



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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September 2017 Edition

Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

September always seems to carry with it certain expectations about the start up of the church activities we usually see in the fall and winter months. It is the annual push to "invite" everyone back to church, along with Rally Day slogans and other initiatives intended to reignite people's passion for presence and participation.

It's similar in the NFL. There's a lot of hype surrounding week one of the season, and some players confess to feeling the heebie jeebies before that opening kickoff. It is, after all, the regular season.

Then.....the big day comes. The church bells ring and the referee blows his whistle. We pick up a hymnal and someone else catches the ball on kickoff. The grand endeavor begins!

As the days and weeks pass though, one begins to notice the familiarity of it all. There remains a predictability to the seasons of the Church Year and the schedule of annual events elsewhere, that keeps us anchored in a world that we have come to depend on and cherish.

School homecomings are called "homecoming" for a reason. They are beckons to return to that same place that has nurtured us and sustained us for all of these years.

Yet, the prophets of newness continue to cry out. Madison Avenue has been telling us for years that we're not really living unless we're expecting "the next big thing." There are only two directions, they say; "forward" and "backward" and you're going in either one or the other. Time does not wait for those who stand still.

But, the Church is not the culture. Its members come from the culture, but the Church stands apart. The Church is the home where you were baptized and confirmed. It is the home where you were married and where your own kids were baptized and confirmed. The Church is the home that will see you to life eternal. The Church is, simply put, your home -- and it's still here.

You belong here. It's where people know you -- or else they can get to know you. It's where we gather together and continually try to figure out what God wants us to do and be. It's all so very, very familiar; and that's a good thing!

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: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)



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.



From the Treasurer...St. Paul at a Glance

	July 2017	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	27,201.00	244,084.59	234,160.00
Expenditure	22,316.20	257,655.26	255,114.00
Net Income	4,884.80	-13,570.67	-20,954.00

Your help is needed..

....We are in need of ONE member on the Administrative Board and TWO members for the Executive Board

....We are in need for Usher Captain for the month of March.

... We are in need of an additional member on the Southside Cemetery Committee. If interested, please see Randy Everett.

....We are need of a calligrapher. If are can help, please contact Mary in the church office.



We are in need of Coffee Hour Hosts, please see the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or call the church office and Mary will sign you up. It's always nice to share a cup of coffee over fellowship with members and visitors to St. Paul. Thank you!



Good news of great joy, after much work with the city of Des Plaines and great patience work has begun on the 15th Habitat for Humanity Spring of Life Partnership project. The site has been excavated, a foundation dug and framed for the beginnings of this new home. Watch

the Scribe and weekly announcements for opportunities to volunteer on-site or by providing lunch to the worksite on a Saturday.

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Habitat for Humanity Building in Faith Brick by Brick fundraising event Saturday, October 7th at Harper College. The evening will feature wonderful entertainment, tasty culinary treats from the Harper Culinary program as well as raffle prizes. More information to follow.

Fall Luncheon

The Health Committee invites everyone to the Fall Luncheon to be held on Friday, September 29th at 11:30 a.m. The location will be in a private room at Countyline Tavern, 800 W. Lake Cook Road, Buffalo Grove, 60089. We shall order from the menu and have separate checks. Lots of parking and easy access.

The sign up sheet will be posted on the Health Committee Board in Fellowship Hall. Call the church office if you need transportation.



From the Archives...



Annual Pastoral Statistical Report Sept. 1955 - Oct. 1956

Pastoral calls	1009	
Weddings	9	
Funerals	28	
Baptisms: children	29	
adults	4	
Total Communicants	997	
New Members:		
By Re-affirmation	32	
By Letter of Transfer	29	
By Adult Confirmation	6	
By Children Confirmation	30	
Total accessions		97
Members lost:		
By death	10	
By transfer	2	
Total losses		12
Total membership, Sept. 30, 1955		610
Total membership, Sept. 30, 1956		695
Average Church attendance:		
Sunday a.m.	226	
All others	136	
Total Church attendance:		
Sunday a.m.	12,095	
All others	1,365	
Total attendances		13,460
Number of services:		
Sunday a.m.	54	
All others	10	
Total number of services		64

Glenn G. Gumm, Pastor

September Birthdays

9/3 Jane Santucci	9/13 Margie Anderson
9/3 David Whedon	9/15 Marla Beresheim
9/4 Sharon Florey	9/15 Kyle Connor
9/4 Frank Bradley	9/18 Pat Kolze
9/4 Melissa Gumm	9/19 Dorothy Altergott
9/6 Linda Hayford	9/20 Darlene Vogt
9/8 Blache Schug	9/24 Steven Conrad
9/9 Henry Chvoy	9/27 Arlene Kraus
9/11 Sharon Altergott	



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

Phyllis Wittig in memory of Richard Wittig

memorials
& gifts

It's happening...

Rally Sunday
September 10, 10:00 am



We are kicking off our 2017-18 mission for St. Paul, "[Acts of Kindness](#)".

[Acts of Kindness](#) is the opportunity for all worshipers, young and old, to participate in this mission to help change the lives of those around us.

On Rally Sunday you will receive a tracking log and a special treat. Check our Community Outreach Board for some ideas to get you started.

Just be nice; it's that simple. Extend a helping hand, then place the paper hand on our [Kindness Tree](#).

The [Kindness Tree](#) will be waiting for you and your family to make it bloom. Let's worship together...singing new songs, bringing our children to Sunday School for stimulating curriculum, sharing our faith, and changing the world!

.The St. Paul Women's Fellowship is Back in Action!



Join us in Fellowship hall on Saturday, September 9th at 10AM to catch up with each other, plan the year's programs and enjoy a pot luck lunch!

Bring your ideas. What programs did you like last year? Did you hear about a project or attend an event St. Paul's should try this year? Have an idea for community service or service project? Want to visit an interesting area of the tri-state area? Please join us. Friends are welcome. The Women's Fellowship group plans to meet the 2nd Saturday of each month.

After our planning meeting we'll share a meal together. If you're able, please bring a favorite salad, appetizer or dessert to share. If it's homemade, please consider bringing a copy of the recipe.

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall by Sunday Sept. 3rd or email Lisa Kennelly by Tuesday, September 5th if you plan to join us for Women's Fellowship on Saturday morning, September 9th. We can't wait to see you!

Neighbors in Need

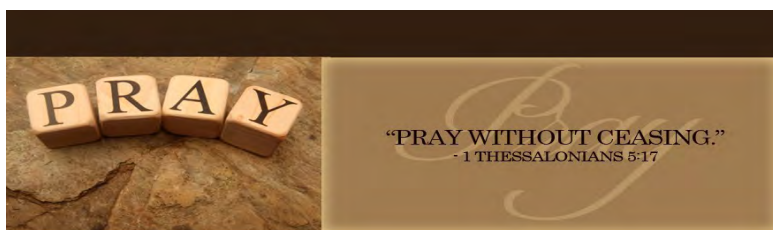


The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 1st, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Neighbors In Need

Through ucc.org/justice, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC's council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in the North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ben Belmonte, great-nephew of Ken & Shirley Kolze
 Charlie Betzhold
 Eva Bori
 Don Brach, friend of Chuck & Margie Anderson
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Kendall Eich
 Laura Giltzow, mother of Sherri Davenport
 Angie Scribner, granddaughter of Bonnie Haase
 Ed Hare, brother of Bern Chvoy
 Pat Harris, friend of Sandy Gumm
 Leona Henning
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Steve Herbst, friend of Bern Chvoy
 The Hernandez Family, friends/neighbors of the Gums
 Larry Herron
 Owen Hesterman, grandson of friend of the Gould family
 Judy Himbaugh, sister of Gloria Helms
 Susan Kazmierczak, niece of Dawn Drost
 Ron Klages, father of Dawn Drost
 Nancy Kocher, friend of Dawn Drost
 Laura Krause, daughter of Sharon Krause
 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
 Debra Radloff Mican, cousin of Dawn Drost
 Maryann Ostrem, friend of Arlene Kraus
 Marilyn Paolisso, aunt of Bruce Kerlin
 Jerry Parsons, friend of Sandy & Dave Gumm
 Laurel Paul, friend of the Everetts
 Jack Peterson, nephew of Jody Peterson (nee Arnold)
 Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
 Blanche Schug
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Tom, cousin of Kim and Karen
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for September:

3: David & Sandy Gumm
 10: Bill & Roseann Stenzel
 17: Ralph & Linda Hayford
 24: Mary Ann Leseberg

Nursery Attendants for September:

Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for September:

Larry Ingram

Lectionary Readers for September:

3: None, please call if interested
 10: Sandy Gumm
 17: Arlene Kraus
 24: None, please call if interested

Lectionary for September:

3: Ex 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,23-26; Jer 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Rom 12:9-21; Matt 16:21-28.
 10: E 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Ezek 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20.
 17: Ex 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Ex 15:1b-21; Gen 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35.
 24: Ex 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,37-45; Jon 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16.





When it comes to end-of-life issues many people consult with their attorney in matters of estate, and a funeral director in matters of burial. Surprisingly however, very few people ever meet with their pastor in order to plan their actual funeral service ahead of time.

There are significant advantages to doing so! Sitting down with your pastor and going over what you would like to have included in your own funeral keeps the power of choice in your own hands, as opposed to leaving it up to your surviving family members. For instance, maybe you have preferences about scripture readings, or hymns, or even what you would like for the officiant to say or not say during the service.

Maybe you have ideas about things such as eulogies shared by family and friends, or some type of ritual that you would like to have observed during the service. These things may all be discussed when you meet with your pastor.

The writer of Ecclesiastes rightly noted that no one among us holds absolute power to hold back their own death (Ecclesiastes 8:8). As sobering as this is, you still have some say in things when you choose to plan ahead. It also allows you to plan a meaningful service which will facilitate grief in a healthy way for those you love.

Pastor David is available to meet with you if you would like to learn more, or to get started. Call the church office (847)-358-0399 or email pastor@stpaul-ucc.org to schedule an appointment.



ONA (Open and Affirming) Overview and Bible Study

As St. Paul UCC begins its journey to becoming an Open and Affirming church, we invite you to attend an overview and Bible Study on Saturday morning, September 30 at 9 AM in Fellowship Hall, presented by the Rev. Dr. James Olson, Acting Associate Conference Minister for the Fox Valley Association and Chicago Metropolitan Association. He has already met with the committee for ONA as well as the Executive Board at St. Paul. This is about a 3-hour session, and will be enlightening and thought-provoking for all who attend. You are encouraged to come, bring questions and truly understand what it means to affirm our welcoming attitude, not just to the LGBTQ community, but to those of all diverse populations. This is the essence of St. Paul and the United Church of Christ. Please join us! (Continental Breakfast will be available)

Christian Education Corner
September 15, 2017



Christian Education is a funny thing. Who is to say how we really learn to be a Christian? Is it the memory verses we read, or the teacher who taught us we were loved beyond measure by her—and thus we learned of God’s love as well. Or, maybe it was the Pastor who stopped to bandage my knee when I fell going to choir that day. I think that was the beginning. What about after all of that, then what does Christianity mean? How does it stay alive? The first time I understood about injustice and poverty was when I was 11 years old and volunteered at one of the first Head Start programs. I was on Cape Cod at the time and we welcomed all the buses full of freedom riders. What I learned that summer were that the words, “*Freedom isn’t free*” aren’t just words. It is something some people fight for their whole lives.

Later, in High School, they wanted me to join the Rainbow girls, I asked if my best friend could join too, her name was Connie and she was black. I was told that no blacks were allowed, so informed them that they didn’t want me either. Later, I went on the 25th anniversary march on Washington. I learned what fear was. I watched the snipers, with their high powered rifles, on the tops of buildings pointed at all of us. The helicopters circling overhead, the unbearable summer heat, the thirst for water so great you would do anything for a cup. It taught me what the cotton fields must have really been like as I remembered learning the song, “*Jump down, turn around, pick a bale of cotton.*”, and “*Wade in the Water.*” All while Singing, “*We Shall Overcome.*”

Then I went to Haiti, I learned humility, perseverance and honor, from a woman who walked two days with her guitar because she heard about the woman pastor and wanted me to tell her how to help her people. Then came Israel. If you have never been in a holocaust museum, you will never fully comprehend the power of that kind of hatred. Yad Vashem has many lessons to teach us. The biggest one was the one that hit me today, that old poem, by Martin Noemueller...

*First, they came for the Socialists— (I would substitute the word Immigrants)
And I did not speak out because I was not a socialist*

*Then they came for the Trade Unionists— (I would substitute the Elderly)
And I did not speak out because I was not a Trade Unionist*

*Then they came for the Jews— (I would substitute the word Muslims)
And I did not speak out because I was not Jewish*

Then they came for me – and there was no one left to speak out.

We are in a period where hate is winning, where fear and war are winning. So, what do we teach the children?

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Christian Education Corner continued....

I believe we teach the children this, *God is love, Love One Another as you would want to be Loved, and from Martin Luther King, Jr. Whatever hurts one of us hurts all of us.....*

So as Church School begins and we think about Acts of Kindness, we will be thinking about spreading a love that will not let go, no matter what the world hands out. Then we will talk about respect for others, then we will learn that what we do to and with one another not only matters, it can change the course of history.

As we enter into the story of more complete religious understandings, with the whole church, we will be making a commitment to be the people of God, **the whole people of God** who do not sit silent for fear and terror and pain... We will live our lives as the people of God who love so mightily that we will not be ignored!

September 3rd – the children will gather to bake cookies and make kindness baskets for our neighbors

September 10th – Rally Day, the children will sing in church and then deliver the baskets they have made.

Each month we will have a theme and a project we will be working on. As Carrie Kerlin begins her career as a college student, we welcome Holly Chvoy into our teaching team. I am grateful for her willingness to be both a nursery attendant and a teacher's assistant. Please stop by the Church School rooms and the office to see our transformation.

In Christ's Love,

Bonnie Haase

We Welcome Holly Chvoy!

Holly Chvoy has spent her whole life at St. Paul. After her confirmation in 2015, she graduated 8th grade and now attends Fremd High School where she will be a sophomore this fall. Holly enjoys marching with the drum line in the Viking Marching Band. She also enjoys playing the ukulele. When she isn't making music, she spends time at home playing with her dog, reading and keeping it real. She is looking forward to taking care of the kids who attend the St. Paul nursery.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

August, 4, 2017

Contact: Marilyn Neuman 847-398-6265

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE PROGRAM
AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is the nation's largest volunteer-run tax preparation service

Arlington Heights, IL –AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is looking to expand its team of volunteers for the upcoming tax season. Soon approaching its 50th year, Tax-Aide offers free tax filing help to anyone, especially those 50 and older, who can't afford a tax preparation service. Tax-Aide volunteers make a difference in their communities by assisting many older, lower-income taxpayers who might otherwise miss out on the credits and deductions they've earned.

Tax-Aide volunteers receive training and support in a welcoming environment. There is need for volunteer tax preparers, client facilitators, those who can provide technical and management assistance and interpreters. Every level of experience is welcome. Volunteer tax preparers complete tax preparation training and IRS certification.

This past season, in Illinois, 1093 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers helped more than 83,152 people file their federal and state tax returns. The program is offered at approximately 191 sites in Illinois, including senior centers, libraries and other convenient locations.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide has grown remarkably since its inaugural team of just four volunteers in 1968. The program now involves nearly 35,000 volunteers and serves 2.5 million taxpayers annually at some 5,000 sites nationwide with free tax help. In 2017 taxpayers who used AARP Foundation Tax-Aide received \$1.37 billion in income tax refunds and more than \$222 million in Earned Income Tax Credits (EITCs). Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP or a retiree to use this program.

To learn about our volunteer opportunities, visit www.aarpfoundation.org/taxaide or call 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277). AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is offered in coordination with the IRS.

About AARP Foundation

AARP Foundation works to ensure that low-income older adults have nutritious food, affordable housing, a steady income, and strong and sustaining bonds. We collaborate with individuals and organizations who share our commitment to innovation and our passion for problem-solving. Supported by vigorous legal advocacy, we create and advance effective solutions that help struggling older adults transform their lives. AARP Foundation is the affiliated charity of AARP.



**Please join us as we celebrate Oktoberfest
at St. Paul on Friday, October 6th
from 5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall**

Tickets: \$12.00 for adults; \$6.00 Youth 4-12; 3 and under free.

**Ticket Sales will begin on Sunday, September 10th after worship
in Fellowship Hall. You may purchase dinner tickets as well as raffle tickets
for a beautiful German gift basket. The drawing will be held at Oktoberfest.
Winner need not be present to win.**

**We will celebrate that evening with a brat dinner and dessert. There will
also be a German basket raffle and a chance to have your picture taken in
your lederhosen. You don't want to miss this!**