



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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Newsletter

Pastor's Pen... (Written prior to sabbatical)

As our country enters its 243rd year of existence since the founders drafted their perilous letter to King George III, we once more will be immersed in our annual ritual of parades, outdoor grilling, and fireworks. Further, most everything written or spoken about these (including my own) will be laden with the usual cliché. It's hard to talk about something so common to most people and to do so with an original thought. How *does* one speak about an annual national holiday in ways that are fresh?

Without anything new to say about the Fourth of July, I will say this: *I am personally appreciative of the people who have built and preserved this nation.* From the pilgrims on the Mayflower to the rebellious continentals to the laborers of the industrial revolution to today.....I recognize that we are here because of a whole lot of folks who took risks and got dirt under their fingernails. I resist our cultural impulse to militarize July 4th and make it yet another day to exalt the armed forces.....but I recognize, too, that such remains an essential piece of it. The bumpersticker slogan "*Freedom isn't free*" still holds true. The point I'm trying to make in all of this, however, is that our country has been sustained by a whole bunch of people -- whether they did so with a rifle in hand or a baby on their hip.

To be a nation requires each of us to show up. We're all interdependent. Love of country is not a chest-pounding chant at a public rally; what it is, rather, is the love of neighbor carried out in the mundane and everyday. It is the artist and the poet, and it is the farmer and the butcher. It is the soldier and the sailor, and it is also the teacher, the firefighter, and police officer. It is the butter-churner and the cheese maker. It is also your long-ago great grandparents. It is all of us.

Happy Fourth, America!

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

	May 2018	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	16,322.00	209,779.96	258,890.00
Expenditure	20,322.42	210,865.13	277,188.00
Net Income	-4000.42	-1085.17	-18,298.00

From the Archives...



From the February 1973 Scribe

CROSSROADS PROJECT MAKES AN IMPACT AT ST. PAUL CHURCH by Arnie Koriath

With each new experience in our life, we change; never to be the same again. We go to school as children, learning sometimes what we were not intended to learn; we change because of school. We get married; an event which will never let us continue as we had been when we were single. A new friend comes into our life and opens possibilities we had never dreamed of.

This is what the CROSSROADS WORKSHOP has done for me. The format of the conference brings experts from various areas of church life into a group of 35 ministers, of which I am one. Our computers are fed with input and data useful for our own thinking and implementing in our local church. The data so far has included: the church in relation to society, motivation of the minister and the congregation, effective preaching for today, youth programming, counseling, communications, approaches to spiritual life, and a new look at the Bible; and systems analysis of voluntary organizations.

If our minds really do work like computers, then we must learn to use those facilities to reach the goals we set for our life together. The CROSSROADS experience has helped me gain tools for ministry: understanding of myself so that I might do more effective counseling, games and projects which allow groups of people to discover themselves and each other, ways of studying the Bible so that alive interpretation can happen on Sunday morning, awareness of the importance of working together in groups deciding on the purpose of the church and how to help make it happen right here in Palatine.

The Board of Christian Education is the group of people who have worked closely with the CROSSROADS project, evaluating the Church School experience. The result has been the design of tools to test out individual opinions. The congregation will have an opportunity to participate in this project by working on the questionnaire in this issue of the SCRIBE and on Christian Education Sunday, February 11th.

I hope that you will feel free to discuss my work with me at any time. Much of what is put into my computer stays there until someone pushes my print-out button and ask questions; so please do. Cassette tapes from the workshops are available at the church office. They are very exciting and well work listening to while you do the dishes, clean the furnace or just relax. Thank you for the opportunity you given me to grow. Please share it with me. - Arnie



**Pastoral Coverage During Rev. Mercer's Sabbatical
June 11 – August 20, 2018 (July/August shown below)**

Preaching & Worship leadership

Sunday July 1st – Rev. Bonnie Haase

Sunday July 8th – Pastor Jeffrey Abiera

Sunday July 15th – Pastor Jeffrey Abiera

Sunday July 22nd – Pastor Jeffrey Abiera

Sunday July 29th – Pastor Jeffrey Abiera

Sunday August 5th – Rev. Bonnie Haase

Sunday August 12th – Rev. Bonnie Haase

Sunday August 19th – Rev. Dr. David Russell

Emergency Pastoral Care Coverage

In the event that serious health issues, life circumstances, or a death in the family warrants the ministrations of ordained clergy, the following are available.

Rev. Sandy Kolar (St. John UCC, out by Harper College) Available any time except on Tuesday mornings) (847)-358-7620

Rev. Michael Jones (St. John UCC, Arlington Heights) Cell# (330)-705-3383. Available July 9th thru July 26th. August 10th thru August 19th.

Rev. Bonnie Haase (Retired UCC minister & our Director of Christian Ed) (224)-595-6807.

Rev. Dr. David Russell (St. Paul member & on Illinois Conference staff)



*"Don't let worry kill you– let the church help."
"Pastor is on Sabbatical. Massages can be given to the church secretary"*



From the Health Committee...

We are, each of us, a little universe

How many of us can stand next to Niagara Falls without thinking about the Divine? Or the impossible power of thunder in a summer storm, the breathtaking beauty of a mountainside, the height of ocean waves, the innumerable stars in the sky, the majesty of an old growth Redwood Forest, or the force of gale winds?

From the grandest heights to the most minute organisms, God is there. The incredible majesty of the earth we inhabit and its mysterious forces can only reinforce our sense of wonder at the vastness of the universe.

Kent Nerburn, a writer who has spent many years bridging native and non-native culture, says, "We are all born with a belief in God. It may not have a last name or a face. We may not even see it as God. But it is there. It is the sense that comes over us as we stare into the starlit sky or watch the last fiery rays of an evening sunset. It is the morning shiver as we wake on a beautiful day and smell a richness in the air that we know and love from somewhere we can't recall. It is the mystery behind the beginning of time and beyond the limits of space. It is a sense of otherness that brings alive something deep within our hearts."

According to Astrophysicist Neil DeGrasse Tyson, "There's as many atoms in a single molecule of your DNA as there are stars in the typical galaxy. We are, each of us, a little universe." How cool is it that the same God that created the mountains, oceans, galaxies and molecules looked at all that is and thought the world needed one of you, too?

Take a Moment to Connect

Here are a few simple ideas to help you connect with God in nature.

Read the landscape.

Take a walk and find something in the natural environment. Look for signs where the natural features have adapted to natural or human impact. Why do trees lean or fall? What signs can you see of where water has created an impact in the earth, or lack of water? What signs of human activity do you see that have affected the environment you are in? How does nature adapt to change? What are some things you can do to better care for God's creation? Can you commit to do an action step for 30 days?

Use your imagination.

Pick up a blade of grass, leaf, stone or piece of bark. Smell it, feel it, look at it very slowly and closely. Imagine you can shrink yourself and go into the leaf itself. Go as far as you can in your imagination...all the way down to the atoms that make up the leaf. Then start moving outward. Imagine stepping further and further back from your object until you are high above the earth. Keep moving as far as your imagination will take you. What do you experience in your body as you go in close? As you move far out?

Use your senses.

Find a natural location near water or after a fresh rain. Close your eyes, relax, and breathe through your nose for 10 minutes. Listen, smell, and touch the water if you can. Feel it slip through your fingertips. Smell how it changes the air. Feel, and be aware of, how the moisture in the air wets your breath. Imagine water flowing through your body – in your blood, in your organs, in your breath, in your stomach, in your skin. Offer gratitude for the water that keeps you alive.

From *Connecting Nature, Spirit and Health: A Spiritual Guide for Encountering Nature*. Available online at www.faithhealthtransformation.org. Click on the Nature, Faith and Health tab on the home page.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN



St. Paul has reserved 20 spots in a packing event on Saturday July 28th at the FMSC location in Schaumburg. Please contact Greg Mayer or the church office if you would like to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.

When: Saturday, July 28th

Where: 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL.

Time: 4:30 to 6:30 pm

BRING A FRIEND!

We will be going out for dinner at a local establishment following the event. If you will be joining us for lunch, please let us know so that we can reserve a spot for you!



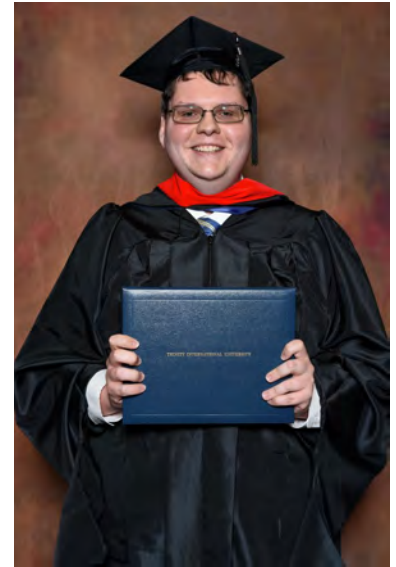
ACTS OF KINDNESS - MANNA BAGS

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. (They are available after worship service in Fellowship Hall, or if you want to pick one up during the week, call the church office)

Congratulations to Alex! As you know Alex Wolf spent some time with us at St. Paul UCC as part of his internship. Alex graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School of Trinity International University in Deerfield/Bannockburn, IL. Graduation was during the evening of Friday, May 11, 2018.



Alex and his family, and they are: (Left to Right): Becky, his sister-in-law; Mom, Diane; Alex, his grandma, Bernadine; his niece, Tillie; and his brother, Tate.



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 remain at: 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"



July Birthdays

2 Harley Chapman

6 Dave Freeman

7 Taryn Everett

8 Jeff Whedon

11 Chelsea Connor

14 Marlene Ingram

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

21 Claudia Mayer

22 John Beresheim

30 Darrel Chvoy

31 Shay Storm

31 Jeff DePue

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

Marge Tortorella in memory of George Beresheim

memorials
& gifts





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
 Tom Edelman, friend of the Kerlin family
 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
 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
 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 July:

1: Jeff & Kathy DePue
8: Claudia Mayer
15: Bob & Pat Kolze
22: Dee Langguth
29: Bill & Roseann Stenzel

Nursery Attendants for July:

Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for July:

Greg Mayer

Lectionary Readers for July:

1: Gary Altergott
8: Sandy Gumm
15: Arlene Kraus
22: Roseann Stenzel
29: Melissa Gumm

Lectionary for July:

1: 2 Sam 1:1,17-27; Psalm 13; Wis of Sol 1:13-15,2:23-25; Lam 3:22-33; Psalm 30: 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43.
8: 2 Sam 5:1-10; Psalm 48; Ezek 2:1-5; Psalm 123; 2 Cor 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13.
15: 2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Eph 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
22: 2 Sam 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Jer 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Eph 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34,53-56.
29: 2 Sam 11:1-15; Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44; Psalm 145:10-18; Eph 3:14-21; John 6:1-21.



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.

Your help is needed...

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

So close!

....We are in need of additional members on the Community Outreach Committee. Please see Greg Mayer if interested.

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

...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!





July 4th word search

J O X U Z T Y Q V G X F Z J B V L J E J
K G Q X H D A J Q L T Q X S A W L P C U
D U I G N I D N U O F R W R Q G X S J W
Y F N M E J E Y I A P K K I P R X L T A
T L I I U A C A T A T F E M V N Y J G S
Y P C R T M N H C T K J I U A N J D Z G
J B M O D E E R F I U L J T O B J M U U
I N A K Y R D Q I Y T G I S I Q Z L Y W
U F R R S I N S F X C O B N H Y E K A S
W J F H H C E N T E N N I A L V V S D P
D E L G N A P S R A T S K R O W E R I F
P A B S T N E F L X T K F E T L K N L H
L G T S O P D A L I B E R T Y A B X O I
Q P Q P I C N I C M F T S E P O P N H I
K U U R L T I A J C U S M V H W O P O L
O C T Q H Q W V X H Q K Z I I R E A Q D
J S M E H F H S I C Q U Z T Y F W P V Q
V Q M G U Z D C U C S F N S P G Y J J N
X N W I N U H R B W B M N E S B K J U E
B M E X H R J K Z D N P S F I C R G Z Q

words to find



AMERICAN
FATHERS
FOUNDING
HONOR
NATIONAL ANTHEM
STARS
UNITED STATES

CENTENNIAL
FESTIVE
FREEDOM
INDEPENDENCE DAY
PATRIOTIC
STRIPES
VETERANS

CIVIC
FIREWORKS
HOLIDAY
LIBERTY
PICNIC
STAR SPANGLED