



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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April 2016 Edition

Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

This coming fall, St. Paul UCC will be in the limelight of the Illinois Conference as two different Associations hold their joint meeting here on October 15th. Our own Chicago Metropolitan Association will link up with the Fox Valley Association as we meet here together for a day of workshops, worship, and meetings.

This is "stage time" for all of St. Paul's members. Everything about our life together will be on display. Our leadership boards, our committees, our ministries.....it will all be out there for everyone to see.

I wouldn't say that this is something for us to start sweating bullets about, however. In fact, if anything, we should see this as both an honor and an opportunity. We are honored because we were chosen to host; we have an opportunity because we will have a forum in which to display our deeply held convictions on matters of faith and church life.

Church is community, and our affiliation with the United Church of Christ is part of that community. I call on every one of St. Paul's members to show up that day and welcome our fellow UCC folks. We need our members to be gracious hosts by volunteering in a number of different ways. We'll need greeters, ushers, servers, set-up & take-down, clean up, keeping an eye on the parking lot, and other general hospitality functions. Please see me if you can be a host that day.

Again, the date is October 15th, beginning bright and early in the morning and ending later in the afternoon. Let's show Chicago Metro and Fox Valley how we do community here in Palatine!

Pastor David



St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Bernadette Chvoy, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Kim Ferris, David Freeman, Arlene Kraus (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), David Mercer (Staff Rep), and Chuck Oberly (Admin. Board Rep).

World Water Day Tap Into Water: God's Gift for Life

The Water Team would like to thank our St. Paul family for opening their hearts and minds over the last year to learn more about water—God's gift that we so often take for granted living right next to Lake Michigan. Many committees and boards helped to educate us in many ways about God's amazing gift of water.

The water music sung and played at the World Water Day Service on March 13 was beautiful and meaningful. The theme to finish up the year-long focus on water is *Tap Into Water: God's Gift for Life*. We asked each household to count the number of taps (water access points) in their homes and contemplate making a gift per tap you have in your home to WaterAid or the United Way of Genesee County (a dedicated Flint Water Fund to assist the residents right here in the Midwest in Flint, MI) to help bring clean, safe water and sanitation to those in the world who deserve access to safe water just like you and I have so abundantly in our homes.

You may designate your gift with your offering or write WaterAid or Flint, MI on your check. Go to WaterAid.org to learn more. We have journeyed together over the past year raising our awareness of water and learning to think about God's gift in a different light. Thank you for walking with us. How much are your taps worth to you?

Your Water Team, Holly, Janet, Mary and Kim





ADULT DISCUSSION GROUPS ON THINGS IN THE BIBLE

A series of conversations intended to get you to open your Bible, read what's in it, occasionally scratch your head and ask *"Really???"* and grow in your faith! No tests, no essays, no solos....no being put on the spot. This is just a way to get some folks together to talk about the Bible.

It is expected to be relatively painless, although some of the topics might give you a bit of the Willies. As a further suggestion, you might want to take an aspirin before you come to the one on May 23rd. You may choose morning 10-11am or evening 7-8pm.

RSVP is appreciated but not necessary. Thank you!

Monday April 18th	<i>"Angels & Demons"</i>
Monday April 25th	<i>"Fools"</i>
Monday May 2nd	<i>"Heaven"</i>
Monday May 9th	<i>"Hell"</i>
Monday May 16th	<i>"Second Coming of Christ"</i>
Monday May 23rd	<i>"Doctrine of the Trinity"</i>



Spring Luncheon

*The Health Committee invites everyone to the Annual Spring Luncheon.
Friday, May 6th at 11:30 a.m. at
Emmett's Brewing Company 110 N. Brockway Street, Palatine 847-359-1533.*

*A sign up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall starting April 17th.
Each person will order from the menu and we shall have separate checks.*

*Please call the church office if you need a ride.
Friends are always welcome.*



Mary Doktor Retires as Christian Education Director

It is with great appreciation that the St. Paul Executive Board announces the retirement of Mary Doktor as Director of Christian Education. Mary has been the core of Christian Education here at St. Paul for more than a generation.

Her guidance, generosity and love have help to shape the spirit of our children as they move through their journey toward Chist. Please join us in celebrating Mary and all that she has given to St. Paul. Watch for further announcements as to the date of the official celebration. We appreciate Mary and are grateful for her continued support and contributions to the Board of Spiritual Life.

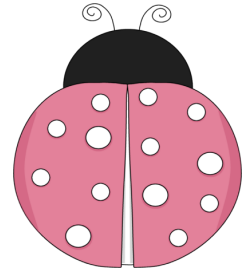
Spiritual Life Seeks Volunteers for the Christian Education Committee

With the retirement of our Director of Christian Education, the Executive Board and the Board of Spiritual Life are seeking volunteers interested in determining the vision of Christian Education moving forward. We must come together to determine how best to design and support a Christian Education program for St. Paul and we need your help to do it. Please reach out to Bernadette Chvoy (bchvoy@yahoo.com) or any member of the Executive Board or Spiritual Life Board if you have any interest in supporting this ministry at St. Paul.



Women's Fellowship

The Women's Fellowship group wants to thank Sandy Gumm for inspiring us and teaching us to create beautiful baskets at our March meeting. Each is unique and is filled with great memories before we even put anything in them.



In April, we are moving our meeting date up a week so it does not conflict with the Women's Retreat, which you can still sign up for! Women's Fellowship will meet on the first Saturday on April 2nd at 11:30. We are going out for lunch, so meet at the Tap House Grill, 56 W Wilson Street in downtown Palatine at 11:30. Please be sure to sign up in Fellowship Hall if you will be joining us by Wednesday, March 30th so I can make a reservation for our group. The Tap House Grill has great salads, sandwiches and burgers, as well as other fare. Questions, please contact Holly.



CARE Team

Each of us in our St. Paul community are part of our CARE Team. Jesus taught us to care for others. If you would like to be notified when members of our St. Paul family are facing a challenge or celebrating something good in their lives via email so you can drop them a card or note to let them know they are in your thoughts and prayers, please contact Holly Petersen to add you to our email CARE Team list. We also have a list of members that help provide a meal during a life challenge or celebration. If you would like to help with that, let us know, too.

The CARE Team card requests we send out are also published on the announcement sheets emailed or available on Sundays each week. If you hear of someone that is facing a health challenge or is celebrating something special, please let a member of the CARE Team know.

Your CARE Team, Holly Petersen, Bern Chvoy, Mary Doktor,
Kris Freeman, Barb Oberly and Bonnie Rendl



TORNADO TIME

The tornado and storm season is rapidly approaching. Being aware of what to do in case of an emergency will help make the church a safe place for all of us. Also, knowing what to do in your home and on the road can save lives. Please review the following information and be prepared to take action if the need should arise.

Know The Signs

Dark, often greenish clouds lying low to the ground; large hail, a loud roaring noise, similar to a freight train; and a funnel cloud that extends below the cloud base are all indications of a tornado.

TORNADO – STORMS

At Church

If a warning has been issued while attending church services, move to the lower level hallway and sit facing the wall. The **Emergency Response Team** will direct and assist with the evacuation. Do not use the elevator.

At Home

Find Refuge First.

Stay indoors and seek shelter in the lowest level of your home, preferably the basement. Or, go to an interior room or closet with no windows. The more interior walls between you and the tornado, the better off you are.

Cover Up.

Get beneath a sturdy table and use your hands and arms to protect your head and neck. If you're in a bathtub, cover yourself with a mattress or couch cushions for added protection.

On The Road

The best thing to do is to pull over, evacuate your vehicle and head for safe shelter. Do not try to hide under your car. If you're outside and there's no shelter available, find the nearest ditch or low-lying area and crouch low to the ground covering your head with your arms. **DO NOT** go under a bridge or overpass. Do not try to outrun a twister. Driving on a 90 degree angle away from the tornado is a good strategy to follow in order to distance yourself from the tornado.



Happy April Birthdays!



1 Jason Doktor	25 Laura Mayer
5 Robert Anderson	25 Ed Doktor
12 Ken Kolze	26 Mandy Zavilla
14 Janet Olsen	27 Debbie Everett
20 Mary Doktor	
24 Pam Rogers	
25 Travis Doktor	

***If there is anyone I missed, please call the church office,
so we can update our records. Thank you!***

Nancy Perry In memory of Rudy Hempel
Charlotte Mally in memory of Rudy Hempel
and loved ones

memorials
& gifts



Thank You

The Community Outreach Committee would like to thank each of you that donated 6 filled (and adorable) Easter baskets and 17 \$25 gift cards for the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our FMSC packing event on Saturday, March 5th. We packed 125 boxes which equates to 27,000 meals; enough to feed 74 children for a year! The food is going to Haiti through FMSC's partner Love a Child.



Pastoral visitation is available to those who are hospitalized, temporarily laid up at home, or going through rehab at a facility. Because hospitals and other institutions do not notify the church when a patient is admitted, we need for you or your family member to notify us. We will be more than happy to accommodate your request for pastoral care. Please note also that the pastor may be reached for emergencies at [\(847\) 445-7248](tel:8474457248) (cell phone).

Pastor David's procedure in visiting St. Paul's shut-ins, as well as, those members who have a difficult time getting to church is to offer support, bring Holy Communion (their option) and to let them know we journey together in worship. Pastor David understands that scheduling may depend on frequency of doctor's appointments or the church member's schedule. Visitation is always available, however, as the shut-in member's health and life situation may change and more extensive pastoral care is needed. Any church member or their family member desiring more frequent pastoral visitation, or to be placed on the visitation list in the first place should contact the church office at [\(847\)-358-0399](tel:8473580399) to make arrangements.

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord." (James 5:14)

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Caring Hearts Adult Day Center

The Caring Hearts Adult Day Center offers a safe, supportive and stimulating environment for older adults who experience mild to moderate memory loss. Group members maintain their independence by making new friends and socializing. They will be involved in structured, supervised and fun activities while caregivers take a break from their caregiving responsibilities.

The Caring Hearts program is available Monday through Thursday from 11am to 3pm; Lunch is available. This helpful program is located at the Palatine Township Senior Center, 505 S. Quentin Road, Palatine IL 60067. For more information contact Nancy Frenk at (847) 991-1112, extn. 222.





PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rick Bartells, friend of Kim Cichon
 Charlie Betzhold
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Marta Davy, friend of Greg & Claudia Mayer
 Lindsey Demos
 Kendall Eich
 Gehlin Family, friends of the Drost Family
 Laura and Bob Giltzow
 Austin Hayford, grandson of Ralph & Linda Hayford
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Larry Herron
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg
 Christopher Macahon, friend of the Faust Family
 Bob & Charlotte McKotch, sister and brother-in-law of Janet Walter
 Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
 Delores Moxley, friend of Pat & Bob Kolze
 Tom O'Malley Family, friends of Ralph & Linda Hayford
 Caelen Peshek, friend of Kris Freeman
 Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Kindra Spiegel, daughter of Ken & Shirley Kolze
 Riley Stencil, great-niece of Greg Mayer
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Steve Temple
 Tom, cousin of Kim and Karen
 Trish Vanderploeg, friend of Kim Cichon
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey
 Jan Foster Weston, sister of Sue Gould

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for April:

3: Bob & Pat Kolze
10: The Gumm Family
17: Karen Wagner
24: Ken & Shirley Kolze

Acolytes for April:

3: Katie Gregor & Marty Kennelly
10: Katie Gregor & Holly Chvoy
17: Holly Chvoy & Marty Kennelly
24: Marty Kennelly & Katie Gregor

Usher Captain for April: Ralph Hayford
Nursery Attendant for April: Carrie Kerlin

April Lectionary:

3: Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-20; Psalm 150; Rev 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.
10: Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Rev 5:11-14; John 21:1-19.
17: Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Rev 5:11-14; John 10:22-30.
24: Acts 11:1-18; Psalm 148; Rev 21:1-6; John 13:31-35.



Caregiving in America

Caregiving is a major issue. According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 21 percent of households have a member who needs caregiving. The reasons a person may need care vary: Many are elderly, disabled or ill and need assistance with day-to-day living tasks. They may also need help managing medical conditions. Contrary to what many people think, most people who provide such care are not paid professionals. They are instead unpaid caregivers, often family members or neighbors, and there are 65.7 million of them in the U.S., according to a report by The National Alliance for Caregiving and the AARP. The impact of the work done by caregivers is enormous. Analysts note that the economic value of their labor is over \$450 billion dollars per year, though it is impossible to put a price tag on the social and personal value of their work. Many care receivers are able to maintain their independence and remain part of their communities because of caregiving. In recent years, more attention has been paid to the work of caregiving and its effect on caregivers. While many family members experience deep fulfillment in helping to care for their loved ones, caregiving has its own risks:

Caregivers often experience stress as they try to balance their own needs with the needs of those they care for.

Some caregivers report that their health has declined as a result of caregiving. They feel that their own health issues negatively impact their ability to provide care.

The financial cost of caregiving can be serious. Many caregivers report spending thousands of dollars each year in support of their caregiving work. In addition, some caregivers find it necessary to quit their jobs or cut their hours so that they can be present for the family member who they care for.

Caregiving is important work, one worthy of support from family, friends, neighbors and faith communities.

Caring for the caregiver within faith communities

Almost 30 percent of adults in the United States are caregivers. This means that your congregation likely has several caretakers in its membership. While faith communities are often very concerned with providing care to the ill, elderly and disabled, family caregivers can be overlooked.

The work of a caregiver can be overwhelming, and some givers of care can be reluctant to ask for help or support. When a caregiver becomes overwhelmed and does not get help, his or her life is negatively impacted, and he or she may not be able to continue to provide good care to the care receiver.

Because caregiving typically takes place in homes, caregivers and the challenges they face can be invisible to others. Sometimes congregations aren't aware of a caregiver's situation until it becomes incredibly difficult and much harder to address. Awareness of caregivers within your faith community is an important part of providing quality care to all members.

Congregations can do a lot to support caregivers. Here are some ideas:

Identify caregivers. Clergy and laypeople who provide care to the disabled, shut-ins or the elderly should find out who is providing care. The caregiver may also be in need of pastoral care and support.

Provide practical assistance. Members of the congregation can volunteer to provide practical assistance, such as help with chores. When appropriate, community members may be able to provide respite care.

Acknowledge the work of caregivers in worship services and community prayers.

Provide direction to caregivers who are in need of professional help. Direction may include directing them to casework services, counseling or other resources.

Reach out to caregivers. They may feel isolated from their peers. Plan time to spend together over coffee or a meal. In a recent study by AARP, 51% of caregivers indicated that they pray as a way of coping with caregiving stress. When appropriate, offer to pray with caregivers.

Help the caregiver find out if they qualify for financial assistance programs. The National Council on Aging's [Bene-fits CheckUp](http://www.benefitscheckup.org) site helps people learn about available assistance: www.benefitscheckup.org.

From the Spiritual Life Board...



Helping People

*Adopt-A-Family ♥ Angel Tree ♥ Apple Tree
Food Pantry ♥ Easter Baskets ♥ Thanksgiving Baskets*

February 11, 2016

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Dear Parishioners at St. Paul UCC:

Thank you for your generous food donations on January 18, 2015 and February 8, 2016 to the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Your donation will help supplement the Food Pantry with non-perishable food items and personal products for distribution to the residents in need.

In 2014, an average of 377 families residing in Palatine Township received monthly assistance through the Township's Food Pantry. These families are traditional families who have fallen on difficult times due to illness, loss of a job, or one of many other reasons. The recipients are also single mothers and senior citizens that need extra assistance with their monthly food supplies. Because of your donation to this special fund, help is available to these families.

Thank you for reaching out to those less fortunate in our community. The Palatine Township Food Pantry would not be available to assist local families without your generous donation and support.

Sincerely,

Sharon Langlotz-Johnson
President, Needy Family Fund, Inc.
Supervisor, Palatine Township

721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL 60067 847-358-6700

The mission of the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund is to assist residents in need with financial and supportive services to improve their quality of life.

Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation.

Needy Family Fund is a 501c3 corporation. FEIN # 36-4082618

From the Spiritual Life Board...

....We are in need of a Spiritual Life Rep to the Executive Board as well as an "At Large" person to the Executive Board.

...We are in need of a member for the Administrative Board.

....We are in need of a chairman for the Christian Education Committee

....The Worship Committee is looking for ASK ME Reps, Lectionary Readers, Element Bearers for Communion Sundays. Please contact Kris Freeman if interested in any of the openings.



We are in need of some "task helpers"....for one time tasks that we are in need of volunteers for. You do not need to be on a committee or board, or commit to be on either to participate. If you are interested in being a task helper for any of the tasks listed below, please see a member of the Spiritual Life Board. Thank you!

....Mary Faust will be taking her vacation from May 13th thru May 20th. If you are available to help cover the office (answer phones, handle incoming mail) any of those days while she is away, please call the church office. She would truly appreciate it!

....Margie Anderson who is working on the history of our church, is looking for someone who can translate German to English.

....If our entry is approved by the Palatine Jaycees, we will be marching in the July 2nd parade, for the July 4th celebration, alongside Chuck & Margie Anderson's refurbished 1953 Dodge truck. (How neat is that?) We need volunteers to help decorate the truck, brainstorm, and create our promotional material handout, as well as march in the parade.

If you are interested in helping with any of the above, please see a member of the Spiritual Life Board, or those listed. Thank you!

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APRIL SCRIP PROGRAM

April Scrip Orders are due in the Scrip Mailbox (on shelf across from the office door) by 11:30 a.m. on the second Sunday, April 10th and will be ready to pickup on the following Sunday – January 17th!

Ordering through our Scrip Program is an EASY way to donate to our Wachs Fund all year round, with no additional cost to you – just for prepaying for the shopping you do anyway. The earnings from our orders stay in our account to be transferred to the Wachs Fund in February on Wachs Love Sunday. The 2015 profits were \$1,913.62 from 104 orders. This fund is used to provide short term/one time monetary assistance to residents of Palatine and the St. Paul Community who are experiencing a financial hardship. Please consider and try this way to help someone less fortunate than you. Maybe buy a Walgreen, Target or Walmart gift card to use doing your shopping.

Thanks to those of you who are regulars in our Scrip Program. If you have any questions, contact St. Paul Scrip Program Coordinator, Darlene Vogt, at 847/359-0839 or online at dvogt122@aol.com.





Spring is finally here and for many of us that means its time to get outside and do some home repairs and yard work. For the Spring of Life Partnership of Habitat for Humanity (SOL), which St. Paul is a member of, that just means better weather for working. SOL is working on their 13th home, the rehab of a 100+ year old house for a single Mom and her girls to call home. They were busy this winter getting the “bones” in shape so that a new roof, siding, windows, doors, walls and floors can be put in place. All this great work takes the time of volunteers, the prayers of our congregation and the generous donations of those willing to give.

Each Spring St. Paul hosts a campaign to contribute to the SOL partnerships contribution to the housing cost. The partnership must contribute \$35,000 which is done through donations from each congregation and fundraisers like the Metropolis event held last fall. We at St. Paul contribute through Building for Bob, in memory of Bob Rogers who was a dedicated member of St. Paul and the SOL partnership. Sundays during the month of April donations can be made in fellowship hall by the community outreach bulletin board. A house takes more than just windows, doors and bricks, so in an effort to be different this year rafters, nails, drywall and shingles will be available for “purchase”. So come down after service and see how you want to help make a house a Home. All donations are appreciated.



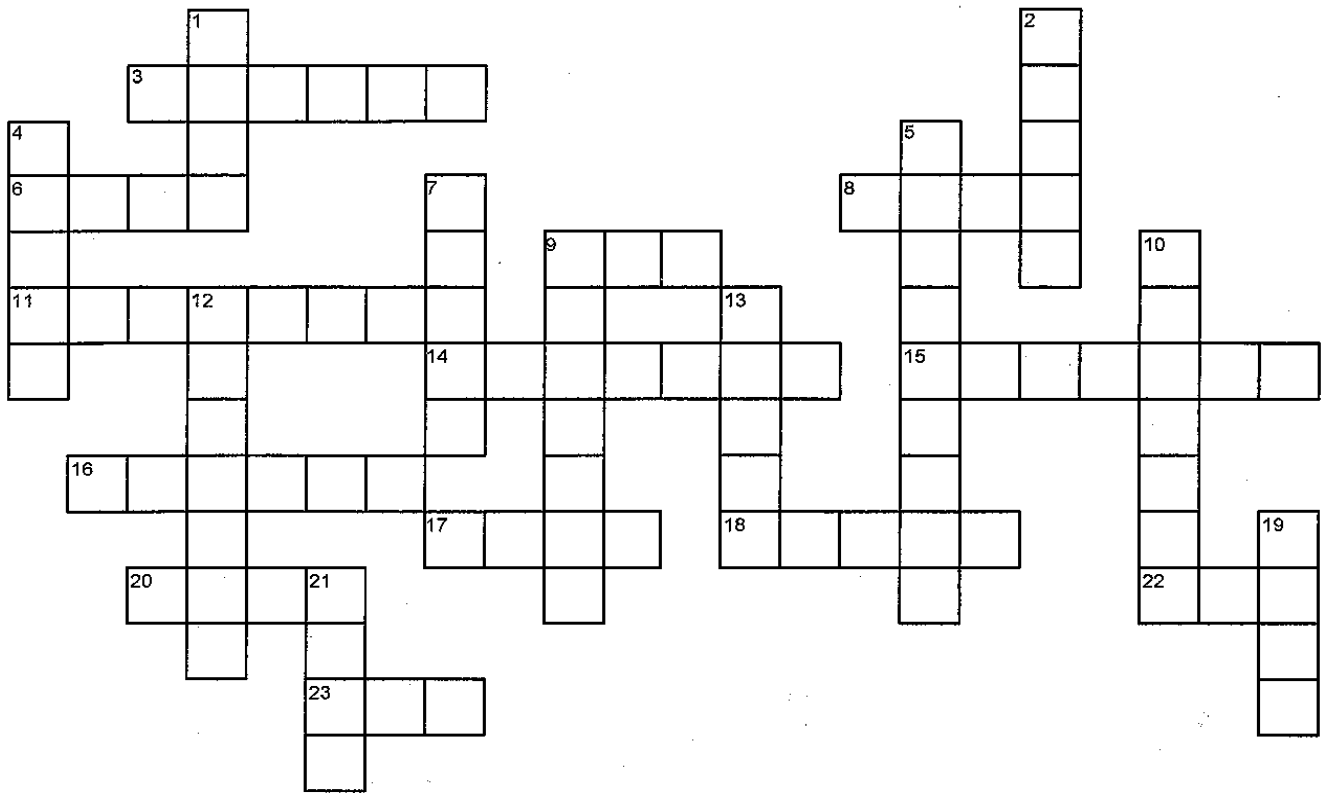
Church Women United Collections

There is a large plastic tub in Fellowship Hall ready to receive your donations. List of those items they will take are in a holder at the back of the tub. When the tub is full I will call the lady who collects the supplies to arrange pick up. Remember those candles you don't use anymore bring them in. They are made into new candles by a local group of Nuns. Those Calendars that we receive as thank you for a donation are handed out at nursing homes and assisted living residents. We can reduce our waste by recycling. Thank you to those who have already brought in candles, calendars, cards, hygiene items, and glasses they will all find a useful life outside of landfills.

Questions? Talk to Sandy Gumm on Sunday mornings.



Spring Weather



ACROSS

- 3 Rain _____ the earth.
 6 March comes in like a _____.
 8 It makes kites fly.
 9 _____ makes it hard to see.
 11 It's supposed to rain today. Take an _____.
 14 March winds bring April _____.
 15 A loud noise associated with storms.
 16 No matter how long this season lasts, spring is sure to follow.
 17 Not too hot.
 18 If it's foggy in the morning, it will be _____ in the day.
 20 Not too cold.
 22 This gives light to help plants grow.
 23 Rain mixed with dirt. Don't track it in the house!

DOWN

- 1 Dark clouds often bring this.
 2 Hold onto your hat. It's _____ today.
 4 I may be white and puffy or dark and threatening.
 5 _____ flashes in the sky.
 7 This turns green as days grow warmer.
 9 April showers bring May _____.

- 10 Rain leaves these behind on the ground (but your mother probably doesn't want you to splash in them!).
 12 I can be seen after a storm.
 13 These bud with new leaves in early spring.
 19 This wintry substance sometimes falls in the spring.
 21 March goes out like this animal.

