



The Scribe



St. Paul UCC

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November 2020

Pastor's Pen...

400 years ago during this very time, the pilgrims were aboard the *Mayflower* and headed to the New World in their quest for religious freedom. The year was 1620 and they had just left Holland (where they had traveled to from England in 1608) embarking on a long voyage that began in September and ended with them dropping anchor at Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts during late December.

This should matter to us a great deal because the United Church of Christ traces its historical roots back to the *Mayflower* pilgrims, and we do so from both the Congregational and the E&R side of the house. Another reason why we should care about this is because the United Church of Christ strongly believes in the freedom of individual conscience, particularly as it pertains to religious belief. Now, while some may have differences with the Pilgrims as it relates to the latter's confessional Calvinism, we still may share kinship with them in their desire to worship God in their own way.

This year marks the 400-year anniversary of that harsh, first winter in the Plymouth colony when half of them died. *Next* year (2021) will be the 400-year anniversary of that first Thanksgiving on which we base our own fourth-Thursday-in-November celebration each year. But for *this* year, however, we remember their voyage, we remember their landing, and we remember their hardship. Most of all, I hope, we remember their reason for subjecting themselves to such an ordeal in the first place. Religious freedom really was that important to them; so much so that they took on hypothermia, frostbite, and tuberculosis in order to obtain it.

The holidays that you and I cherish today are based on events that weren't nearly as cozy or as fun for the people who experienced them. We are their offspring, and they are our parents. We enjoy the fruits, and they have borne the labor. While 2020 hasn't been the year that we had hoped it would be, we still should be awestruck when we realize that we're children of 1620. We owe to God our deepest gratitude and to our Pilgrim forebears we owe our deepest respect.

David



St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Kim Cichon, Ed Doktor, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Kim Ferris, Arlene Kraus (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), David Mercer (Staff Rep), Chuck Oberly (Admin. Board Rep), and David Russell.

Pastoral Care

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)

Pastoral Relations Committee

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, and Bob Kolze.

Monthly Financial report

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

	September 2020	YTD	BUDGET
Revenue	\$20,420.34	\$216,831.86	\$268,700.00
Expenditure	\$21,560.90	\$194,164.37	\$271,738.00
Net Income	\$-1,140.56	\$22,667.49	\$-3,038.00



Communion for the month of November will be on the SECOND Sunday, November 8th. This is due to Totenfest being scheduled for Sunday, November 1st.



2021 Offering Envelopes

The 2021 Offering envelopes will be available for pick up in the Narthex during the months of November and December. If you know of someone who is unable to attend worship, please feel free to take them with you and drop them off. **Thank you!**

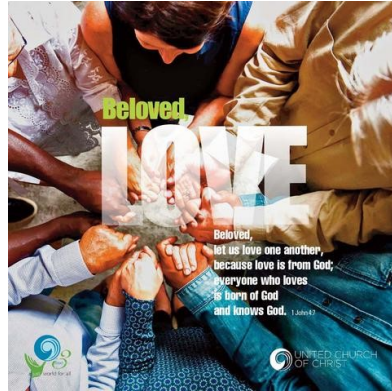


Altar Flower Chart

A new 2021 flower chart is now in the East Entrance. We welcome you to sign up to have flowers placed on the altar for special Sundays of significance to you and your family. (You can also call the church office and Mary can sign you up.) Having flowers on the church altar is a wonderful way to honor, celebrate or remember special persons or events in your life. We are hoping to have the chart filled for each week of the year, so that fresh flowers remain a part of our weekly service. The cost is \$27.00. Please make checks payable to St. Paul UCC. Thank you!



The 2021 Bulletin sponsor sign up sheet and envelopes are in the Narthex. The cost is \$40 per month. Please fill out the sign up sheet, take a designated envelope, place your donation inside and you can either mail it in or drop it in the collection plate on Sunday. You can also call the church office and Mary can sign you up as well. Thank you!



Stewardship Sunday Nov 15th

**Please join us, if you are able, for Stewardship Sunday
November 15th at 10:00am
at your church home, to give your pledge for 2021.**

“Blessed Beyond Belief”

In these days of Covid 19, there is darkness, death, anger and fear. We all feel it. There is division, hate, greed, poverty. We all see it. This Pandemic is the great leveler and none of us is exempt which is the same as we are all in this together. We deeply desire to connect with others and to hold one another. When we take that desire and create new paths for loving connections; video, voice, written word, kind gift, sharing resources, etc. we are finding ways of being loving human beings despite the cloud of unknowing fear.

Think about all we do have. Think about the food on your plate when others have little to none. Think about the ‘home’, you have when others seek shelter. Think about the friends and community you are blessed to have. In fact, think about all you do have in spite of these dark times. We have a church community that ties us together, serves those in need, welcomes those on the margins. We are blessed to have St. Paul UCC, Palatine. Let us give thanks for St. Paul and help it continue to be a light to the community with our annual gift for 2021, especially in these troubled times.

Just take a moment and think about all that you do have, all that you are blessed to have and let us give thanks to our God who blesses us with life and with little blessings all the time. We only need the eyes of our heart to perceive it. In spite of all our challenges, God is with us and blesses us beyond belief.



Christian Education Corner

November 2020



Wow!! As I write this, I can hardly believe that we are talking about the holidays already. It seems I lost the entire year somewhere. We have begun a new quarter in Sunday School. Our theme this quarter is: *Making a Difference*. We certainly have had the opportunity to make a difference in one another's lives even if it has been over zoom. Who knew? Imagine what your stock portfolio would look like had you invested in zoom.

Speaking of zoom, we continue to zoom Sunday School! It is going better than in the spring. We have split into two classrooms, one for the younger kids and one for the older kids. This is going GREAT!!! Who knew a few years ago we would be talking about two classrooms? I am pleased by the commitment of parents and kids alike to make this happen.

In all honesty, I do not know what to write this month. The holidays are looming, and no one knows what family and friends they will be able to see. So, I decided to tell you a story about how we need to see God as we go through these times of trouble and fear, despair and depression, all the while looking for hope.

Anthony de Mello wrote: ***The Elephant and the Rat***

An elephant was enjoying a leisurely dip in a jungle pool when a rat came up to the pool and insisted that the elephant get out.

"I won't" said the elephant.

"I insist you get out this minute," said the rat.

"Why?"

"I shall tell you that only after you are out of the pool."

"Then I won't get out."

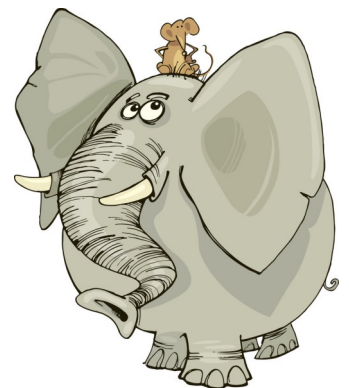
But he finally lumbered out of the pool, stood in front of the rat, and said, "Now then, why did you want me to get out of the pool?"

"to check if you were wearing my swimming trunks," said the rat.

An elephant will sooner fit into the trunks of a rat than God will fit into our notions of him.

May each one of you find thanks this year. If nothing else, we can all have a zoom Thanksgiving meal together. Imagine the laughter that would bring!

May God bless each and every one of you,
Bonnie





The Holidays are upon us ... Below is an order form If you would like to order a Poinsettia plant to help decorate our sanctuary for the Advent season (starting November 29th) and Christmas Eve services. We will be ordering 7" pots @ \$14.00 each. Please make checks payable to St. Paul. Please turn in your order forms to the church office. Thank you! (there are additional order forms in the Narthex)

DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

Honor of: _____

No. of Plants: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____ x \$14.00@ = _\$ _____ (total)

You may pick up your plants any time after the 11 pm Christmas Eve service

Christmas Decorating



Your help is needed to decorate the Sanctuary for this holiday season. Please join us on **Saturday, November 28th at 10:00 am**. It is expected to take about 2 hours to complete pending the amount of help present. Please consider helping us. We also need at least one tall person for those hard to reach places. :)

See Debbie Everett for details or questions. Thank you!



November Birthdays

1 Jackie Schultze	20 Robert Anderson
3 Michael Kerlin	22 Christina Ferris
10 Kira Kowalski	23 Carol Hannah
12 Lillian Grandt	27 Luca Colella
19 Randy Cichon	29 Marc Gould
19 David Graham	

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

In memory of Bill Strohmeier:

Nancy Perry and Randy & Kim Cichon



In Memory of Donna Bochat:

Phil & Lynn Arnold	James & Shirley Schimka
Cherrie Wickstrom	Jackie Schultze
Randy & Kim Cichon	Carol Douglas
Gary & Sharon Altergott	Diane Graham
Casimir & Dorothy Paul	Orrin & Gloria Helms
Diana Edwards	David & Gail Russell
Jean & Harley Chapman	The Gumm Family
Randy & Debbie Everett	Dave & Kris Freeman
Michelle & Jasiel Morales	Ron Bochat
Bob & Pat Kolze	

*Thank
you*



I wanted to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for the cards, calls, prayers and kind expressions of sympathy shown following Donna's passing. Your support at this difficult time is very much appreciated and of great comfort to me and my family. -Ron Bochat

Thanks to the St Paul family for all of the kind thoughts, prayers, and good wishes during Jean's illness. We also would like to thank Rev. Mercer for keeping in close contact with us. All of these expressions of concern mean a great deal to us. -Dick & Jean Kolze

TOGETHER we pray

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Dorothy Almberg, aunt of Kim Ferris & Karen Wagner
Lynn & Phil Arnold
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Ben Belmonte, nephew of Shirley and Ken Kolze
Barb Burget, daughter of Agnes Warren
Guy Chamberlin, son of Dolly Chamberlin
Kathy DePue
Kendall Eich
John Fretschl, cousin of Nancy Perry
Rick Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Schimka
Michael & Matthew Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
Larry Herron, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
Bill Houldsworth, husband of Laurie Houldsworth
Larry & Marlene Ingram
Joe Kenney, nephew of Kris Freeman
Barb Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin
Jean Kolze
Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner
Dorothy Mende & Bernice Skach, sisters of Charlotte Mally
Paulette Mohr, aunt of Kim Ferris & Karen Wagner
Marilyn Paolisso, aunt of Bruce Kerlin
Robin Plemich, cousin of Kim Ferris & Karen Wagner
David Reilly, cousin of Randy Cichon
Geri Rogers, sister of Pat Kolze
Blanche Schug
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Laurie Sorman, friend of Sue Lech
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze
Al Undrys, friend of Sandy & Melissa Gumm
Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Greeters: There is a table with a sign directing all to take a bulletin in the east entryway.

Communion Sunday: There are combo wafer/communion cups on the table as you enter, (*with the bulletins*) please take one and bring to your seat. Thank you!

Readers: Pastor will be reading all lectionary in worship, until further notice.

Lectionary for November:

1: Josh 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37; Mic 3:5-12; Psalm 43; 1 Thess 2:9-13; Matt 23:1-12.

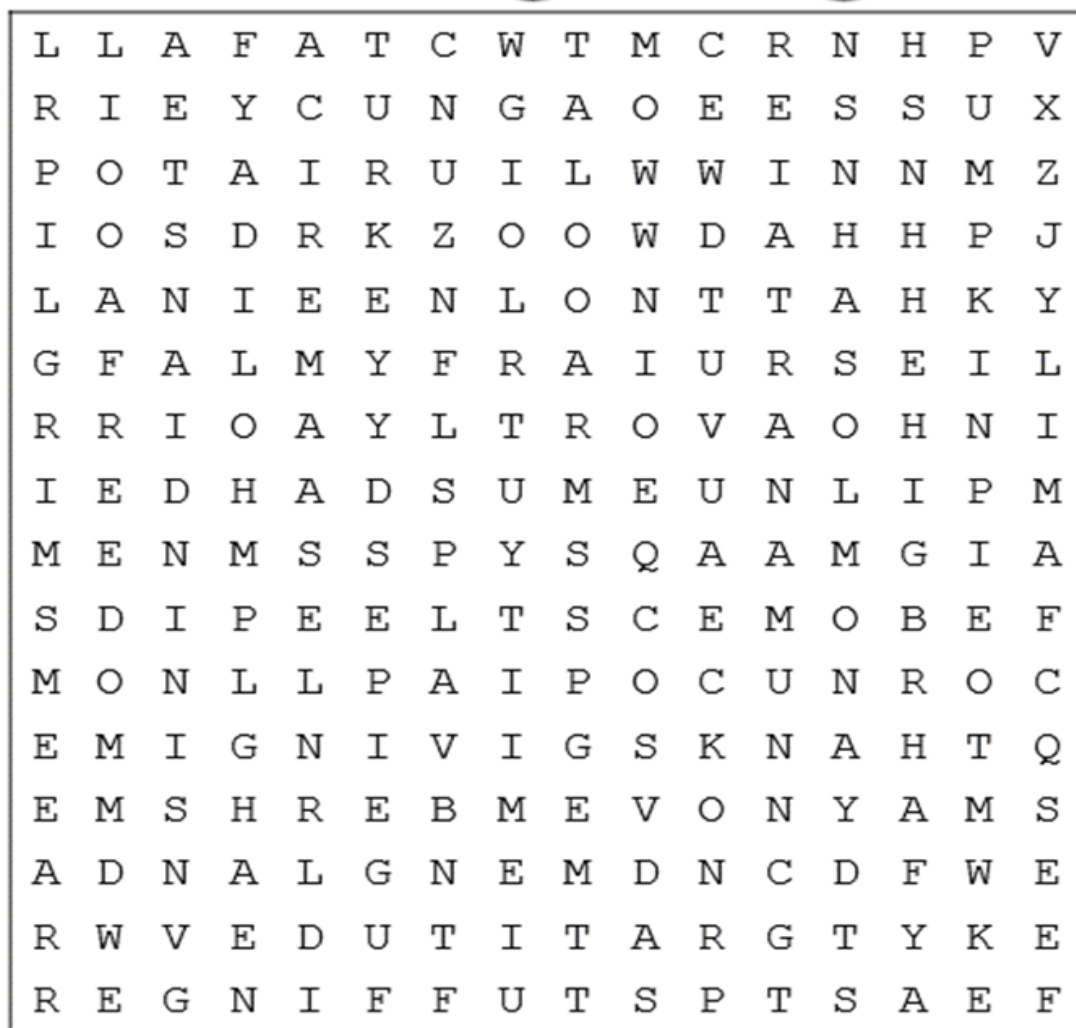
8: Jsh 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; Wisd of Sol 6:12-16; Amos 5:18-24; Wisd of Sol 6:17-20; Psalm 70; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matt 24:1-13.

15: Judg 4:1-7; Psalm 123; Zeph 1:7,12-18; Psalm 90:1-2; 1 Thess 5:1-11; Matt 25:14-30.

22: Ezek 34:11-16,20-24; Psalm 100; Psalm 95:1-7a; Eph 1:15-23; Matt 24:31-46.

29: Isa 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.





AMERICA
CANOE
COLONY
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ENGLAND
FALL
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FEAST
FREEDOM

GRATITUDE
HARVEST
HOLIDAY
INDIANS
MAIZE
MAYFLOWER
MILES STANDISH
NEWWORLD
NOVEMBER

PILGRIMS
PLYMOUTH
PUMPKIN PIE
PURITANS
SQUASH
STUFFING
THANKSGIVING
TURKEY
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