



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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March 2017 Edition

Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

In an article somewhere, someone once gave a succinct explanation of the fundamental difference between “progressive” Christianity and “traditional” Christianity. According to them, progressive Christianity concerns itself with what human beings do and ought to do. Traditional Christianity, on the other hand, focuses mostly on what God has done. One is all about human effort and the other is all about Divine activity.

While some would call this an over-generalization, I would say that there's more than just a kernel of truth to it. I've been around long enough to see many examples of this. The question that naturally arises, however, is this: “Which is the better approach?”

Each of you will have your own take on this, but I would offer this answer: “Neither emphasis is better than the other. Authentic Christianity calls for both.” Belief matters, but so also does action. If you want a biblical take on this, just go to the New Testament letter of James. It's only five chapters and it's a fairly quick read. Martin Luther called James “the epistle of straw,” as it wasn't his favorite book of the Bible. The truth be told, it isn't my personal favorite, either – but it's still included in the Canon of Scripture. The Bible was assembled before any of us were born.

The Lenten season is an opportune time to recommit to “the whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) and to strive to be disciples in every sense of the word. May our Lord bless you as you begin this season of Lent 2017!

Pastor David



St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), 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).



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)



The Pastoral Relations Committee Is Available To You!

Do you have an idea, a question, a comment, or a concern that you would like for Pastor David to know about? You have a couple of options available to you.

First, you may speak directly with the pastor. Our pastor is here for ALL of St. Paul's members and he welcomes communication from ALL members.

If you aren't comfortable in speaking directly with the pastor, however, then your second option is to go through the Pastoral Relations Committee. Their purpose is to foster good relations between pastor and parish through open and thoughtful communication.

St. Paul's Pastoral Relations Committee members are:
Debbie Everett (Chair); Bob Kolze; Joyce Mah;
Melissa Gumm; Mary Doktor; and Tom Donat.





The Blessings of God Bloom on Easter Morning

It is so nice to adorn our Sanctuary on Easter morning with flowers. If you wish to order a plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the order form below and return it to the church office along with your check, made payable to St. Paul UCC. (There are also forms available in the Narthex.) Any questions, please contact the church office at 847-358-0399. Thank you!

___ Lily (\$16.00) ___ Hyacinth (\$12.00) ___ Tulips (\$12.00)

DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS : SUNDAY, March 26th

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

No. of plants ordered: _____ Total Amount: _____

You may take your flowers with you after the Easter worship service.

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From The Women's Fellowship Group...



From the Archives...



*I do the ARCHIVES which entails organizing all items pertaining to the history of St. Paul, putting articles in the Scribe and changing the 2 bulletin boards labeled ARCHIVES (one in Fellowship Hall, and one in the hallway just outside of Fellowship Hall). But I also volunteered for another task - -the large bulletin board in Fellowship Hall titled **"Department of Sunshine and Rainbows"**. It may seem as though this is for children only, but it is not - - it is for EVERYONE.*

I have tried to make it fun to appeal to children, but adults should also have "fun" in their lives too. So I would like to encourage everyone to read this bulletin board, to enjoy, learn, and perhaps bring back memories of what you learned in church as a child and adult, I change it every month. Along with this bulletin board, on each table in Fellowship Hall is an acrylic holder that on one side has the Vision Statement, but on the other side is a short note on colored paper with questions and thoughts that tie into the Big Bulletin Board topic of the month. If you don't know the answers to the questions they are on the bulletin board.

Hope you enjoy these projects. Margie Anderson

62 years ago, on Sunday, March 20, 1955 at 10:30 AM, the Ground Breaking ceremonies were held for the new Activities Building (the education wing).

In 1954, 1955, and 1956 during Lent, St. Paul had a service every Wednesday 8 pm. The Junior Choir sang at most of the services and the Senior Choir sang at the last Wednesday. There was a Cantata by the Senior Choir one Wednesday during Lent and a film "The Haven of Hope" was shown on one Wednesday.

THIS IS FROM THE MARCH SCRIBE 1973: A Lenten Invitation to Live the Whole Life by Arnie Koriath, Associate Pastor

AT THANKSGIVING - we thank God for all He has given us - -physically, emotionally, spiritually, mentally. He planted the seeds for growth - we have grown.

AT CHRISTMAS - we praise God for His mercy, goodness and love in the gift of His Son. Our abundance is due to His generosity.

AT LENT - we are allowed to express our doubt, our sorrow and our grief that life is limited. Our days are short in comparison with the eternity of the universe. Our accomplishments are suspect when they serve to divide and splinter the family of man.

We act in ways that we don't want to act. Those things which we want to do often go undone. While desiring to be under control, we have times of utter confusion. We hold terrible secrets. We betray those to whom we owe the most.

And yet, the Lord who has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows says: "It's O.K." "You are accepted as you are!" "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

It is clear to me that the first century Christians were similar to us - - only similar. We are not first century Christians. We are space age Christians whose lives are lived in complex cities, not simple villages. Come from the complexities and relax. Be fed by reflections on the possibility for living the "WHOLE LIFE" right now in the tear and tug of 1973.

WHAT WILL YOU GET OUT OF IT? You will benefit by the degree to which you invest yourself! This could be a turning point in your life. Measure it carefully. Allow the Spirit of God to move in new ways in our life together.

If you pass up this opportunity, it may never happen your way again. Make this Lenten Season a time for change in your life.

GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE GOD DOES.



2 Jim Peterson	10 Fred Welstead	21 Mary Paz
2 Ryan Kennelly	12 Nancy Finke	24 Nick Drost
3 Max Gould	12 Bern Chvoy	27 Russ Drost
5 Paul Gillette	15 Bobbie Conrad	28 Bev Enockson
7 Kris Freeman	16 Jim Frost	
9 Ethel Otto	17 Jan Degner	

And...we would like to wish Agnes Warren a belated happy birthday. Her birthday was on February 8th and was accidentally omitted from last month's Scribe. Hope you had a wonderful birthday Agnes!

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



In memory of Dick Storm

Dick & Jean Kolze	Chuck & Barb Oberly	Agnes Warren
Bob & Pat Kolze	Phil & Lynn Arnold	Orrin & Gloria Helms
Charlotte Mally	Jim & Shirley Schimka	Gary & Sharon Altergott
Cherrie Wickstrom	Mary Ann Leseberg	
Jackie Schultze	Darlene & Jim Vogt	

In memory of Carol Frost

Charotte Mally	Mary Ann Leseberg	Orrin & Gloria Helms
Darlene & Jim Vogt	Agnes Warren	

In memory of Ethel Baumann

Mary Ann Leseberg	Orrin & Gloria Helms
Darlene & Jim Vogt	Agnes Warren Jackie Schultze

Charlotte Mally in memory of Dale McKarrell & Bill Biegler



We would like to thank members of the congregation for their thoughts, prayers and cards we received on the passing of Jean's brother, Dale MaKarrall.

-Dick and Jean Kolze

I would like to thank the congregation for the cards, letters and condolences on the passing of my brother, Bill Biegler. - David Gumm

Being confined to the house for a couple months was a new and humbling experience for me. Your lovely cards and cheerful calls helped brighten my days. I appreciate your thoughtfulness more than any words can say.

With special thanks, Mary Ann Leseberg

From the Community Outreach Committee...

The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting filled EASTER BASKETS for local children whose families struggle to assist the Easter Bunny and \$25 GROCERY STORE GIFT CARDS for each of these families to help pay for their Easter dinner.

You may sign up in Fellowship Hall after worship **February 26th and March 5th** to donate an Easter Basket OR a \$25 Grocery Store Gift Card for this Palatine Township program.

You may sign up to provide a filled Easter Basket for a boy or a girl, and select the approximate age of the child. We will do our best to match your request with a child. We will contact you with the name of the child, the gender and their age as soon as we have this information from the Township. Please do not purchase items for your Easter baskets until we have provided you with the child's name, age and gender that has been chosen for you.

If you would like to donate a grocery store gift card, please consider purchasing this gift card (along with any others for yourself for retailers where you shop or dine) from the Scrip Program. A percentage of all Scrip purchases you make go to the Wachs Fund here at St. Paul. The Scrip Program is a simple way to make sure your everyday and gift purchases benefit many others just by doing your regular shopping using the prepaid cards. It is nice to know that every time you purchase groceries, gas, services, clothing, meals out, toys and other personal items that a percentage of what you spend goes directly to help others in our church family and Palatine community through St. Paul's Wachs Fund at no additional cost to you. Please consider taking a look at the Scrip Vendor List. We are sure you will realize just how many of the grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, specialty retailers, and services on the list that YOU purchase items, meals or gas from each and every month. If more of St. Paul's members made the purchases they make every month by using Scrip, we could easily contribute over \$1000 a month to the Wachs Fund through our normal monthly shopping—we all eat (at home or out), purchase clothing, gifts, toys, household goods, gasoline or entertainment each month.



Pace Bus Service! They added a new route #604 that goes in Palatine, Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Wheeling and Schaumburg. This new route has not been well advertised, and will only be available if it is used. There is a stop at the corner of Rand/Dundee, very close to POC. The end of the line is the Pace Northwest Transportation Center in Schaumburg where riders can transfer to other buses including going to Harper. Here is the route link :

http://www.pacebus.com/sub/schedules/route_detail.asp?RouteNo=604

They want to make sure the route is worthwhile so help spread the word!



More from the Community Outreach Committee...

WORLD WATER DAY 2017: MARCH 22 WATER IS STILL GOD'S GIFT FOR LIFE

[World Water Day](#), celebrated on March 22, is an international observance and an opportunity to learn more about water related issues, be inspired to tell others and take action to make a difference.

2017 World Water Day Theme: Why wastewater?

Globally, the vast majority of all the wastewater from our homes, cities, industry and agriculture flows back to nature without being treated or reused – polluting the environment, and losing valuable nutrients and other recoverable materials.

Instead of wasting wastewater, we need to reduce and reuse it. In our homes, we can reuse greywater on our gardens and plots. In our cities, we can treat and reuse wastewater for green spaces. In industry and agriculture, we can treat and recycle discharge for things like cooling systems and irrigation.

By exploiting this valuable resource, we will make the water cycle work better for every living thing. And we will help achieve the Sustainable Development Goal 6 target to halve the proportion of untreated wastewater and increase water recycling and safe reuse.

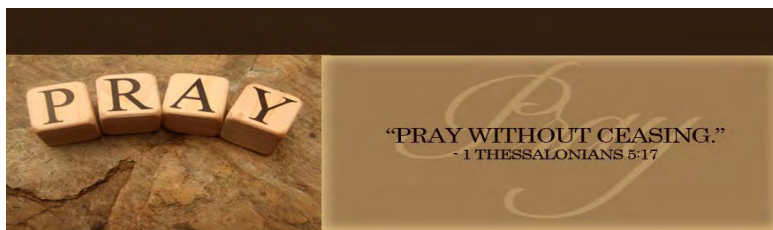
Download the [Factsheet](#) and learn more.

If you would like to learn more, go to this World Water Day link with a factsheet on wastewater and the goals the UN wishes to achieve in regard to wastewater around the world:

http://www.worldwaterday.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/Fact_sheet_WWD2017_EN.pdf

This information was provided by the Community Outreach Committee.





PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

David Arnold, brother of Phil Arnold
 Rick Bartels, co-worker of Kim Cichon
 Charlie Betzhold
 Don, friend of Chuck & Margie Anderson
 Eva Bori
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Kendall Eich
 Laura Giltzow, mother of Sherri Davenport
 Leona Henning
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Steve Herbst, friend of Bern Chvoy
 Larry Herron
 Kira Ingram, granddaughter of Larry Ingram
 Susan Kazmierczak, niece of Dawn Drost
 Nancy Kocher, friend of Dawn Drost
 Leizl, great niece of Chuck & Margie Anderson
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
 Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
 Jerry Mohr, brother of Margie Anderson
 Jerry Parsons, friend of Sandy & Dave Gumm
 Laurel Paul, friend of the Everetts
 Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
 Darryl Samborski, co-worker of Kim Cichon
 Blanche Schug
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Tom, cousin of Kim and Karen
 Trish Vanderploeg, friend of Kim Cichon
 Ruth Vogt, sister-in-law of Jim and Darlene Vogt
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey
 Marjorie Winkle, friend of Phil & Lynn Arnold

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for March:

1 (Ash Wed): Arlene Kraus
5: David & Ellen Graham
12: Jeff & Kathy DePue
19: Tom Donat
26: Jim & Kathi Wotal

Nursery Attendant for March:

Carrie Kerlin

Usher Captain for March:

David Graham

Lectionary Readers for March:

5: Tom Donat
12: Sandy Gumm
19: David Graham
26: Open-if you are available to read, please contact the church office. Thanks!

Lectionary for March:

1: Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Isa 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20-b-6:10; Matt 6:16-21.
5: Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7; Psalm 32; Rom 5:12-19; Matt 4:1-11.
12: Gen 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Rom 4:1-5,13-17; John 3:1-17; Matt 17:1-9.
19: Ex 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42.
26: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.



Ash Wednesday Offering

Our Ash Wednesday offering will be going to Journeys – The Road Home which is a non-profit agency that provides shelter, social services and housing to the homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless in 37 towns in north/northwest suburban Cook County. The mission of Journeys is to individually assess and serve its clients, while broadening community awareness and involvement. The agency consists of the PADS Shelter Program, the HOPE Center Supportive Services Program, and the Pathways Housing Readiness Program focusing on intervention and assistance for those in need.



One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. St. Paul will collect its OGHS offering on March 26th.

COMING MARCH 5th MARY HELEN EKSTAM "HOW TO BE A FRIEND TO SOMEONE WITH A SERIOUS ILLNESS"

We are so fortunate to have Mary Helen with us again in March. She is the delightful lady who brought us "Music and the Brain" last year. Her topic is one many of us have struggled with at times. So often we do not know what to do or say to bring comfort to one who is seriously ill. It may make us uncomfortable as we attempt to find the right words. Sometimes we may even stay away. Come explore creative ways to provide support, love and joy to those we care about. The Health Committee invites you to join us the conference room after the service. All are welcome.



Alaska Mission Trip Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Come join us on March 18th for a fabulous Spaghetti Dinner to help the Mission Team continue their journey to Alaska the Last Frontier. We will be serving from 5-8 p.m. There will be a silent auction and some other fun activities. Tickets will be on sale ahead of time and at the door (hint: pre-sales are at a discounted price). Kim Ferris and Mary Doktor are the St Paul Team as we are partnering with St John's in Union.

The Spring Women's Retreat will be held March 31- April 2nd.

Relax and enjoy the company of other women. We will leave church on Friday, March 31st and return mid-afternoon on Sunday, April 2nd. Retreat forms are located in the East Entrance as well as the Narthex. Please complete and return with a check payable to St. Paul by Sunday, March 26th. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Doktor. Thank you!



Is a Broken Heart a Real Thing?

Carrie Fisher, of Star Wars fame, died on December 27, four days after suffering a massive heart attack. When Fisher's mother, Debbie Reynolds, 84, unexpectedly died just one day later, many were left wondering if her broken heart was to blame.

Broken Heart Syndrome, known medically as ***stress-induced cardiomyopathy***, is likely caused by a sudden surge in stress hormones. The spike in stress can cause the heart's arteries to constrict, reducing blood flow, or cause the heart muscle to weaken.

"While the details of Reynolds' death have not been released, it's been reported that she suffered a stroke the day she died," says Dr. David Looyenga, a cardiologist on staff at Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, IL. "It is possible that the grief in losing her daughter played a role, however. Sudden and unexpected stress can put a great strain on the heart, though it's not usually fatal."

The symptoms of Broken Heart Syndrome often mimic a heart attack and can include chest pain, shortness of breath and an irregular heartbeat. Unlike heart attack, however, it is a temporary condition, usually treatable and typically lasting from a few days to a few weeks.

Despite its name, this condition can be caused by any number of things. Any significant stress – either emotional or physical – can increase risk. Prolonged illness or stroke can stress the heart, as can intense emotional life events like divorce or even happy surprises, like winning the lottery.

"Broken Heart Syndrome isn't something you can prevent, really, as it usually happens after unexpected stress," says Dr. Looyenga. "When going through a stressful life situation, however, it's important to prioritize self-care. Once the initial shock wears off, try to get enough sleep, eat well and care for your emotional health as best you can."

Dr. Looyenga suggests checking in with your physician if you are experiencing any concerning symptoms.

Social Support Promotes a Long Life

Bestselling author and National Geographic Fellow Dan Buettner has studied the habits of people who live in blue zones for years. Blue zones are the five places in the world where a disproportionately high number of residents live to 100.

Based on his research one of the key practices that he recommends is: Have a solid social circle and believe in a Higher Power. There are numerous studies that bear this out. Social relationships lead to longer and more fulfilled lives. Part of that socialization often includes religion. Buettner found that regardless of denomination or religious affiliation, people who attend faith-based services four times a month add up to 14 years to their life expectancy.

"Diverse faith traditions support the importance of community and of seeking meaning beyond oneself," says Chaplain Corky DeBoer, manager of Spiritual Services at Advocate Christ Medical Center. "Spirituality embraces supportive relationships, which in turn helps to reduce the sense of pain and anxiety often experienced when isolated or cut off from such support," says Chaplain DeBoer.

Chaplain DeBoer says that believing in a Higher Power often shifts the focus off of oneself and can result in living more out of a sense of gratitude. "As people reach out to others or join others to make a difference in their communities or in our world, they experience more fulfillment and meaning in their lives, which also seems to increase longevity."

As people of faith we can embrace this news as one of the many natural ways that we promote the health and well-being of our members. Whether we have formal health programs or not, paying attention to the ways that we bring people together and offer support in times of need is profound health promotion activity.

Canto Zenzero, the Singing Gingers, will be holding a Spring Concert at St. Paul Church. *Canto Zenzero* is a dynamic trio of classically trained redheaded sopranos.

After a successful inaugural concert, *Canto Zenzero* will be joining with internationally recognized coach, and New York based pianist Riko Higuma.

Come discover the voices of Ann Kelly, Ginny Weant and Kathleen Monson as they fill the evening with familiar Broadway show tunes, and thrilling operatic ballads.

The evening will begin at 7:00pm, March 31, 2017. Following the concert there will be a reception and a chance to meet the artists.

Admission is Free, donations are welcome.



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CARE Team Survey: Two Minutes of Your Time, Please

A CARE Team was created at St. Paul in 2014 whose purpose is to reach out and provide avenues for each of us to show our care and compassion to St. Paul members and friends experiencing a challenging or joyous life event. The CARE Team has put together a very brief survey to assist us in coordinating our care network here at St. Paul. It should take you less than two minutes to complete. Sharing your compassion could be as simple as dropping a card in the mail, providing a meal, running an errand, or making a visit or phone call—ways God has shown each of us to show someone we care. We are all a part of the caring network of our faith community. The purpose of the CARE Team is to keep you informed of the needs of our faith community members. We would like to update our notification and response lists.

You will find a very brief survey on the next page of this Scribe. Please take a moment to complete it. Put it in the offering plate, drop it in the church mailbox near the west door or drop it off in the office. There are also extra copies available by the east sanctuary entrance. The CARE Team thanks you for taking a few moments of your time to assist our congregation in sharing their care with our members and friends when they need it the most.

Your St. Paul CARE Team, Holly Petersen, Bernadette Chvoy, Mary Doktor, Kris Freeman and Barb Oberly.

March 2017

Dear St. Paul members and friends,

A CARE Team was formed at St. Paul several years ago to create a care network that keeps St. Paul members informed about ways to show our care and compassion to other St. Paul members and friends experiencing a challenging or joyous life event. **ALL members make up the caring network of our St. Paul faith community. How do YOU want to show your care to other members?** The CARE Team has put together a very brief survey to assist us in coordinating our care network here at St. Paul.

We want to be sure we give everyone the opportunity to be a part of St. Paul's caring community by keeping you informed about ways to show your care and compassion. The survey will allow us to coordinate our efforts to touch the lives of members and friends during joyous life events and times of need. We appreciate you taking a few moments to let us know how you can help. You can return this to the office or place it in the offering plate. Your care for other members is an amazing gift. If you would like to be a part of the CARE Team that keeps members informed of needs within our congregation, and helps to organize the delivery of that care, we would welcome you with open arms.

Thank you.

St. Paul CARE Team: Holly Petersen, Bernadette Chvoy, Mary Doktor, Kris Freeman and Barb Oberly

St. Paul UCC CARE Team Questionnaire

Top of Form-

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number (home) _____ (cell) _____

email Address _____

Please select from the list below, ways that you would be willing to offer support to St. Paul members during challenging and joyous life events.

You may check more than one box.

Provide Child Care

Run Errands (For example, light grocery shopping)

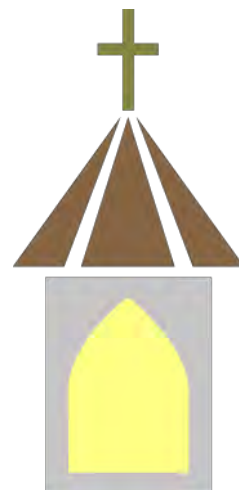
Monetary Donation

Visit Members

Prepare/Deliver Meal

Send Cards or Notes (you will be notified by email and the information will appear in the weekly announcement sheets)

Other: _____



From the Boards...

....We are in need of one At-Large member for the Administrative Board as well as one At-Large member for the Executive Board.

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



We are also currently looking for help in setting up the chairs each Sunday in Fellowship Hall. Perhaps some members could head downstairs and set up chairs instead of going straight to the Sanctuary. It would help tremendously, thank you!!

MARCH SCRIP PROGRAM

March Scrip Orders are due in the Scrip Mailbox (on shelf across from the office door) by 11:20 a.m. on the 2nd Sunday – March 12th and will be ready to pick up the following Sunday – March 19th downstairs after church from Darlene Vogt! 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. These profits stay in our account to be transferred to the Wachs Fund in February on Wachs Love Sunday. 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. This program is sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee of The Spiritual Life Board.



Church Women United Collections (Our recycling Project)

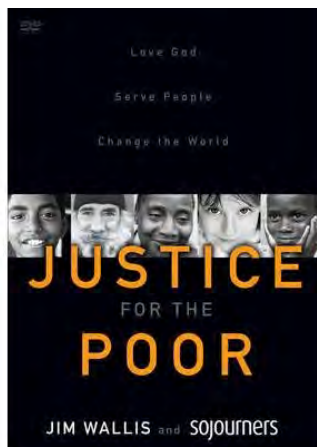
2017 is off to a great start. You have donated many of those calendars you receive during the holidays. Church Women United puts them to good use. They are shared with nursing homes, hospitals, and rehab facilities. Candles are also a welcome item. A local convent makes use of those they can and melts those to small and makes new ones. They are so thankful for your donations. So clear out those no longer usable candles and bring them to church. There is a large plastic tub in Fellowship Hall ready to receive your donations. A 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 to drop off.

Thank you all for your donations. I have delivered them to the lady who distributes them. We also accept used eyeglasses, notecards, and note pads, and greeting cards, (those free ones you receive), and hygiene items that will all be appreciated by those who will receive them.

Any questions? Talk to Sandy Gumm on Sunday mornings, or call her at 847-394-0378

Adult Christian Education Series For Lent 2017

"Justice For The Poor: Love God. Serve People. Change the World."



A six-session DVD and discussion series featuring Jim Wallis of Sojourners. This series will be quite a bit different from the Poverty Cure series we did awhile back. The Justice For The Poor series focuses much more on domestic poverty right here in the United States, and it raises more questions about how the church might respond. Discussions will be led by Pastor David.

RSVP is appreciated, but not required. Sessions are evening only.

Monday March 6 th	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"Burger King Mom": Being Poor in America</i>
Monday March 13 th	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"Is There Something Wrong with the Prosperity Gospel?"</i>
Monday March 20 th	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"Standing at the Corner of Church and State."</i>
Monday March 27 th	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"The Gospel According to New Orleans."</i>
Monday April 3 rd	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"The Poor and the Global Economy."</i>
Monday April 10 th	7:00-8:00pm	<i>"From Serial Charity to a Just Society."</i>

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Upcoming Event

Please join us for our 9th Annual Organ Concert Sunday, March 12 at 4 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, 302 N. Dunton Ave. in Arlington Heights.

The concert features organists and musicians from churches in Arlington Heights and Palatine as well as other Chicagoland locations. The concert is one of the area's musical highlights of the year and is truly a can't miss event. Open to the public, the event will conclude with a reception immediately following the concert. A free-will offering will benefit the families of Faith Community Homes.

For more information, call the Faith Community Homes office at 847-342-0846.

Interfaith Immigration Forum

On Sunday, March 5 from 1:00 - 3:00 pm at St.

Simon's Episcopal Church in Arlington Heights there will be an Interfaith Immigration Forum. Speakers from each Abrahamic Faith and the Sikh community will hold a dialogue.



Faith

We seem to be at a **critical moment in our nation**
It is clear that **people of all faiths need to come together**,
build solidarity and put their faith into action in order
to protect refugees and vulnerable immigrants

Interfaith Immigration Forum
sponsored by
The Children of Abraham Coalition &
Allied Faith Communities

Sunday, March 5, 1-3 p.m.
St. Simon's Episcopal Church
Arlington Heights

Objectives
To build interfaith respect and understanding by sharing
the basic tenets from Islam, Judaism, Sikhi and Christianity
about welcoming immigrants
To inspire the gathered interfaith crowd to action, and
To offer specific action steps that participants can take
individually or as a group.

Hope for Peace



Please join us for an informal All Church Social Night at the Tap House Grill (56 West Wilson Street, Palatine) on Tuesday, March 21st from 6-9pm.

St. Paul has a room reserved,
first floor an accessible.

(There will be separate checks with tax and gratuity included)

There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Hope to see you there!



LENT & HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

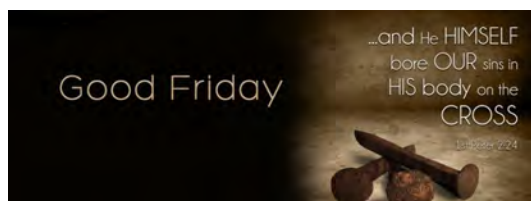
**Please join St. Paul on a Journey of Lenten Services
Leading up to Easter Sunday**

**Ash Wednesday Taize Worship on March 1st
at 7pm**



Palm Sunday Worship April 9th at 10am

Maundy Thursday Worship on April 13th at 7pm



Good Friday Worship on April 14th at 7pm

Easter Sunday Worship on April 16th at 10am

