

St. Paul's United Church of Christ



**Sunday, July 13, 2025
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Announcements For Sunday, July 13, 2025

Worship Attendance: July 6, 2025: 36

Mission Offering: Heifer

**Movie Nite will be on Saturday, July 26 at 6 p.m. The movie is “Forrest Gump”.
Popcorn is provided, please bring a drink.**

The Semi-annual Congregation Meeting will be on Sunday, July 27 after worship.

July Book Club will be on Thursday, July 31. The book is “Men are from Mars; Women are from Venus. If you have any questions please contact Amy Ratcliff.

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.



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - 10 a.m.

**Indicates all who are able, Please Stand*

TOWER BELLS

Glenn Hammann

PRELUDE

Elner Ivers

WELCOME

Darlene Barkley

***CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsively*)**

Darlene Barkley

We come to worship this day, knowing deeply what it means to struggle.

We remember times in our lives when we’ve felt hopeless, yearning for someone to care for us.

In this divided climate that might tempt us to ignore the neighbors in our midst, we need only tap into our own humanity.

Because we know what it means to struggle, we are challenged each day to show radical love to our neighbors.

Even those who aren’t like us.

Especially those who aren’t like us.

May our worship today help us remember times we have been helped...

...and how we can become the helpers, and the hope-bearers, in this world.

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

Darlene Barkley

Christ, who shows us how to be in community together, thank you for gathering us into community together, onsite and online. We give you thanks for the ways we have been held in love in this community of faith. We are comforted by memories of mercy shown to us in difficult times, both by our friends in this space, and by your gracious presence in our lives. Empower us to be Good Samaritans in our own ways. Embolden us to seek out those who are hopeless and in need, not out of pity, but out of a deep understanding of difficulty in our own lives. Guided by your example. may we lead with radical love and brave compassion. Amen.

***MORNING HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

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***CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)**

Darlene Barkley

God of the oppressed, we confess that it’s sometimes easier to ignore those in need than it is to help them. We confess that we sometimes ask ourselves, “what will it cost us?” “What will others think?”—rather than remembering your call to care for our neighbors, whether we think they “deserve it” or not. Forgive us. Help us repent of our embarrassment at those in need, and turn instead toward empathy and compassion. We pray this in the name of your son, who teaches us how to love all of our neighbors. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

Friends, take comfort. None of us get this right all the time. We are utterly human—fallible people in need of redirection and second chances. This is the good news: we believe in a God who gives us a chance to start again. We are forgiven. May we respond to this grace with grateful hearts attuned to the pursuit of justice, mercy, and hope for all.
All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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, Kate, Wanda,
Church Pastor, Church Council, ISC Minister: Rev. Shana Johnson.

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

Darlene Barkley

* HYMN

"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

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*SCRIPTURE

SERMON

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Darlene Barkley

The Good Samaritan helped a needy stranger at great cost. This revolutionary act of love was life-saving. How will your gifts of time, talent, treasure, or prayer provide hope to this community, and this world?

*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.

God of love, we give these gifts back to you with humility, remembering time we've needed help in our own lives. Help us use the gifts we give to love others as we have been loved. Amen.

*THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

Invitation to the Table

Let us in union, join in this meal of remembrance and thanksgiving. May the bread we eat be to us the very bread of life. May the cup we share be to us the goodness of creation. Let us celebrate that God is in our midst. Amen.

The Sharing of the Elements

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We have received from your hand, Holy One, bread from the earth to fortify our hearts and fruit of the vine to gladden our spirits. May these signs of your presence fill our lives with such gratitude that we are compelled to spread the joy wherever we go. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN

"This Is My Song"

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***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.

Christ reminds us that being a neighbor to others calls us to show mercy to those in need. So may you go from this place and do likewise. Comfort others because you know what it means to cry. Love others because you know what it means to be left behind. Even when it isn't easy. Especially when it isn't easy. As you go, may you go with courage, knowing that the God who created you, the Christ who guides you, and the Spirit who moves in and through you, goes forth with you. Amen.

***POSTLUDE**

Elnor Ivers

***EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**



This Week's Calendar

Sunday, July 13-

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.
Council Meeting 11 a.m.

Monday, July 14-

Closet of Christ Workday 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 15-

Coffee Group 8 a.m.

Sunday, July 20-

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.

Greeting and Usher Schedule

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

13 Darlene Barkley

20 Carl Kasten

27 Amy Ratcliff

DO THIS IN
remembrance
OF ME. 1 CORINTHIANS 11:24

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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