

OUR ST. PAUL

MAY 2026



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YOUR St. Paul Team

Patrick Kinney, Facility Manager

Ken Dahm, Facility Manager

Sherry Wilhelm, Office Manager

Kathy Buehler, Bookkeeper

Dr. Tristan Frampton, Director of Music

Cynthia Johnson, Organist

Evan Wilhelm, Support Staff

St. Paul UCC office hours:

Monday - Thursday 8:30am-4pm

Friday 9am-12pm

618-233-3303

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Worship Leaders

MAY 3 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

MAY 10 - CRAIG BIELKE

MAY 17 - CRAIG BIELKE

MAY 24- REV. JOAN H. MIER

MAY 31- CRAIG BIELKE

May Wedding Anniversaries

5/2-Terry & Synthia Kalinowski
5/7-Bobby Lee & Sandy Frerking
5/14-Steven & Tammy Flach

5/18-Gordon & Dorothy Maiworm
5/25-Ricky & Julie Morton
5/26-Laura & Kristopher Armstrong

May Birthdays

5/1-Allen Schuessler
5/2-Evan Wilhelm
5/5-Audrey Krummrich
5/11-Lana Gentry
5/11-Nancy Stanton
5/15-Archie Garces
5/16-Avery Elser

5/18-Amy Garces
5/19-Chase Mentzer
5/19-Terry Meyer
5/19-Laura Armstrong
5/20-Steve Schmidt
5/20-Teresa Schmidt
5/20-Barbara Arms

5/23-Zoey Davenport
5/27-MaryLu Bretsch
5/30-Carol Speichinger
5/31-Wes Krummrich
5/31-Carol Taake
5/31-Brett White
5/31-Drew Kramer

OUR ST. PAUL is published monthly.

Material for inclusion may be sent to the church noted for ***Our St. Paul.***

swilhelm@stpaulucc.org or call the office.

Next issue: June- Deadline to submit information: May 20th.

Greetings St. Paul,

The Great 50 Days of Easter comes to a close on Pentecost Sunday. Make plans to attend a Spirit-filled service of worship on May 24 and wear RED (or yellow or orange) as a sign of the Holy Spirit among us.

May brings warmer days and the promise of summer. The school year is winding down, the days are getting longer, and Memorial Day will mark the season's unofficial start. After Pentecost, we will enter into the longest season of the liturgical year—Ordinary Time (the liturgical color is green). Even though there are no major church holidays during this season, the name does not mean “common.” The name comes from the counting (ordinal numbers) of the weeks in it. Still, while these upcoming months bring travel and temporary relocations for some of us, the life of the church moves on. That could not be more true for our St. Paul.

The Pastoral Search Committee was commissioned during worship on April 26. The work behind the scenes has resulted in the completion of the church's profile. After the team meets with Conference Minister Shana Johnson, our profile and job posting will be subsequently posted. The committee is anxiously awaiting the results of that work. As stated during the commissioning, your prayerful support is greatly needed—and appreciated—as we take on the task of discerning who will be just the right fit to lead us into the future as our partner in the faith. We are trusting in God's timing and guidance in all of it. Know that while the days of Ordinary Time pass, the Spirit is moving.

Even as we look to the slower pace of longer days along with the travel and leisure that summer affords, there is still plenty of opportunity to worship and be of service to others. Check out the May opportunities and offerings in this month's OSP, and keep connected by being in worship (or joining in on Facebook or YouTube if you are away) and following us on Facebook and/or Instagram. Friends, let's have an extra-ordinary Ordinary Time!

Blessings!



Updates from the April Council Meeting

Shout-Outs:

- To the group who wrote the church profile which is the first step in our search for a new pastor.
- To all who were a part of the observances of the Easter season: ushers, tech team, ministers, music, sanctuary and altar, and others who were part of that glorious week where we mourned the death and celebrated the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- To all who helped with a successful rummage sale: those who donated, baked, set up goods, managed sales, and helped take down after the event.

Old Business:

- No resolution has been reached regarding the difference between the insurance company's offer and Ehret's bid to replace the damaged boiler.
- The Council reviewed and approved the Church Profile. The profile will now be sent to our Conference Minister, Shana Johnson, for her review and approval.

New Business:

- Ruth Ann Erdmann, Mimi Llamas, and Laura Armstrong volunteered to create a transition plan for our new settled pastor when that becomes appropriate.
- The Personnel Team recommended that we hire Kenneth (Ken) Dahm as our Facilities Manager. Ken will work alongside Patrick Kinney for the next few months as Ken comes up to speed on our building and property details. Patrick will be retiring, but no date has been set.

The With You Team was commissioned in worship on Palm Sunday. It was a joy to be recognized and affirmed in our ministry by those present.

Several members of the team have been serving and sharing home communion with members who cannot make it to church on the first Sunday of the month. For all involved, it has been a deeply moving experience. Our team members have shared the elements with extended family members during some of the home visits and they have become real points of meaningful contact and yet another way for those who cannot be with us in person to know that this congregation's caring and love extends far beyond the walls of our sanctuary.

If you know of someone in the church who would appreciate this service or if you would like to become a member of the With You Team's ministry please contact Susan Relfe (susanrelfe@outlook.com) or call the church office. Our next meeting is May 6 at 3 PM.

**Sharing the love,
The With You Ministry Team
Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will
fulfill the law of Christ.
(Galatians 6:2)**



Rev. Joan Mier's Expanded Role

Rev. Joan has agreed to expand her Supply Pastor role at St. Paul UCC. She will continue to be our worship leader some Sundays each month. Additionally, she will be available if you would like to discuss something with a pastor.

Rev. Joan will not have regular office hours, but you may contact her by calling the church office (618-233-3303) or by sending her an email (pasjoan@sbcglobal.net). If you call after normal business hours, please leave a message. We have agreed to limit Rev. Joan's workload to 15 hours per week.

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

May 3 - Zoey Davenport

May 10 - Al Scharf

May 17 - Linda & Carol
Speichinger

May 24- Mona Scheibel

May 31 - Donna Davis

PLEASE CONSIDER BEING A COFFEE HOUR HOST !

It takes about 15-20 min to set up.

Our guests arrive about 10:00.

Better to have their coffee ready at that time. Last coffee call no later than 11:00, if not sooner.

Takes about 20-25 min to clean up.

Printed instructions are available.

Assistance is always available.

Contact the office to sign up!

SAVE THE DATE

Crafty Mania

Saturday, September 26, 2026 - 9am-8pm

Cost: \$45 for the day : lunch is included.

Dinner will be available for an additional \$10.

St. Paul UCC - 115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220
(Enter on C. St. through the Activity Center)

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

Proceeds to benefit organizations outside our church in the greater Belleville area.

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

**Reservations and payment are due by :
September 15th!**

Philharmonic Society of Belleille presents

TCHAIKOVSKY FIREWORKS

Philharmonic Orchestra
and Chorale
Joseph Choi, conductor

Tchaikovsky Symphony #5
Selections from
Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and
Haydn's "The Creation"

May 9, 2026 7:30 pm
St Paul United Church of Christ
115 W B St, Belleville, IL
Free Admission

Follow us on ...

 YouTube

 facebook.

 Instagram



St. Paul Friends announces the annual observance of,
Kentucky Derby Day: **The Run for the Roses**

Saturday, May 2

Start Time 3:00 P.M.

At the home of Lyn and Kris Mueller
429 Weatherstone Dr.
Belleville 62221

Bring a favorite beverage, an appetizer to share and \$10.00
for "The Good of the Cause."

St. Paul Women's Guild

Please join us at our next meeting
to see what we're all about!
All ladies are welcome!

Refreshments ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

We help support
the community
and other missions
with proceeds
from our
Rummage and
Bake Sales!



Treat yourself to
an afternoon out
with old friends
& maybe make a
new friend. We'd
love to have you
join us!

MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga and



Puzzles and
Board Games
Available!

**CANCELLED
FOR MAY**



Bring
your
friends!

Enrollment at the Activity Center door!
just a free will offering!
618-233-3303

A free will offering is happily accepted.

Free! All are welcome!

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!

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Threads of Hope Quilters

Every Tuesday ~ 9am-2pm!
@ St. Paul UCC!

Join us for the enjoyment
of quilting.

for info: 618-233-3303
(Community Outreach Mission)



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





THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

WE COULDN'T DO ALL OF THIS WITHOUT YOU!



St. Paul Fine Arts presents . . .



Sunday, May 31st @ 2pm



A free will offering is greatly appreciated.

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**



MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2 3pm Derby Day Party
3 9am-Worship 10am-coffee 10:30am-Search Committee 3pm-Metroeast Chorale Concert	4	5 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers 5pm-Community Dinner	6 3pm-With You 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	7	8	9 7:30pm Belleville Philharmonic Concert
10 9am-Worship 10am-coffee 10am-Mission Mtg <i>HAPPY Mother's DAY</i>	11	12 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers 5pm-Community Dinner	13 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	14 7pm-Personnel Mtg.	15	16
17 9am-Worship 10am-coffee	18	19 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers 1pm-Mats 5pm-Community Dinner	20 1pm-Women's Guild 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	21 6pm-Council Mtg.	22	23
24 9am-Worship 10am-coffee 10:15am-Fne Arts Mtg	25 Memorial Day St. Paul UCC Closed 	26 9am-Quilters 10am-Seekers 5pm-Community Dinner	27 6pm-Bells 7:15pm-Choir	28	29	30
31 9am-Worship 10am-coffee 2pm-Fne Arts Concert						

THE GREAT PUZZLE RACE

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

Be a puzzle sponsor for \$15!

Deadline to sign up is June 12th!

Families are welcome!

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

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. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220

or Scan the Paypal QR Code

(put puzzle race in the memo)

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



Today is the last day to submit a memorial gift for the Mother's Day Honor Roll. Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection plate if you would like to participate.

CIRCLE ONE: IN MEMORY OF OR IN HONOR OF

MOTHER / LOVED ONE'S NAME _____

YOUR NAME _____



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 Judith Harms
Mr & Mrs D Kinney & Carolyn Black
Scott & Angela Paul
Mary Spreitler
Sandra Weck & Teresa Minor
Kevin & Mary Hembrough
Margie Ping
Peg Twitchel & Debbie Merryman

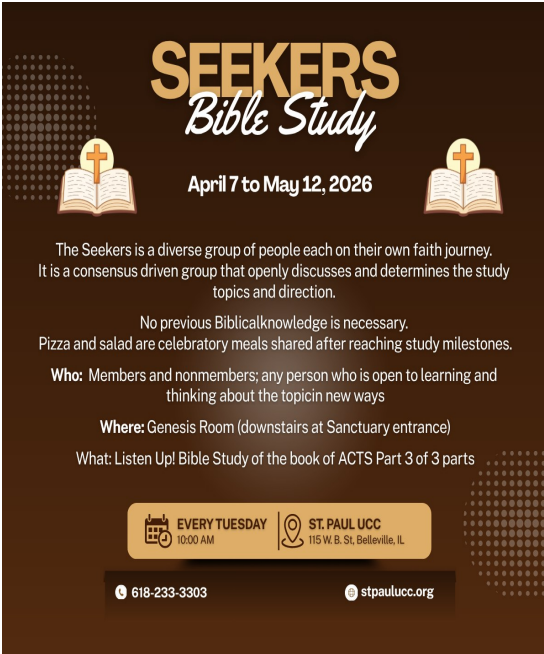
IMO Terry Hoefle
Al & Nancy Scharf

IMO Theresa Yung
Robert Yung

IHO Sandy Wagner (B-Day)
Judy Koch
Jan Spencer (FA)

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



SEEKERS
Bible Study

April 7 to May 12, 2026

The Seekers is a diverse group of people each on their own faith journey. It is a consensus driven group that openly discusses and determines the study topics and direction.

No previous Biblical knowledge is necessary. Pizza and salad are celebratory meals shared after reaching study milestones.

Who: Members and nonmembers; any person who is open to learning and thinking about the topic in new ways

Where: Genesis Room (downstairs at Sanctuary entrance)

What: Listen Up! Bible Study of the book of ACTS Part 3 of 3 parts

EVERY TUESDAY 10:00 AM | ST. PAUL UCC 115 W. B. St, Belleville, IL

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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	2026 Final Budget	2026 Mar Actuals	YTD Actuals	% of Budget
130100 - Congregational Offerings	\$352,648.00	\$28,730.00	\$86,554.00	24.54%
130104 - Fund Raising Events*	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
130105 - Rental Income-205 W B St.	\$15,120.00	\$1,260.00	\$3,780.00	25.00%
130500 - Building Fund	\$10,000.00	\$245.00	\$554.00	5.54%
130741-BASSC Utilities	\$6,900.00	\$616.22	\$1,640.76	23.78%
1302xx - Outreach (Various Missions #)	\$0.00	\$230.00	\$550.00	N/A
130323 - Bank/Paypal Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
131100 - Memorials	\$8,000.00	\$910.00	\$2,110.00	26.38%
131200 - Bequests	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131300 - Building Income	\$6,000.00	\$200.00	\$300.00	5.00%
131400 - Pastoral Honorarium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	#DIV/0!
131499 - Pastoral Expense Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	N/A
131500 - Investment Income /Michelson Income	\$28,400.00	\$14,910.00	\$14,910.00	52.50%
131600 - Distribution from Endowment (Per Guidelines)	\$171,710.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131650 - Distribution from Endowment (Cap. Exp.)	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
131900 - Other Income	\$0.00	\$142.58	\$603.74	#DIV/0!
Total Operating Revenues	\$612,778.00	\$47,243.80	\$111,002.50	18.11%
Team Revenues	\$4,677.27	\$522.00	\$1,071.76	22.91%
Capital Expenses				
Grand Total	\$617,455.27	\$47,765.80	\$112,074.26	18.15%
EXPENSES				
Personnel Expenses	(\$357,080.60)	(\$15,608.88)	(\$47,902.53)	13.42%
Administrative Support (formerly Operating Expenses)	(\$36,643.47)	(\$2,295.81)	(\$7,840.46)	21.40%
Outreach (formerly Mission board)	(\$9,500.00)	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Education	(\$1,500.00)	(\$25.82)	(\$35.74)	2.38%
Stewardship	(\$1,200.00)	(\$141.65)	(\$389.56)	32.46%
Property	(\$193,631.20)	(\$15,931.96)	(\$57,873.52)	29.89%
Congregational Care (formerly Worship Board)	(\$15,900.00)	(\$183.61)	(\$1,318.35)	8.29%
General Fund	(2,000.00)	-	\$0.00	N/A
Total Operating Expense	(\$617,455.27)	(\$34,187.73)	(\$115,360.16)	18.68%
Difference between Revenue & Expenses	\$0.00	\$13,578.07	(\$3,285.90)	

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

Mar-26 9am 471 + Online Mar-25 9am 436 + Online
Mar-26 All Gifts: \$67,856.22 Mar-25 All Gifts: \$49,092.13

Please join us!



In person on Sundays!

Worship Service - 9am

Coffee & Doughnuts - 10am

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