

July

Worship Leaders

JULY 5 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

JULY 12 - REV. JOAN H. MIER

JULY 19 - REV. GARY KNIPEKAMP

JULY 26 - CRAIG BIELKE

Weekly Offerings	7/4/2026
Operating	\$ 24,095.35
Building Fund	\$ 72.00
	\$ 24,167.35
Giving YTD	\$ 203,704.43
*Large Donation	
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 188,298.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
July 5, 2026	72	+ Online Participants
July 6, 2025	81	+ Online Participants

For Your Prayers

Carol Hotz & Fred Hotz
The Ritter family, Tim, Sandy & Tim Jr.
Lou Ann Niemann
Al Stahl
Laura Sadler
Alec Zaber
Jane Bonaldi
Ruth Klingel
Paul Sutherland

Our Pastor Search Committee
Cathy Blaies and family (Mike's sister)
Sylvia, sister of Luci Bradley
Rich Wilburn and his family,
son-in-law of Stephenie Bauza
Staci Atwood, daughter of
Judy Saeger
Stephen Agnew, son of
Carolyn Hazelip

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

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

July 5-Lisa Hudnall
July 12-Al Scharf
July 19-Linda & Carol Speichinger
July 26-Mona Scheibel

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!

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St. Paul UCC

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Welcome

Sunday, July 19, 2026 ~ 9am
8th Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Visiting Pastor **Rev. Gary Kniepkamp**
Director of Music **Dr. Tristan Frampton**
Organist **Cynthia Johnson**
Liturgist **Susan Relfe**

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Wade In the Water
arr. Mark Hayes
Bill Guthrie, soloist

SILENT REFLECTION:

Often, what we see is determined by what's behind our eyes, and not what's before our eye.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the mustard seed a great and mighty shrub emerges.

People: Good things can come from something that seemed so insignificant!

Leader: The spore of the yeast can leaven the whole loaf of bread.

People: We can be those people who bring hope and peace to God's world.

Leader: Come, let us praise the God of great and mighty wonders.

People: Let our spirits soar in gratitude for the opportunities God gives us to serve. Amen

*Response of Praise (sung by Congregation, see page 3)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.



Our Fallen Brother Kurt Jacob Mueller

1985-2005

A man of ideas, who pursued knowledge. A person who loved all. Never forget the fragility of life. Celebrate what is here today. To honor his memory, we bring music. To celebrate the air we breath, the life we live, and the music we create.



Please join us for a **FREE CONCERT**

Belleville Mini Park AKA Paderborn Square, 227 East Main St. Belleville, IL 62220

Thursday, July 23rd, 6-9 p.m.

Featuring: Chris and Jillian Ritter

**St. Paul Friends
Fundraiser at Scharf Farm!**
Saturday, August 15th from 6-10pm

\$20 per person for all who attend!
(all to benefit mission projects of St. Paul UCC)

WHAT TO BRING:
Your friends - the more the merrier!
Your favorite hors d'oeuvre/snack to share!
Your lawn chair and a cooler of your favorite beverage!

Music by:
Jillian & Chris
Ritter

Contact Sandy Ritter if you
have any questions!
618-222-1123

Please join the Mission Team on August 2 during Coffee Hour as we wrap boxes for our mission project. Come lend a hand, enjoy fellowship, and help us prepare boxes for those in need. Your time and support are greatly appreciated! We look forward to seeing you there.

**It's Your Birthday, Inc.**
Give a child a memorable birthday

(Mission: To create a fun and memorable birthday experience for children in homeless and domestic violence shelters.)

 Gift wrap and boxes will be provided. 

CONFIRMATION CLASSES UPDATE!

Confirmation classes for those who would like to be confirmed in the church and those who would like to just do a Confirmation refresher, on

Monday evenings, starting September 21, 6:00 p.m. We will meet every week for approximately 1-1/2 hours (unless there is a holiday or other event), to discuss basic constructs of faith--i.e., God, Jesus, The Holy Spirit, The Bible, The Christian Church, what it means to be part of the United Church of Christ. Confirmation classes will finish March 15th and Confirmation presentations, and ceremony for the unconfirmed, will be on Palm Sunday, March 21st.

Please contact the church office to be added to the Confirmation list.



**MISSION TEAM
SCHOOL SUPPLY
DRIVE**

Suggested items:
**BACKPACKS, PENCILS, TISSUES 100 COUNT
BOXES, WIPES, NOTEBOOKS, GLUE STICKS....**

**Please drop off your items in the
Welcome Center - box provided.**

    

BACK TO SCHOOL

For the Healing of the Nations 621

B $\flat$ B $\flat$ D B $\flat$ F $\flat$ E $\flat$ D E $\flat$ B $\flat$ D Gm F A F7 B $\flat$

1 For the heal-ing of the na-tions, Lord, we pray with one ac-cord,
 2 Lead your peo-ple in - to free-dom, from de-spair your world re-lease,
 3 All that kills a - bun-dant liv-ing, let it from the earth be banned:
 4 You, Cre - a - tor-God, have writ-ten your great name on hu-man-kind;

B $\flat$ B $\flat$ D B $\flat$ Adim C Gm D Gm D Gm B $\flat$ Gm F C C7 F

for a just and e - qual shar-ing of the things that earth af-fords.
 that, re-deemed from war and ha - tred, all may come and go in peace.
 pride of sta - tus, race, or school-ing, dog-mas that ob - scure your plan.
 for our grow - ing in your like-ness, bring the life of Christ to mind;

F B $\flat$ B $\flat$ 9 E $\flat$ Cm Dm Cm Eb Gm Fsus F7 B $\flat$

To a life of love in ac-tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 Show us how, through care and good-ness, fear will die and hope in-crease.
 In our com-mon quest for jus-tice may we hal-low life's brief span.
 that by our re-sponse and serv-ice earth its des-ti-ny may find.

WORDS: Fred Kaan (1929-)
 MUSIC: Henry T. Smart (1813-1879)
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REGENT SQUARE
 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Surely the Presence 131

D F#m7 Gmaj7 Em

Sure - ly the pres-ence of the Lord is in this place; I can

Em7 A7 D Em/D A7

feel his might-y pow - er and his grace. I can

D F#m7 Gmaj7 Em

hear the brush of an-gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face;

Em7 A7 Em7 A7 D

sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

WORDS and MUSIC: Lanny Wolfe (1942-)
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INVOCATION (unison)

Lord, you place before us the images of the small—the tiny mustard seed, the grain of yeast, the small treasure—and remind us that we, though we think of ourselves as small, are not insignificant in your kingdom. Open our hearts and our spirits to you in thankful remembrance of the ways in which we can serve you throughout all our lives. Amen

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN

603 In Christ There Is No East or West

Chord progression for "In Christ There Is No East or West":

Chords: D, F#m, G, D/F#, A/C#, A7, D, Em/G, D/F#, A7/E, D, A

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In him shall true hearts ev - ery-where their high com - mun - ion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your race may be!
4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north;

but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his serv - ice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
Who serves my Fa - ther as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

WORDS: John Oxenham (1852-1941), alt.
MUSIC: Alexander R. Reinagle (1799-1877)

ST. PETER
C.M.

PRAYER FOR REFLECTION AND RECONCILIATION (Prayer of Confession)
Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to get caught up in the negative. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

WORDS OF GRACE

SPECIAL MUSIC *The Way of the Cross Led Me Home*
by Mosie Lister
Bill Guthrie, soloist

SCRIPTURES Romans 8:12-25 and Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 Susan Relfe

SERMON "You Do You!" Rev. Gary Kniepkamp

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.

REFLECTION ON GIVING
As the Christian family, we are called to work side-by-side for the good works offered in Jesus' name. We are also called to come together to bring our offerings in good faith, for the benefit of the great ministry that continues in the name of our divine Brother, Jesus Christ. Amen.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC
Come Away From Rush and Hurry
Hymn Tune: Beach Spring
arr. James Denton

***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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (Unison)
Gracious and loving God, you have blessed us with the treasures of your kingdom and we offer our response through these gifts of money and the service of our lives. May they be used to sow the seeds of your kingdom values of love, justice and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

***CLOSING HYMN** *For the Healing of the Nations* (see page 6)

***COMMISSIONING**

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *By Faith Transformed*
by Lani Smith