The Scribe

St. Paul UCC
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June 2023

Pastor's Pen...

In the year 1945, the congregation of St. Paul called the Rev. Glenn G. Gumm to serve as their pastor. He would remain here at St. Paul for the next 24 years, until his retirement in 1969. There are several St. Paul members even today, who still have fond memories of him and the impact that his ministry had on their lives. Some of you reading this were baptized by Rev. Gumm, or you were confirmed by him, or married by him, or else you had loved ones who were buried by him.....or perhaps any combination of the four. One cannot speak of St. Paul's history without considering a significant portion of it in relation to Pastor Gumm.

Now that it is almost June of 2023, we will have yet another reminder of Rev. Gumm's legacy. On June 10th at 11:00am over at the Ahlgrim Funeral Home, we will formally say goodbye to his son, David Gumm. *(It will be livestreamed as well as in-person)* Now, it so happens to be a directive from David himself that his service would be held at Ahlgrim's, rather than at the church. I don't have a ready explanation for you as to why that is, but that is what he said is to be done. So, I shall comply.

I don't have any memories of Rev. Gumm like a number of you have, but I *do* have memories of his son -- and it is his son whom I will miss. I will miss his candor, his wit, and his opinions. And I will especially miss his underlying spirit of goodwill which was pervasive throughout all of it. I never once doubted that David Gumm had a good soul, even as an occasional thorn might find its way to the surface. His heart was always greater than his tongue.

And so, I dedicate the front page of this month's *Scribe* to David Gumm. I dedicate it out of respect for what he did for his church and his community, and I dedicate it out of the sense of gratitude that I carry in me for having known him for over 12 years. While he was part of the legacy of his late father, this church will stand as part of the legacy that is uniquely his -- for he was faithful to it until the very end!

David Mercer

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 Care

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)

Pastoral relations

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.

1 Ron Bochat
8 Jim Schimka
16 Tom Donat
16 Phyllis Wittig
19 Gary Altergott
20 Tracy Kerlin
23 Ralph Hayford
24 Mike Dekrell
29 Lisa Kennelly

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

In memory of Dave Gumm

Ron Bochat
Carol Douglas
Kim & Randy Cichon
Karen Connor
Dave & Kris Freeman
David & Gail Russell
Kristine Tice
Sharon Tice
Ellen & David Graham
Jim & Shirley Schimka
Mary Ann Leseberg
Sue & Max Gould

Bob & Pat Kolze in memory of Rick Hasselman, Dave Gumm & Dennis Shimka
David & Gail Russell in memory of Steve Berg

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, communion, cards, text messages, emails, phone calls, visits, gifts and help with transportation while I am recovering from my broken ankle. Your thoughtfulness and kindness is so appreciated and it lifts my spirits, encouraging a speedy recovery. I am truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. Stay healthy ~Shay Storm

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Brian Altergott, brother of Gary Altergott
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Randy Cichon
Nancy Drost, sister of Russ Drost
Russ & Michael Drost
Jeff Florey
Carol Hannah
Bonnie Hartmann, cousin of Mary Ann Leseberg
Matthew & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
Larry & Marlene Ingram
Jennifer, friend of Kris Freeman
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
Holly Petersen
Kathy & Karen Peterson, friends of the Arnolds
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
Jerry Wallenberg, friend of Charlotte Mally
Beverly Young

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

June Usher Captain: Ron Bochat

June Readers:
4: Tom Donat
11: Cherrie Wickstrom
18: Reader needed
25: Janet Olsen

Lectionary for June:
4: Psalm 8; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Matt 28:16-20.
11: Gen 12:1-9; Psalm 33:1-12; Hos 5:15-6:6; Psalm 50:7-15; Rom 4:13-25; Matt 9:9-13, 18-26.
18: Gen 18:1-15, 21:1-7; Psalm 116:1-2,12-19; Rom 5:1-8; Matt 9:35-10:8-23.
25: Gen 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10,16-17; Jer 20:70-13; Psalm 69:7-18; Rom 6:1b-11; Matt 10:24-39.

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… CARING FOR THE BODY- THE BIG SEE

SKIN CANCER IS THE CANCER YOU CAN SEE. Yet it often goes undetected until it's difficult to treat, disfiguring, or even life-threatening**.** Skin cancer is American's most common cancer, with more than 5 million cases diagnosed each year. Fortunately, skin cancer is also one of the most preventable forms of cancer.

"THE BIG THREE FROM THE BIG SEE"
3 things to look for when you're checking for skin cancer:
1. **NEW –** Watch for **New** moles or blemishes that have popped up especially after age 21.
2. **CHANGING –** Check to see if any spots are changing in **color, shape, size, or texture.**
3. **UNUSUAL –** Look for spots that are unusual in **outline or continuously itch, hurt, crest or bleed for more than 3 weeks.** Time to see the doctor if you have any of the above warnings.

WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR SKIN
1. Seek shade especially between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
2. Don't get sunburned.
3. Avoid tanning and never use tanning beds.
4. Cover with clothing including broad-brimmed hats and UV-blocking sunglasses.
5. Keep newborns out of the sun. Use sunscreen on babies over the age of six months.
6. Use broad-specturm (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with SPF of 15 or higher everyday. For extended outdoor activities use a water resistant, board-spectrum sunscreen with a SPF of 30 or higher.
7. Apply 1 ounce of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going out. Reapply every two hours.
8. Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
9. See a dermatologist once a year.

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Happy Father's Day from the Health Committee

"What Makes A Dad"

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,

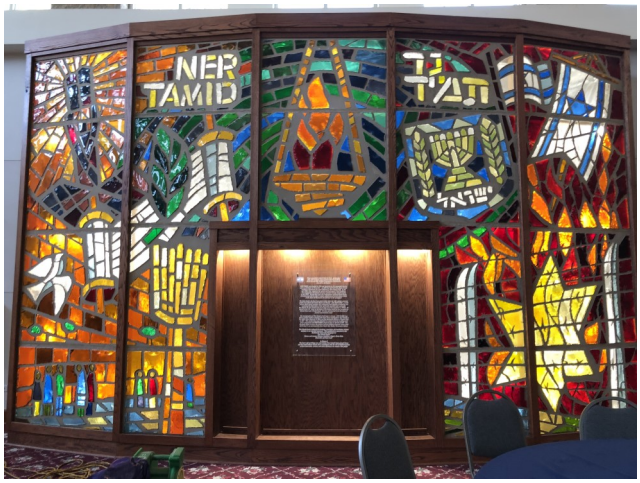
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,

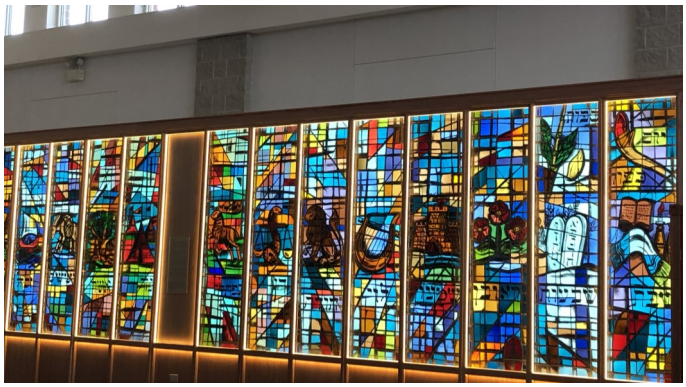
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,

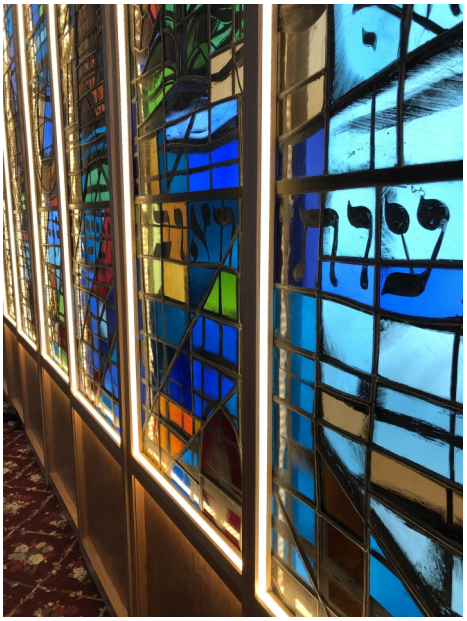
Then God combined these qualities
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it . . . .Dad.

By Anonymous

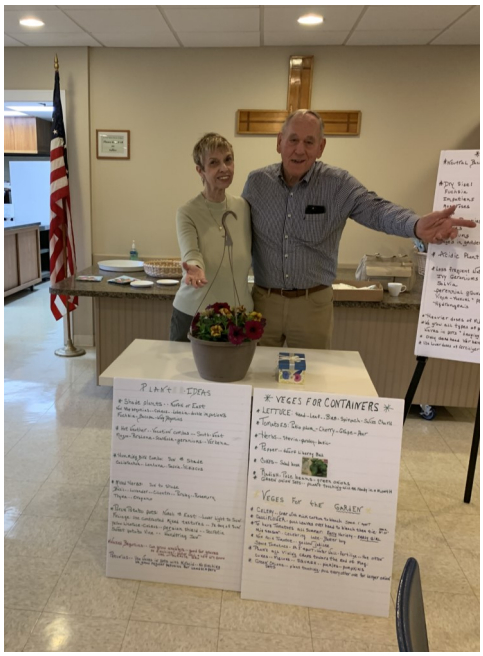
Please enjoy the pictures below taken by Gloria Helms from the recent Health Committee sponsored outing to the Northbrook Community Synagogue on Thursday, April 27th. Not only were the stained glass panels beautiful, but also a treasure of historical information about the Jewish faith.

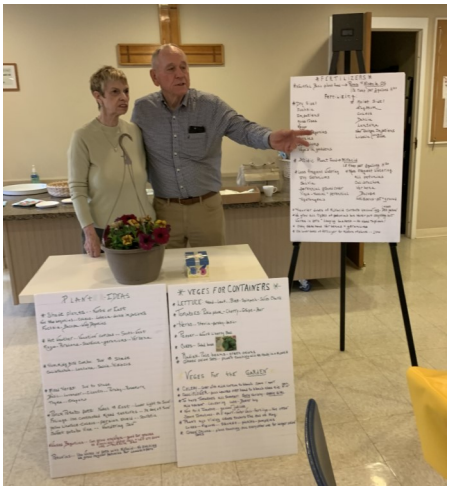




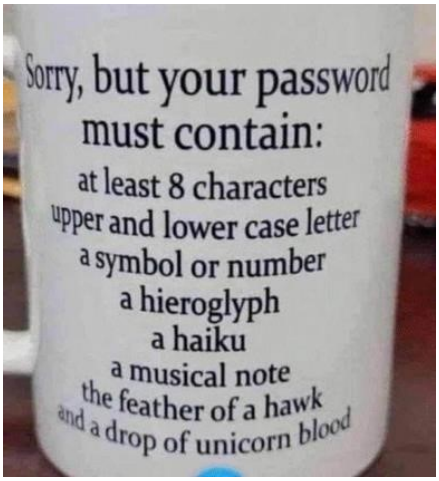


On Saturday, May 6th Bob and Pat Kolze talked to the Women's Fellowship Group. They explained the finer points about planting vegetable plants and bedding plants. They reminded everyone about the importance of spacing and fertilizing. They handed out several handouts, and 3 lucky attendees each won a colorful hanging basket.





I accidentally wore a red shirt to Target today and, long story short, I'm covering for Debbie this weekend.



Some days
I amaze myself.

Other days, I put my keys in the fridge.

A message from the Community Outreach Committee…

Again this year the Community Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies for the Palatine Township Apple Tree Campaign. Even though schools will just be getting out, supplies for next year will be in the stores soon. **We will begin collecting July 2nd through July 16th .** Watch for the special collection box in the East entrance. This is the list of what is needed, it is noted* which items are most needed.

Palatine Township
Back To School Supplies Program
Donors Needed

Palatine Township's Back to School Supplies Program is launching its 35th year! The success of this program is attributed to the overwhelming support and generous donations.

Backpacks (medium and large sizes needed)*	Loose Leaf Paper (wide ruled)
Backpacks (character style)*	Pencils (#2)
Ball Point Pens (red)	Pencil Cases (plastic boxes or vinyl zippered)
Colored Pencils (12 and 24 count)	Pencils-Twistable colored (12 count)*
Colored Markers (thin and broad tip 8-10 count)	Plastic Pocket Folders (with prongs)*
Crayons (8, 16, 24, 48 and 64 count packs)	Plastic Pocket Folders (without prongs)*
Crayons 8 count Large size	Rulers
Crayons Twistable-(24 count)*	Scissors (5" blunt or pointed)
Erasers (rectangle pink)	Spiral Notebooks (wide ruled) one-subject
Expo Markers (black bullet and wide tip)*	Spiral Notebooks (wide ruled) five-subject
Highlighters (blue, pink, green, and orange)*	USB Flash Drive*
Kleenex*	White Glue (8oz bottles)

*** Items most needed**

Donations Deadline July 26, 2023	Drop off Locations
Palatine Township	721 South Quentin Road
Brandt Financial Concepts, Inc.	134 West Slade Street
Palatine Public Library	700 North Court

The Township has set up online wish list with various retailers. Visit our website for details.

Donate online: **PalatineTownship-Il.gov.**

Monetary donations to purchase school supplies are also appreciated.

Please make checks payable to **Palatine Township Needy Family Fund**
721 S. Quentin Rd, Suite 101, Palatine, IL 60067.
Please write "Back to School" in the memo part of your check.

Questions about the program contact the Township at 847-358-6700
If you know of someone who needs a hand please allow us the opportunity to help them.

Summer Ice Cream Word Search!

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Bubblegum	Coffee	Pistachio
Butterscotch	Mango	Pumpkin
Caramel	Maple	Strawberry
Cherry	Neapolitan	Vanilla