



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

Adlai Stevenson famously said: "Patriotism is not a short and frenzied outburst of emotion but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

With this issue of the Scribe, we are entering into the 240th birthday of our republic. As we do so, I am pretty confident that our particular little congregation fits well into the pattern outlined by our late governor and U.N. ambassador. Our love of country is not defined by whether or not we wear a flag lapel pin or yell raucous chants in public. What we prefer to do, rather, is live full lives as solid citizens through daily acts of neighborliness. We wave Old Glory, yes, but we do so without crushing other people's fingers and toes.

America has gone through a lot during these past 240 years, and we are going through a lot right now. What I am referring to in particular, is the ideological polarization that is ripping us apart. I remember the years during our involvement in the war in Vietnam as well as the racial tensions of that era, but I don't think I've seen Americans as angry at one another as we are today. Further, I'm not sure that Americans today even share the same vision for what our republic should be.

As St. Paul church people we can better endure this cultural hailstorm, I believe, if we keep in mind a biblical perspective on what it means to be a nation and a people -- at least in the Judeo-Christian sense. In First Samuel chapter eight, the nation of Israel is demanding to have a king rule over them so that they can be just like everyone else; just like the other nations around them. Samuel who was the presiding judge during that time, tried to reason with the people by reminding them that their ultimate loyalty should be to God -- not human government. Samuel saw the idolatrous slippery slope that the people were stepping out on and tried to dissuade them, but he was unsuccessful. The rest is history. Keep on reading through 1st and 2nd Samuel as well as 1st and 2nd Kings, and you'll see how well the whole king-thing worked out.

Our ultimate hope is in God, as much as we do love our nation. Only God is perfectly capable and committed to reigning with the right blend of justice and righteousness. May we, the baptized, keep that in mind as we light our sparklers and cut our watermelons.

Even though Christmas is still half a year away, I think Tiny Tim said it best:
"God bless us, everyone!"

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).

School Ends, but Hunger Doesn't

School ended in June, BUT children being hungry did not.

During the school year, children living within the Palatine Township are able to receive free or reduced-price breakfasts and lunches at school. During the summer, struggling families need help to be able to provide these meals for their children. Nutritious, non-perishable food items are available to them through the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Currently, the Palatine Food Pantry is assisting 345 families each month.



The **School Ends, but Hunger Doesn't** summer food drive will again be held throughout June and July at St. Paul. Non-perishable food items needed include canned vegetables, canned fruit, soup, peanut butter, canned meats—tuna and chicken, tomato products (e.g., tomato and spaghetti sauce), breakfast cereal and bars, and canned juices (100% fruit juice). Donations may be placed in the grocery cart in Grosse Memorial Hall. The Township Food Pantry also accepts fresh produce AT the Township Office at the corner of Quentin Road and Illinois Avenue—diagonally across from Fremd High School.

Thank you for your generosity. Your Community Outreach Committee

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

St. Paul has reserved 20 spots in a packing event on Saturday July 16th at the FMSC location in Schaumburg. Please contact Greg Mayer or the church office if you would like to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

When: Saturday, July 16th
Where: 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL.
Time: 9:00 – 11:00 AM



St Paul Music in the Park **THE FORTUNATE SONS**

Friday July 29th at 8:00 p.m.
Fred P. Hall Amphitheater, 256 E. Palatine Rd

Come gather on the lawn for an evening of music and fellowship. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets, snacks and beverages.



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:847-445-7248) (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:847-358-0399) 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)

Pastor David Joins Association Committee

At the 2016 Spring Meeting of the Chicago Metropolitan Association, our Pastor David was elected to a three-year term on the CMA Congregational Life Committee. The general purpose of this committee is to keep congregations connected with the wider church UCC. This is accomplished by providing opportunities for local churches to access denominational resources; through meeting planning; and through event planning.

By having our pastor participate on a committee at the association-level, this gives St. Paul even further visibility within the Chicago Metropolitan Association and the Illinois Conference.

Important Upcoming Deadline for Boards and Committees:

The Budgets are due back to Ellen Graham, as well as Annual Reports due back to the church office, both by Sunday, July 24th. Thank you!

From the Archives...



Welcome to the “Archives” of St. Paul. I volunteered to be the St. Paul Historian as I want to preserve the history of our church and share what I find with all the members. Hopefully everyone has seen the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall and the enclosed bulletin board in the hallway just outside of Fellowship Hall.

The board in the hallway is titled, “**150 Year Pilgrimage to 2021.**” This will be the journey from 1871 to 2021 when we will celebrate St. Paul’s 150th birthday. My plan is to change these boards every month with different items and photos. I will also be including short articles in the monthly Scribe. My first priority was to preserve the very old items, several are in very poor condition, but we will still keep them as they represent the birth of our church. Everything is in the closet in Fellowship Hall and safely in the filing cabinets. I am still in the organization stages and compiling an inventory.

Please do not turn in photos/albums unless they are labeled with names/dates, etc. and are identified.

If you have any items about St. Paul you wish to donate, please give to Mary Faust and I will catalog it and add it to the archives. Hope you will enjoy the Archives of St. Paul. -Margie Anderson

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



We are also 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!

....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.



July Birthdays

2 Harley Chapman

3 Janet Bethke

6 Dave Freeman

7 Taryn Everett

8 Jeff Whedon

11 Chelsea Connor

14 Marlene Ingram

15/2002 Miniani Deogratias *Compassion Int'l child from Africa*

18 Richard Storm

18 Joe Enockson

21 Claudia Mayer

22 John Beresheim

30 Darrel Chvoy

31 Shay Storm

31 Jeff DePue

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

With Thanks....

I am so grateful for all the wonderful St. Paul family that sent many well wishes during my recuperation. All the thoughtfulness has truly touched my heart. Thanks to all of you so very much. -Sincerely, Sharon Altergott



Dear St Paul Family,

Thank you so much to everyone for the wonderful retirement celebration and gifts.

Thanks to those who made the posters (I now know who you were), it's fun to look back and see not only myself, but the kids who now have kids. Also thank you to ALL who have helped over the years make the Christian Education programs and events happen, I am so appreciative of your support. I have enjoyed my time at St Paul as Christian Education Coordinator and look forward to some new adventures in the future.

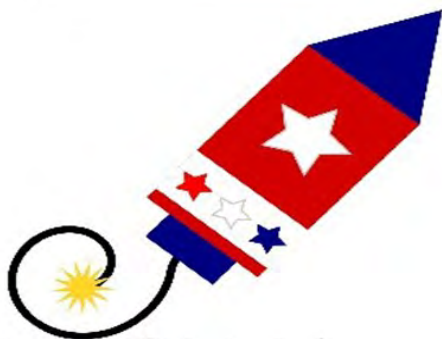
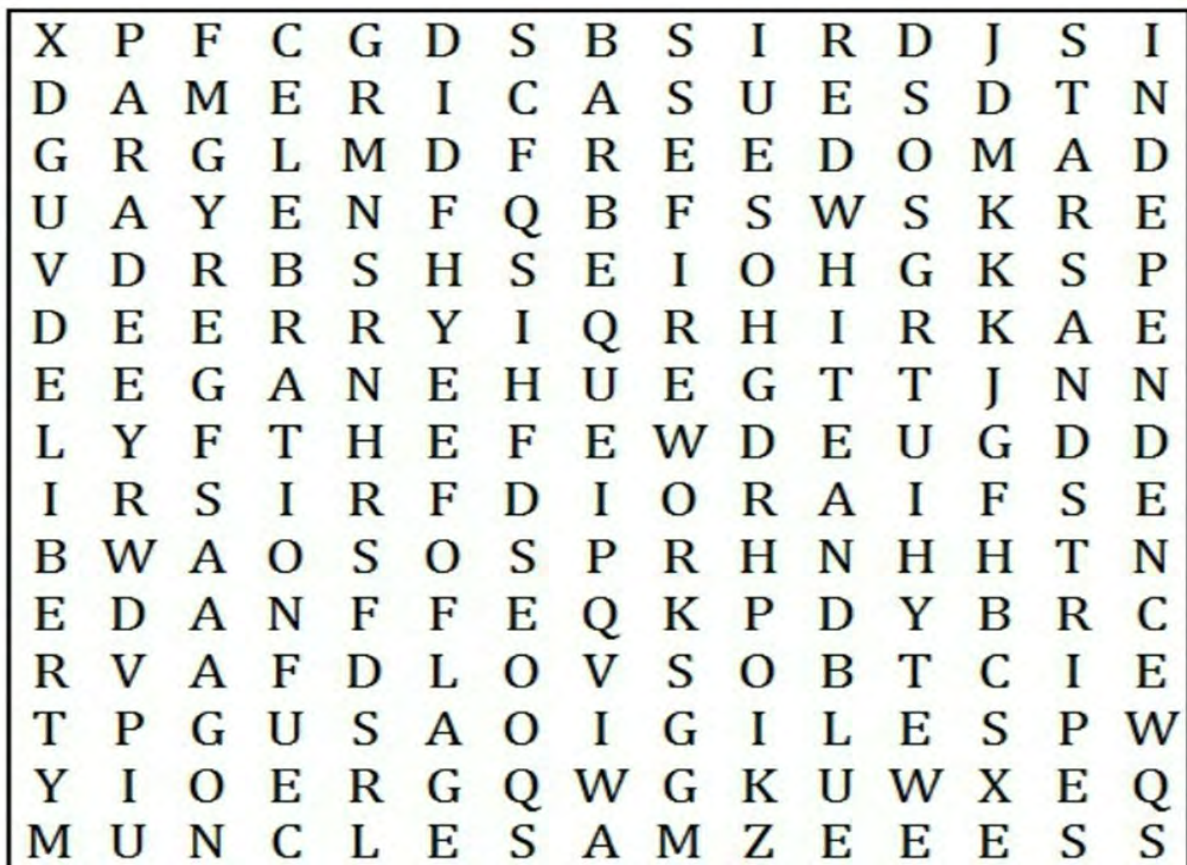
Blessing to all of you,
Mary Doktor



Palatine/St Paul July 4th Activities

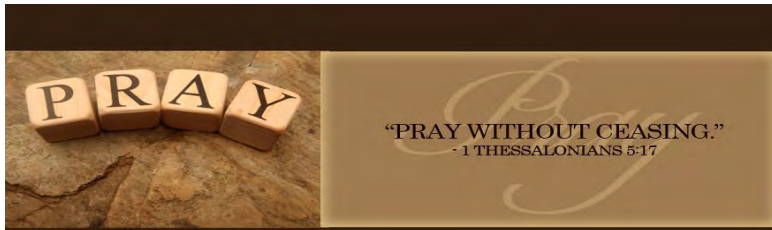
**Saturday, July 2nd Parade with
St. Paul participation**
Sunday, July 3rd, all church picnic with fireworks

4th of July Word Search



America
Barbeque
Celebration
Fireworks
Flag
Freedom
Independence

Liberty
Parade
Red White and Blue
Stars and Stripes
Uncle Sam
USA



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rick Bartells, friend of Kim Cichon
 Charlie Betzhold
 Karen Connor
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Lindsey Demos
 Kendall Eich
 Debbie Faust, sister of Mark Faust
 Gehlin Family, friends of the Drost Family
 Laura and Bob Giltzow
 Austin Hayford, grandson of Ralph & Linda Hayford
 Ralph Hayford
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Larry Herron
 Kira Ingram, granddaughter of Larry Ingram
 Karl Krause
 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
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
 Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
 Delores Moxley, friend of Pat & Bob Kolze
 Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Darryl Samborski
 Lois Southard, friend of Kim Cichon
 Kindra Spiegel, daughter of Ken & Shirley Kolze
 Riley Stencel, 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

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for July:

3rd: Cherrie Wickstrom
10th: Dolly Chamberlain
17th: Harley Chapman
24th: Dee Langguth
30th: Charlotte Mally

Usher Captain for July: Greg Mayer

Nursery Attendant for July: Laura Mayer

Lectionary for July:

3rd: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Isa 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9; Gal6:1-16; Luke 10:1-11,16-20.
10th: Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82: Deut 30:9-14; Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37.
17th: Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Gen 18:1-10a; Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; uke 10:38-42.
24th: Hos 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Gen 18:20-32: Psalm 138; Col 2:6-19; Luke 11:1-13.
31st: Hos 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9,43; Eccl 1:2,12-14;2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Col 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.





Helping People

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

May 12, 2016

St. Paul United Church of Christ
144 E. Palatine Road
Palatine, IL 60067

Dear Parishioners at St. Paul United Church of Christ:

Thank you for your generous Good Friday donation of \$353.00, check #19375, 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 2015, an average of 356 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 Health Committee... **In the Wake of Tragedy How Should We Talk with Our Kids?**

Sunday morning's mass shooting at a nightclub in Orlando - which at last count left 50 dead and 53 more wounded - serves as a stark reminder that violent and unsettling news is never far from us. These killings marked the largest mass shooting in United States history, authorities said, and the nation's worst terrorist attack since 9/11.

In the midst of this tragedy, we at Advocate Health Care want to support the work you are doing as faith leaders to engage your faith communities by offering a few words about how we might help support children who are exposed to difficult events like these.

For most of us, the personal impact may seem far removed, but even if we didn't know one of the victims or one of their family members or friends, we still must reconcile feelings of insecurity that emerge from such an event. And with our 24-hour news cycle and online sharing through social media, children may need additional support to help make sense of it all.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), offers a number of tips on the most effective ways to help kids cope:

Set the example. Children will quickly pick up on the emotional cues of the adults in their lives. Maintaining a calm attitude and avoiding appearing anxious or frightened will help them model the behavior.

Be honest. It's not helpful to pretend the event didn't happen or wasn't serious. Children may respond by thinking you are too afraid to tell the truth.

Being upset is okay. It's important to reassure children that being upset is to be expected. Feelings of anger are okay too, but kids need help from parents to express those feelings in an appropriate way.

Be mindful of their age. The conversation must be age appropriate. The youngest kids need brief, simple information. Older children may have very defined ideas about the causes and solutions to violent acts. It's important that they feel heard and affirmed. Be a good listener.

Offer reassurance. If the event is not close to home and not an immediate threat, emphasize the fact they are in a safe place.

People are getting help. Explain that emergency workers and other officials are doing everything they can to help those who were affected.

Limit exposure. National news outlets provide repetitious reporting and often air graphic video coverage again and again. Minimizing the number of times children watch the news will help lower their anxiety levels.

Monitor your stress. Adults are not immune to many of the same feelings of worry, anger and frustration. Connect with friends, family, religious leaders or mental health experts who can help you process your thoughts.

Use faith practices. In addition to SAMHSA's advice, we also encourage faith communities to use the practices of their religious traditions to help provide ritual and structure for offering prayers, expressing hope and finding ways to take action to prevent violence.

What experts say matters most is that adults have an open dialogue with kids. This lays the groundwork to help them cope with tough matters long-term. Chaplains at Advocate Children's Hospital are well-trained to walk beside children and families in high-stress and complex situations and can help with that dialogue.

Feel free to contact the Mission and Spiritual Care staff if you would like to consult with a chaplain on effective ways to address trauma with children or to have a chaplain come to your house of worship to provide education. To contact a chaplain, call: **Advocate Children's Hospital--Park Ridge** 847-723-6395; **Advocate Children's Hospital--Oak Lawn** 708-684-5175

Report to the Congregation from the Annual St. Paul All Board Meeting

Conducted on June 7, 2016

A review of the Cottage Meetings and meetings with individual staff have been completed. From these conversations, a plan of direction to staff and to the congregation has been initiated. The Cottage meetings were held in January; individual staff meetings in February; review of the Congregation Survey was conducted in 2015, and Executive Board personnel evaluations were discussed on an ongoing basis during the development of this draft. The Cottage meetings were a process to attempt to evaluate where we are, where we are headed, and identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. The Executive Board approached this process more as a “listening exercise” rather than developing a “report card”, hence we need to think in terms of awareness and action rather than in terms of a “score”. The focus for the Cottage Meetings was to underscore our strengths, while identifying areas for improvement, giving our members an active voice in participation and leadership. Our church is approaching its 150th anniversary; we have a strong tradition of faith that will help lead us into our changing role in the future, united with our brothers and sisters in faith.

We have the ability to move forward with concentrated collective efforts. It does us harm to focus on what we are not, but instead we need to focus on our God-given strengths, leverage these strengths for greater ministerial impact!

Congregation:

Executive Board has been in communication with Pastor David; Director of Music, Diane Bele; and the Worship Committee on the structure of worship service. This was a reoccurring theme from the Cottage Meetings.

Meetings are being conducted over the summer with a focus on the Music Ministry and Worship Service.

Over the upcoming months, different types of music and worship structure will be presented and reviewed.

On June 19th and June 26th contemporary services will be conducted and evaluated.

Members are, for the most part, pleased with the current web site.

Mary Faust, Office Administrator, is developing a structure for notification in a timely manner to have items put on to the web site.

To address the issue raised regarding an “open and affirming” church Pastor David met with concerned members.

Pastor David is in the process of developing the concept of “generosity of spirit” which is a related approach to our changing society and the open and affirming ministry. These discussions will be ongoing.

A working model of instruction and sermon materials will be presented to the congregation.

Our congregation is concerned about lack of younger members, children and declining membership due to age and disengagement.

Executive Board recognizes this as a problem in many churches, yet we cannot accept this attitude.

Concentrated and focused efforts to advertise in media events at St. Paul will be increased.

A focused and direct physical effort by staff to follow up on visitors and disengaged members. Calls (not messages); visits; handwritten notes, and engaged personal conversation will be the expectation. The actual implementation and monthly feedback/reports will be shared with Spiritual Life Board.

Our congregation is concerned for Christian Education and the future of youth programs.

A job description has been developed and the Christian Education position has been posted on websites in the same manner as we conducted our search for our Music Director. Any member interested in helping on the search is encouraged to contact a member of the Executive Board. We need your support and prayers.

There was also discussion relative to the responsibilities of individual staff. These responsibilities were directed to the appropriate Boards and staff.

The position of Music Director has been combined with Choir Director to provide coordination of music and worship.

Adult Education programming will rely on thought provoking discussion and relevant issues. We will advertise, utilize media to publicize these presentations.

Staff will engage, facilitate and support activities coordinated by members for special events and projects; special goal directed plans; and be openly supportive to non-members. This process directs staff to be pro-active in planning, leading and implementation of activities.

As a congregation, we will actively engage in faith based discussion to recognize and implement ministries for our members, our community, and the broader world.

Thank you for your contributions. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Executive Board members.