



Our St. Paul

October 2022

YOUR St. Paul Team

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager

Tristan Frampton, Director of Music

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30am-4pm

Friday

9am-12pm



Church Office Contact

Information:

618-233-3303

stpaulucc.org

St. Paul Time & Talent Fair

Sunday, October 23, 2022

During Coffee Hour

YOU are an important piece in the work of the church!

Showcase your team's or organization's good works.

This is a great opportunity to inform the congregation of your group's mission & activities, and a good way to recruit new members.

Your display may provide all necessary information or you may choose to have someone present at your display to answer questions. To ensure we have enough tables set up, please email Peggy Burke and let her know your team/group will participate: pegb64@gmail.com



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ISSUE

October

DEADLINE

September 23rd

MAIL DATE

October 1st

Pastor's Message - Autumn's Guilty Pleasures and Quirky Joys

Recently, I saw a post on social media by someone named “Mr. Roger” which said the following: “Could we, without relentlessly criticizing, let people have their pumpkin spice, and avocado toast, and their fandoms, and their D&D, and their too-early-Halloween decorations, and whatever little harmless things in which they’ve manage to find a tiny shriveled flower of joy?”

How often do we see someone judging another because they adore too many pumpkin spice flavors and scents, love eating candy corn, and start putting up Christmas decorations at the beginning of November? We know life can be short, and in most of our lives, we don’t have huge celebrations each month, or even each year. But in the meantime, there are so many small beautiful moments and guilty pleasures that God has afforded us - even when they seem a bit quirky.

For me, guilty pleasures include my Thursday evening ritual of watching new episodes of Grey’s Anatomy, enjoying the smell of a caramel or vanilla candle, and, as we get closer to the holidays, sipping on a warm peppermint mocha latte. I savor the time my husband and I have playing board games together and my daily ritual of attempting to solve the Wordle word game. And my quirky joys include following the “fandoms” of Ted Lasso and Parks and Rec.

Ecclesiastes has given us that nudge into the joy we can embrace throughout our lives: Chapter 8 notes this: “So I commend enjoyment, for there is nothing better for people under the sun than to eat, and drink, and enjoy themselves, for this will go with them in their toil through the days of life that God gives them under the sun.” The writer repeats the sentiment again in chapter 9: “Go, eat your bread with enjoyment, and drink your wine with a merry heart; for God has long ago approved what you do.”

Of course, our quirky joys and guilty pleasures should not harm us or another person or our relationship with them or cause a barrier between us and God. But what seems like our own personal weirdness or quirks is God’s image within us. Denying them because they seem “cheesy” or because someone finds them they too feed our souls would be to forgo our authenticity and the beauty of God’s reflection upon our souls.

So stream your favorite shows for the fifth time, drink your pumpkin spice, eat a handful of candy corn, and start putting up your Christmas decorations. For God has long ago approved of what you do.

Autumn Blessings! Pastor Michelle





SHUFFLER'S CLUB

Please join us on the
2nd Tuesday of every
month @ 1pm
in the Library at
St. Paul UCC



**MEETING
ANNOUNCEMENT**
Informational meeting for
the Usher Team and
Welcome Team on
Sunday, October 16th
following worship
service. Members are
invited to get their
breakfast plates and join
in the new large meeting
room across from the
office. The Safety Team
will be joining us.
Thank you!

CARING FOR HORSES AT DUBOIS

We're teaming with our friends at Trinity UCC. Please consider sponsoring the horses at Camp Dubois. Here are some items your donation would provide! Contact the St. Paul UCC church office to make a donation:

- Mineral salt block \$10 – these irresistible blocks of lickable salt are thrown out with the hay during the summer months to improve our horses' nutrition, and to help them refuel after long days of fun with campers.
- Bag of horse feed \$15
- Alfalfa cubes \$30 – These are absolutely required for adequate nutrition for our senior horses to enjoy their "retirement" here with happy bellies and strong bodies.
- Equestrian helmet \$50
- Feed a horse for a month for \$65
- New halter and reins \$80
- New saddle \$500



**Flowers, music and
bulletin sponsorships**
are a lovely way to
honor the memory,
birthday or achieve-
ment of your loved one.
To sign up, you can call
the church office or
there are sign up
sheets located on the
bulletin board in the
hallway outside the
office. Cost is \$35.00.



YOGA GOLD - COMING TO ST. PAUL UCC ON OCT. 31ST



Yoga Gold is a one-hour yoga class created specifically for active older adults looking to improve strength, flexibility and balance. Whether you are familiar with yoga or a beginner, you are welcome to join us on Mondays 10:30-11:30AM at St. Paul's UCC in the Heritage Hall (115 W. B St, Belleville, IL 62220). Please bring a yoga mat and wear cozy clothes.

Weekly practice of yoga will improve the body's balance and performance. It will also relax and open the mind space. Yoga Gold is a great place to meet and make friends. Students should be able to get down on the floor and back up on their own.

Class drop-in rate is \$10. Class packages are 3/\$25 or 6/\$50 with no expiration date on the package. Yoga Gold is taught by Jessica Pallock, who owns The Yoga Connection 1103, LLC. For more information, contact Jessica at (618)920-0293.



Sunday, October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday & Neighbors in Need Special Offering



For more information
call St. Clair County
Office on Aging:
618-234-4410 ext.

Senior Pickle Ball

Pickle ball is a combination of tablet tennis, badminton and tennis. This sport is played on an indoor badminton court with a racquet and whiffle ball.

A low impact/ low risk activity:

Mondays & Wednesdays @ 9-11am,
Fridays 9:15-11:15

St Paul UCC ACTIVITY CENTER
115 W B Street



Sun	Mon	Tue
2 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts World Communion Day! Neighbors in Need <i>National Custodial Worker's Day</i>	3 9am-Pickle Ball 	4 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 11am-PEO 2pm-Pastoral Relations 5pm-Community Dinner
9 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts <i>Clergy Appreciation Day</i>	10 Indigenous People Day Columbus Day OFFICE CLOSED <i>World Mental Health Day</i>	11 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 1pm-Shufflers-Library 5pm-Finance Mtg 5pm-Community Dinner <i>National Coming Out Day</i>
16 9am Worship 10am Culinares' Breakfast 10am Meeting w/ushers, welcome team & safety team 	17 9am-Pickle Ball 1:30-Christian Ed 7pm-Executive Council	18 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner
23 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts St. Paul Time & Talent Fair during coffee hour	24 9am-Pickle Ball	25 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner
30 9am Worship 10am Coffee & Doughnuts	31 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30-Yoga Gold starts 4:30-Investment Mtg 	

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**1 Alzheimer's Walk
Metro East Pride**

5
9am-Pickle Ball
10m-With You
4:30pm-Glory Ringers
6pm-Chancel Choir

World Teacher's Day

6

National German-American Day

7
9:15 am-Pickle Ball

World Smile Day

8
10am-Centering Prayer

12
9am-Pickle Ball
4:30pm-Glory Ringers
6pm-Chancel Choir
6:30pm-Mission Meeting

National Farmer's Day

13
11am-PEO
7pm-Personnel Meeting

14
9:15 am-Pickle Ball

National Dessert Day

15

National Sweetest Day

19
9am-Pickle Ball
1pm-Women's Guild
4:30pm-Glory Ringers
6pm-Chancel Choir

20
6pm-Council Meeting

National Youth Confidence Day

21
9:15 am-Pickle Ball

22
10am-Centering Prayer

National Make A Difference Day

26
9am-Pickle Ball
4:30pm-Glory Ringers
6pm-Chancel Choir

National Day of the Deployed

27

Navy Day

28
9:15 am-Pickle Ball

National First Responders Day

29

National Cat Day

**October is
Church Library and
Church Safety & Security Month!**



SIGN UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE WELCOME CENTER!

ST. PAUL UCC
TRIVIA NIGHT
With Host Michael Wagner
Doors open 6:00pm
Questions start at 6:30pm

Saturday, Nov. 19th
St. Paul UCC Activity Center
115 W. B St.
Belleville, IL 62220

\$25 per person
Free Mulligans with purchase of table of 8 -\$200

Bring your own food and drinks of choice.
Table theme: Teams, Tunes, Tones, Talkies & TV
Prize for best dressed table/team!

Cash Prizes for 1st-3rd place.
Basket Raffle & 50/50

MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

NEXT MEETING
Tuesday, Oct 18th
from 1-3pm
in the craft room

THANK YOU FOR SHARING AND CARING,
SANDY RITTER

Join us for bible study!

Listen Up Series - John
Every Tuesday
@ 10am
in the Genesis Room

Bible Study

Attention:
We want to know YOU are here!
Please make sure to sign in on the pew pad in your pew. Thank you!

Revenues	2022 Final Budget	2022 August Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
Congregational Offerings	379,198	22,928	248,421	65.51%
MDO Tuition/Other Income	55,110	0	20,601	37.38%
MDO Fundraiser / Memorials	0	0	2,019	N/A
Special Stewardship Events	5,000	(864)	563	11.25%
Rental Income - 205 W B Street	10,500	850	6,800	64.76%
Building Fund	21,000	1,273	15,502	73.82%
Outreach / Various Missions	0	518	26,566	N/A
Memorials	11,000	720	5,870	53.36%
Bequests	0	0	0	N/A
Building Income	2,500	550	1,630	65.20%
Pastoral Honorarium	1,200	0	950	79.17%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	0	(66)	(6)	N/A
Investment Income / Michelson Income	14,000	0	15,975	114.11%
Endowment Distribution (per guidelines)	98,500	0	0	N/A
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	15,000	0	39,035	260.23%
Other Income	1,200	0	1,908	159.00%
Total Operating Revenues	614,209	25,909	385,833	62.82%
Team Revenues	6,000	769	6,290	104.84%
Capital Expenses			0	N/A
HH Window Repair & Paint			0	N/A
Grand Total	620,209	26,677	392,123	63.22%
Expenses				
Personnel	(301,950)	(18,570)	(168,165)	55.69%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(53,350)	(2,941)	(34,708)	65.06%
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(13,970)	(1,847)	(17,448)	124.90%
Education (MDO listed separately)	(2,900)	0	(1,837)	63.33%
Stewardship	(1,675)	0	(680)	40.59%
Property	(191,043)	(17,032)	(108,045)	56.56%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(18,245)	(855)	(4,400)	24.12%
MDO	(55,110)	0	(28,456)	51.63%
General Fund	0	0	0	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(620,209)	(41,246)	(363,738)	58.65%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	0	(14,569)	28,385	



Anniversaries & Birthdays



October Wedding Anniversaries

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| 10/1-Dana Rosenzweig & Beverly Brightwell | 10/21-James & Donna Thomas |
| 10/7-Kenneth & Leslie Dahm | 10/26-Rick & Diana Haar |
| 10/8-Bill & Sharon Guthrie | 10/27-Terry & Deborah Meyer |
| 10/11-Michael & Patricia Pierce | 10/29-Andrew & Brittany Elser |

October Birthdays

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| 10/1-Leslie Dahm | 10/14-Ava Hasheider |
| 10/2-Judith Beisiegel | 10/16-Carl Schneider |
| 10/3-Jack Snyder | 10/18-Lauren Shepard |
| 10/3-Bev Vokes | 10/19-Jim Young |
| 10/4-Jean Chamberlin | 10/22-Carol Weidemann |
| 10/4-Lisa Quandt | 10/24-Daniella Hernandez |
| 10/4-Jack Wilson | 10/25-Stephenie Bauza |
| 10/6-Beverly Clark | 10/25-Scott Gentry |
| 10/8-Megan Dahm | 10/27-Gary Buckrod |
| 10/12-Karen O'Hara | 10/29-Fran West |
| 10/13-Alan Keuss | 10/29-Alec Zaber |
| 10/13-Cadence Keplar | |



ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

August 2022 Attendance: 9am 304 + Online

August 2021 9am: 268 & 6pm: 19

August 2022 All Gifts: \$32,737.55

August 2021 All Gifts: \$28,880.66

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

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 Donna Young

Jennifer Dumas
Rusty & Sandra Wagner
Bobby Lee & Sandy Frerking
Jerry Pierce
Pamela Nicholson
Marlene Mueller
Deborah Lippert
Stephenie Bauza
Beverly Brightwell
Jeanette & Elgee Phillips
Marlene Lindauer
Sue & Paul Sutherland

Lynn & Luci Bradley
Judy Koch
Steven & Maribeth Wissehr
James & Margaret Schifferdecker
Bruce & Pamela Elser
Dave & Sue Hoffmann
Jane Bonaldi

IMO Bobbie Smith

Jane Bonaldi

IMO Marilee Black

Kent Black

For Your Prayers

Karen Boesch
Lori Coleman
Carol Hotz
Shirley Martin
Marilyn Dinkelmann
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms
Scott Schmidt, brother of Steve Schmidt
Mona McAllister
Brian Sample, nephew of Kathy Birkner
Christopher Mitchell

Otto Christopher Kennedy, great nephew of Scott & Lana Gentry
Laura Howie, daughter of Jeanette & Elgee Phillips
Jane Rogers
Betty Rieso
Ethel Klasing, aunt of Jerry Pierce-Heisler
Colleen Igou, Roger Henke's fiancé
Al Stahl
The family of Jack Olsen

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send prayer requests to: pastormichelle@stpaulucc.org or call 618-233-3303.

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PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: **September 29, 2022**

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Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship
10am Coffee Hour
Culinaires' Breakfast 3rd
Sunday of the month.

 Watch videos on YouTube:
<https://www.youtube.com/>

 Like us on Facebook
*St Paul United Church of Christ,
Belleville, Illinois*

Here is how to stay in touch with St. Paul

1) **Watch the services and check for event updates on FACBOOK -**

Like us at *St. Paul United Church of Christ Belleville, IL*

2) **Go to 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)!**



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!