The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen.....

On Friday May 24th, Mary Faust, our office administrator, will work her final day at St. Paul. At the end of her day when she pushes her chair back in to the desk for one last time, Mary will conclude 18 years as St. Paul's office administrator and will then enter that realm called "retirement."

I am dedicating my *Scribe* article this month to Mary, out of respect and appreciation for all that she has brought to this church. Both, Mary and her husband Mark, have done things for St. Paul that are way above and beyond any job description, not to mention church membership covenant. Their contributions though many, have largely gone under-noticed.

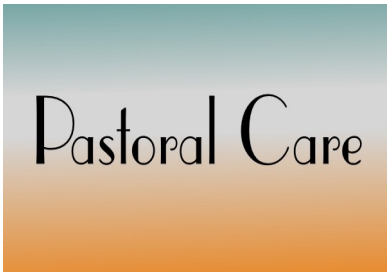
Well along in my 14th year as St. Paul's pastor, I very much appreciate the administrative support that Mary has given to my ministry over the years. In so many ways, she has made my job a lot easier than it would have been otherwise. Her insight, her intuition, and her initiative combined, have put out some pretty big fires all the while preventing others from starting. I shall remain indebted to her.

As such, I am asking all members and friends of St. Paul, to join with me in expressing your appreciation for Mary's years of service. I realize that each of your circumstances are different from mine, but the one thing we each have in common is that we benefitted from Mary's labors. St. Paul United Church of Christ is better off today, because of what the Faust family has brought to it. May God richly bless Mary, Mark Sr., Mark Jr., and Amanda – as well as that sacred union with the Doktor family, and from which a new generation has been born.

Thank you, Mary. There's nothing more I can say.

David

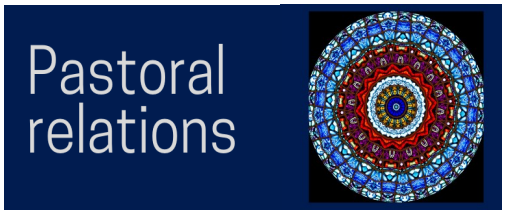
St. Paul UCC Executive Board Members: Sharon Altergott (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Karen Connor (Spiritual Life Board Rep.), Tom Donat, Randy Everett (Admin. Board Rep.), Robert Kraft and David Mercer (Staff Rep).



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 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 Penny Khoury, Fred Welstead and Agnes Warren

I want to take this opportunity to say Thank You to my St. Paul friends and family. It has been a pleasure to have been on staff as your Office Administrator for the last 18 years.

It has been said that life is a series of new beginnings, no matter your age. So as I begin this new chapter, I reflect on how much I have appreciated your support over those years. And here we are, over 200 Scribes and 1,800 bulletins and announcements later. Where did that time go?

It has been a been an honor to have served this faithful congregation. May you all continue to find joy in the little things.

Blessings and peace,
Mary

(Gary, I left the fake nose with glasses and moustache in my desk ,along with some other things to "prank Gary with" for my replacement, so be prepared...)

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

The Family & Friends of Mary Ann Leseberg
Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Karen and Carol Douglas
Nick & Michael Drost
Ed, cousin of Jackie Schultze
Elena, daughter-in-law of Mary Carlisle
Jeff Florey
Bob Hasselmann, brother of Shirley Shimka
Matthew & Michael Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm
Larry Ingram
Ashley Karr, friend of the Everetts
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
Mary Chacko Russell, sister-in-law of David Russell
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
Nick Vendafreddo, father of Tom Vendafreddo
Beverly Young

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

May Usher Captain:
Chuck Oberly

May Readers:
5: Tom Donat
12: Janet Olsen
19: David Russell
26: Cherrie Wickstrom

May Greeters:
5: Steve & Lynn
12: Debbie Everett
19: Karen & Dave Whedon
26: Sally Graf

Lectionary for May:
5: Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; 1 John 5:1-6; John 15:9-17.
9: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Psalm 93; Eph 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53.
12: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 16:6-19.
19: Acts 2:1-21; Ezek 37:1-14; Psalm 104:24-34,35b; Rom 8:22-27; Acts 2: 1-21; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15.
26: Isa 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Rom 8:12-17; John 3:1-17.

MAY IS SKIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Skin cancer is American's most common cancer and one of the most preventable. It is the one cancer you can **SEE.** Yet it often goes undetected in the early stages. **Get to know your skin, check yourself in the mirror and keep these simple words in mind:**

- NEW – Watch for new moles or blemishes.
- CHANGING – check to see if any spots are changing in color, shape, size or texture.

UNUSUAL – Look for spots that are unusual in outline, continuously itch, hurt, crest or bleed.

Some skin cancer facts

- 1 in 5 Americans will develop some form of skin cancer by age 70
- Having 5 or more sunburns doubles your risk of melanoma.
- As estimated 3.6 million cases of Basel cell carcinoma are diagnosed in the US each year.

More people are diagnosed with skin cancer each year in the US than all the other cancers combined.

Protect Yourself

- Seek shade especially between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Don't get sunburned and avoid tanning and tanning beds.
- Cover with clothing including broad-brimmed hats and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- Keep newborns out of the sun.
- Use broad-spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with SPF of 15 or higher.
- Apply 1 ounce of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going out. Reapply every 2-4 hours.
- Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.

See a dermatologist once a year.

Source: The Skin Cancer Foundation

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Because of your generosity the children of St. Paul's Sunday School collected $246.00! That is enough money to purchase 2 goats, so 2 families will be able to have fresh goat milk and cheese! And… each goat sent is pregnant, and they usually have 2 kids each. The agreement is they give the 1st baby goat away. So, that means 4 families will have a goat and the gifted family will have 2 goats each. So, you have enriched the lives of 4 families! Thanks for sharing.

Blessings,
Miss Linda and the St. Paul Kids.

Spring Rummage Sale Update

We continue to meet and work out details for St. Paul's Spring Rummage sale to take place on Saturday, May 18th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. In order for this to be successful, we do need your assistance. Please prayerfully consider signing up for what ever time you can help out. **Remember, the proceeds from this sale will benefit your church.**

How Can You Help?

Starting on Monday, May 13th through Friday May 17th Fellowship Hall set-up and pricing from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Saturday, May 18th help will be needed with final touches before we open for business as well as a few hours after the sale for reorganizing Fellowship Hall. **Please know that there are "sit down" type jobs on Saturday.**

Sign up is located at the East Entrance.

What Are Accepted and Unaccepted Items?

Items are expected to be in good working condition, have complete pieces and most importantly clean. If an item needs batteries, please make sure you check that it works before bringing it into church. We will not have batteries on hand for checking.

Some examples of acceptable items include, but not limited to:

Toys Infant and Toddler clothes up to size 5 Toddler **only** Purses
Jewelry Antiques Framed Art Artificial Floral Arrangements
Tools Luggage Housewares Décor

Items that **WILL NOT** be accepted include:

Furniture Clothing (except infant up through size 5 Toddler)
Shoes Lamps Large Scaled Mirrors Microwaves and other appliances
If in doubt, ask one of the members of the task force – see the names below.

When Can I Bring Items to Church?

You may start bringing items into church on Monday, May 1st through Wednesday, May 15th, the last day items will be accepted. **PLEASE NOTE THAT ACCESS TO FELLOWSHIP HALL IS NOT POSSIBLE ON MONDAYS FROM 9:00 TO 12:00 PM**

Hours for drop off are Monday from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm and Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (normal church business hours. Times other than stated will require special arrangements by contacting one of the people listed below.

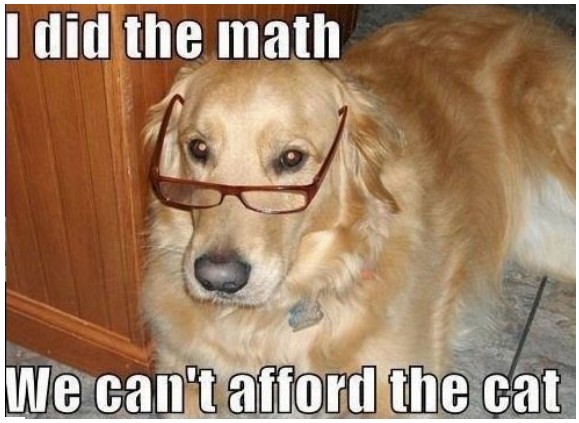
Please take the items directly to the small room next to the library in Fellowship Hall and place them neatly either on a table or the floor. This will be our initial gathering spot for items. The classroom adjacent to the Buildings and Grounds office will be used for an overflow of items.

If you need assistance bringing items into the church or need access after 2:00 pm, in the evening or the weekend, please contact Barb Oberly, Cherrie Wickstrom, Debbie Everett or Mary Carlisle to make arrangements.

Thank you for helping us make the sale a success for our church!

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

This month, Dogs vs Cats...



SURPRISE!

In The Garden Word Search

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BELL PEPPERS
BROCCOLI
BRUSSELS SPROUTS
CARROTS
CELERY
CILANTRO
CUCUMBER
EGGPLANT
GREEN BEANS
LETTUCE
ONION
PEAS
RADISHES
RUTABAGA
SWEET CORN
SWISS CHARD
TOMATOES
WATERMELON
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