



# The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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May 2025

## *Pastor's Pen.....*

I don't know what the month of May is like for each of your households, but in ours, May is my annual evaluation. Specifically, it is when my front yard evaluates me on how well I applied dandelion killer during the previous month. If things stay green, then I did fairly well. But if the place explodes in a sea of bright yellow, then my task each day after I arrive home from the church is to mount the lawn tractor and cut the dandelions. While all of our neighbors simply hire people to keep the golden hordes at bay, my wife and I enjoy a nice challenge; so, we tackle them ourselves. *(Plus, it's cheaper that way.)* And, sometimes we win and sometimes we lose; but each year the battle is the same.

Around here at church, May is the post-Easter period that mostly happens before Memorial Day weekend. Believe it or not, it's also when we begin having conversations about things such as the parking lot fundraiser (July), and Rally Day (September). As a matter of fact, May is the absolute *latest* when we would want to start planning for those things! In the church, few things ever happen at the last minute, unless the building is on fire. Rather, they are mostly the result of deliberate and careful forethought.

Our church staff and volunteers here do a much better job than what I do in my own yard during April! They can foresee a lot of *what-ifs* and they do a lot of overlap. Very seldom do they ever have to go back out and cut down any unwelcome outgrowth! Their work during the month(s) of preparation always pays off when the time for the big event rolls around.

Thank you, everyone!!!!

*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](tel:2243866285) (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](tel:8473580399) 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.



## *Mother's Day*

The Health Committee has a special gift for all women after the service in celebration of Mother's Day.

Karl Fuchs wrote the poem below which expresses the feeling many of us have for our own Mothers.

### "What Mother Means"

"Mother" is such a simple word,  
But to me there is meaning seldom heard.  
For everything I am today,  
My Mother's love showed me the way.

I'll love my Mother all my days,  
For enriching my life in so many ways.  
She set me straight and then set me free,  
And that's what the word "Mother" means to me.



**Back by popular demand!!**  
We are planning another get together  
**Thursday May 22nd 5:30 p.m.**  
at **Annie's Restaurant.**

The restaurant is located at 154 W. Northwest Hwy. in Palatine.

Again, we will be in a separate room and order off the menu.  
Separate checks will be provided.

**Sign up is due after service on Sunday, May 18th**  
so that the reservation count is correct.



## May 2025 Birthdays

Sharon Khan	5/3
David Lech	5/5
Debbie Brennan *	5/7
Bev Young	5/11
Dawn Drost	5/14
Amanda Doktor	5/15
Michelle Nunez *	5/18
Shirley Schimka	5/23
Amanda Graham	5/23
Mary Faust	5/26

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

Be good  
Do good  
Feel Good

## Everyone is Important

During Mark's first month of college, the professor gave his students a pop quiz. He was a conscientious student and had breezed through the questions until he read the last one: "What is the first name of the woman who cleans the school?" Surely, this was some kind of joke. He had seen the housekeeper several times. She was tall, dark-haired and in her 50s, but how would he know her name? He handed in his paper, leaving the last question blank.

Just before class ended, one student asked if the last question would count toward the quiz grade. "Absolutely," said the professor. "In your careers, you will meet many people. All are significant. They each deserve your attention and care, even if all you do is smile and say 'hello'". Mark never forgot that lesson. He also learned her name was Dorothy. Everyone in your life is everyone just like the people you give importance to.

**Moral of the Story:** Everyday, we meet people that will, at some point or another, make an impact in our lives. Some of these people, we don't think much about simply because they're always in the background. They don't put too much attention on themselves. But every person we meet is important because he or she will make a difference in our life. Treasure those who are around you

“Every day may not be good, but there's something good in every day.”

ALICE MORSE EARLE



**\*\*\*Earlier Dates to Cover Mother's Day\*\*\***

Raise Right makes all your gift shopping easy. Mother's Day, birthdays, baby and wedding showers, house warming gifts or for just for your personal use.

There are so many choices of gift cards on [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) and the website will show you how much the Community Outreach program will earn off of every card purchase.

You receive 100% of the gift card amount you purchase, and the VISA cards do not have an activation fee.

**Place your order by May 4 and get your cards May 11 in time for Mother's Day!!**

If you have any questions, please see Sue Lech or email at [s.lech@comcast.net](mailto:s.lech@comcast.net)

Below is the Raise Right (Scrip) form , print it off and fill it out. If you go to [www.raiseright.com](http://www.raiseright.com) you can see all of the gift cards that are available.

**\*\*\*There is no activation fee on the VISA gift cards\*\*\***

<b>St Paul United Church of Christ/Palatine, IL</b>			Date		
Name			email or phone		
Check #			Order total		
<b>Common products</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>QTY</b>	<b>Total</b>
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		\$			\$
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Visa Gift Card - No Activation Fee		\$			\$
Walgreens \$100.00		\$			\$
Walgreens \$25.00		\$			\$
Walmart \$100.00		\$			\$
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## Community Outreach and TPIRC are excited to announce a new ministry here at St Paul:

On October 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 Shelter Inc announced the groundbreaking of a home for children who have survived human trafficking. This home will have 12 rooms for girls ages 12-18 and they are hoping to have it open late summer or early fall.

This was made know to us through Palatine Faith in Action which Melissa Gumm attends for us. It was then shared at TPIRC, Spiritual Life and Community Outreach, where we came up with the idea to make fleece tie blankets for the girls coming in. Fabric has been purchased through the Wachs Fund and we are ready to begin! Our first get together is listed below, please join us for this opportunity to mission and have fellowship.

**Saturday, May 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

What will be required is to cut the corners using a template already prepared, cut short strips along all sides of the blanket and tie these strips to secure the front panel to the back panel of fabrics.

**The cutting and tying may be done while sitting.** If you have fabric scissors to cut, please bring yours. Otherwise we will have some scissors available.

**There is no need to sign up.** Please feel free to bring a friend as well.

We hope you will consider joining us! Community Outreach and TPIRC team



*Coming Soon*



## **A support group to help you move through the grief process**

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. Through this 13-week group, you'll discover what to expect in the days ahead and what's "normal" in grief. Since there are no neat, orderly stages of grief, you'll learn helpful ways of coping with grief, in all its unpredictability—and gain solid support each step of the way.

**May 19th-August 18th from 9:00am-10:45**

**Here at St. Paul United Church of Christ**

**No matter where you are on your journey of grief, this group can help.**

**Some groups are only available at night or on Saturday mornings, this one is Monday mornings during the week. Hopefully it works with your schedules.**

**REGISTER AT:** [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup)

If you have any questions, please call the church office at 847-358-0399

*Pray without ceasing.*

**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  
Matthew & Michael Hayford  
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze  
The Hernandez Family, neighbors of Melissa Gumm  
Larry Ingram  
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin  
Jay Kolze, nephew of Bob & Pat Kolze  
Brian Altergott Brother of Gary Altergott  
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze  
Russell Nebbia, father-in-law to Nicholas Drost  
Holly Petersen  
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  
Maceo & Dolores Ellison  
Grace Hogaboom, friend of Pat Kolze  
Mary Rickert- friend of Sharon Khan  
John & Lillian Connor, Gary Connor- Karen Connor's former In-laws  
Marjorie & Chuck Anderson  
Phil and Lynn Arnold  
Ashley White (Ruetsche)-  
Debbie B.'s Goddaughter

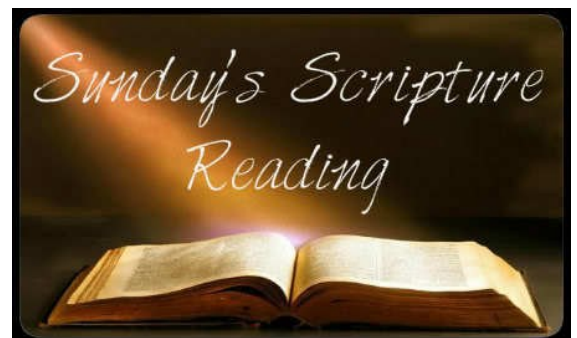
**SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP**

**May Usher Captain:  
Chuck Oberly**

**May Readers:**  
4: Tom Donat  
11: David Russell  
18: Kim Cichon  
27: Gary Altergott

**May Greeters:**  
4: Karen & Dave Whedon  
11: Nancy Perry  
18: Sally Graf  
25: Barb Oberly

**Lectionary for May**  
4: Psalm 30:1-5, Revelations  
5: 11-14, John 21:1-19:  
11: Acts 9: 36-43, Revelations  
7: 9-17, John 10: 22-30  
18: Psalm 148, Revelations 21:  
1-6, John 13: 31-35  
25: Acts 16: 9-15, Psalm 67,  
John 14: 23-29







# MAY

BASKET  
BOUQUET  
BUMBLEBEE  
BUTTERFLIES  
CATERPILLAR  
FLOWERS  
FROGS  
GARDENING

LADYBUG  
MAY DAY  
MOTHERS DAY  
PLANTS  
SPRINGTIME  
SOIL  
UMBRELLA  
WORMS



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