



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

The calendar tells me that I need to pre-write some *Scribe* articles before I leave on sabbatical. I'm in the office as I write this one, but before I embark on my summer quest for renewal and inspiration I should also write ones for July, August, and September & then leave them with Mary. (*Scribe* articles are due by the 15th of each month, and I'm gone from June 11th until August 20th)

This will be my first ever attempt at taking a sabbatical.....although I do understand the theory behind them, as well as their basic nature. I'm really hoping for a Mount Sinai experience, but I know that this could end up being a brook of Cherith/Zarephath experience as much as anything. One never knows what they'll find until they make the journey.

I am grateful for the work of the Pastoral Search Committee led by Dick Kolze, which placed this sabbatical in the Call Agreement when I first came to St. Paul nearly eight years ago. I am also grateful for the work of the present Executive Board led by Dave Freeman, which has worked with me in planning the sabbatical and is supportive of my efforts to make discoveries about ways to strengthen this faith community. Further, I am also grateful to Mary Faust and The Rev. Bonnie Haase, both of whom have been and remain a tremendous support team for me here at the church. Above all I am grateful to God and to my wife Edit -- both of whom love me far more than what I deserve.

It goes without saying that I am grateful to each one of you, the members of the congregation, for the support and encouragement that you've been giving me as you've learned of my impending sabbatical. I don't mean to sound overly-dramatic about all of this; a minister's sabbatical is not that major of an undertaking. But, I still feel it's important to acknowledge those people who enable such a thing to happen. Thanks to each of you!

Our God is gracious and merciful, and our God loves the Church. May we love her, as well. This is why the Church provides for the occasional renewal of her clergy: to invest in her own health and vitality.

See you in August!

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 (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 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

	April 2018	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	20,893.09	193,457.96	258,890.00
Expenditure	24,426.37	190,542.71	277,188.00
Net Income	-3,533.28	2,915.25	-18,298.00

From the Archives...



From the 1970 Annual Report (48 short years ago)

"CATCH-ALL" COMMITTEE

For want of a better name we have temporarily named this committee "Catch-All". It encompasses several committees ably and capably handled by the women of St. Paul's Church.

Altar Committee - Sees that the altar cloth is changed to the proper color according to the church calendar. Changes cloth to white for weddings.

Bertha Berlin, Chairwoman, Mary Bilen, Marge Miller

Flower Committee - Provides flowers for Sunday worship services, either by donation by a member of the congregation, or purchased from flower fund. Garden, wedding, and funeral flowers are many times incorporated into floral arrangements.

Decoration of altar at Easter time with lilies purchased by members of the church. Lilies so designated are delivered to shut-ins after services.

Decoration of sanctuary at Christmas with wreaths, electric candles, and pine roping.

Jean Nickerson, Chairwoman, Connie Unger, Cheryl Yerkes

Communion Committee - Prepares the communion elements for all communion services, and clean up afterwards.

Marion Blow, Shirley Harris, Betty Marquardt, Jody Moeller

Greeters Committee - Arranges for greeters to be at both doors for each and every service, regular and special.

Mabel Dannenberg, Chairwoman, Hertha Kunze

Shut-Ins Committee - Takes care of the sending of cards to, and visiting when possible, our sick and shut-in members.

Mabel Becker, Chairwoman, Fran Green

Coffee Coordination Committee - Coordinates the people to serve coffee between services.

Jean Osmun, Chairwoman

No one will serve more than 2 years at one time, unless she desires to serve 1 more term.

This committee is new and is running smoothly.

We would like to say "Thank you" to Bernice Popp, Hazel Hamor, Joan Goughnour, Dorothy Lowther, and Gloria Ormerod for taking care of many of the above duties for several years.

Ruth Rennack

Missions Committee of the Spiritual Council

Coping with Mental Illness in Your Family

Mental illnesses are very common, but most families are not prepared to cope with news that a loved one has a mental illness. It can be draining, and family members may feel vulnerable to the judgments and opinions of others. You need to know there is help—and hope—for recovery from mental illness.

Three Ways Family Members Can Stay Healthy

1. Accept your feelings. Avoid placing blame or feeling guilt. You did not cause the illness, and the person diagnosed didn't either. You may deny signs and symptoms of mental illness or fear what others are thinking, but you must accept that these feelings are normal. A mental health professional can help you cope with your feelings, so you can be supportive to your loved one diagnosed with the illness.

2. Take time for yourself. When family members are ill, they can easily become the focus of your attention. Other family members may feel neglected and become resentful. Try to keep a balance and maintain your regular family functions. If you are the caretaker, plan activities for yourself and with other family members so that you can keep perspective and patience.

3. Seek support. Gather information from reliable sources, such as mental health professionals, and share what you have learned with others. Getting support from friends and family members who can provide compassion without judgment is helpful, but support from community organizations is, too. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and the Depression and Bipolar Support Alliance offer support and education classes specifically for family members to learn about mental illness and how to care for themselves and their loved ones.

4. Practice your faith. Spiritual practices help to ground us in God's love and care, connect us to others, provide stability and rhythm in our lives and reduce stress. It can be tempting to withdraw when dealing with mental illness, but the support of your fellow congregation members can a vital part of staying well

**We Can Be a Voice
for Acceptance
and Access**



If you have never visited the **Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art** in Elmhurst the Health Committee invites you to take a tour with us. Founded by Joseph F. Lizzadro, Sr., in 1962 the Museum houses a world-class collection of jade and hardstone carvings and a delightful assortment of rock and mineral treasures. For colorful photos of the collection check out the Museum on-line.



Thursday, June 14

10:00 a.m. – meet in west parking lot

11:00 a.m. – self guided tour

Admission: \$4 over 60; \$5 under 60

Handicapped accessible.

Car pools will be arranged and printed driving directions available. Lunch at a local restaurant afterwards. Sign-up sheet will be posted in Fellowship Hall.



Community Outreach is in need of a new Scrip Coordinator to replace Claudia Mayer. Responsibilities include collecting and distributing Scrip orders and placing the order each month. If you are able to help please contact Greg Mayer or the church office. Thank you!



Fourth of July Festivities at St. Paul

July 3rd Church Picnic

The Palatine fireworks are being held on **Tuesday, July 3rd** so our annual picnic get together will also take place on this day. Please watch the Sunday bulletin and bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for further information as it develops.

July 4th Week-end Parking Lot Fundraiser

We will be holding the parking lot fundraiser this year over the week-end of the 4th. **We do need everyone to help this year in order to make it a success.** Plans are still being thought out so please continue to watch for updates in the Sunday bulletin and bulletin board in Fellowship Hall as information is developed.



ACTS OF KINDNESS - MANNA BAGS

You see them standing on the corner with a cardboard sign that reads “Hungry, Please Help.” And perhaps you are hesitant to give them money, but you really would like to help in some way. A great solution is to hand them the manna bag you keep handy in your car.

The word manna means “what is it” which is exactly what the Israelites asked when God showered them with food in the desert during their flight from Egypt. Manna was God’s provision in the wilderness.

Manna Bags are a way to offer provisions to those in need, specifically to homeless people living in their own wilderness, the streets. We assembled 102 of these bags, thanks to your generous donations. Please take one to keep in your car, and hand them out with a smile and love.



The Summer Suppers program serves those in need a good meal during the months of May through September. St. Paul will be partnering with St. Theresa in the program again this summer. This is an excellent opportunity for us to put the words of Mathew 25, verse 35 in to action;

“for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me”.

There are a variety of ways in which you can help:

- Purchase food items and have them at St. Paul by noon on the day of the supper.
- Prepare food either at home or at St. Paul. Deliver the food to St. Paul or St. Theresa.
- Greet and sign in guests as they arrive for dinner. Assist them in finding the restrooms, etc. Assist guests with “to go” items.
- Dine with guests and engage them in conversation.
- Set up and serve the meal, and clean up afterwards.
- Bring leftovers from St. Paul to Journeys on the following Monday.

The dates for these suppers will be June 8, July 13, August 10 and September 14. A sign-up sheet is located in Fellowship Hall.

“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me”



Birthdays of the Month

June Birthdays

1 Ron Bochat	4 Steven Mayer
8 James Schimka	13 Sandra Gumm
16 Thomas Donat	16 Phyllis Wittig
17 Matt Kerlin	18 Jason Morgan
19 Gary Altergott	20 Tracy Kerlin
23 Ralph Hayford	
24 Luzmey Alejo	Compassion Intl Child sponsored by the Mayers
27 Joshua Nyamekye	Compassion Intl Child sponsored by the Petersens
28 Aubrey Ferris Parnell	
29 Lisa Kennelly	

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

***Ryan Kennelly
was confirmed
at St. Paul UCC
on May 20th.***

***Congratulations
Ryan!***



A sincere thank you to Rev. Mercer for his visit and meaningful prayer. To Gary and Sharon for always being so helpful in my time of need. Also, to my St. Paul family for their lovely cards, prayers, and well wishes. Amazing how this all helps with the healing process. Thank you so much and God bless.

Dorothy Altergott

Christian Education Corner
June 2018



Formal Sunday School is now ended and the summer fun begins!!! This poem from Ann Weems caught my eye after thinking about Pentecost and all the wonderful things this community stands for:

I celebrate the church of Jesus Christ, where two or three or thousands gather together in the Lord's name and touch the world with the amazing good news that somebody cares, that God joins us in community so that someday this world will be loved to wholeness... I celebrate the church, where every child of God is hailed as unique and valuable, where arms are opened to the world's outcasts, where the tired, beaten, disillusioned world is invited in and surprised by the life-giving word that Christ accepts the children, all the children of the world.

You have embraced our children with patience and love, and surprises. I cannot thank you enough for all that! Your support for our program continues to make us better! The summer program will begin on May 27th and continue through September 2nd. The summer program this year will be the VBS program that we had hoped to use last summer. This provides the children with music, with stories, with crafts and with games. Some of you may be called upon to help out on occasion and I know that you will, gladly. It will be fun. Holly and one other person will be leading this program. I will be around as well. I know that Holly will have your full support.

I also want to thank all those who have helped out during the year and provided special programs, Diane, Mark and Mary, David, Melissa, Cherrie, Kris, and all the rest, you know who you are, even if I forgot to list you.

May summer sunshine and green grass and blue skies, lift your hearts and remind you of Christ's love for each of you, may the summer wind help you to feel the Holy Spirit blowing free, and may the power of God be ever present to you in the rain that falls, that thunder that roars, and the waves on the shore.

In Christ's Love,
Miss Bonnie

Acts of Kindness Event

On Saturday, May 5th, Bingo was held at the Solana, Deer Park by St. Paul as an event showing our kindness to our neighbors who may not have many opportunities for networking and fun. The Solana is a fairly new independent and assisted living facility which is beautiful. We had 20 residents participate in bingo and from what we were told is that the residents are BIG into bingo and excited that we were going to be there for 2 hours. They were serious players. We had great fun, treats and fellowship ensuring that all residents were recipients of a small prize. Thank you to St. Paul's Greg and Claudia Mayer, Nancy Perry, Shay Storm, Arlene Kraus, Lynn Arnold and Debbie Everett for making this event a success. The residents are looking forward for a return visit in the Fall.





PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Rick Bartells, friend of Kim Cichon
 Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally
 Giovanni Durante & family, friends of Dawn Drost
 Kendall Eich
 Eva, Tuesday Breakfast Group's friend at Café 14
 Andi Gahlin, fiancé of Mike Drost
 Judy Haimbaugh, sister of Gloria Helms
 Rick Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Schimka
 Michael Hayford
 Ralph Hayford
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Larry Herron, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Bill Houldsworth, husband of Laurie Houldsworth
 Barb Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin
 Ron Klages, father of Dawn Drost
 Nancy Kocher, friend of Dawn Drost
 Laura Krause, daughter of Sharon Krause
 Michelle Labonar
 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 & Paulette Mohr, uncle & aunt of Kim Ferris &
 Karen Wagner
 Maryann Ostrem, friend of Arlene Kraus
 Marilyn Paolisso, aunt of Bruce Kerlin
 Jerry Parsons, friend of Sandy & Dave Gumm
 Jody Peterson, daughter of Lynn & Phil Arnold
 Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
 Blanche Schug
 Amanda Spence
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Tom, cousin of Kim and Karen
 Agnes Warren
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for June:

3: Karen Wagner
10: Ron & Donna Bochat
17: Dolly Chamberlin
24: Charlotte Mally

Nursery Attendants for June:

Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for June:

Greg Mayer

Lectionary Readers for June:

3: Reader Needed

10: Sandy Gumm
17: Tom Donat
24: Roseann Stenzel

Lectionary for June:

3: 1 Sam 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-18; Deut 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Cor 4:5-12; Mark 2: 23-3:6.
10: 1 Sam 8:4-20; Psalm 138; Gen 3:8-15; Psalm 130; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35.
17: 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Psalm 20; Ezek 17:22-24; Psalm 92:1-4,12-15; 2 Cor 5:6-17; 2 Cor 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34.
24: 1 Sam 17:1a-49; Psalm 9:9-20; Job 38:1-11; Psalm 107:1-3,23-32; 2 Cor 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41.





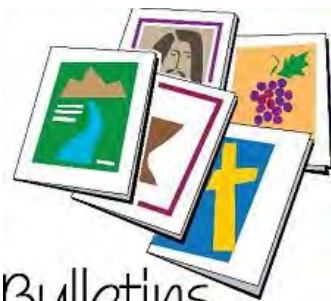
When it comes to end-of-life issues many people consult with their attorney in matters of estate, and a funeral director in matters of burial. Surprisingly however, very few people ever meet with their pastor in order to plan their actual funeral service ahead of time.

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.



From 8/16/1959 St. Paul UCC bulletin: *We would like to encourage those leaving for vacations to seek out a church of their choice and worship and honor God regularly. God never takes a vacation!*

And a 7/12 1959 bulletin: *Bring your vacationing relatives and friends to church with you!*



Your help is needed...

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

So close!

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

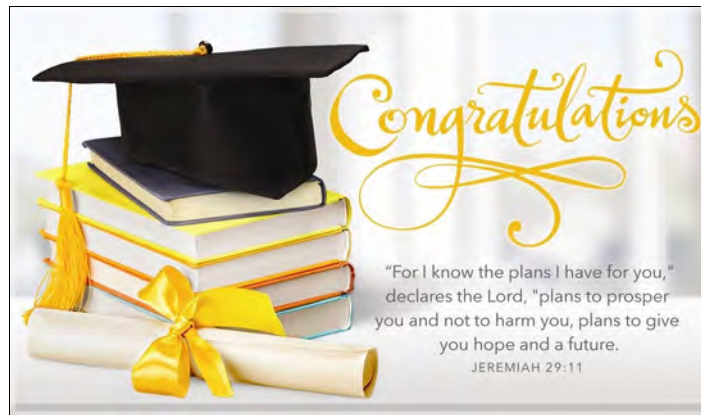
...We are in need of a Scrip Coordinator to take Claudia Mayer's place.

Please see Greg Mayer or contact the church office.

...We are in need of Stewardship Team members, to help with our annual pledge drive.

Please see Dave Freeman or Chuck Oberly.

....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!



Congratulations Graduates!

College

Laura Mayer

High School

Henry Chvoy

Brian Lech

A Story of a St. Paul Hero

On December 16th, our own Michael Kerlin performed CPR on a 27 week premature baby that the mom delivered breech while they were putting her on the gurney for transport. The baby weighed about 1 pound and was very blue and unresponsive. They immediately loaded Mom and baby into the ambulance. Michael performed CPR on the infant in the back of the ambulance during the trip from Antioch to Condell in Libertyville (17 minutes one of the fastest they have made).

Well, the baby survived and appears to be normal in every way!

Parents Tracy and Bruce attended a presentation where Michael received a Life Saving award from the State of Illinois.

Below is Michael with the baby, and his award.

Congratulations Michael, no words can ever acknowledge enough the amazing heroic act you did. God Bless You.



Habitat for Humanity®



Happenings within Habitat for Humanity

- Thank you for your generous support of the April 2018 Building for Bob Habitat for Humanity campaign. Through your generous and ongoing support St. Paul continues to contribute to the good work that the Spring of Life Partnership does with the help of other churches in Palatine, Arlington Heights and Inverness.



- You're invited, Saturday, June 2nd our current project at 1419 Cora in Des Plaines will be blessed by our own Pastor David at 1 pm. Please consider joining us to see how your generosity has changed the life of a family by helping them achieve home ownership.



- Mark your calendar the 4th annual Brick by Brick Habitat for Humanity fundraiser is being planned for Saturday, September 29th at Harper College. It promises to be a fun and entertaining evening to support the ongoing efforts of the Spring of Life Partnership which will be in the beginning stages of a new build in Elgin.



WELCOME SUMMER

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CARNIVAL
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FLIPFLOPS

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JULY
JUMPROPE
JUNE
MOVIES
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PICNICS
POOL

POPSICLES
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SANDALS
SPLASH
SPRINKLER
SNOWCONES
SUNGLASSES
SUNSCREEN
SWIMMING
THEME PARK
VACATION

