The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen.....

During Lent, we had much discussion around here about why each of us is a part of the church, what the church is for, and what are the tenets of Christianity, etc. Some of these chats took place during the Thursday morning Lenten discussions, some happened at the Men's Fellowship, and others were more impromptu. Either way, I am glad that those conversations took place! I like to think that in its essence and purpose, the church is fundamentally different from every other voluntary association out there.

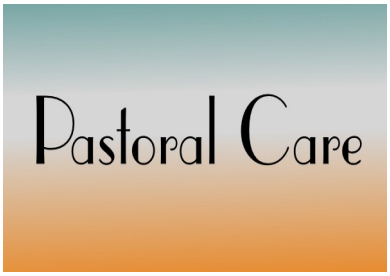
One of the characteristics of our denomination in particular, is that we make room for people. We have a Statement of Faith, but we don't put up litmus tests that a person must pass before they are accepted. We don't demand conformity of thought, nor do we require that people act against their own conscience. We allow for much wiggle room in terms of how a person appropriates faith.

Each of us might have a slightly different reason for being a part of this, but at least we're still here! We know that not everyone is going to be 100% in line with our way of thinking, but we're okay with that. We learned a long time ago to live and let live. Such is the ethos of our United Church of Christ! *(There is a lot more that may be said about this, but I have to fit everything on one page.)*

I encourage you to come back, even after Easter! There's still room here for you, too.

David

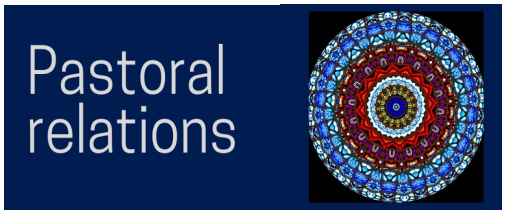
St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Karen Connor (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Tom Donat, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Robert Kraft and David Mercer (Staff Rep).



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.

3 Roger Fannin
5 Bobby Anderson
11 AJ Fong
12 Doris Brztowski
14 Janet Olsen
15 Linn Enockson
19 Roseann Stenzel
20 Mary Doktor
25 Ed Doktor
27 Debbie Everett
30 Sue Lech

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

Cherrie Wickstrom in memory of Fred Welstead and Agnes Warren
Shay Storm in memory of Fred Welstead
Karen Connor in memory of Fred Welstead

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Karen and Carol Douglas
Nick & Michael Drost
Ed, cousin of Jackie Schultze
Jeff Florey
Bonnie Hartmann, cousin of Mary Ann Leseberg
Bob Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Shimka
Matthew & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
Larry Ingram
Jennifer, friend of Kris Freeman
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Dick Kolze
Jay Kolze, nephew of Bob & Pat Kolze
Leeland Korman
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
Patty and Kassie, friends of Sharon Khan
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost, Dawn's son Carl Nichols, uncle of Melissa Gumm
Ethel Otto
Holly Petersen
Kathy & Karen Peterson, friends of the Arnolds
John Riley, friend of Melissa Gumm
Kathy Schuett, sister of Sharon Giles Khan
Mary Schultz, neighbor of Nancy Perry
Sharon, neighbor of Bob & Pat Kolze
Bonnie Stallone, daughter of Jim & Shirley Schimka
Sherry Stephens, sister of Shirley Kolze
Judy Troutman
Nick Vendafreddo, father of Tom Vendafreddo
Beverly Young

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

April Usher Captain:
Ralph Hayford

April Readers:
7: Tom Donat
14: Janet Olsen
21: Cherrie Wickstrom
28: Reader Needed

Lectionary for April:
7: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 29:19-31.
14: acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.
21: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.
28: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31; 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

Oodles of Noodles

School will be ending in May, but for many this means the free and reduced-price lunch they are getting at school does too!

That being said, Community Outreach will be collecting pre-packaged meals for students at Palatine High School.

We will be collecting **Kraft Mac and Cheese Cups, Ramen Noodles in packages and cups** or any other type of noodle cups that you just need to add water too.

We will begin collecting from April 14th through the 28th in the shopping basket in the East entrance. Thank you for your support!

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St. Paul's Spring Sale

A spring sale (rummage sale) is being planned for **Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall. We would like to know if you would be able to assist with **set up starting Monday, May 13th from 1-4 and running those same times through Thursday, May 16th. On Friday, May 17th we will be doing the final set up and preparations from 1-4 and then Saturday, May 18th we will need help anytime from 8:00-5:00.**

In order for this to be successful, we are in need of help. There is a sign up sheet at the east entrance so that you may sign up for as much time as you are able to.

More information will be forthcoming as to items that will be accepted into the sale, when items can be dropped off, and if we will also hold a bake/coffee sale. First off, we need to assess our help. The sale area will be limited to Fellowship Hall.

All sale proceeds will go to the church.

Thank you in advance,
Spring Sale Task Team

From the Sunday School office…

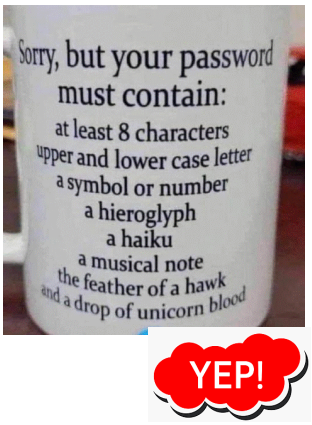
Look Within Yourself **by Jorie Guenther**

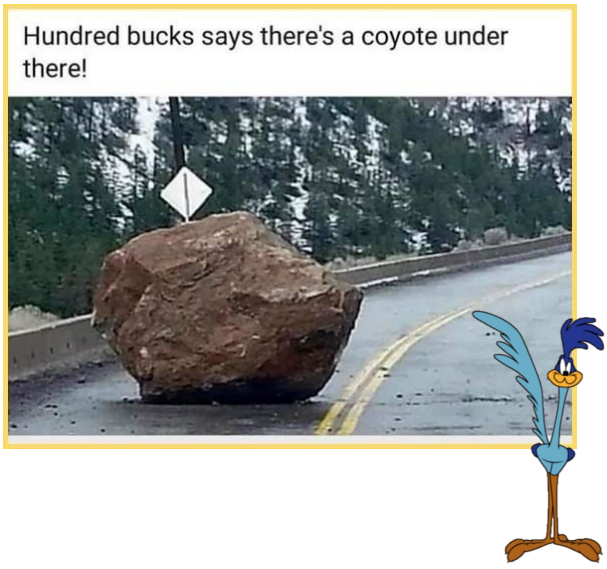
I love myself
I'm not going down
Not failing now
I love my friends
I love my family
Share my love with all
Love is great, Love is good oh
Look at the love you carry within yourself
We can be great we can be caring
We can live a life of sharing
Look within you
Look within me
Together we can begin
A loving world
Of our sweet families
We appreciate all the things we make
If we look within our hearts
The world will be as one
If we look within all
The worries will be gone
Love is great, Love is good oh
Look within you and share your heart.

St. Paul Walking Group
APRIL IS "MOVE MORE MONTH"

Spring has already sprung so it's time for us to get moving once again. The American Heart Association stresses that with the coming of warmer weather it is time for us all to get outside, get active and do more with our bodies – so our bodies can do more for us in turn. Remember walking is one of the best exercises you can do to keep healthy. **Join us on the track next to Cutting Hall on Tuesdays at 10:30 beginning April 16th.** Please keep in mind that all are invited regardless of your ability. Walk at your own pace and your own distance. You need not sign up – **just show up!**

***On the Lighter Side*...brought to you by the Health Committee...**





April Showers

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Warmer Weather