

As we prepare for Pastor Bob's 35th year in the ministry, we pause to thank God for giving us a person like Pastor Bob, who give their life to serving the church. He has given this congregation 14 years of stability and leadership. We are blessed to have a person who is a role model and a leader. Our church has flourished in so many ways during his tenure. There has been building, increases in charitable contributions, and an increase in community involvement. While he would be the first to distribute the credit, we need to acknowledge his contributions.



With that, he is only one part of the ministry. It is still our responsibility as congregation members to spread the word. We all need to take it upon ourselves to find our own version of ministry and leadership. Some are called to teach Sunday School, while others help with charitable causes; chaperone youth; serve on boards; and some offer financial support. In Luke 10, Jesus sends out 72 disciples in pairs to spread the word. They came back reporting, "Even the demons obeyed us when we gave them a command in Your name." We are being called, but we need to slow down to listen. We invite you to pray, as in Samuel 3:9, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." St. Paul UCC has done so many good things, but we can continue to expand our influence. We truly have been blessed financially and spiritually. Thank you, Pastor Bob!

Your Consistory



Please join us as we celebrate the
35th Anniversary of Ordination for
Pastor Bob Goddard
Sunday, October 20, 2019

10 a.m. Worship,
 followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

St. Paul United Church of Christ, Columbia, IL
 For Questions and to RSVP:
 Call Kathleen Habermehl at 314-440-4152.



TIME TO SERVE

As autumn approaches, we begin our stewardship program. Although we spend much of our time thinking about our pledges for 2020 (more about that in another Pathfinder article), it is also a time when we begin asking members to serve on a board or committee of the church. This year we need four new members of our governing board (the Consistory), at least one for the Board of Christian Education, at least two for the Board of Mission and Stewardship, and at least one for the Board of Worship. If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Judy Ackerman, Bill Brucker, Tiffany Riley, Paul Straub, or our Consistory Representative – Bob Habermehl. Thank you and please prayerfully consider when a member of the committee asks you to serve.

Pastor Bob

BLESSING OF THE PETS
Saturday, October 5
10:00 a.m.

Grassy Quadrangle of the Old Mill Property
 In the past, we have blessed everything from dogs and cats to hermit crabs and baby possums.

So whatever you consider your pets, bring them!



Confirmand

Henry Bass
 Zane Bergmann
 Will Goodrich
 Colleen Jackson
 Brynna Kohlenberger
 Matthew Maue
 Lucas Schneider
 Jack Mayer

Faith Partner

Will Trowbridge
 Jim Busch
 Bob Habermehl
 Hollie Habermehl
 Susan Kuergeleis
 Sam Habermehl
 Fred Wehrenberg
 Mark Thompson

Annual Conference Meeting
Noisy Offering

This year it is for UCC Disaster Ministries - Hurricanes, floods, tornadoes, and typhoons.

You know the drill: bring your loose change on **Sundays, October 6, 13 and 20**, and our Conference Delegates will take it to the meeting on Saturday, October 26, at Our Lady of the Snows. Let's make some noise this year!

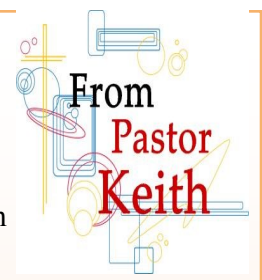
SENIOR HIGH EVENTS

- October 13:** Planning meeting for Pumpkin Hunt and Fall Fun Night: after 2nd service
- October 19:** Babysit at the church for the Pumpkin Hunt
- October 27:** Fall Fun Night



STUDENT PASTOR,
KAREN PEPMEIER!

“Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”
Luke 15:1-2



In these two verses, Luke mentions five characters; tax collectors, sinners, him (Jesus), Pharisees and scribes. The reader has a plethora of ways to interpret this scripture. They can look at it through the eyes of the tax collectors, who were hated because they often abused their power of taxation to benefit themselves. The reader can also look at the text through the sinner, who has struggled to love God and neighbor. Both the tax collectors and sinners are compelled by Jesus' message of a new kingdom where they are forgiven and can start fresh. Maybe that is a message you need to hear today. The reader can also place themselves in Jesus' position as one living out their devotion to God, but are constantly criticized for welcoming those on the margins. Their ideas are viewed as too utopian, unimaginable, or a waste of time. Yet even as Jesus hears them grumble, he confronts those who sow division, because he is compelled by a faith founded on God's love for all. Maybe you feel like Jesus today. You are digging for strength deeper than yourself in order to confront those who work against God's vision of peace in your life or in the world.

However, I encourage you to read Luke 15:1-10 through the eyes of the Pharisees and the Scribes. All of us, at some point on our journey have acted selfish or standoffish to someone; a co-worker, a family member, or a particular group in society. My journey is not an exception. I have been bitter, annoyed, angry, self-righteous around certain neighbors, who I am called to love. Those moments aren't pleasant. It keeps me from living in the moment. It keeps me from experiencing God's blessings that are all around me. The joy of friends and family, the blessing of delicious food, or the hope found in a sunrise passes me by because I can't let go.

Jesus reminds us to let go. Through the parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin, Jesus teaches the Pharisees and scribes to refrain from grumbling and learn to rejoice. Rejoice that God's kin-dom includes those whom society rejects. Rejoice that Jesus pursues those who are lost until he finds them. Rejoice that God is your strength and your refuge. Let go of grumbling and rejoice! God is good!

Blessings for the journey,
Pastor Keith

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

“You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise up.”



The United Church of Christ believes in an open communion table, which means whoever Jesus would have welcomed is invited to partake in the sacrament of Communion. Through the breaking of the bread and the pouring of the wine, we experience the grace of the triune God. As we recall the many stories where Jesus ate with both friends and enemies, we are joined with Christ's ministry in community.

At St. Paul UCC we trust parents to decide when their child will participate in communion. We believe that whatever you decide, God continues to be a presence in your child's life and walks with them their whole life long. As the Church, we have made covenant to teach our children the rituals of the faith and to provide meaning for why we do what we do.

On Sunday, October 6, we encourage you to bring your child for World Communion Sunday. On that day, children will learn about the sacrament of Communion in both Pastor Keith Children's Message, and in Sunday School. As the congregation sings, "One Bread, One Body," children will return back to the sanctuary to witness or participate in the Lord's Supper as your family feels called. We hope to see you there!

SAVE THE DATE: Our Sunday School Christmas Program is **on Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 a.m. service.**

Wrapping All the Way is a kid's Christmas musical. Everyone loves to hear our children sing-especially at Christmas, so let the joy of the season ring throughout our church as our children present **Wrapping All the Way**. Refreshments will be served following the service.



On October 27, the Senior High and Junior Youth Fellowship will be putting on our annual **Fall Fun Night** at the Eagle's Wing!

Everyone is welcome to attend. We will have crafts, games, food, a bonfire, and two hayrides (one for young children, and one for older youth/adults). Invite a friend, bring a dish to share, and wear your Halloween costume. We look forward to seeing you there!

October 27
5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

DESSERT AND DIALOGUE -

Any youth that has recently gone through Confirmation knows the three C's. Ask them, and they will tell you Church is covenant community. A covenant community is built on relationship, where people promise to grow together in Christian love. We aren't called to agree on who God is, or agree on how to fight for social justice, but we are called to come together. Dessert and Dialogue is just that. By discussing relevant issues to our community, country, and world, we are living Church. You are invited to join in any way you feel comfortable or called too. You are free to just listen to what others have to say. Plus... dessert J Hope to see you there. Next topic: Social Welfare Services.

Next dates: October 10 - November 14 - December 12

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 am Preschool 6 pm Band	2 9 am Preschool Festive Ringers 2:30 After School Program 6 pm Confirmation Bells of Joy 7 pm Chancel Choir	3 9 am Preschool 9:30 Cedarhurst & Oak Hill	4 8 am Quilters	5 8 am Men's Breakfast 10 am Blessing of the Pets
	6 Communion Sunday Kindercottage Food Collection 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10 am-noon Flu Clinic in Fellowship Hall 10:30 am Worship	7 7 pm Property Management 7 pm Board of Mission & Stewardship	8 9 am Preschool 6 pm Band at Cedarhurst	9 9 am Preschool 9 am Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Chancel Choir	10 9 am Preschool 7 pm Cemetery Board 7 pm Dessert & Dialogue with Pastor Keith	11 8 am Quilters
13 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship, Little Friends Celebration 11:30 am SYF Planning	14 6:15 pm Finance Committee 7 pm Consistory	15 Pathfinder Articles Due 9 am Preschool 6 pm Band at Rosedale	16 9 am Preschool 9 am Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Chancel Choir	17 9 am Preschool 6:30 pm Garden Place	18 9 am Quilters	19 Pumpkin Hunt - SYF Babysitting
20 Totenfest Flower Orders Due 10 am Worship - Pastor Bob's Anniversary Celebration, followed by luncheon in Fellowship Hall	21 7 pm Board of Worship	22 9 am Preschool 6 pm Band, Grand Manor	23 9 am Preschool 9 am Festive Ringers 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Chancel Choir	24 9 am Preschool 10 am Integrity	25 8 am Quilters 8:30 Assemble Pathfinder	26 ISC Annual Meeting
27 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship 6 pm Fall Fun Night	28 7 pm Book Discussion Group	29 9 am Preschool 6pm Band 6 pm Band 7:30 pm Endowment Committee	30 9 am Preschool 9 am Festive Ringers 2 pm New Athens Home 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation 7 pm Chancel Choir	31 9 am Preschool 	Neighbors in Need Offering October 6 Envelope enclosed in printed copy or in the Narthex.	



FLU VACCINE CLINIC

School is well under way with studying, football games, carpooling, so it is now time to think of other Fall things to be done. Getting the Flu Vaccine for yourself and/or the entire family to ensure a healthy year should be at the top of your list!! October 6, from 10 am-noon, in the Fellowship Hall is the place to be for One Stop Worship and Vaccine provided by Walgreen's pharmacist. Most insurance will be accepted and if you have any question, you may call 281-4211 to ask the pharmacy for clarification. A healthy you is worth a shot!!!

MUMS FOR TOTENFEST

Mums will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Totenfest on Sunday, November 3. They will remain for the following Sunday's 10:30 a.m. service, after which, you may take them with you.

To order mums "In Memory Of" for Totenfest or "In Honor Of" as we enter the Thanksgiving season, pick up an envelope in the narthex or from an usher. The mums are \$10 each. Place the envelope in the offering plate or drop it by the office during the week.

The deadline for placing your order is Sunday, October 20.

2019 Pumpkin Hunt – October 19



St. Paul will be having its Pumpkin Hunt on Saturday, October 19, at Legion Hall in Columbia. What is the Pumpkin Hunt? It's an opportunity to have an evening out, get to know other members of St. Paul in a casual setting and enjoy each other's company. Open only to folks over 21. We will have a light dinner, activities, a silent auction/raffle, a few surprises and, of course, a pumpkin hunt for prizes. You do not have to participate in the pumpkin hunt to attend—it is totally optional. Admission is \$10 or \$15 if you wish to do the pumpkin hunt, which consists of hunting pumpkins on the grounds of Legion Hall in the dark with a flashlight. Bring a flashlight, a small bag and a light-hearted attitude to enjoy the hunt! Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. You can order tickets online or purchase in the Welcome Center in the coming weeks.

To register online, go to - stpaulucc4u.org; Events; Event Registration and follow the prompts.

Let's Go to The Movies!



Join us for a movie! All are invited to gather at our church on Sunday, December 8, to caravan to the movie theatre to watch *A Beautiful Day in The Neighborhood*; have some popcorn and then come back to church for a short discussion and desserts! We will leave church for the movie at 1 p.m.

After a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about empathy, kindness, and decency from America's most beloved neighbor. Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers, a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life friendship... between Fred Rogers and journalist, Tom Junod. Exact time and place for movie to be announced. Any questions, please contact Pastor Keith or Denise Johnson.



In 1977, Little Friends Preschool opened their doors to young students and families for the very first time. On October 13, at the 9 a.m. service, Little Friends Preschool will be celebrating 42 years! All are welcome to attend and help us celebrate! Introduction of our preschool staff and a Good Will

Offering will be a part of the service. This offering will help our program with the purchase of TV's and DVD players for our classrooms, playground equipment, books, classroom supplies, etc. Cake and cookies will be served after service in Fellowship Hall. We hope to see you there!

The staff of Little Friends Preschool would like to thank everyone who helped spread mulch on the playground; and to Michelle Swan for the donation. It is greatly appreciated!

SHARE THE HARVEST

We will continue to have the Fall Produce at the Harvest Table in the Welcome Center. Thank you to everyone bringing in items and for those enjoying them at their dinner table. Maybe we will see apple and pumpkin produce in the month of October??!!

SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS PARADES

Millstadt - November 29; **Waterloo** - November 30;
Columbia - December 7

We will be starting to put the float together sometime at the end of October - first week of November.



October 28 - 7 p.m.
Courting Mr. Lincoln
by Louis Boyar

November 25 - 7 p.m.
Ashes In the Snow
by Rita Sepetys

December 16 - 7 p.m.
**Christmas Party in the
Welcome Center**

Gideon's Gift
by Karen Kingsbury
and

The Christmas Gift
by Pete Nelson

January 27 - 7 p.m.
The Tattooist of Auschwitz
by Heather Morris

ST. PAUL BAND

OCTOBER

8 - Cedarhurst,
Waterloo, 6 p.m.
10 - Witches Night Out
15 - Rosedale,
Waterloo, 6 p.m.
17 - Garden Place,
Waterloo, 6:30 p.m.
22 - Grand Manor,
Swansea, 6 p.m.
29 - Job/Practice, 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

5 - No Practice
12 - Job or Practice, 6 p.m.
17 - Stewardship Sunday
19 - Practice, 6 p.m.
29 - Practice, 6 p.m.

DECEMBER

2 - Cedarhurst,
Waterloo, 6 p.m.
9 - Garden Place,
Waterloo, 6 p.m.
10 - Rosedale,
Waterloo, 6 p.m.
17 - Grand Manor,
Swansea, 6 p.m.
19 - Integrity,
Columbia, 6 p.m.

*Dates and times are subject to change. For questions, contact Sue Phillips: 314-303-7674.



DUBOIS CENTER EVENTS

Service Saturdays: September 28 and November 2

Help maintain and beautify **YOUR** camp and retreat center. Projects vary depending on the weather, but include painting, weeding, raking, cleaning, power washing, tree & brush removal and fence work. Call ahead to reserve a spot (618.787.2202). Lunch and general supplies are provided. Let us know if you have special skills and or professional tools to offer.

Fall Festival: Sunday, October 6: 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Live music; craft booths; boat tours; pony & hay rides; quilt drawing; Kidz Corner; Upscale Resale and Great Food!

Baked goods are needed for the auxiliary bake sale. You may drop them off here at church for delivery to DuBois on Saturday or Sunday.

Wrangle & Ride Day Event – October 12: 9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Ages 12 and older. A great opportunity for horse lovers whether you are beginners or have much more experience! \$65 per person. **Deadline is September 28.**

Mother/Daughter Retreat --- October 18 - 20

Check-in 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. Sunday departure by noon. \$118 – adults 18 & older. \$103 – youth age 12-17; \$94 – child age 4-11. **Deadline is October 4.**

Register on-line: www.duBoisCenter.org

Or call the registrar at 618.357.1809. Visa; MC; Disc; AmEx accepted.

Our Members in Senior Living

Garden Place Of Columbia

480 DD Rd.
Columbia, IL 62236
618-281-4200

Helen Byers
Clarice Giffhorn

Garden Place

735 Columbia Ave.
Waterloo, IL 62298
618-223-5834

Gene Haller: Apt. 15
Ellen Kuergeleis: Apt. 29
Jean Habermehl: Apt. 36
939-4900

Magnolia Terrace
623 Hamacher St.
Waterloo, IL 62298

Gladys Ludwig
Novella Arms
Harold Devenport - #204

Betty Lou Carle -
Dammert G.C.

The Esquiline
726 Community Drive
Belleville, IL 62223

Ron Langhans

11030 Presbyterian Dr.
Apt. 3017
Indianapolis, IN 46236

Our Members in Nursing Homes

Integrity

253 Bradington
Columbia, IL 62236
618-281-6800

Lela Arras
Dorothy Klein
Anne Manson
Maureen Mueller
Howard Rudder

Nira Probstmeyer
Eden Village
400 S. Station Rd.
Glen Carbon, IL 62034

Oak Hill Nursing Home

623 Hamacher St
Waterloo, IL 62298
618-939-3488

Leola Schueler
Bruce Soehlin
Lucinda Smith

Military Prayer List

Nathan Schnittger - U.S.
Army Nephew of Cathy Huels

Roberto DeMarquez
Army National Guard
Son of Ursula DeMarquez

Marine Cpl. James K. Combs
Son of Jim & Debbie Combs

Sean Parrin
Army National Guard - Qatar
Nephew of Jody & Jeff Taake

In Honor & In Memory

KINDERCOTTAGE

In honor of Justin Erickson's birthday, given by Pam Erickson

MEMORIALS & TRIBUTES

In honor of George & Betty Eckert, given by Clyde & Becky Trexler Arlen & Shirley Harres

SPECIAL MUSIC

In honor of George & Betty Eckert, given by Don & Nadine Gericke

ART BALTZ - THANK YOU!

Art Baltz remembered our church in his estate planning. We hope you consider doing so, as well.



Baptisms

Jackson Cade Becker
Wyatt Earl Wolf

Please know that any information that is not included, or is incorrect in The Pathfinder and/or the bulletin, is an oversight and not done intentionally.

Thanks,
Cathy

ATTENDANCE

<u>DATE</u>	9:30 a.m. Family Worship
8/4	135
8/11	140
8/18	168
8/25	168



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Phone: 281-5102 or
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Extra copies may also be found in the church office.

FINANCIAL REPORT	August		Year to Date	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Revenue				
Tithes & Offerings:				
Pledged & NonPledged	28,627.00	26,602.00	256,212.16	288,544.00
Misc. Contributions	418.70	335.00	12,789.77	10,875.77
Interest Income	584.90	1,089.69	3,164.02	4,329.76
Endowment Interest Income	0.00	0.00	38,865.59	38,938.80
Rental Income	350.00	0.00	4,169.75	3,372.70
Misc Income	615.21	641.40	7,602.29	4,597.50
Total Revenues	30,595.81	28,668.09	322,803.58	350,658.53
Expenses				
Personnel	27,412.91	27,842.81	241,047.73	230,094.74
General Expenses	9,353.48	6,713.05	66,860.41	66,832.31
* OCWM	4,464.94	4,344.39	22,688.73	25,970.08
Total Expenses	41,231.33	38,900.25	330,596.87	322,897.13
Net Receipts	(10,635.52)	(10,232.16)	(7,793.29)	27,761.40
RESERVES			64,408.81	100,054.51

*OCWM 10,000.00 out of St Paul Mission (833.33 monthly)



As there are so many volunteers who generously donate their time and talents, we would like to say "Thank You" to all who volunteer! Your efforts do not go unnoticed; you are so very much appreciated!

RENOVATIONS LOAN

	Interest	Principal	Principal
Columbia National Bank	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Balance</u>
	15,287.06	196,150.33	117,454.33



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ASSISTANT CUSTODIAN	Janet Zinn

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM	- Wednesdays (Sept. - May) 2:30 p.m.
CHOIR PRACTICE	Wednesdays (Sept. - May)
CHILDREN'S CHOIR - 4:45 p.m.	CHANCEL CHOIR - 7:30 p.m.
HANDBELL CHOIRS	Every Wednesday (September—May)
ALLELUIA RINGERS - 3:45 p.m.	FESTIVE RINGERS - 9:00 a.m.
	BELLS OF JOY - 6:00 p.m.
ST. PAUL BAND	Tuesdays (September - May) - 6:30 p.m.

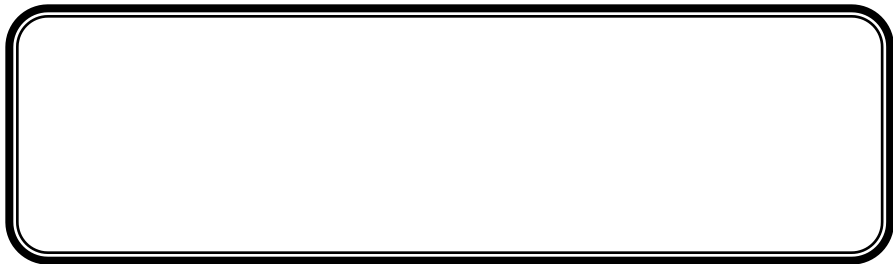
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WORSHIP SERVICES	Sundays, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
SUMMER FAMILY WORSHIP	Memorial Day - Labor Day 9:30 a.m. - Nursery only, No Classes
FELLOWSHIP HOUR	Sunday, 10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.
NURSERY	Provided for the 9:00 a.m. Services
HOLY COMMUNION	1st Sunday of every month
CHURCH SCHOOL	9:00 a.m. (Nursery through adults)

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Wednesday: Staff Lunch 12:30 p.m. –1:30p.m.

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