



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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Monthly
Newsletter

Pastor's Pen...

By the time you get this, I will have been back at work for a week.....yet this was written before I left on sabbatical back in June. That's the way the cookie crumbles when you work within deadlines and time hacks.

If last season was any predictor of this season, Halloween candy should be going on store shelves right about now. Some people bemoan that when they take notice, but I say let's not look a gift horse in the mouth -- Brachs mellow creme pumpkins aren't available year round, you know.

In many instances, we can salvage something positive from circumstances that are less than ideal. Theorists refer to that as *"Snatching victory from the jaws of defeat."* It means finding a way to gain something good, even if the prospect of gain isn't that promising. This is why we can be glad for mellow creme pumpkins even if we do get bummed about the rapid passage of time. This is why we can celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of the month even if we do get stressed about the condition of the human race. God does not push us through life without ever seeing a glimmer of founded hope. So, unless you're talking about the Bears, I would offer that there is reason to be hopeful about the future.

"For I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord, 'plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.'" (Jeremiah 29:11)

See you in worship!

Pastor David



Hope

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

	July 2018	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	22,244.00	246,391.77	258,890.00
Expenditure	19,329.47	253,849.88	277,188.00
Net Income	2914.53	-7,458.00	-18,298.00

From the Archives...



A variety of activities were enjoyed by some of the couples of St. Paul's Church during 1970. About 25 couples now participate, and all others are welcome.

In January we attended the play "A Girl Can Get Lucky", and had dinner at Old Orchard Country Club. In February we had a pot-luck dinner and square dancing at the church. In March we went bowling and then had pizza at the Keadles. In April we served as hosts as the USO in Chicago and snacked at the Town and Country Restaurant on the way home. In May we attended the "Sweet Adelines" program and enjoyed hamburgers at the Beef and Barrel afterwards.

In September we had a "between showers" steak fry and planning night at the Petersen's. In October we had a pot-luck dinner and "bring and brag night" (vacation pictures) at the church. In November we had a pot-luck dinner at the church, packed Christmas boxes for servicemen, and enjoyed a pictorial summarization of their European trip by Rev. and Mrs. Glenn G. Gumm. The annual Progressive Dinner in December was a sellout as usual and a bounteous feast for all who attended.

All are invited to see the Archives Room on Sunday, September 2, after the church worship service, during coffee hour in Fellowship Hall.



Our Church's Anniversary



On pages 11 and 12 of this month's Scribe is a survey put together by Margie Anderson. This survey is to get suggestions and ideas on how St Paul would like to celebrate it's 150th Anniversary. There are also surveys printed and placed on the bookshelf outside the church office that are printed back to back, if your home printer only prints on one side.

Please complete the survey and return them to the labeled box in the east entrance outside the sanctuary, or to the church office no later than September 30th. We need your input to make this a successful celebration. Thank you!

Packing Up: Prevent Backpack Injuries

Kids are carrying more than ever in their backpacks and the load is getting heavy! Backpack injuries are a real concern. Doctors treat at least 14,000 children each year with injuries related to heavy backpacks. Dr. Anisha Shetty, an Advocate Children's Medical Group pediatrician, offers this advice for keeping your child's back healthy:

Watch. Encourage your child or teenager to tell you about numbness, tingling or discomfort in the arms or legs, which may indicate poor backpack fit or too much weight being carried.

Ease. Watch your child put on or take off their backpack to see if it is a struggle. If the backpack seems too heavy for the child, have them remove some of the books and carry them in their arms to ease the load on their back.

Act. Do not ignore any back pain in a child or teenager. Seek medical advice and care.

Partner. Talk to the school about lightening the load. Team up with other parents to encourage changes.

Strategize. Encourage your child to stop at his or her locker when time permits throughout the day to drop off or exchange heavier books.

Invest. If your child has back pain that does not improve, consider buying a second set of textbooks to keep at home.

Prayer: God, our amazing bodies that you created can bear a lot and sometimes we pile on more than is good for us. Help us teach our children to care well for their bodies by being gentle with themselves.





Fall Luncheon

The Health Committee invites everyone to the annual Fall Luncheon to be held on Friday, October 5th at 11:30 a.m.. The location will be in the dining room at Makray Memorial Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy., Barrington, IL 60010. We shall order from the menu and have separate checks. 20% gratuity will be added to each check.

The sign up sheet will be posted on the Health Committee Board in Fellowship Hall by September 9th. Call the church office if you need transportation.

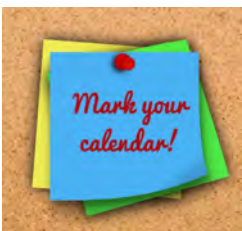


Palatine High School Pirate's Treasure Chest

Another school year is starting, and Palatine High would again appreciate any donations of the following items for its Pirate's Treasure Chest:

granola or protein bars (this is always a much-needed item), peanut butter, jelly, hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brush, body wash, feminine pads, etc.).

Through the Pirate's Treasure Chest, students in need are able to receive food and other items. Donations should be placed in the plastic bin labeled for the Pirate's Treasure Chest in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your donations to help those youth in need.



Legacy of Slavery Discussion

Save the dates, September 16, and October 21 on Sunday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00. All Episcopal Churches have been asked to hold a series of conversations about race, systemic racism, and how the legacy of slavery and Jim Crow segregation affects our society today. The purpose is to gain a better understanding of one another. We

will also open our meetings up to the community because there are other organizations, institutions, and churches considering similar efforts. These discussions will be held at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 342 E. Wood Street, Palatine in the parish hall, downstairs from the Church.

**When**

Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Where

Harper Community College Performing Arts Center

1200 West Algonquin Road
Building R
Palatine, IL

What

The Spring of Life Habitat's 4th Annual Fundraiser with small bites, dessert, and a cash bar including entertainment by

Sidney Friedman

A Multi-faceted internationally acclaimed Mega-Mentalist and Musician



www.sidneyfriedman.com

The evening will also feature a Silent Auction, Raffle Baskets, and the popular Wine Pull. Learn about Habitat, meet our volunteers and homeowners while supporting a great cause.

Tickets can be purchased by visiting the Spring of Life website at www.SpringofLifeHabitat.org

**Fleece Blanket Update**

The fleece blankets ladies gathered on Wednesday, August 15, to prepare blankets for the youth of POC. We were able to prepare 7 blankets. Meaning we trimmed the salvages and ends, cut squares in the corner and cut the 1 inch strips for tying. We will be going to POC on December 29 to assist the young ladies in tying them. If you would like to join us contact Sandy Gumm.

We will meet again in September to prepare some additional blankets. All women of the church are welcome. Watch the announcement sheet for information.

Sandy Gumm



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	9/24 Steven Conrad
9/8 Blache Schug	9/27 Arlene Kraus
9/9 Henry Chvoy	
9/11 Sharon Altergott	

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

Thank you to everyone who joined in our Feed My Starving Children packing event on Saturday July 28. St. Paul sent 9 people, and there were about 25 people from other groups too. This was an unusually small turnout, which was repeated at other FMSC facilities in the area as well.

But this group, tiny but mighty, packed 93 boxes! This is 20,088 meals and will feed 55 children for a year.

Thank you again, and we hope to see you at our next event on Saturday November 3.





Christian Education Corner September 2018

Ann Weems wrote this: *This morning I was toasted by a two-year-old who raised her orange juice glass to mine and said, 'To You!' She brought the morning; she moved a mountain; she brought flowers out of barren land and sunlight from darkness. What a way to start the day—affirmed and celebrated.*

I look forward to every Sunday morning because, I am blest to be greeted by a Sunday School class who bring the morning, who move mountains and who make me know that I am blessed. This year the entire church is adopting the theme: FOR THE LOVE OF CHILDREN.

There are many aspects of loving children, the first one will be a worship service on Rally Day, September 9th. The entire service will center around children! Below please find a schedule for the day.

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School children arrive to go over their performance for Rally Day and to register for the coming year (We will have two classes this year)

10:00 a.m. – Worship service celebrating children

11:00 a.m. – Lunch of hot dogs, chips, brownies, cookies, and lemonade
(Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you are willing to bring something).

ALL AGES WELCOME!

Everyone departs feeling affirmed and celebrated!!!!!!!!!!



Women's Fellowship Planning Meeting & Potluck Saturday September 8th at 10:30 AM - Fellowship Hall

Please join us to plan this year's programs and enjoy a pot luck lunch! Bring your ideas. The Women's Fellowship group plans to meet the 2nd Saturday of each month. Additionally, we'll select several Sundays the Women's Fellowship Group is available to host coffee hour. 5-6 ladies are needed to host each coffee hour. This includes set up, baking/bringing food, hosting and clean up. After our planning meeting we'll share a meal together. If you're able, please bring an appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert to share. Sign up in Fellowship Hall by Sunday Sept. 2nd or email Lisa Kennelly by Tuesday, September 4th. Please indicate what food item you plan to share. For questions, please contact Lisa Kennelly at lkennelly@yahoo.com. Thank you!



PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Everly Backe, great-niece of Arlene Kraus & Dee Langguth
 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
 LeighAnn Fong
 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
 Jeff, co-worker of Melissa Gumm
 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
 Greg Mayer
 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
 Donny Obenauf, friend of the Drost Family
 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
 Les Stephens, brother-in-law of Shirley & Ken Kolze
 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:

2: Fred Welstead
9: Cherrie Wickstrom
16: Shay Storm
23: John & Marla Beresheim
30: Chuck & Barb Oberly

Nursery Attendants for September:

Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for September:

Larry Ingram

Lectionary Readers for September:

2: None, if interested contact church office
9: Mike Dekrell
16: Sandy Gum
23: Tom Donat
30: Roseann Stenzel

Lectionary for September:

2: Song of Sol 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-9; Deut 4:1-9; Psalm 15; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8,12-15,21-23.

9: Prov 22:1-2,8-9,22-23; Psalm 125; Isa 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-17; Mark 7:24-37.

16: Prov 1:2-33; Psalm 19; Isa 50:4-91a; Psalm 116:1-9; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38.
23: Prov 31:10-31; Psalm 1; Jer 11:18-20; Psalm 54; James 3:13-4:3,7-8a; Mark 9:30-37.

30: Est 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22; Psalm 124; Num 11:4-6,10-16,24-29; Psalm 19:7-14; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50.





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.

We NEED you.
Can you HELP?

Your help is needed...

....We are in need of **ONE** member on the Administrative Board. This board typically meets the first Tuesday of each month.

.....We are in need of additional members on the Community Outreach Committee as well as a Chair Person.

... 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.

ST. PAUL U.C.C 150th Anniversary
HOW DO WE WANT TO CELEBRATE - SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS

Please fill out the survey below. These are just ideas, some ideas may be combined with other ideas or maybe just parts of an idea can be done. We also don't know if we can afford some of these or physically able to do these, but we have to start somewhere, and we need your opinion. Just check one of the answers for each item.

I. **Faith of Our Fathers Play:** This play was written by our church and performed during the Sunday Service in 1946 to celebrate St. Paul 75th Anniversary. It tells the story of how church began. We have a complete copy of the play. YES____NO____MAYBE____

II. **ROCK:** We would get a large rock free to put on our SE property near the tree we planted and have a plaque with 1871-2021 and one of the Bible meanings about the symbol of the rock. Small garden around rock. Dedication ceremony with picnic. YES____NO____MAYBE____

III. **A SOUVENIR** This can be anything, but should have some meaning about our Anniversary.

a. Photo phone/address Directory with history of church, individual photos, Group Members photo, Confirmand Reunion photo YES____NO____MAYBE____

b. Group photo of all our members together YES____NO____MAYBE____

c. Booklet of the history of our church with photos. YES____NO____MAYBE____

d. Calendar with photos and history YES____NO____MAYBE____

e. Ornament, bookmark, t-shirt, brochure YES____NO____MAYBE____

IV. **MEAL:**

a. Catered simple luncheon after Sunday Service at St. Paul with a birthday cake YES____NO____MAYBE____

b. Meal at a restaurant/banquet facility/park district facility YES____NO____MAYBE____

c. Birthcake only after Sunday Service YES____NO____MAYBE____

d. Picnic at Church catered on Saturday YES____NO____MAYBE____

V. **ENTERTAINMENT**

a. Live music (Blue Grass Gospel Band) YES____NO____MAYBE____

b. Other_____ or Nothing YES____NO____MAYBE____

VI. **SUNDAY SERVICE**

a. Use old bulletins for one service a month for the year YES____NO____MAYBE____

b. Sing old hymns from hymns sung in old bulletins YES____NO____MAYBE____

c. Guest speakers YES____NO____MAYBE____

d. Have a guest choir from another church YES____NO____MAYBE____

VII. SPECIAL GUESTS

a. Village and/or township personnel YES____NO____MAYBE____

b. Clayson House History Personnel YES____NO____MAYBE____

c. U.C.C. Synod YES____NO____MAYBE____

VIII. CONFIRMANDS

a. Reunion during Church Service YES____NO____MAYBE____

b. Take group photo of all who attend YES____NO____MAYBE____

IX. COMMUNITY/PROMOTION

a. Celebrate for the full year to help promote St. Paul to the community. Keep it simple each month YES____NO____MAYBE____

b. Articles in the Herald YES____NO____MAYBE____

c. Be in the 4th of July parade but bigger than previous years, let's show off St. Paul, encouraging visiting or joining YES____NO____MAYBE____

d. Notice on Village Electronic Board YES____NO____MAYBE____

e. Articles in the Village newsletter and E-letter and Township Newsletter YES____NO____MAYBE____

f. Banner in front of church YES____NO____MAYBE____

G. Mayoral Proclamation for our Church Anniversary YES____NO____MAYBE____

X. COMMITTEE FORMATION

This is an entire church event so we need everyone to volunteer for something starting with the committee.
Many hands make light work for all.

Will you be on the committee please? NAME_____

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY BY SEPTEMBER 30, 2018. PLEASE PUT IN BOX BY
SANCTUARY EAST ENTRANCE OR TO CHURCH OFFICE. THANK YOU.**

OTHER IDEAS/ SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS:
