



# The Scribe

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Monthly  
Newsletter

## ***Pastor's Pen...***

On the next page in this issue, you'll find a resource that I put together for you to use. I call it "Pastor's Pointers On Inviting Someone To Church." It is a short list that I've compiled with the best of intentions; I'm hoping that you'll find it useful for jump-starting your own outreach efforts. I offer it to you not as an abdication of my pastoral duties, but as a way to equip you for being the Church of Jesus Christ. Biblically, the role of the pastor is to equip the church for the work of ministry. Pastors accomplish that primarily through preaching and teaching, but we do so with the understanding that the real missionaries are the people in the pews.

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints (that's you!) for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11-13) (NRSV)

My dad and I used to argue about this occasionally. He would say to me, "As far as I'm concerned, the job of the minister is to fill the pews." I replied: "No, dad. The job of the minister is to fill the pulpit. The job of the whole church is to fill the pews."

Being the Body of Christ takes all of us together. It takes all of us to honor our baptismal and confirmation vows. It takes all of us to realize that we are each Christ's ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20) and as such, we each need to do what we can to reach out to local communities.

September marks the rallying kick-off of a new season at St. Paul! Frankly, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else!

See you in worship!

*Pastor David*



**St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Bernadette Chvoy, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Kim Ferris, David Freeman, Arlene Kraus (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), David Mercer (Staff Rep), and Chuck Oberly (Admin. Board Rep).**

## Pastor's Pointers On Inviting Someone To Church

*In many, if not most instances, the number one reason that people join and stay in a church is because of their relationship with the people next to them in the pews. Yes, God has something to do with it, but people often experience God through other people. We are, after all, each one made in God's own image (Genesis 1:27). The pastor can also be a factor, but pastors come and go. Also, the pastor's attention is divided up among many people in the congregation and wider denomination. Further, only an egotistical pastor would think that people come because of him or her. The nucleus of congregational life, therefore, rests with the congregation itself. It is in the congregation where solid, long-term relationships are formed. Look around you – most everyone you see is there because of their friendship with someone in the congregation. Someone invited them. Someone sat with them and welcomed them. Someone made the effort to make them a part of the worshipping community. The following is a list of things that you can do and say to re-start that invitation to community life here at St. Paul. You don't have to be an expert or a hallowed Saint, just a good neighbor.*

(1). Pray. Ask God to send someone your way, someone whom you might invite to church. Pray: "Lord, please put me in the path of someone who would benefit from knowing you, and making new friends at St. Paul."

(2). Build a relationship with that person. Build trust. Be a good listener. Make sure also, that your friendship with them is with no strings attached. If they should spurn your invitation to church, don't stop being a friend to them. Jesus experienced rejection and you will too.

(3). Here are some things you can say. Pick and choose. They aren't in any particular order:

*"I have friends in church. They're good folks."*

*"Church is community. We aren't perfect, but at least we're friends."*

*"I believe there's a God. I get in touch with God on Sundays. I can't explain it, but I feel it. There's something there."*

*"I'd like to introduce you to some friends of mine this Sunday. You'd fit right in!"*

*".....how about if I throw in brunch at \_\_\_\_\_ as well?"*

*"Church at 10:00, coffee hour at 11:00, and Portillo's at Noon. You can't beat it!"*

*"We believe that life will ultimately triumph over death."*

*"Yes, unfortunately there ARE hypocrites, but hypocrites are everywhere. That's what happens when you get human beings together. I've found, though, that church is still very worthwhile."*

*"God created each of us to be in relationship with Himself. God desires our fellowship."*

*"Maybe the Bears haven't got a prayer, but we do! Want to come?"*

The best form of evangelism is that which is borne out of one-on-one friendships. People are moved to do something or try something when it appeals to their deep-seated desire to be known, loved, and accepted. If you can tap into that, then you can win them over.

Love em' one, love em' all!

*Pastor David*



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](tel: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](tel: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)*

#### COLLEGE STUDENT



#### CARE PACKS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

It's that time again! If you have a child who is going away to college this year and would like for them to receive a "care pack" from the health committee, please send their address to Jackie Schultze at [jacquelyn\\_s\\_60173@yahoo.com](mailto:jacquelyn_s_60173@yahoo.com). or call 847-995-1539

The Health Committee invites everyone to the annual Fall Luncheon to be held on Friday, October 7th at 11:30 a.m. The location will be in a private room at the Tap House Grill at 56 W. Wilson Street, Palatine.

Save the date. More details and sign-up sheets will be posted later in September.



## From the Archives...



This is from the Herald - - - -

"October 19, 1901

The interior of St. Paul's Church is hardly recognizable. At a cost of over \$350 and through the efforts of the pastor, Rev. G.C. Hoffmeister, that place of worship has been changed into one to be admired and proud of. The most important change is the new position of the pipe organ. The instrument is now placed immediately in front of the congregation with all except the keyboard and front row of pipes set in an alcove built for that purpose, the bottom being elevated about four feet above the floor. The pulpit is on the same level with the organ and attractive stairways lead to them. Three arches decorate the top part of the front wall. A raised platform for the choir has been built in the space formerly occupied by the organ. The sides of the interior are finished in blue with a light blue panel enclosed by a gilt border. Blue paper with stars as figures has been placed on the ceiling. All the woodwork, seats included, has been grained; colored glass arches are placed above the windows and new window shades purchased. The stoves are moved to one side and the lamps have new shades.

The work was first taken up by the young peoples' society and the bulk was paid for by them. The Ladies' Aid Society did its share, as did also the congregation. All is practically paid for and there are few churches in towns of this size that are as homelike."

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## From the Spiritual Life Board...

....We are in need of a Spiritual Life Rep to the Executive Board as well as an "At Large" person to the Executive Board.

....We are in need of a member for the Administrative Board.

....We are in need of a chairman for the Christian Education Committee



**We are also in need of some "task helpers"....for one time tasks that we are in need of volunteers for. You do not need to be on a committee or board, or commit to be on either to participate. If you are interested in being a task helper for any of the tasks listed below, please see a member of the Spiritual Life Board. Thank you!**

....The Worship Committee is looking for ASK ME Reps, Lectionary Readers, Element Bearers for Communion Sundays. Please contact Kris Freeman if interested in any of the openings.



## 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	9/20 Darlene Vogt
9/8 Blache Schug	9/24 Steven Conrad
9/9 Henry Chvoy	9/27 Arlene Kraus
9/11 Sharon Altergott	

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



Phyllis Wittig  
in memory of  
Richard Wittig

### Baptism at St. Paul...

Mason Michael Zimanek, son  
of Mark & Michelle Zimanek was  
baptized on August 28th.

Blessings and Peace to you Mason!





## SEPTEMBER SCRIP PROGRAM

**September Scrip Orders are due in the Scrip Mailbox (on shelf across from the office door) by 11:30 a.m. on the second Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and will be ready to pickup on the following Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>!**

Ordering through our Scrip Program is an EASY way to donate to our Wachs Fund all year round, with no additional cost to you – just for prepaying for the shopping you do anyway. The earnings from our orders stay in our account to be transferred to the Wachs Fund in February on Wachs Love Sunday. This fund is used to provide short term/one time monetary assistance to residents of Palatine and the St. Paul Community who are experiencing a financial hardship. Please consider and try this way to help someone less fortunate than you. Maybe order a Walgreen, Target or Walmart gift card to use doing your shopping.

Thanks to those of you who are regulars in our Scrip Program. If you have any questions, contact Darlene Vogt, St. Paul Scrip Program Coordinator, at 847/359-0839 or online at [dvogt122@aol.com](mailto:dvogt122@aol.com).

This program is sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee of The Spiritual Life Board.

### Neighbors in Need

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on October 2nd, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Through [ucc.org/justice](http://ucc.org/justice), our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong policy advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC.

One-third of the offering supports the UCC's Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM). Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hocak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and northern Nebraska. Today there are 20 UCC congregations on reservations and one urban, multi-tribal UCC congregation in Minneapolis, Minnesota. These churches and their pastors are supported by CAIM. CAIM is also an invaluable resource for more than 1,000 individuals from dozens of other tribes and nations who are members of other UCC congregations in the U.S.





## PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Charlie Betzhold  
 Eva Bori  
 Karen Connor  
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally  
 Lindsey Demos  
 Kendall Eich  
 Debbie Faust, sister of Mark Faust  
 Gehlin Family, friends of the Drost Family  
 Laura and Bob Giltzow  
 Kari Harvey, daughter of Dolly Chamberlin  
 Austin Hayford, grandson of Ralph & Linda Hayford  
 Ralph Hayford  
 Leona Henning  
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze  
 Larry Herron  
 Kira Ingram, granddaughter of Larry Ingram  
 Karl Krause  
 Leizl, great niece of Chuck & Margie Anderson  
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg  
 Bob & Charlotte McKotch, sister and brother-in-law  
 of Janet Walter  
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner  
 Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally  
 Delores Moxley, friend of Pat & Bob Kolze  
 Leon Paz, husband of Mary Paz  
 Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze  
 Blanche Schug  
 Eric Schultze, brother of Jackie Schultze  
 Kindra Spiegel, daughter of Ken & Shirley Kolze  
 Riley Stencel, great-niece of Greg Mayer  
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze  
 Tom, cousin of Kim and Karen  
 Trish Vanderploeg, friend of Kim Cichon  
 Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey  
 Vi Weiskopf, friend of Rev. Mercer  
 Marjorie Winkle, friend of Phil & Lynn Arnold

## SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

### **Greeters for September:**

**4:** Arlene Kraus  
**11:** Shay Storm  
**18:** Jeff & Kathy DePue  
**25:** Mary Faust

### **Lectionary Readers for September:**

**4:** Donna Bochat  
**11:** Melissa Gumm  
**18:** Tom Donat  
**25:**

### **Usher Captain for September:**

Larry Ingram

### **Lectionary for September:**

**4:** Jer 18:1-11; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; Deut 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Philem 1:21; Luke 14:25-33.  
**11:** Jer 4:11-2,22-28; Psalm 14; Ex 32:7-14; Psalm 51:1-10; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10.  
**18:** Jer 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9; Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 113; 1 Tim 12:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.  
**25:** Jer 32:1-3a,6-15; Psalm 91:1-6,14-16; Amos 6:1a,4-7; Psalm 146; 1 Tim 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31.





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July 14, 2016

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Dear Friends,

**Welcome to WaterAid!**  
**Thank you for being an agent of change.**

Today is a better day for those living without clean water and toilets because your generous gift will help transform lives in some of the world's most disadvantaged communities.

Your support helps bring WaterAid's 30+ years of expertise to communities that need the skills and equipment to set-up, operate and maintain their water and sanitation systems for the long-term. We will use every dollar wisely and send you periodic updates on the many ways your support is making bright futures possible.



In addition to your generous financial support, your **voice** helps spread the word:

- Join the conversation on Facebook and Twitter
- Start a fundraiser and get your friends and family involved in WaterAid.

I'm excited to welcome you to WaterAid. We're serious about empowering communities and we're grateful for your support. We would love to hear from you. Please contact my colleague Manuel Gomez at [mgomez@wateraidamerica.org](mailto:mgomez@wateraidamerica.org) if you would like more information. Until then, thank you again for joining WaterAid.

Sarina Prabasi  
CEO

*Please note that your contribution is tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable under the law. IRS regulations require us to state that WaterAid America did not provide any goods or services in consideration of this contribution. Please retain this letter for tax purposes.*

Gift Amount: \$3,142.00

Gift Date: 7/8/2016

Program: General Support

## **Be Prepared for Extreme Heat**

*Adapted from an article by Kathleen Votava, Office of Regional Operations, Administration for Community Living.* The Administration for Community Living (ACL) works with agencies such as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and others to help spread the word about extreme heat.

As summer is upon us, this is an important reminder regarding planning for and responding to periods of extreme heat. Faith communities can be vital resources for older adults, individuals with a disability, or family members caring for a loved one with functional needs. During periods of extreme heat, faith communities can help their members and neighbors take steps to put plans in place and prepare for potential risks, such as power outages. By helping people evaluate their own personal needs and making an emergency plan, they can be better prepared for any situation.

Some actions you can help people take include:

- Consider how periods of extreme heat, including risk for potential power outages, might affect individual needs.
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  - Make a plan for being able to manage independently for a few days when there may not be access to a medical facility or a pharmacy.
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  - Identify what kind of resources people use on a daily basis and how to cope if they are limited or not available. For example, make provisions for medications that require refrigeration or plan arrangements for any assistance to get to a cooling center if needed.
- [Build A Kit](#), a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. What do you need to maintain your health, safety, and independence during periods of extreme heat? For example, include any specialized items that you may need such as extra wheelchair batteries, oxygen, catheters, medication, food and water for service animals, and any other items that you might need.

Plan to check on service animals more frequently to ensure that they are not suffering from the heat.

As a faith community, one of the most important things you can do is to make a plan to check on members, family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning, who spend much of their time alone or who are more likely to be affected by the heat.

*Dear God. We are thankful for the seasons. Give us the wisdom to prepare for and help each other in times when nature can overwhelm us with too much of a good thing!*

## ***From the Community Outreach Committee...***

**SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH**, when the Feeding America nationwide network of food banks unites to urge individuals to take action in their communities. This month is our opportunity at St. Paul to make a real and lasting impact on the goal of ending hunger in America.

- Learn more about the ever-growing hunger problem in our country and around the world. Consider checking out the [FeedingAmerica.org](http://FeedingAmerica.org) website to learn more about hunger in the United States
- In many ways, America is the land of plenty. But for 1 in 6 people in the United States, hunger is a very real struggle. Many people believe that the problems associated with hunger are confined to small pockets of society, certain areas of the country, or certain neighborhoods, but the reality is much different.
- Right now, millions of Americans are at risk of hunger. These are often hard-working adults, children and seniors who simply cannot always make ends meet and may be forced to go without food.
- One in eight Americans now rely on the Feeding America network for food and groceries. The Palatine Township Food Pantry is part of this network.
- Fifteen percent of U.S. households are food insecure. That is 17.6 million households in the United States.
- 4.8 million seniors over the age of 60, or eight percent of all seniors are food insecure.
- Food insecurity exists in EVERY county in America. In Cook County 15.3% of households are food insecure, which translates to 797,090 people that are hungry some or all of the time, right here, living in *our* community.

During Hunger Action Month, we will be collecting food in the sanctuary—on the windowsills and in the grocery cart by the east entrance—for the Palatine Pirate Treasure Chest. This program assists young people at Palatine High School who do not have a pantry or refrigerator stocked with food at home over the weekend when they do not receive reduced or free school breakfasts and lunches. They may not even have a home at all. Please consider picking up granola bars, peanut butter and jelly each time you shop this month for your family and leave these items in the grocery cart. We will be collecting these items all during September in the grocery cart for the young people in our community that do not have a parent to provide them, or whose parent is unable to provide these nutritious basics. You can also make a monetary donation. Indicate that your check made out to St. Paul UCC is designated for the Palatine Treasure Chest.

(See Page 11 for Luncheon Information)



## HUNGER LUNCHEON

Plan to attend the St. Paul Hunger Luncheon following worship on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. We will provide delicious fare for lunch. There will be no cost for lunch, but please consider making a generous donation that will go directly to the Pirate Treasure Chest to help feed kids at Palatine High School that do not have enough to eat. See you on September 25<sup>th</sup>, hungry.

-Your Community Outreach Committee



### Christian Education Corner

From the book “The Blessing Seed” by Caitlin Matthews:

*On the path of coming home, you will remember that you are part of everything. When you look after the earth, when you defend the helpless, when you speak for those who have no voice, when you enjoy and respect [God’s]creation, then you will be most like [God]. Your learning and caring will shine out everywhere. You will be separate no more.*

On this Rally Day, “Welcome Home,” gives us a jumping off point for the joy, excitement and challenge that is “church.” The Christian Education classroom will welcome you with a selection from the “Brick Bible,” all portrayed in Lego’s.

For those of you who cannot get enough *Pokemon*—Come and be amazed at *Pokemon Go* Christian Education style!

Parents, Grandparents, Families, Friends and Neighbors, come one and all and see what awaits this adventuresome new year. I look forward to meeting all of you.

Bonnie Haase  
Christian Education Coordinator



## Autumn Word Search

O C L Y X E G A I L O F A O W X J  
R P L B S G Z P Z B E D Q E B Q Q  
A D O Y A E S R A E J X H F V G J  
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E I J I O Z R T T T A X K J R H E  
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V U C Y V E X A B S A M O P L N S  
X O T Y A E J R N M C B B D O K E  
X U Z S E S G M F L E H X E C S V  
C S O K V L U N L R S V O I R G A  
I N J L F T L A A D O M O O X I E  
N L Y Q U B F O O H U S R N L V L  
E N F A L U T O W R C A T A N I Z  
C H A L L O W E E N R A T U R N Z  
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COOL DECIDUOUS FALL FOLIAGE FROST  
HARVEST LEAVES ORANGE RAKE RED  
SCENIC SCHOOL SEASON SEPTEMBER TREES  
TURN WOODS YELLOW**

