The Scribe

St. Paul UCC
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Pastor's Pen...

During a recent phone conversation that my wife and I had with my aunt from Whiteside County, my very Catholic aunt told us that she had been struggling to come up with an idea for what she should give up for Lent. "*I can't really think of anything that would be much of a sacrifice,"* she said; *"I thought that maybe I could give up coffee, but I quickly scrapped that idea. My head wouldn't be able to take it."*

While there are some notable differences between Protestant/Non-Catholic and Roman Catholic practices, my aunt has never shied away from dialogue with us about religious matters. She has always regarded us as fellow sojourners with her, even though our allegiance is not to the Vatican.

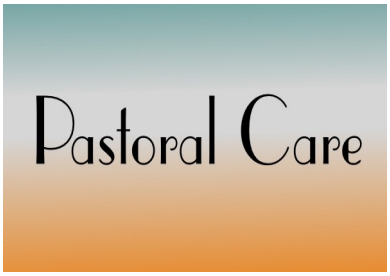
"Since I won't give up coffee and I can't think of anything else that's worth giving up, I've decided that instead I am going to do some act of service for others" she said. My aunt then went on to explain that she thinks deeds of service or mercy done for other people are of more value than are surface-level demonstrations of quitting chocolate for a month and a half. People are not particularly blessed by our pious self-deprivation, but they certainly are by a bag of groceries or a ride to the doctor.

Many of us would probably agree with my aunt on the wisdom of holding on to that very humanizing black liquid known as coffee, and I'm equally certain that her proactive approach to service finds her in good company with a lot of UCC folks! Either way, it does remind us that there are still people around today who take seriously the Forty Days of Lent.

We're in that season now. I'll see you in church!

David

St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Kim Cichon, Karen Connor (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Ed Doktor, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), and David Mercer (Staff 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 (224) 386-6285 (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 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); Tom Donat, Jim Frost, and Bob Kolze.

From the Treasurer...St. Paul at a Glance

	January 2023	YTD	ANNUAL BUDGET
Revenue	**$21,961.88**	**$21,961.88**	**$215,820.00**
Expenditure	**$26,492.09**	**$26,492.09**	**$287,531.00**
Net Income	**$-4,530.21**	**$-4,530.21**	**$-71,711.00**

2 Ryan Kennelly
3 Max Gould
5 Paul Gillette
7 Kris Freeman
9 Ethel Otto
10 Fred Welstead
12 Bern Chvoy
12 Nancy Finke
16 Jim Frost
17 Jan Degner
27 Russ Drost
28 Bev Enockson

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

In Memory of Ken Kolze

Stor-Rite Storage/Deb Belmonte
Carol & Michael Hack
Charles & Carol Mollenkamp
Sherry Stephens
Richard & Maralyn Kolze
Ron, Colleen, Aaron, & Alexis Kolze
Tom & Maryellen McCants
Jim & Shirley Schimka
Karen & Edward Rogan
Sayra & John Mollenkamp
Ron Bochat
Jim Frost
Kenny & Shirley Kolze
Darlene Vogt
Chuck & Barb Oberly
Bob & Pat Kolze
Phil & Lynn Arnold
Shay Storm
Dick Kolze
Gloria & Orrin Helms
Harley & Jean Chapman

In Memory of Dorothy Altergott

Ron Bochat
Mary Ann Leseberg
Shay Storm
Dick Kolze
Dorothy Altergott Trust
David & Gail Russell
Ralph & Linda Hayford
Jim & Shirley Schimka
Karen Connor

Jim & Shirley Schimka in memory of Rick Hasselmann

St. Paul,

Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your kindness after my fall. The cards, visits, calls, and prayers have played a vital role in my recovery. Thank you for your continued support. I have been truly blessed, Jackie Schultze

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Brian Altergott, brother of Gary Altergott
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Mary Bloodgood, friend of Mary Faust
Nancy Drost, sister of Russ Drost
Russ & Michael Drost
Jeff Florey
Carol Hannah
Ralph, Matthew, & Michael Hayford
Jerri Helms, daughter-in-law of Orrin & Gloria Helms
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of the Gumms
Larry & Marlene Ingram
Nancy Johnson, friend of Charlotte Mally
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Corry Klipp, friend of David Gumm
Leeland Korman, great nephew of Gary Altergott
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Alfred & Patricia Maruda, parents of Michelle Garcia
Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
Mary Paz
Holly Petersen
Dennis Schimka, brother of Jim Schimka
Kathy Schuett, sister of Sharon Giles Khan & Marlene Ingram
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Jackie Schultze
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Patrick Thorburn, friend of Ed & Mary Doktor
Beverly Young

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

March Usher Captain: Gary Altergott

Communion Sunday: There is a combo wafer/communion cup on the table as you enter, *(with the bulletins)* please take one and bring to your seat. Thank you!

March Readers:
5: Tom Donat
12: Reader Needed– contact office
19: David Russell
26: Cherrie Wickstrom

Lectionary for March:
5: Gen 12:1-4a; Psalm 121; Rom 4:1-17; John 3:1-17; Matt 17:1-9
12: Ex 17:1-7; Psalm 95; Rom 5:1-11; John 4:5-42
19: 1 Sam 16:1-13; Psalm 23; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41.
26: Ezek 37:1-14; Psalm 130; Rom 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

2023 Easter Lily Order Form

It is so nice to adorn our Sanctuary on Easter morning with flowers. If you wish to order a Lily plant in honor or memory of a loved one, please fill out the order form below and return it to the church office along with your check, payable to St. Paul UCC. Any questions, please contact the church office. (Additional forms are located in the East Entrance)

DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS: SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

Lily ($15.25) each

Given by:_____

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

No. of plants ordered: _____ Total Amount: _____

You may take your flowers with you after the Easter Sunday worship service.

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On **Sunday, March 12th** (Day Light Savings Time Begins) the Health Committee will once again host Kymberli Mulford, an expert on raising Monarchs. She will review how to create sustainable Monarch habitats in the ground as well as in flower pots. She will also educate us on what plants are best to include in your garden, patio or balcony that will attract our pollinators. And then she has a few surprises.

If you were able to be there in October, please join us again and if you were not able to join us, please attend March 12th—you won't be sorry! The presentation will begin at 11:15 in the upstairs Conference Room.

2023 ST. PAUL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST LEADERSHIP ROSTER

STAFF
Pastor: Rev. David Mercer
Music Coordinator: Michelle Nunez
Office Administrator: Mary Faust
Music Leader: Samantha D'Adamo

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Visitation Committee
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Worship Committee
Committee members

I BURN ABOUT 2000 CALORIES EVERY TIME I PUT ON FITTED SHEETS BY MYSELF.

If a cookie falls on the floor and you pick it up...
that's a squat, right?

Can't believe someone broke into my garage and stole the limbo stick. Seriously, how low can you go.

IT'S FINE TO EAT A "TEST" GRAPE IN THE PRODUCE SECTION BUT YOU TAKE ONE BITE OF A ROTISSERIE CHICKEN AND IT'S ALL, "SIR YOU NEED TO LEAVE."

March Word Scramble

1. ptuil _____
2. dlamree _____
3. malb _____
4. ioln _____
5. ytbulrse _____
6. edaarp _____
7. eorlcv _____
8. gcbbaae _____
9. ksachomr _____
10. smiadr args _____
11. etmi egnhac _____
12. tfa yutaesd _____
13. deengl _____
14. gpnirs daeah _____
15. nuahcerpel _____
16. erusaert _____
17. tnias kciratp _____
18. nibsor _____
19. sdlaifdof _____
20. dcoenr eefb _____