

As this Pathfinder is being prepared, we are finally experiencing cooler fall weather. Farmers are busy at work harvesting their crops, leaves are changing colors and will be dropping soon, and cooler temperatures will soon be an everyday occurrence. Fall is the favorite time of year for many because of the cooler temperatures, fall colors, and plentiful outdoor festivals and activities that fill our weekends. Possibly, Thanksgiving is your favorite holiday as well. Thanksgiving is a time of togetherness and gratitude, for being with family and friends without the expectation of gift giving that accompanies many other holidays, and for giving thanks for the many blessings in our life.



“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our Thanksgiving.” W.T. Purkiser. In our Consistory meetings, we frequently comment about the true blessings that abound in our congregation. We are a congregation of thanksgiving! We use our blessing all year round to affect our community and beyond. You each have gifts, talents, and abilities that provide many blessings. Whether it is serving on a committee, serving lunches during the summer or for funerals, nursing our congregation’s well-being, serving on our conference board, singing in the choir, sharing the harvest, serving at nursing homes or with our youth, or volunteering at DuBois (the list goes on and on!), we are grateful for each of you and the blessing you bring to our congregation. Thank you!

Blessings,  
Your Consistory

### **THIRTY-FIVE YEARS**

Day by day; week by week; year by year; we do what God has called us to do. Time goes by. When I looked at my Eden Seminary graduation picture (which was WAY TOO BIG), I barely recognized that person. Much has changed, but ministry to God’s people is sustained by that Holy Spirit that guides us all. I was humbled by the outpouring of sincere faith by all of you on Sunday, October 20, and by the cards and gifts given to honor my thirty-five years of ordained ministry. There were visitors representing all of the congregations I have served over these past thirty-five years, and for that I give thanks. I also wish to thank those who planned the day, for Rev. Dr. Sheldon Culver’s message, for Pastor Keith McDevitt who kept reassuring me that “all of the details were being covered,” for the Consistory members who helped in the kitchen, served the cake, and others who helped set up the tables and clean up the next day. I also wish to thank the wonderful staff we have here at St. Paul. They bring joy to my life each day when I arrive at church, for I know they all are doing their part to bring forth the ministry of Jesus Christ in this place.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Bob

### **FROM OUR CONFERENCE MINISTER**

So many of you have asked for an update on the Washington DC trip I took several weeks ago with 21 other Conference Ministers to urge those who represent us to create better policies, practices and procedures for how immigrants are treated in this country.

I must admit that after I returned, I found it difficult to put into words, succinctly, the deeply powerful moments I experienced. I also struggled with the reality that there were some who reached out to me in anger and disgust that I had participated in such an event. This was when I realized there might have been some misunderstanding and misperceptions of why I attended, why the Conference Council (the governing board of this Conference) unanimously affirmed my participation, and what the purpose of the trip was.

First, allow me to share with you the origins of the event being organized by the Council of Conference Ministers, a representation of Conference Ministers from all Conferences of the UCC. After many discussions among the Council of Conference Ministers about the deep concerns and sadness we had about the realities of--- children being separated from families, undocumented and under documented persons being detained in makeshift centers without the needed supplies, as well as the amounts of persons who had died while being detained, we asked ourselves, but what can we do? The definitive answer was we needed to do something.

The something was: we could ask to meet with leaders to discuss our support and our genuine care for them navigating the complex issue of immigration-an issue that would be difficult to provide one comprehensive solution upon which all could agree. We could speak to our work as faith leaders to live out the mandate of Christ to love our neighbors. We could urge our leaders in government to consider alternatives that might not have been identified.

We could also remind those leaders that regardless of our personal opinions as individuals, as faith leaders we wanted to add to more than just the voices of criticism. We wanted our presence and conversation to remind our leaders in government that we are praying for them. Moreover, we wanted them to know we stand ready to help in any way we can in humanitarian efforts that serve to live out our faith and to respond in ways we hope others could continue to expect of our country-with high morals, ethics, and compassion.

Working with the incredible staff of the United Church of Christ office in Washington DC (not only does the United Church of Christ have an office in Washington DC, but so does the United Methodist Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America and the Presbyterian Church USA), we were offered training and education about the current immigrant policies and procedures. The UCC staff in Washington DC also set up meetings for us with our local Senators and Representatives. They coached us on how to effectively engage the leaders in conversations about the purpose of our presence in Washington DC. We were then broken up into groups (divided by our geographical regions). Each group met with the offices of Senators and House Representatives who agreed to meet with us.

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My group had eight in-person meetings over a period of two days. Sometimes we met with the actual senators and representatives; sometimes we met with their support staff. Yet, regardless of to whom we were speaking, the message was the same. We were not there to argue and debate the politics. We did not represent a political affiliation, nor bent.

We were not coming as republicans or democrats. In fact, in the Conferences and geographies in which we serve, there is a wide spectrum of beliefs, opinions, and political views, and we dare not speak as if this reality does not exist. Our choice to come to Washington DC was not a political decision; rather it was a faith decision. One of the reasons I asked you to provide me with letters that I had the opportunity to share with the leaders with whom we met was for them to hear the concerns from individuals grounded in Biblical imperatives of our faith.

Each time, we met to talk about our concerns, our support and our urging for government leaders to consider creative alternatives to detention centers, those with whom we spoke seemed disarmed by our purpose and message. All wanted to know more about the ideas we shared of using community based programs, which could provide jobs and revenue for local communities. They also seemed genuinely surprised to hear we were confident our local churches would be interested in providing humanitarian relief of supplies, such as bedding, toiletries, and other sundries (much like we provide supplies to people through our Church World Service when natural disasters occur).

We articulated an understanding of how things often move quickly without all details figured out, yet we wanted them to know they could call upon other resources for help and support. They seemed grateful to be given a local contact with the UCC office in Washington DC, which could help them coordinate efforts and offer more information about the resource agencies and persons in the states they serve. Moreover, they seemed shocked and awed about our commitment to keep them in prayer, knowing they are in positions that require difficult decisions to be made.

For me, personally the biggest take away was the importance of in-person, civil conversation. I believe strongly this is a fundamental practice of Jesus. Throughout the Gospels we read about transformative encounters people had with Jesus when he met them where they were, listened to their stories and then invited them to consider another story, the story of God's redeeming grace and love.

Too often in our society and unfortunately in the Church, we do not enter into civil, respectful dialogue. Instead, we enter into destructive monologues of why we are right and others are wrong. We talk past one another. We jump to conclusions, not taking the time to hear about the reasons, the intent, and the purposes of why certain decisions were made or actions were taken. Sadly, we also seem to think the worst of others first, instead of first giving them the benefit of the doubt.

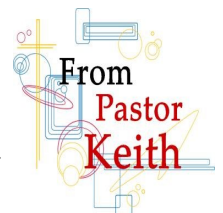
Just imagine how we might change the world and ourselves if we would first be willing to enter into relationships with all people, be willing to enter into conversations (even difficult ones) with grace and mercy and if we worked together to imagine creative, God-led solutions and opportunities to the problems and concerns we face.

Just imagine...for you might find yourself imagining that the kingdom of God of which Jesus taught, preached, and envisioned was possible through us!

Grateful to serve alongside of all of you,  
Rev. Shana Johnson  
Conference Minister  
Illinois South Conference

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*I give thanks to you, O Lord my God,  
with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.  
Psalm 86:12*



From a young age my parents taught me to always say thank you. Whenever a stranger opened a door for me or a waiter took my dirty dishes, or a friend's parent let me stay the night, I was taught to **always** say "thank you." I assume most of us had a similar upbringing. What your parents did, and what my parents did, was to prepare us to see and be aware of how others support us in all we do.

Saying "thank you" is to recognize that others have made an impact on our life. No matter how small or great their actions are, it is always good to be reminded how we depend on those around us. That isn't always easy, as our society often paints the self-made person as the picture of success. People who succumb to such beliefs are only thankful for themselves. I'm not making this up, people really believe this! Maybe you know one of them or see them on TV, but they do exist. They believe they don't owe anyone a thank you because their strength and perseverance got them to where they are. What a poor and unrealistic take on life. I really have pity for people who can't look beyond their own selves.

However, our Christian faith does not let us get wrapped up in this ego-centric way of thinking, or at least it shouldn't. We believe that all of creation was created by God, and freely gifted for our responsible use and delight. The food we eat, the people we love, the nature we enjoy, the pets that bring comfort and really any and all things have been given by God. Think about something or someone that brings you joy. That is a gift from God! If you really think about it, it can be too much to comprehend.

The Psalmists offers us the only faithful response to God's overwhelming grace, which is nothing short of thanks and praise with our whole heart. We don't reserve any thanks, our entire being is turned to God. This is what Thanksgiving is all about; a complete reverence of all God has done for us and to humble praise and thank God!

I pray that in preparation for Thanksgiving, take time in your prayer life to name the ways God's grace continues to be at work in your lives. I pray that in saying thank you, the hope of God who created you, Jesus the Christ who walks with you and the Holy Spirit who ceaselessly labors in love will find you wherever you are on life's journey.

Blessings and Happy Thanksgiving,  
Pastor Keith

Our hope is that your family will experience Christmas together in a meaningful way this holiday season; and the *Advent in an Ornament* will help towards that goal. All families of our church can pick up an Advent bag. Grandparents can pick up one to do with their grandkids. No kids? All are a part of our church family. All can pick up an Advent Bag. May the Holy Spirit bless you, during this activity to find special meaning to your journey this year to Christmas.

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**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.

**Rehearsals for the Christmas program are Saturday, December 7, and 14, at 10:30 a.m.**

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### HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS

**Our Sunday School is collecting items for Holiday Food baskets. Items that are needed for our holiday baskets:**

Potatoes	Durkee Dried French Onions	Stuffing	Milnot
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Jell-O	Sweet Potatoes	Canned Cranberries
Gravy	Mini Marshmallows	Pumpkin Pie Filling	Yellow Cake Mix

For your convenience, you may pick up our new purple "On a Mission" bags in the Welcome Center or Fellowship Hall and fill them with your donation; or you can donate cash, or a check made out to St. Paul UCC - Memo: "Holiday Food Baskets." Please return donations by November 17, for Thanksgiving baskets, or December 15, for Christmas baskets. Your donations are a private family decision.

God created **Companions**, because people need to live together in Community, not of Judgement, but of **Compassion**.



**Flu Vaccine Clinic** - Thanks to both youth and adults, who participated in the flu vaccinations this year. The Walgreen's pharmacist gave 23 injections this year and could have given more if their store supply of the quadrivalent flu vaccine supply would have been available at the time. There is still time to keep yourself and others healthy this year!

**Women Are Needed** - Bone density research study conducted by Washington University School of Medicine for women 40-85 years old, either with or without hip fracture and postmenopausal. This is a one study visit taking 20-30 minutes to complete and you will receive a free scan of the pelvis, hip and spine. No compensation. Contact Shannon Stum: 314-454-8016.

**Care Connection Volunteers** - St. Paul UCC members are multi-talented and do volunteer work in many areas of the church, as well as outside of the church. Do not feel neglected if you have never been asked to give blood, as Matt Habermehl will never forget, or be on the Consistory, as Matt again, will never forget; or Carol Giffhorn, providing transportation to a beauty shop every week. The church has Care Connection as a mission to help others in our own church. We have members receiving the prepared food that we make, but we need others to take a meal, or visit as a companion. Because everyone is busy with their own situations, the list of drivers for doctor appointments, etc. needs expanded. If anyone has any interest, please contact the church office or Joanne Counce at 281-5066. Thanks to those now helping when called upon. St. Paul UCC is a community of compassion!

#### MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday, November 2 - 8 a.m.

Sign up in the Welcome Center.



Men's  
Breakfast

*Simon Peter:  
Flawed, but Faithful Disciple*

#### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**The Columbia Clergy Association is holding their annual Community Thanksgiving Service at Christ Community Lutheran on Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m.**

#### DESSERT AND DIALOGUE - WITH PASTOR KEITH LGBTQIA Discrimination

Thursday, November 14 - 10 a.m. **AND** 7 p.m.

Come to learn about each letter, and how these persons in our community have been an aim of discrimination.

Thank you for your contributions to the Noisy Offering for UCC Disaster Relief. God's blessings to all of you!

Also, the worship offering at the Illinois South Conference went to Kindercottage, above and beyond what our delegates contributed, \$1,000 was added from the St. Paul Mission Fund.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 NOVEMBER					1	2 8 am Men's Breakfast
3 Totenfest Communion Sunday Kindercottage Food Collection Butter Braid Orders Due 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship	4 7 pm Property Management 7 pm Board of Mission & Stewardship Leadership Dinner	5 9 am Preschool	6 9 am Preschool/Bells 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation/Bells 7 pm Choir	7 9 am Preschool	8 8 am Quilters	9 8-9 am Pick up Butter Braids in Fellowship Hall  7 pm Eppinger Event in Sanctuary - Brian Owens
10 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship	11 6:15 Finance Committee 7 pm Consistory   VETERANS DAY	12 - <b>December Pathfinder Articles Due</b> 9 am Preschool 6 pm Band at Rosedale, Waterloo 7 pm Board of Evangelism	13 <b>Cardinals Calendar Orders Due</b> 9 am Preschool/Bells 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation/Bells 7 pm Choir	14 9 am Preschool 10 am and 7 pm Dessert & Dialogue 7 pm Cemetery Board	15 8 am Quilters	16
17 <b>One Service Thanksgiving Basket Items Due</b> Stewardship/ Consecration Sunday 10 am Worship	18 7 pm Board of Worship	19 9 am Preschool 6 pm Band	20 9 am Preschool/Bells 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation/Bells 7 pm Choir	21 9 am Preschool	22 8 am Quilters 8:30 am Assemble Pathfinder	23
24 9 am Worship, Children's Classes 10:30 am Worship 2 pm JYF & SYF Bowling	25 7 pm Book Club	26 9 am Preschool 6 pm Band	27 9 am Preschool/Bells 2:30 pm After School Program 6 pm Confirmation/Bells 7 pm Choir 7 pm Thanksgiving Community Service at Christ Community Lutheran	28 <b>Office Closed</b>   HAPPY THANKSGIVING	29 8 am Quilters  7 pm Millstadt Parade	30



Choose one or more stars from the tree which has a name and a gift request for Christmas. The gifts go to the children and adults in need from various places, including Hoyleton, Bridges of Hope, Kindercottage, a women's shelter, as well as several local families.

The Giving Tree will be in the lobby beginning Sunday, November 17. Wrap the gift and secure the star on top of the gift. **Return the gift to the Star Tree no later than Sunday, December 8 (before would be helpful.)**

Donation of money will gladly be accepted to purchase gifts for any unreturned stars or for those who do not like to shop.

If for any reason you cannot purchase the gift on your star, please return the star or call the church office as soon as possible.

If anyone would like to help separate or deliver gifts, contact Barb in the church office.

**POINSETTIAS FOR LOVED ONES**



The Board of Worship will provide Poinsettias for those wishing to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia in honor or in memory of a loved one, request an envelope from an usher on Sunday morning, or pick one up in the church office. Complete the form on the front, and include a check for \$10, payable to St. Paul UCC. Hand the completed envelope to an usher or drop the envelope and payment by the church office **no later than Sunday, December 8.**

## 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.

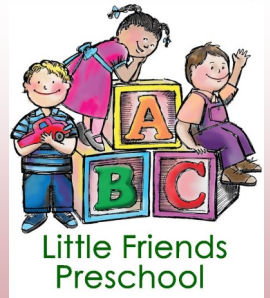
After a jaded magazine writer is assigned a profile of Fred Rogers, he overcomes his skepticism, learning about empathy, kindness and decency from America's most beloved neighbor. Tom Hanks portrays Mister Rogers, a timely story of kindness triumphing over cynicism, based on the true story of a real-life 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.

### BUTTER BREAD FUNDRAISER

It is time once again for our Fall Butter Braid, Cookie Dough, and Pizza sale to benefit the operating fund at St Paul UCC. Please pick up an order form from the office or sign the forms in the Narthex and **return orders by 9 a.m., November 3.** Checks should be payable to St Paul UCC; and turning checks in with your order is easiest. **Delivery date and pick-up is 8 - 9 a.m., on Saturday, November 9.** Any questions, please contact Tammy Krebel 618-789-0652.

Little Friends Preschool is selling St. Louis Cardinals calendars for \$15 each.

Calendar orders are due no later than November 13 (checks only, no cash.) They will arrive the first week of December... just in time for Christmas!



JOIN THE PARADE!

Fifth grade - senior high youth are needed to be actors/actresses in three upcoming Christmas Parades. Assistance from Safe Church approved adults will also be needed for these events.

**Millstadt Lighted Parade is Friday, November 29.** It starts at Liederkrantz Park and ends at the VFW. Be at the park at 6 p.m.; parade starts at 7 p.m..

**Columbia Bright Night Parade is Saturday, December Saturday 7.** It starts at City Park at 5 p.m. and ends at the Eagle Wing. We need to be at the park at 4:30 p.m.

When the parades get closer there may be time changes. Call Paul Straub at 618-719-6715 to keep updated.



### December 16 Books

*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

**February 24 - 7 p.m.**  
*Little Fires Everywhere*  
by Celeste Ng

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

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

Watch for *UCC Advent Devotionals* which will be provided to supplement copies of *These Days* and *The Upper Room*.

### BREAKFAST WITH MARY AND JOSEPH

The Junior Youth Fellowship (JYF) is pleased to present our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Breakfast with Mary and Joseph on **Saturday, December 7, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.** We will be providing all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Food will be served from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. with our multi-generational nativity skit at 9 a.m. You will also have the opportunity to make gingerbread houses, and take goofy pictures at the Christmas Photo Booth. Tickets can be purchased at the door: \$5 per adult, \$2.50 for children 12 and under, free for those under 3. All are invited! We hope to see you there!

### SAVE THE DATES

**BREAKFAST WITH MARY & JOSEPH  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7**

**BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
Thursday, December 19**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM  
Sunday, December 15, at 10:30 a.m. service**

### THE GENEROSITY CYCLE



God makes us rich in every way so we can be generous on every occasion, which will result in thanksgiving to God. ...  
God doesn't bless us to provide for our own needs; he blesses us so we can be generous.

—Rick Warren (based on 2 Corinthians 9:11)

**ST. PAUL BAND**

8 - Acorn Country Club  
9 - Garden Place, Waterloo,  
6:30 p.m.  
10 - Rosedale,  
Waterloo, 6 p.m.  
17 - Grand Manor,  
Swansea, 6 p.m.  
19 - Integrity,  
Columbia, 6 p.m.  
20 - Our Lady of the Snows  
Shrine, Belleville, 7 p.m.

**NOVEMBER**

5 - No Practice  
12 - Rosedale,  
Waterloo, 6 p.m.  
17 - Stewardship Sunday  
19 - Practice, 6 p.m.  
26 - Practice, 6 p.m.

**DECEMBER**

2 - Cedarhurst,  
Shiloh, 6 p.m.  
3 - Cedarhurst, Memory  
Care, Waterloo, 6 p.m.  
5 - Oak Hill, Waterloo,  
6 p.m.

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

**SHARE THE HARVEST**



Since October has brought frost on the pumpkins at an early date, the produce shared by all of us is limited, unless there are superior gardeners in St. Paul. Once again, thanks to those who provided the produce and for the people who enjoyed the results. The amount donated this year was \$60, which will be donated to the Crisis Fund of our church to help feed others or serve as an outreach of St. Paul UCC mission.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the **December Pathfinder articles are due November 12** and will be assembled and mailed a little earlier in the month.

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

**Board and Committee Chairs -  
Annual Report articles are due on Thursday, December 12.**

**IN HONOR & IN MEMORY**

**BELL CHOIR**

**In Honor of Shirley Kocher's 80th birthday,  
given by:**

The Festive Ringers -  
Carol Bergmann  
Vicki Wegner  
Johanna Wayland  
Mary Lynn Harres  
Shirley Asselmeier  
Barb Miller  
Jan Korneta  
Carol Giffhorn

**FRIZ SCHOLARSHIP**

**In honor of Pastor Bob, given by:**

Erlene Bretzlaff  
Ben & Carol Bergmann  
Janet Leonard  
Clyde and Becky Trexler  
Brent and Carol Freeland  
Diane and Myron Hanna  
Katherine Klaybor

**HOYLETON**

**In honor of Pastor Bob, given by:**

Lea Berry  
Dave and Faye Mehrmann  
Joanne Odem  
Carol Giffhorn  
Don and Nadine Gericke  
Barb and Darryl Gerstenecker  
Charlotte Freeland

**GENERAL FUND**

**In Honor of Pastor Bob, given by:**

Marvin Morgan

**KINDERCOTTAGE**

**In honor of Pastor Bob, given by:**

Howie Knapp

**RENOVATIONS**

**In honor of Pastor Bob, given by :**

Nora Bennett  
Sharon Weller  
Helen Byers  
Wyona Crosley  
Ken and Dolores Hoock  
Bill and Ellen Lewis



Thankfulness is not a minor virtue. It is not one of the elementary virtues [that] may be left behind as we become more mature. I believe that thankfulness is essential to the strength of every virtue, and that without it every other branch is starved and lean.

Life without thankfulness is devoid of love and passion. Hope without thankfulness is lacking in fine perception. Faith without thankfulness lacks strength and fortitude. Every virtue divorced from thankfulness is maimed and limps along the spiritual road.

—John Henry Jowett

**Our Members in Senior Living**

**Garden Place Of Columbia**

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

Helen Byers  
Clarice Giffhorn  
Dee Steppig

**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

**ATTENDANCE**

DATE	9:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	Total
9/1		121	121
9/8	194	45	239
9/15	151	53	204
9/22	128	61	189
9/29	109	28	137



*Baptisms*

**Bennett Daniel  
Busby**

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE**

Colleen Jackson  
Bryna Kohlenberger

Jack Mayer  
Zachary Maue  
Brock Row  
Lilly Willingham  
Owen Willingham

\*Deb Notter  
\*Becky Trexler  
\* Sherry Montgomery  
\*denotes teacher

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



**GO GREEN!**

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Email: ucccol@htc.net

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

	September		Year to Date	
	2018	2019	2018	2019
<b>Revenue</b>				
<b>Tithes &amp; Offerings:</b>				
Pledged & NonPledged	31,129.00	33,292.00	287,341.16	321,836.00
Misc. Contributions	481.25	286.00	13,271.02	11,161.77
Interest Income	229.24	143.70	3,393.26	4,473.46
Endowment Interest Income	0.00	0.00	38,865.59	38,938.80
Rental Income	792.90	466.23	4,962.65	3,838.93
Misc Income	609.69	593.72	8,211.98	5,191.22
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>33,242.08</b>	<b>34,781.65</b>	<b>356,045.66</b>	<b>385,440.18</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Personnel	35,682.36	28,225.86	276,730.09	258,320.60
General Expenses	14,845.00	12,304.87	83,870.14	83,481.57
* OCWM	2,164.73	4,344.39	22,688.73	25,970.08
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>52,692.09</b>	<b>44,875.12</b>	<b>383,288.96</b>	<b>367,772.25</b>
<b>Net Receipts</b>	<b>(19,450.01)</b>	<b>(10,093.47)</b>	<b>(27,243.30)</b>	<b>17,667.93</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>			<b>44,958.80</b>	<b>89,961.04</b>

\*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>
	15,636.20	197,620.40	115,984.26

# The Pathfinder

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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) - 6:00 p.m.

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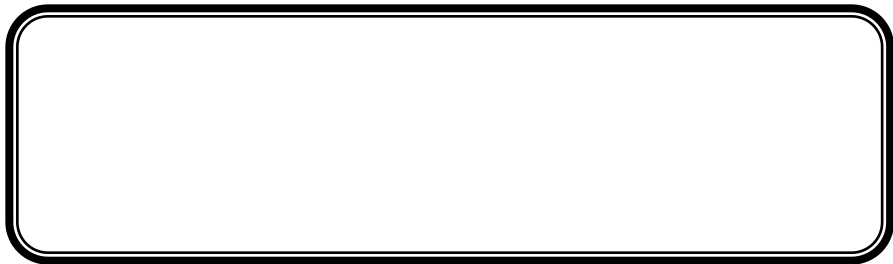
**ST. PAUL CONSISTORY MEMBERS**

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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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**Office Hours:** Monday -Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. & Friday 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday:** Staff Lunch 12:30 p.m. –1:30p.m.

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