



May 13, 2018  
Children's Sunday

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.*

#### THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Next time you feel like it's just one of those days when you just can't seem to win-- if things don't turn out the way you planned, figure something else out! Don't stay down, try again!" - H. Montana

#### PRELUDE

#### INTROIT

*Little Children, Welcome*  
Chancel Choir

Roy Hopp

#### WELCOME

Charles Wilk

#### \*WELCOMING EACH OTHER

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Natalie Campbell

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart

**All: We will be grateful for everything we have with everything we have.**

One: I will tell of all Your wonderful deeds.

**All: We will tell our stories to learn from the past and grow towards the future.**

One: I will be glad and exult in You;

**All: We will celebrate that You brought us together as your church**

One: I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

**All: We will be your light in the world-- and make some good Christian trouble**

*\*Please stand if you are able to do so.*

\*HYMN

*Jesus Loves Me*

Yes Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so  
Jesus loves me this I know  
For the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to him belong  
They are weak but he is strong

*Chorus*

Yes Jesus loves me  
Oh, yes Jesus loves me  
Yes Jesus loves me for the Bible tells me so

Jesus loves me still today,  
Walking with me on my way,  
Wanting as a friend to give  
Light and love to all who live.

*Chorus*

Jesus loves me every day  
He guides my steps along the way  
When I have a doubt or fear  
I call on him and he draws near.

*Chorus*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jake Nitzsche

**There are times when doubt permeates our lives,  
where our actions don't always align with our beliefs.  
Where we're not exactly sure how faith plays a role in our day to day.  
Uncertainty is a scary place, God, but we can be sure that your arms are always  
open. Continue to be by our sides and guide us towards your light, even when  
we can't quite see it. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

ANTHEM

*Power Of The Lord*

Dan McGovern

Children's Choir

Nancy Voigts, director and Karen Johnson, pianist

I've got the mighty power of the Lord inside me - pow, pow, power of the Lord!

I've got the holy power of the Lord inside me - pow, pow, power of the Lord!

It doesn't matter what others do. It doesn't matter what others say.

It only matters that God is in my heart and he's promised he will never go away!

I've got the mighty power of the Lord inside me - pow, pow, power of the Lord!

I've got the holy power of the Lord inside me - pow, pow, power of the Lord!

No need to worry, no need to fear. No need to wonder if the Lord is here.

My God is with me; I know he's by my side, and because of that I never need to hide!

I've got the mighty power of the Lord inside me - pow, pow, power of the Lord!

I've got the holy power of the Lord inside me - pow, pow, power of the Lord!

When someone's trying to make you mad. When someone's trying to make you  
blue.

No need to worry, just remind yourself that the Lord is living right inside of you!

He's right inside of you!

I've got the mighty power of the Lord inside me - pow, pow, power of the Lord!

I've got the holy power of the Lord inside me - pow, pow, power of the Lord!

I've got the pow, pow, power of the Lord!

I've got the pow. pow, power of the Lord!

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY  
John 20:24-29

Isaiah Fitzgerald and Aiden Rodriguez

But Thomas one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

\*A STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,**

**who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,  
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. God calls us to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to care for creation,**

**to seek justice and to resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

*(adapted from the United Church of Canada)*

RESPONSE

*Sanctuary*

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary

Pure and holy, tried and true

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living

Sanctuary for you.

*(Repeat 2 times)*

ANTHEM

*An Irish Blessing*

Donald Moore

Pauls People

Samantha Fayhee and Jonah Schloerb, soloists  
Kecia Waldschmidt, director

May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind always be at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rains fall soft upon your fields.  
Until we meet again,  
May God hold you gently in the palm of his hand.

SERMON

Natalie Campbell

OFFERTORY

*Mama's Pearl*

Jackson 5

arr. by Brendan Henry & Kris Hansen

Lyrics adapted by Kris Hansen

Joyful Sounds

Brendan Henry and Kris Hansen, co-directors  
Rebecca Fayhee and Charles Wilk, soloists

You get me goin' where I need to be.  
I'm runnin' late won't you cover me, oh mama! (Oh, mama!)  
Yeah my mama told me not to be a fool,  
Cuz I don't wanna kiss her back after school.

**Chorus**

Mom's a pearl. She made my world.  
And she helped my heart unfurl, now what was I missin'?  
Mama you know that you're the girl, that made my world.  
And you helped my heart unfurl, you always listen.

Even when I go: Bum-buh, bum-buh, bum-buh, bum-bum...

Now I never said I was a perfect child.  
It's not news to you I can drive you wild, oh mama! (Oh, mama!)  
But today I wanna thank you from my heart!  
For being there for me right from the start.

**Chorus**

\*FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Rebecca Fayhee

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

\*HYMN

*Beautiful Things*

Gungor

*Congregation please join in on the chorus.*

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us (Repeat)

You make me new,  
You are making me new  
You make me new,  
You are making me new (Repeat)

\*BENEDICTION

Brianna Love

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

*Go Now In Peace*

In a round lead by the Children's Choir

Go now in peace, go now in peace.

May the love of God surround you

Everywhere, everywhere,

You may go.

POSTLUDE

***Following Worship, all are invited for coffee and snacks  
downstairs in the Gym.***



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** Brian Hafner, Fred Peterson, Lauren Vega, Layne Lebahn

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Consider the Lilies:** Pauline Taylor

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are from Sally Fletcher in celebration of Chicago River Day.

BORN THIS WEEK IN MAY

**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.*

May 13 Jenny Brandhorst, Jim Peterson

May 14 Juanita Barlow

May 15 Breanna Coe, Eve Davis, Gail Renfrow, Mila Mussatt, Polly Sippy

May 16 Muzette Morgan

May 18 Ross Penniman

May 19 Samer Bashiti

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***Giving Option - Text: 773-825-6816***

You can now text your offering to 773-825-6816. The Vanco-based system will ask you to enter your dollar amount (example: 100 -- no dollar sign needed). You'll then be sent a link. Click on the link to complete your gift and receive a receipt. Thank you for your generous support of St. Pauls!

## TODAY

**May 13 - PLATE MAKING** - Come to the Social Hall after worship and get creative! The mission trip is having a plate making fundraiser. Make original artwork and we will have it turned into plates, bowls or cups for you. Cost is \$12 per item and it benefits the Puerto Rico Mission Trip. If you can't come but still want to make a plate, email Pastor Sarah at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org) and she will set you up.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ALL CHURCH RETREAT** - Sign up now to join us for a weekend of relaxation, fellowship and growing in faith at the Lakeside Inn in beautiful Lakeside, MI. July 27 to 29. All church members are encouraged to come! Cost is \$300 per room and includes breakfasts and dinners. Some financial assistance available. Email Pastor Sarah [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org) if you would like to sign up.

### **ST. PAULS SUMMER CAMP FOR KIDS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN -**

July 5 - August 3. We're offering half-day camp for 2 and 3-year-olds and full day camp for 4 to 12 year-olds. Also, we're offering before and after-care. Campers play in the local parks, go to the zoo, beach, museums, pool, and have tons of fun! Email Sarah Garcia at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org) for more information.

**FEED THE HUNGRY** - Open dates in June and July for Community Engagement Program (CEP) meals. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner. Volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To find available dates and to sign up, contact Brent Carstensen at [bcarsten959@yahoo.com](mailto:bcarsten959@yahoo.com)

**SUNDAYS - THE WORD OF THE DAY**, 9 a.m. Conference Room. Each Sunday, we explore the Bible passages that our pastors will preach on, 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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org)

**MAY 11 - WINDY CITY WINDS SPRING CONCERT**, 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary.

The concert, titled "Adventures," will include music by Leonard Bernstein, Percy Grainger, Alfred Reed, Frank Ticheli and John Williams (music from the film "E.T."). The concert will be conducted by the the band's co-founders, Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley, with guest conductor Dr. Bruce Moss, music director of the Wheaton Municipal Band and director of bands at Bowling Green State University in Ohio.

**MAY 19 - SEEDS OF SERVICE-** 10 a.m - 3 p.m. Humboldt Park. Join the Young Adults Group for a day of volunteering at the 14th Annual Seeds of Service event. We will prepare the community gardens for the planting season. Activities include weeding, mulching, planting seeds, and more. Breakfast and lunch are provided. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, contact Maggie Arden at [Maggie.arden@me.com](mailto:Maggie.arden@me.com).

**MAY 20 - CONFIRMATION PRESENTATIONS,** 11:15 a.m. Social Hall. Join us to hear our Confirmation students share about the service projects they have undertaken and the important things they have learned from putting their faith in action.

**MAY 20 - NEW MOMS BRUNCH,** 11 a.m. Parlor. Moms with kids under the age of one are invited to be the honored guests at this lovely brunch hosted by the Parents of Little Ones. We want to connect moms with new babies and surround them with love and support. RSVP to Corie Gallemore at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com)

**MAY 20 - YOUNG ADULT MONTHLY BRUNCH,** 11 a.m. Join the Young Adults Group for brunch after worship, and if you're able, come over to Oz Park to cheer on the Dirt Disciples for our 1 p.m. game afterwards. We will gather during Social Hour and walk somewhere close. Email Hannah at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with any of your restaurant suggestions.

**MAY 20 - FAREWELL SERVICE,** 3 p.m. Westchester Community Church. Attend service and reception for the Rev. Dr. Jorge Morales as he retires after eight years as Conference Minister of the Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ. For more information, contact Rick Peterson at [rnpeterson2017@gmail.com](mailto:rnpeterson2017@gmail.com)

**MAY 26 - SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY,** 10 a.m. The Gospel of John - This month we dig into Jesus' last words to his disciples and to us as we wrap up our study of this Gospel. Newcomers are welcome. RSVP: Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**MAY 26 - SAINT PAULS SOCIAL,** 6 p.m. Join Saint Pauls Social and collector Susann Craig at her Logan Square loft designed by world famous architect Jeanne Gang. This potluck dinner is limited to the first 25 people that register by calling her at 312-399-8843. Each guest brings a dish or drink.

**MAY 30 - MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER DINNER AT EPIC BURGER** at the North & Sheffield Commons (1000 W. North Ave), 4-6 p.m. Mention SPUCC when you order and Epic Burger will donate 20% of your order to our Puerto Rico mission trip.

**JUNE 4** - 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. There is no need to prepare in advance. Please contact Hannah Basil at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org) with questions and to RSVP.

**JUNE 9** - MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR STEVE WARSH 10 a.m. A service of memorial and celebration for the life of Steve Warsh, who passed away in January, will be held at St. Pauls. If you plan to attend, please let Pastor Jeff know in order to help Steve's family plan for the day: [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**JUNE 12 & JULY 10** - HAITIAN HISTORY BOOK DISCUSSION Laurent Dubois' book, "Haiti: The Aftershocks of History," chronicles the history of Haiti, directly relevant to our contemporary attempts to struggle with issues of race, economic development, political dysfunction, and the complicated traumas of the past. Steve Peterson and Steve Schwartzberg will lead two sessions on this book - Tuesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Steve Peterson's house and Tuesday, July 10 at 7 p.m. at Steve Patton's house. Email [sspeterson01@gmail.com](mailto:sspeterson01@gmail.com)

**JUNE 17** - "BUY A BED, GIVE A BED" MATTRESS SALE EVENT, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Gym. St. Pauls will host a mattress sale in the gymnasium benefitting Lincoln Park Community Shelter. Try out mattresses from Tempur-Pedic, Beautyrest, Serta, Simmons, and Sealy. Prices will be up to 50% lower than at local retail stores. For every bed purchased, LPCS receives a new mattress to help furnish its new facility.

## **OPPORTUNITIES**

**ST. PAULS SOCIAL** - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at [jenluerssen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerssen@yahoo.com) and stay tuned for future events.

**FAITH IN ACTION** - Saint Pauls' Strategic Plan calls us to be "Increasingly bold and active as we try to live out our faith in an age of rising injustice." If you would like to receive advance notice of protests and actions that call for our faithful witness, join the Faith in Action email list by contacting Anna Sardar at [asardar@spucc.org](mailto:asardar@spucc.org)

**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** - Support St. Pauls when buying Amazon products, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from eligible purchases to St. Pauls. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/2179808>

**BOOK NOOK** - Please help yourself to any of the books on the bookcase in the Social Hall. There is no need to return the book after reading - simply pass it on to someone else. If you want to donate a book, place it on the top shelves labeled "new arrivals." General fiction, broad interest nonfiction, youth and children books are ideal. If you have any questions or comments, contact Tilly Wilhoite at [tilly1017@gmail.com](mailto:tilly1017@gmail.com)

### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:mvgrunst@aol.com). Join us!

**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](mailto:toby@rogers-home.com) for more information.

**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](mailto:vberry@spucc.org)

**LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS**

- To sign up: [volunteer@lpcsonline.org](mailto:volunteer@lpcsonline.org) or call 773-549-6111.

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4 year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2018-2019. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Virgie Berry at [vberry@spucc.org](mailto:vberry@spucc.org)

**LONG, CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP** Read and discuss George Eliot's "Middlemarch" this spring. Next discussion is June 19. "Les Miserables" is coming in Fall 2018. RSVP [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto: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 her know if you have small children and are new to the church. Contact Corie Gallemore at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo [mpechnyo@gmail.com](mailto:mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Diana Laskaris [dianaminlead@gmail.com](mailto: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 she played in college, you guard her." All are welcome! Contact [pastormatt@spucc.org](mailto:pastormatt@spucc.org)

**ST. PAULS PLAYGROUP** for children from birth to 3 years old in the church Nursery. Drop in anytime from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Wednesdays.  
Corie Gallemore at [corie.gallemore@gmail.com](mailto:corie.gallemore@gmail.com)

**UCC DAILY DEVOTIONAL** - To register: [http://www.ucc.org/daily\\_devotional](http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional)

**WANT MORE VARIETY AT COFFEE HOUR?** - Sign up to bring it at  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/index.cfm?go=w.ProcessDateWindow>

**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](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org)

**YOUTH GROUP** for kids in 4th-8th grade. Meets each Tuesday from 4-6 p.m. in the gym. Pizza dinner, fun, and Christian fellowship. Contact Pastor Sarah for more details at [sgarcia@spucc.org](mailto:sgarcia@spucc.org)

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's Friday email to [announcements@spucc.org](mailto:announcements@spucc.org) no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday. Please limit announcements to 70 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.*

- Paula Kearns, mother of Larry Kearns, who is battling lung cancer in Miami.
- Darlene Braun's cousin, who is recovering from surgery and doing well.
- Terry Hansen's family, as her brother-in-law Gus faces a long recovery.
- Natasha, a friend of Terry and Kurt Hansen, enduring difficult times.
- Maryn, 6-year-old friend of the Ashley family, with a rare brain tumor.
- Betty Voice, recovering from knee surgery.
- Marti Pechnyo's friend, Jane, being treated for ovarian cancer.
- Dorothy, in hospice care.
- Jeff Elko
- The Howells' daughter-in-law, Meredith, awaiting a stem-cell transplant.
- For real change to dramatically reduce gun violence.
- Steve Stack, recovering from another stroke.
- Dede Koldyke, beating cancer.
- Jack Hogan, in treatment for cancer.
- Rob Castle's mother, Kathie, in hospice care for Alzheimer's disease.
- Rodney Higginbotham's father following a seizure and possible stroke.
- Bobbi Gannello, diagnosed with lymphoma.
- Amy Newman's sister, Linda, being treated for cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- All those struggling to conceive.
- All those struggling with eating disorders.
- Grieving family of Jim, who died at age 43.

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.



## St. Pauls UCC 20/20 Vision Implementation

### Introduction

This is the first brief update for the Congregation of the many actions underway to implement St. Pauls 20/20 vision. Much has happened since the Congregation approved the plan in November 2017. We will continue to provide these updates as our committees and task forces address the many initiatives called forth by the plan. The implementation actions are organized under each of the Six Callings, either "completed/ongoing" or "in progress."

David Baker, Chair, 20/20 Vision Committee

### Completed/Ongoing

*God is calling us to grow toward each other...*

- New "Lectio Divina" prayer groups led by St. Pauls Worship Committee and clergy.
- Revising membership process involving longtime members as "Shepherds."
- Planning for Puerto Rico mission trip.

*God is calling us to grow toward God together...*

- Dinner church.
- Pancake Church.
- Prayer groups.
- Continue Youth Education Opportunities and ways to fold youth into church life.

*Increasing diversity in our partnerships and congregation...*

- Ensure Sunday School curriculum and materials are diverse.
- Ensure hiring process is diverse.
- Expand church youth population.

*Tending our finances faithfully...*

- Presented a 2018 budget that reduced the deficit by 32% over 2017.

## In Progress

### *Increasing diversity in our partnerships and congregation...*

- Invite partner ministries to regularly worship at St. Pauls.

### *Living our faith in an age of injustice...*

- Social justice table.
- Social justice in sermons.
- Broaden visibility of existing social justice opportunities.

### *Using our building for service and mission...*

- Begin a capital campaign to address costs.

### *Tending our finances faithfully...*

- Increase percentage of new and current member households/gift amount and number of households involved.
- Educate and encourage major gifts.
- Develop plan for timeline and initiatives to achieve a balanced budget.
- Educate new members on financial health of the church.
- Hold three finance church meetings per year.

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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## 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.