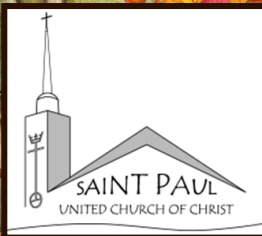




October

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Our St. Paul Newsletter

YOUR St. Paul Team

Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager
Sherry Wilhelm, Office Manager
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Dr. Tristan Frampton, Director of Music
Cynthia Johnson, Organist
Ian Hipkins, Technology Coordinator
Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff
Mary Blaies, Support Staff

Church office hours:

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

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Information: 618-233-3303
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Anniversaries & Birthdays

October Wedding Anniversaries

10/1-Dana Rosenzweig &
Beverly Brightwell
10/5-Mike & Mary Blaies
10/7-Kenneth & Leslie Dahm
10/8-Bill & Sharen Guthrie

10/12-Roger & Colleen Henke
10/21-Donna & Jim Thomas
10/26-Rick & Diana Haar
10/27-Terry & Deborah Meyer
10/29-Andrew & Brittany Elser

October Birthdays

10/1-Leslie Dahm
10/2-Judy Beisiegel
10/4-Jean Chamberlin
10/4-Lisa Quandt
10/4-Jack Wilson
10/6-Beverly Clark

10/8-Megan Dahm
10/8-Mike Speichinger
10/13-Alan Keuss
10/13-Lou Ryseff
10/13-Deanna Sherland
10/16-Carl Schneider

10/22-Carol Weidemann
10/25-Stephenie Bauza
10/25-Scott Gentry
10/27-Gary Buckrod
10/29-Alec Zaber
10/29-Mary Blaies

OUR ST. PAUL is published monthly. It is edited by our pastor and produced by the office staff.
Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for **Our St. Paul**.
Next issue: November - Deadline to submit information: October 20th.

A Letter from our Council President

It has been a month since I announced that Pastor Michelle was resigning her call as our Senior Pastor. By the time you read this message, a Service of Farewell for Pastor Michelle will have taken place, and she will have wrapped up her remaining tasks at St. Paul. In the past month, I have heard various rumors regarding Pastor Michelle and none of them are accurate.

Over the last two years, serious efforts were made to make the needs of our congregation sync with the priorities of Pastor Michelle. Those efforts did not prove effective. With that in mind, the Personnel Team recommended to the Council that Pastor Michelle be asked to tender her resignation. The Council approved the recommendation and Pastor Michelle agreed to resign. If you have additional questions about Pastor Michelle's resignation, please contact Roger Harris (618-631-4502 / rhar-ris2325@gmail.com) or Mimi Llamas (618-616-2148 / mimillamas221@aol.com) or Brett White (618-235-5435 / bawhite72@att.net). Otherwise, the time to focus on our next chapter is here.

Worship leaders for our Sunday services have been confirmed for the rest of the year. A four-week rolling schedule of worship leaders will be published in the OSP, ENews, and Sunday bulletin. Some people have asked when I will appoint a Search Committee to begin looking for a new pastor, but I ask for your patience as we work through various details (e.g., updating our church profile and confirming expectations for our next pastor). Due to the ISC Annual Meeting on October 18th, our Conference Minister is unable to meet with the Church Council until November to discuss next steps for finding a settled pastor. If anyone has any suggestions for how to collect input from the congregation regarding expectations for a new settled pastor, please let me know.

Roger Harris



Illinois South Conference—Annual Meeting

This year, our church has the privilege of being the host site for the Illinois South Conference Annual Meeting on Sat, Oct 18th from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

As the host church, we have agreed that our building will be the gathering place for all authorized ministers who have standing in the Conference, all the members of our churches of the Illinois South Conference who will be coming as voting delegates and guests, as well as all of our local ministry partners such as Hoyleton Youth and Family services, Deaconess Foundation, Deaconess Nursing, Kindercottage, Eden Theological Seminary and our wider Church partners such as Global Ministry and all of the financial institutions of the UCC.

In other words, on Saturday, October 18, there will be a lot of people here at St, Paul UCC, Belleville, from the Illinois South Conference and the wider Church of the United Church of Christ for the purpose of connecting, collaborating, and attending to the voting business of our Conference.

There will be worship, which will include our musicians and choir, and the newly elected Associate General Minister of the UCC, and Co-Executive of Global Ministries, Rev. Shari Prestemon.

There will be a catered meal, snacks, and drinks for those who have registered for the Annual meeting to enjoy.

There will be resourcing sessions to provide pastors and lay people with ideas and resources for implementing initiatives in their local churches.

There will be a marketplace featuring a pop-up bookstore from Eden Seminary, along with representatives from ministry partners we support, and some we haven't yet met.

There will be a business session in which voting delegates will decide on matters such as the 2026 Proposed Budget and the 2026 Slate of Nominees, which are those who will serve in leadership on the committees and teams of the Conference.

But most of all, there will be plenty of opportunities to greet old friends from different churches and to meet new friends in the Illinois South Conference.

Annual Meeting is a time for the people of the Illinois South Conference to gather, to celebrate the ways God is moving in our midst, and to be open to the possibilities of collaboration and creativity as we are stronger together!

So, mark Saturday Oct 18, on your calendar, and stay tuned. In the coming weeks, you will hear about the volunteers needed to host this year's Annual Meeting. We hope you will say yes to this opportunity to experience who we are in the Illinois South Conference. Thank you!



October is here! Before long, we will be greeting trick or treaters, and moving into the season of Thanksgiving. We, here at St. Paul, are in a season of transition with pastoral leadership. Rest assured, the With You team is prepared to continue our good work without a missing a beat.

We are so grateful for those who donated and participated with the Alzheimer's Walk to fund research into a cure for this illness that touches so many.

During this time as the year winds down and our calendars overpopulate with the plans and preparations, we can still use your help, so if you want to be part of this valuable group, contact Susan Relfe (susanrelfe@outlook.com). **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 October 1 at 1 PM.**

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)

SUNDAY WORSHIP LEADERS!

October 5 - Rev. Dr. Chance Beeler

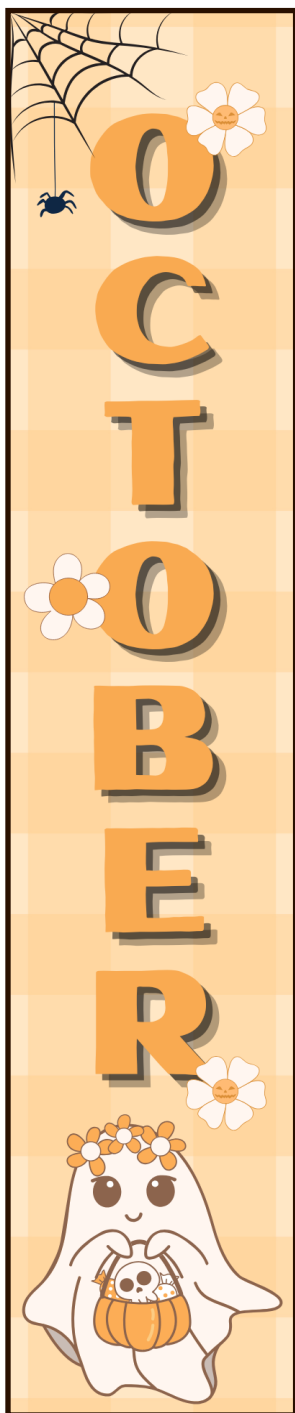
October 12 - Craig Bielke

October 19 - Rev. Joan Mier

October 26 - Rev. Joan Mier

Mats for Community Comfort
3rd Tuesday of every month
from 1-3pm in the craft room.
Please join us!





Sun	Mon	Tue
		
5 World Communion Sunday 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 	6 10:30am-Yoga Gold	7 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 1pm-Shufflers @ Gus K's 5pm-Community Dinner
12 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 10am-Mission Meeting 	13 Columbus Day St. Paul UCC Closed	14 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 11:15am-Stewardship Mtg 1pm-Mats for Community 4:30pm-Finance Mtg 5pm-Community Dinner
19 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 	20 10:30am-Yoga Gold	21 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner
26 9am-Worship 10am-Coffee & Doughnuts 	27 10:30am-Yoga Gold Monday-Funday! 6-8pm Griefworks Meeting 6:30pm	28 9am-Quilters 10am-Bible Study 5pm-Community Dinner

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 1pm-With You 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	2 10am-Worship Meeting	3	4 
8 12pm-Rummage Sale Setup 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	9 9am-Rummage Sale Setup 10:30am-Yoga Gold 7pm-Personnel Meeting	10 RUMMAGE SALE 4-7pm 	11 RUMMAGE SALE 9-12 
15 1pm-Women's Guild 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	16 10:30am-Yoga Gold 6pm-Council Meeting	17	18 IL South Conference Annual Meeting 9am
22 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	23 10:30am-Yoga Gold	24	25
29 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir 	30 10:30am-Yoga Gold Pumpkin Pot 50/50 Drawing	31 HALLOWEEN 	

WE ARE COLLECTING THROUGH
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.

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GRIEFWORKS
An LGBTQIA+
Grief Support Group

A peer support group for anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community
who has experienced loss and is struggling with grief.

MEETINGS HELD
4TH MONDAY
EVERY MONTH

6:30-8:00 pm

St. Paul UCC

115 W. B Street
Belleville, IL 62220

griefworks2025@gmail.com



MUSIC TRIVIA

@ ST. PAUL UCC

FRIDAY, NOV. 21 @ 6 PM

ACCEPTING SILENT AUCTION BASKETS!

\$30 PER PERSON OR
a PREPAID TABLE OF 8 FOR \$200

GUARANTEED TO BE A FUN NIGHT!

RAFFLE BASKETS!

SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

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FALL FESTIVAL DuBois Center

October 5th, 2025

11 am to 5 pm.

Free Entry

Free Parking

St. Paul UCC MONDAY FUN-DAY

Our next Monday Fun-Day is
October 27, from 6-8pm!
We hope to see you!!! Everyone is welcome!
Building a better community!



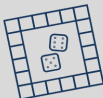
Chair Yoga 6-6:30. Yoga 6:30-7



Pickleball (bring your own paddle & ball)

Board Games (bring your own or play Uno!)

FREE WILL OFFERING!



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If you would like to keep in touch with The Rev. Jeremy Lopez while he's deployed, please send mail addressed as shown below:

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OPC 1277 Box 60
APO, AE 09877

jeremylopez@fuller.edu

ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE

115 W. B Street
Belleville, IL
Activity Center (Gym)
(Across from Franklin School)
INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!



Bake Sale!

*Donations of
baked goods accepted!*

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

**CONTACT SUSAN RELFE
IF YOU CAN HELP!**

SUSANRELF@OUTLOOK.COM



**SALE
DATES**

Fri., Oct. 10th
4-7pm &
Sat., Oct. 11th
9am-12pm

Donations are accepted **starting on September 29.**
Drop off hours: Monday & Wednesday from 10-4pm!
or if you do not need help unloading, you can place your items in the garage by the activity center door Mon-Thurs.
*****PLEASE CALL before you come!*** 618-233-3303**

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 Wayne Caughman

Mr&Mrs Todd Hoeman
 Dorothy & Gordon Maiworm
 George Michael Caughman
 Lynn Koehler
 Dana Rosenzweig & Beverly Brightwell
 Ron & Tammie Boisjoli
 Ken Nettleton
 Steven & Jennifer Melichar
 Cheryl D Bendick
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 Debbie Lippert
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 Jane Bonaldi

Larry Walton

Sonja Myland

Janice Friedrich

Laura Strohm Armstrong

Judy Koch

Eddie Elliott

Michael & Anne Flahive

IMO Joyce Hoercher

100th Birthday

Terry & Deborah Meyer

IMO John Hoehn

Donna Davis

IMO Chris Mitchell

Donna Davis

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz

Tim Ritter

Tim Ritter Jr., son of Sandy & Tim
 Ritter

Lou Ann Niemann

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

Gay Eckert

Gene Buxton

The loved ones of Helen
 Whicher



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 Aug Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$351,017.89	\$16,426.00	\$241,248.09	68.73%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,587.54	52.92%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$14,400.00	\$1,260.00	\$9,780.00	67.92%
130500 - Building Fund	\$10,000.00	\$320.00	\$9,510.00	95.10%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,600.00	\$547.96	\$4,406.79	66.77%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$811.00	\$6,369.00	N/A
130323 - Bank/Paypal Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$593.61	#DIV/0!
131100 - Memorials	\$6,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$9,744.00	162.40%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$108,500.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$11,000.00	\$51.00	\$3,147.00	28.61%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	66.67%
131499 - Pastoral Expense 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	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	100.00%
131800 - Distribution from Endowment (Roof Project)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$182,000.00	#DIV/0!
131900 - Other Income	\$25.00	\$1,019.70	\$62,003.72	248014.88%
Total Operating Revenues	\$572,642.89	\$22,685.66	\$663,889.75	115.93%
Team Revenues	\$4,360.00	\$358.00	\$2,966.76	
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$577,002.89	\$23,043.66	\$666,856.51	115.57%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$315,884.75)	(\$26,331.85)	(\$200,463.85)	63.46%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$42,220.28)	(\$5,277.58)	(\$31,503.84)	74.62%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$10,325.00)	(\$1,220.00)	(\$5,251.21)	50.86%
Education	(\$1,500.00)	(\$301.06)	(\$345.16)	23.01%
Stewardship	(\$1,350.00)	\$0.00	(\$1,092.42)	80.92%
Property	(\$189,897.86)	(\$60,041.53)	(\$486,465.94)	256.17%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$15,825.00)	(\$225.87)	(\$7,508.17)	47.44%
General Fund	-	-	(\$3,000.00)	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$577,002.89)	(\$93,397.89)	(\$735,630.59)	127.49%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	(\$70,354.23)	(\$68,774.08)	

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Aug-25 9am 431 + Online

Aug-24 9am 451 + Online

Aug-25 All Gifts: \$21,832.16

Aug-24 All Gifts: \$28,131.47

please join us!



In person on Sundays!

Worship Service - 9am
Coffee & Doughnuts - 10am

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