



Our St. Paul

July 2025

## **YOUR St. Paul Team**

Rev. Michelle Torigian, Senior Pastor  
Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager  
Dr. Tristan Frampton, Director of Music  
Cynthia Johnson, Organist  
Sherry Wilhelm, Office Manager  
Kathy Buehler, Bookkeeper  
Ian Hipkins, Technology Coordinator  
Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff  
Mary Blaies, Support Staff

## **Church office hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
8:30am-4pm  
Friday  
9am-12pm

**Church Office Contact**  
**Information: 618-233-3303**  
stpaulucc.org

# **Birthdays & Anniversaries**

## **July Wedding Anniversaries**

7/2-Bruce & Pam Elser  
7/2-Scott & Lana Gentry  
7/10-William & Lou James

7/10-Rusty & Sandy Wagner  
7/17-Brian & Jennifer Mentzer  
7/17-Pastor Michelle & Aaron Coleman

## **July Birthdays**

7/4-Pam Walton  
7/6-Marlene Mueller  
7/7-Sophia Florek  
7/7-Ron Buckrod  
7/8-Pam Elser  
7/8-Carole Goers  
7/8-Kris Mueller  
7/8-Dana Rosenzweig  
7/8-Vickie Dziaba

7/9-Sandy Loeffler  
7/11-Gus Kuether  
7/13-Tom Birkner  
7/13-Terry Kalinowski  
7/15-Barb Suess  
7/16-Judy Koch  
7/18-Michael Herrmann  
7/21-Cheryl Buckrod  
7/21-Nick Elser

7/22-Lonnie Kettler  
7/23-Julie Morton  
7/23-Jane Rogers  
7/25-Wayne Caughman  
7/27-Nancy Viehman  
7/28-Sandy Wagner  
7/29-Shelley Shipp  
7/31-Wayne Weidemann  
7/31-Frank Graetz

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Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul**.  
Next issue: August - **Deadline to submit information: July 21st.**

## News and Happenings at Our St. Paul:

Well, friends, summer (with the associated heat and humidity) is upon us. While it can be oppressive, the warm—or hot—longer days allow for time outdoors and opportunities to cool off and escape the heat. Summer has a slower pace, but that does not mean that our congregational life is on hold until the temperatures cool in the fall.

We have entered into the season of the church calendar known as Ordinary Time. It's an interesting name because, for many, the word "ordinary" means nothing spectacular is taking place. While it is true that this season does not include the holidays and festivals (Christmas and Easter) that mark our Christian faith, so it is more "ordinary in that sense; however, the season after Pentecost is the longest one, and we count those Sundays with ordinal numbers (first, second, third, and so on)—thus the second meaning of the word "ordinary" for this liturgical period. The color of the season is green, and—until the typical midwestern drought sets in—we see that color around us in this part of the world during this season of the church. Green is a traditional symbol of life and growth. That is also the purpose of Ordinary Time. To grow in faith and live in the Spirit celebrated at Pentecost.

So, with that in mind, a reminder of *life* at St. Paul *still happening* during these lazy days (some of which is featured in ads further on in this month's OSP):

- We will continue to have special guests (and members) in the pulpit while Pastor Michelle continues her sabbatical. July 6 will be a communion Sunday with Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler (St. Paul member) in the pulpit. July 13 will be a hymn sing service full of inspirational singing. July 20, we will welcome back Rev. Dr. Jeremy Lopez (chaplain at Scott AFB), and on July 27, our Illinois South Conference Minister, the Rev. Shana Johnson will be preaching.
- The Seekers Bible study group and friends will be taking a second outing—this one to the Science Center on July 17, leaving at 9 AM. Call the church office to RSVP or get more details.
- Friday, July 18 (from 12-6 PM) and Saturday, July 19 (9 AM-4 PM) we will be hosting a big sale featuring some teacher supplies, children's books, toys, and more in the Activity Center.
- July 21-24 we will again be partnering with Trinity UCC (the host) for Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through fifth graders. The theme this year is "Compassion Camp." Registration is open now.
- Yoga continues on Mondays and Thursdays; the Shufflers will be playing cards at Pastor Gus's house on the 8th of July, and other weekly events will take place (see the calendar).

This season is also a time to grow in faith, so even though some of us head off to distant locales for the summer or take much-needed vacations, it is still a great time to connect with our church family as well when we are able. It's really quite an extra-ordinary time of the year.

Peace and blessings!



Happy July! Last month, our team assisted and cared for the loved ones of three members who passed. Many of our members participate in assisting funerals held at St. Paul and attend funerals for members and friends of our congregation held in other locations. While you do not have to be a member of our team in order to do that, if that is a calling that you wish to answer, we can always use help with caring calls and cards.

Based on our contact with those in our congregation, we still have around 17 people who are in need of prayers for healing and support due to varying situations. We make it a priority to let those people know that they are not alone and supported by the larger congregation as well. Just under 25 members and friends are in long-term or assisted-living facilities. This month, we will be focusing on revising our guidelines for team members and reviewing procedures to make sure that we are making the best possible use of our time and human resources to serve those who need a caring word and/or presence

As always, we can always put someone to work, so if you want to be part of this incredible group, contact Susan Relfe ([susanrelfe@outlook.com](mailto:susanrelfe@outlook.com)) if you would like to be part of this group. On a weekly basis, take home (or tear out the page with) the list of those we are keeping in prayer. We are encouraging ALL members to consider taking the prayer list home on Sundays (it's published in the weekly bulletin) or check it online (it's under the Media tab) and pray for those listed. God knows their needs, and your thoughtful petitions do make a difference; likewise, **if you could use the support of our team or know a member of the church who could, please call the church office (233-3303). That communication is vital to our ministry. Our next meeting is July 2 at 1 PM.**

Happy Independence Day, and be sure to check in on any elderly friends or neighbors as these hot days can be especially tough on them.

Your partners in caring,  
The With You Ministry Team

**Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.  
(Galatians 6:2)**

# St. Paul UCC

## Upcoming Sunday guest preachers

July 6 - Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

July 13 - Laity Sunday - Mimi & Tristan

July 20 - The Rev. Dr. Jeremy Lopez

July 27 - Rev. Shana Johnson

August 3 - Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

August 10 - Rev. Joan Meier

August 17 - Rev. Joan Meier

August 24 - Rev. Joan Meier

### There is new information on the church website from Archives!

Please access the webpage ([stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)) and find the following advertisement:

From the Archives: Interpretations of the Sanctuary Windows . At May 25th's worship service, the topic of the interpretation of the sanctuary windows was addressed with our congregation. Over the past few weeks, Archives has compiled audio recordings from the 2005 Lenten season where Pastors Wilson and Kramer highlighted a grouping of windows at each service.

Please enjoy at your leisure!

#### Listen to the recordings:

Click on "Listen to the recordings" and it will take you to another page.

Here you can select and listen to recordings of individual sermons while viewing their respective windows.

Jacqueline Glauert, church member and St. Paul Website Manager, used her wonderful skills to associate twenty-year old recordings and window datasets for you. She has brought a new dynamic to the website. When you see her around, please thank her for what she is doing.

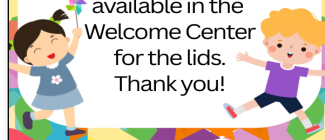
Please take a look. It's your history!

~ Roger Henke, Archives ~

VBS will be held at Trinity UCC from July 21-July 24 @ 6-8 pm. If you are interested in being part of VBS please contact Synthia Kalinowski.

Please save your milk jug lids for a VBS craft project.

A collection box is available in the Welcome Center for the lids. Thank you!





EVERYONE  
is welcome here







Sun	Mon	Tue
<p>National Grilling &amp; Hot Dog Month</p> 	<p>National Ice Cream Month</p> 	<p>1 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>6 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</p> 	<p>7 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> 	<p>8 9am-Quilters 11:15am-Stewardship 1pm-Shufflers @ Gus K's 4:30pm-Finance Meeting 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>13 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee &amp; Doughnuts 10am-Mission Meeting</p> 	<p>14 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> 	<p>15 9am-Quilters 1pm-Mats for Community 5pm-Community Dinner</p>
<p>20 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</p> 	<p>21 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>  <p>6pm-VBS @ Trinity UCC</p>	<p>22 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner 6:30pm-St. Paul Progress @ Judy K's</p> <p>6pm-VBS @ Trinity UCC</p>
<p>27 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee &amp; Doughnuts</p> 	<p>28 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p> <p>6pm-Griefworks Meeting</p> <p>Monday-Funday! 6-8pm</p>	<p>29 9am-Quilters 5pm-Community Dinner</p>

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>2 1pm-With You</p> 	<p>3 10am-Worship Meeting 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>	<p>4 Independence Day!</p> 	<p>5</p> 
<p>9</p> 	<p>10 10:30am-Yoga Gold 7pm-Personnel Meeting</p> 	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> 
<p>16 1pm-Women's Guild</p>	<p>17 10:30am-Yoga Gold 6pm-Council Meeting</p>	<p>18 TOY SALE 12-6pm</p> 	<p>19 TOY SALE 9am-4pm</p> 
<p>23</p>  <p>6pm-VBS @ Trinity UCC</p>	<p>24 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>	<p>25</p> 	<p>26</p> 
<p>30</p> 	<p>31 10:30am-Yoga Gold</p>		

# PRE-ORDER St. Paul shirts!

Order form located in the Welcome Center!  
Pre-pay with cash or check to the office! 618-233-3303

Gold & Black shirts are available!



## Short sleeve

Small - Xlarge \$16.50 each  
2x + - \$19.50 each

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## Long sleeve

Small - Xlarge \$23.00 each  
2x + - \$26.00 each

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## Sweat shirt (crew neck)

Small - Xlarge \$27.00 each  
2x + - \$30.00 each

**HUGE PRESCHOOL AGE TOY SALE  
CHILDREN'S BOOKS AND PUZZLES  
SOME SPECIAL VINTAGE ITEMS  
CAN BE FOUND!  
GET THERE EARLY TO GET THE GOODS!**

**FRIDAY  
JULY 18  
12-6PM  
SATURDAY  
JULY 19  
9AM-4PM**

**St. Paul UCC  
115 W. B St. Belleville, IL 62220  
618-233-3303  
Activity Center/Gym**



**STARTING JUNE 10TH  
THE SHUFFLERS ARE  
RESHUFFLING!**

Those who like to play cards  
and have good conversation,  
come on the 2nd Tuesday of  
the month at 1:00 p.m to  
Pastor Kuether's house.

For directions,  
call **618-616-0077.**







# Crafty Mania

**Saturday, September 27, 2025 - 9am-9pm**

**Cost: \$45 Includes:** lunch, snacks, space & attendance prizes, raffle baskets, vendors & demos! Raffle tickets available for purchase. Dinner will be available for an additional \$30. Menu: chicken, pasta, vegetable & dessert. Please include dinner fee in with your reservation.

St. Paul UCC - 115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL (Enter on C. St. through the Activity Center)

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

**Whether you're into scrapbooking, card & jewelry making, sewing... spend the day doing what YOU love to do!**

Name & address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone & email: \_\_\_\_\_

I want to sit by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Proceeds to benefit St. Paul youth & church missions!**

Call for questions or more information: 618-233-3303

**Reservations and payment are due by:**  
**September 19th!**



Trinity UCC / St. Paul UCC  
present

# Compassion Camp

**21 July - 24 July**  
**6pm to 8pm**

Let's learn about compassion while having fun at Vacation Bible School! Hurry up and register! Preschool thru Fifth Grade!

**Register Now @**  
[stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

**Located at Trinity UCC Belleville**  
**47 North Douglas**

**St. Paul UCC**

# MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-Day is July 28, from 6-8pm!  
We hope to see you!!! Everyone is welcome!  
Building a better community!

 **Chair Yoga 6-6:30. Yoga 6:30-7 - \$10!** 

**Pickleball - \$5 (bring your own paddle & ball)**

**Board Games (bring your own or play Uno!)**

 **BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!!** 

# Griefworks

**An LGBTQIA+ Grief Support Group**

Announcing a new Grief Support Group For anyone (18+) in the LGBTQIA+ Community Who has experienced loss and is struggling with grief

**Monday, May 19, 2025**  
**6:30-8:00 pm**  
**St. Paul UCC**  
**115 West 8 Street**  
**Belleville, IL 62220**  
(Use entrance under portico)



Meetings will be held monthly on the 4th Monday of each month  
**Upcoming meetings: 6/23, 7/28, 8/25**  
(May meeting will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month because of holiday weekend)

Contact [griefworks2025@gmail.com](mailto:griefworks2025@gmail.com) for more information



# July Day Trip

**THURSDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**9AM**

**ALL ARE INVITED!**

Seekers Bible Study & friends July Outing  
Thursday, July 17th  
Meet at the church to carpool at 9:00 a.m.  
St. Louis Science Center  
The museum is free admission.  
"Pompeii The Exhibition" is \$22 for those 60+  
RSVP [susanrelfe@outlook.com](mailto:susanrelfe@outlook.com) or call the office!



# MATS FOR COMMUNITY COMFORT

**Please join us!**

We could use your help to make mats from plastic bags for people in need!

**3rd Tuesday of every month from 1-3pm!**

St. Paul UCC  
115 W. B. St.  
Belleville, IL 62220  
618-233-3303 ~ [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org)

## MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

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

### **IMO Marilee Black**

Kent Black

### **IMO Raymond "Lynn" Bradley**

Debbie Lippert

### **IMO Jack Snyder**

Marilae Perkins

### **IMO Ellen Ruth Bohnemeier**

Debbie Lippert

Jane Bonaldi

Ruth Klingel

Kenneth Mueller

Lynn Koehler

### **IMO Marilyn Dinkelmann**

Carolyn Draper

Kenneth Mueller

### **IMO Raymond Chamberlin**

Donna Davis

Berba & Ohmart Families

Terry Kalinowski

Dolly Kirsch



## For Your Prayers

Lori Coleman

Carol Hotz

Tim Ritter

Wayne Caughman

Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim Ritter

Lou Ann Niemann

Debbie Price

Christopher Mitchell

Audrey Krummrich

Ralph Eckart, brother in-law of Marlene  
Mueller

Mike Llamas, brother in law of

Mimi Llamas

Jennifer Wick, daughter of Stephenie Bauza

Venita Jane Rogers

Fred Hotz

Cynthia Johnson

Jim Young

Scott Gentry

Sydney Kalinowski

Larry Walton

Betty Eckert



**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.**

REVENUE	2025 Final Budget	2025 May Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$351,017.89	\$38,539.10	\$179,603.35	51.17%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$3,000.00	\$60.54	\$1,485.54	49.52%
St.	\$14,400.00	\$1,200.00	\$6,000.00	41.67%
130500 - Building Fund	\$10,000.00	\$3,512.00	\$7,668.00	76.68%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,600.00	\$541.25	\$3,105.63	47.06%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$3,748.00	N/A
131100 - Memorials	\$6,000.00	\$1,305.00	\$6,654.00	110.90%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00		\$107,500.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$11,000.00	\$163.00	\$2,200.00	20.00%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	66.67%
Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131500 - Investment Income /Michelson Income	\$28,400.00	\$0.00	\$14,200.00	50.00%
131600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per Guidelines)	\$131,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. Exp.)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
131800 - Distribution from Endowment (Roof Project)		\$182,000.00	\$182,000.00	0.00%
131900 - Other Income	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$1,017.39	4069.56%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$572,642.89</b>	<b>\$239,120.89</b>	<b>\$525,981.91</b>	<b>91.85%</b>
Team Revenues	\$4,360.00	\$280.27	\$1,957.27	
Capital Expenses				
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$577,002.89</b>	<b>\$239,401.16</b>	<b>\$527,939.18</b>	<b>91.50%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Personnel Expenses	(\$315,884.75)	(\$22,955.63)	(\$123,182.97)	39.00%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$42,220.28)	(\$2,499.13)	(\$18,418.06)	43.62%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$10,325.00)	\$0.00	(\$43.21)	0.42%
Education	(\$1,500.00)	\$0.00	(\$18.14)	1.21%
Stewardship	(\$1,350.00)	(\$78.87)	(\$489.61)	36.27%
Property	(\$189,897.86)	(\$203,148.45)	(\$277,927.48)	146.36%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$15,825.00)	(\$2,702.71)	(\$6,258.23)	39.55%
General Fund	-	-	(\$3,000.00)	N/A
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>(\$577,002.89)</b>	<b>(\$231,384.79)</b>	<b>(\$429,337.70)</b>	<b>74.41%</b>
Difference between Revenue & Exp	\$0.00	\$8,016.37	\$98,601.48	

### ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

May-25 9am 397 + Online

May-24 9am 377 + Online

May-25 All Gifts: \$40,631.89

May-24 All Gifts: \$29,135.88

**please join us!**



**In person on Sundays!**

Worship Service - 9am  
Coffee & Doughnuts - 10am

**Join us live on Facebook**

St. Paul United Church of Christ

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For videos of services, sermons,  
archives, events and much more!!

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