



The Scribe



St. Paul UCC

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Pastor's Pen...

Just a reminder that there will be an orientation class for new members immediately following worship on Sunday August 25th. We'll be meeting in the conference room which is located down the hall from the church office and directly across from the choir room.

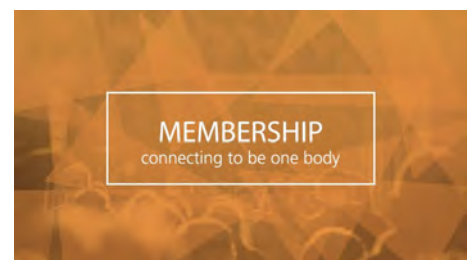
If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of St. Paul UCC, taking this class is a necessary prerequisite. It isn't long -- we should be done in an hour -- but it is important for having a basic understanding of our St. Paul system. Every church, every organization has a "system" of some kind that parametrizes how that particular entity does things. The purpose of this orientation on August 25th is to familiarize prospective members with ours.

Even in this increasingly secular day and age, church membership still matters. It matters because it signifies that a person publicly identifies with the Body of Christ. Public identification with Christ and His Body the Church, is an essential part of living the Christian life. Through our membership, we are making a public statement about what we believe and who we align ourselves with. Jesus even said: *"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."* (Matthew 10:32)

I call on and invite everyone who has never done so before, to consider formally uniting yourself with St. Paul United Church of Christ. We aren't a "replacement" for whatever church you may have belonged to in the past, but rather we see ourselves as a complementary part of that same church. This is what makes the United Church of Christ so unique: We believe that ultimately, all believers in Jesus Christ are part of the same Church Universal anyway -- the sign out in front of the building notwithstanding.

Give me a call if you'd like to explore this a bit more.

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

(224) 386-6285 (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); Dolly Chamberlin, Tom Donat, Jim Frost. Bob Kolze, and Joyce Mah,



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

	June 2019	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	17,123.00	233,663.59	273,100.00
Expenditure	19,799.25	234,461.35	287,913.00
Net Income	-2,676.25	-797.76	-14,813.00

A Message from our Treasurer...

In order to keep the congregation informed on St. Paul's current financial condition I wish to present the following concerning update. Our current fiscal year began on September 1, 2018. Since that time to the end of June, 2019 (10 months) I have had to withdraw \$30,000 from the Endowment Earnings account in order to pay monthly bills and payroll. Our adopted budget for the current fiscal year had a \$14,813 deficit, however the shortfall year to date has exceeded projections. We cannot continue to withdraw funds from Endowment Earnings for the long term to pay monthly bills and payroll.

The reasons for the shortfall are summarized. As we know the past winter was very difficult. The snowplowing was higher than budgeted. In addition, the cold weather increased utility costs for electricity and natural gas. As you may know as well, the elevator needed a major overhaul to maintain safety for our congregation. Other higher expenses were in the areas of grounds maintenance, insurance and trash collection. Of greatest concern however, is the reduction in membership contributions. At the end of June, our member contributions are down \$11,598 over the prior fiscal year. It is so important the members maintain their pledges and regular contributions on a monthly basis and throughout the summer.

At our Congregational Meeting on September 15th we can discuss the financial situation further. It is important to gather suggestions that the Boards can use to prepare the next official budget. We will be presenting a suggestion that the Fiscal Year be changed to a calendar year (January-December) to simplify reporting requirements and financial stewardship records.

Our ancestors, prior and current congregation members have supported St. Paul for almost 150 years. We need to continue the proud tradition and ministry of St. Paul for years to come. I wish to thank the congregation for their current giving, but would like to request that members prayerfully consider, if possible, an increase in their current pledge or regular contribution.

***Please be sure to attend the
Congregational Meeting on September 15th,
following the 10am worship service.***



From the Archives



From the 1954 Annual Report

Assistant to Pastor Report

During the past year at St. Paul Church, I have regularly taught the Fifth Grade Boys Class in Sunday School, acted as superintendent of the Junior Department and served as adviser to the senior and Junior Youth Fellowships. I preached four Sundays in the absence of reverend Gumm, and made 163 calls on new resident families in Palatine. Robert F. Holloway

St. Paul Sunday School - -Total number of pupils - -312

Churchmen's Brotherhood

Active Members 20

Sponsored Men's Dart Ball team and Father and Son Banquet

Disbursements to: National Brotherhood Challenge

Bensenville Home

East Bay Camp

St. Paul Building Fund

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I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and all the cards I've received after my accident. I recently received news that there's a good chance for a full recovery. While I was in town for my sister's college graduation I was presented with a quilt and appreciate the thoughtfulness and the massive amount of work that Sandy Gumm put into it.

Respectfully and prayerfully,

Kyra Graham

We would like to thank you all for the kind words, gestures of support and cards, on the passing of my Mom. All were so very much appreciated.

- Debbie and Randy Everett

Lyman and I would like to say blessings and hello everyone! We miss you all,

-Janet & Lyman Walter



Outing: Wednesday, October 2, 2019

The Jacob Henry Mansion Estate
20 South Eastern Avenue
Joliet, IL 60433
815-722-1420

“Henry Haus” Oktoberfest
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.



Tour the mansion

Built in 1873 with old Victorian charm

Lunch: German-style cuisine

Menu: slow cooker German-style pork roast with sauerkraut and potatoes,
fresh tossed garden salad, pretzel rolls with coarse brown mustard, coffee or tea,
warm apple strudel

Program: The Johnny Wagner Band

Bavarian, Austrian, and Slovenian styles of Polka music, including yodeling

Price: \$54 (checks payable to Cherrie Wickstrom)

During coffee hour or mail to 1476 Village Drive, Arlington Heights, 60004

Questions: 847-632-1941 – wickchick1@sbcglobal.net

Paid reservations to Cherrie Wickstrom by August 26

Car pools will be arranged and leave west parking lot at 9:15



Sunburn is a Risk for Everyone's Health

As summer arrives and you head outside, take care to avoid sun exposure that may lead to skin cancer. This is something we all need to do, including people with darker skin.

"It's a myth that black skin doesn't sunburn. It may take longer and it may not show up as red skin the way it does on lighter skinned people, but it does burn," says Dr. Michael Ward, a family medicine physician and sports medicine specialist at Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, IL. "And, this myth should not keep African Americans from protecting themselves from sun damage and melanoma with sunscreen."

Often, melanoma begins as an abnormal mole, says Dr. Ward. In white people, melanomas often develop on the trunk (chest and back) and legs, but he says that in African Americans, melanomas are most often found under the nails, on the palms of hands, and on the soles of the feet.

If you notice any such changes, see a doctor immediately. Melanoma that is detected and treated early can usually be cured.

Look Cool...And Protect Yourself, Too!

The summer sun brings plenty of fun and outdoor activities. But all that sunlight exposes your eyes to ultraviolet (UV) radiation, which has been linked to a number of eye conditions, including cataracts and early onset age-related macular degeneration.

Dr. William Seng Tan, a family medicine physician on staff at Advocate South Suburban Hospital in Hazel Crest, IL, offers some basic tips to help you pick the right sunglasses to protect the only eyes you have.

Go 100 PERCENT

"Look for a sticker or tag indicating that they block 100 percent of UV rays, or very close to that," Dr. Tan says. Labels that say "UV absorption up to 400 nm" or "Meets ANSI UV Requirements" mean the glasses block at least 99 percent of UV rays. Those labeled "cosmetic" block about 70 percent of UV rays.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BREAK THE BANK

"Sunglasses don't have to cost a lot of money to protect you," Dr. Tan says. "Less expensive pairs can be just as effective as pricier options, as long as they meet the ANSI requirements or the 400 nm absorption threshold."

DARKER DOESN'T MEAN BETTER

"Darker glasses that don't block all, or nearly all, UV light actually allow more of these higher-energy waves into the eye," Dr. Tan says. "These non-protective dark glasses create an artificial low-light environment that cause your pupils to open up more, allowing more UV radiation in, and potentially leading to greater danger and damage."

DON'T MISTAKE POLARIZATION WITH UV PROTECTION

Polarization won't help preserve eye health, but it can make activities like driving or being on the water safer or more enjoyable.

Prayer: God, thank you for the miracle of sight!



August Birthdays

3 Charlotte Mally	21 Kathy DePue
5 Orrin Helms	21 Dee Langguth
11 Jeffrey Wagner	23 Barb Oberly
12 Phil Arnold	23 Kyra Graham
16 Kim Cichon	24 Carrie Kerlin
16 Randy Everett	28 Lillian Kroll
18 Bob Kolze	29 Kim Ferris
	30 Mary Ann Leseberg

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



*Cherrie Wickstrom in memory of Debbie Everett's
mom, Shirley Bell*

*Please accept this donation in appreciation of the many thoughtful things done
for us by Bob Kolze and my "Tuesday Morning Coffee Friends" who meet at
Café 14 We are Blessed. -Gift of thanks from Harry Gunther*

David & Kris Freeman in memory of Shirley Bell

Jackie Schultze and John & Marla Beresheim in memory of Taye Wiegel

Christian Education Corner

August 2019

Ephesians 3:20: Now to [God] who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine

So began our journey to *Mars and Beyond!* We could not have reached our destination without the work of our trusty crew. To the kitchen staff who shopped, prepared, served and cleaned up our galley for three weeks, Arlene Kraus, Chuck and Barb Oberly and Dee Langguth, many thanks! To our intrepid music leader, Jen Lech, who danced, stomped and clapped her way through three weeks of crazy, chaotic children, may the sounds of children continue to bless you on your journey.

For Holly Chvoy and Abby McDonald, whose continued presence, patience and willingness to do whatever, sustains me, you are angels. To the Reverend David Mercer for telling stories and making the kids say over and over and over, *walking to Emmaus*, your presence was greatly appreciated. A special thanks to Bern Chvoy without whom I never would have made it to my car the first night, and whose help was invaluable, a heartfelt thanks.

Special thanks also to Barb Oberly for having a bulletin board up and going after the first week, pictures and all, thanks. To all the parents and grandparents and children who gave up their Monday nights to join in a noisy, giggly and sometimes rowdy time with children, it is only possible with your support! All in all, it was a great success.

Also— Formal Church School will begin on Sunday, September 1st. Rally Day is September 8th and the kids will start out in church on the 8th then go to Church School.

Miss Bonnie

Please enjoy the pictures on this page and the next two of our Mission to Mars 2019 VBS!

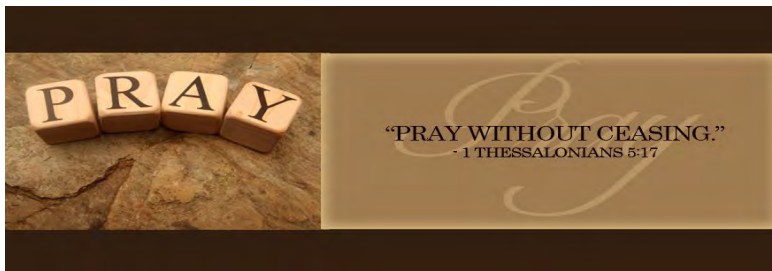


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PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Lynn Arnold
 Rick Bartells, friend of Kim Cichon
 Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Ben Belmonte, nephew of Shirley and Ken Kolze
 Barb Burget, daughter of Agnes Warren
 Luca Colella
 Ed Cuttle, brother of Mary Faust
 Flo Dailey, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Tom Edelman, friend of the Kerlin family
 Kendall Eich
 Eva, Tuesday Breakfast Group's friend at Café 14
 Kyra Graham
 Judy Haimbaugh, sister of Gloria Helms
 Rick Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Schimka
 Michael Hayford
 Orrin Helms
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
 Larry Herron, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
 Bill Houldsworth, husband of Laurie Houldsworth
 Larry & Marlene Ingram
 Barb Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin
 Jean Kolze
 Laura Krause, daughter of Sharon Krause
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg
 Tracy Mack, sister-in-law of Ellen Graham
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
 Dorothy Mende & Bernice Skach, sisters of Charlotte Mally
 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
 Jim Rees, friend of Jackie Schultze
 Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
 Blanche Schug
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey
 Ken Wong, friend of Karen Wagner

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for August:

4: Dee Langguth
11: Shay Storm
18: Janet Olsen
25: Dolly Chamberlin

Nursery Attendants for August:

Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for August:

Gary Altergott

Lectionary Readers for August:

4: Melissa Gumm
11: Sandy Gumm
18: Roseann Stenzel
25: Reader Needed

Lectionary for August:

4: Hos 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9,43; Exx11:2,12-14; Psalm 49:1-12; Col 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21.
11: Isa 1:1,10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Gen 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22; Heb 11:1-3,8-16; Luke 12:32-40.
18: Isa 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2,8-19; Jer 23:23-29; Psalm 82; Heb 11:20-12:2; Luke 12:49-56.
25: Jer 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Isa 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Heb 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17.





Feel like you want to volunteer and help St. Paul church, but you loathe meetings and endless time in discussion? We have just the opportunity for you. If you can turn on your television and/or computer at home ...this job should be simple. We need two more projectionists to help us with the Sunday service. You need not set-up the equipment, you will just need to turn on the computer and the projector and move each slide with the flow of the service. We'll even give you training!

Please think about offering to help...we need you to continue to project the service. Thanks for your consideration...help us keep moving forward with this project.

Kris Freeman

***There is an opening on the Southside Cemetery Committee.
If interested, please see Randy Everett. Thank you.***



Mark your calendars for our End of Summer Get Together at The Tap House Grill on Tuesday, August 20th from 6:30-8:30 pm. The sign up sheet will be posted soon in Fellowship Hall.

Please watch for upcoming Announcements for further details.



Annual Fall Luncheon

The Health Committee invites everyone to the Fall Luncheon to be held on Friday, September 20th, 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 1st. Call the church office if you need transportation.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Join us!



IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE
Make yourself at home!

We are in need of Coffee Hour Hosts during our Fellowship after Sunday Services.

A key component to our fellowship and community at St. Paul is the Fellowship Hour after our worship service. As you know, it is an important gathering place to relax, renew friendships, meet new faces and get a little refreshment after worship.

Coffee and snacks are just part of what feeds this lively time of catching up, making plans and getting to know newcomers. It's the church in fellowship, with or without caffeine.

We have decided to scale down the amount of food being served during fellowship. Coffee cake, brownies, cookies or a light snack is really all that is needed to be brought. The coffee and all serving supplies are provided.

If you don't know how to use the coffee maker, please call the church office and Mary can schedule a time for you to come in and she can show you. Or might we suggest signing up with someone who does, and they can show you. It's actually very simple.

Please consider helping out and signing up on the Coffee Hour Sign Up Sheet in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you!