The Scribe

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Pastor's Pen.....

You know about the pilgrims of the Plymouth colony, but did you also know that they are some of the ancestors of our denomination? Yes, indeed! Those pilgrims whom you hear about every year at Thanksgiving, are one of the groups in whom our United Church of Christ has its roots! The pilgrims of the *Mayflower* were Congregationalists who established churches in New England, and eventually those same churches became the forebears of the Congregational side that would meet with the Evangelical & Reformed in Cleveland, Ohio on June 25, 1957 to form the United Church of Christ.

The pilgrims of the *Mayflower* have remained a cherished part of our UCC heritage all along. In fact, if you were to visit some other UCC churches today, you might even find some of them using the old *Pilgrim Hymnal*.....or at least keeping it around for posterity's sake. Also, I visited a UCC church one time in which an entire family came to church one Sunday dressed in the clothing of those early pilgrims! They were really into our UCC heritage, needless to say.

The pilgrims were certainly a part of our past that we should value, and perhaps even emulate. Personally, I've always found it amazing that they were able to call for a Thanksgiving feast even after the tragedies of the winter before. That in itself, reveals a depth of piety that is noteworthy. Also, their relationship with the indigenous Wampanoags is telling of their willingness to not be bound by parochialism, but to recognize the image of God in other people. Of course, however, it was the Wampanoags who reached out *first*....which opened that remarkable period in world history.

As UCC members, you and I are each a part of that pilgrim church tree! That is something for us to cherish as we enter this month of November.

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.

IN LOVING Memory

Within two weeks St. Paul UCC has lost two very special members of our church.
Please remember Janet Degner and Richard (Dick) Kolze along with their family and friends in your prayers.

Janet R. Degner
March 17, 1936-October 12, 2024

Janet grew up on the family dairy farm, raising and showing her own calves and sheep; then went to the University of Wisconsin at Madison. There she earned her bachelor's degree, met a young Marine veteran, political-science major; and then married him; her lifelong partner, Waldon (Wally) Degner, in 1959.

They moved to Palatine in 1961, and soon Janet and Wally were raising a family and becoming involved in all aspects of their community. Janet worked as a substitute teacher with District 15, was active in Jaycees, and brought the kids to the St. Paul United Church of Christ Church, every Sunday. When she learned Palatine did not have a 4-H club she started one. Later she became a Kinder Care director, then a regional director, then a local Executive Director for United Way. In recent decades, Janet was also very active with the Palatine Historical Society, American Legion Post 690, the Questers' Antique Club, and she always volunteered as an election judge.

In 2024 Janet received the Lifetime of Community Service Award for 45 years of service for the Historical Society where she began volunteering in 1978.

Richard "Dick" Kolze
October 22, 1929-October 20, 2024

Dick grew up in Palatine where his parents operated a dairy farm. He graduated from Palatine High School in 1947. In later years, he was named a Distinguished Graduate and a member of the Palatine High School Athletic Hall of Fame. After high school, he attended Northern Illinois University where he received a teaching certificate and met Jean. They were married in June of 1951. During their long marriage they were devoted partners.

Dick served in the military during the Korean War. After service, he attended the University of Illinois where he earned his Master's Degree in Educational Administration. He began his teaching career in Crystal Lake in 1954. In 1957 he returned to Palatine to teach and coach at Palatine High School. In 1967-68, while on leave from teaching, he attended Indiana University where he earned a Doctorate in School Administration. He returned to District 211 in 1968. He became Superintendent of Township High School District 211 in 1970. He served in that position until his retirement in 1990. The William Fremd High School Auditorium bears his name.

During his retirement, he served on the Harper College Board of Trustees for twelve years. He was the Board President for four of those years. One of the interior perimeter roads surrounding the Campus is called Dick Kolze Lane.

Dick was a longtime member and Past-President of the Rotary Club of Palatine. He was also a Mason and a Shriner. He held memberships in the Northwest Suburban Shrine Club and the Medinah Shrine Center. He was a member of St. Paul Church in Palatine for many years. Dick served in many appointed and volunteer positions in the community and in his profession.

Milestone Birthday for
1 Jackie Schultze— Happy 80th!!!

19 David Graham
23 Carol Hannah

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

Winter Hats, Scarves, Earmuffs, Mittens and Sock Drive

Between Oct. 13th and Nov. 3rd, Community Outreach will be collecting winter hats, scarves, earmuffs, mittens and socks for Palatine's elementary school district 15. District 15 is the 2nd largest elementary school district in the state of Illinois with over 11,100 students.

Unfortunately, 36.9%, or over 4,000 students, are economically disadvantaged and participate in the federal free and reduced price meal program. Let's help to protect as many of these disadvantaged kids as we can from the cold weather! A container will be located near the east entrance.

If you have any questions please see Karen Connor, Mary Doktor, Sue Lech or Lisa Arthur, your Community Outreach committee members.

Thank you so much for your help!!

Craft and Dessert Fellowship Evening
You are invited to attend an evening of fellowship, crafting and enjoy a dessert at St. Paul on
Wednesday November 13th at 6:30 pm.

The craft we will be making is an easy snowman wood door hanger.
All supplies will be provided. The cost for supplies is $5.00 which will be collected on **Nov. 13th.**

Please sign up on the sheet at the east entrance
no later than Sunday, November 3rd so that adequate supplies are obtained.

It seems early but….The holidays will be here before you know it!
If you would like to order a Poinsettia plant to help decorate our sanctuary for the Advent/Christmas season (starting November 30th), please use the forms located in the November Scribe or grab a printed form with envelope located in the Narthex starting October 27th.

We will be ordering 7" pots @ $17.90 each. Please make checks payable to St. Paul.
Please turn in your order forms to the church office by Sunday, November 17th.
No later than this date please.

You can drop the envelope with your order into the mailbox also if the office is closed.

Thank you!

The Holidays are upon us! Time once again to order your Poinsettias that will decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. Our beautiful plants will once again be coming from Kolze's Korner Garden's Inc. We will be ordering 7" pots @ $17.90 each. Each comes with gold covers and a care sheet.
Please make checks payable to St. Paul. Turn in your order forms to the church office or after hours please put in our mailbox on the West side of the church. Thank you!

DEADLINE FOR ALL ORDERS IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

Name: _____

In Memory of:_____

Honor of: _____

No. of Plants: Red _____ White ____ Pink _____ x $17.90@ = _$_____(total)

You may pick up your plants after the Christmas Eve service or after the 10 a.m. worship service on December 29th.

When you place a Raise Right (Scrip) order you receive gift cards you want/need and in return your purchase helps the community outreach program to help support those in need that do not meet the criteria of the Wachs program.

There are so many cards available! Restaurants, grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, retail stores and more. If there is a place you shop regularly consider buying gift cards.

Also, Christmas is coming, what a great gift for those hard to buy for teens or college students. Buy in October , November and December to put less stress on your budget!!

It is so easy to do, just fill out the form that is available at church. Popular stores are listed, but if you go to www.raiseright.com you can see the entire list of cards that are available. Please write that store in the right column of the order form, attach your payment and slip it in the Raise Right (Scrip) box outside the church office.

The second Sunday of each month is when Raise Right orders are due.
The third Sunday is when the Raise Right orders are distributed.

For November
Nov 10 Raise Right orders are due
Nov 17 Raise Right orders are distributed

Below is the Raise Right (Scrip) form that is on the table by the front of church and on the table by the church office above the mailbox.

St Paul United Church of Christ/Palatine, IL

Name	email or phone
Check #	Order total

Date

Common products	QTY	Total
Amazon $10.00		$
Amazon $100.00		$
Amazon $25.00		$
Dairy Queen $10.00		$
Jewel Osco $100.00		$
Jewel Osco $50.00		$
Mariano's (IL) $100.00		$
Mariano's (IL) $50.00		$
Starbucks $25.00		$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		$
Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		$
Walgreens $100.00		$
Walgreens $25.00		$
Walmart $100.00		$
Walmart $25.00		$
Walmart $50.00		$

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CLIMATE CHANGE

Youth members, Pastors, lay leaders, church members, earth lovers

ALL INVITED!

Pilot Project to develop a CLIMATE CAMP in 2025

Friday November 8, 5pm *to* Saturday November 9, 1pm
Pilgrim Park Conference Center, 26449 1340 N Ave. Princeton, IL

Led by Rev. Michael Mulberry, a coordinator for the UCC Great Lakes Creation Collaborative
All ages, especially youth, invited to:
Build climate change awareness
Advocate for Climate Justice
Brainstorm plans for '25 Climate Camp at Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center

REGISTRATION:
Go to https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com/ and register under Intergenerational Camps 2024.

Cost is $140 person (includes: 1-night lodging; 3 meals; registration fee: and pilot project expenses)...
Scholarships are available, contact OutdoorMinistries@ilucc.org

Any questions? Contact Rev. Dr. David Russell,rddrr1774@gmail.com

Our 2nd Annual Messy church was held September 29th Those who attended enjoyed a fun late afternoon of worship, crafts, music, food and fellowship.

The committee is extremely grateful to those who volunteered: Maria O'Brien, Barb and Chuck Oberly, Sharon and Gary Altergott, Mary Carlisle, Dawn Drost, Jim Wotel, Randy Everett, Bob and Pat Kolze, and Ralph Hayford

Our next Messy Church is scheduled for December 1st.

We hope that you will prayerfully consider being a part of the next Messy Church

2025 Offering Envelopes

The 2025 Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex **during the months of November and December**.

Please note some envelope numbers have changed due to consolidation. If you know of someone who is unable to attend worship, please feel free to take them with you and drop them off.

Thank you!

Fall Prevention

Falls are the leading cause of both fatal and nonfatal injuries for people aged 65+. Falls can seriously affect the quality of life and put us at risk for serious injury and health decline. Even falls without a major injury can cause an older adult to become fearful or depressed, making it difficult for them to stay active.

THE GOOD NEWS is that simple fall prevention measures and daily habits can help us stay safe and help improve our health and quality of life. Join us on Nov.10 for a session on "Fall Prevention" with our community health nurse, Rose Jensen.
We will meet in the lower level conference room after the service.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Family and Friends of Janet Degner
Family and Friends of Richard "Dick" Kolze

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
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost
Ethel Otto
Holly Petersen
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
Beverly Young
Rosann friend of Sharon Khan
Cassandra Trost

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

November Usher Captain:
David Graham

November Readers:
3: Tom Donat
10: Kim Cichon
17: Kim Cichon
24: Gary Altergott

November Greeters:
3: Karen Whedon
10: Barb & Chuck Oberly
17: Jackie Schultz
24: **NEED**

Lectionary for October:
3: Ruth 1: 1-13, Hebrews 9: 11-14, Mark 12: 28-34
10: Ruth 3: 1-5; 4: 13-17, Hebrews 9: 24-28, Mark 12: 38-44
17: 1 Sam 1: 4-20, Hebrews 10: 11-14, Mark 13: 1-8
24: 2 Sam 23: 1-7, Revelations 1: 4b-8

It's called **reading**.
It's how people install new software into their brains.

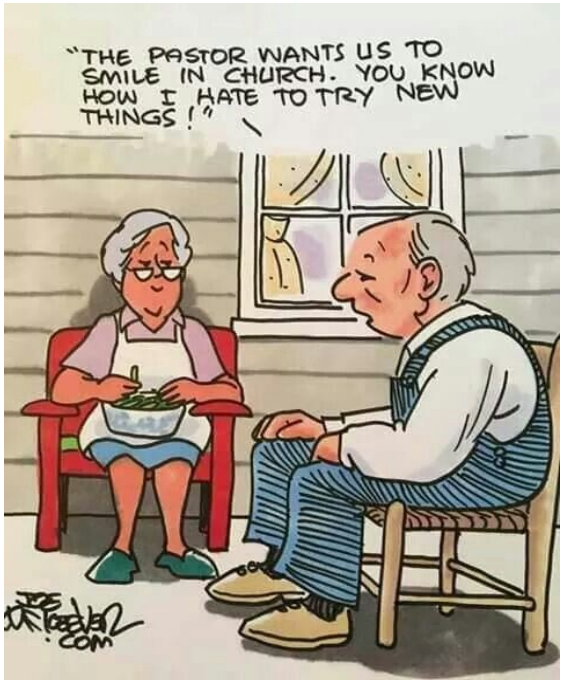
I finally figured out what I want to be when I get older.

Younger.

Remember before Facebook when no one cared what you had for Breakfast?

They Still Don't.

If you get a LOAN at a bank, you'll be paying it back for 30 yrs. If you ROB a bank, you'll be out in 10 yrs. Follow me for more financial advice



New Rule: If I order my food standing up, I'm not tipping.

Fall Word Search

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autumn
candy
cider
corn
fall
halloween
harvest
leaves
nuts
pumpkin
rake
scarecrow
scarf
sweater