



Bible Story Theatre

February 4, 2018

11:00 AM

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please silence cell phones.

Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.

THOUGHTS FOR PREPARATION

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| PRELUDE | Sonata No. 3—Andante Tranquillo Kevin Dzierzawski, organ | F. Mendelssohn |
| INTROIT | <i>I Love To Tell The Story</i> Chancel Choir | William G. Fischer |
| WELCOME | | Matt Fitzgerald |

*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 40

One: I waited patiently for the Lord; He inclined and heard my cry

All: He brought me up out of the pit, out of the mire and clay

One: I will sing, sing a new song!

All: I will sing, sing a new song!

One: How long to sing this song?

All: How long to sing this song?

One: He made my footsteps firm.

All: Many will see and follow.

One: We will sing, sing a new song!

All: We will sing, sing a new song!

**Please stand if you are able*

*HYMN

Praise to the Living God

Tune: LEONI

Praise to the living God, all praised be that Name,
Who was, and is, and is to be, is still the same;
The one eternal God, before what now appears,
The First, the Last, beyond all thought, through timeless years.

God's Spirit floweth free, high surging where it will --
In prophet's word it spoke of old -- is speaking still.
Established is God's law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea or land.

God has eternal life implanted in the soul.
God's love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
Praise to the living God! All praised be God's name,
Who was and is, and is to be, is still the same.

OFFERTORY

I Waited For The Lord
from Lobgesang (Song Of Praise)
Jennifer Kew and Christie DeForest, soloists
Kevin Dzierzawski, piano
Chancel Choir

Felix Mendelssohn

I waited for the Lord,
He inclined unto me,
He heard my complaint,
O blessed are they that hope and trust in the Lord.
Psalm 40: 1 & 4

*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts,
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Amen.

Forty Something

A Bible Story Theatre & St. Pauls Church School Presentation

Prologue

Reminiscers

*Brendan Phillips, Jessica Ashley
with BST and High School Ensembles*

God/God

Marcia Gulbrandsen, Stan Winiarski

Moses

Gerald Wilk

Ezekiel

Jeff Carlson

Scene 1. GENESIS 8

Noah

Johnny Busker

Mrs. Noah

Anna Schloerb

The Animals on the Ark

1st & 2nd Grade Class

Jack Brick, Maggie Brick, Julia Brizzolara, Ivy Combs, Alexander Cittadine, Evie Drew, Jake Gentzen, Ellie Gillmore, Jennie Hamm, Annika Hull, Thomas Jackson, Bea Kompare, Leo Lawrence, Rex Lawrence, Eva Mack, Cosette Millard, Stefan Millard, Caleb Patton, Leo Patton, Coco Schimp, Asher Stormo Malnick, Max Waldschmidt

Group Leader

Nancy Voigts

Teachers

Barb Kaiser, Tom Kompare, Sean Patton

Scene 2. EXODUS 31-33

Aaron

*Natalie Campbell ***

Gold Digger

Emma Braband

Wicked Israelites

9th Grade & High School Class

Lucas Banks, Emma Braband, Charlie Busker, John Busker, Natalie Campbell, Elena Cata, Rebecca Fayhee, Isaiah Fitzgerald, Andrew Keller, James Keller, Brianna Love, Colin Murray, Oliver Phillips, Aidan Rodriguez, Anna Schloerb, Charlie Wilk

Group Leader

Pastor Sarah

Teachers

Wayne Parman, Gail Renfrow, Carrie Bruggers

Scene 3. NUMBERS 13-14

The 12 Spies

Joshua

Lucas Banks

Caleb

Colin Murray

The Nay-Sayers

Charlie Busker, Isaiah Fitzgerald

Group Leader *Andrew Keller, James Keller, Wayne Parman*
Musicians *Oliver Phillips, Aidan Rodriguez*
Queen of Canaan *Haley Weldon*
Her Cohort (& Group Leader) *Max Allard, Otto Allard*
Canaanites *Becca Fayhee*
Jana O'Brien
7th & 8th Grade Class
Ethan Ashley-Ferguson, Meg Canfield, Reese Carter, Hannah Fitzgerald, Maeve Gleason, Vivian Hein, Jack Kahan, Katlyn McVey, Nolan Tavas, Henry Weil, Samantha Fayhee, Hannah Hafner, Emily Hein, Olivia Kearns, Jonah Schloerb
Teachers *Peg Wander, Rebecca Brown*

Scene 4. 1 SAMUEL 16-17

Saul, King of Israel *John Schloerb*
David *Miles Davidson*
Goliath, a Philistine *Kevin Finkle*
The Armies *3rd & 4th Grade Class*
ISRAELITES: *Lucy Bashiti, Brooke Gentzen, Andrew Hein*
Annabel Jackson, Ellie McGuire
PHILISTINES: *Chloe Combs, Alayna Mack, Zack Murray*
Liga Phillips, Blake Spielmann-Rice, Owen Waldschmidt
Group Leader *Nancy Voigts*
Teachers *Christina Cedeno, Helen Gregg, Kirsten Hull*

Scene 5. JONAH 5

Jonah *Charles Wilk*
Ninevites *5th & 6th Grade Class*
Lydia Busker, Miles Davidson, Ethan Fitzgerald
Katie Kobak, Colleen Kompare, Nate Weldon
Olivia Weglarz
Rappers *Claudia Walvoord, Charles Rodriguez*
Group Leader *Theresa Busker*
Teachers *Phillip Smedley + Jessica Ashley*

Scene 6. MATTHEW 4

Holy Spirit *Haley Weldon*
Jesus *Brendan Phillips*
Devil *Michael Cansfield*
The Angels *JK/Kindergarten Class & Friends*

**Group Leaders
Teachers**

*Noah Bashiti, Julia Frisch, Claire Gallemore, Grace Gillmore, Everett Hamm, Oscar Hull, Ben Jovanovic, Amalee Garcia-Knotts, Thea Mack, Deirdre McGrath, Brooke McGuire, Audrey Palkon, Grace Ashley-McGraw, Aniston Hartanov, Serena Garcia-Knotts, Sam Patton, Kai Renfrow, Lee Waldschmidt
Amanda Patino, Meggan Runner
Nancy Bingaman + Patricia Ruch*

Epilogue.
Psalmist

*Caroline Heffernan***

Finale.

Entire Cast

Music Accompaniment
Piano
Banjo & Mandolin
Drum

*Kecia Waldschmidt
Max Allard* & Otto Allard*
Phillip Smedley*

**Students at Old Town School of Folk Music.
Special Thanks to Chris Walz, Director, and their mom Rachel Allard
**St. Pauls High School Seniors*

BST 2018 Artistic & Production Staff

Director, Adapter
Associate Director
Assistant to the Directors
Music Director
Pastor of Children and Youth
Guest Artist
Wordsmith
Music Transcriber (*Way to Canaan*)
Choreographers
Finale, Armies
Gold Diggers
Animals
12 Spies
Canaanites

*Sharon Phillips
Brendan Phillips
Oliver Phillips
Kecia Waldschmidt
Sarah Garcia
Stan Winiarski
Marcia Gulbrandsen
Brendan P. Henry

Nancy Voigts
Sarah Garcia with Natalie Campbell
Nancy Voigts with Anna Schloerb
Haley Weldon with Lucas Banks
Jana O'Brien with Becca Fayhee*

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| Ninevites | <i>Theresa Busker with Charles Wilk</i> |
| Angels | <i>Haley Weldon with Amanda Patino</i> |
| Lyricists | <i>Kecia Waldschmidt, Jana O'Brien Phillip Smedley, Brendan Phillips Sarah Garcia, Nancy Bingaman John Schloerb, Jessica Ashley Carrie Bruggers</i> |
| Stage Manager | <i>Brianna Love, Jean Wilk</i> |
| Assistant Stage Managers | <i>Tilly Wilhoite</i> |
| Production Manager | <i>Gretchen Althen, Sue Finkle, Liz Raiman</i> |
| Costume Design Team | <i>Jorie Hamm, Linda Patton</i> |
| Costumer Extraordinaire | <i>Katie-Sarah Phillips</i> |
| Back Stage Team | <i>Amy Bashiti, Amy Newman, Evelyn Rosebrock, Christine Weil, Gerald Wilk, Cindy Zinn Trevor Hafner, Mackenzie Rogers</i> |
| Pizzazzzer | <i>Agnotti Benedict Cowie</i> |
| Makeup Coordinator | <i>Pamela Kelly</i> |
| Make Up Team | <i>Jan Bail, Gabrielle Stormo, Renae Bradshaw</i> |
| Sound Consultant & Engineer | <i>Kevin Dzierzawski</i> |
| Stage Construction & Design | <i>Nate Combs</i> |
| Stage Setup | <i>Gerald Wilk, Brendan Phillips, Nate Combs Fernando Diaz</i> |
| Costume Credits | <i>Sue Finkle, Jana O'Brien, Beth Valdez & First United Methodist Church of Elmhurst</i> |

Acknowledgements

Thank you to St. Pauls pastoral staff, especially Pastor Sarah for her leadership, creativity, and support; to the office staff, especially Virgie Berry and Anna Sardar; to Fernando Diaz and Ramiro Gonzalez and the maintenance staff; and to Kurt Hansen, Kevin Dzierzawski and the Chancel Choir for the beautiful music chosen to complement the BST "40" Stories. Extra thanks to the Worship Committee for their support. Special thanks to Rachel Adams for the BST brainstorming sessions with the high school students and to all those youth who participated. And most of all, thank you to the Sunday school teachers for all you do for our St. Pauls children and young people.

Director's Note from Sharon Phillips

It was forty odd years ago when the new associate pastor of St. Pauls Church wandered over to the Body Politic, a theatre just up the street on Lincoln, to meet with the director, who just happened to be a Presbyterian minister. Together, these two guys discussed the treasure trove of stories in the Bible. The director also had a company called the Dream Theater -- whose actors used the story theatre techniques of Viola Spolin and Paul Sills -- and the writing techniques of John Schultz and Betty Shiflett's Story Workshop. Why not apply these same techniques to an exploration of the scripture stories? Bible Story Theatre was born.

This production is dedicated with love and heartfelt gratitude to our own Pastor Emeritus, the **Reverend Thomas R. Henry**, and to the **Reverend James A. Shiflett**. Their combined vision and imagination brought kids from St. Pauls over to the Body Politic on special Sunday mornings for an interactive theatre experience. It was an exploration of the full range of old and new testament stories -- parables, miracles, prophetic visions. Bringing these revered words from the page to the stage, they made these stories alive and accessible and memorable.

It has been my profound privilege to continue this vision through the founding of my own Bible Story Theatre Company. The invitation to bring BST to St. Pauls in this 40th presentation has been an extraordinary opportunity to bring together my own theology with my love of the theatre.

BLESSED IS THAT MAN THAT MAKETH THE LORD HIS TRUST. (Psalm 40 KJV)
BLESSED are TOM HENRY and JIM SHIFLETT

***Following Worship,
all are invited to join us for coffee and snacks in the Gym.
Make sure to stop by the Youth Mission Trip Bake Sale for yummy treats!***

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Fred Pearson, Brian Haffner, Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn, Cheryl Kennedy

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are from Theresa Herlevsen, and Marc and Jack Kahan in celebration of their dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Trudy Roegge, on her 88th birthday.

BORN THIS WEEK IN FEBRUARY

Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.

Feb. 4 Marcia Knudson

Feb. 5 Emma Peterson, Kathleen Truskey

Feb. 6 James Weimer, Rebecca Brown

Feb. 7 Aaron Fangman, Nolan Tavas

Feb. 8 Sherrie Myers, Thomas Batalla

Feb. 10 Becky Kornick, Cameron Rogers, Jan Bail

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on March 4th immediately following our 10 a.m. worship. Please plan to attend.

TODAY

FEBRUARY 4 - BST 2018 PRESENTATION of *FORTY SOMETHING* will take place during this morning's service. Please note that this service will begin at **11:00 a.m**

FEBRUARY 4 - SUPER BOWL SNACKS AND BAKE SALE, 11:30 a.m. Gym. To support the youth mission trip to do hurricane relief work in Puerto Rico.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POLAR PEACE MARCH RAISES MORE THAN \$51,500 FOR UCAN! Thank you to all of the planners, volunteers, marchers, supporters, chefs and bakers for helping us raise awareness and funds for UCAN's violence prevention programs. The weather helped us live up to our name as it was POLAR outside, but inside our hearts and our Sanctuary we could feel the love as we celebrated Dr. King's legacy of peace. You can still support your favorite marcher at polorpeacemarch.org

A MEMORIAL GIFT to honor **Ed Zasadil** was received from Nancy Pifer and Mark Swanson to support the Organ Maintenance Fund.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO FOR HURRICANE RELIEF - The youth, parents and group leaders have voted and chosen to do hurricane disaster relief work in Puerto Rico this June. The trip is open to youth in 8th through 12th grade. If you have a youth who is interested, please contact Pastor Sarah for more information at sgarcia@spucc.org

NEW MEMBER CLASS Curious about Saint Pauls? Our next round of classes will be held April 15th and April 22nd. Contact Pastor Matt to register at mfitzgerald@spucc.org

ST. PAULS NOMINATING COMMITTEE is currently working to identify and nominate members of St. Pauls who wish to serve on our Church Council. Open 2018 Council positions include: Vice President, Treasurer, Giving Committee Chair, Outreach & Benevolence Committee Chair, Faith Formation Committee Chair, Youth and Children's Ministry Committee Chair, and one At-Large Council Member position. The Nominating Committee's first meeting is scheduled for January 28th.

SUPPORT OUR HAITI TRIP - St. Pauls will be working with Three Angels Orphanage and School in Port-au-Prince, Haiti Feb 17-24. We'll be working in the clinic and installing a new water system. You can donate to our work project with a

designated check in the offering or on the donations page on our website using “Haiti Mission Trip Fund” in the dropdown menu.

More information: jcarlson@spucc.org

LENTEN SERMON SERIES: Signs of Life What if eternal life doesn't begin when we die; what if it can begin today? That's the message of the Gospel of John: Jesus invites us to live an eternal quality of life in a world that frequently tries to suck the life out of us. Beginning next Sunday and continuing through the season of Lent we'll be exploring 6 stories about Jesus that point us toward living a hopeful, flourishing life right now.

SUNDAYS 9-9:45 a.m. Conference Room. - THE WORD OF THE DAY - In this class, we take a dive into the Bible passages that our pastors will preach on each Sunday, because reflecting on scripture with a group enriches our worship and understanding. No Bible experience necessary. Your questions are welcome. Childcare is provided. Contact: jcarlson@spucc.org

FEBRUARY 5 - CHRISTIANITY 101, 7:30 p.m. Parlor. Join Pastor Jeff and young adults for a lively discussion of the real-life questions we face in our daily lives. This month we're getting ready for the season of Lent. There is no need to prepare in advance. Please contact Hannah Basil at youngadults@spucc.org with questions and to RSVP.

FEBRUARY 7 - FIRST WEDNESDAY, 12-1:30 p.m. Parlor. Join Rev. Neil Ellingson, co-founder of Root and Branch, a church serving mostly young adults in Chicago for a conversation about “the future church and religious innovators.” Cost is \$10/person. Please contact Anna Sardar at asardar@spucc.org with questions and to RSVP.

FEBRUARY 11 - FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES ROUNDTABLE: “A Christian Guide to a New Drug Policy” 11:15 a.m. Parlor. What would our faith have to say to us about a new drug policy? Indeed, what would our faith have to say about the *old* drug policy, with its inherent racism, mass incarceration, and mandatory minimum sentences? Rev. Al Sharp, Executive Director of Clergy for a New Drug Policy, will tell us of his experiences organizing clergy and creating new programs around the country that offer the promise of compassion and healing. Come find out about the fight for medical marijuana, especially in the context of current federal attempts to prosecute these efforts. Advocacy opportunity available. Sign up today at coffee hour.

FEBRUARY 11 - St. Pauls Confirmation Classes will prepare and serve the community engagement meal on a Sunday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm.

FEBRUARY 18 - CAN WE (SNAP)CHAT? MANAGING THE USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA ON OUR YOUTH AND FAMILIES. Join this Adult Faith Formation conversation, led by our Youth Education chair, Winnie Kearns. She will focus on building awareness of the influence of social media on our social and emotional lives, and how to make conscious choices about how we use this powerful tool. 11:15-12:30 in the Parlor.

FEBRUARY 24 - BIBLE STUDY: JOHN. Belief, faith, a full life, hope - the Gospel of John overflows with an invitation to life. 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers welcome. RSVP Pastor Jeff: jcarlson@spucc.org

FEBRUARY 24 - IMPROV COMEDY NIGHT, 8:30 p.m. Share a burger and a belly laugh at Young Adults improv night! We'll meet at Big & Little's at 8:30, then walk to ComedySportz for the 10 p.m. show. Tickets are \$25 and both dinner and the show are just off the Belmont Red Line. RSVP to the Punchbowl invitation. Email Derek (derekjaydiemer@gmail.com) or AJ (ajs92780@yahoo.com) with Q's.

FEBRUARY 25 - WINTER SOUP TASTING, 6:00 p.m. at the Womack's home. Join St. Pauls Social for a Winter Soup Tasting hosted by Jan and Joe Womack, Scott Jones, and Jen Pope. We'll provide several types of soup (including vegetarian fare) and bread; please bring an appetizer, salad, dessert, or beverage to share. Please contact jenniferEpope@outlook.com to RSVP, get the address and let us know what you might bring.

LAST WEEK IN FEBRUARY: Book discussion for St. Pauls members with Lincoln Park High School teachers and tutors from the Colleen Henry Writing Center. If you would like to participate in this church-community partnership event, you can buy a copy of "A Thousand Splendid Suns" in the office (\$12). To read more about what this program is and the second book discussion scheduled for later in the spring around the book "Persepolis," a graphic novel, please see the Friday newsletter.

MARCH 9 - WINDY CITY WINDS WINTER CONCERT, 7:30 pm. Sanctuary. The theme, "Cityscapes", celebrates music inspired by urban life, featuring music by Bernstein, Schumann, Camphouse and others. WCW is an adult volunteer concert band, including several members of our congregation. The band is conducted by its co-founders Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley.

OPPORTUNITIES

JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA - The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday, March 18. Orchestra members include junior high and high

school students as well as adults of all ages and abilities. We will rehearse after church in the chapel from 11:15 to 12:15 on 2/18, 2/25 and 3/11. If you're interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at 773-732-0625 or mwmosley@gmail.com.

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN UP - Providing flowers for the altar is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or honor someone special in your life. You can sign up in the Social Hall or online at <http://tinyurl.com/h55pl82>. There are many Sundays available but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

AMAZON SMILE - Use <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/36-2179808> if you would like to support St. Pauls when buying Amazon products. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to St. Pauls.

BIBLE STUDY - Meets one Saturday a month. This in-depth study explores a book of the Bible from start to finish, looking at its original context as well as its meaning for us as Christians today. No December study. Next Study: January 27. Contact Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER- Tutors Needed

This program at Lincoln Park High School was initiated by St. Pauls and developed in connection with the English and Social Studies Departments. Tutors volunteer once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more information, or to volunteer, contact Nancy Brandt, nhbrandt@sbcglobal.net

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com

CONSIDER THE LILIES - Deliver our Sunday Altar Flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at mvgrunst@aol.com. Join us!

FAITH IN ACTION/FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES - Whether you're interested in supporting women or LGBTQ persons or immigrants and refugees, or interested in planning programs on critical issues, you can find St. Pauls people involved and join them now. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for more information.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. To volunteer to prepare and serve dinner to guests of the Lincoln Park Community Shelter, contact Brent Carstensen at bcarstensen@ameritech.net

FOOD FOR THOUGHT - Visit our Food for Thought blog
<http://www.spucc.org/blogs/food-for-thought>

GET YOUR NEW NAME TAG! - Email Virgie at vberry@spucc.org

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS

- To sign up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org 773-549-6111

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2 and 3-year-olds. Classes are two or three mornings per week. We are now accepting applications for 2018-2019. Check out www.littlelightslp.org
If you are interested email Virgie Berry at vberry@spucc.org to schedule a tour!

LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP Read and discuss George Eliot's "Middlemarch" this spring. Discussions March 20th (parts 1-4) and June 19th. "Les Miserables" is coming in Fall 2018. RSVP jcarlson@spucc.org

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS - If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.) and so that we can inform you of opportunities in our Parents of Little Ones (POLO) group. Also let us her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

SARAH'S SISTERS gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS - If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson jcarlson@spucc.org, Marti Pechnyo mpechnyo@gmail.com, or Diana Laskaris dianaminlead@gmail.com

SAINT PAULS BASKETBALL WEDNESDAYS - 7 p.m. Our weekly pickup game is co-ed. Ages range from young and fast to old and not as fast. Skill levels range from enthusiastic to "I think he played in college, you guard him." All are welcome! Contact pastormatt@spucc.org

ST. PAULS PLAY GROUP for children from birth to 3 years old in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays.
Corie Gallemore at corie.gallemore@gmail.com

ST. PAULS SOCIAL - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting please contact Jen Luerksen, jenluerksen@yahoo.com and stay tuned for future events.

UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL - To register: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional

WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR? - Sign up to bring it at <http://bit.ly/1RtSUuh>

YOUNG ADULTS - A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email youngadults@spucc.org

YOUTH GROUP for kids in 4th-8th grade meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. with pizza dinner, fun and Christian fellowship. Meet in the gym.
Contact sgarcia@spucc.org

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to announcements@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday . Please limit announcements to 80 words. Thank you.

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page, take it home and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email. Our new practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- Kim recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Jack Hogan in treatment for cancer.
- Students of Marshall County High School including Rachel Adams' nephew Seth who were traumatized by a school shooting this past week in Kentucky.
- Wade who is in treatment for both cancer and leukemia.
- The family of Steve Warsh, wife Ellen, daughter Annie, and friends, at his death.
- Rob Castle's mother, Kathie, entering hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Rachel Adams' grandmother Virginia struggling with health problems.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- For Stacie B., sister of Mark P., following a difficult diagnosis.
- For Aylmer Gifford's friend, Mario, facing difficult health challenges.
- For Robin Scott's friend, Michelle, for her physical health and mental well-being.
- Jan Bail's friend, Genel, beginning a second round of chemotherapy.
- Dale Martin and his family.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Carole Knuti undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Carole Crowley recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- Grieving family of Jim who died at age 43.
- Anthony Martin with an injury from a bicycle accident.

NEARLY 1 IN 5 ADULTS STRUGGLE WITH A MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this Bulletin.

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ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a joyful sound in the city

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989 we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open to and Affirming of" LGBT women and men.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most importantly, over the past 174 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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Free Parking is available on Sundays from 9am-1pm at Children's Memorial Hospital
2300 Block of North Lincoln Ave. – Vouchers Not Needed



WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith,
and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and
our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children,
grandparents and families of all
configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who
grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.
We are an Open and Affirming church.
We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and
we are glad you are here.