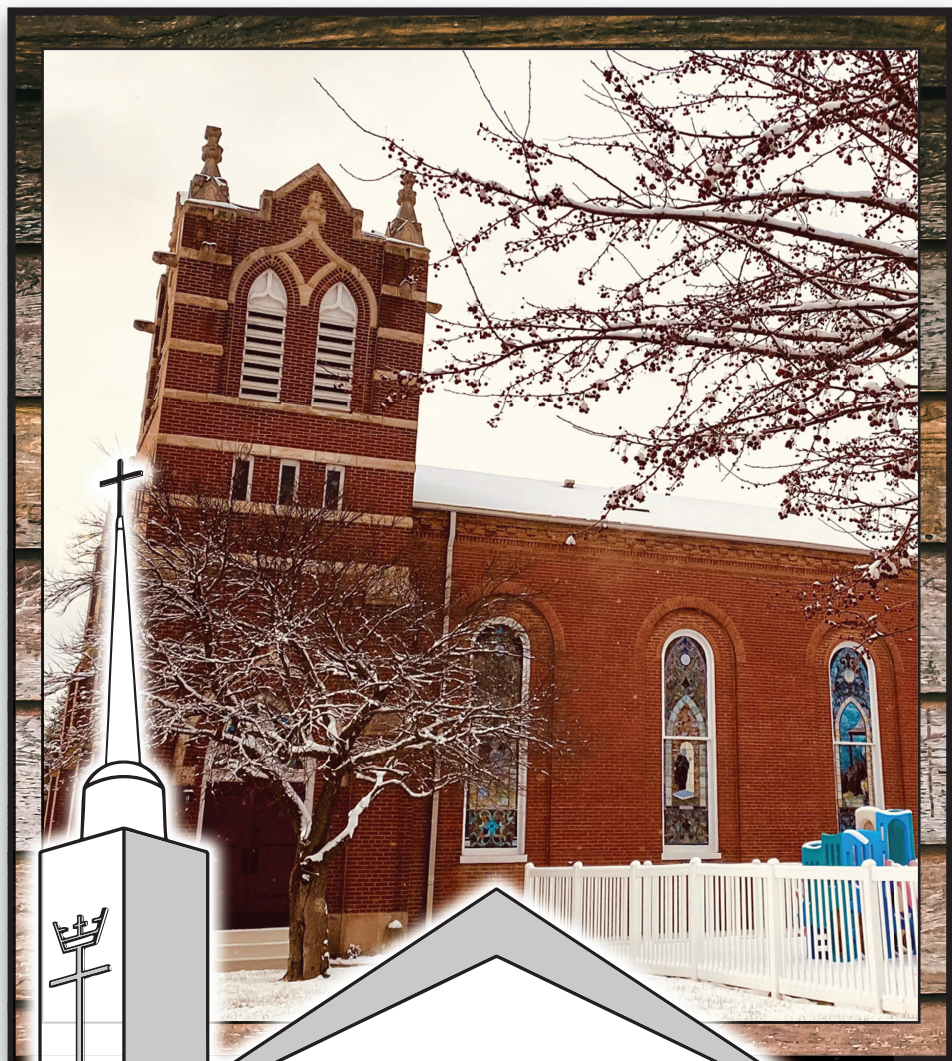


# 2022 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY



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No Matter Who You Are, or Wherever You Are  
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Our congregation is made up of persons from many religious, educational, cultural, racial, and geographic backgrounds. A great variety of ministries are offered to members and friends of the congregation as well as to our wider community. We encourage you to find a place of service and of sharing within the congregation. We invite you to deepen your faith with study, worship, and prayer. It is good to be the church together.

Striving to be a Christian community of joy, peace, and justice, St. Paul United Church of Christ affirms as its mission-

- to gather and welcome all persons to praise and worship God.
- to nurture and challenge families and persons young through old to deepen their faith and develop their spiritual gifts.
- to express God's love through service to each other, our community, and the world.

## Congregational Guidance

The mission and ministry of St. Paul is guided by the *Great Commandment*; “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (*Matt 22:37-40 RSV*) and the Great Commission, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age.” (*Matt 28:18-20 RSV*)

From the Great Commandment and the Great Commission we deduce the five purposes of the church.

They are:

- \* The worship of God
- \* Service to neighbor
- \* Community building or fellowship
- \* Discipleship or Christian education
- \* Evangelism

St. Paul provides many activities so that members can select, from a wide variety, to engage in activity for personal growth on their faith journey and activity that is in service to others.



# Sunday Worship and Christian Education Schedule

## **Sundays**

9 am ..... Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary with Children's Chat  
10 am ..... Sunday School (during school year)  
10:30 am Fellowship (Coffee & Donuts weekly, Culinaire's Breakfast on  
the 3rd Sunday of the month)  
..... (In Person fellowship will resume as guidelines allow.)

Virtual Worship Services – [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org), Facebook, YouTube.

## **Radio Broadcast**

Our Worship Service is broadcast on KSTL-690 AM radio & streamed  
on [Jubilee690.com](http://Jubilee690.com) at 9 am Sundays and repeated at 9 pm.

## **Holy Communion**

First Sunday of each month & on special occasions.

## **Baptism**

Baptisms are celebrated as a part of our regular worship.

If you are interested in Baptism for a member of your family, please  
contact the church office.

## **Weddings**

Please contact the church if you are interested in getting married at St.  
Paul UCC.

## **Nursery and Cry Room**

Our Family Room and Nursery are both located off the Welcome Center.

The Nursery is open during the 9 am service, if your small person gets  
wiggly. There are toys & books to enjoy in both spaces.

Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large Bibles (in church library) are  
available. Please see your ushers if you have any questions or need assistance.

**Please note: ALL items may be adjusted for safety  
reasons or any restrictions in place.**



## St. Paul Church Staff

The staff is best reached through the Church Office at 233-3303. *In an emergency*, home telephone numbers may be used.

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### **2022 Holidays - Church Office is closed on these days:**

Saturday, January 1	New Year's Day (office closed 12/31/2022)
Monday, January 17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 21	President's Day
Monday, April 18	Easter Monday
Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 5	Labor Day
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day
Friday, November 11	Veterans Day
Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday
Saturday & Monday, December 24 & 26	Christmas Holiday



## 2022 Church Council

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## 2022 Council Meetings

3rd Thursday every month, 6 pm – meetings may take place on Zoom or  
in-person

## 2022 Team Meetings

Usually, meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of the month, unless otherwise  
scheduled by your individual Team.

# 2022 St. Paul UCC Teams

## ADMINISTRATIVE CORE TEAMS

### FINANCE TEAM

**Chair:** Larry Walton

**Members:** Terry Kalinowski, Mike Pierce, Dana Rosenzweig, Larry Walton, and Ken Nettleton (advisor only).

**Staff liaison:** Stephenie Bauza

### PERSONNEL TEAM

**Chair:** Doug Bush

**Members:** Sue Hoffmann, Donna Nettleton, Al Scharf, Al Stahl, and Rusty Wagner, Brett White.

**Staff liaison:** Rev. Michelle Torigian

### PROPERTY TEAM

**Chair:** Laura Strohm Armstrong

**Members:** Jane Bonaldi, Wayne Caughman, Cecil Crites, Rick Haar, Lou Ryseff, Jack Snyder, and Paul Sutherland.

**Staff liaison:** Patrick Kinney, Facilities Manager

### STEWARDSHIP TEAM

**Chair:** Peggy Burke

**Members:** Stephenie Bauza, Sue Sutherland, Donna Thomas, Sandy Wagner, Larry Walton.

**Staff liaison:** Rev. Michelle Torigian

## MINISTRY TEAMS

### CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM

Debbie Lippert and Beverly Brightwell, Co-Chairpersons

**Includes groups:** Worship, Tech /AV, With You, Membership Support, Events, Welcome Team, Ushers, Choir/Music, Fireside, St. Paul Friends (formerly Family & Food and Mingles & Singles), Women's Guild, Culinaires, Prayer Groups, St. Paul Senior Comm.

### EDUCATION TEAM

Marlene Mueller and Syndy Kalinowski, Co-chairpersons

**Board Members:** Mary Lu Bretsch and Sandy Ritter.

**Includes:** Christian Ed, Christian Growth, Library, MDO, Cradle Roll, Youth, Archives, Genealogy.

### OUTREACH TEAM

Roger Harris and Pete Kobernus, Co-chairpersons

**Board Members:** Donna Kelly, Sherry Davinroy-Kobernus, Judy Koch and Janet Spencer.

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## Christian Education

*\* Please contact the church office for times and meeting spaces. Thank you!*

The Christian Education Ministry invites you to be a part of the many learning opportunities at St. Paul.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

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### **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

During each Sunday worship service so kids can take part of the worship experience.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

Middle and High School students gathering for fellowship and learning.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation prepares students to affirm their baptism and become full members of the church.

### **VBS (Vacation Bible School)**

VBS is in June/July each year and is a week of Christian based learning and fun for kids from age 3 up. Older youth are great youth leaders and teacher's assistants. Adults are always welcome to volunteer as many hands make light work.

### **CRADLE ROLL**

Newsletter and information mailed to you for your child age newborn to age 2.

## Adult Education

**ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES** - focuses on making connections with other Christians about faith, family, the Bible and issues in the world around us. Information about classes can be found in our weekly eNews and on our website.

**CENTERING PRAYER** - meets for peaceful fellowship.

## Community Dinner

During Covid times, a sacked to-go dinners are served on Tuesday evenings at 5 pm to 5:30 pm.

## Mother's Day Out

St. Paul offers a Mother's Day Out program to our community for families with preschoolers, ages 3-5.

From 9:10 am to 12:30 pm our classrooms enjoy the busy activities of many children.

The Director and Teachers are creative and caring people who welcome the regular volunteer help of parents and church members. They strive to provide a caring, enriching environment for children to develop and grow socially, emotionally, intellectually, and physically.

The program is governed by an MDO Team composed of members of St. Paul and parents with children enrolled in Mother's Day Out. Together they oversee procedures and coordinate activities with the church.

### **MDO TEAM**

Ruth Bush, Rick Haar, Sue Hoffmann, Pat Kinney, Stephen Schmidt, Lisa Smith, Rev. Michelle Torigian, and Sandy Wagner

## Music Ministry

### **Music Ministry**

The Music Ministry at St. Paul UCC offers a wide variety of musical styles and opportunities for people of all skill levels and life experiences. Participating in a musical ensemble is a great way to integrate yourself into a church family and experience what it is to grow and worship through music in community. We encourage anyone to come and participate in one of our ensembles. As we embrace ways to continue the music ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic, our rehearsal schedules and formats have changed. If participation in the music ministry interests you, please contact the office to learn more about our opportunities and rehearsals.

**The Chancel Choir** - The choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and prepares music for most of the 9 am Sunday worship services. The choir does a wide variety of music from a cappella anthems to traditional choral music and music of contemporary composers. Traditionally the Chancel Choir presents larger musical programs for Christmas and Easter. New members are welcome.

**Saint Paul Glory Ringers** - St. Paul is fortunate to have a legacy of quality handbell music and is made up of dedicated members who rehearse weekly. The handbell choir prepares music for the 9 am Sunday worship service and has participated in handbell festivals in the St. Louis metro area. We have openings for experienced and novice ringers and have plans to start a beginning handbell group if enough people are interested. New members are welcome.

**Instrumentalists** - We are interested in growing an instrumental program at St. Paul and invite anyone who plays an instrument to contact our office if you are interested in participating. Opportunities for participation as a soloist or in an ensemble may be available.

## St. Paul Fine Arts Series

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. Psalm 149:1

The St. Paul Fine Arts Committee was formed in 1990 to develop a program by which the musical talents and resources of St. Paul Church could be shared with the local community. Subsequently, the committee started the St. Paul Fine Arts Series, which has now grown to the point where it enjoys considerable community and regional recognition. Following the dictum, "All things shall be done to the glory of God," our goals are to witness to our faith through the gift of fine arts and to offer artistic experiences in a variety of styles. We achieve these goals by presenting both nationally and internationally recognized artists and talented local musicians.

A partial listing of past musical offerings would include the St. Paul London Men and Boys Choir; William Warfield; Christine Brewer; the University of Illinois Varsity Men's Glee Club; the Westminster College Concert Bell Choir; the Belleville High School's Jazz Bands and Swing Choirs; Pieces of Eight; Barbershop Quartets; the Gospel quartet, Chosen Few; the Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Almeda and Jackson Berkey, Millikin University Choir, Ivory and Gold, and our annual Patriotic Concerts.

We look forward to continuing the series in the spirit and tradition in which it was begun. The committee members thank all of those who have supported and are supporting this outreach program of St. Paul Church. The St. Paul Fine Arts Series is entirely dependent on your donations, and any of the committee members would be happy to talk with you about the series.

St. Paul Fine Arts Committee members are: Tom Birkner, Luci Bradley, Peggy Burke, Bill Guthrie, Mimi Llamas, Osceola Mueller, Marilae' Perkins, Eileen Peter, Judy Saeger, Barb Suess, Sandy Wagner, Chair.

## Fellowship and Support Ministries

**Please contact the church office for times and meeting spaces.**

**\* During Covid-19, many of the activities have been placed on hold. Please keep an eye on church communications for information in the future.**

**ADULT MISSION TRIPS** - members and friends can sign up each spring for an adult mission trip, to go and work alongside others and rebuild communities and help others. Youth Mission Trips may be available.

**ARCHIVES** - is our history and who we are as St. Paul, and this information is cared for by past members, and now cared for by one member.



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**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY TEAMS** - serve the leadership and programming needs of Sunday School and ministers to children and families.

**COMMUNION STEWARDS** - prepare the elements for all communion services and care for the clean-up afterwards.

**COMMUNITY INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY** - serves needy persons in the Belleville and Swansea area. The Food Pantry is open each Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1-3 pm, and Tuesday and Saturday from 9-11 am.

**CULINAIRES GROUP** - is open to everyone who likes to cook. Beginners welcome! Meet at various times of the year to create culinary delights. Meals have included pancake and sausage breakfasts, community dinners, and special events.

**ST. PAUL FRIENDS, (formerly FRIENDS, FOOD, & FUN and MINGLES & SINGLES)** - is an adult fellowship group that meets for fellowship, service, and a wide range of activities.

**GENEALOGY CLASS** - work together on family trees and other archival information.

**ECUADOR PARTNERSHIP** - mission trips to Ecuador to help support their community and learn from the culture.

**FIRESIDE CLUB** - welcomes the older friends to their monthly gatherings and special activities. Currently on hold.

**INVESTMENT COMMITTEE** - functions to oversee the proper investment of St. Paul funds.

**MASTERWORKS** - has an adult and a children's choirs, as well as concerts for both the adults and children's groups.

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - knits and crochets shawls for newborns, as well as shut-in and hospitalized members and friends.

**ST. PAUL WOMEN'S GUILD (formerly CHILD STUDY GUILD)** - meets for a program and refreshments. The Guild sponsors two Rummage and Bake Sales each year and supports St. Paul's ministry of children and youth.

**ST. PAUL SHUFFLERS** - meet to play various card games and share snacks and fellowship.

**QUILTERS** - 'Threads of Hope' meet weekly is for anyone who likes to quilt or learn how to quilt. Baby Quilts for sale - Proceeds go to St. Paul Church.

**RADIO MINISTRY** - allows us to reach beyond the four walls of our church to remind listeners that “God is Still Speaking” in fresh new ways in our lives and in our community. St. Paul can be heard on Jubilee 690AM Sundays at 9 am and replayed at 9 pm.

**ST. PAUL GOLF LEAGUE** - includes golfers of all skill levels. Meets from spring through late fall.

**TECH TEAM** - manages the audio and video for worship services

**USHERING TEAM** - coordinate and provide ushering and communion servers for regular and special worship services.

**WEB SITE TEAM** - manages the church website, [www.stpaulucc.org](http://www.stpaulucc.org) as well as the MDO website, and encourages the use of social media for St. Paul’s mission and ministry.

**WELCOME CENTER TEAM** - meet and greet members and guests at Sunday morning worship service.

**‘WITH YOU’ CARING MINISTRY** - serves people in life transitions by providing a friend while walking through trying times.

You are welcome to attend and become a part of any of our Fellowship and Support Ministries. Contact the Church Office for more detailed information.

## 2022 St. Paul Related Organizations and Ministries

### The St. Paul’s Senior Community

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**Memorial Hospital**

4500 Memorial Drive, Belleville, IL 62226 ..... 618-233-7750

St. Paul's "Hospital Fund" began in 1910. Rev. Pessel devised the sale of bricks and by 1947 a dream was set. The Protestant Hospital Builders' Club, under Rev. Koehler, brought the dream to reality in 1957, on land owned by the Evangelical and Reformed Synod, as Memorial Hospital.

## Our Mission Board Supported Ministries and Community Neighbors

**Beacon Ministries**

Beacon is churches, businesses, and volunteers joining together to help "Break the Chains of Poverty". Through our partnerships we provide life coaching, mentoring, and financial assistance, connections with helping resources, a hot meal and spiritual support group for the homeless, and furniture for those who need it but cannot afford to buy it.

618-222-8824.....beaconministry.org

**Community Interfaith Food Pantry**

We are here to eliminate hunger in our community. Eleven local churches decided their resources were better used and more effective if they cooperated to improve life in our neighborhoods.

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618-355-9199..... feedbelleville.org

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636-534-5200 .....emmaushomes.org

### **Franklin Neighborhood Assn**

The ministry of the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association is to foster support for all youth who reside in the identified district. This support will include programs and services that will enhance the school's goal of unifying the students, faculty, support staff, parents, business and community as a family. The unifying purpose is to create a circle of love and respect that involves each person in the Franklin and Jefferson Neighborhoods and provides an environment for accelerated learning for all individuals.

618-233-1710

### **Hoyleton Youth and Family Services**

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618-688-4727 ..... hoyleton.org

### **Illinois South Hunger Action**

Illinois South Hunger Action includes ISC Food Programs, The Ecuador Project: Lisa's Angels Garden, Grain Disaster Relief Project, Appalachia: The Seeds of Change Initiative Heifer International, and Tanzania Sweet Potato Project Church World Service. For more information, please visit: [iscucc.org](http://iscucc.org).

### **Illinois South Retired Pastors**

Illinois South Retired Pastors are supported by St. Paul UCC. For more information, please visit: [iscucc.org](http://iscucc.org).

## **Kindercottage**

Uni-Pres Kindercottage was established May 10, 1965, as a not-for-profit agency to provide services to children ages 3-5 years. By 1970, families needed our services for a younger group of children. We met those needs by lowering the age to 2 years. Today, we provide services to all children including those with special needs. We are licensed to serve eighty-six children, ages six weeks through twelve years. Uni-Pres Kindercottage is and always has been family driven. We provide additional services to meet the needs of families because of The Welfare Reform Act, which requires families to become self-sufficient to leave the welfare rolls. Our agency expanded services to include counseling, health and developmental screenings, food, clothing give-a-ways, job referrals and job training opportunities. Uni-Pres Kindercottage mission statement states, "We provide an environment where all children have opportunities for learning through educational, social and developmental programs."

618-874-6505.....unipreskindercottage.org

## **Racial Harmony**

Racial Harmony is a third-party neutral organization dedicated to promoting understanding, cooperation, and communication among all races and ethnic groups. Racial Harmony partners with other community organizations that share a similar mission, vision, and goals. The organization also co-sponsors annual events with several partners.

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