



Our St. Paul

October 2023

## **YOUR St. Paul Team**

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor

Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager

Dr. Tristan Frampton, Director of Music

Sherry Wilhelm, Office Coordinator

Kathy Buehler, Bookkeeper

Ian Hipkins, Technology Coordinator

Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff

Mary Blaies, Support Staff

Kevin Chunko, Organist/Pianist

## **OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday - Thursday**

8:30am-4pm

**Friday**

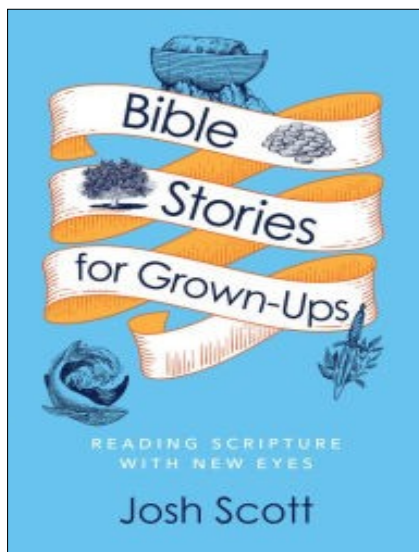
9am-12pm

## **Church Office Contact**

**Information:**

**618-233-3303**

**stpaulucc.org**



The Seekers will begin studying Bible Stories for Grown-Ups by Josh Scott 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, September 26 in Genesis Room.

Pastor Michelle is the facilitator.  
It is a book (purchase optional) and DVD.  
A discussion will follow.

The book can be found online at Barnes and Noble, Amazon and Thrift Books.  
All members and nonmembers are welcome. No prior Biblical knowledge necessary.

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### **NEXT ISSUE**

November

### **DEADLINE**

October 25

### **MAIL DATE**

November 1

## **Pastor's Message– Being Like the Trees**

A couple of days ago, I found a post online which said this: “The trees are about to show how lovely it is to let things go.” Being that it is autumn, this is the time of year we are blessed with nature’s last hurrah of the year with the burst of colors coming from the trees. On mild days, we try to make the best of our time in nature, enjoying the cooling temperatures and amazing hues.

And then one-by-one, the trees begin to release the leaves as they evolve from green to a bright color to a crunchy brown. By this time, we’ve probably experienced the first frost, and now winter is creeping alongside us.

So often, I lament when the colors have taken their final bow for the year instead of giving thanks for the beauty of letting go.

Autumn is a beautiful metaphor which runs alongside us. Releasing things is crucial for us as humans. If we kept everything we ever acquired, we wouldn’t have room for the lives we have now. For some of us, this is a tough task. We place so much sentimental value on many of the items in our possession. Letting them go seems like a disservice to our parents, grandparents, and others we’ve loved.

Other items we keep because “we’ll need this in the future.” I know for me, I’m too afraid of letting go because undoubtedly something I throw away will be an item needed down the road. Or I can make use of whatever thing I’m holding onto - I’m sure of it! To release whatever I’m keeping seems to be an error of some sort, even when keeping a piece of information or an outdated book weighs us down.

Maybe releasing something takes an act of faith. Maybe it’s believing that God will fill in the memories through photos we have, a journal, or stories shared with a loved one. It’s trusting that God will give us wisdom and knowledge when we accidentally throw away a piece of paper containing important information.

I see how much work you’ve put into your donations for the rummage sale and know that it takes acts of faith to rid yourself of no-longer-needed household items and joyful remnants of a loved one’s closet. Releasing these items has given you more freedom and, possibly, has strengthened the connection between God and you.

For those of us who realize that we no longer need our outfits from 1993 which we’ve outgrown in one way or another, I bring us this:” ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust\* consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust\* consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6).

May your autumn be filled with lots of colors, kindness, and moments of deepened faith!

Blessings, Pastor Michelle

**Round Sponsorships are available for \$100.00**



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# **ST PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BELLEVILLE**

**HALLOWEEN THEME-COSTUMES ENCOURAGED**

*Belle Vegas Bingo Hall*

**Friday, Oct 27, 2023**

**517 S. Illinois St, Belleville, IL**

**Doors @ 6pm**

**Bingo @ 7pm**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT :  
GLO-BINGO.COM/EVENTS  
(\$2/TICKET NON-REFUNDABLE FEE)  
ST. PAUL UCC 618-233-3303



*\$25 in Advance-\$30 at the Door*  
**MUST BE 18 OR OLDER TO ATTEND**

**Includes 6 bingo cards for 10 games**  
**Also includes Glow Hat & Dauber**  
**(\$5 per additional 6 cards)**

**CASH BAR - BYO SNACKS - BOOZE COOLER & LOTTERY RAFFLES - 50/50**

# Cardinals Quilt Raffle

## Featuring players Pujols, Molina, and Wainwright



This quilt was lovingly made by the talented

Threads of Hope—St. Paul UCC Quilters

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Enclosed is a sheet of 12 tickets which you can purchase for \$10. Send or bring the tickets and the \$10 donation to

St. Paul United Church of Christ

115 West B Street, Belleville, IL 62220

Winner will be chosen at the Glo-Bingo event on Friday, October 27

**WE ARE COLLECTING ON ALL  
5 SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER FOR  
KINDERCOTTAGE**

**TODDLER SIZED GLOVES, HATS, SOCKS  
& UNDIES FOR AGES 1-5 YEARS OLD**

**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR DONATIONS TO  
THE CHURCH OFFICE OR LEAVE YOUR  
ITEMS IN THE WRAPPED BOX IN THE  
WELCOME CENTER WHEN ATTENDING  
WORSHIP.**

**St. Paul UCC  
115 West B. Street, Belleville IL 62220  
618-233-3303**

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





# Crafty Mania



Proceeds to benefit: Youth group & missions of the church

Are you a Scrapbooker, Card Maker, Jewelry maker or like to Sew/Knit?

Whatever your craft, join us!

Spend the day doing what YOU like!



**Saturday October 14, 2023**

9:00am-4:00pm

Cost: \$35.00



Includes: Lunch, snacks, crafting space, attendance prizes, and vendors in the afternoon. Tickets for raffle items will also be available for purchase!

**What:** ALL DAY CRAFTING

**Where:** St. Paul UCC

115 West B Street (Enter on C Street), Belleville, IL 62220



Register by sending a check with your information below to St. Paul UCC

Call with questions: 618-233-3303

For your convenience, pay online at:

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/o/st-paul-ucc-56807225373>**

A service fee of \$4.19 will be charged when you register online.

Reservation and Payment is due by October 5th. Reservation will only be held with payment.

Registration  
Deadline  
October 5!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

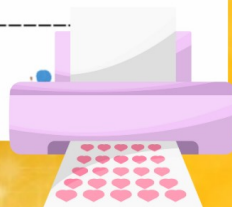
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Email: \_\_\_\_\_












My craft is \_\_\_\_\_ I require electricity Y N

Please seat me with \_\_\_\_\_





Sun	Mon	Tue
<b>1</b> <b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee & Doughnuts  <i>World Communion Sunday &amp; Neighbors in Need Offering</i>	<b>2</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 9:30am-Mats volunteers 10:30am-Yoga Gold  <i>National Custodial Worker's Recognition Day</i>	<b>3</b> 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner  <i>National Techies Day</i>
<b>8</b> <b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee & Doughnuts <b>10am Mission Meeting</b>  <i>Clergy Appreciation Day</i>	<b>9</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> <b>Indigenous Peoples' Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY</b>	10 <i>9am-Quilters</i> 10am-Seekers Bible Study 1pm-Shufflers-Heritage Hall 5pm-Community Dinner  <i>World Mental Health Day</i>
<b>15</b> <b>9am Worship</b>  10am-Culinaire's Breakfast  <i>National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Remembrance Day</i>	<b>16</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold <b>7pm-Executive Council</b>  <i>National Boss's Day</i>	17 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study <b>11:15-Stewardship Meeting</b> 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner <b>5pm-Finance Meeting</b>
<b>22</b> <b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee & Doughnuts  	<b>23</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold  	<b>24</b> 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner  
<b>29</b> <b>9am Worship</b> 10am Coffee & Doughnuts   <i>National Mother-In-Law Day</i>	<b>30</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 10:30am-Yoga Gold 4:30pm-Investment Meeting   <i>National Candy Corn Day</i>	<b>31</b> <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</b> 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner  <i>Reformation Day</i>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			
<b>4</b> 7am-Hot Mess Express 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball <b>1pm-With You meeting</b> 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> <b>10am-Worship Meeting</b> 10:30am-Yoga Gold 5pm-Men's Pickleball Tournament <i>National Do Something Nice Day</i>	<b>6</b> 9:15 am-Pickle Ball  <i>World Smile Day</i>	<b>7</b> <b>St. Paul UCC</b> <b>Fine Arts Concert</b> <b>Kevin Chunko, Organist</b> <b>3 pm</b>  9am - Walk to End Alzheimer's @ SWIC
<b>11</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 12pm-Beginner Pickleball <b>1pm-Website Meeting</b> 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b> <b>7pm-Personnel Meeting</b>  <i>National Farmer's Day</i>	<b>13</b> 9:15 am-Pickle Ball  <i>Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day</i>	<b>14</b>  <b>Crafty Mania</b> <b>9am-4pm</b> 
<b>18</b> 7am-Hot Mess Express 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball <b>1pm-Women's Guild</b> 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 10:30am-Yoga Gold <b>6pm-Council Meeting</b>  <i>National LGBT Center Awareness Day</i>	<b>20</b> 9:15 am-Pickle Ball  <i>National Mammography Day</i>	<b>21</b>  <b>Philharmonic Orchestra Concert</b> <b>7:30pm</b>
<b>25</b> 9am-Pickle Ball 11:30 am-Beginner Pickleball 6pm-Bells Rehearsal 7:15pm-Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> <b>6pm-Food Pantry Meeting</b>  <i>National Pumpkin Day</i>	<b>27</b> 9:15 am-Pickle Ball  <b>Glo Bingo @ Tribouts</b> <b>Doors open 6pm</b> <b>Bingo @ 7pm</b>	<b>28</b>  <i>National Chocolate Day</i>  <i>National First Responders Day</i>
	<i>Breast Cancer Awareness Month</i> 	<i>Mental Illness Awareness Month</i> 	<b>30</b> <b>Our Sharing Kindness sermon series each Sunday this month through October 15</b> 

**YOGA GOLD**

**@ ST. PAUL**

**With Jessica**

**Every Monday @ 10:30 am**

**and**

**the 1st & 3rd Thursdays @ 10:30 am**



St. Clair County Office on Aging



**Flowers, music and  
bulletin sponsorships  
are a lovely way to  
honor the memory,  
birthday or  
achievement of your  
loved one. To sign up,  
you can call the  
church office.  
Cost is \$35.00.**



*Join  
us!*

**Coffee Truck  
Wednesdays  
with  
Hot Mess Express  
&  
St. Paul UCC**

**October 4 & 18  
7-11am**



**And come over to  
Coffee & Conversation in  
the Mosaic Room  
with Pastor Michelle from 9-11am**

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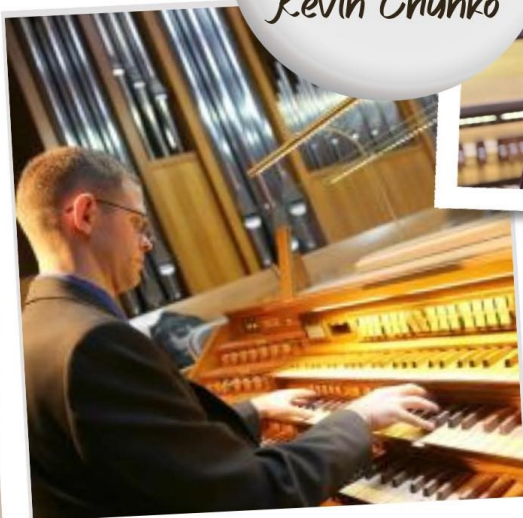
# St. Paul Fine Arts Series

2023-2024 season

STPAULUCC.ORG

PRESENTS

Organ Concert  
with  
Kevin Chunko



SAT. OCTOBER 7

3PM

ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST SANCTUARY

115 WEST B STREET, BELLEVILLE

A FREE-WILL OFFERING  
WILL BE TAKEN

St. Paul UCC organist Kevin Chunko has served a wide variety of congregations as a church musician. He graduated from Millikin University and Western Illinois University, both in organ performance. He pursued doctoral studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. Kevin has also served as University Organist and adjunct faculty accompanist for vocal soloists and choirs at Illinois Wesleyan University. Kevin began at St. Paul in May 2023. We welcome his talents to the Concert Series!

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

Thank you from St. Paul Church. We appreciate your generosity!  
**TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF:**

### **IMO Mark Eckert**

Clarence Wolf

### **IMO Marilee Black**

Kent Black

### **IMO Jessica Krauss**

Kenneth & Osceola Mueller

### **IMO Rose Hoy (Fine Arts)**

Jane Bonaldi

Diane Drake

Edith Elliott

Barbara Cornell

Janice Friedrich

Scott & Lana Gentry

Calvin Guthrie

Carolyn Hazelip

Ruth Klingel

Marlene Mueller

Mary Ann Newstrom

Howard & Sandy Ritter

Dana Rosenzweig & Beverly Brightwell

Larry Walton

Shelly Doerr

Gwen Borsch

Nancy Beasley

Bruce & Pam Elser

Dave & Sue Hoffmann

Terry & Synthia Kalinowski

Lynwood & Kristine Mueller

Viola Nettleton

Paul & Sue Sutherland

Gloria Strohm

Gay Eckert

Dorothy Maiworm

St Paul's Women's Guild

Dolly Kirsch

Chris Taul

Ken Nettleton

Janet Spencer

Roger & Susan Relfe

### **IMO Jeanette Phillips**

Donna Davis

Lynn Koehler

Rusty & Sandy Wagner

Kenneth & Osceola Mueller (Fine Arts)

Jane Bonaldi

Diane Drake

Barbara Cornell

Bobby Lee & Sandra Frerking

Janice Friedrich

Allen & Lana Gentry

Dolly Kirsch

Ruth Klingel

Dorothy Maiworm

Marlene Mueller

Howard & Sandy Ritter

Dana Rosenzweig & Beverly Brightwell

Judith Saeger

Larry Walton

Darlene Schwab

Randall & Donna Trone

Anita Biggs

Laurie & Frank Vollmer

Dorothy Kueker & David & Julie Trout, Rick Trout

Timothy & Wendy Atchison

Dennis & Barbara Wetzler

St Paul's Women's Guild

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Terry & Synthia Kalinowski

Lynwood & Kristine Mueller

Paul & Sue Sutherland

Gloria Strohm

Gay Eckert

Roger & Susan Relfe

Betty Eckert

Jean Waeltz

Allen & Nancy Scharf (Fine Arts)

Janet Spencer

## **ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS**

August 2023 Attendance: 9am 337 +

August 2023 All Gifts: \$21,313.19

Online August 2022 9am: 304 + Online

August 2022 All Gifts: \$32,026.58

Revenue	2022 Final Budget	2022 August Actual	YTD Actual	% of Budget
Congregational Offerings	373,479	19,938	254,884	68.25%
Special Stewardship Events	4,000	300	915	22.86%
Rental Income - 205 WB Street	10,200	915	6,995	68.58%
Building Fund	22,000	857	13,515	61.43%
Outreach / Various Missions	0	1,068	29,640	N/A
Memorials	12,000	355	4,868	40.57%
Bequests	0	0	40,000	N/A
Building Income	5,000	276	2,493	49.86%
Pastoral Honorarium	1,200	0	0	0.00%
Pastoral Expense Revenue	0	0	0	N/A
Investment Income / Michelman Income	26,505	0	14,200	53.58%
Endowment Distribution (per guideline)	110,500	0	0	N/A
Endowment Distribution (Cap. Exp.)	63,000	0	50,392	79.99%
Other Income	1,500	12	45	3.01%
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>629,383</b>	<b>23,721</b>	<b>417,947</b>	<b>66.41%</b>
Team Revenue	9,000	907	6,866	76.29%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>638,383</b>	<b>24,627</b>	<b>424,813</b>	<b>66.55%</b>
Expenses				
Personnel	(328,793)	(28,108)	(208,158)	63.31%
Administrative Support	(38,628)	(3,174)	(26,690)	69.09%
(formerly Operating Expenses)				
Outreach (formerly Mission Board)	(13,885)	(201)	(23,447)	168.86%
Education	(2,925)	0	(923)	31.55%
Stewardship	(1,675)	0	(1,039)	62.01%
Property	(237,000)	(17,194)	(158,682)	66.95%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Bd)	(15,477)	(1,021)	(45,115)	291.50%
General Fund	0	(240)	(240)	N/A
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>(638,383)</b>	<b>(49,938)</b>	<b>(464,293)</b>	<b>72.73%</b>
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	•	<b>(25,311)</b>	<b>(39,480)</b>	



# Anniversaries & Birthdays



## **October** **Wedding Anniversaries**

10/1-Dana Rosenzweig & Beverly Brightwell  
10/7-Leslie & Kenneth Dahm  
10/8-Sharen & Bill Guthrie  
10/11-Mike & Patricia Pierce  
10/21-Donna & Jim Thomas  
10/26-Rick & Diana Harr  
10/27-Terry & Deborah Meyer  
10/29-Andrew & Brittany Elser

## **October** **Birthdays**

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

## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman  
Carol Hotz  
Marilyn Dinkelmann  
Debbie McIntyre, daughter of Arline Worms  
Tim Ritter  
Laura Howie, daughter of Elgee Phillips  
Alec Zaber  
Jo Ann Purdy-Elmore  
Hector Rivera  
Scott Martin, son of Shirley Martin  
Betty Rieso  
Linda Mentzer  
Doug Bush



## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

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





2023 Walk To End Alzheimer's

Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 11:00 a.m. SWIC

Join Our Team: "St. Paul UCC Belleville"

And/Or Donate

Go To: 2023 Alzheimer's Walk Belleville

### St Paul Shufflers and Gamers

#### NEW TIME and Light Lunch!

It's time to eat and have some fun. Bring your favorite game or join in with others. It can be a card game or board game. Or you can just be a kibbitzer and become a part of the party.

**Who:** Members and friends are welcome to break bread and have fun and conversation.

**Where:** Heritage Hall

**When:** 12:00 noon – until you're tired of having fun and conversation.

#### 2ND Tuesday of the month

**What:** A light lunch of soup or salad will be provided.

Free for first timers and those supplying paper products, utensils or anything else you want with your soup or salad; i.e. crackers, bread, butter. \$5 thereafter. Bring your own beverage.

#### IMPORTANT

Please: Let us know by the 2nd Sunday if you are coming so we have enough food. If possible, we will try to accommodate special needs.

**Contact:** church office 618-233-3303



### Women's Guild

October 18th @ 1pm



### Senior Pickle Ball



Mondays & Wednesdays  
@ 9-11am,

Fridays 9:15-11:15

**Beginners Wednesdays @ 11:30**

**St Paul UCC ACTIVITY CENTER**

For information call  
St. Clair County Office on Aging:  
618-234-4410 ext. 7034

# MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

## NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 17th  
from 1-3pm  
in the craft room.  
Please join us!



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PHONE: 618-233-3303

MAIL DATE: October 2, 2023

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### Weekly events

Sundays 9am Worship  
10am Coffee & Doughnuts  
Culinaires' Breakfast  
3rd Sunday of the month



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



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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](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)!**

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.

