The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen.....

On the last Sunday of this month, September 29th, we're going to have an event here at St. Paul called *Messy Church.* To make a long story short, "Messy Church" is an outreach program that began in Britain and then spread to the U.S. It's an all-ages event that runs for approximately 3 hours and involves crafts and activities, an informal worship service, and then it culminates in a meal. Some churches do this once a month, while others do it less frequently.

Lots of other churches around the country have tried a Messy Church program, each with different results. The word "messy," as I understand it, holds its meaning in the fact that we're all a little bit messy. Human beings are messy, and that includes those human beings that constitute the church. The Messy Church program itself was launched as a way to tell the local community, *"You don't have to be perfect in order to go to church here."*

Now, as an aside for us internally, I would be betraying my calling if I didn't tell you that God still has loftier purposes for human beings than merely showing up. Human beings *are* called to things such as faith, and repentance, and holiness. This is something that we each should keep tucked in back of our mind as we attempt to reach out to a community that likely is unfamiliar with God. So, yes, let's welcome people and meet them where they're at, but let's not forget that God doesn't want anyone to remain where they're at forever. God calls them to ***".....the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ."*** **(Ephesians 4:13)**

We hope that more people will find a spot with us here at St. Paul, but even more important than that, we hope that they will find their place in Christ.

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.

9/3 David Whedon
9/4 Sharon Florey
9/4 Melissa Gumm
9/6 Linda Hayford
9/9 Christina Guenther
9/11 Sharon Altergott
9/15 Marla Beresheim
9/18 Pat Kolze

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

In Loving Memory

In Memory of Randy Cichon

Bill and Roseann Stenzel
Sharon Storm
John and Maria Beresheim

In Memory of Bill Kaliveda

Carol Bochat

In Honor of **Charlotte Mally**

Linda and Ralph Hayford
Nancy Perry
David and Gail Russell

Sunday September 8th

Church 10:00
Games/Prizes 11:00
Lunch 11:30

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

BRING FRIENDS!!

Messy Church is back!!!

September 29th from 3-6 p.m.

What is Messy Church you ask???

Messy Church is a Christ centered intergenerational worship experience that combines creativity, hospitality, and celebration to help people of all ages encounter Jesus.

In the words of Lucy Mooe, Messy Church founder, "Messy Church is fundamentally about people coming in all their mess, with their messy lives and their messy families, just coming to God as they are and see what a Christian community is all about. "Come explore and experience god and Gods' Word through hands on activities, having a meal together, a time for worship, and lots of fun!"

To have a successful Messy Church we need your help!
Please consider signing up in the East entrance.

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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.

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
Ethel Otto
Holly Petersen
John Riley, friend of Melissa Gumm
David Sutton nephew 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
Beverly Young
Rosann friend of Sharon Khan

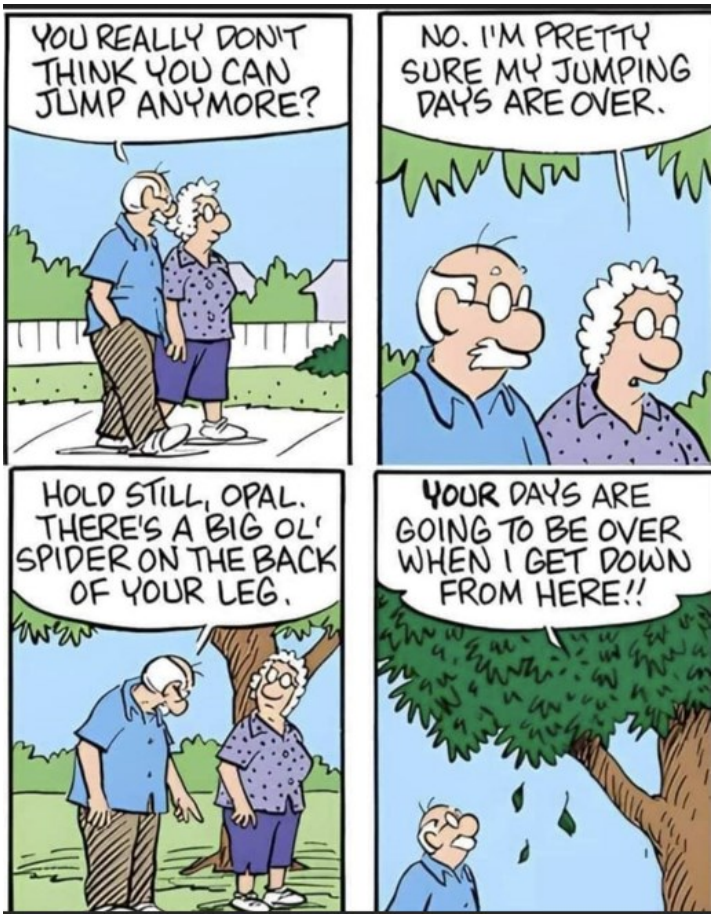
SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

Septermber Usher Captain:
Chuck Oberly

September Readers:
1: Tom Donat
8: NEED
15: Kim Cichon
22: Janet Olsen
29: NEED

September Greeters:
1: Jackie Schultze
8: Chuck & Barb Oberly
15: Karen Whedon
22: NEED
29:Steve and Lynn Barr

Lectionary for September:
1: Solomon 2: 8-13, James 1: 17-27, Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15,21-23
8: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23, James 2: 1-10, 14-17, Mark 7:24-27
15: Proverbs 1: 20-33 and Psalm 19, James 3: 1-12, Mark 8: 27-38
22: Proverbs 31:10-31 and Psalm 1, James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9: 30-37
29: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22, James 5: 13-20, Mark 9: 38-50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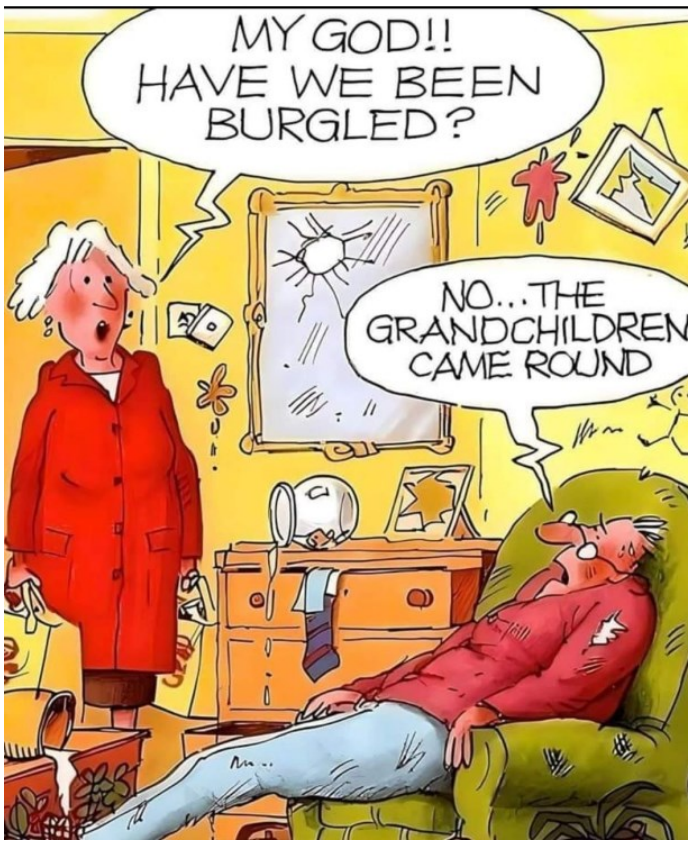
NO. I'M PRETTY SURE MY JUMPING DAYS ARE OVER.
HOLD STILL, OPAL. THERE'S A BIG OL' SPIDER ON THE BACK OF YOUR LEG.
YOUR DAYS ARE GOING TO BE OVER WHEN I GET DOWN FROM HERE!!

KINDERGARTEN PARENTS ON THE 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL
6TH GRADE PARENTS ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

- I don't want to go to school!!!
-But you are the teacher!!!

Vacuum going
Car horn
Phone rings
Mom closes her eyes


MY GOD!! HAVE WE BEEN BURGLED?
NO...THE GRANDCHILDREN CAME ROUND

I'M NOT MUCH ON SEIZING THE DAY. I JUST KINDA POKE IT WITH A STICK.

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