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Worship Leaders

August 2 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

August 9 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

August 16 - Craig Bielke

August 23 - Craig Bielke

August 30 - Craig Bielke

Weekly Offerings	8/8/2026
Operating	\$ 8,025.00
Building Fund	\$ 25.00
	\$ 8,050.00
Giving YTD	\$ 242,186.43
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 216,194.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service		
August 2, 2026	78	+ Online Participants
August 3, 2025	85	+ 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
 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
 Gay Eckert
 Mike Speinchinger
 Larry Walton
 Jennifer Wick,
 daughter of Stephenie Bauza
 Dave Muskopf, close friend of
 Tom & Kathy Birkner
 Jane Peters, sister of Jerry Pierce

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

August

Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

August 2 - Bruce & Pam Elser
 August 9 - Al Scharf
 August 16 - Linda & Carol Speichinger
 August 23 - Mona Scheibel
 August 30 - 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.
 ~Printed instructions & Assistance are always available.

Contact the office or Donna D. to sign up!

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St. Paul UCC



**No matter who you are,
 No matter where you
 are on life's journey,
 You are welcome here."**



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Welcome

Sunday, August 16, 2026 ~ 9am
12th Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Lay Leader Craig Bielke
Director of Music Dr. Tristan Frampton
Guest Organist Mary Lu Bretsch
Liturgist Mimi Llamas

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

As It Is in Heaven
by Michael W. Smith
Bill Guthrie, soloist

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

We have gathered from our different places to worship here.

How good it is to worship together!

We come from our different occupations and livelihoods.

How good it is to worship together!

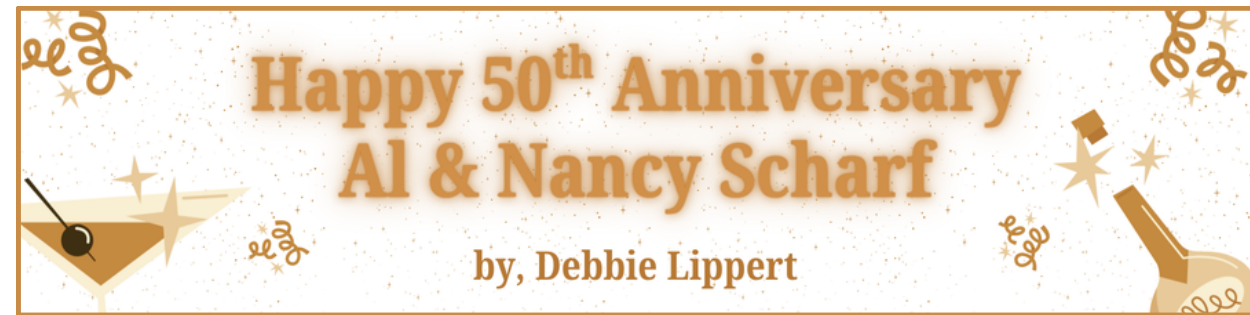
We come as unique individuals, bound together in the love of Christ.

How good it is to worship together!

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Merciful God, we boldly pray to you, confident that you will not reject us. In spite of our human failings, your love continues to draw us together. Be with us today, as we rejoice in the power of your love, proclaim the good news of your grace, and celebrate the unity we share in Christ. How good it is to be together! Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE



Crafty Mania

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

Join us for a full day of crafting fun! Bring your favorite projects, share ideas with other crafters, and enjoy hours of creativity, inspiration, and handmade creations.



Raffle Baskets and 50/50



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.

Name & address: _____

Phone & email: _____

I want to sit by: _____

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

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

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

WEEKLY CLASSES

6:00 p.m.

**September 21 to
March 15th**

Confirmation
Ceremony
**Palm Sunday
March 21st.**

618-233-3303



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.

457 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

N.C. D G/D D

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart, in my heart;
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart, in my heart;
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart, in my heart;

D A Bm G D G/D D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

D G D Bm

In my heart, in my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

D A7 Bm G D

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more lov-ing in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be more ho-ly in my heart.
 Lord, I want to be like Je-sus in my heart.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
 Irregular

OPENING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy 61

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
 2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner and more grac-es for the good;
 3 For the love of God is broad-er than the meas-ure of our mind;
 4 If our love were but more sim-ple, we would take him at his word,

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib-er-ty.
 there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.
 and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
 and our lives would be il-lu-mined by the pres-ence of our Lord.

WORDS: Frederick W. Faber (1814-1863)
 MUSIC: Lizzie S. Tourjée (1858-1913)

WELLESLEY
 8.7.8.7.



CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Diligent Lord, we confess that we have allowed a host of worries and frustrations to crowd out your word for us. As you give us peace and your transforming love, also forgive all those times when we have been less than faithful disciples. Gently visit us again with your healing powers. Restore our hope and courage and joy for all the times ahead. We ask this in the name of the Master Healer, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION WORDS OF ASSURANCE

SPECIAL MUSIC *A Heavenly Celebration*
arr. Mark Hayes
Bill Guthrie, soloist

SCRIPTURES Genesis 45:1-15 Mimi Llamas
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28

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.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC
Joyful, Joyful
arr. Robert Hobby

***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 God, you pour your blessing upon your people. We thank you for the gift of being together. Receive these offerings as signs of our desire to live together in your love and to share your abundance with all your children. Let what we give today flow outward in compassion and service, that our life together may reflect your kingdom of peace, justice, and joy. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* (see page 6)

COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*
arr. Robert Hobby

ST. PAUL UCC RUMMAGE SALE
& Bake Sale! 115 W. B Street - Belleville, IL Activity Center (Gym) (Across from Franklin School)

INSIDE RAIN OR SHINE!

SALE DATES
Fri., Oct. 9 4-7pm &
Sat., Oct. 10 9am-12pm

Drop off hours: Monday-Thursday. You can place your items in the garage by the activity center door.
PLEASE CALL before you come! 618-233-3303

Seekers Bible Study
September 8 to October 13, 2026
Genesis Room
(downstairs at Sanctuary entrance)
or the St. Paul Library (first floor)

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Save The Date!
FRIDAY, OCT. 23RD @ 6 PM

BIG PAPA G'S MUSIC TRIVIA @ ST. PAUL UCC

- ROUND SPONSORS NEEDED - \$100!
- AUCTION BASKET RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
- ROUND JUDGE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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If you're looking for something to read, check out the St. Paul Library. We have a large collection of books on many subjects, both nonfiction and fiction. We also have a small selection of audiobooks and DVDs, as well as many jigsaw puzzles. You can see a sample of the collection on the cart in the welcome center, or stop in to the library in the main hallway. Check outs and returns are easy, and there are no late fees!

