



# The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

144 E Palatine Road, Palatine IL 60067  
(847) 358-0399 [www.stpaul-ucc.org](http://www.stpaul-ucc.org)

January 2017 Edition

Monthly  
Newsletter

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

The prophet Micah can provide us with some wisdom as we enter 2017:

***“He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”***

**(Micah 6:8) (NRSV)**

This one well-known verse is actually a good blue print for how to live the Christian life, and it would make a good New Year's resolution as well. It covers it all: faith and deeds, attitude and action, belief and brotherhood (sisterhood, too!).

**Let us pray:** *Lord God, in this new year please empower us to do and be what we are utterly incapable of doing and being under our own power: A redeemed community that shows a watching world what a redeemed community looks like. Lord, you are infinitely good and holy, but we are weekday people who struggle with being human. We ask that you lift us above that struggle, and grant to us a power that exceeds that of our own. This we ask for your glory, not ours; and we ask it in the Name that is above every name: Jesus Christ.*

Amen.

***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).**

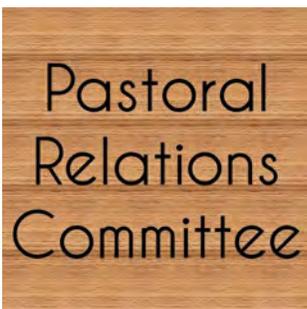


Pastoral visitation is available to those who are hospitalized, temporarily laid up at home, or going through rehab at a facility. Because hospitals and other institutions do not notify the church when a patient is admitted, we need for you or your family member to notify us. We will be more than happy to accommodate your request for pastoral care. Please note also that the pastor may be reached for emergencies at [\(847\) 445-7248](tel:8474457248) (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:8473580399) 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!**

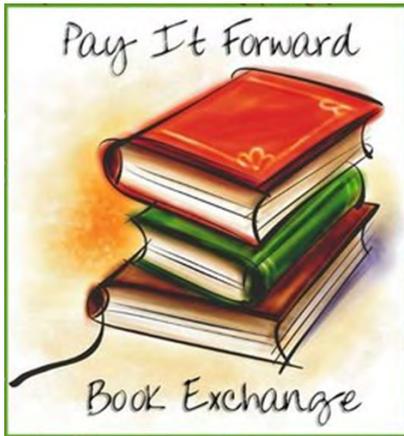


Do you have an idea, a question, a comment, or a concern that you would like for Pastor David to know about? You have a couple of options available to you.

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.**

## HEALTH COMMITTEE BOOK EXCHANGE



The health committee will again be sponsoring a book/magazine exchange. A good book or magazine is a good way to pass the time during the long, cold winter months. Keep your mind alert and improve your mental health by sitting down with a good book. Please use the information below to be part of the Book Exchange

Guidelines: Bring books, magazines, CD's, DVD's to Fellowship Hall and put them on the tables designated for the exchange.

You can begin bringing them anytime beginning **January 8<sup>th</sup> – January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Please do **NOT** take any books or magazines until **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** so that we may have time to put them in order.

The actual exchange will begin on **January 22<sup>nd</sup>** and continue until **Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>**. Beginning **January 22** you may take as many books, magazines, ETC. as you wish regardless of whether you have contributed any. Please wait until that date to pick up books.

Magazines should be no more than one year old. Names should be removed.

Books and magazines should be in fairly good condition

No textbooks or encyclopedias.

All books and magazines that are not exchanged will be taken to the library.



### St. Paul To Participate In Ecumenical Prayer Service January 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm

Please join with our Pastor David and other members of St. Paul UCC as we come together with other Palatine congregations on Wednesday evening at 7pm on January 25<sup>th</sup>.

It will be approximately a one-hour to an hour and fifteen minute prayer service to culminate the *Week of Prayer For Christian Unity*, which runs from January 18<sup>th</sup> thru the 25<sup>th</sup>. The location will be at St. Theresa Parish (Roman Catholic) 455 N. Benton Street here in Palatine.

## From the Archives...



The following 3 articles were all from the Palatine Enterprise on November 17, 1950

### **St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church**

9:30 a.m. Sunday school classes

10:45 a.m. Sunday Hour of Worship. Nursery for small children

Sunday, November 19 will be the annual Kingdom Roll Call of the Congregation. The total missionary and benevolent budget of the congregation in addition to the local needs will be presented and subscribed to for the coming year. Each member of the congregation has been made aware of the needs and has been appealed to subscribe to them. The pastor's message will be, "The art of giving." With grateful hearts we respond to the goodness of God.

### **Union Thanksgiving Service Wednesday eve at St. Paul Church**

The annual union Thanksgiving Eve service will be held this year Wednesday evening, Nov. 22 at 7:45 pm at the St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed church, Chicago ave. and Oak St., Palatine. The other participating churches are the First Methodist church, Rev. William Harry Fetz, pastor; Salem Evangelical United Brethren, Rev. Reynold Heinrich, pastor; and St. Phillip's Episcopal church, Rev. Rob Roy Hardin, pastor.

The Thanksgiving message will be preached by Rev. Fetz, whose sermon subject will be "The Spirit that makes us grateful". The pastors of the other cooperating churches will lead the liturgy of the service. The senior choir of the host church under the direction of Harold P. Berg will render the special Thanksgiving anthems. The host pastor, Rev. Glenn G. Gumm, announced that the offering of the evening has been agreed to be used for the Korean Children's fund.

The ladies of the cooperating churches will be hosts to the community in a period of fellowship following the hour of worship in the Fellowship hall of St. Paul church. It will be an opportunity for all neighbors in Palatine to visit over a cup of coffee or tea.

### **Palatine Train Wreck**

The worst freight train wreck in the records of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad in the last 50 years occurred in the center of Palatine at 6:35 Thursday evening, Nov. 9. The fact that no lives were lost is considered an act of Providence. A water main was broken affecting many in town and along Chicago Avenue.



On Saturday January 14<sup>th</sup> the St. Paul's Women's Fellowship will prepare a meal coordinated by Holly Peterson. This is a fun event. The group works together to prepare several courses, hand selected by Holly. There will be a short meeting while the food cooks and then we'll enjoy the prepared food for lunch. You won't want to miss it. If there is a supply fee, it will be determined based on the number of participants. Please sign up by Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>. See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

Happy  Birthdays

5 Michael Wagner

5 Joyce Mah

6 Mike Drost

7 Holly Chvoy

7 Karen Connor

7 Sharon Gillette

13 Earl Mah

17 Jean Kolze

20 Evan Gregor

23 Mark Faust Sr

26 Mark Faust Jr

28 Gloria Helms

28 Helen Chvoy

30 Bernice Johnson

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



Chuck & Barb Oberly in memory of Ethel Baumann



**Thank you!**

*Thank you to all for your Thanksgiving Eve offerings, which went to Church World Service.*

*\$150 was collected.*

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



**These pictures were sent to us from the social workers at Palatine High School for the donations to the Treasure Chest, and for the gift cards, etc. that go into the gift bags to be given out to the abandoned students. Thank you!!**



### **Souper Bowl Sunday Food Drive**

The Community Outreach committee is *kicking off* the annual St. Paul **Souper Bowl Sunday** food drive for the Palatine Township Food Pantry on January 22. This post-Christmas food drive began many years ago asking for soup for the food pantry—good cold weather food the pantry is always in need of during the winter months. You may still contribute hearty soups, but the food pantry's current needs also include: 100% fruit juice, mashed or canned potatoes, canned meat—chicken and beef, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, canned fruit, canned vegetables, baking supplies and coffee.

Monetary donations are also appreciated. You may make checks out to the *Palatine Township Needy Family Fund*. As a member of the Greater Chicago Food Depository, monetary donations are used by the Palatine Township to buy both non-perishable and fresh food in bulk at greatly reduced prices. You may leave checks in the office, put them in the offering plate or give them to a Community Outreach committee member.

So, when you are making your shopping list for your Super Bowl noshing, please include the Palatine Township Food Pantry's needs on your shopping list, too.

You may deposit your Souper Bowl Sunday donations in the grocery cart in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for helping to feed those that are hungry here in Palatine.

Your Community Outreach Committee,  
Greg Mayer, Melissa Gumm, Holly Petersen, Darlene Vogt and Karen Wagner



**PRAYERS FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY OF FAMILY  
AND FRIENDS**

The Family & Friends of Ethel Baumann  
 Rick Bartels, co-worker of Kim Cichon  
 Charlie Betzhold  
 Don, friend of Chuck & Margie Anderson  
 Eva Bori  
 Jim & Flo Dailey, friends of Charlotte Mally  
 Kendall Eich  
 Laura Giltzow, mother of Sherri Davenport  
 Leona Henning  
 Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze  
 Steve Herbst, friend of Bern Chvoy  
 Larry Herron  
 Kira Ingram, granddaughter of Larry Ingram  
 Susan Kazmierczak, niece of Dawn Drost  
 Nancy Kocher, friend of Dawn Drost  
 Leizl, great niece of Chuck & Margie Anderson  
 Charles Leseberg, brother of Mary Ann Leseberg  
 Cathy McMillion, friend of Karen Wagner  
 Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally  
 Jerry Mohr, brother of Margie Anderson  
 Jerry Parsons, friend of Sandy & Dave Gumm  
 Laurel Paul, friend of the Everetts  
 Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze  
 Darryl Samborski, co-worker of Kim Cichon  
 Blanche Schug  
 Eric Schultze, brother of Jackie Schultze  
 Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Ann Kolze  
 Dick Storm  
 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 January:**

**1:** Dolly Chamberlin  
**8:** Dolly Chamberlin  
**15:** Kim Ferris  
**22:** Joyce Mah  
**29:** Bob & Pat Kolze

**Nursery Attendant for January:**

Carrie Kerlin

**Usher Captain for January:**

Chuck Oberly

**Lectionary for January:**

**1:** Isa 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Heb 2:10-18;  
 Matt 2:13-23.  
**8:** Isa 42:1-9; Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43;  
 Matt 3:13-17.  
**15:** Isa 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Cor 1:1-9;  
 John 1:29-42.  
**22:** Isa 0:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9; 1 Cor 1:10-  
 18; Matt 4:12-23.  
**29:** Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Cor 1:18-31;  
 Matt 5:1-12.





We are excited to have new members LeighAnn Fong, Roseann Stenzel, and Agnes Warren join us at St. Paul.

**LeighAnn** has lived in Palatine for the last 7 years. She is married to Bill and have they have two boys, Aaron (AJ) and Evan. Her interests include fitness, cooking, reading, traveling and cycling. When asked what she likes about St. Paul she replied that she likes the traditional format worship services and how welcoming everyone is.

**Roseann** has lived in the Palatine area for 31 years. She's married to Bill and they have two sons, Andrew and Joel. They are excited as Joel has recently gotten engaged. Her interests include travel, music, reading and movies. When asked what she likes about St. Paul she replied that she likes how people have been so warm and welcoming, and enjoys Rev. Mercer's sermons.

**Agnes** has lived in Palatine for almost 60 years! Agnes and her husband Otis left the farm life to come here for work. Otis worked for the school district and passed away in 2004. Agnes has three children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren! When we asked her what she liked about St. Paul, she said she you can feel the love and caring from others and the fellowship is great. She likes the choir, the singing, and of course Pastor David.

Welcome all, and we look forward to fellowship with you, and your family and friends, for many years to come!



## ***From the Health Committee...***

### **Reminder from the Health Committee:**

(items to have in your car during the winter months)

Snowbrush, ice scraper, spray de-icer, thermal blanket, gloves, hand warmers, small shovel, flashlight, bottled water, food bars, abrasive materials such as cat litter, sand, or use your car mats if stuck in snow. Optional items: warning flares or triangles, cordless compressor, and portable power plant.



### **SUMMER SUPPERS**

The Summer Suppers program serves those in need a good meal during the months of May through September. St. Paul will be partnering with St. Theresa in this program for the first time in the summer of 2017. The dates for these suppers will be May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18 and September 15 from 6:30 until 8:30 pm. Volunteers are needed to sign guests in, prepare fully cooked and ready to serve meals to feed 30+ guests, serve the meal and clean up. There is no training required. Anyone who is at least high school age can volunteer. Freshman and sophomores must bring a parent or guardian.

I would like to get a preliminary idea as to who would be willing to help with this outreach program. I will be attending a planning meeting in February, and would like to have an idea as to the level of participation we can expect from St. Paul by that time. This is a perfect opportunity for those of you that prefer to be task force helpers. Please let me know if you are interested in helping, and in what capacity.

Thanks,

Greg Mayer

# Get to Know Your Sikh Neighbors



**Sunday, January 8th, 2017**  
**Starts 1:30pm**  
*Palatine Library*  
*700 North Court, Palatine, IL*

**DID YOU KNOW?** Sikhs have been in the USA since 1886; they serve in the military, founded a security firm to guard our government facilities, including embassies & courthouses; a Sikh is acclaimed as the father of fiber optics, and the first 100-year old to finish a marathon is a Sikh!

They've made many important contributions, yet most Americans don't know who they are. Meet your Sikh neighbors, ask your questions and enjoy delicious Indian snacks and tea.

*The schedule:*

1:30 – 2:00 pm Indian Snacks, Turban tying & mingle  
2:00 – 3 pm Presentations  
3 – 4 pm Q & A (Snacks & mingle)

*We'll be talking about:*

\*Sikh contributions: current & historical  
\*Sikhi, the world's 5<sup>th</sup> largest religion – what we believe  
\*The significance of turbans & challenges Sikhs face due to appearance, and  
\*Your questions

For more information about this event, please contact: Thakar S Basati [Basatit@aol.com](mailto:Basatit@aol.com) 847-736-6092

## From the Boards...

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

**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.

### Christian Education Corner

While I realize this Scribe article will not come out until after Christmas, it is the middle of Advent when I am writing. In the middle of Advent, I always think of Mary's Song. Her beautiful words of commitment to something she cannot see and hardly can believe is a reminder to all of us that faith is not always in the seen, it is in the unseen workings of a God who loves us.

Mary said: "God's mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. God has shown strength with God's arm; God has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. God has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; God has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. God has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise God made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

If ever there was a time for us to believe in Mary's song, that time is now. I am also reminded that the promise is not to just those who believe in Jesus, it is to all descendants of Abraham. That means that the promise is to Christians, and Muslims, and those of the Jewish faith as well. We would all do well to get involved in our interfaith communities, especially those who are claiming their Abrahamic roots. I will be forever grateful to those who taught me that we are more alike than we are different. In the New Year, may hope, peace, love and joy come to every household.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Those who were previously in the Focus group and those who are of an age to be included will gather for baking items for the Pads program on December 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Pizza will be served.

This same group has the opportunity to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day activities on State Street in Chicago with the other Interfaith youth group members. This will be explained on December 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Christian Education class will continue its journey through the books of Matthew and Isaiah.

I look forward to continuing to work with the young people of this congregation, each one of whom is very special! -Bonnie Haase



# Winter Word Find

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

COATS	COLD	FROST
GLOVES	HATS	HOTCHOCOLATE
ICICLES	MITTENS	SCARF
SKATING	SLEDDING	SNOW



*Happy New Year from  
 the Staff at St. Paul!*

