

St. Paul's United Church of Christ



LUKE 10:2, ESV

*Pray earnestly
to the Lord of the
harvest to send out
laborers into
his harvest.*

**Sunday, July 6, 2025
202 E. Main St.
Carlinville, IL 62626
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Announcements For Sunday, July 6, 2025
Worship Attendance: June 29, 2025: 43
Mission Offering: Heifer

Mission and Outreach would like to thank everyone for helping with Lunch Bunch.

July Book Club will be on Thursday, July 31. The book is “Men are from Mars; Women are from Venus. You are responsible for getting your own book. They will not be available in the office.

Save the Dates:

If you have any information that you would like to post in the Sunday Bulletin Announcements, please send that information to the office no later than Tuesday at 9 a.m.

There are envelopes posted by the office if anyone wishes to make a monetary donation to the Royal Kids Family Program. Please make checks out to St. Paul’s UCC.

Please remember to check on our elderly this summer. Look for signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke, such as heavy sweating, dizziness, headache, nausea, or confusion. If you observe any of these symptoms, seek immediate medical attention.



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - 10 a.m.

**Indicates all who are able, Please Stand*

TOWER BELLS

Douglas Eichen

PRELUDE

Elnor Ivers

INTROIT

"This Land is Your Land"

Donna Eiffert and Dan St. Onge

WELCOME

Gretchen Killam

MISSION MOMENT

“Heifer”

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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***CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsively)**

Gretchen Killam

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God’s holy name

Many: Shepherd and Source, you guide us in wisdom. You cover us in love.

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God’s holy name

Many: Comforter and Spirit, you encourage us in times of trouble. You strengthen us for the journey.

One: Sing praises to the Holy One, O you faithful, and give thanks to God’s holy name

Many: Redeemer and Friend, you hear our cry, redeem the years of struggle, and restore our joy. Praise the Holy One!

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Gretchen Killam

God our Good Shepherd, we come to worship you, to tell of the story of your marvelous deeds, to lament the horrors and suffering in the world, to find strength to be your witnesses, and to remind ourselves of the truth of what is possible. May our prayers rise to your heart, and your heart infiltrate our prayers. May we sing songs that move you with delight and compassion. May we recognize and ponder the wisdom you impart to us. And may peace rest upon us as we gather in your name. Amen.

***MORNING HYMN**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

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***CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)**

Gretchen Killam

Righteous God, forgive us for praying for the harvest without planting seeds. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without preparing the soil. Forgive us for praying for the harvest without tending the land, discerning weeds, and ensuring an adequate supply of water. Transform us for the work of the harvest. Transform us into cultivators of hope and joy. Transform us to plant seeds of justice and love. God of the harvest, equip us for the labor of stewarding the roots of new life you offer. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

Beloved, there is room in the garden for you and the gifts you bring. Receive the grace of God to plant and replant, to till and to tend, to harvest and to hope. Rest in knowing that the One who sends you to work for a good harvest will sustain, guide, and renew you in this life.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

CHURCH AT PRAYER

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

Prayer List

Harold, Jim, Alice, Caitlyn, Jean, Nancy, Mary Jo, Celia, Virginia, Gerda, Doris, Douglas, Kate, Nicole, Wanda, the Church Pastor, Church Council, ISC Minister: Rev. Shana Johnson. Togetherness healing for St. Paul's & blessing to all the volunteers that do God's work.

Pastoral Prayer - Take This Time for Silent Prayer Time

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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.

Prayer Response

*Hear our prayer, O God; hear our prayer, O God;
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Gretchen Killam

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Battle Hymn of the Republic"

Donna Eiffert and Dan St. Onge

***SCRIPTURE**

SERMON

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Gretchen Killam

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." The reign of God assures us that there is enough. The Holy One's creation and provision remains abundant, and we participate in the kingdom by refusing to hoard and to withhold from our siblings. Let us magnify the name of Creator by repudiating the falsehood of scarcity. Let us share in all things good given to us by the Generous One for common benefit and mutual aid.

***OFFERTORY**

Doxology

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

We give you thanks, Wise God, for cultivating generosity within us and alerting us to the needs around us. Use these gifts for the expansion of your will on earth and the blessing of your beloved. In your name and in hope, we give these gifts. Amen.

*** CLOSING HYMN**

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

Go and say, "Peace." Say peace when despair threatens to overwhelm you. Say peace when the news of the day invites you to apathy or avoidance. Say peace when a ceasefire is not enough. Say peace because a loving approach to conflict can build it. Say peace because a faithful people can realize it. Say peace because the God of Peace is with you. Go and say and be peace in the world.

CHORAL BENEDICTION

May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"

Donna Eiffert and Dan St. Onge

***POSTLUDE**

Elnor Ivers

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 6-

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

Monday, July 7-

Closet of Christ Workday

Tuesday, July 8-

Coffee Group 8 a.m.
Closet of Christ - Shopping Day

Sunday, July 13-

Sunday Communion Worship Service 10 a.m.

Greeting and Usher Schedule

6 Christian Ed
13 Church Council
20 Fellowship Committee
27 Farm Committee

Please remember that you personally do not have to be an usher or greeter. Your committee is responsible for making sure that there are ushers and greeters for your week.

If you would like to volunteer to be a Sunday Liturgist please contact the pastor, church president or call the office.

Liturgist Schedule

6 Gretchen Killam
13 Amy Ratcliff
20 Carl Kasten
27 Darlene Barkley

Supporting the Ministry and Mission of St. Paul's UCC

Church Council Officers

Douglas Eichen, President
Fran Goodman, Vice President
Leanne Gahr, Secretary

Ellen Eldred, Financial Secretary
Susie Loeschner, Custodian

Church Office Staff

Eddie Burton Jr., Pastor
Nicole Eichen, Church Secretary
Gail Sanson, Treasurer

Church Worship Staff

Debra Costello, Choir Director
Elner Ivers, Organist

Office Hours: Unless Otherwise Noted

Summer Hours: Monday – Thursday
9 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Pastor's Hours: Please see the bulletin board by the Pastor's office for this week's schedule.

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