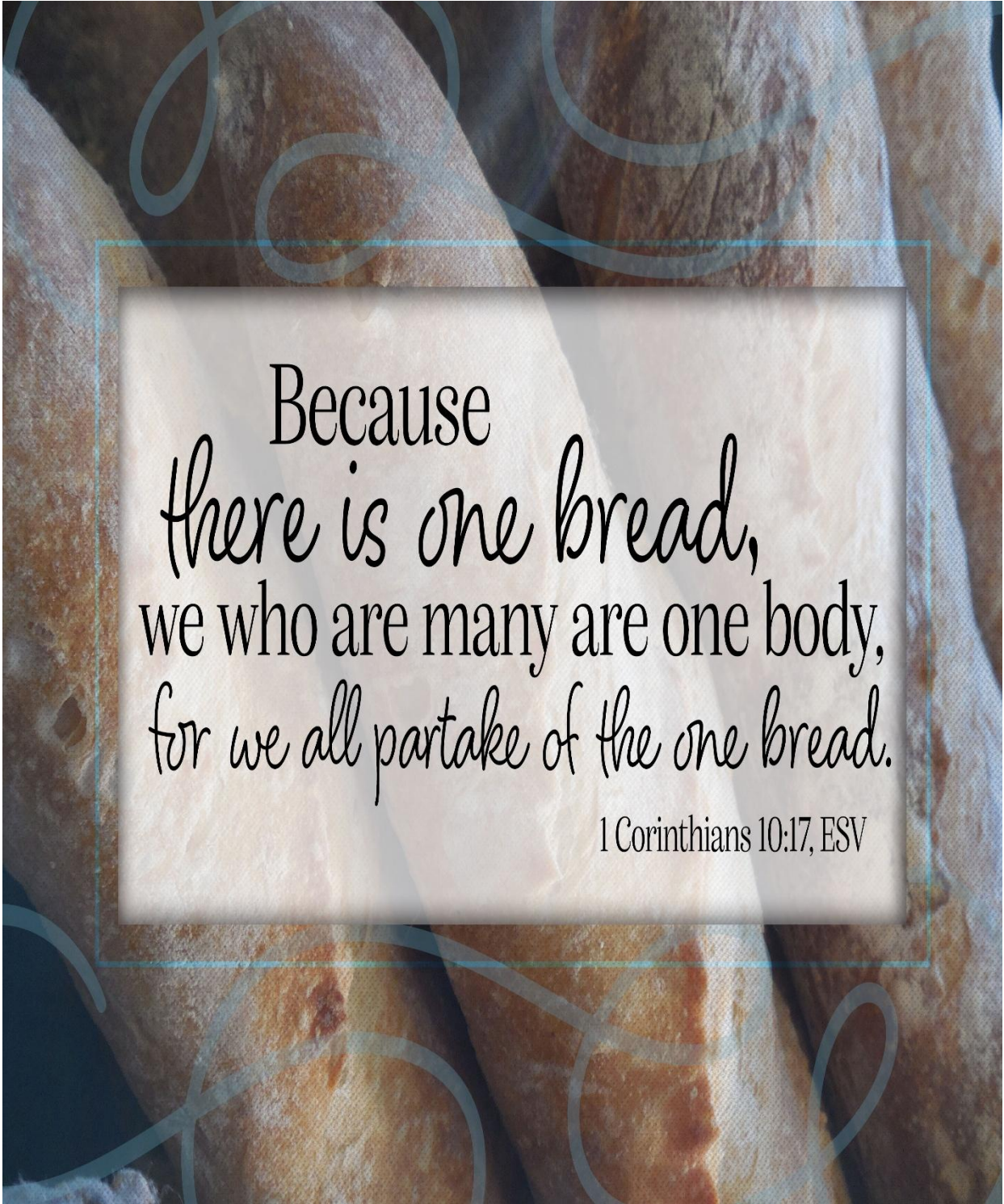


# St. Paul's United Church of Christ



Because  
*there is one bread,*  
we who are many are one body,  
*for we all partake of the one bread.*

1 Corinthians 10:17, ESV

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**  
**202 E. Main St.**  
**Carlinville, IL 62626**  
**217-854-4046**

**Announcements For Sunday, August 10, 2025**

**Worship Attendance: August 3, 2025: 37**

**Mission Offering: Food Pantry**

**Envelopes for donations to support flood victims in Texas or North Carolina, and tornado victims in St. Louis, are available at the church office. Mission & Outreach and the ISC Conference oversee this effort. Please make checks payable to St. Paul's UCC and note "Flooding Victim" or "Tornado Victim" in the memo line.**

**September Newsletter articles and Reports for July will be taken until 9 a.m. Monday, August 18. Anything received after that deadline will not be included or published.**

**The August Book Club meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 28 at 6:00 p.m. This month's selection is "Anxious for Nothing: Finding Calm in a Chaotic World" by Max Lucado. For further inquiries, please contact Pastor or 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.

Bible Study will be held on Thursday, August 21 at 6 p.m. in the Friendship Room.

Movie Night will be held on Saturday, August 30 at 6 p.m. The movie for this month is "Rat Race" a comedy remake of Stanley Kramer's 1963 film It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World, and features an ensemble cast consisting of John Cleese, Rowan Atkinson, Whoopi Goldberg, Cuba Gooding Jr., Wayne Knight, Jon Lovitz, Kathy Najimy, Lanei Chapman, Breckin Meyer, Amy Smart, Seth Green, Vince Vieluf and Dave Thomas. Popcorn provided, please bring a drink.



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

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

**TOWER BELLS**

**Glenn Hammann**

**PRELUDE**

**Elnor Ivers**

**WELCOME**

**Jason Thoron**

**MISSION MOMENT**

**Paula Lapp**

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

**Jason Thoron**

Creator resides in the midst of creation...calling us to this community.

*Our world waits for the Holy One, our help and shield.*

God our Righteousness gazes upon the beloved with delight and concern.

*Our bodies wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.*

The Spirit of the Living God greets us with fresh winds and new mercies.

*Our souls wait for the Holy One, our help and shield.*

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

**Jason Thoron**

*Abundant God, we wait for you with longing, hope, and anticipation. May your kingdom be realized in this community. May your people be your ambassadors. May your love be our propeller in the world and our beacon to direct us home. Fill us with the bread of life and nourish our spirits to be your good news in the world. Amen.*

**\*MORNING HYMN**

*“Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer”*

**18**

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

**Jason Thoron**

*Gracious God, you have created a world of abundance and flourishing. Every resource, every gift, every product originates from the generosity of your creation and the creativity you have bestowed upon us. Forgive us for misuse and overuse of your gifts. Reveal our miserly attitudes toward the plentiful trove of resources you have entrusted to our care. Sow generosity in us, reveal abundance to us, and enable flourishing through us. Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.**

Every good and perfect gift comes from above. Grace is such a gift; mercy is another.

Transformation and new life descend freely from the Most High to all who would receive it.

Receive the assurance of God’s grace and compassion as precious treasure made available to all.

**\*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. Pastor Eddie Burton and St. Paul’s Church

**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**

**Jason Thoron**

**\* HYMN**    *“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”*    **506**

**\*SCRIPTURE**    *“Hebrews 11: 1-6”*    **1096**

**SERMON**                    *“Do You Want to Please Him”*    **Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

**Jason Thoron**

Luke 12:34 informs us, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Let our hearts direct the use of our resources, our time, and our talents. May our generosity meet God’s abundance in attending to the needs and hopes of our community.

**\*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.**

Generous One, receive the gifts we bring as we return a portion of your treasure to the use of your kingdom. May your will be manifested and your creation restored through sharing these offerings. Amen.

**\* COMMUNION HYMN**    *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*    **330**

**\*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**    *“Faith of the Martyrs”*    **381**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**Pastor Eddie Burton Jr.**

Live in the abundance of God's treasure, spreading the love and peace of Christ in the world to the glory of God. Amen.

**\*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 10-	Sunday Worship Service 10 a.m.
Monday, August 11-	Closet of Christ Workday – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Tuesday, August 12-	Coffee Group 8 a.m. Closet of Christ Open – 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.
Thursday, August 14-	4 -H Hall Use
Sunday, August 17-	Sunday Communion Worship Service 10 a.m.

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**Greeting and Usher Schedule**

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

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**

- 10 Jason Thoron**
- 17 Stephanie Pool**
- 24 Jason Thoron**
- 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>**

