The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen.....

Still recognized by a remanent of the American populace as *Independence Day,* the national holiday on July 4th falls on a Thursday this year. As such, the church office will be closed on that day. Please note also, however, that the annual church picnic and village fireworks will take place the very next day (Friday the 5th).

There are a lot of people who come through this relatively small section of ground as they make their way to the entertainment and concessions, and especially as they seek out a spot from which to view the fireworks. The Village of Palatine does an excellent job of preserving order throughout all of this, and therefore we should remain appreciative of the time and resources that they put into making sure that the Jaycee's Hometown Fest is enjoyable for everyone, regardless of crowd size.

Something that I would ask all of St. Paul members to keep in mind, is that the Hometown Fest provides us with an opportunity to put our best foot forward and make a positive public witness. This may be done in the way we treat the people who visit our parking lot. I know that such a witness can be challenging at times -- especially when some among the general public are not well-mannered -- but I hope we can seize upon it as an opportunity, nonetheless.

Finally, I would like to thank Gary Altergott & Shay Storm for taking on the parking lot fundraiser this year. Each year it keeps getting more challenging to do, but Shay and Gary have jumped in and rescued it for yet another year.

It's almost that time! Have a safe and happy Independence Day weekend, wherever your travels may take you!

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 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)

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.

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Members of St. Paul Congregation:

At our last Administrative Board Meeting in June, it was reported that our membership giving at the end of May, 2024 was $17,000 less than the same time last year, May 2023. This is a significant decline in giving so far this year. Remember that our expenses continue monthly throughout the year. Please review your projected giving for our St. Paul family and if possible, try to update your pledge/giving so we might catch-up to prior support.

Thank you for your understanding.

Administrative Board

2 Harley Chapman
6 Dave Freeman
6 Jorie Guenther
7 Evan Fong
8 Jeff Whedon
9 Lisa Kowalski

31 Jeff PePue
31 Shay Storm

Celebrating Milestone Birthdays!!!
16 **David Russell 80th**
22 **John Beresheim 70th**

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

I would like to thank everyone for the lovely birthday cards, birthday wishes, and messages. I am so blessed to have such a thoughtful St. Paul family.
Thank you! Ralph Hayford

In Memory of Allen Schwab
Charlotte Mally
In memory of Mary Ann Leseberg
Stanley Grabowski
Kris and Dave Freeman

Eliana Dee Garcia
Baptized 6-23-24
Parents :
Kristian Alejandro
and Akansha Garcia

Rummage Sale Thank You

On behalf of the Rummage Sale task team (Barb Oberly, Mary Carlisle, Cherrie Wickstrom, Linda Hayford, and Debbie Everett), we wish to thank all members who made donation of items, sort through and haul things down from the church attic, dispose of attic trash, help with the weeklong set-up, act as cashiers, baggers, and greeters, pack up after the sale remove un sold items.

(A special note here is that it took less than 2 hours to clean up the area after the sale!).

When the task force initially met, we knew we faced a daunting task but, with everyone's assistance the load was lightened. The weather cooperated and we had a great crowd that day. Our sales totaled **$2,274.09** after expenses.

Some may question if this net amount was worth it, but in hindsight we feel it was. Not only did the attic get cleaned, but more importantly, it brought about a great deal of fellowship and team work which is actually **priceless.....**

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
Rosann friend of Sharon Khan

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

July Usher Captain:
Randy Everett

July Readers:
7: Tom Donat
14:Gary Altergott
21: NEED
28:Cherrie Wickstrom

July Greeters:
7: Ron Bochat
14: NEED
21: NEED
28: NEED

Lectionary for July:
7: 2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10: Ps. 48 or EZK 2:1-5 Ps.123, 2 Cor 12: 2-10 Mark 6:1-13

14:2 Sam 6:1-5, 12b-19, Ps. 24, Amos 7: 7-15, PS 85:8-13 Eph1: 13-14 Mark 6: 14-29

21:2 Sam 7:1-14a, PS 89: 20-37, Jer. 23:1-6, Ps 23, Eph 2: 11-22 Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

28: 2 Sam 11: 1-15, Ps. 14 2 Kings 4:42-44, Ps. 145: 10-18 Eph 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

The Church Office will be closed July 4th

Please get to the picnic by 5:00 pm so you can park in the West parking lot. Any available parking spots by 7:00pm will be sold to the public.

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 are free. Cost will cover chicken, lemonade, ice cream, and picnic supplies.

Sign up to attend, food donation, and collection of money will end on June 30th So we can be prepared and order properly .

If paying by check, please write on the check that the payment is for the picnic.

Payments can be handed to Debbie Everett or brought to the church office during business hours until Sunday, June 30th

July 4th Parking Fundraiser

Dates: Thursday 7/4
Friday 7/5
Fireworks
Saturday 7/6

Sign-up sheets are at the entrance of the church.

3 able-bodied people are needed or each 2 hour shift

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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 SUPPLIESASSORTED 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”

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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: 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

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Coffee Hour

Everyone seems to enjoy the fellowship, coffee and especially the goodies after the service.

In order to keep these goodies coming, the Coffee Hour sign up needs your help.

How can you help?

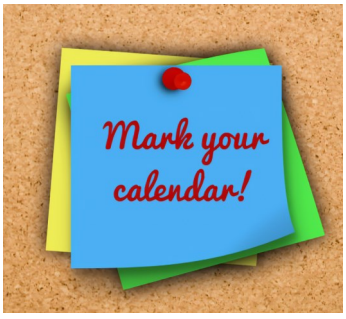
- Simply sign up on the sheet in Fellowship Hall.
- If you don't want to bake something, store bought items are just as good and appreciated.
- You might consider partnering with another member.

Please remember that if you are not familiar with making coffee and tea or setting up the goodies, others are always present to assist you. **As a common saying today, "it's easy, peasy" for you**.

Rally Day :

Sunday September 8th

Church 10:00
Lunch 11:30
Games-Prizes-Music on Lawn
Weather permitting



Messy Church-

"Fall for Jesus...He Never Leaves"

Sunday September 29th 3:30

Fun-Faith-Crafts-Songs-Story-Dinner
Bring Friends
ALL ARE WELCOME

We can always use your help....
Sign up East Entrance

To My St. Paul Family,

I can't thank you enough for the gifts, cards and warm retirement wishes you gave me. I also want to thank my family, especially my daughter Amanda, for setting up a wonderful retirement gathering in Fellowship Hall. It was the perfect way to end my 18 years with St. Paul.

I will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and love ❤️

Mary Faust

Mary always enjoyed joking around with her friends.....

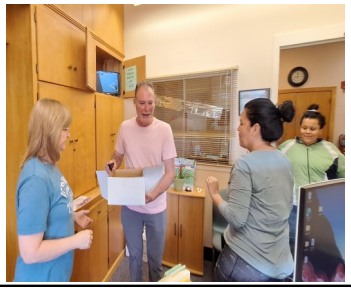
Pastor Mercer thanking Mary for all the years they worked together and thanked her family for all they have done for St. Paul's UCC

Mary and Gary had a lot of fun throughout the years

Family and granddaughters....priceless

You are missed....
thank you for everything!!!

Thank you for the training! You made me laugh everyday....



Mary with Victor and crew.... They got her a retirement cake

WHY DO EGGS COME IN FLIMSY STYROFOAM CARTONS AND BATTERIES COME IN A PACKAGE ONLY A CHAINSAW CAN OPEN?

I GET MOST OF MY EXERCISE THESE DAYS FROM SHAKING MY HEAD IN DISBELIEF

Aspire to inspire before you expire.

Car and Driver says 95% of electric cars are still on the road. The remaining 5% made it all the way home.

Frustration is trying to find your glasses without your glasses.

My wife and I had words, but I didn't get to use mine.