



# The Scribe

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Monthly  
Newsletter

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

Out of the three UCC congregations whom I have served as an installed pastor, two were grounded in the E&R (Evangelical & Reformed) heritage, and one was of the Congregational variety. While the E&R and the Congregationalists both make up our denomination, they are miles apart in their emphasis and focus.

E&R congregations (like ours) tend to have a higher view of scripture, as well as the creeds and confessions. Congregationalists, on the other hand, place greater value on individual choice and local autonomy.

When the United Church of Christ formed on June 25, 1957, almost all of the E&R congregations dropped the "E&R" from their name and became "St. \_\_\_\_\_ United Church of Christ." In contrast, the Congregationalists held fast to their congregational identity and merely added to the name of their church. Hence, there are lots of congregations that go by the name "First Congregational United Church of Christ." (*My wife and I once co-pastored one together!*)

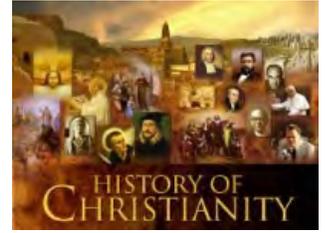
By whatever name we go by and by whichever heritage we come from, our UCC is unique among denominations. We are about as eclectic as they come. When we speak about our "diversity," it is almost an understatement. We have everyone in the UCC -- from graduates of the Moody Bible Institute to die-hard Unitarians. I know this because I have seen it with my own eyes. I have seen evangelicals and universalists take the Lord's Supper together -- and actually cherish their fellowship! Only in the UCC!

I'm glad to be part of this denomination & I hope that you are, too. It's a special kind of church body where there is a place for everyone at the Table.

See you in worship!

*Pastor David*

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY



Join with Pastor David this fall as we look at two thousand years of Church history in just six, one-hour sessions! This DVD series is entitled *History of Christianity* and is written and presented by Dr. Timothy George, Dean of Beeson Divinity School. Participants have a choice between two identical sessions: Morning 10:00-11:00am, or evening 7:00-8:00pm. Unless announced otherwise, all sessions will be held downstairs in the FOCUS room. RSVP is requested to the church office.

**Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup>    *The History of Christianity:  
The Early Church***

**Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> – *The Church in the Middle  
Ages: The Quest for Order in Medieval Christendom***

**Tuesday September 30<sup>th</sup> -- *The Reformation: Division  
and Renewal Between Medieval and Modern Times***

**Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> – *The Age of Reason and Piety: The  
Church in Early Modern Times***

**Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> – *City Set on a Hill: Christianity in  
the New World***

**Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup> – *Into All the World: Christian  
Movement in an Age of Uncertainty***

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### **From the Spiritual Life Board...**

- ....We are in need of a Funeral Coordinator
- ....Task Force to identify appropriate group(s) to rent the church
- ....Clean attic
- ....Clean out the rooms downstairs
- ....Branding Task Force needs additional resources
- ....Community Outreach would like additional members (please see Maryann Mahlman)
- ....Choir would like additional singers and instrumentalists. (please see Julianne Glesne)



***If you are interested in helping with any of the above, please see a member of the  
Spiritual Life Board, or those listed. Thank you!***



## September Birthdays

3 Jane Santucci	6 Linda Hayford	15 Marla Beresheim	20 Darlene Vogt
3 David Whedon	8 Blanche Schug	15 Kyle Connor	24 Steven Conrad
4 Melissa Gumm	9 Henry Chvoy	16 Keith Beresheim	27 Arlene Kraus
4 Sharon Florey	11 Sharon Altergott	18 Pat Kolze	
4 Frank Bradley	13 Margie Anderson	19 Dorothy 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 & Mildred Wittig  
Sandra Kenny in honor of Charlotte Mally's 80th birthday  
Dave & Kris Freeman in memory of Ken Lewsader



I would like to say a heartfelt thank you too all who helped make the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser a success! We made a profit of \$803.00.

A special thank you to Gary Altergott, Janet Bethke, Maggie Bradley, Mary Doktor, Dawn Drost, Amanda Faust, Mark Faust, Arlene Kraus, Dee Langguth, and of course our Italian chef, Cathy Bradley! And thank you to all who supported this fundraiser!  
-Mary Faust, Coordinator



### **New from Christian Ed...**

\*\*A Confirmation Parent Meeting will be held September 9th at 7:00 pm in the Sunday School Room on the upper level. If your child is entering 7th grade and would like to be part of this class, please join us.

\*\*The Fall Confirmation/Youth Retreat is scheduled for Friday, September 19th through Sunday, September 21st. This retreat is for Jr High and High School age youth. For more information, please see Mary Doktor.

# Board Updates

Please note the meeting date changes for the Executive Board and Administrative Board. Starting this month, the Executive Board will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, and the Administrative Board meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Having the Administrative and Spiritual Life Boards meet prior to the Executive Board meeting each month, enables reps from those boards to bring any questions or concerns to the Executive Board in a timely fashion.

We are pleased to announce that Holly Petersen will be joining Greg Mayer as a Spiritual Life Representative to the Executive Board. Holly will be replacing Debbie Everett. We would like to thank Debbie for her service this past year, and welcome Holly to the team.

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**Sunday, September 7th**

Please join us for Rally Sunday September 7th, when we will be celebrating Faith, Family and Friends! Since it is Communion Sunday, children will worship with their families. Following worship, please join us for brunch in Fellowship Hall. R.S.V.P. to the church office if you will be joining us for brunch.

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We are excited to have new member, Doris Langendorf, join us at St. Paul. Doris has lived in the Palatine area for the last 7 years. She has a daughter, Nancy. She is a volunteer at the Arlington Heights Senior Center. Doris likes to travel and enjoys spending time with her 2 grandsons. Welcome to St. Paul, Doris!





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

The Family & Friends of Ken Lewsader, father of Barb Oberly  
Maureen Anderson, daughter-in-law of Chuck & Marge Anderson  
Dr. Sean Benham  
Jim & Flo Dailey, friend of Charlotte Mally  
Capt. Mark DeMuth MD., cousin of Linda Hayford  
Dorothy Regan Drake, friend of Bob and Pat Kolze  
Margaret Gintz  
Glenn Harris  
Rudy Hempel  
Larry Herron  
Jeff Johnson  
Austin Kaufmann, grandson of Ralph & Linda Hayford  
Barbara Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin  
Dorothy & Paul Mende, sister & nephew of Charlotte Mally  
Jerry Mohr, brother of Margie Anderson  
Maureen Newman-Krause, friend of Charlotte Mally  
Sharon O'Donnell, niece of Charlotte Mally  
Rick Paolisso, Uncle of Bruce Kerlin  
Fran Werner, sister-in-law of Sharon Florey

**SERVING CHRIST  
IN WORSHIP**

**Greeters for September:**

**7:** Holly Petersen  
**14:** Tom Donat  
**21:** Ron & Donna Bochat  
**28:** Jim & Kathi Wotal

**September Usher Captain:**

Larry Ingram

**September Lectionary:**

**7:** Ex 12:1-14; Psalm 149; Ezek 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Rom 13:8-14; Matt 18:15-20.  
**14:** Ex 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Ex 15:1b-11, 20-21; Gen 50:15-21; Psalm 10-3 1-13; Rom 14:1-12; Matt 18:21-35.  
**21:** Ex 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6,37-45; Jon 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Phil 1:21-30; Matt 20:1-16.  
**28:** Ex 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4,12-16; Ezek 18:1-4,25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Phil 2:1-13; Matt 21:23-32.



## SEPTEMBER SCRIP PROGRAM (GLSC\*)



**SEPTEMBER SCRIP ORDERS** are due in the Scrip Mailbox by **11:30 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday** and will be ready for Pickup the following Sunday.

This is an **EASY** way to donate to the **Wachs Fund** all year round, with no additional cost to you - just for prepaying for the shopping you would do anyway! The profits stay in our account! **Please – help with this worthwhile project. 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.** \*Great Lakes Scrip Center, MI base Corp.

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### **Food4Less Program Information**

If you shop at the **Food4less** store in Elk Grove Village, 901 Meacham Rd. (or elsewhere in the Chicago area), you can be earning funds for the Wachs Fund through Kroger each time you shop. For more information or to receive your **Foods4Less Community Rewards Card**, see Darlene Vogt. She has the cards and can tell you how to register your card using our St. Paul Group ID#. Questions?? Darlene Vogt, **St. Paul Scrip & Food4Less Program Coordinator**, 847-359-0839, [dvogt122@aol.com](mailto:dvogt122@aol.com) or downstairs during coffee time on Sundays. **These programs are sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee of the Spiritual Life Board.**

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The St. Paul Women's Fellowship group will resume meeting on the third Saturday morning of each month in September. We will gather in Fellowship Hall on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30. The program will be given by Rev. Mercer on the history of the United Church of Christ. All women are welcome to join us. Please bring your lunch and we will eat together following the program. Please sign up on the bulletin board on the NE corner of Fellowship Hall so we know how many to plan for.

Be sure to put October 18th and November 15th on your calendars this fall. Our Music Director and Organist, Julianne Glesne, will give our program on the history of hymns and religious music on October 18th. We will be driving up to Woodstock on November 15th to tour the Kolze's Corner Gardens poinsettia greenhouse to see thousands of poinsettias they have nurtured in all of their glory, followed by lunch in Woodstock. Be sure to sign up for this great trip in Fellowship Hall.



## SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

- The Feeding America nationwide network of food banks (including the Palatine Township Food Pantry) is urging each of us to take action in our community.

- In 2011, 20.6% of households with children reported being food insecure. That means that one in five children in the United States does not have adequate food part or all of the time.

- In 2011, 8.4% or 4.8 million senior citizens, over the age of 60, were food insecure.

- Food insecurity exists in EVERY county in America. In Cook County, which includes suburbia, 16.6% of the population, or 860,670 people, living among us are food insecure. That means that you probably encounter someone who does not have enough food to eat almost every day—at the train, walking on the sidewalk or in a parking lot, at a store, at the library, at school or work, or at church.

- In 2011, 6.1 million households in the United States accessed emergency food from a food pantry one or more times.

**During September, we encourage you to bring non-perishable foods each Sunday to worship. You may place them on the windowsills or in the narthex. All foods collected will be delivered to the Palatine Township Food Pantry.**

**On September 28, the Community Outreach Committee invites you to our HUNGER AWARENESS LUNCHEON following worship. We hope to raise your awareness of hunger here in Palatine and around the world all month. We will prepare a nutritious and delicious homemade soup for lunch on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The lunch will be free, but we hope you will consider making a generous donation. All monies collected will help purchase Compassion International Water of Life water filtration systems for families. Please read further to learn about this amazing life-saving system.**



## COMPASSION WATER OF LIFE INFORMATION

- Every 15 seconds, a child dies from water-related diseases.
- Contaminated water kills 3.3 million people each year.
- Every day over 4,000 children die of water-related diseases such as cholera and typhoid.
- Many more children are suffering from sickness, diarrhea and acute stomach pains—the kinds of illnesses that prevent children from going to school and growing up into strong adults.

Some Compassion-registered children have access to safe water, while others do not. Ensuring safe water for every Compassion child and his or her family is key to preserving the integrity and success of the holistic child development program. Compassion Water of Life was created to address this critical need and thwart the potential for unsafe water to derail a child's health, education and future.

FOCUS Compassion Water of Life is a system based on the same technology developed for kidney dialysis. Each filter is made up of tiny micro tubes with pores hundreds of times smaller than the diameter of a human hair. These pores remove deadly bacteria and allow only clean water to pass through for drinking. The filter effectively eliminates Cholera, Typhoid, E.Coli, Amoebic Dysentery and many other bacterial contaminants. After pouring dirty water into the bucket from sources such as lakes, rivers, ponds or puddles, the water flows through the filter and comes out completely safe to drink.

A \$79 donation gives a child and his or her family one complete safe water system that will yield the family 1 million gallons of safe water—enough for a lifetime. The system contains a bucket, hose, filter, connector and a syringe that is used occasionally for rinsing the filter with clean water. Training on how to use Compassion Water of Life and hygiene education are provided with every system delivered, to ensure positive long-term results and improved health.

**Come downstairs following worship all month to see how this Water of Life system works and saves lives, and we hope to see you at the Hunger Luncheon on September 28<sup>th</sup>. -Your Community Outreach Committee**

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The CARE Team at St. Paul was created early this year to reach out and provide avenues for ALL members to show their care and compassion to fellow St. Paul members and friends experiencing a challenging or joyous life event. Thank you to everyone that took the time to complete the short survey that was distributed this spring. If you still have a copy, please fill it out and turn it in to the office. A huge thank you to those who have provided a meal to a St. Paul family and to those that have made a monetary contribution when the CARE Team has asked for assistance. With YOUR assistance, the CARE Team has been able to touch the lives of a number of families to let them know that we care about them, and they are in both our thoughts and prayers.





**Please join us as we celebrate Oktoberfest  
at St. Paul on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
from 5-8 pm in Fellowship Hall**

***Tickets: \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 Youth 4-12; 3 and under free.***

Ticket Sales will begin on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> after worship in Fellowship Hall. You may purchase dinner tickets as well as raffle tickets for a beautiful German gift basket. The drawing will be held at Oktoberfest.

Winner need not be present to win.

We will celebrate with a brat dinner and dessert. There will also be a German basket raffle and a chance to have your picture taken in your lederhosen. You don't want to miss this!