

OCTOBER

Worship Leaders

October 4 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

October 11 - Rev. Joan H. Mier

October 18 - Craig Bielke

October 25 - Rev. Jeremy Lopez

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Coffee Hour Host Schedule:

October 4 – Zoey Davenport

October 11 – Donna Davis

October 18 –

October 25 – Mona Scheibel

Please consider being a coffee hour host !

It takes about 15–20 min to set up. Have coffee ready by 10:00 a.m. Last coffee call 11:00 a.m. Printed instructions & assistance are always available.

Contact the office or Donna D. to sign up!

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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
Stephen Agnew, son of
Carolyn Hazelip
Gay Eckert
Larry Walton
Jane Peters, sister of Jerry Pierce
Bette Ettling
The Gentry family
Wes Krummrich
Dorothy Maiworm
Daniel Holtzclaw, friend of the Birkners

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

Weekly Offerings	9/19/2026
Operating	\$ 5,570.21
Building Fund	\$ 5.00
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Giving YTD	\$ 279,563.64
Weekly Budget	\$ 6,974.00
Budget to Date	\$ 258,038.00
Total Budget	\$ 362,648.00

Weekly Attendance - 9AM Service

September 13, 2026	79	+ Online Participants
September 14, 2026	97	+ Online Participants

St. Paul UCC



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Welcome

Sunday, September 27, 2026 ~ 9am
18th Sunday after Pentecost



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Jordan
From The Sacred Harp, 1844

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The apostle Paul calls us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."
What is the mind of Jesus?

The mind of Jesus is to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul reminds us that "it is God who is at work in you."

How is God at work in us?

Through God's grace we are able to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Paul exhorts us to "work on your own salvation with fear and trembling."

How do we work on our own salvation?

We cooperate with grace to love God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

Beloved, we gather to worship God who, through Jesus, shows us how to love and enables us to love as Christ loves us.

We gather to learn how to live in full accord through our love of God, neighbor, self, and all creation.

*UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord, who lifts us up, reside in our hearts today. Help us to listen closely for your word to us. Remind us that you are always with us, throughout all of our lives. Give us confidence in your presence, so that we may go into your world ready to witness to your love through our works and our deeds, for we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE



Please join us!

Culinaires Breakfast

TODAY!

immediately following worship service!

A free will offering is greatly appreciated!

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!
SUSANRELFE@OUTLOOK.COM

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

Donations will be accepted starting September 28th!
Drop off hours: Monday-Thursday. If you need help
unloading ***PLEASE CALL before you come!***
618-233-3303

Seekers Bible Study

Tuesdays @ 10 am
St. Paul Library on the main floor
St. Paul UCC
115 W. B. St., Belleville, IL 62220
618-233-3303 www.stpaulucc.org

St. Paul Women's Guild

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

We meet on the 3rd
Wednesday of each
month @ 1 pm!

Refreshments ~ Fellowship ~ Fun

TOMORROW! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

MONDAY FUN-DAY!

4th Monday of every month!

Chair Yoga 6-6:30pm
Yoga 6:30-7pm
Pickleball 6-8pm

St. Paul UCC
Enter on 2nd St. at the Activity Center door!
No cost - just a free will offering!
618-233-3303

A free will offering is happily accepted.
Free! All are welcome!

CLOSING HYMN

Just a Closer Walk with Thee 504

1 I am weak, but thou art strong; Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal - ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee - ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Refrain: Just a clos - er walk with thee, grant it, Je - sus, is my plea,

D.C. for Refrain

I'll be sat - is - fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur - den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent - ly, safe - ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.
dai - ly walk - ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK
Irregular

Community Event!
Electronics Recycling Day!
St. Paul UCC - Belleville
November 14 - 9am-12pm



- MICROWAVES, WASHERS, DRYERS, HUMIDIFIERS, FRIDGES, FREEZERS, TOASTERS, COFFEE MACHINES, POTS AND PANS, SILVERWARE, LAWN MOWERS, PUSH MOWERS, AC UNITS, LEAF BLOWERS, WEED EATERS,
- COMPUTERS, PRINTERS, SHREDDERS, SPEAKER SYSTEMS, STEREOS, CELL PHONES, HOUSE PHONES, OFFICE PHONES, CARD READERS, DOCKING STATIONS, PROJECTORS, BATTERY BACKUPS,
- WIRES, XMAS WIRE, CAR BATTERIES, HOUSEHOLD ITEM BATTERIES
- TV RECYCLING, FLAT LED TVS ARE NO CHARGE, TUBE TVS, PLASMAS, PROJECTOR DLP TVS ARE CHARGE ITEMS .45 CENTS PER POUND IN THE SHOP .50 CENTS PER POUND PICKED UP.
- COMPUTER RECYCLING WE DO PROVIDE HARD DRIVE DESTRUCTION CERTIFICATES WHEN ASKED ABOUT
- ALL HARD DRIVES ARE DESTROYED AS UNLOADED AT THE SHOP SO YOUR DATA IS DESTROYED AND CANNOT BE USED IN ANYWAY.

115 W. B. Street, Belleville, IL 62220

ST. PAUL FRIENDS
HALLOWEEN PARTY
OCTOBER 30 - 6:30 PM
AT THE HOME OF
ROGER AND JULIE HARRIS
2325 SLAMMER DR, BELLEVILLE
BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT
PLUS YOUR OWN BEVERAGES
COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL

OPENING HYMN

569 God of Grace and God of Glory

G C G/B G/A G D/A G/B C6 G/D D G C/E C Am7

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn your Christ, as -
3 Heal your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

G/D D7 G C G/B G/A G D/A G/B C6 G/D D G C/E

pour your power; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring its
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us— free our
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our

G/B C G/D D G D G/D D7 D/F# G D7 G G/B

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

G/B D7 A G D/F# Em7 D G/B D7 A G C G/D D7 G

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

WORDS: Harry E. Fosdick (1878-1969), alt.
MUSIC: John Hughes (1873-1932)

CWM RHONDDA
8.7.8.7.8.7.7.

CALL TO AND UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Holy God, we know that in so many ways;
We have run from you,
We have ignored your call,
We have disbelieved your mercy,
We have disregarded your words,
We have belittled ourselves,
We have forsaken others.
So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness. We ask you to stay with us as we turn away from what is wrong and hurtful to what is bright and live giving. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM *Guide My Feet, Lord*
arr. John Carter
Sanctuary Choir

SCRIPTURES Exodus 17:1-7 Beverly Brightwell
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

SERMON Craig Bielke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.

RECEIVING OF THE GIFTS AND OFFERTORY MUSIC
Creator of the Stars of Night
Tune: Conditor Alme Siderum
Setting by: Robert Lau
*Creator of the stars of night, your people's everlasting light,
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all, and hear your servants when they call.*

***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 (UNISON)
Giving God, you meet us at the start of every day and invite us to take on the mind of Christ. As we bring these gifts, set aside in us the need to win, to hoard, to be first. Shape us instead for love, for shared work, for joy in serving side by side. Use what we offer to build a community where sacrifice is natural, mercy is instinctive, and hope rises in every heart. Keep forming us, not by force but by grace, until our living begins to look like Jesus. We place our offerings, and ourselves, in your hands. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Just a Closer Walk With Thee* (see page 6)

COMMISSIONING + CHARGE + BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Triumphant Voluntary*
by James Mansfield



**Big Papa G's
Music Trivia**
@ ST. PAUL UCC
FRIDAY, OCT. 23RD @ 6 PM



TICKETS: \$25.00 IN ADVANCE (\$30 AT THE DOOR)
TABLE OF 8 - \$200 IN ADVANCE
[HTTPS://WWW.PAYPAL.COM/NCP/PAYMENT/W6G4LZDD84H4U](https://www.paypal.com/NCP/PAYMENT/W6G4LZDD84H4U)

➔ **ROUND SPONSORS NEEDED - \$100!**

➔ **AUCTION BASKET RAFFLE VOLUNTEERS & BASKETS NEEDED!**



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