The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen.....

Please join with me in welcoming Debbie Brennan as St. Paul's new Office Administrator! Like Mary Faust before her, Debbie comes to us with wide and varied experience that she brings to the table. Not only does Debbie have a strong, basic office background; but she also has many years of customer service experience as well as a strong supervisory and managerial background. She has dealt with customers and coworkers of every possible disposition. She has also run the full gamut of hiring and firing people, training people, and evaluating individuals and systems. We are very fortunate to have found someone of Debbie's caliber on the heels of another, retiring, excellent administrator!

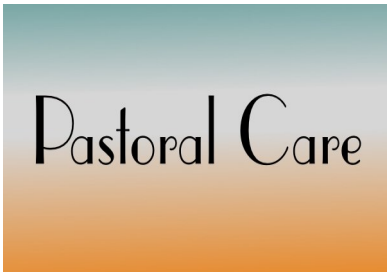
As St. Paul and Debbie are in this new stage together, I want to share with you my own philosophy of transitions. Just as no two people are exactly alike, the same applies to the positions that people hold. When a long-standing and beloved staff member retires or otherwise vacates a position, another person will eventually come and take that spot. And, that new person will not do everything in the same way that their predecessor did. In my own case, in two of my previous churches, I followed on the heels of a long-time beloved pastor who had left. Well, after the second time, I made a solemn vow to myself that I would never do that again! No matter how much I tried, I just couldn't convince people that I wasn't there to fill the previous pastor's shoes. Rather, I was there to fill my own. Unfortunately, however, some just couldn't accept that.

The same applies to any other position in a church, including Office Administrator. God has wired each of us differently, and that's because uniformity doesn't seem to be God's thing. One look at the cosmos can tell us that even though there are many common denominators *(Things would collapse if there weren't!)*, there are still millions of variations in the created order. It is necessary, therefore, that we understand this and allow for the differences – Lord knows that we each have needed for others to allow for ours!

Finally, many thanks are owed to our Executive Board – and especially to Randy and Debbie Everett, for all the time and attention that they poured into finding our new Office Admin. I could write another *Scribe* article just about the Everett's, for all that they do for St. Paul when no one is watching. They've been doing a ton of stuff for this church, and many people don't realize it. I am confident that this new phase will work out well, and it will work out ultimately because we have a caring and supportive congregation. Please join with me in welcoming Debbie Brennan!

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.

1 Ron Bochat

8 Jim Schimka

16 Tom Donat

16 Phyllis Wittig

19 Gary Altergott

20 Tracy Kerlin

23 Ralph Hayford

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 Mary Ann Leseberg
Gary & Sharon Altergott
Jim Frost
Ralph & Linda Hayford
Sharon Khan
Charlotte Mally
Nancy Perry
Pat & Bob Kolze
Brenda Buchholz
Barb and Chuck Oberly

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Sharon Khan in honor of The Faust Family
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Shirley Kolze in Memory of Ken Kolze

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
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
Stan Lech, brother-in-law of Sue Lech
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost, Dawn's son Carl Nichols, uncle of Melissa Gumm
Ethel Otto
Holly Petersen
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

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

June Usher Captain:
Ron Bochat

June Readers:
2: Tom Donat
9:
16: Cherrie Wickstrom
23: Janet Olsen
30:

June Greeters:
2: Sharon Florey
9: *Reader Needed*
16: Tom Donat
23: Karen Connor
30 Janet Olsen

Lectionary for June:
2 1 Sam 3:1-10;139 1-6, 13-18; Deut 5:12-15; Ps 81: 1-10; Mark 2:23-3:6

9 1 Sam8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15); Ps 138; Gen 3:8-15; Ps 130; 2 Cor 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-35

16: 1 Sam 15:34-16:13; Ps 20; Ezek 17:22-24; Ps 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Cor 5:6-10 (11-13), 14-17

23: 1 Sam 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23) 32-49; Ps 9:9-20; 1 Sam 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16; Ps 133; Job 38:1-11; Ps 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Cor 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

30 2 Sam 1:1,17-27; Ps:130; Wisd of Sol 1:13-15, 2:23-24; Lam 3:22-23; Ps 30; 2 Cor 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

July 4th Church Picnic

Can you believe that it is this time of year again!
Back by popular demand our JULY 4TH CHURCH PICNIC will be held on
Friday, July 5th to coincide with the Palatine fireworks.

- The cost will be $8.00 Adult to age 12, $4.00 age 11 to 3 and under 3 years old is free. Cost will cover chicken, lemonade, ice cream, and picnic supplies.
- Sign up to attend, food donation, and collection of money will start on Sunday, June 9th.

The Spiritual Life Board hopes that you will save the date.
More information will be forthcoming.

Important Meeting for All of Us
CPR/AED Review

On Sunday, June 9th Rose Jensen will be here for a CPR/AED review session. Because we don't often use these skills it is important for us to keep ourselves up to date so that we will be prepared in case of an emergency. In this session we will not be actually preforming the procedures. We realize that many of us have physical limitations that keep us from actually practicing the skills. However, even if you can't actually perform the skill you can easily instruct another person if necessary.

Please plan to attend this session. We must all be prepared to help in an emergency. We can't expect someone else to always be present in an emergency whether it is in church or in your home. Evidence shows that when people in the community know how to do CPR survival rates improve.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: ***A Read Through Ephesians***

All are invited to join with Pastor David on three consecutive Thursday mornings during the month of June, from 10:30 to 11:30, as we read through the New Testament Book of Ephesians. Originally a letter that the Apostle Paul wrote to a church in the city of Ephesus, a port city located in what we know as present-day Turkey, the letter to the Ephesians has much to say even to the church today! All are cordially invited to join with our pastor as we delve into what that letter says. RSVP is appreciated, but not required. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Bible, but that isn't absolutely required, either. Come as you will. Sessions will be in fellowship hall.

Thursday June 13th 10:30-11:30 Ephesians chapters 1 & 2

Thursday June 20th 10:30-11:30 Ephesians chapters 3 & 4

Thursday June 27th 10:30-11:30 Ephesians chapters 5 & 6

We would like to give special thanks to the Bob Kolze family for donating this year's annual plants to be planted in urns and in special areas on the church grounds. St. Paul's "Garden Girls" planted them in late May. Our hope is that the flowers will bring joy to all who view our church grounds, especially our church members and also our Palatine pollinators (bees). St. Paul UCC Garden Committee/Gloria Helms, Chairman

The Women's Fellowship Ladies Tea was held on Saturday, May 4th. Here are some pictures from the gathering, compliments of Gloria Helms.

The Community Outreach Committee will be collecting school supplies to donate to the Palatine Township again this year. It is a great way to support children who come to school with no supplies. This is the 36th year of the program thanks to the community for their support. We will begin on July 5th at the picnic and collect through the 21st of July. Look for the Red School House to drop your supplies.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

ASSORTED POCKET FOLDERS WITH PRONGS
HIGHLIGHTERS (ASSORTED COLORS)
ASSORTED POCKET FOLDERS
KLEENEX
BACKPACKS (CHARACTER STYLE)- (KINDERGARTEN)
ONE-SUBJECT SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS (WIDE RULED)
BACKPACKS (MEDIUM & LARGE)
PENCILS (#2)
BALL POINT PENS (BLACK, BLUE & RED)
PENCIL CASES (PLASTIC BOX OR POUCH)
COLORED PENCILS (12 COUNT)
PENCIL SHARPENER, HAND HELD
CRAYONS (24 COUNT PACK)
POST-IT NOTES (3×3)
CRAYONS 8 COUNT LARGE SIZE (KINDERGARTEN)
RULERS 12”

Summer Choir

The current choir members and I would like to invite you to join us for casual summer choir rehearsals. We'll be meeting in the choir room from 1:00p.m. until 2:00p.m. on the following Wednesdays: June 12, June 26, July 10, July 24, August 7, and August 21. The choir will not be singing at any Sunday morning services during the summer, rather we'll be keeping our voices in tune and working on vocal techniques. Please feel free to join us on any (or all!) of these dates.

Michelle Nunez