniversary with the church. This first year has been a blessing to me. I look forward to our next year together!

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

From the President's Corner....

Well, as I sit here writing this, I'm almost afraid to say it, but I think we may have made the turn on the rainy, cloudy weather. It has been a beautiful, sunny day!!! Amazing – almost like summer. I am cautiously optimistic!

It seems that June was anxious to get here, then leave as soon as possible. I just don't know where time went! That may be a sign of age – not sure. But it really was in high gear. Our main event in June was Vacation Bible School. We kicked it all off by walking in the Shriners Parade on May 31st. It was a beautiful evening and we had a great time. We handed out a LOT of candy (thanks to all who donated to the cause)! In addition, we handed out flyers with information about our upcoming VBS. It was a great evening – we had lots of kids, and adults who felt like kids, riding the float and walking along handing our candy and flyers. It's important for St. Paul Church to be out in the community for all to see, and be reminded that we are here!!!

VBS was a great success. It was so well organized and had amazing volunteers. This church is blessed with many retired teachers, and they really came through for this week long event. They are just naturals with the kids! And then we have our Pied Piper of children, our Christian Ed Director, Tyler Khors. He is just amazing and the kids flock to his side. Talk about blessed! We truly are blessed to have Tyler with us, The Christian Ed Board chaired by Sandy Ritter and Marlene Mueller worked very hard to find the right leaders for the program and they kept the evenings rolling and filled with excitement for the kiddos, By Friday evening, everyone was pooped, but filled with great satisfaction as we heard so many comments from parents that their kids couldn't wait to get there every evening! You just can't ask for more than that from a program. Congratulations and thank you to all involved.

Our Heritage Hall Restoration Project is really getting underway. A lot is happening and there are lots of plans. Dave Hoffmann and Roger Harris are heading up the Team and they are working hand in hand with Business and Property, the Finance Team, and Archives. It is a well-organized group! And members of the original Heritage Hall Restoration Committee are deeply involved. All the right people are involved and I'm so excited to see it getting underway. There have been generous donations made to make this project a reality. Heritage Hall is now off limits to us, but Dave and the 2 Rogers (Harris and Henke), plan to open it up occasionally on Sunday and let folks in to see the progress and answer your questions. That can only happen when it's safe to go in. There will be opportunities for many of us to get in there and help. See Dave or one of the Rogers for information.

In July, Pastor Michelle and Tyler are presenting a 5-week Summer Musical Series. It will be five Sundays, beginning on July 14th. It is something new, and we are excited to try it. The musicals will be Mary Poppins, Wicked, Footloose, The Sound of Music and The Greatest Showman. It will be an opportunity for our kids to be part of the service in a musical performance. Please see Tyler for more information. I'm so excited to see how it all comes together.

Plan to be in church on July 7th as we say good bye to Dan Fry. There will be some special events that you will want to be a part of!!!

And last but not least, have you noticed the new sign outside of the Activity Center? It is really nice and it is really needed. It tells visitors that they will find Heritage Hall, the Activity Center, Mother's Day Out and the Office inside those doors. Amazingly, we never had a sign announcing where Heritage Hall was!! Thanks to our resident designer, Laura Strohm-Armstrong!

There is a lot coming up. July and August will be busy as usual. Come to church and catch up on all the activities. And if you are looking to get involved in something, please catch me on Sunday, or give me a call or email. I can easily help you find a way to make use of your talents!

Have a great July!!! See you in church.

Blessings,

Mimi Llamas, President St. Paul UCC Church Council

A note from the Music Director

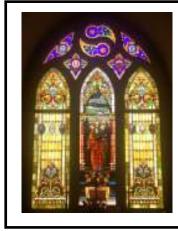
As most all of you know, I will be leaving my position at St. Paul very soon. July 7 will be my last Sunday with you. I want to again take a moment to thank so many of you who supported my work here in so many ways – with kind words, with participation, with attendance at programs, and more. I could not have done what I did without the hard work and commitment of those involved in the Glory Ringers, Chancel Choir, and the Fine Arts Committee and Worship Board. I'd also like to thank those in the office who have helped over the years I have been here, especially Tina. Finally, many thanks to the Senior Pastors who have served in my time here: Drew Kramer, Robert Koepcke, and Michelle Torigian.

I hope to see many of you on July 7. Jayne and I wish you all well, and I hope St. Paul continues to have a vibrant music ministry of integrity and quality for many more years.

Sincerely,

Daniel Fry

Music Director, September 2013-July 2019



Heritage Hall Tours

As part of the Heritage Hall restoration project, guided tours will be held monthly starting in July so that church members and guests can see the work that is being done to restore our old church. Our first tour will be held after worship service on July 7th. "All are welcome" to come and see the progress and hard work of our dedicated volunteers in Heritage Hall.

Heritage Hall Rental / Use

There will be NO bookings / scheduling for usage of Heritage Hall through December 31, 2019. Also, there will be NO bookings taken till after September 1, 2019 for 2020. This is due to the time it is taking to contact contractors and vendors and getting replies back and getting into their work available schedules. Also, work nights will be on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 9pm. There will also be some Saturdays and other dates set in the future as the need arises. Any questions or comments PLEASE contact me. Thanks, Dave Hoffmann

Are your Kids looking for a One-Of-A-Kind Musical Experience This Summer?

Join us at St. Paul UCC for our 5 Week Summer Musical Series

> Starting Sunday, July 14 and continuing every Sunday, through Sunday, August 11!

If your children love to sing and musical theatre, this is the program for them!

Sunday, July 14, 2019: Mary Poppins/Mary Poppins Returns Sunday, July 21, 2019: Wicked Sunday, July 28, 2019: Footloose Sunday, August 4, 2019: The Sound of Music Sunday, August 11, 2019: The Greatest Showman

Each week, there will be two to three songs performed from each musical during our 9am service, with rehearsals throughout the week prior as well. For more information or to sign up, please email our Christian Education Director, Tyler Kohrs tkohrs@stpauhucc.org

TICKETS SALES START THIS SUNDAY!

ST. PAUL NIGHT AT BUSCH STADIUM CARDINAL BASEBALL!! FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 CARDINALS VS. BREWERS 7:15 pm game





Tickets go on sale in a few weeks! Save the date and get a group together! **\$20 per person (no children's ticket price)** Seats are in the Left Field Pavilion We'll have a panoramic view of the entire field! The give away that evening is a **Cardinal Hockey Sweater** 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 Brewers! 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"

For questions about what you can bring to the stadium, see mlb.com/cardinals/ballpark/security.

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 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 & 4th, 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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10am Exercise Class	2 9am Quilters 1pm Food Prep 5pm Comm Dinner 5:30 NAMI	ε	4 Closed for July 4th	S	9
7 Communion 9am Traditional Service 10am Sunday School Dan Fry Farewell & Celebration	8 Masterworks Camp 10am Exercise Class 6pm Mission	9 Masterworks Camp 9am Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner NAMI Shufflers	10 Masterworks Camp 9:30 Baby Class	11 Masterworks Camp 1pm Homeless Comm Mtg 4pm Masterworks 6pm Boards	12 Masterworks Camp 9:30 S&N Mtg	13 10am Centering Prayer
14 9am Traditional Service 10am Sunday School Mary Poppins Sunday	15 BASSC HOUSE MISSION WEEK 10am Exercise Class	16 9am Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner NAMI 7pm Women's Guild	17 10am Genealogy Class	18 4pm Masterworks 6:30 Council Mtg	19	20
21 9am Traditional Service 10am Sunday School Wicked Sunday	22 10am Exercise Class	23 OSP DEADLINE 9am Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner 7pm Coffee & Conversa- tion with Pastor Michelle at Balance Coffee & Tea	24 9:30 Baby Class	25 4pm Masterworks 6pm HH Mtg 6:30pm Shufflers	26 Rehearsal	27 10am Centering Prayer WEDDING
28 9am Traditional Service 10am Sunday School Footloose Sunday	29 10am Exercise Class	30 9am Quilters 5pm Comm Dinner NAMI	31			

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 –September 21, 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-10:00pm \$35 per person (meals served) /\$30pp NO meals

Contact: Diana Haar @ dmhaar@charter.net

Raffle tickets available for purchase for a variety of items!

Early bird registration due Sept 1 (to be entered in special drawing)

Reservation Deadline is September 13th

Please remember IF the minimum attendance is not met by the deadline, the event will be CANCELLED! If the event is a GO- Refunds will only be given up to Sept 19th.

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Option 1	\$30.00 with lunch 9a	um – 4pm	
Option 2	\$25.00 no lunch 9an	n – 4pm	
Option 3	\$35.00 with lunch &	dinner 9am-10pr	m
Option 4	\$30.00 no meals 9am	n – 10pm	

Looking for ways to help & have fun this summer???

We have 2 opportunities! Sign up for one or both!! Read the information below and fill out / return the slips

You have all heard of "S (vacations where you stay ho This is a "Stay-Work Tu Help during the day & sleep in your bed at nig	me) rip"
The house next door to St. Paul rented by BASSC is in need of lots of painting an Work days are scheduled for July	d yard work. 15-17. Return by to church July 1.
Name	
Phone #	Email
Dates/Times Available (days/ evening	s/weekends)
Skills / job preference	

Heritage Hall Restoration

There will be many jobs, ways, & hours in the Heritage Hall Restoration. Be a part of this exciting project! This is ongoing through summer. Return to church by July 1.

Name _____

Phone #

_____ Email _____

Dates/Times Available (days/ evenings/weekends)

Skills (ex: Painting/Electric/woodwork)_____



<u>FOR CHILDREN:</u> *The Teddy Bears' Picnic By Jimmy Kennedy* All the bears will be there – What fun on a summer's day!

FOR GROWNUPS:

When the Heart Waits: Spiritual Directions for Life's Sacred Questions By Sue Monk Kidd

A well-known author (*The Secret Life of Bees*) shares a readable and moving account of her journey toward spiritual awakening.

Reading Judas: the Gospel of Judas and the Shaping of Christianity By Elaine H. Pagels

Who knew Judas had a gospel? Of those books excluded from the New Testament, this one no doubt provides startling and intriguing revelations

NOTE: You will see the above books, along with other interesting books, displayed in the church library. Please help yourself, sign the card, and enjoy!

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We have a wonderful team of St. Paul friends that keep our website up-to-date and interesting <u>—Check out our website for:</u>

Pastor Michelle's SermonsSt. Paul History and Archives InfoCalendarVideos and Slide showsEventsMDO InfoFine Arts Concert InfoPresident's Corner and Pastor's Letter from OSP
News&Notes, Bulletins and OSP's (& more)

Revenues	2019 Final Budget	2019 May Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
Congregational Offerings	\$410,894.91	30,008.33	154,879.28	37.69%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$95,000.00	20,444.00	58,131.50	61.19%
MDO Fundraiser/Capital Campaign	\$1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Special Stewardship Events	\$6,000.00	47.56	545.43	9.09%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,600.00	800.00	4,000.00	41.67%
Building Fund	\$21,000.00	763.25	8,518.50	40.56%
Various Missions	\$0.00	2,519.00	16,621.44	N/A
Memorials	\$13,000.00	490.00	5,770.00	44.38%
Bequests	\$5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Building Income	\$11,000.00	0.00	6,101.15	55.47%
Pastoral Honorarium	\$500.00	0.00	475.00	95.00%
Pastoral Expense Revenue		20.00	20.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$10,620.00	0.00	5,680.00	53.48%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$80,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$25,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00	80.00%
Other Income	\$2,000.00	10.11	175.51	8.78%
Total Operating Revenues	\$690,614.91	75,102.25	280,917.81	40.68%
Board Revenues	\$0.00	1,098.29	8,847.30	
Pew End Donation		0.00	4,870.00	
Capital Expenses		0.00	4,000.00	
Grand Total	\$690,614.91	76,200.54	298,635.11	43.24%
Expenses				
Personnel Board	(\$339,565.95)	(26,365.36)	(134,653.73)	39.65%
Administrative Support	(41,963.96)	(3,608.28)	(20,346.04)	48.51%
Mission Board	(19,350.00)	(2,147.11)	(12,227.70)	63.19%
Christian Education Board	(6,350.00)	(401.90)	(979.20)	15.42%
Stewardship & Nominating Board	(1,900.00)	0.00	(363.00)	19.11%
Christian Growth Board	(400.00)	0.00	0.00	n/a
Business & Property Bd (includes Mortgage)	(175,785.00)	(17,039.54)	(81,197.31)	46.19%
Worship Board	(9,300.00)	(435.72)	(1,930.58)	20.76%
MDO	(96,000.00)	(10,064.09)	(46,983.38)	48.94%
General Fund		(50.00)	(50.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(690,614.91)	(60,112.00)	(298,740.94)	48.94%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		16,088.54	992.46	

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The following memorials and gifts have been received by St. Paul Church: <u>TO THE GLOR</u>Y OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

IMO Margaret Birkner (Fine Arts) Marilae Perkins

IMO Jodie Lippert Diane Lutz

IMO Anne vonBrecht Lynn Koehler (Fine Arts) Lynn & Luci Bradley Marilae Perkins Barb Suess Mimi Llamas Rusty & Sandy Wagner Pam Walton Stephenie Bauza (Heritage Hall) Jan Spencer

IHO Allison Patch graduating from Milliken University Betty Leppard, proud grandmother ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS May 2019 Attendance: 567 All Gifts: \$36,550.54 May 2018 Attendance: 627 All Gifts: \$27,154.22 Gifts exclude MDO revenue and endowment distributions, but does include investment income.

St. Paul Mission Board is collecting school supplies for the Franklin Neighborhood Community Assoc in preparation for the upcoming school year. If you would like to help, please bring items listed below to the church Welcome Center/Church office in the next few weeks.

Dry Erase Markers—Black and Blue
 Composition Notebooks

Hi Lighters, Ink Pens, #2 Pencils

- Elmer's Glue—bottles, please not sticks
 Crayons—24 count (what teachers prefer)
- Zip-Up Pencil Holders for 3-Ring Binders
- Sharpie Markers Black, fine point and chisel tip

Looking for a unique baby gift? Threads of Hope Quilters group has beautiful baby quilts for sale. Contact Sonja Myland if interested 530-3897



Join the great group of people on Mondays! Exercise classes at 10am in Heritage Hall!

Coffee & Conversation with Pastor Michelle Tues, July 23 at 7pm at Balance Coffee & Tea





July Anniversaries

Bruce & Pamela Elser	7/2/1977
Scott & Lana Gentry	7/2/1994
David & Sue Hoffmann	7/8/1995
William & Lou James	7/10/1965
Rusty & Sandy Wagner	7/10/1971
Donald & Peggy Murphy	7/15/1972
Raymond & Judine Keplar	7/15/2000
Brian & Jennifer Mentzer	7/17/1999



Elmer Humphries Rosalyn Englert **Emily Vokes** Pamela Walton Kelly Keck Kenneth Sindel Marlene Mueller Brianna (Bri) Schaefer Ronald Buckrod Sophia Florek Eileen Wetzel Vickie Dziaba Pamela Elser Carole Goers Kristine Mueller Dana Rosenzweig Kyle Yocks Braedyn Hausmann Sandy Loeffler Lillian Miskimen William Whicher Gus Kuether Peggy Murphy Tom Birkner Terry Kalinowski David Hoffmann Samuel Sivewright Daniel Fry

July Birthdays

1	Barbara Suess	15
3	Grace Brashier	16
4	Marilyn Dinkelmann	16
4	Judith Koch	16
5	Scott Saeger	17
5	Michael Herrmann	18
6	Bryant Steen	19
6	Dorothy Placek	20
7	Alec Steiner	20
7	Cheryl Buckrod	21
7	Nick Elser	21
8	Lonnie Kettler	22
8	Barbara Harszy	23
8	Julie Morton	23
8	Jane Rogers	23
8	Henry Caughman	25
8	Nicholas Keplar	25
9	Sue Kuether	27
9	Nancy Viehman	27
9	Nicholas Wilhelm	27
10	Sandy Wagner	28
11	Shelley Shipp	29
11	Emily Stokes	30
13	Donald Bayer	31
13	Lynda Fish	31
14	Frank Graetz	31
14	Wayne Weidemann	31
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Always something new!! Check out the Online Calendar & Upcoming Events!



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Afriendly reminder... For the safety and courtesy of all members and friends of St. Paul -If you have a meeting or space reserved at St. Paul and your plans change please contact Tina at 233-3303, tlakehopper@stpaulucc.org or after office hours at 580-4440. Thank you.