

St. Paul
United Church of Christ

The Scribe

*January
2012*



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144 East Palatine Road
Palatine, IL 60067



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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.
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Pastor's Pen.....

Dear Members & Friends of St. Paul UCC,

The January onslaught of college bowl games and New Years resolutions is upon us, each being a testament to the pursuit of excellence. Establishing goals and the rewarding of goals met are certainly laudable; there is little about mediocrity that most people would choose to celebrate. As teams win trophies and individuals achieve milestones, almost no consideration is given to how we would feel triumphant about coming in second place, or about “almost making it” in our personal aspirations.

Yet, as we strive to become better and to do better, there is an inherent danger in building monuments to the glory of humankind. Our innate desire to worship can easily be misdirected, from the Glory of the Creator to the grasping of the creature. Sometimes our present-day achievements can almost mirror the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9). We humans show a tendency to make things all about us.



Our desire for achievement must be tempered with wisdom. Simply put, we are wise when we seek to give God the credit for all that we are and all that we have; and we are foolish when we choose to worship in front of a full-length mirror and take the credit for what rightly belongs to God. God is the Creator and we are the created.

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

As we enter the year 2012, may we enter it as wise and holy people. May we heed the words of the Psalmist who wrote: *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom”* (Psalm 111:10). And, *“Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom”* (Psalm 90:12).

Sola Dei Gloria!

Rev. David K. Mercer
Senior Pastor

Acolytes for January

January 1: None
January 8: Carrie Kerlin
January 18: Matt Kerlin
January 22: Jeffrey Wagner
January 29: Kyra Graham

Greeters for January (East Door)

January 1: Phil & Lynn Arnold
January 8: Karen Wagner
January 18: Shay Storm
January 22: Wilhelm Strohmeier
January 29: Sharon Florey

January Usher Captain: Jim Vogt

January Nursery Attendants

January 1:
January 8
January 18:
January 22:
January 29:

JANUARY LECTIONARY

1st—Isa 61:10-62:3; Ps 148, Gal 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40; Isa 60:1-6; Eph 3:1-12; Matt 2:1-12

8th — Gen 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

15th— 1 Sam 3:1-10, 11-20; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Cor 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

22nd—Jonah 3:1-5,10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

29th—Deut 18:15-20; Psalm 111: 1 Cor 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28



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

Albert, friend of Charlotte Mally
Max Arnold, brother of Phil Arnold
Phil Arnold
Edythe Bentsen
Jim Dailey, friend of Charlotte Mally
Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob and Pat Kolze
Linda Frahm
Gehlin Family, friends of the Drost Family
Margaret Gintz
Glenn Harris
Marian Hempel
Gloria Herron
Larry Herron, son of Gloria Herron
Parker & Cole Hume, nephews of Claudia and Greg Mayer
Sheila Hurt, friend of Dawn Drost
Jerry, friend of Jackie Schultze
Jim Kennelly, father of Marty Kennelly
Helene Kettelhut
Ed Krenz, friend of the Hayford Family
Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
Paul Mende, nephew of Charlotte Mally
Gladys Paine
Adelyne, cousin of Charlotte Mally
Bob Rogers
Jennifer Smith, niece of Phil Arnold
Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey
Ruby Wood, sister of Gloria Herron
Marty Verba, mother of Linda Hayford
Vivian, friend of Charlotte Mally

January Birthdays

5 Joyce Mah
5 Michael Wagner
5 Neal Ori
6 Laurence Landers
6 Mike Drost
7 Ethel Baumann
7 Holly Chvoy
7 Gloria Herron
7 Karen Connor
7 Sharon Gillette
13 Earl Mah
13 Betty Hauser
14 Lois Demos
15 Maxine Eck
17 Jean Kolze
18 Richard Storm
19 Judith Normann
19 Jeff Florey
20 Evan Gregor
23 Evie Buenzow
23 Mark Faust (Sr)
25 Marian Hempel
26 Mark Faust (Jr)
26 Judith Zimmer
28 Helen Chvoy
28 Gloria Helms
29 Diane Nosek
30 Bernice Johnson



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

Upcoming Events at St Paul

Prayer Diner
Tuesday, January 17th @ 6 p.m.

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The Mix

All church Potluck and Bingo Night

Sponsored by the Board of Christian Education

Friday January 20th @ 6 pm

Please bring a friend to help spread the fun!

BINGO				
15	28	37	51	73
6	17	32	45	61
9	15	★	60	70
12	26	44	52	66
7	22	34	48	72

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Red Apple Restaurant Breakfast Club

Saturday, January 21st @ 8am

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From the Worship Team:

Flower Chart

A new flower chart is now in the Narthex. We welcome you to sign up to have flowers placed on the altar for special Sundays of significance to you and your family. (*Please remember to take an envelope in the basket next to the chart*). 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. Share your joys, concerns, and memories with the beauty of flowers. After the worship service, you may take your flowers home or request they be shared with our shut-ins.

Thank you

Thank you to all who purchased poinsettia plants last month. They were a beautiful way to decorate the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. And thank you to Kolze's Corner Garden for providing us with such gorgeous plants.

From the Membership Committee:

In an effort to minimize the printing and mailing of the Scribe, we will be converting to electronic distribution in 2012. A distribution list is being set up that will allow you to access the Scribe through email on a monthly basis. To make this possible, we are asking that you send your request with email address to the church office at secretary@stpaul-ucc.org and let us know you'd like to receive the Scribe via email. Another way to view The Scribe is on the St. Paul website at stpaul-ucc.org.

Members who wish to continue to receive a hard copy may do so by picking up the hard copy outside the Sanctuary. We will be reviewing the remaining hard copies that have not been picked up each month and will be contacting these members to confirm that they still wish to receive the Scribe. To make this process easier, please contact the church office at (847)358-0399 if you wish to have a hard copy of the Scribe mailed to you monthly. Thank you for helping us minimize our expenses.

(*Please note– Our Homebound members will continue to receive their Scribe through the regular mail or through visitation.*)

Christian Ed News and Notes:

*Sunday January 1st—No ARK or Confirmation

*Please join us for The Mix on Friday, January 20th. Please see Pg. 4 of the Scribe for details.

*Thanks to the Petersens, Everetts and Kim Ferris for hosting the FOCUS Progressive Dinner on December 18th.

Chili and Dessert Contest

January 22nd



Please join in some fun by entering a friendly competition of chili and / or desserts to be held on Sunday, January 22, 2012 immediately following the church service in GMH. A sign up will be posted in GMH so that you are able to enter the contest. There are limits to the number of entrants so please sign up soon.

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Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29th

Immediately following the 10:00 am worship service

From the Community Outreach Board...

ST. PAUL SCRIP PROGRAM

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MANY THANKS to those families who participated in our 2011 Scrip Program. The 17 orders in December put us over our 2010 earnings by \$234.50 for a total of \$1,929.29 for the Wachs Fund. With our economically-tough times, the Board of Community Outreach has had many requests for assistance. During 2011 we provided assistance to many in our community who are struggling both financially and emotionally.

We hope the better participation in our Scrip program will continue in 2012. The Wachs Fund cannot continue to spend almost twice what it takes in each year, but we can't imagine having to say no to the people who are desperately seeking to help feed their children, keep their utilities on or keep a roof over their family's head. **PLEASE LOOK for the New Jan.-Feb.-Mar. Retailer/Vendor List & consider placing an order on the 2nd Sunday of the month! Orders will be available the following Sunday.**

This is an EASY way to donate to the Wachs Fund all year round, with absolutely no additional cost to you - just for prepaying for the shopping you would do anyway! Start thinking differently about how you pay for goods and services you use each month. Imagine knowing that a percentage of every purchase you make with Scrip could be helping others in St. Paul's Outreach program.

The Wachs Fund was established in memory of Daniel Wachs by his family, to provide short term/one time monetary

assistance to residents of Palatine and members of the St. Paul Community who are experiencing a financial hardship. Please consider this way to help someone less fortunate than you.

Questions??

Contact Darlene Vogt, St. Paul Scrip & eScrip Program Coordinator, at

847-359-0839, online: dvogt122@aol.com or downstairs during coffee time on Sundays.

Scrip & eScrip Programs are sponsored by the Board of Community Outreach: Karen Wagner, Chairman; Kim Cichon, Greg Mayer, Nancy Perry, Holly Petersen, Bob Rogers & Darlene Vogt

Food Drive

The Board of Community Outreach is kicking off the annual St Paul "Souper Bowl Sunday" food drive for the Palatine Township food pantry. Collection of non-perishible food items for those in great need in our community will take place on January 29th and February 5th (Super Bowl Sunday). Thank you for all your support.