

# St. Paul's United Church of Christ



For there is **HOPE** for a tree,  
if it be cut down, that it will sprout again, and that  
its shoots will not cease. Though its root grow old in  
the earth, and its stump die in the soil, yet at the scent of  
water it will bud and put out branches like a young plant.

Job 14:7-9, ESV

**Sunday, August 3, 2025**  
**202 E. Main St.**  
**Carlinville, IL 62626**  
**217-854-4046**

**Announcements For Sunday, August 3, 2025**

**Worship Attendance: July 27, 2025: 47**

**Mission Offering: Food Pantry**

**Bible Study will be on Thursday, August 7, 2025 at 6 p.m.**

**Envelopes are available at the church office for those who wish to make monetary donations to support victims of flooding in Texas or North Carolina. Envelopes are also provided for contributions intended to aid tornado victims in the St. Louis area. The Mission & Outreach is overseeing this collection effort along with the ISC Conference. For either type of donation, please make checks payable to St. Paul's UCC and indicate "Flooding Victim" or "Tornado Victim" in the memo line.**

**The Carlinville School District is having the "Rock the Block" back to school event on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Our Mission & Outreach is donating to cover the cost of earbuds from profits made during our 2024 Chili/Soup Supper.**

**Donations for the Royal Kids have ended. We would like to thank those who donated and especially our youth group for the big donation they made. The Royal Kids representative was delighted to hear of our donation and that our kids were helping so much.**

**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.



**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost - 10 a.m.**

*\*Indicates all who are able, Please Stand*

**TOWER BELLS**

**Glenn Hammann**

**PRELUDE**

**Elnor Ivers**

**WELCOME**

**Bill Klaus**

**THE NICENE CREED**

**883**

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

**Bill Klaus**

**Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!**

***For the Holy One redeemed us and sustained us through the time of trouble.***

**Give thanks to the Holy One, for God is good!**

***For the Compassionate One heard our cry and sustained us through the time of trouble.***

**Give thanks to the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.**

***Hallelujah! Give thanks! Give thanks to God!***

**\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)**

**Bill Klaus**

*Amazing God, we honor and celebrate your presence among us. We rejoice in your goodness and delight in your wonderful works. We lament the suffering of the world and take courage that you are with us. We ask that you make your presence known to us. Speak, O God, for we attune our attention for your guidance. Receive our praise as we glorify your name! Amen.*

**\*MORNING HYMN**

*“Sing Praise to God, Our Highest God” (1 - 4 Only)*

**6**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Bill Klaus**

*Holy God, too often we seem determined to turn away from you. You, however, continually call us to repentance—to turn—back to you and your way. We pray for fortitude to remain on the path set by Jesus and embody the ministry of Christ in the world. Deliver us from the insignificant concerns that distract us and empower us to do the work you have called us to do. Most of all, grant us grace to be the people you have made us to be.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.**

Beloved, you have received an inheritance of riches in God. These treasures of hope, strength, encouragement, peace, grace, joy, rest, and love are yours to claim. They are yours to live. Receive them freely and abundantly.

**\*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**

Alice, Caitlyn, Jean, Mary Jo, Celia, Virginia, Gerda, Doris, Kate, 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**

**Bill Klaus**

**\* HYMN**

*“Softly and Tenderly”*

**449**

**\*SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 12: 13-21**

**949**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING****Bill Klaus**

Having received the gifts of God, let us seek the kingdom and return a portion of our abundance to the ministry of this faith community so that our collective offering will bless God and God's people.

**\*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.**

Holy One, bless these offerings, prosper the work of our hands, and the gifts we bring. We dedicate them to your kingdom forever and ever. Amen.

**\* CLOSING HYMN***“Now Thank We All Our God”***419****\*BENEDICTION****Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.**

May God's kingdom come. May God's will be done. Through us. In us. In our communities  
As we go on earth.

**\*POSTLUDE****Elnor Ivers****\*EXTINGUISHING OF CANDLES**

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.

**This Week's Calendar**

Sunday, August 3-

Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.  
Hall Use - Member

Monday, August 4-

Closet of Christ Workday

Tuesday, August 5-

Coffee Group 8 a.m.

Thursday, August 7-

Worship Committee Meeting 5 p.m.  
Bible Study 6 p.m.

Sunday, August 10 -

Sunday Communion Worship Service 10 a.m.

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## Greeting and Usher Schedule

- 3 Finance Committee**
- 10 Church Council**
- 17 Membership Support**
- 24 Funeral Dinner Committee**
- 31 Memorial Gifts and Investments**

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

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.

## Liturgist Schedule

- 3 Bill Klaus**
- 10 Jason Thoron**
- 17 Stephanie Pool**
- 24 Bill Klaus**
- 31 Darlene Barkley**

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## 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.

**Office Phone: 217-854-4046 \* Office Cell: 217-313-7688**

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

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**<https://stpaulucccarlinville.360unite.com/home>**

