

April 24, 2022  
Baptism Sunday  
New Member 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.  
Assisted listening devices and Bluetooth hearing aid guides are in the Narthex.*

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"It is as though our sense of our own unknowing  
had at last been made visible"

Kathleen Graber, *Emmaus*

PRELUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
St. Arbucks Quartet

arr. Craig Curry

INTROIT

*Easter Carillon*  
Chancel Choir

W. Leonard Beck

CHIMES

WELCOME

Jeff Carlson

\* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Meet us on the road, Lord.

**All: Guide us on the path.**

One: Open our eyes to see you!

**All: Open our hearts to receive you!**

One: Give us friends to marvel with.

**All: Stretch our senses and our sense of You! Amen.**

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

\* HYMN

*Guide My Feet*

1. Guide my feet while I run this race, guide my feet  
2. Hold my hand while I run this race, hold my hand  
3. I'm your child while I run this race, I'm your child  
4. Stand by me while I run this race, stand by me

Yes, my God.

while I run this race, guide my feet while I run this race,  
while I run this race, hold my hand while I run this race,  
while I run this race, I'm your child while I run this race,  
while I run this race, stand by me while I run this race,

Yes, my God.

For I don't want to run this race in vain.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

**We need your presence on the long road, Lord.  
 The road between Easter and the everyday,  
 between birth and death  
 hope and disappointment,  
 despair and surrender.  
 We need you on the road with us.  
 Forgive our resistance, our vanity, our disbelief.  
 Forgive our refusal to be silent, so you might speak.  
 Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power.  
 Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

RESPONSE

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

v. 1

1. Child of bless-ing, child of prom-ise, bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign;  
 2. Child of joy, our dear-est trea-sure, God's you are, from God you came,  
 3. Child of God your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

With this wa - ter God has sealed you un - to love and grace di - vine.  
 Back to God we hum - bly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.  
 Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM OF

Amelia Rae Holland, Isaac Ross Broderick and Mikala Raine Noonan

Pastor: Amelia, Isaac and Mikala, receive now the Light of Christ. May you walk always as children of light. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. Amelia, Isaac and Mikala are now received into the love and care of the church. See what love God has given us that we should be called children of God.

**All: Almighty God, giver of life, you have called us by name and pledged to each of us your faithful love. We pray for your children, Amelia, Isaac and Mikala. Inspire their lives. May they sing many songs, know many joys, heal many wounds, and embrace many people in your name. We pray for their parents, that they may be guided by your love so that they may know your presence. May we walk together with these families as witnesses to your gospel, as those for whom you have lived and died and live again. Amen.**

Pastor: Amelia, Isaac and Mikala, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

**All: Amen**

RESPONSE

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

vv. 2, 3

See previous hymn.

*Children are now invited to go to Sunday School.*

*Teachers will lead them to their classrooms. If you would like to walk your children to class, you are welcome to go and come back.*

SCRIPTURE

Allen Heinemann

*Luke 24:13-35*

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was.

He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?"

They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?"

He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people. Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One, the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus."

Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they pressed him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?"

They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! The Master has been raised up—Simon saw him!" Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

*Refrain (before st. 1 and after st. 4)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1. The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -  
2. The powers of death have done their worst, but Chirst their  
3. The three sad days are quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es  
4. Christ, by your wounds on Cal - va - ry from death's dread

- ry of life is won; The song of tri - umph  
le - gions has dis - persed: Let shouts of ho - ly  
glo - rious from the dead: All glo - ry to our  
sting your ser - vants free, That we may live e -

has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
- ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia! *to Refrain*

SERMON

*"Talk Amongst Yourselves"*

Matt Fitzgerald

\* RESPONSE

*The Strife Is O'er*  
See previous hymn.

vv. 2-4

OFFERTORY

*Since by Man Came Death*  
from Messiah  
Chancel Choir

G. F. Handel

Since by man came death,  
By man came also the resurrection of the dead,  
For as in Adam all die,  
Even so in Christ, shall all be made alive.  
*Text from I Corinthians 15: 21-22*

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*Or through Zelle to [giving@spucc.org](mailto:giving@spucc.org).*



\* FESTIVAL DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God all crea-tures here be - low;



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:



Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost; Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

## A Dialogue on our Statement of Faith

Pastor: Let us affirm together our faith as we receive these new members into our church.

**Congregation: We believe in God who has created and is creating.**

President: God has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new. God works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: We trust God. God calls us to be the church.**

Pastor: Will you promise to support this congregation with your time, talent and resources, participating regularly in the worship of Saint Pauls United Church of Christ and contributing to our life and ministry in the city?

New Members: We do promise. With you, we will celebrate God's presence, love and serve others, care for creation, seek justice and resist evil.

Pastor: With your love, God will love. With your hands, God will touch the city. With your lives, God will bring justice and compassion to the world.

**Congregation: We promise you our love, support and care.**

**All: Together we will 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!**

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

*Thank Our God for Christian Siblings*



1. Thank our God for **Chris - tian sib - lings** , one by grace, in har - mo - ny,  
 2. Praise to God for con - gre - ga - tions, keep - ing faith with Christ as guide;  
 3. Ho - ly is your name for - ev - er! Heal di - vi - sions that re - main;



Join - ing heart to heart with oth - ers, mak - ing strong com - mu - ni - ty.  
 Man - y tongues of man - y na - tions, song and ser - vice u - ni - fied.  
 Bless the church's new en - deav - ors; make our wit - ness one a - gain.



With the cross of Christ our stan - dard, let us sing as with one voice,  
 Sweet the psalm and sweet the car - ol, when our song is raised as one.  
 One in Christ and in Christ's gos - pel, make us one we now im - plore.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the prom - ise: we who are the church re - joice.  
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the pow - er, as in heaven your will be done.  
 Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the glo - ry, then and now and ev - er - more.

\* BENEDICTION

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

POSTLUDE

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing*

arr. Gilbert Martin

Kevin Dzierzawski, organ

***If you would like someone to pray with you today, Stephen Ministers are present after the Postlude at the right front of the Sanctuary.***

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

### TODAY'S MUSIC

Craig Curry, who arranged this great hymn tune, ***For the Beauty of the Earth***, is a graduate of Wheaton College Conservatory of Music and the University of Miami. He is an active composer whose arrangements and compositions have been widely performed.

**Guide My Feet** is another uplifting spiritual from the African American tradition. It is one of the many songs that was sung during marches during the civil rights movement in the 1960's. The believer asks God to guide them on the path of life.

The text for ***Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*** was written in 1981 by a UCC pastor and teacher of theology, Ronald Cole-Turner (b. 1948). The tune, STUTTGART, was composed in 1715 by Christian Friederich Witt (1660-1716). Witt completed a huge hymnal, *Psalmodia Sacra*, the year before his death. Of the 774 hymns (!!!), he composed nearly 100. He was Kappelmseister of the Gotha court in Stuttgart at the same time that Bach was in Leipzig, just 300 miles north. As an interesting side note, Nathan Laube, world renowned organist and friend of St. Pauls, was until recently on the organ faculty at the Hochschule für Musik in Stuttgart. He is returning to Eastman School of Music in the fall of 2022.

The tune for ***The Strife Is O'er*** has two names VICTORY and PALESTRINA. The name PALESTRINA comes from the melody of the hymn and Latin poetry by the famous Italian Renaissance composer Giovanni da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594), whose last name is the name of his home city. It would be like calling our Senior Pastor, Matt from Duluth. The English translation was made in 1854 by Francis Pott (1832-1909). Pott was an English cleric who translated numerous Latin texts into English hymns. *Forty Days and Forty Nights* is also one of his translations that we often sing during Lent.

***Since By Man Came Death*** is in Part Three of Messiah, the “resurrection section.” It is preceded by *I Know That My Redeemer*, and followed by *The Trumpet Shall Sound*. George Frideric Handel (1685-1759) composed the entire Messiah in a two-week flurry of creativity in 1741.

The original text for ***Thank Our God for Christian Siblings*** was written in 1948 by Roger K. Powell (1914-2003) as a rallying song for The National Council of Churches meeting in 1952. The text was updated for our New Century Hymnal. PLEADING SAVIOR was first published in 1830 and is attributed to Joshua Levitt (1794-1873). Levitt was a Yale graduate and became a Congregational minister. He aided a slave to escape the South and raised funds for the defense of the Amistad captives.

The tune, ***Good Christians, All Rejoice and Sing***, dates to the 16th century and is attributed to Melchior Vulpius (c. 1570-1615). Though born in poverty, Vulpius rose to become Kantor in Weimar. Gilbert Martin (b. 1941) uses this ancient tune in the same way that Bach used chorales as the basis for decoration as chorale preludes. Martin has composed more than 300 works for organ, piano, choirs and orchestra.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

**Clergy:** Matt Fitzgerald, Jeff Carlson

**Music Director:** Kurt R. Hansen

**Organist:** Kevin Dzierzawski

**St. Arbucks Quartet:** Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums; Kris Hansen, trumpet & vocals

**Scripture Reader:** Allen Heinemann

**Lay Liturgical Administrator:** Kevin O'Brien

**Head Usher:** Beatrice Jaji

**Ushers:** David Baker, Fred Pearson

**Head Greeter:** Greg Mooney

**Gatekeeper:** Dodd Brown

**Camera Operators:** Jim Alrutz, Marie Ankenman, Bob Ball, Jose Cruz, Brian Hafner, Chuck Kent

**Custodian:** Ramiro Gonzalez

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are from Mead Gifford, in honor of the servicemen and women protecting our country.

## BORN THIS WEEK IN APRIL

*We give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate is by giving one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund, which supports A Just Harvest.*

April 24 Debra Kent, Mary Heffernan

April 25 Michael Nagy, Rick Bail, Ayres Newcomer, Caroline Heffernan,  
Dutch Newcomer, Isaac Broderick

April 26 Elysia Sheehan, Kecia Waldschmidt, Oscar Hull

April 28 Charlie Johnson, Sullivan McGrath

April 29 Braden Van Zeyl

April 30 Harley Houser, Maggie Arden, Ethan Fitzgerald, Kelly Sensenbrenner,  
Tommy Schmitz

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Sean Atkinson** grew up in the Las Vegas area. He is currently a civil engineer and works in the Loop.



**Ella Vincent** grew up in Chicago and lives in Wicker Park. She works for Yahoo Finance writing about personal finance and equality in employment. For fun, she watches old sitcoms, reads and listens to music.



**Alex Doty** grew up in a very small town, Pound Ridge, NY. Church and faith have been important to her since she was young. She now lives in Evanston, which you may know as its equally popular name, Heavenston ;). She has two kids in college and an energetic 5 year old Labrador Retriever. She works as a social worker at the VA. During her off hours, she loves to play tennis, and is now enjoying growing plants in her yard. Her significant other, Steve, is also joining the church,



**Steve Garrett** grew up in Ashland, Ohio, but has lived in Chicago for the past 35 years. He currently lives in the Rogers Park neighborhood. His occupation is leadership development consulting, and he has his own independent business. He has one son who is 23 (in Chicago) and one daughter who is 21 (in Jacksonville, FL). He has a long church history in Presbyterian and Methodist churches, with many committee involvements. For fun, he enjoys watching sports, music, movies, and exercise, so he's excited about the church's Pickleball program!



**Ben Lytal** lives in the neighborhood with his wife, Annie, and their twins, Eve and Theo. They all love reading. Eve is a keen observer of nature and Theo has a passion for machines. Ben teaches creative writing at the University of Chicago and his wife is a professor of art history at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Eve and Theo go to Alcott Elementary. They moved to the neighborhood during the pandemic; previously, they lived in the Loop. Ben grew up in Oklahoma and Annie and Ben lived in New York for ten years before moving west.



**Jeanie and Chuck Mize** - Jeanie is an avid gardener, knitter, feeder of God's winged creatures, and a lover of all things nature. Chuck is a recently retired UCC pastor. They met at Elmhurst College and have been married 40 years. They have one adult son who lives in Missouri. They've lived in Glenview where Chuck was the Senior Pastor of Glenview Community Church for more than nine years. They lived in Green Bay for 18 years and, before that, in the St. Louis area.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEXT SUNDAY - SHARE THE TABLE OF JESUS

We're collecting food for the Common Pantry every communion Sunday - which is next week. St. Pauls helped found the pantry in 1967. Unexpired food and personal items most needed are listed below. Modest-sized products are best for distribution to the folks they serve (e.g., a few 24 oz. containers of cooking oil are preferable to one 64 oz. container). Items can be left in the bin in the Narthex.

Needed Items: cereal (whole grain, less sugar varieties), nuts, brown rice, jelly/jam (low sugar), peanut butter (natural, no hydrogenated oils), cooking oil, pasta sauce (low sodium), soup (low sodium), easy prep meals (e.g., Hamburger Helper, low sodium or whole grain varieties if possible), ground coffee, toothpaste, deodorant, disposable razors, shampoo, conditioner, mouthwash.

**COMMON  
PANTRY**



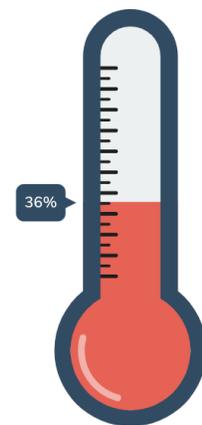
## **MOTHER'S DAY MISSION TRIP MEAL BOX**

Order a Mother's Day Mission Trip Meal Box to support our youth mission trip this summer, providing home repair with the Appalachia Service Project. A meal box will include dinner for two people, including ham (or mac and cheese in the vegetarian version), Southern greens, corn bread, and pecan pie bars. A bowl of mac and cheese can be added for additional food. Please purchase a box in advance after worship today or on upcoming Sundays, or you can order and pay online at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1250452](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1250452). Pickup on Mother's Day, May 8, after worship. Contact Sue Finkle [sue@suefinkle.com](mailto:sue@suefinkle.com) with any questions.

## **PLEASE DONATE TO THE YOUTH MISSION TRIP!**

Support St. Pauls youth fundraising efforts for their service trip to repair homes and serve others in Appalachia this June. We need to raise \$10,000! Your donation helps fund the tools and supplies, their van and gas, and other expenses for their week away. St. Pauls has a history of working with Appalachia Service Project and greatly trusts the integrity of their organization. Please give if you are able to support our emerging congregational leaders, youth who have just spent the last crucial years of their adolescence altered by covid restrictions. Donate here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/giving/to/2022-youth-mission-trip-donations-appalachia-service-project).

**GOAL: \$10,000**



## **JOIN THE MOVEMENT - provided by SPARC**

**Racial Justice Starts With Love** - Martin Luther King, Jr.: "Power at its best is love implementing the demands of justice. Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love." Jemar Tisby: "Love is the fiery heart beating at the center of the urgent call for justice in our world. Love is the energizing force of justice that insists on fairness and equity for all. Love is the motivating factor that demolishes any paternalistic attitudes and builds a posture of humble service. Without love there can be no justice and you cannot pursue justice without love."

## **CREATION CORNER - provided by Green Team**

**Pull the Plugs!** According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the outlets in the average American home are likely powering about 65 different devices. All things plugged in will bleed some energy. Called "standby" loss, it's also known as "phantom" or "vampire" electricity. Even when turned off, many appliances keep drawing power. The same goes for all those chargers, whether or not a device is charging. Use power strips and turn off when devices are not in use. Timers are also helpful. Unplug rarely used devices. Adjust computers/monitors to automatically power down to the lowest power mode when not in use.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### **APR 27 - BIBLE STUDY** - 12 p.m., Zoom

We're in the Gospel of Luke, home to some of the best stories in scripture, such as the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. Newcomers are always welcome! Contact Pastor Jeff for the Zoom link, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

### **APR 30 - REBUILDING TOGETHER DAY** - 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Chicago West Side

Join us for "Rebuilding Together Day" to rebuild a family's home on the west side. We need people to patch and paint, people to landscape and clean out a basement, and more. Working with union electricians and plumbers, we will transform a home in one day. Anyone 10 and older can participate. Sign up at the link below or email Pastor Matt with questions, [mfitzgerald@spucc.org](mailto:mfitzgerald@spucc.org).  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1263765](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1263765)

### **MAY 1 - GREEN TEAM: "ARE WE DROWNING IN PLASTIC? WHAT WE SHOULD KNOW"** - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room.

Originally from Edinboro, Pennsylvania, Tim Hoellein completed a B.S. in Biology from West Virginia Wesleyan College and a Ph.D. in Biology at the University of Notre Dame. He is an Associate Professor at Loyola University Chicago, where he has taught since 2010. Dr. Hoellein's research focuses on the sources, fate, and biological interactions of pollutants including dissolved chemicals (i.e., nitrogen and phosphorus) and particulate material (i.e., microplastic and trash) in urban aquatic environments. Dr. Hoellein's goals are to contribute to a greater understanding of freshwater ecosystems, incorporate students into research, and to communicate results to colleagues, policy makers and the general public.

### **MAY 7, 14, 28 - CEP SUPPER** - 10 a.m.-12 p.m., St. Pauls Kitchen

We are seeking 4-6 volunteers to prepare lunch for the Community Engagement Project (CEP). A team leader will plan a meal, assign shopping lists, and volunteers will cook a meal together for 35 in the St. Pauls kitchen, which we will bring to the Lincoln Park Community Services shelter at 600 W. Fullerton location to serve at 12:30pm. Volunteers for CEP suppers must be fully vaccinated to participate in meal preparation and serving and may not volunteer with COVID-19 symptoms. Volunteers must wear masks at all times while on-site and wear gloves while handling food. Proof of vaccination is required to serve at the 600 W. Fullerton LPCS facility. Register here for any upcoming meal dates:  
[spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/48250](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/category/48250)

**MAY 12 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL COOKING CLASS** - 6 p.m., Church Kitchen

Join St. Pauls Social and professional chef Molly McGrath for an in-person cooking class in our own St. Pauls kitchen. We will learn and practice some basics of Asian dumplings by making steamed bao and wonton soup. Cooking along is welcome but certainly not required! Cost is \$10/person. Please **RSVP by May 1** to Molly at [mollymcgrath906@gmail.com](mailto:mollymcgrath906@gmail.com).

**MAY 13 - JOURNEYS WITH WINDY CITY WINDS** - 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Join Windy City Winds, "Chicago's Community Band", for their spring concert, *Journeys*. Enjoy the world premiere of *Journey to Eagle Peak* by composer Joon Park, inspired by Yosemite National Park, along with *Homecoming* by female composer Alex Shapiro, and concluding with *Armenian Dances* (Parts 1 and 2) by Alfred Reed. The band will be conducted by music directors Mark Mosley and Sarah Good Mosley. The concert will take place at St. Pauls and will also be streamed over the internet. Learn more at [windycitywinds.org](http://windycitywinds.org).

**MAY 14 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL BIRD WATCHING** - 7-9 a.m., Montrose Point

Join David Baker and St. Pauls Social to observe the spring bird migration at Montrose Point. David has been birding the lakefront for 30 years and welcomes both beginners and avid birders for this two-hour experience. May is the best time to see migrating warblers, the tiny jewels of this annual exhibition of nature's wonders. Dress in layers, wear good walking shoes and bring binoculars. To get to Montrose Point, exit Lake Shore Drive at Montrose and drive east to a "T," turn south by the green bait shop on the right, and park along the street. You now have to feed the parking kiosks. David will meet you at the entrance on the east side of the street. RSVP here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1259498](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1259498).

**MAY 15 - DEDICATION OF OUR TWO NEW MUSIC WINDOWS** - Join us for the Sunday morning service. During worship, we will dedicate our two new music windows honoring the historic contributions of **Mahalia Jackson** and **Thomas A. Dorsey** to music history, Chicago's part in the birth of gospel music, and music beloved by our congregation. We will be joined by Pastor Jamie Frazier, the congregation of Lighthouse UCC, and their musicians, The Voices of Light. We will also be joined by members of the Dorsey family and guests from both Chicago home churches of our dedicatees.

**MAY 22 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR** - 11:15 a.m., Oscar Mayer Room. Join St. Pauls Social and Nancy Curotto, clinical psychologist, for a discussion about reentering life following a pandemic and ways to cope with stress. Nancy will discuss how stressors can manifest in one's body and demonstrate ways to cope with unforeseen stress, persistent stress and frustrations.

## OPPORTUNITIES

**ALTAR FLOWERS** – Providing flowers for the altar is an excellent way to celebrate a special event in your life: an anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, or just because you like flowers! Sign up at [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1078968).

**THE BOOK NOOK** – Love to read? We are restarting the Book Nook on the north side of the Social Hall. Find your next good read or drop off books to share. Donations are welcome – just add them to the shelf for “New Arrivals” or leave them on the floor next to the bookcase. We appreciate all genres, including books for kids. Questions or comments, contact Linda Nitzsche at [lindanitz@yahoo.com](mailto:lindanitz@yahoo.com).

**CHURCH CENTER** – [spucc.churchcenter.com](https://spucc.churchcenter.com) is our portal for the Saint Pauls community. See our calendar, register for events, update your information, join our photo directory, manage your online donations, see your giving history, and more!

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM (CEP)** – We are seeking CEP Laundry volunteers on Saturday mornings. One volunteer is needed each week to greet street-based guests and launder their clothes on site at St. Pauls from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you have any interest in cooking in-person meals for homeless neighbors in the coming months, please contact Jen Kew at [CEPsupper@gmail.com](mailto:CEPsupper@gmail.com).

**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).

**EMAIL SIGN-UP** – Are you new to St. Pauls and want to get more connected? You can go to [spucc.org](https://spucc.org) to fill out our virtual fellowship card to begin receiving our weekly email and special congregational emails, introduce yourself and request more information about our programs!

**EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM & CARDS** – You may follow this link for additional information on this form developed by the Connectors: [spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271](https://spucc.churchcenter.com/people/forms/178271).

**FAITH & PUBLIC ISSUES** – Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few? FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas.

**GREEN TEAM** – Help us as a congregation live out what we say in our Statement of Faith: “God calls us to care for creation.” The Green Team welcomes your input, participation and ideas. Joe Womack and Jan Fraccaro are co-chairs. If interested or to offer suggestions, email Jan at [jan.fraccaro@gmail.com](mailto:jan.fraccaro@gmail.com).

**LITTLE LIGHTS** is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. We are now accepting applications for 2022. Check out [www.littlelightslp.org](http://www.littlelightslp.org). Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at [littlelights@spucc.org](mailto:littlelights@spucc.org).

**OUTREACH & BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE** – Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love you to join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information, contact Jennifer Kew, [JenniferLKew@gmail.com](mailto:JenniferLKew@gmail.com), or Pastor Jeff, [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org).

**PICKLEBALL** – Enjoy pickleball? Join the group if you are interested in a regular pickleball game at Saint Pauls! Think you can beat your pastor? Game Times: Tuesdays: 5-6 p.m. and 6-8:30 p.m; Fridays: 2-3 p.m. [spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/groups/saint-pauls-groups/pickleball)

**SAINT PAULS SOCIAL** – Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If you are interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at [jenluerssen@yahoo.com](mailto:jenluerssen@yahoo.com). Subscribe to the distribution list at [eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1](http://eepurl.com/gQ4Eg1), or look out for future events announced in the bulletin calendar.

**SAINT PAULS TOGETHER** – Our Facebook Group, “Saint Pauls Together,” is for St. Pauls Members and Friends to connect and share uplifting thoughts and stories. Check out our Facebook page to request an invitation if you’re a member or friend!

**SARAH’S SIBS** are back and gather every Wednesday morning to make and distribute 40 bag lunches to our homeless neighbors. You are most welcome to come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m. and lend a hand.

**SCRIPTURE READER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Volunteers are needed for the 10 a.m. in-person worship service each week to read the scripture passage of the day. Learn more and sign up here: [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1079008)

**SPARC (St. Pauls Anti-Racism Cluster)** meets monthly to discern how we as a congregation can answer the call to live our faith in an age of injustice. We invite you to join us in identifying the educational opportunities, resources, and actions to take on our journey toward racial justice. To participate or share your ideas, contact Cindy Ball at [cindyball11@gmail.com](mailto:cindyball11@gmail.com).

**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 Barb Kaiser ([bkaiser2213@gmail.com](mailto:bkaiser2213@gmail.com)).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** – Please register your children for Sunday School. This is a one-time registration for the year so we can prepare the correct staffing and activities, [spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445](http://spucc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/985445).

**WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY** – Meeting every Wednesday at noon via Zoom. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at [jcarlson@spucc.org](mailto:jcarlson@spucc.org) to get the Zoom link.

**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 them at [youngadults@spucc.org](mailto:youngadults@spucc.org).

### **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

Verbal announcements are due by Wednesdays at noon.

**Please limit announcements to 100 words.** Thank you!

## SAINT PAULS PRAYS

*Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. To have your prayer request included, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email.*

*Our 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.*

- Jeanne Heard, Shannon Castle's mother, for swift and full recovery from health issues.
- A friend of the Combs family who has suffered a serious fall.
- Ken Travers, recuperating from a broken hip and surgery.
- Two friends facing cancer surgery: Jeff on April 9 and Rob on April 18.
- Annie Johnson's mother, Jean, at home in hospice care.
- Sharon Phillips, undergoing a stem cell treatment for bone marrow cancer following five months of treatment. Prayers for a healthy and successful transplant and recovery.
- Micki Fayhee and her mother, Linda, who has begun cancer treatment.
- Angi Miller's friend, Rachelle, being treated for cancer.
- Phill, brother of Bob Ball, who has leukemia and has been diagnosed with covid-related pneumonia.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.

### **Prayer, Support, Mental Health Resources**

Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Help is available for every kind of issue. Contact one of the pastors today for support, referrals, and information that can help you and your loved ones.

## 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 and Affirming" of LGBTQ people.

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 important, over the past 178 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.