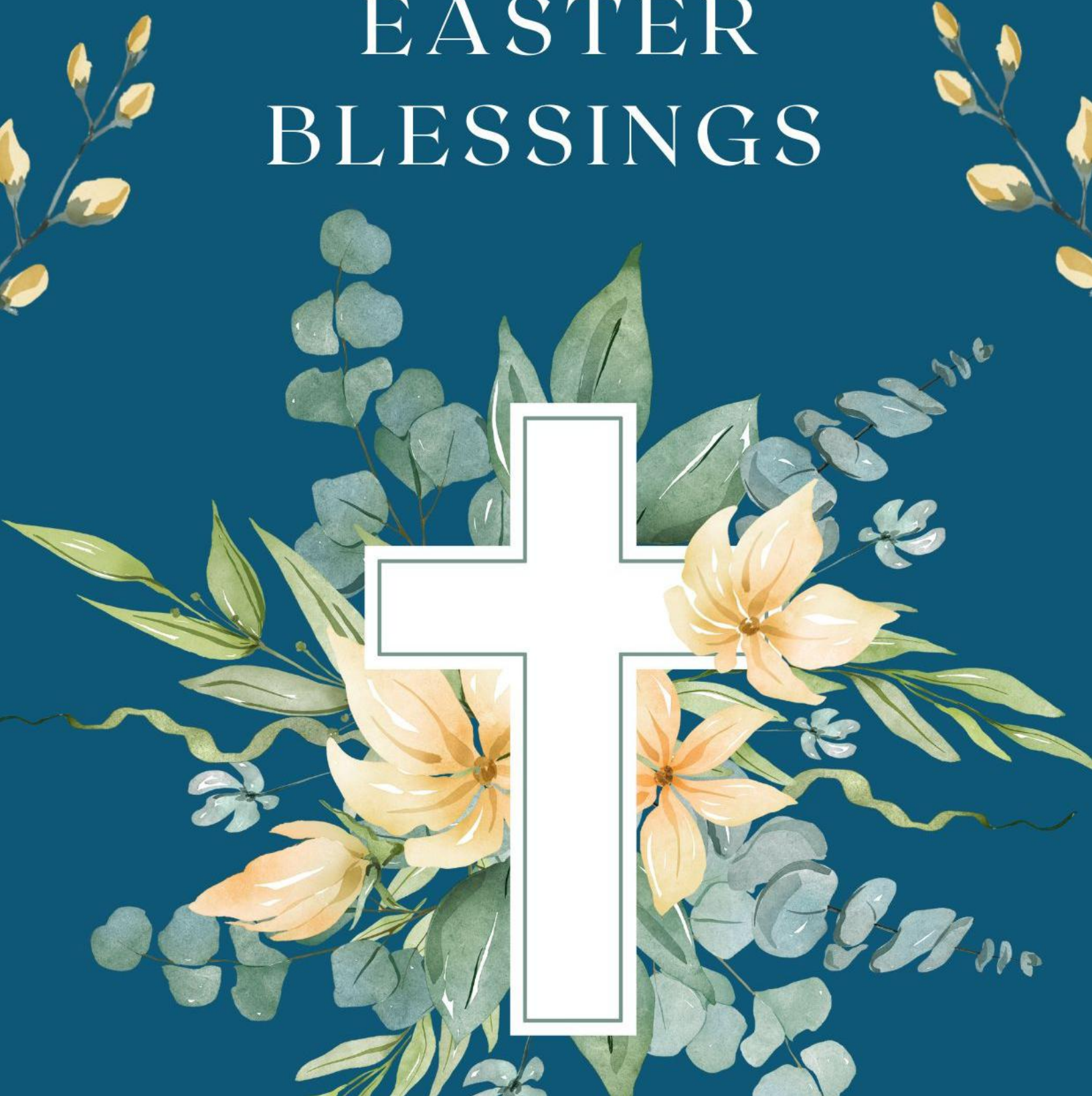


ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COLUMBIA, IL

MARCH 2024

THE PATHFINDER

EASTER BLESSINGS



The Journey To the Resurrection

Sermon Series - March 2024

As we progress through Lent, we embark on a "Journey to the Resurrection" This sermon series will walk us through the pivotal moments of Christ's final days---His teachings, sacrifice, and victorious rise. From the temple's cleansing to the intimate Last Supper, from the cross's sorrow to Easter's joy, we'll explore the depth of Jesus' love and the triumph over the grave. Join us each week as we draw closer to the heart of our faith, witnessing the power of the Resurrection and its promise of new life.

March 3, 2024

"Spring Cleaning with Jesus" (John: 2:13-22)

Jesus cleanses the temple, challenging the commercialization of religious practices and calling for a return to authentic worship.

March 10, 2024

"This Powerful Grace" (John 3:14-21)

As a church, we are celebrating this Sunday as Women's Sunday where we will recognize the many contributions of the women in our congregation and look to the scripture for empowerment.

March 17, 2024

"The Seed Must Die" (John 12:20-33)

Jesus speaks about His impending death and the principle that life comes through death, a seed falling into the ground.

March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday

"Jesus on Parade" (Mark 11:1-11)

Jesus enters Jerusalem as a king, but not the kind of king the people expected. His kingdom is one of peace and humility.

March 28, 2024 Maundy Thursday

"On Meals and Memories" (John 13:1-17, 31b-35)

Jesus washes the disciples' feet and gives a new commandment to love one another.

March 29, 2024 Good Friday

"Disciples in the Darkness" (John 18:1- 19:42)

The narrative of Jesus' betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and death.

March 31, 2024 Easter Sunday - Sunrise and Morning

"Only the Beginning" (Mark 16:1-8, John 20:1-8)

The discovery of the empty tomb by the women and the angelic message that Jesus has risen.

From the Desk of Pastor Jonathan



Dear Beloved in Christ,

As the season of Lent unfolds, it invites us into a sacred space of reflection and communion with our Savior. The Apostle Paul writes in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me." This profound truth reminds us that the journey of Lent is not simply a tradition, but a transformative experience – one that calls us to look to the power of the cross and the transformative good news of Jesus Christ.

Lent beckons us to engage more deeply with our spiritual disciplines. It is a time when we realign our hearts with the heart of God, echoing the psalmist's plea: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalm 51:10). As we fast, whether from food, certain activities, or patterns of thought, we echo the sacrifice of Christ, who "emptied Himself" (Philippians 2:7) for our sake.

C.S. Lewis, in "Mere Christianity," beautifully articulates the call to spiritual discipline: "The moment you wake up each morning... all your wishes and hopes for the day rush at you like wild animals. And the first job each morning consists of shoving them all back; in listening to that other voice, taking that other point of view, letting that other, larger, stronger, quieter life come flowing in."

Prayer, too, is a cornerstone of our Lenten practice. It serves as the lifeline between us and the Divine. In the stillness of our conversations with God, we find strength and sustenance. Martin Luther, a figure central to the Protestant Reformation, once said, "To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing." May we breathe deeply of this spiritual practice, finding solace and guidance in our daily walk.

Almsgiving is an expression of love that extends beyond words. It is faith in action, as James reminds us that "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:17). This Lent, let us consider how we might be the hands and feet of Jesus, serving those in need and reflecting His light in the darkest corners of our communities.

As we observe these disciplines, let us remember that they are not ends in themselves but means to draw us closer to the heart of God. They are tools that help us to carry our cross daily and to follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). The power of the cross is not found in the wood or the nails, but in the infinite love of the One who was willing to suffer on it for our redemption.

And so, dear brothers and sisters, let us press on in our Lenten practices, not as a show of piety, but as a sincere offering of ourselves. Let the words of the old hymn be our prayer: "Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won."

May we journey through this Lent with eyes fixed on the cross, where we find the ultimate display of love and sacrifice. And let us look forward to the dawn of Easter, where the power of the resurrection promises new life and hope for us all.

Walking with you in God's mercy,
Pastor Jonathan

Lenten Sermon Series

Week 4 -March 6- Pastor Jonathan Bangera

Title: Restorative Righteousness: The Justice of the Cross

Scripture: Isaiah 53:5--6; Romans 3:25--26

Understanding how the cross brings both mercy and justice together.

We will delve into the concept of restorative justice as demonstrated on the cross and discuss how we can be agents of restorative righteousness in a broken world.

Week 5- March 13 -Pastor Todd Mushaney, Christ UCC Dupo

Title: The Currency of Compassion: Investing in Others

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 19:16--22

Generosity as an act of worship and a reflection of Christ's sacrifice.

We will look at how the cross compels us to examine how we view our investments of time, resources, and compassion. The only way we can truly exemplify Christ's love is by surrendering our insecurities to him.

Week 6- March 20 -Pastor Matt Friz, St. Paul UCC Floraville

Title: Forgiven to Forgive: The Economy of Grace

Scripture: Colossians 3:13; Matthew 18:21--22

Embracing and extending forgiveness as we reflect on Jesus' forgiveness from the cross.

The cross is the ultimate symbol of forgiveness. We'll explore how receiving grace empowers us to offer forgiveness, even within the complex arena of social justice, and how this can lead to healing and reconciliation.

Thank You

I want to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone of St. Paul Church.

I appreciate all the kind words of appreciation I have received for my Retirement. They have touched me deeply. I have always loved my job and all the people I have had the honor to work with either in the office, on projects, on committees, and more. It has been both challenging, interesting, and fulfilling to have been involved in all the changes and improvements over the past 25 years. I will miss being in the office but, luckily as a member, I will still see everyone and be involved in new ways.

God bless all of you,
Barb Gerstenecker

Consistory Corner

BY ROB DEHN

The Consistory kicked off February with five new members. Thank you to Susie Busch, Diane Hanna, Wendy Stout, Paul Tarr and Chris Trowbridge for volunteering. We welcome your input and perspective. Susan Hibbits has taken the reigns as our new president, which is quite a busy job that goes beyond leading meetings.

Many thanks to Barb Gerstenecker for her many years of service and we wish her an enjoyable retirement.

The Backpack Ministry is doing good work for the community and will be donating backpacks as Easter Gifts to 14 kids currently in the program.

The Consistory is in the planning phase of the church's 175th Anniversary which is coming up this Fall.

Take advantage of the Wednesday Lenten Services. Come for a meal before the service and stay for the sermon being given by many different guest pastors from our area.

Board of Evangelism

BY CARRIE CLAYTON

During the Lenten Season, many individuals opt to "give up" something while observing a form of fasting for forty days. Some may decide to engage in acts of kindness during this period, such as donating 40 items to a local rummage sale or shelter. This year, I encourage you to reach out to at least one person or family and invite them to join us for worship at our church on Sunday mornings, the Wednesday evening Lenten series, or at Messy Church on February 29th or March 21st. Share with them what you appreciate about our church family at St. Paul and what makes it a unique place for worship and serving God. Though it may feel uncomfortable, remember that change often comes from stepping out of your comfort zone. Consider how Jesus and his disciples faced discomfort while spreading God's message. Will you embrace this challenge and step out of your comfort zone?

Board of Mission and Stewardship

BY LYNDA SAUER

A huge thank you to all who contributed to Moms on a Mission in January!! Two truckloads of supplies were delivered to them, and they were SO appreciative.

February's mission to the Violence Prevention Center in Belleville was also such a success. This congregation is so generous and thoughtful when it comes to helping others less fortunate than ourselves.

March will bring OGHS (One Great Hour of Sharing). We will also be collecting monetary donations to help clear outstanding lunch balances for students in the Columbia schools. There will be a collection box in the Welcome Center.

THANK YOU to ALL of YOU!! We do appreciate you so very much!



Little Friends preschool is now enrolling for the 2024-2025 school year. Registration is \$175 and can be done on our preschool portion of the church website. We will have two classrooms. So, space is limited.

We will be on Easter break March 26-April 2nd. We will have our spring field trip on May 1st to Willoughby Farm.

Our Wish Tree continues to be a great help to support our needs throughout the school year! We thank you for your thoughtfulness in helping & supporting us! We could not do it without you!

Much love,
Little Friends Preschool



St. Paul UCC Book Club meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month. All are welcome to join.

This month will feature:

- **March- The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce**

An unforgettable story of music, loss, and hope. One reviews says “If you love music, if you love words, if you love love, this novel will be without questions, one of the years best.”

And coming soon...

- April - Good Night, Irene by Luis Alberto
- May - The Heaven and Earth Grocery Shop by James McBride

Care Connection

by Joanne Counce

Fun Health Days of March

Instead of focusing on the National Health topics of March that can get heavy, let's make March FUN days to observe!

- March 1—Employee Appreciation Day—Think of those you care to honor!
- March 3—National Anthem Day—Pay your respect for the U.S.A.!
- March 10—Daylight savings time starts—This will bring a spring to your step!
- March 11—National Napping Day—Finally an excuse for your catnap!
- March 12—National Working Mom's Day—Do a chore without Mom asking!
- March 13—National Good Samaritan Day—What can you do to help?
- March 16—National Quilting Day—Join our quilters for a stitch this week!
- March 18—Global Recycling Day—Get ready for the rummage sale!
- March 19—National Let's Laugh Day—A laugh a day keeps you healthy!
- March 21—National Single Parent Day—Recognize a parent for double duty!
- March 23—National Kitten and Puppy Day—Donate food to MC Helping Stray
- March 24—Palm Sunday--Welcome Jesus into your heart to follow him!
- March 29—World Piano Day--Play a tune for all to enjoy your talent!
- March 20—National Walk in the Park Day—Meditate as you walk this way!
- March 31—Easter—Attend church in the celebration of Jesus Resurrection!

Spring with warmer days will be here as we pass over the cold bitter days of winter.

Psalm 118:24

The Lord has done it this very DAY;
let us rejoice today and be glad!

Reduce- Reuse- Recycle- Rummage Sale



The donations, the preparation, the anticipation will finally take place!
Yes, it is the Columbia City Wide Rummage Sale on **April 19 and 20.**

Dates for drop off at the Eagle's Wing will be on

Saturdays-- March 2, 9,16,23, April 6 and 13 from 9am-12pm.

If Saturdays are not good for you, workers will probably be working most
Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am-12pm.

Any additional time needed, please contact Kathleen Habermehl
314-440-4152 or Joanne Counce 618-791-6916 to arrange a time.

With all of the offering of dates, you can bring your "treasures" for our
church fundraiser!

Items NOT ACCEPTED this year are ANY TV, large stereos, mattresses, and
clothing. Any electrical appliance/lights with cords, wire will be used for
recycle if not sold. Please let us know working status of gas lawn tools!

POP UP Sales will be held due to the large number of items already in the
shed before the announced drop off days! March 16th will be a POP UP, we
are planning for sure, but watch for additional days!

Online selling is also done year around to various groups. If you have
furniture, we can often sell before you need to move to the Eagle's Wing
which helps save you a step! Contact Joanne for information.

As the title states, we use the 3 R's for the Rummage Sale. Leftovers are
donated to Monroe County Helping Strays, Mom's on a Mission, Uni-Pres
Kindercottage, Twigs Library Program, Columbia Library, and to Ralph's
Recycling in Red Bud.

As always, MOST items available are a freewill donation given both from the
heart of the person donating as well as the buyer being very generous to us.
This sale is only a success by ALL involved in each and any way. Everyone is
invited to help according to their time commitment. You will see the
treasures and hear the stories of the people attending! We try to help the
buyers in other ways as we hear their stories. Workers at the sale have been
called the "nicest people around", which no one takes lightly!

IT IS JUST PART OF OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE!!



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PRAYERS
FOR OUR MILITARY
And Their Families

Nathan Schnittger

U.S. Army

Nephew of Cathy Huels

Roberto DeMarquez

Army National Guard

Son of Ursula DeMarquez

Jack Augustin

U.S. Army

Son of Jason & Shelly Augustin

Sean Parrin

Army Ranger - Italy

Nephew of Jody & Jeff Taake



Luke Volmert

U.S. Peace Corp- Morocco

Youth Ministry News

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR JULIE

Youth Fun Stuff

January 18th and February 1st youth nights we had small groups attend to share a snack / meal, play games and work on decorating the Youth Prayer Room on the 3rd floor. Ben Tarr, Eli Kirk, Jesse Bangera and Drew Curry got to work on one of the walls. First, we projected a word-cloud on the wall and traced the outlines. Then we came back in February with the paint! Thank you, Property Management Team for hanging the wooden cross on the wall!



Our St. Louis Science Center visit became a snow-day. This outing will be rescheduled if there is future interest.



Save the date in March - we will go to the Arch Museum - Saturday March 16. Meet at the Bottom Avenue parking lot at noon.



Confirmation

In connection with the confirmand's environmental service project, they are each researching facts on a rainforest or US forest service website.

Did you know? "While Illinois forests only occupy 12% of the area of the state, they provide habitat for > 1/2 of the botanical species native to the state."

Confirmands are planning to join a Green DuBois workdays scheduled in March 2 and April 6.

On February 3, Confirmands and faith partners took a guided tour of the Kaplan Feldman Holocaust Museum to learn about the impact of religious violence.

We are planning visits to the St. Clair Masjid and Central Reform Congregation in March and April to get to know (and befriend) our neighbors in faith.

* Confirmands are meeting with faith partners on Wednesdays throughout the Lenten season. Sometimes we need alternates to fill in for our regular faith partners. Please let Denise or Pastor Julie know if you would like to volunteer.

Director of Christian Ed *Denise Johnson*

YOUTH UPDATES AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parents' Night Out:

Kids Valentine Fun Night was a success. Our Youth Fellowship youth group Gabriel, Isaac, Lucia James and her friend Lilah, Anna Daab, Caroline Ax and her friend Josie Darnell, Michael Caldwell, Keagan Thomas, Dexter Crawford, Eli Kirk, Emery and Molly Harres, Addison and Ben Tarr, Evie Maddin, Ethan Smith, and Jesse Bangera did an excellent job hosting our event. Everyone enjoyed our Valentine-themed evening of fun, games, and a short lesson on how we can love others because God loved us first. (1 John 4:19). The kids assembled thirty homeless hygiene care bags. The eleven families donated a total of \$400.00 to local food pantries to help fight hunger. Thank you to Jody Johnson, Joshua Bangera, Joan Daab, Faye Mehrmann, Debbie Notter, and Pastor Julie for helping chaperone our event. It was an immense success and already has kids and their parents asking -
When will you have another Parents' Night Out?



Vacation Bible School

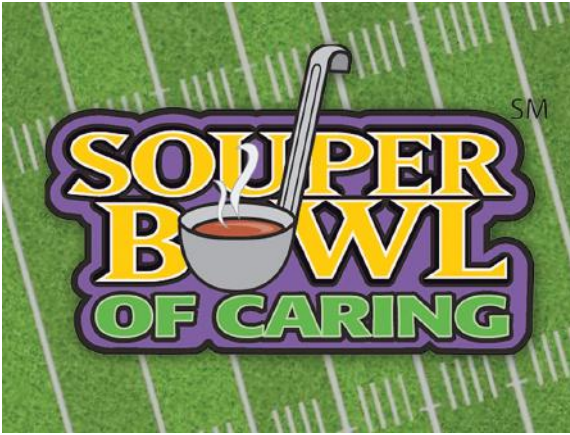
Registration Coming Soon Vacation Bible School **Camp Firelight**

June 10-14 9:00 am to Noon

“Whenever I’m afraid, I put my trust in you.” (Psalm 56:3)

During Vacation Bible School, we will join Counselor Sam and Lumen, "Lu," the lightning bug puppet, for a summer adventure at Camp Firelight. We accompany Counselor Sam and Lu as they learn to face their fears while trusting in God. We will explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament Bible figures trusted God, faced their fears, and went on to do wonderful things in God's name. As we experience the stories through music, drama and storytelling, games, arts and crafts, science, and even snacks, we will learn ways to connect with and trust God. And best of all, we will understand how we can connect with God at VBS, church, home, and every area of our lives. We are invited on an exciting journey where we will learn to trust God no matter what situation life brings, know God is always with us, and feel confident in sharing the good news of God's love through Jesus Christ.





While the San Francisco Forty-Niners and Kansas City Chiefs woke up to begin their pre-game rituals for Super Bowl, the Youth were in the Fellowship Hall preparing 100 sub sandwiches to raise money for local food ministries. It was a blessing to witness our youth and parents volunteer their time to assemble sandwiches at 8:30 am on a Sunday morning. Their hard work and the generous support of the congregation made this year's Souper Bowl of Caring a success. Together St. Paul raised \$896.00 that will go to feed people in our area. This year Nationwide Souper Bowl of Caring had 1,842 groups across the country and collected \$1,686,568 worth of cash and food to fight hunger. Thank you to Addison, Ben, Tina and Paul Tarr, Molly and Emery Harres, Zach and Kelly Maue, Evie, Emma, Laura and Jay Maddin, Pastor Julie, Rylee, Avery, Kellan and Jaimie Brunkhorst, Eli Kirk, Dexter Crawford, Melissa Evans, Heather Helfer, Shirley Myers, Evelyn Stumpf and Mary Hillestad for helping make this early morning event a success!

March Messy Church

Thursday, March 21
5:30 pm

Our theme will be Easter Around the World. Why do you think Holy Week and Easter have so many traditions around the world? From fireworks and spring cleaning to elaborate parades and passion plays, Holy Week traditions are rich and beautiful. How does your family, our church community remember and celebrate Holy Week and Easter? Come and explore some of the ways people in different countries celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection.



There will be Sunday school on Easter Sunday. Our children will experience a hands-on illustration of the Easter Story. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to the 5th grade during Sunday school—children may bring their own Easter baskets.

The nursery children will have an egg hunt in the nursery.

May we all remember God's great love for us as we remember the Easter story—the cornerstone of our faith.



We will be celebrating “Senior Recognition Sunday” on Sunday, May 19, at our 9:30 am church service. During the service, we will invite our graduates to the front of the sanctuary, where they will be recognized, honored, and blessed. A special gift will be presented to each senior. After the service, we will celebrate in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments provided by the Board of Christian Education, and the congregation will have a chance to congratulate the Class of 2024.



Summer Camp at Camp DuBois

It’s time to unplug and jump into a week of awesome, low-tech fun. At DuBois Center kids can be kids and get dirty, have fun and make memories that last a lifetime. Camp is about connecting face to face with cabin-mates and leaders. Camp is a safe place to try new things, learn about God and grow as a person. Camp is a place to laugh, sing, play and pray together.

For more information go to: www.DuBoisCenter.org

Note: St. Paul covers half of the cost of sending your child to camp. Fill out the registration form, pay your half of the camp fee to DuBois Center, make a copy of the registration form and turn it in to the church office.

Give your child the gift of a faith-filled summer camp experience this year.

New! Graceful Motherhood Fellowship

Small Group Bible Study for
Moms with Young Kids
(Newborn-4th Grade)

First and Third Tuesday of Each Month
at 7:00 PM

Starting January 2, 2024
Held at St. Paul UCC-Columbia

**Strengthening Faith
while raising children.**

For inquiries and sign up
please contact Carrie Clayton
618-444-2902 or carrieclayton12@gmail.com

Mom of a middle or high schooler and would like to start a small group? Contact Carrie

Back by Popular Demand:

Mindfulness Meditation Course
A mindfulness Meditation course, for beginners and those that want to refresh their practice is being offered on a complimentary basis to St. Paul United Church of Christ Members.

Sundays from April 7–May 5.
10:45 – 11:45 am

Mindfulness Meditation is secular and appropriate for people from all cultures and religious traditions. Students will be in a comfortable seated position for this course. The maximum class size is 12 students on a first come, first served basis.

Watch for sign ups in the welcome center!

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3 Kindercottage Collection 9:30 Worship & communion 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Social Time	4 10 am Staff Mtg 6pm Band St. Paul Independent Living Belleville 7pm Property Stewardship Board	5 9 am Preschool 6pm Daisy Scouts 7pm Graceful Motherhood Fellowship 7pm Boy Scout Troop 357	6 9 am Preschool 10am Morning Bells 3:30 pm Kids Crew 5pm Soup Supper 6pm Evening Bells 6pm Confirmation 7pm Lenten Service 8pm Chancel Choir	7 9am Preschool 5:30 pm Youth Night 5:30 pm Personnel 6pm Cub Scouts 7pm Executive Committee	8 8 am Quilters	9
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31  Easter Sunday 7am Sunrise Service 9:30 Worship 9:30 Sunday School/Egg Hunt 10:30 Social Time						

Memorials



Kitchen Fund
In Appreciation for Luncheon:

Shirley Harres

Labyrinth Fund
In Memory of Ursela DeMarquez given by:

Gigi Abbott

Nativity Set
In Memory of Arlen Harres given by:

Don and Nadine Gericke

Wyona Crosley

Lynda Sauer

June Campos

Joel and Linda Harres

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Financial Report

	January		Year to Date	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Revenue				
Tithes & Offerings:				
Pledged & NonPledged	32,728.54	35,934.87	32,728.54	35,934.87
Misc. Contributions	279.00	382.00	279.00	382.00
Interest Income	664.01	641.24	664.01	641.24
Endowment Interest Income	13,673.91	13,928.30	13,673.91	13,928.30
Rental Income	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00
Misc Income	104.00	3,076.49	104.00	3,076.49
Total Revenues	48,049.46	53,962.90	48,049.46	53,962.90
Expenses				
Personnel	32,152.04	32,952.11	32,152.04	32,952.11
General Expenses	9,332.85	7,684.29	9,332.85	7,684.29
* OCWM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	41,484.89	40,636.40	41,484.89	40,636.40
Net Receipts	6,564.57	13,326.50	6,564.57	13,326.50
RESERVES			96,465.62	84,260.57
*OCWM 10,000.00 out of St Paul Mission (833.33 monthly)				

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