



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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January 2018 Edition

Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

January reminds us of a lot of things: the passage of time.....new goals.....and the fact that we don't live in Florida.

New Years Eve revelers often seem ecstatic to jettison the outgoing year and replace it with the incoming one, as if the turning of the calendar in itself means that they have opportunities to acquire whatever is hoped for or replace whatever was lost. I have sometimes fantasized about crashing one of those New Years Eve bashes and reading out loud to them from the book of Ecclesiastes.....but such thoughts are better left alone without being acted upon. There's no sense in starting off the year with two front missing teeth.

Of course, there's nothing wrong with a little celebration here and there. In fact, the writer of Ecclesiastes even gets around to admitting that. Wine and song are beautiful things! For the Christian, however, we should know that life is not given to us by the calendar on the wall but by the God in heaven. We don't toast to 2018 as much as we do to the Author of time. The timeless, changeless, eternal Author of time.

Every unit of time falls to us from the very fingers of God. From the minutes on the clock to the weeks on the calendar to the melting of the snow.....our lives are in God's hands. Whether we awake to a new day or we wait for the Last Day (John 6:40), we are assured of God's goodness and mercy towards us. *That* is why we can enter 2018 joyfully!

Happy New Year!

Pastor David



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



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

	November 2017	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	21,478.97	84,195.21	258,890.00
Expenditure	17,933.93	66,780.71	277,188.00
Net Income	3,545.04	17,414.40	-18,298.00

From the Archives...



From the 1974 Annual Report - -Buildings and Grounds

The Administrative Council divided the Building and Grounds Committee into three parts - Church Building Committee, Grounds Committee and Parsonage Committee. The Church Building Committee is a group of dedicated parishioners who meet each Monday evening at 7:00 pm. Their goal is to keep the operating costs of the church as low as possible by maintaining and improving church property through volunteer help.

1974 Projects Completed:

- -Relocated sanctuary light dimmer to the organ console area to eliminate potential fire hazard.
- -Installed new usher call lights
- -Rewired church office and hall lights to eliminate potential fire hazard.
- -Installed new organ blower motor starter in order to comply with electrical code.
- -Installed outlets in church office.
- -Replaced all outlets in church school rooms with grounded outlets
- -Repaired 75-cup coffee pots several times
- -Installed quarry tile in west door entrance.
- -Painted outside church trim and entrance railings; caulked where necessary(special volunteer help plus hiring teenage parishioners)
- -Replaced broken glass in five church school windows
- -Removed paint from church gutters and repainted
- -Replaced church bell rope
- -Painted church office. Insulated church attic (special volunteer help)
- -Rewired organ console light to eliminate fire hazard
- -Replaced furnace circulating pumps and changed gaskets in several others to eliminate water leaks.
- -Repaired numerous heating zone controls
- -Installed door weather stripping where needed
- -Repaired attic door lock and adjusted latches on outside doors
- -Opened several stopped-up sinks
- -Cleaned out janitor closets and other rooms
- -Repaired church pews
- -Repaired leaking stained-glass windows.



From the Health Committee...

Autism: Fact and Fiction

There's a lot of information floating on the Internet and other sources about autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Dr. Karen Fried, director of Developmental Pediatric Services at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago, shares what's true and false behind some of these commonly held beliefs.

Belief: Research has shown there is a definite link between early childhood vaccinations and autism.

False: "Many large, well-controlled studies have looked at whether or not there's a link between childhood vaccinations and autism," Dr. Fried says. "Studies continue to show vaccines are not associated with ASD."

Belief: The number of children diagnosed with autism is surging.

True. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), in 2010, one in 68 children was diagnosed with ASD. In 2000, that number was just one in 150 children. The disorder is more common in boys than girls. Currently, it's estimated that one in 42 boys and one in 189 girls have been diagnosed with ASD.

Belief: Children with autism don't have emotions—including joy, sadness or love—so they may be cold and not empathetic.

False. "Children with ASD are children first and, therefore, have emotions," Dr. Fried says. "The manner in which they express those emotions may be different or unusual."

Belief: Autism can be caused by poor parenting.

False. In the 1950s, autism was thought to be caused by faulty parenting. Now, it's clear faulty parenting is not a cause of autism. Though the parenting theory still crops up from time to time, most researchers reject this theory as misguided and harmful, Dr. Fried says.

Autism Diagnosis: Now What?

As a mother of a child with special needs, Dr. Nisha Kakodkar, a pediatrician at Advocate Dreyer in Aurora, IL, has intimately experienced the fear and concern that comes from a new diagnosis. For parents who are newly-grappling with an autism diagnosis, Dr. Kakodkar recommends the following:

Find and call upon your support system. Call upon friends and family who can be there for you, whether it's to lend a sympathetic ear, cook dinner or help care for siblings. Find a support group of parents who are going through similar experiences.

Accept your own feelings surrounding the diagnosis. From a mother of a child with autism: "It is important to remember that your child is the same child that you loved and adored yesterday, before their diagnosis. Autism is just a piece of who they are – it doesn't define them."

Ask about and look for other health issues. Children with autism may also experience a variety of other conditions such as ADHD, anxiety, sensory processing disorder, motor delays and intellectual disability.

Partner with your local school (age 3 and over) or early intervention program (under age 3) so that they can better care for him or her and augment services and support if needed.

Act quickly. Studies show that the earlier parents initiate therapy and school-based interventions, the better their autistic children do in the long-run.

Be kind to yourself. There is no known cause of autism, and your child's diagnosis is not anyone's fault. As mentioned above, it is important to get your child support through school and/or private therapy, but don't try to do everything all at once. That may overwhelm you and your child.

Enjoy your child. Take time to remember and celebrate your child for his or her own unique qualities. For a brief moment each day – make a conscious effort to leave all of the stress behind and reconnect with your child.

Prayer: Tender and loving God, may we see your face in each beautiful and unique child.

HEALTH COMMITTEE BOOK EXCHANGE

The health committee will again be sponsoring a book/magazine exchange. A good book or magazine is a good way to pass the time during the long, cold winter months. Keep your mind alert and improve your mental health by sitting down with a good book. Please use the information below to be part of the Book Exchange



Guidelines

Bring books, magazines, CD's, DVD's, and tapes to Fellowship Hall and put them on the tables designated for the exchange.

You can begin bringing them anytime beginning **January 7th – January 20th.**

Please do **NOT** take any books, magazines, etc. until **January 21st** so that we may have time to put them in order.

The actual exchange will begin on **January 21st** and continue until **Feb. 4th.**

Beginning **January 21st** you may take as many books, magazines, etc. as you wish regardless of whether you have contributed any. Please wait until that date to pick up books.

Magazines should be no more than one year old. Names should be removed.

Books and magazines should be in fairly good condition

No textbooks or encyclopedias.

All books and magazines that are not exchanged will be taken to the library.

Just for Fun, Get Together

You are all invited to attend a St. Paul social gathering for fun, food and fellowship:

Date: January 18, 2018

Place: Tap House Grill

56 W. Wilson

Time: 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall by January 14th.



As you know in the December Scribe we told you about the ladies that made fleece blankets and on December 6th, were able to deliver them to the Palatine Opportunity Center.

They delivered 19 fleece blankets and several crocheted lap blankets (Sandy got them from a friend). The director, Kathy Millins, was very appreciative as were other staff and volunteers.

We met many people from all parts of the world who were attending English classes or GED classes. Our delivery group, Sandy Gumm, Arlene Kraus, Dee Langguth and Gloria Helms, received a wonderful tour given with impressive explanation of the good things that happen at the POC.



An Additional Note.....

Our blanket making this past year was so welcome at the Palatine Opportunity Center, plus we had such fun making the blankets, we were considering making this an on going project during the year. When we purchase the fabric on sale we save quite a bit and are able to make 2 blankets instead of one, for the same price. We are putting this thought out to the congregation. If you would like to support this project by making a donation to the church we would greatly appreciate it. Just designate if for fleece blankets. With these blankets we are spreading the warmth and love of St Paul UCC to those less fortunate. Thank you!

January Birthdays

5 Michael Wagner	20 Evan Gregor
5 Joyce Mah	23 Mark Faust Sr
6 Mike Drost	26 Mark Faust Jr.
7 Karen Connor	28 Gloria Helms
7 Holly Chvoy	28 Helen Chvoy
7 Sharon Gillette	29 Diane Nosek
17 Jean Kolze	30 Bernice Johnson



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

Jim Frost and Janet and Werner Kaufmann in memory of
Vern & Carol Frost

Charlotte Mally in memory of James Michael Chapman

Shirley & Jim Schimka in memory of Vern Frost

Barb & Chuck Oberly in memory of Rosza Boda

memorials
& gifts

Charlotte Mally in honor of Ralph & Linda Hayford's 50th anniversary



Thank you to everyone who participated in the gift card collection for the abandoned youth here in Palatine. You donated \$1,175 worth of gift cards which will be packaged with gift bags that will be given out prior to the high school's Christmas break.

To the Women's Fellowship Group, Your kindness meant more than you'd ever guess, thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. I just love the beautiful lap robe.
- Blanche Schug



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING CHANGES THE GAME

The idea for the Souper Bowl of Caring is a gift from God. Hunger and poverty have a negative impact on individuals and the communities in which they live, yet there is joy in serving and giving to those in need.

Please bring in your donations the two Sundays leading up to the big game (January 28 and February 4). You may contribute hearty soups, but the food pantry's current needs also include: diced tomatoes, tomato soup, tomato paste, coffee/tea, 100% juice boxes, dried beans, baby wipes, disposable diapers (size 4 and 5), laundry detergent, liquid dish soap, macaroni & cheese, tuna, cleaning products and personal products (shampoo, toothpaste, feminine products). Monetary donations are also appreciated. You may make checks out to the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund.

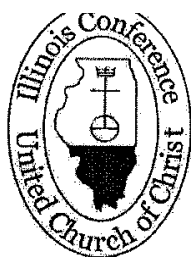
Help score a touchdown for the Palatine Township Food Pantry. Together we can change the nation's largest weekend of football in to the largest weekend of caring.



Women's Fellowship Continental Breakfast

Saturday January 13, 2018 at 10AM in Fellowship Hall. Continental Breakfast will be served.

Our guest speaker, Dr. Lytle, has been in nursing her entire life. She was the head of Harper College's Nursing program when it opened; she had a Fellowship to China to study their healthcare system and is a member of the faculty at Elmhurst College. We will learn about current and future nursing studies.



Outdoor Ministries

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November 2017

When our two Illinois Conference Outdoor Ministries Sites were being pieced together, cabins were floated over Lake Michigan to their new home at Tower Hill. Lumber and rock were harvested from the timber and creeks at Pilgrim Park to build what is now DuPree Center. It took a lot of dedication and hard work from volunteers to build the two sites that are loved by many. We have seen many buildings come and go, but one foundation has stood the test of time. We are still spiritual places where individuals can experience the beauty and greatness of God's hard work. This is the foundation that the Outdoor Ministries continues to grow upon. To continue to sustain and grow this mission we need support from our conference members and site users.

There are 3 main ways to support us at Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill:

- The first is financially. Included with this letter you will find a financial giving worksheet. Whether you give \$20 to scholarships or \$2,000 to our operating budget, your gift is greatly appreciated.
- The second is putting your skill to work. If you are or know someone who has a special set of skills, assistance at Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill is always needed. It could be helping to open flowerbeds in the Spring; updating plumbing/electrical; or sitting at a sewing machine. We have enough work for any skill level.
- The third and most important way to support Pilgrim Park and Tower Hill is to utilize the sites. Remember, we are not just a summer camp! We have great accommodations for all ages. Call us anytime to set up a tour to see all the updates and to find out how we can serve you, your family or your congregation.

Thank you for your support and love for our Camps and Retreat Centers,

Mitch and the Outdoor Ministries Staff

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TOWER



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Outdoor Ministry Annual Appeal

Gift Opportunities

I (we) wish to support the Outdoor Ministry Programs of the Illinois Conference through our gift during this annual appeal. Please place our gift in the following category or categories:

\$ _____ **Outdoor Ministries Operational Budget:** underwrites the expenses involved in the administration of Outdoor Ministry.

\$ _____ **Pilgrim Park Operational Budget:** underwrites the expenses of operating Pilgrim Park Camp.

\$ _____ **Tower Hill Operational Budget:** underwrites the expenses of operating Tower Hill Camp.

\$ _____ **Outdoor Ministry Scholarship Fund:** provides financial assistance for individuals to attend Outdoor Ministries sponsored camp events.

\$ _____ **Pilgrim Park Special Projects Fund:** enables upgrades to be made to Pilgrim Park for the future.

\$ _____ **Tower Hill Special Projects Fund:** enables upgrades to be made to Tower Hill for the future.

\$ _____ **Pilgrim Park Century Club:** is a yearly commitment of a \$100.00 membership fee which helps support improvements for Pilgrim Park that are not funded through the operational budget.

\$ _____ **Tower Hill Century Club:** is a yearly commitment of a \$100.00 membership fee which helps support improvements for Tower Hill that are not funded through the operational budget.

\$ _____ **Other:** _____

\$ _____ **Total Contribution**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

☐ Check enclosed (*payable to: Outdoor Ministries*)

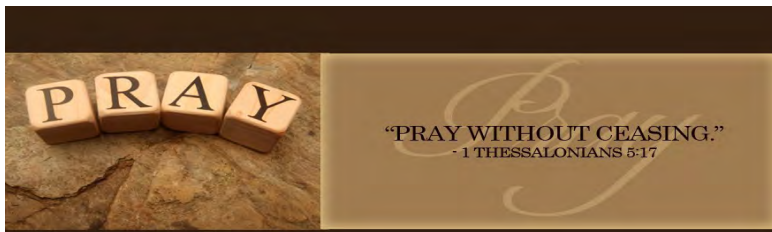
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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rick Bartells, friend of Kim Cichon
 Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Ben Belmonte, great-nephew of Ken & Shirley Kolze
 Eva Bori
 Don Brach, friend of Chuck & Margie Anderson
 Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Kendall Eich
 Andi Gahlin, fiancé of Mike Drost
 Laura Giltzow, mother of Sherri Davenport
 Judy Haimbaugh, sister of Gloria Helms
 Pat Harris, friend of Sandy Gumm
 Rick Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Schimka
 Leo Michael Hayford, grandson of Linda & Ralph Hayford
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Larry Herron, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Owen Hesterman, grandson of friend of the Gould family
 Bill Houldsworth, husband of Laurie Houldsworth
 Susan Kazmierczak, niece of Dawn Drost
 Barb Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin
 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
 Ron Mohr, uncle of Kim Ferris & Karen Wagner
 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
 Jody Peterson, daughter of Lynn & Phil 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 January:

7: Arlene Kraus
14: Dee Langguth
21: Dolly Chamberlin
28: Bob & Pat Kolze

Nursery Attendants for January:

Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for January:

Chuck Oberly

Lectionary Readers for January:

7: Kim Ferris
14: Sandy Gumm
21: Kathi Wotal
28: Mike Dekrell

Lectionary for January:

7: Gen 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mk 1:4-11.
14: 1 Sam 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Cor 6:12-20; Jn 1:43-51.
21: Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20.
28: Deut 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mk 1:21-28.





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.



*Happy New Year from the
Staff at St. Paul!*

Your help is needed...

....We are in need of ONE member on the Administrative Board. ***So close!***

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

....We are in need of a Worship Service Projectionist for Sunday mornings.

If interested, please see anyone on the Worship Committee or Spiritual Life Board.

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

....We are in need of coffee hour hosts. Please see the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or call the church office. It's nice to share a cup of coffee during fellowship at St. Paul. Thank you!



WINTER WORD SEARCH



W	E	A	T	H	E	R	W	G	S	F	P	S	F	M
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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Snow | 5. Shovel | 9. Slippery | 13. Scarf |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold | 10. Slide | 14. Hat |
| 3. Winter | 7. Freezing | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating | 16. Mittens |