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Worship and Christian Education Schedule

Sunday Worship

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.Worship Services

We offer bus pick-up for those who request it for the 8:30 a.m.

worship service and other special services. The van is equipped with a wheelchair lift.

Christian Education Hour

9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.All Ages

Sunday school for preschool (3-and 4-year-olds) through 3rd grade meets in the Sunday School Area in the basement. Fourth through 6th grade classes meet in Parish Hall.

Holy and Open Communion

First Sunday of the month

Anointing of the Sick

Every first Sunday of the month at 9:30-9:45 a.m. and 10:30 to 10:45am

Messy Church Worship

First Wednesday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. This alternative worship style is definitely not traditional church. It begins with a meal we all share together, a bible story or reading and then we explore that bible passage through art, activity, movement, contemplation, games and edible crafts. We then close with a devotion and song. Sometimes we get Messy!

Nursery

Provided by staff caregivers and volunteers for children ages infant through two years old at the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. Sunday morning worship services and also for Lenten and other special services. Pagars are available for parents.

Fellowship Time

9:30–10:45 a.m.

Fourth Sunday Fellowship

On the 4th Sunday of every month we extend our Fellowship Time to include a few more refreshments and time to gather around the tables in Fellowship Hall for conversation and information about some of the activities offered through our St. Paul UCC committees and fellowship groups.

St. Paul Church Office

Ministers to the Community of Faith

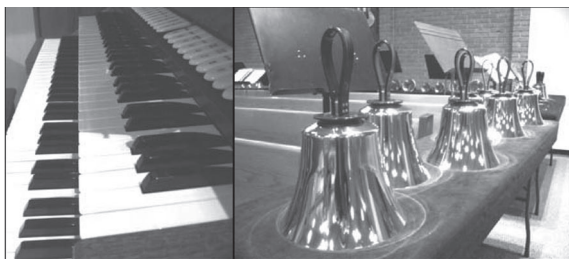
Transitional Senior Pastor..... Rev. Michael Southcombe
Director of Children Education & Faith Formation..... Jillian Mayer
Director of Music Ministries..... Gary Humphrey
Administration Coordinator..... Linda Mueller
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Organists Beth Berg, Sandy Hamby and Linda Mueller
Orchestra Director Bob Rockford
Youth Choir Director..... Joe Kurtz
Youth Leader Andy Mayer
Facilities..... Steve Crook, Dean Hirsch and Audrey Hicks
Child's World Preschool Staff..... Sarah Karban, Director and Teacher
..... Theresa May-Harwell and Jamie Brown, Teachers
.... Jennifer Lich, Jennifer McBroom and Heather Wild, Teacher's Aides

Church Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Contacting the Church Office

Telephone 618-939-7123
Rev. Michael Southcombe..... ext. 14
Gary Humphrey ext. 13
Jillian Mayer..... ext. 15
Linda Mueller ext. 11
Angie Mertz ext. 10
Child's World ext. 16
Facilities & Tech Coordinator, Steve Crook and Custodians ext. 29
For Pastoral Care emergencies after hours, call Pastor Mike's cell:
..... 618-558-5014
Child's World Preschool 618-939-7125
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Music and Fine Arts Ministries

The music ministry of St. Paul United Church of Christ offers a variety of ways to creatively express our faith while assisting in worship service leadership, promoting fellowship and growing our members in musical excellence. Any child or adult can find a home in our program. We offer vocal, instrumental, technical and creative ministries for all ages.

Since the program is constantly growing and changing, rehearsal times and programs may vary, so it is important that you contact the music office to find out where you can be connected. Come and join this exciting ministry. You will be blessed, and your music will be used to bless others. Please call if you are interested in joining us. Membership for all groups is open throughout the season.

Our Current Ministry Groups

- **Chancel Choir:** High school youth and adults
- **Chamber Choir:** Women's ensemble
- **Youth Choir:** Children's choir for grades 1 through 5
- **Church Orchestra:** Youth and adults
- **Contemporary Band:** Adults
- **Morning Handbell Choir:** Adults
- **St. Paul Harps:** All interested
- **Intergenerational Chime Choir:** all interested

Christian Education

Nursery: Newborn through 3 years old

Sunday School:

Ages 3 years to 5th grade: Sundays, during CE time, 9:45 am to 10:30 am.

Confirmation: Sundays, during CE time, 9:45 am to 10:30 am.

Adult education class: Sundays, during CE time, 9:45 am to 10:30 am.

Children (preschool through grade 3) begin church in the theater where they begin Sunday School with music time, under the leadership of Joey Kurtz. Following music, children participate in Sunday School activities whereby Biblical stories and ideas are experienced in multiple modalities including crafts, science, cooking and recreation.

Fourth, fifth, and sixth graders meet in the Parish Hall for a more traditional Sunday school class, which also includes a Bible story, games, crafts and discussion.

The adult education class, which uses *The Present Word* curriculum, is open to all adults.

Adult Bible Study Classes are offered throughout the year for 4–6 weeks per study. The classes meet Wednesday mornings from 9:30–11:00 a.m. Topical studies are also offered on occasion.



SPLASH

SPLASH (St. Paul's After School Hours) is an experience for children in grades 1 through 5 on Wednesday afternoons. SPLASH seeks to engage children in music,

Bible study and stories, recreation, crafts, snacks and a time for homework. This experience is supported by a strong core of adult leaders, staff and rotating volunteers. Everyone who participates—children and adults—continues to grow in their own faith journey.

Registration is open throughout the year. Rotations begin at 2:30–5:30 PM every Wednesday while school is in session. There are always ongoing opportunities for volunteers to become part of this experience throughout the year. Please contact the church office for class registration and for volunteer opportunities. A SPLASH adventure at St. Paul awaits you!

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School is an exciting event in the life of St. Paul United Church of Christ! VBS is open for all children from age 3 to those just completing 5th grade. Our VBS follows a rotation model where the children rotate through several different areas, including worship, music, arts/crafts, games, storytelling and snacks.

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Youth Programs/Opportunities

Youth Fellowship Groups: Our youth groups meet during the school year in the Parish Hall to provide Christian fellowship, group-building, recreation and service opportunities for the pre-teens and teens of St. Paul UCC.

Youth Group: Grades 6–12 meet most Sunday evenings during the school year from 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Each youth group meeting begins with a time of devotion followed by planning for upcoming experiences, discussion of challenging topics of interest, as well as games and activities.

Please contact the church office for more information.

Service Ministries

Martha's Kitchen/Mary's Heart: This ministry, which is open to anyone in our congregation or from the greater community who would like to enjoy the fellowship of others, provides free meals every Monday evening at 6:00 p.m.

Comprehensive Caring Ministries: Caregiving ministries at St. Paul are carried out not only by the pastor but by a group of lay caregivers, also known as the Care Team. This Care Team seeks to provide compassionate care even as they are “called by a God who cares for us, as expressed in the ministry and person of Jesus Christ.” The Care Team provides care through visitation to church members and friends who are in nursing care facilities. In addition, we have prayer warriors who serve on a prayer team, a ministry of meals team, (M.O.M), a welcome ministry team and a ministry of diverse abilities team.

Stephen Ministry: St. Paul UCC is a Stephen Ministry congregation. Currently we have several trained Stephen Leaders who are spearheading our Stephen Ministry program.

The Stephen Ministry Program at our church trains and equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

If you desire to have a Stephen Minister walk with you, contact Pastor Mike, Barb Wagner or Betty Wacker to express your interest. For information on how to be part of the Stephen Ministry Program, please contact one of the Stephen Leaders: Barb Wagner or Betty Wacker.




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Service for Wholeness and Healing: Anointing with Oil and Laying-on of Hands:

This ministry is provided every first Sunday of the month for 15 minutes after the first service and 15 minutes before the second service. All seeking healing and prayers are welcome to attend this short service.

Domestic Violence Prevention:

Unfortunately, all of us in Waterloo and Monroe County are not immune to the issue of domestic violence. At St. Paul we are committed to learning more about this issue, to increase awareness in the church and to create a community of safety where violence is not tolerated. We further support the efforts of the Southern Illinois Domestic Violence Prevention Center by engaging the congregation through donations of gifts for the Women's Shelter. We are continually seeking effective ways of responding to this concern from a faith perspective. Our vision is to make St. Paul a safe place where survivors can tell their story, perpetrators are called to account and domestic violence will just be a memory. For more information, contact our church office at 939-7123. If you know of someone who might be a victim of domestic violence and needs immediate assistance, please refer him/her to the Hotline at 800-924-0096.

Health and Wholeness Ministry: This ministry includes Parish Nurse Ministry and short-term loans of medical equipment. A parish nurse is available periodically during Fellowship Hour to provide blood pressure checks and answer health-related questions.

Child's World Preschool: This is a preschool program that follows guidelines set forth by St. Paul UCC Child's World Oversight Committee and provides early childhood education and experiences for children ages 3-5.

Bus Ministry: St. Paul offers bus transportation to our 8:30 a.m. Sunday worship services for those who request it. It is also used for special events of the church and to transport youth and adults to various church activities. The bus can hold up to 11 passengers and has a wheelchair lift for those who need it. Drivers are volunteers who have a valid driver's license with a special endorsement.

Waterloo Area Help Network: St. Paul UCC is one of the partner churches in this local ecumenical ministry. Its purpose is to help local people who are in need by pooling resources from the participating churches.

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Fellowship Groups

Women's Fellowship: Meets monthly on the first Tuesday and for special events.

Men's Ministry: Meets on the first Saturday of each month for a breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Projects and events are scheduled as needs and opportunities arise.

Adult Social Club: Meets regularly at local restaurants, check the church calendar for time and location for the next outing.

Parents' Gatherings: We offer faith based parenting classes, family retreats and other opportunities for parents of children and youth to gather, share, and fellowship. Check the calendar for upcoming opportunities.

Fitness Activities:

T'ai Chi 7:00 a.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays (year-round)

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