



Our St. Paul

September 2021

## **YOUR St. Paul Team**

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### **Church Office**

#### **Contact Information:**

618-233-3303

[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

Monday, September 13th @ 7pm  
Tune into PBS Channel 9 for the  
2021 Women of Achievement  
Awards Celebration!



**CONGRATULATIONS  
ANNETTE!**

#### **Teen Advocate**

Judge (Ret.) Annette A. Eckert, of Belleville, Illinois, was appointed an Associate Judge in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit 1991. In 2002, she became the first female elected Circuit Judge in the 20th Judicial Circuit, where she presided in the Felony Division. In 2015, Judge (Ret.) Eckert and the Juvenile Justice Council of St. Clair County developed the St. Clair County Teen Court, a restorative justice conferencing and peer jury diversion court for first time non-violent offenders. She has served as the volunteer St. Clair County Teen Court Director for the last five years, during which time the court has graduated 204 teens and had a recidivism rate of 8.3%.



Honoring the Volunteer Efforts of Women



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October	September 24	September 28

## **Pastor's Message - Onwards and Upwards**

For the life of me, I can't remember which teacher said this. But I would like to thank the teacher who reminded the class to go "Onwards and Upwards" each day as we headed into the future.

Onwards and Upwards is defined by Merriam-Webster as "toward a better condition or higher level." And CS Lewis used the term in his book *The Horse and His Boy* which was part of the Narnia series: "Onward and upward. To Narnia and North."

I believe that we are moving Onwards and Upwards in our programs and activities here at St. Paul UCC!

While Covid still presents many challenges in this greater community, we continue to find ways to regather safely as well as expand our opportunities to get together, to minister to our congregants, and to care for our community, even with a few mitigations in place.

Many of our congregants have enjoyed gathering at the Culinaire's monthly breakfast and during coffee hour on the other Sundays of each month. Our quilters, centering prayer group, women's guild, and Fireside have found opportunities to gather in recent weeks.

Also embracing this Onwards and Upwards mindset is our Visioning Team. As of my time writing this article, we have met once and are planning a meeting for the very end of August as we work to create a plan for this process.

Our Christian Education Team has been working to scheduling faith formation experiences for our younger congregants. On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, we are holding Sunday School for our elementary school-aged youth, and we are planning on holding a gathering for our middle and senior high youth once per month.

Our Tuesday Night Dinners for our community members will recommence in September as well. Sandy Ritter is excited to begin this mission of our church once again, and if you would like to help, please contact Sandy.

We have collected over \$40,000 (which includes \$15,000 matching gift from an anonymous donor) for the "How Sweet the Sound" offering which helps to fund the Capital Technology Improvement Project.

Mother's Day Out has begun their 2021-22 school year! With the leadership of Sue Hoffmann, our excellent teachers have planned some wonderful things for this school year, and we thank St. Paul congregants who are volunteering to help the program this year.

Things may not look 100% the same as before Covid, but, without a doubt, we continue to be the Church- passionate about loving our neighbor and sharing God's light just as it has always been.

Onwards and Upwards, St. Paul Friends!  
Blessings, Pastor Michelle

## **GOLFING TO SUPPORT HOYLETON!**

Last week, Hoyleton Youth and Family Services held their annual Golf Scramble at Tamarack. St. Paul had three teams (12 people) supporting Hoyleton and representing our church. Individual acknowledgments go to Debbie Lippert who got closest to the pin and Donna Davis for longest drive. Other St. Paul team members included Judy Koch, Debbie Lippert, Sherri Gericke, Wendy Mayer, Sue Hoffmann, Peggy Burke, Marlene, Mueller, Jean Coveleskie, Wayne Caughman, Paul Sutherland, Dave Brannon and Donna Davis. All of us had a great time and supported a very worthy cause.

If you want to join us next year, contact any of us. I think it's safe to say we'd do it again!



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FROM ST. PAUL UCC FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Our Belleville Salvation Army has opened their Sanctuary for respite on Monday, Wednesday and Friday's from 10-12, feeding them lunch at noon. This is where we need volunteers to sit in the sanctuary to help visit, play games, read magazines and make them feel comfort and welcome. Please be a part of St. Paul's mission of the community. Another mission opportunity is the Suds of Love sponsored by the city. The city pays the west end laundromat for the homeless to do their laundry every 4th Wednesday.

Thank you for making a difference in our community.

Sandy Ritter 222-1123.



## **SAVE THE DATE!**

### **WALGREENS FLU CLINIC**

**Coming to St. Paul United  
Church of Christ**

**September 19th after Worship**

**Please contact Sherry at St. Paul UCC office for a form to complete and to make arrangements for a copy of your insurance card.**



*“One in three seniors die from Alzheimer’s or another dementia.”*

*Our Team: **St. Paul UCC Belleville***

*Annual Alzheimer’s Walk at SWIC on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>*

**Support our Team by sending your donation and/or walking with us!**

Held annually in more than 500 communities nationwide, the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s is the world’s largest fundraiser for Alzheimer’s care, support and research. *Our Team will this year walk for the members of our congregation who are caregivers, family members, friends, or who themselves struggle with the impact of dementia. We continue to pray for:*

*Jean Eckert (Dec. 3, 2020), Beverlee Gurel (Jun 2, 2021), Billy Ruth Pelc (May 24, 2021), Gayle Wren (Jul 18, 2021); and Judy Beisiegel and Jo Oesterle.*

*Are there others whom you would like us to include?*

Contact: Susan Relfe [susanrelfe@att.net](mailto:susanrelfe@att.net) 618-698-5176

*We're Hiring!*

St. Paul UCC, Belleville is hiring a  
Media and Technology Director.

This position is responsible for the church audio/visual program, video production of worship, and website and social media. This includes:

- Coordinating the audio/visual/lighting elements of our worship service broadcasts
- Developing media and technology program at St. Paul UCC
- Overseeing hardware & software needs

Go to our website [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org) for a full job description.

For those interested, please send your resume to:

[MediaTechDirectorSearch@stpaulucc.org](mailto:MediaTechDirectorSearch@stpaulucc.org).



St. Paul Invites You to Raise a Glass in

*A Toast to Tuesday!*  
*Wine-tasting Fundraiser at Grappa Growlers*

*Tuesday, October 5, 2021*

*6:00-8:00 pm*

*\$25 per person*

Includes wine tastings, appetizers, glass of wine,  
St. Paul wine glass, raffle baskets, & fall 50/50 drawing.

Additional food, wine, beer available for purchase.

Grappa Growlers will donate 10% of sales for the evening to St. Paul!

Sponsorships Available



\$50 Magnum

\$100 Methuselah

\$250 Nebuchadnezzar  
includes 4 event tickets

\$500 Solomon  
includes 4 event tickets & bottle of wine

Presented by the St. Paul Stewardship Team.

Tickets available through the church office and after September Sunday services.

Proceeds benefit the church's operating fund.

**Grappa Growlers**  
**1501 North Belt West**



# St. Paul Mother's Day Out

Register now for August 2021-May 2022 program

**We offer 3 day classes for 3-5 year olds**

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am-12:20pm**

- **Caring and enriched environment for children to grow socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically**
- **Well-respected program for more than 40 years**
- **Warm family atmosphere with highly qualified professional staff**
- **Daily we emphasize our motto for sharing, caring and learning together**

Please call our office to schedule a tour and meet with our coordinator!

**St. Paul MDO Program**

**618-233-3303**

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

[stpaulucc.org/mdo](http://stpaulucc.org/mdo)

Dear St. Paul Members,

The Mother's Day Out Program is starting at the end of August. Children will arrive for their first day on Tuesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. The staff has worked hard and their rooms are amazing! Of course, Patrick has been a huge help with rearranging, painting and finding the appropriate furniture for each of the rooms.

I would like to try something new this year. Scholastic Book Club offers age-appropriate books for our children. To show our support for the program, I am asking for donations of \$15.00 for each child. This would allow our teachers to choose three books to be given to the children. The first book would be ordered in time for Halloween, the second for Christmas and the third in the Spring.








If you would like to participate, donations would be collected now and marked "MDO" books for kids. When the books are handed out, there will be a sticker inside that lets the child and the parents know it is on behalf of our church.

We are off to a great start. We can't wait for the kids!

Sue Hoffmann

Interim MDO Coordinator

# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue
		
<p>5</p> <p><b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee Hour after Worship</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p><i>National Cheese Pizza Day</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am MDO  9:30am-Quilters 10am Adult Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>12</p> <p><b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee Hour &amp; K-5 Sunday School after Worship</p> <p><i>National Grandparent's Day!</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>7pm Executive Council</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p><i>National Peanut Day!</i></p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am Adult Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner 7pm Visioning Meeting</p>
<p>19</p> <p><b>9am Worship</b> Culinaire's Breakfast following Worship</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p> <p><i>National Talk Like a Pirate Day!</i></p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>National Care for Kids Day!</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donate to your favorite children's charity</li> <li>• Volunteer with a children's service</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <p>9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am Adult Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>26</p> <p><b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee Hour &amp; K-5 Sunday School after Worship 4pm Middle/High School Youth Gathering</p>	<p>27</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>National Day of Forgiveness!</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am MDO 9:30am-Quilters 10am Adult Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner</p>








**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p>1 9am MDO 7pm Personnel Meeting <i>No Bells or Choir</i></p>	<p>2 9am MDO</p>	<p>3  <i>National Food Bank Day!</i></p>	<p>4</p>
<p>8 9am MDO 5:00pm-Handbells 6:30pm Mission Meeting 7pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>9 9am MDO  9:30am Stewardship Meeting 7pm- Personnel Meeting <i>National Teddy Bear Day!</i></p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 10am Centering Prayer  <i>Patriot Day &amp; National Day of Service Remembrance!</i></p>
<p>15 9am MDO 10am Handbell Rehearsal 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir <i>Hispanic Heritage Month</i></p>	<p>16 9am MDO 4:30pm Masterworks Rehearsal 6pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>17  <i>National Hug Your Boss Day!</i></p>	<p>18 <i>National HIV/AIDS &amp; Aging Awareness Day!</i></p>
<p>22 9am MDO 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir <i>First Day of Fall!</i> </p>	<p>23 9am MDO 4:30pm Masterworks Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 National Punctuation Day!  <i>National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day!</i></p>	<p>25 10am Centering Prayer  <i>National Quesadilla Day!</i></p>
<p>29 9am MDO 5:00pm-Handbells 7pm-Chancel Choir</p>	<p>30 9am MDO 4:30pm Masterworks Rehearsal <i>National Love People Day!!</i></p>		

## Camp Dubois needs your help!



Each year Camp Dubois holds a Fall Festival as their annual fundraiser. This year our Mission Board, on behalf of the members of St Paul United Church of Christ, is putting together 2 baskets to raffle off at the Fall Festival. All proceeds from the baskets will be donated to Camp Dubois.

### What can you do to help?

Please donate basket items (see themes below), gift cards, or make a monetary donation to support this fundraiser. Items must be received by August 22<sup>nd</sup> please!

We also want to send a very **LOUD Shout Out** to the very talented, **Threads of Hope** crew for donating a beautiful quilt and to the **Prayer Shawl** team for donating an afghan.

Basket 1 Theme – Warm Cozy Night At Home, suggested items cozy socks, wine, wine glasses, gourmet snacks, candles, card games, cozy pillows, gift cards (maybe take out dinner gift cards) to supplement the cozy afghan.

Basket 2 Theme –Baby Bundle, suggested items are “anything baby,” to include gift cards, baby books, baby essentials, or anything to supplement the beautiful baby quilt.



# ST. PAUL UCC SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR GRADES K-5 RESUMES!

CLASSES BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 12 AND WILL  
BE HELD EACH 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAY  
AFTER WORSHIP

**This Fall's Sunday School will feature Bible stories from the Old Testament. Contact Pastor Michelle with any questions!**



## Gathering of Middle & High School Youth

**Sunday, September 26 at 4pm**

**St. Paul UCC Youth Room**

**For more information, contact Pastor Michelle at  
[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)**

# Anniversaries & Birthdays



## September Anniversaries

9/4-Larry & Susan Reeble

9/8-Wayne & Janet  
Kniepkamp

9/13-Rob & Carrie Naylor

9/14-Richard & Vickie  
Dziaba

9/17-Lisa & Matthew Smith

9/19-Greg & Renee Seaman



Happy  
anniversary

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## September Birthdays

9/1-Christopher Price

9/1-Susan Relfe

9/2-Karen Boeschen

9/2-Sharen Guthrie

9/2-Henry Keck Jr

9/2-Wayne Kniepkamp

9/3-Steven Flach

9/3-Debbie Price

9/4-James Hughes

9/4-Jack Olsen

9/4-Avery White

9/7-Ashley Lehr Hoeft

9/7-Linda Mentzer

9/9-Rick Drake

9/9-Beverly Brightwell

9/10-Delaney Loving

9/10-Carol Simon

9/10-Aaron Coleman

9/14-JoAnn Oesterle

9/15-Elise White

9/16-Luci Bradley

9/17-Edie Elliott

9/18-Kathy Liddy

9/18-Jan Smith-Walta

9/18-Roxy Collins

9/22-William (Bill) Enyart

9/24-Erlene Seelman

9/25-Jeffrey Dinkelman

9/26-Vicki Keck

9/26-Colette Smith

9/26-Nicholas Vokes

9/29-Michael Pierce

9/29-Jan Bolding

9/29-Dawn Steen

9/29-Dr. Bill Wade

9/30-Susan Sutherland



Revenues	<u>2021 Final Budget</u>	<u>2021 July Actuals</u>	<u>YTD Actuals</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Congregational Offerings	\$400,256.18	\$33,116.00	\$212,542.76	53.10%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	\$81,450.00	440.00	29,590.75	36.33%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	\$0.00	1,035.00	1,897.00	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	\$3,000.00	(625.00)	2,394.00	79.80%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	\$9,900.00	825.00	5,775.00	58.33%
Building Fund	\$20,000.00	943.00	14,577.00	72.89%
Outreach / Various Missions	\$0.00	1,550.00	16,879.27	N/A
Memorials	\$11,000.00	1,140.00	8,996.00	81.78%
Bequests	\$0.00	0.00	10,000.00	N/A
Building Income	\$0.00	400.00	(800.00)	N/A
Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	100.00	1,175.00	97.92%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	0.00	5.00	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	\$11,000.00	0.00	22,365.00	203.32%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	\$72,750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	\$25,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%
Other Income	\$4,500.00	442687	567.55	12.61%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$640,056.18</b>	<b>\$39,366.87</b>	<b>\$325,964.33</b>	<b>50.93%</b>
Team Revenues	\$10,000.00	1022.14	4,287.98	
Capital Expenses			\$0.00	
HH Window Repair & Paint			\$0.00	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$650,056.18</b>	<b>\$40,389.1</b>	<b>\$330,252.31</b>	<b>50.80%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personnel	(\$319,711.18)	(\$22,549.14)	(\$164,597.06)	51.48%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(39,400.00)	(2,846.52)	(21,515.70)	54.61%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(14,425.00)	(66.25)	(12,931.22)	89.64%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(3,275.00)	(60.42)	(927.75)	28.33%
Stewardship	(1,425.00)	(186.47)	(1,684.58)	118.22%
Property	(179,215.00)	(11,148.65)	(92,330.16)	52.70%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,155.00)	(1,281.66)	(6,836.99)	45.11%
MDO	(81,450.00)	(212.00)	(37,396.93)	45.91%
General Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	N/A
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>(650,056.18)</b>	<b>(38,351.11)</b>	<b>(338,220.39)</b>	<b>52.03%</b>
Difference between Revenue & Expenses		<b>\$2,037.90</b>	<b>(\$7,968.08)</b>	

MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

The following memorials and gifts have been received by St. Paul Church:

TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

IMO Marilee Black

Kent Black

IMO Gayle Wren

Paul & Sue Sutherland  
Linda & Mike Herrmann  
(Fine Arts)  
Ken & Osceola Mueller  
(Choir)  
Bobbie Smith

IMO Hank Bohnemeier

Ellen Bohnemeier

IMO Penny Kennedy

Ellen Bohnemeier

IMO Brett Cankar

Ray & Jean Chamberlin

IMO Billy Ruth Pelc

Clarence Wolf

IHO Jeanette Phillips Birthday

(How Sweet the Sound)

Bobbie Smith

**How have you been a blessing? How have others been a blessing to you?**

**Please send your answers to Pastor Michelle at [pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org). They will be included on our bulletin board and may be included in an upcoming Facebook Live video!**

The Neighbors in Need offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Through [ucc.org/justice](http://ucc.org/justice), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian ministries in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.

# St. Paul UCC Prayer List

Phil McClary nephew of Lynn Koehler  
Walter Beatty                      Bev Juenger  
Lori Coleman                      Julie Nollette  
Al Stahl                              Luci Bradley  
Bob Yung                            Joyce Maurer  
Sheila Kronenberger    Audrey Krummrich



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to  
Pastor Michelle at  
pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org  
or call 233-3303

## A note about regathering

We at St. Paul UCC have committed to following all local, state, and federal guidelines regarding Covid-19.

**At this time, we ask all people over the age of 2 to wear a mask inside the church building.** All other church activities will remain the same, including coffee hour/breakfasts, singing during worship, in-person team meetings, etc.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that St. Paul UCC is a healthy community for all!

## Please Let Us Know!

Due to a change in Memorial Hospital's record system, we currently are not able to find out who is in their Belleville or Shiloh locations when we call the Belleville-area hospitals each day. Please have someone (you, your family member, or a chaplain at the hospital) let us know when you are at any of the hospitals on either side of the river. Thank you!

## **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

July 2021 Attendance: 9am 258+ Online                      6pm 35+Online

July 2020 9am: Virtual    6pm: 89 outside

July 2021 All Gifts: \$39,368.01                                      July 2020 All Gifts: \$35,256.65

Gifts exclude MDO revenue and endowment distributions, but does include investment income.

115 WEST "B" STREET, BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: **August 27, 2021**

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### Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship  
10am Coffee Hour  
Culinaire's Breakfast  
every 3rd Sunday

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to  
[pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org](mailto:pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org)  
or call 618-233-3303

### Stay in touch with St. Paul!!

- 1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACEBOOK** -  
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)!**  
Call the church office or  
email [dyoung@stpaulucc.org](mailto:dyoung@stpaulucc.org)  
*Praying for your health and well-being!*

### VIRTUAL FLOWERS, MUSIC & BULLETIN SPONSORSHIPS

**Flower, Music and Bulletin  
sponsorship are STILL available -  
now ONLINE!**

Sign up now to sponsor virtual flowers, music or  
bulletin each week by contacting the church office.

Online sponsorship will be in  
eNews and Bulletin of chosen week.

\$30 for the sponsorship goes to help St. Paul Church.  
Your sponsorship is a lovely way to honor the memory  
or achievement of your loved one. Please consider  
sponsoring flowers, music or bulletins for either  
Sunday worship service.