The Scribe

St. Paul UCC
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May 2023

Pastor's Pen...

One of the hardest days to get anyone to pay any attention to, happens to be Pentecost. Most everyone knows it as that red-cloth-day that takes place sometime in late May, and that the pastor mentions something about tongues of fire and the apostles speaking in other languages, but other than that it really doesn't carry much weight with people. Most people don't see Pentecost as anything that helps them make sense of their week or any other aspect of life. Further, in a denomination such as ours which tends to emphasize human action to the almost exclusion of Divine action, Pentecost may easily get pushed aside.

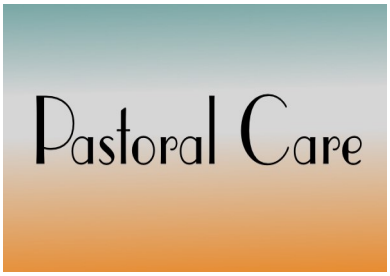
I would hope, however, that we could take another look at this often glossed-over day on the Calendar of the Church Year. I would hope that we UCC folks wouldn't cede the activity of the Holy Spirit over to those other movements that place particular emphasis on the Holy Spirit. While we don't happen to share the traits nor some of the doctrines of Pentecostals and other such folks, we *may* agree with them on the Holy Spirit's necessity. The Church will find her lifeline and source of power *only* in the Holy Spirit!

There's a reason why Jesus called the Holy Spirit "the *Comforter."* It's because most of us need one, for one thing. But the other even more important reason is because "the *Comforter"* is what enables the church to be the Church. The Holy Spirit -- the *Comforter* -- the *Advocate* -- is what makes the difference between the church actually being God's people, and being just another voluntary association. The Holy Spirit is the Presence of God upon the earth. Plug into that, and you have a church that is alive in the Spirit!

Pentecost is **May 28th** @10am. Wear something red to worship!

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.

St. Paul at a Glance

First Quarter 2023 (January-March)

Revenue	**$ 54,819.62**
Expenditure	**$ 74,32104**
Net Income	**$-19,501.42**

3 Sharon Khan
5 David Lech
12 Bev Young
14 Dawn Drost
15 Amanda Doktor
23 Amanda Graham
23 Shirley Schimka
26 Mary Faust

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

Charlotte Mally in memory of Dennis Schimka
Thomas & Anna Mennerick in memory of Ken Kolze

In Memory of Dave Gumm

Gloria & Orrin Helms
Nancy Perry
Harley & Jean Chapman
Charlotte Mally
Yvette Johnson
Cherrie Wickstrom
Dick Kolze
Sharon Khan
Ralph & Linda Hayford
Randy & Debbie Everett
Chuck & Barb Oberly

Now Is Your Chance …

… to join the choir! Before they go on summer hiatus in June, the choir will sing on Sundays, April 30th, May 7th and May 21st. We've been singing at several services each month and having regular rehearsals for over 6 months and are sounding great! You and your voice would be a welcome addition to our group for any or all of the aforementioned Sundays. We rehearse every Wednesday, 4:15-5:15pm, and every Sunday, 9:00-9:30am. Please prayerfully consider joining us and discover how singing can bring great joy to your heart and to the hearts of those in our congregation!

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
Randy Cichon
Jan Degner
Nancy Drost, sister of Russ Drost
Russ & Michael Drost
Jeff Florey
Kyra Graham
Carol Hannah
Linda, Ralph, Matthew, & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
Larry & Marlene Ingram
Bruce Kerlin
Karen, friend of Bob & Pat Kolze
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Corry Klipp, friend of Melissa Gumm
Dick Kolze
Leeland Korman, great nephew of Gary Altergott
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Linda, cousin of Jackie Schultze
Alfred & Patricia Maruda, parents of Michelle Maruda
Dorothy Mende, sister of Charlotte Mally
Mary Paz
Holly Petersen
Kathy & Karen Peterson, friends of the Arnolds
Rick Sabatka, friend of the Fausts
Kathy Schuett, sister of Sharon Giles Khan & Marlene Ingram
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Jackie Schultze
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Shay Storm
Patrick Thorburn, friend of Ed & Mary Doktor
Beverly Young

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

May Usher Captain: Chuck Oberly

May Readers:
7: Tom Donat
14: Cherrie Wickstrom
21: Janet Olsen
28: Reader needed

Lectionary for May:
7: Acts 7:55-60; Psalm 31:1-5,15-16; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-14.
14: Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.
18: Acts 1:11-11; Psalm 47; Psalm 93 Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53.
21: Acts 1:6-14; Psalm 68:1-10,32-35; 1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11; John 17:1-11.
28: Acts 2:1-12; Num 11:24-30; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; 1 Cor 12:3b-13; Acts 2:1-21; John 2010-23; John 7:37-39.

Women's Fellowship Upcoming Events

Please join Women's Fellowship on **May 6th** at 10am to learn more about gardening from our own Bob and Pat Kolze. Coffee and coffee cake will be served. Also, on **May 10th** we will be visiting Kolze's Corner nursery. We will meet in the west parking lot at 9:30. Lunch at Jamison's to follow. Sign Up sheets are posted in the East Entrance.

Also...Get your hats ready for a Hawaiian party. Women's Fellowship 5th Annual Tea Party will be held on **Saturday, May 20th** at 11:30am in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to pass for all of us to share. Friends are welcome! Sign Up sheet is posted in the East Entrance.

COMING IN JUNE -PERENNIAL PLANT SHARE

The Health Committee will again host a plant share in June. Begin checking your garden to see if you have a surplus of any perennial plants. They are starting to come up now and soon you may find a surplus of certain plants. Early spring is a good time to divide those plants that are overgrown. Or maybe you lost plants due to the weather, etc. and need plants to fill an open area.

We are providing an opportunity for you to share plants with others as well as a chance to obtain needed plants for your garden. Please set aside any extra plants you have and make note of areas you need to fill with plants. There will be no charge for this event and details will follow soon. We will include perennial plants, herbs, and veggies in the plant share. Please identify plants your are providing including information for the plant requirements such as sun, shade, water, etc. Also, please put the plants in some sort of container that you don't want returned.

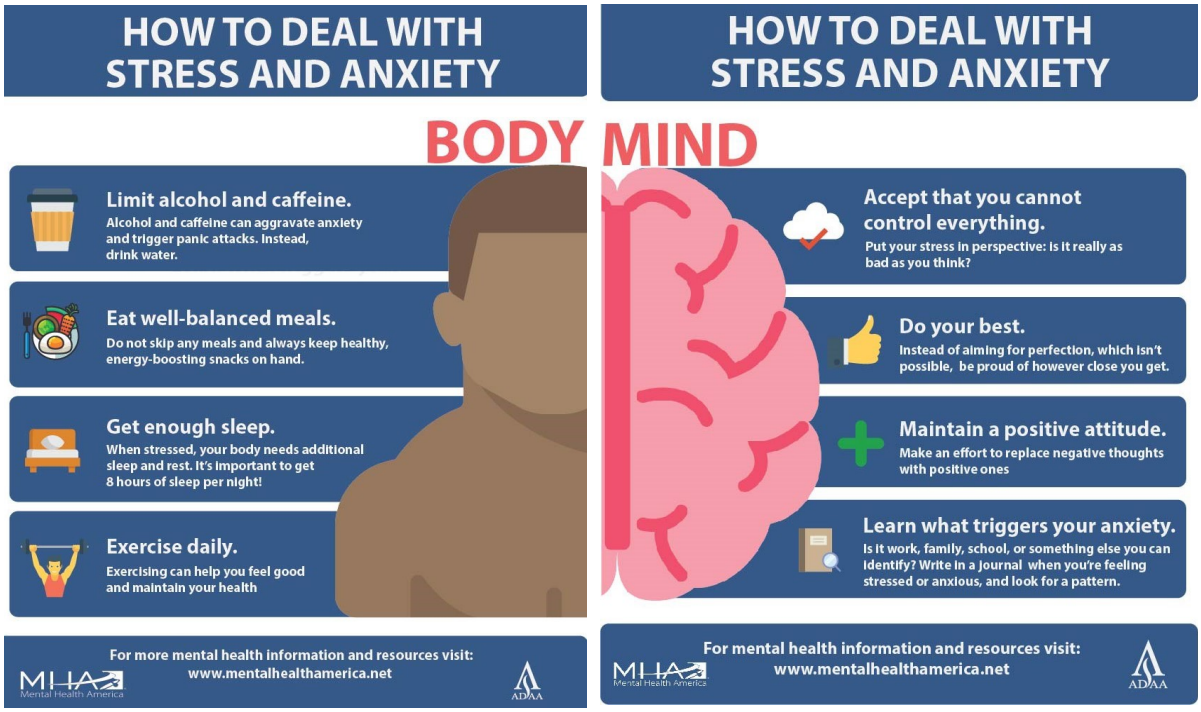
An important message from the Spiritual Life Board in regards to Altar Flowers...

We have been informed that Kinsch's Florist will be closing their doors at the end of June. As you know, Kinsch's has been providing St. Paul with floral arrangements for our Sunday services for many years. Starting in July and after thoughtful discussion, the Spiritual Life Board has opted to use artificial flower arrangements for Sunday services. The church currently has 3 such arrangements and plans to add 2 more for rotation throughout the year.

If on a Sunday you wish to bring in cut flowers i.e., flowers from a grocery store, cut from your garden, in honor or memory of an event or someone, you are free to do so. A vase will be available for you to use in the sacristy. **Please note that the vase must remain at church though for future uses**. **We ask that you notify the church at least one week prior of the Sunday you wish to have your fresh flowers in honor/memory written in the Sunday bulletin.**

For those who have signed up and already paid for flowers after June, please advise the church office if you wish to receive a refund. Your sponsorship has already been recorded in the office and will still be listed in the bulletin you signed up for. Thank you!

From the Health Committee…



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The Community Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our Lenten drive for the Palatine Pantry. Several trunks full were taken over to the pantry. Thank you to the Oberlys for helping with that.

We would like to also thank everyone who stepped up for those affected by the fire in Palatine. Karen Connor took a trunk full of items from the collection box at church and the committee was able to use Wachs funds to purchase **99** items to donate (many were packages that could be split up to share). We also donated gift cards through RaiseRight to continue to help the displaced families.

There have been many conversations in the St Paul board and committee meetings lately as to what St Paul is known for…this is it: **We are a mission based church, stepping up to help those in need! Thank You to all!!**

Helping People

Adopt-A-Family • Angel Tree • Back To School
Food Pantry • Easter Baskets • Thanksgiving Baskets

April 10, 2023

St Paul United Church of Christ
144 E Palatine Rd
Palatine, IL 60067

Dear St Paul United Church of Christ:

Thank you for your generous donation of food and $730.00 in gift cards to the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund, Inc. Food Pantry. In 2022 an average of 370 households received monthly assistance from the Township's Food Pantry. These families, seniors, and single parents have fallen on difficult times due to illness, loss of a job or many other reasons.

The Township Food Pantry would not be able to assist local residents without generous donations and caring volunteers like you!

Thank you for reaching out to those less fortunate in our community.

Sincerely,

Andy-John G. Kalkounos
President: Needy Family Fund, Inc.

Thank you so much!

721 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL 60067 847-358-6700

The mission of the Palatine Township Needy Family Fund is to assist residents in need with financial and supportive services to improve their quality of life. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.
No goods or services were provided in exchange for your donation.

Needy Family Fund is a 501c3 corporation. FEIN # 36-4082618

Yep!

The main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture in the house is in place.

By replacing your morning coffee with green tea, you can lose up to 87% of what little joy you still have left in your life.

SO, THE CIA CAN HACK INTO MY TV AND LISTEN TO EVERY WORD I SAY, BUT MCDONALD'S CAN'T HEAR ME SAY "NO PICKLES" THRU THEIR DRIVE-THRU SPEAKER ?

500 SHOPPING CARTS IN THE GROCERY STORE AND I KEEP PICKING THE ONE WITH THE WEIRD FRONT WHEEL THAT SOUNDS LIKE A DYING PIG.

May Word Search

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