

May Worship Leaders

MAY 10 - CRAIG BIELKE

MAY 17 - CRAIG BIELKE

MAY 24- REV. JOAN H. MIER

MAY 31- CRAIG BIELKE



Weekly Offerings	5/2/2026
Operating	\$ 2,757.00
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
	\$ 2,762.00
Giving YTD	\$ 138,159.76
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 118,558.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

April 26, 2026	82	+ Online Participants
April 27, 2025	84	+ Online Participants

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
 The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
 Lou Ann Niemann
 Mike Llamas, brother in law
 of Mimi Llamas
 Al Stahl
 Audrey Krummrich
 Laura Sadler
 Alec Zaber
 Jane Bonaldi
 Ruth Klingel
 Synthia Kalinowski
 Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
 Our Pastor Search Committee



Please call the office for prayer requests. 618-233-3303

Have you been confirmed?

We are looking for people of all ages who are interested in learning about confirmation at St. Paul UCC.

IF THIS IS YOU

PLEASE CONTACT
 Sandy Ritter 618-222-1123 or
 Synthia Kalinowski 618-277-3472

Leave a message with your name and contact information and your age group range:

- Age groups:
 10-20
 21-31
 32-42
 50 & over



St. Paul UCC

Happy Mother's Day



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Welcome

Sunday, May 10, 2026 ~ 9am
6th Sunday of Easter

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leader	Craig Bielke
Director of Music	Dr. Tristan Frampton
Organist	Cynthia Johnson
Liturgist	Beverly Brightwell

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Close to Thee
arr. Don Phillips

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.

It is God who has kept us from falling and saved our lives.

Let our thanks and praise resound throughout this place of worship

Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we do.

Open your hearts and spirits to God this day.

Lord, be with us and place your hand of healing in our lives. Amen

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Source of all creation, maker of the world, and everything in it, you are never far from each one of us. We come into this space seeking you, O giver of life and breath. Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us; abide in us. We live because of you. We hope because of you. In the name of Jesus Christ in whom we live, and the Spirit of Truth who abides in us, amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

St. Paul Fine Arts presents . . .



RECRUITS
YOUTH CHORUS

Sunday, May 31st @ 2pm



A free will offering is greatly appreciated.

THE GREAT PUZZLE RACE

Thursday, June 25th - 6:30-9:00PM

Be a puzzle sponsor for \$15!

Deadline to sign up is June 12th!

Cost is \$10 per person (\$5 for ages 6-11)

Families are welcome!

2-4 people per table

Attendance prizes and a prize for 1st and 2nd place winners.

Bring your own drinks and snacks! Popcorn & lemonade will be provided.

Sponsored by St Paul UCC Mission and Christian Education teams.

All proceeds will be donated to Beacon who provides low income people in need of furniture and household goods for a new beginning.

RSVP by mailing or dropping off a check or cash to the office!

115 W. 8. St., Belleville, IL 62220

or Scan the Paypal QR Code

(put puzzle race in the memo)

618-233-3303 or email swilhelm@stpaulucc.org



MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga

Yoga

CANCELLED FOR MAY

Pickleball

Puzzles and Board Games Available!

Bring your friends!

St. Paul, Belleville

Enroll at the Activity Center door!

Just a free will offering!

618-233-3303

A free will offering is happily accepted.

Free! All are welcome!


SHRINERS PARADE

JUNE 5, 2026

PARADE WALKERS & RIDERS NEEDED TO HAND OUT BEADS! FUN EVENING OF COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP REPRESENTING ST PAUL!



St. Paul United Church of Christ
115 West 8 Street, Belleville, IL
www.stpaulucc.org



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 or email the church office. 618-233-3303 ~ swilhelm@stpaulucc.org

Cost is \$35.00.

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us 440

D A D A7 D A D A7 D A7 D

1 Sav-ior, like a Shep-herd lead us, much we need thy ten-der care;
 2 We are thine, do thou be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;
 3 Thou hast prom-ised to re-ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
 4 Ear-ly let us seek thy fa-vor, ear-ly let us do thy will;

D A D A7 D A D A7 D A7 D

in thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use thy folds pre-pare:
 keep thy flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray:
 thou hast mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:
 bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with thy love our bos-oms fill:

G D A Bm7 A7 D

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast bought us, thine we are;
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear, O hear us when we pray;
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to thee;
 Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, thou hast loved us, love us still;

G D A7 D

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WORDS: Attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847); *Hymns for the Young*, 1836
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868) BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D

OPENING HYMN

They'll Know We Are Christians 595

Unison

1 We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord.
 2 We will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in hand.
 3 We will work with each oth-er; we will work side by side.
 4 All praise to the Fa-ther, from whom all things come.

We are one in the Spir-it; we are one in the Lord.
 We will walk with each oth-er; we will walk hand in hand.
 We will work with each oth-er; we will work side by side.
 And all praise to Christ Je-sus, his on-ly Son.

And we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored.
 And to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 And we'll guard each one's dig-ni-ty and save each one's pride.
 And all praise to the Spir-it, who makes us one.

Refrain

And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our love.

Yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

WORDS and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes (1938-); para. John 13:35
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CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of mercy, there are so many times in our lives when we feel alone. We wonder where you are. We cry out to you in our confusion, pain, and hurt. And when you do not immediately grant the prayers of our cries, we begin to doubt that you hear our petitions. Stop us from going down this path of self-destruction. Help us look around and find the many ways in which you have blessed our lives. Forgive us when we are so quick to doubt and so arrogant in our demands of your responses. Give us a spirit of patience and willingness to be ready to hear your voice. Strengthen us for the ministries of love and hope that you have placed before us; for we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even in the midst of doubt and darkness, the light of God is shining in you, on you, and through you. Out of God's great love, you have been redeemed and made whole. Rejoice, beloved of God. Amen!

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth
by John Rutter
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES

Acts 17:22-31 and John 14:15-21 Beverly Brightwell

SERMON

Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

MISSION MOMENT

Archives, Roger Henke

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC

Give Me Jesus
arr. Mark Hayes
Tom Birkner, soloist

***DOXOLOGY** (Tune: Old Hundreth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ in whom God's grace we know
Praise Spirit, with us evermore
One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen**

DEDICATION PRAYER

Gracious and generous God, we give you thanks for every good gift that comes from your hand. Receive these offerings, given with gratitude. Dedicate us also, O God, not only our resources, but our lives to your service. May all that we are and all that we have be used for the building of your kingdom and the sharing of Christ's love, hearts, as signs of our love, our trust, and our commitment to your work in the world.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

(see page 6)

COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux
by Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

