



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

144 E Palatine Road, Palatine IL 60067

(847) 358-0399 www.stpaul-ucc.org

February 2020 Edition est. 1871



Pastor's Pen...

Waiting is something that most of us don't like to do, and February is definitely a "waiting" month. In February we are waiting to get through winter, and occasionally we wonder what daily life must be like for those folks who live in places like southern Arizona and Florida.

During other months we wait at the DMV when we go to renew our driver's license, or we wait in line at the post office. If we run errands on Saturday morning, we also find ourselves doing a fair amount of waiting; Saturday morning is when a lot of other people take care of odds and ends.

The Bible tells us that we are in a waiting period of another kind right now and that while we may find it tiresome, eventually our patience (and faith) will be rewarded. The Prophet Isaiah wrote: **"He (God) will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be on that day, 'Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.'"** (Isaiah 25:8-9)

Waiting for something good and the month of February seem to go hand-in-hand. I don't know what February is like for the rest of you, but I'll readily admit that it's not my favorite month. I've heard a lot of bad news in February over the years, for one reason or another.....not to mention the fact that it's usually arctic cold. This is why it can be helpful to remind ourselves from the Bible that God has a day in store in which all of the bad and sad stuff of life will be done away with. The dead will live, the crippled will walk, and no more harm will be done to anyone or anything. Wrongs will be righted and the crooked made straight. It will be an incredible thawing out and eternal Spring without all of the allergies! Jesus mostly referred to it as "The Kingdom of God" or "The Kingdom of Heaven." Either way, it's a day that God has set aside for the world.

.....And so we wait....

we wait for the Kingdom and we wait for the Spring...and both will come!

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

	December 2019	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	28,834.14	295,170.94	273,100.00
Expenditure	24,986.89	280,416.31	287,913.00
Net Income	3,847.25	14,754.63	-14,813.00

From the Archives



From the 1939 Financial Report (80 years ago)

REPORT OF LADIES' AID

(90 Members)

High School Band uniforms	\$10.00
Emmaus	5.00
Pastor's Bungalow Fund	5.00
*Bensenville	10.00
Church Board	<u>600.00</u>
	\$630.00

*Besides the cash donation to Bensenville, the Aid sent two boxes of apples, fifty-four towels, thirty-four aprons and two hundred twenty-six jars of fruit and vegetables.

St. Paul received the following letter from Bensenville.

EVANGELICAL HOME FOR CHILDREN AND AGED BENSENVILLE, ILLINOIS

Office of Superintendent
St. Paul's Evangelical Church,
Palatine, Illinois.

Dear Brothers:

We at Bensenville are deeply grateful to the pastors, churches, organizations and individuals for their loyal support during the past year. Because you desire to have the amount received by us for your annual report to the denomination, we are listing the amounts received for the Debt Liquidation Campaign and for the general upkeep or current expenses of the Home.

The amounts received in cash and paid on pledges for the Debt Liquidation Campaign from your church from February 1, 1939 to January 15 1940 totaled \$727.75 .

The amounts received for the general upkeep or current expenses are listed below.

Congregation	\$ 96.45
Sunday School	91.95
Ladies' Aid Society	20.00
Individuals	<u>14.00</u>
Total Contributions.....	\$222.40

Contributions 1938.....\$199.46

Sincerely, A.J. Munsterman





Women's fellowship is planning a pot luck lunch and a game day on **Saturday, February 8th** at 11:30 a.m. Both guys and dolls are invited to join us for a FUN day. Bring any game you enjoy playing and share them with others. Sign up sheet will be posted beginning January 11th in Fellowship Hall.



During the month of February I will be updating and printing the church directory. If you have changed your phone number, address or email in the last year, or know someone who has, or if you've caught an error in the last directory, please email or call the church office and I will have it updated for the 2020 directory. I will let you know when prints are available for pickup. Thank you! Mary



Announcement from Women's Fellowship: There has been a **date change** for the March Women's Fellowship Gathering. Due to the St. Patrick's Day Parade being on Saturday, March 14th, and the Oak Street Parking lot being used for staging, we have decided to move Women's Fellowship to **Saturday, March 28th**. We hope you can join us then. Thank you!

LET'S GET TOGETHER



AND KETCHUP!

Please join us for another fun TAP House Event
Thursday, February 13th at 6:00pm

Love of Creation Upcoming Community Events

Love of Art – Painting Ceramics

With assistance from Thrown Elements, on **Saturday, February 29th** from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm we will be painting ceramics (items to be announced shortly on flyer). Once your piece is painted, the vendor will take it back to their place of business, glaze and fire it for a wonderful finished product. The items will be returned to church for pick up. This event is open to all adults and to children of school age. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Cost is \$20 for completed item and is payable at the door with check or cash.

While sign up is preferred, with a sign up sheet posted in Fellowship Hall, it is not required, or you can call the church office to sign up. Please consider participating in this event and invite others to join us! See anyone on the Spiritual Life Board if you have questions.



Love of Mankind – Stop the Bleed Class

Did you know that over 1 million people have learned to Stop the Bleed. You can too! The American College of Surgeons program is raising awareness and teaching people how to learn quick actions to control serious bleeding.

On **Saturday, March 7th** from 10:00-12:00 we will be hosting a Stop the Bleed class with an instructor affiliated with the American College of Surgeons.

The class is free to all. Adults through middle age children are encouraged to attend. There is no test!

Class size will be limited to 40 participants so please watch for the sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall or you can call the church office to sign up. Please consider participating in this event and invite others to join us! See anyone on the Spiritual Life Board if you have questions.



memorials
& gifts

Charlotte Mally in memory of Raul Noble



February Birthdays

2 Gene Morgan	5 Justin Everett	7 Ellen Graham	8 Agnes Warren
11 Marty Kennelly Jr	14 Ellen Magee	14 Tim Doktor	19 Shirley Kolze
19 Lynn Arnold	23 Lyman Walter	24 Donna Bochat	25 Nancy Perry
26 Lois Roesner	27 Bradley Gillette		

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



At Christmas our family was presented with a generous gift on behalf of the entire congregation of St. Paul, and we also received numerous gifts and cards from a lot of you individually. Words cannot adequately express how loved that made us feel! Your holiday greetings brought much joy to our hearts! A heartfelt thank-you from our household to each and all of you!
-- The Mercers

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Lyman and I would like to thank all of you who sent holiday and cards of wellness to us, as well as dropped off a plant and our envelopes, it has truly meant so much to us. Thank you for your kindness, good thoughts and prayers. - Lyman and Janet Walter.

~ ~ ~ ~ ~

I want to thank everyone who took the time out of their busy lives to call, write, send cards, gifts, and who visited me after hearing of my recent diagnosis. I am forever grateful and moved and overwhelmed by your outpouring of love friendship and faith. I have been truly blessed to be part of this community for so many years. My hope is that the relationship continues, even if by long distance. Wishing all a blessed and happy new year. -Joyce Mah

Christian Education Corner



“... God created...”

It is hard to believe that we are already moving past Christmas and heading into Lent. Yet, it is so. The end of February brings us yet again to the beginning of Lent. This year the church adopted themes for each quarter of the church year. The Spring quarter is *plants and butterflies*. God’s creation expressed in the beauty of the natural world.

As the children and parents know, Lent brings us once again to Heifer project and raising money to help families here and abroad. This year in keeping with the plants and butterflies’ theme we are going to collect money for beehives. Each hive costs \$30.00. If we raise enough money, we can also purchase what is known as a gardener’s basket. This includes bees, chickens, goats and plants.

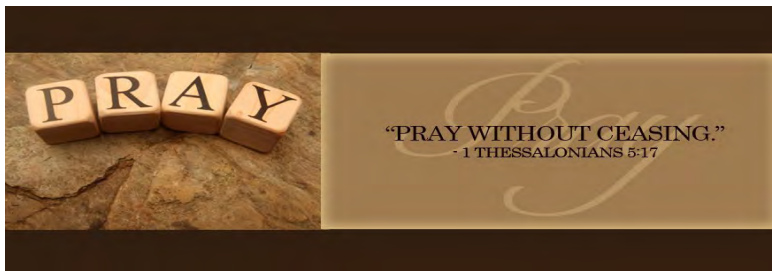
Last year, the kids celebrated the end of formal Sunday School with a trip to Lamb’s Farm to meet goats. This year I am hoping to get a beekeeper to come and speak with them about bees and their value in our lives. I am also hoping to go to one of the forest preserves nearby for a picnic to celebrate the end of the formal Church School year.

Also, this year, we will be working on a play for Lent that teaches about the book: *Hope for the Flowers*. If you have not read this book, please try and find a copy to read to your kids or just read yourself so that you can help the kids practice for their play.

As always, I look forward to the fun of learning with the kids and with the adults ... *who are as little children*.

In Christ’s Love,
Miss Bonnie





PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Dorothy Altergott
 Lynn & Phil Arnold
 Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Ben Belmonte, nephew of Shirley and Ken Kolze
 Barb Burget, daughter of Agnes Warren
 David, Leah, William Campbell & Grandma Mary,
 friends of Melissa Gumm
 Flo Dailey, friend of Charlotte Mally
 Kendall Eich
 Mary Flynn
 Brian Gavin, son-in-law of Gary & Sharon Altergott
 The Graham Family
 Christina Guenther
 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
 Myra & Trudy Longnecker, friends of Sue Lech
 Joyce Mah
 Jack Martin, friend of Amanda Doktor
 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
 Jody Peterson, daughter of Lynn & Phil Arnold
 David Reilly, cousin of Randy Cichon
 Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
 Blanche Schug
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters for February:

2: Ralph & Linda Hayford
9: Gloria Helms
16: Shay Storm
23: Gary & Sharon Altergott

Nursery Attendant for : Holly Chvoy

Usher Captain for February: Randy Everett

Lectionary Readers for February:

2: Melissa Gumm
9: Sandy Gumm
16: Roseann Stenzel
23: Tom Donat

Lectionary for February:

2: Mic 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31; Matt 5:1-12.
9: Isa 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10; 1 Cor 2:1-16; Matt 5:13-20.
16: Deut 30:15-20; Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Cor 3:1-9; Matt 5:21-37.
23: Ex 24:12-18; Psalm 2; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matt 17:1-9.
26: Joel 2:1-2,12-17; Isa 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor 5:20b-6:10; Matt 6:1-6,16-21.





Wachs Love Sunday

On **Sunday February 16th** we will be celebrating the vision Daniel Wachs had about showing people we care about them. During his life, he made it a goal to show others he cared about them. After his death, his family created the Wachs Love Fund to be celebrated each year on the Sunday closest to Valentine's Day. The Wach's Love Fund was founded for the purpose of helping others that are struggling financially within our congregation and within our wider community. The Wachs Love Fund at St. Paul is funded in two ways:

~ Through participation in the Scrip Program: We encourage you to try purchasing Scrip for a couple of months, for some of the shopping you do each month—for groceries, prescriptions, clothing, gasoline, dining out or other entertainment—as well as for gifts you are going to purchase, or give the gift card itself. You may place your order on the second Sunday of each month, and pick it up on the third Sunday. A percentage (1.5% to 25% depending on the vendor) of those purchases you make through the Scrip program come right back to the Wachs Love Fund and you get the full dollar amount that you order.

~ The Wachs Love Fund is funded through your generosity on **Sunday, February 16th**, and throughout the month. There are envelopes at the end of each pew during February, or you can designate your Wachs Fund gift on your regular offering envelope throughout the year. There are four different definitions of "love" in the Bible. One is AGAPE which is the deepest love, and means doing good things for others. Please consider giving to our Wachs Love Fund so we can continue to show our love and do good things for others.

-The Community Outreach Committee.



On Sunday, January 12th St. Paul we welcomed new member, Billy Morgan. Below is a little *Getting to Know You* information on Billy.

Billy has lived in the Palatine area for over 57 years. You all know his son Gene and daughter-in-law Kirsten, Billy is the grandfather to their son and daughter, Jason and Natalie, who are members of St. Paul too. Billy has a total of 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

By profession, Billy was a drywall finisher. His interests are fishing and some woodworking. When asked what he liked about St. Paul, his response: "I feel like I am at home."
And we are so glad you do Billy, Welcome!



150th Anniversary Committee Update

Our planning for the 150th Anniversary Celebration now seems more real since we're just less than a year until we kick off the anniversary. Activities will start in January 2021. One goal is to keep things simple but with purpose. (No extravaganzas will be planned. No arms should be twisted.)

Focus will be on the beginning of year 2021, through April (the actual anniversary date is April 7th, 2021), culminating with a service or luncheon—something non-extravagant, but something meaningful to the event.

At the All Board meeting on January 16th, we asked for two more members for our committee. Currently, Barb Oberly, Sharon Altergott, Sue Gould (chairman) and I are meeting once a month, after initial pre-planning by Margie Anderson. At the end of the All Board meeting, two volunteers came forward and we will announce their names in the next Scribe. Please think about volunteering if you are eager to share ideas and efforts to celebrate. One goal is to get church boards and committees enthused in working on one or more of the ideas that our committee hopes to publicize. We're hoping to get most all of our members to join us in participating, in some way, in celebrating our 150th anniversary.

Some of our current ideas being discussed—

- Souvenir booklet (mentioned in Jan. Scribe)

- New logo—showing both old church and current church (to be used on stationary for invitations, etc.)

- Banners (bought or homemade; for inside and outside)

- Plaque or some lasting tribute to our 150 faithful years

Just think about the past 150 years—a multitude of worship services, baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals—celebrating and memorializing rites of passage and other life events; we're celebrating **a worthy anniversary at St. Paul United Church of Christ. Join in the planning.**

Submitted by Gloria Helms

Groundhog Day

Word Search

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

burrow
cloudy
cold
day
emerge
February
forecast
groundhog

hibernate
hole
holiday
mammal
Pennsylvania
prediction
Punxsutawney Phil
rodent

shadow
sign
six weeks
spring
underground
weather
winter

