



# The Scribe

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Monthly  
Newsletter

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

I have a first cousin who is a committed atheist. While his mom (my aunt) is a Christian, her piety never really took hold in her son. He not only claims to disbelieve in God, he also parades that conviction in the form of rants and anti-Christian memes that he posts on Facebook.

I don't know how much contact my cousin has with Christians these days, but I do know that I am the only clergyman he ever has any interaction with. As the saying goes, "*You can pick your friends, but you're stuck with your relatives.*" My atheist cousin is stuck with me!

Conversation between us is always cordial and loving. He even seeks me out to ask theological questions, and the tone in which he does is always friendly. I guess that he saves his wrath against Christians for his Facebook posts.

All of this has made me wonder some thing about my cousin: Maybe, just maybe, it isn't so much that my cousin disbelieves in God as much as he is just simply *mad* at God. Or maybe he is mad at people of faith and he mistakes that for atheism. I honestly don't know what prompted all of this in him, but I can guess that he had a "church hurt" at some point in his early life.

This underscores an important point: Namely, the imperative for professing Christians to practice kindness in all of our dealings with other people. As scary as it sounds, **we are God's representatives!** How we treat others and treat one another carries a lot of weight. It could make the difference between their becoming a disciple and their becoming an "atheist."

Practice kindness. It's always better! I'll see you in worship.

***Pastor David***

## FALL TRIP TO CANTIGNY PARK!



All are invited to join the health committee for a visit to Cantigny Park on October 15<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the west parking lot and carpool from there at 9:00 a.m. Below is a list of activities for the day:

McCormick House Tour – 11:00 a.m. Lunch in the park restaurant – 12:00 a.m.  
Garden Tour – after lunch

In addition to the gardens, the Cantigny War Museum is another place of interest. A tram is available to transport handicapped individuals to various areas of the park. Please sign up on the health committee bulletin board or call Jackie Schultze (847-995-1539) to let us know if you are coming by Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Also let me know if you can drive. This is another opportunity to bring a friend.

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## FALL LUNCHEON

All are invited to attend our fall luncheon which will be held on Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at 11:30 a.m. at Red Apple Pancake House & Cafe. We will order from the regular menu. Each person will be responsible for his/her own check. This is a good opportunity to invite your friends to experience the wonderful fellowship we have at St. Paul. Please let us know if you are coming before Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> by calling Jackie at 847-995-1539 or signing up on the Health Committee bulletin board. Red Apple is located at 2121 Plum Grove Road – Palatine.

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## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

St. Paul has reserved 20 spots in a packing event on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup> at the FMSC location in Schaumburg. Please contact Greg Mayer or the church office if you would like to participate. There is a sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall.



When: Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>  
Where: 1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg, IL.  
Time: 9:00 – 11:00am

**BRING A FRIEND!**



## **October Birthdays**

1 James Roesner	19 Stacy Gillette	26 Ryan Doktor
2 Rudy Hempel	19 Chuck Oberly	26 Phil Doktor
4 Wally Degner	19 Adam Bethke	30 Charles Anderson
6 Pat Santucci	20 Dorothy Chamberlain	30 Jill Dekrell
11 Scott Altergott	22 Dick Kolze	30 Carol Douglas
12 Karen Wagner	22 Mohammad Okta Prima Sputro (Comp. Int'l child)	
12 Jean Chapman	24 Janet Walter	
13 Karen Whedon		
14 Kathi Wotal		

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

### **Blessed are Those Who are Blessed”**

The Stewardship Committee is once again, sharing the information on giving which was presented at the August Congregational Meeting.

Our goal is to see an increase in the number of returned pledge cards and an increase in the total pledged amount for the fiscal year 2014-15. We need your prayerful diligence and financial gifts to help St. Paul Church maintain and grow as a local congregation.

Range of Annual Amount Given	Number of Current Contributors at that Level
\$<49	8
\$50-99	4
\$100-499	22
\$500-999	17
\$1000-1999	16
\$2000-4999	18
\$5000-up	7



Stewardship materials were mailed the week of September 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring your pledge cards to Stewardship Sunday, October 19, so they can be blessed at the worship service, and you can hear and see how your gifts will grow our faith community.

### **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)
- ....We are in need of a Nursery Attendant. (Please see Mary Doktor)
- ....Help decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas, to be done on November 28th

***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!***

### **From the Pastoral Relations Committee...**

If you have any thoughts, questions or concerns that you would like Reverend Mercer to be aware of, the Pastoral Relations Committee is here to assist you. Our committee is to serve as a vehicle to promote a healthy relationship between the Pastor and the congregation. Members of this committee are: Phillip Arnold, Janet Bethke, Barb Oberly, Doug Petersen, Shay Storm and Lyman Walter.

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

#### **Habitat for Humanity**

It's time for the Spring of Life Partnership to start their 12th home, 637 Grace St in Elgin. The rehab work is set to begin in early October. That offers you the opportunity to come out and work if you are interested or to provide lunch one of the Saturday's that St. Paul is scheduled to provide lunch. If you are interested in participating please see Melissa or David Gumm.

The Spring of Life Partnership is working to host a theater night after the holidays, watch for details. The Partnership will be launching a new web based fundraising campaign in time for holiday gift giving, details will be available soon.



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

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  
David & Tuesday Hippensteel  
Jeff Johnson  
Austin Kaufmann, grandson of Ralph & Linda Hayford  
Barbara Kerlin, mother of Bruce Kerlin  
Dorothy & Paul Mende, sister & nephew of Charlotte Mally  
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 October:**

**5:** David & Ellen Graham  
**12:** Shay Storm  
**19:** Larry & Marlene Ingram  
**26:** Chris & Ellen Magee

**October Usher Captain:**

Chuck Oberly

**October Nursery Attendant:**

Melissa Gumm

**October ASK ME Reps:**

**5:** Randy & Debbie Everett  
**12:** Mark & Mary Faust  
**19:** Dee Langguth & Arlene Kraus  
**26:** Kim Ferris

October Lectionary Readers:

**5:** Donna Bochat  
**12:** Tom Donat  
**19:** Holly Petersen  
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**October Lectionary:**

**5:** Ex 20:1-4,7-9,12-20; Psalm 19; Isa 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Phil 3:4b-14; Matt 21:33-36  
**12:** Ex 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6,10-23; Isa 25:1-9; Psalm 23; Phil 4:1-9; Matt 22:1-14  
**19:** Ex 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Isa 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thes 1:1-10; Mat 22:15-22  
**26:** Deut 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Lev 19:1-2,15-18; Psalm 1; 1 Thess 2:1-8; Matt 22:34-46



## WACHS FUND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

### OCTOBER SCRIP PROGRAM



**October Scrip Orders** are due in the Scrip Mailbox (on wall across from the office door) by 11:30 a.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and will be ready for pickup on the following Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>!

**The \$25 Grocery Gift Cards for St. Paul's Palatine Township Thanksgiving Baskets will need to be ordered on our October 12<sup>th</sup> Scrip order. This program assists under-resourced families in our community by providing them with all of the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. The Thanksgiving Basket & Gift Card Sign-up Sheets will be posted downstairs on October 12<sup>th</sup>. Checks should be payable to: St. Paul UCC and given to Darlene Vogt (Scrip Coordinator), a member of the Community Outreach Committee or put in the Scrip Mailbox. We will probably be ordering Walmart and/or Target cards because our recipients can get more for the money.** This program assists under-resourced families from our community by providing them with all of the ingredients needed to prepare a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Ordering through our Scrip program 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, 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. The Wachs Fund has provided \$3,800.00 in assistance during 2014**

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### **Food4Less Program**

If you shop at the Food4less store in Elk Grove Village, 901 Meacham Rd. (or elsewhere in Chicagoland), you can be earning funds for the Wachs Fund each time you shop (after registering your new Food4Less Community Rewards Card). For more information or to receive your new Foods4Less Community Rewards Card, contact Darlene Vogt, Community Outreach Committee Coordinator for Wachs Fund fundraising programs

If you have questions, contact Darlene Vogt, **St. Paul Scrip & Food4Less** Program Coordinator, at 847-359-0839, or online: [dvogt122@aol.com](mailto:dvogt122@aol.com) or downstairs during coffee time on Sundays.

**These programs are sponsored by Community Outreach Committee of the Spiritual Life Board**

**October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Take Control of your health: Get Tested for Breast Cancer.

Getting a yearly mammogram is one of the most important actions a woman can take to find breast cancer early when the disease is most treatable.

The American Cancer Society recommends the following for finding breast cancer early in women without symptoms:

Mammogram: Women age 40 and older should have a mammogram every year and should do so for as long as they are in good health.

Breast Exam: Women in their 20's and 30's should have a breast exam as part of a regular exam by a doctor or nurse, at least every three years. After age 40, women should have a breast exam by a doctor or nurse every year.

Self Exam: Women should do a self exam and report any changes to the doctor without delay. Self exam is one way to help find any changes that may occur.

**Flu Shots**

The flu season will soon be here. Flu shots are available at local pharmacies now. Don't wait too long before scheduling one for yourself or a family member.

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**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 end on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. 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.)**

**Please join us for a fun evening and wonderful fundraiser!**

## WE ARE ALL PART OF THE CARE TEAM AT ST. PAUL



The CARE Team at St. Paul was created early this year to organize our St. Paul members' efforts—YOUR efforts-- to reach out and provide avenues to show your 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, made a monetary contribution when the CARE Team has asked for assistance, sent cards or donated a baby shower gift. 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 our prayers. We are blessed to be part of such a CARING faith community.



The Women's Fellowship had a great turnout at our September meeting when we went back to meeting on the third Saturday morning of each month following our summer schedule. Rev. Mercer gave a great program on the history of the UCC, and we thank him for the time he took to put it together, and help us understand a bit more about our UCC heritage this fall. All women are welcome to join us for the fellowship shared in each other's company, service to those in our faith community, and a bit of learning.

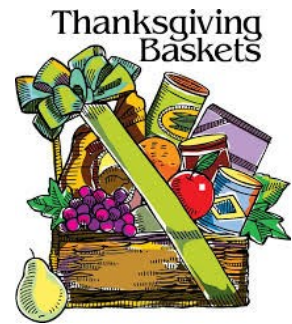
Mark your calendar for the next Women's Fellowship meetings:

**On Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at 9:30.** Bring your own lunch to share following the program. Our Music Director and Organist, Julianne Glesne, will be enlightening us on the history of religious music and some hymns. As we enter into this season filled with so many traditions tied to music in the church, she will help us understand some of the history tied to the religious music we know and love. Be sure to sign up in Fellowship Hall so we can plan for how many will be attending.

**On Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 9:00** to head up to Woodstock to savor the beauty of thousands of poinsettias that have been lovingly nurtured for months at Kolze's Corner Gardens greenhouse. The beauty of thousands of poinsettias in full bloom is something you will not want to miss! We will have lunch together on the historic Woodstock Square before heading back to Palatine. Be sure to sign up for this great trip in Fellowship Hall and indicate if you will be able to drive or not.



## From the Community Outreach Committee...



### TOWNSHIP THANKSGIVING BASKET ITEMS NEEDED

St. Paul will be filling four Thanksgiving baskets with the non-perishable ingredients needed to put together a traditional Thanksgiving meal, and \$25 grocery store gift cards for the perishables through the Palatine Township Thanksgiving basket program. The list of needed items will be up on the Community Outreach bulletin board on the south wall of Fellowship Hall starting October 12<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up for one or more needed food and food preparation items for the four families. If you would like to purchase a \$25 grocery store gift card, please consider purchasing it through the Scrip program by October 12<sup>th</sup>. There will be Community Outreach committee members down in Fellowship Hall to answer any questions and assist you with your Scrip order on October 12<sup>th</sup>. By purchasing your gift card through the Scrip program, you not only give a family the \$25 gift card, but a percentage of the purchase also goes directly into the Wachs Fund, as well. And, you don't need to run around to purchase it.

Please bring ALL items you sign up for to church by Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a laundry basket in Fellowship Hall to put your donated items in. Thank you for blessing these families with the precious gift of a worry-free meal for Thanksgiving Day.

Your Community Outreach Committee, Maryann Mahlman, Jill Dekrell, Melissa Gumm, Holly Petersen, Darlene Vogt and Karen Wagner



### ADOPT-A-FAMILY IS COMING SOON

Each year, St. Paul purchases gifts for one large or two small families for Christmas for the Palatine Township Adopt-a-Family program. The program provides Christmas gifts for struggling families living within the Palatine Township. Start watching for the Adopt-a-Family sign up in early November. We will put the sign-up on the Community Outreach bulletin board as soon as we have the information from the Palatine Township. You will need to purchase your gift cards through the Scrip program on November 9<sup>th</sup> in order to have them in time for Adopt-a-Family delivery. More details will follow next month!