



The Scribe

St. Paul UCC

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Pastor's Pen.....

The turning of a calendar year always brings with it thoughts of new possibilities, fresh changes that can be made, and glimmers of things hopeful. Far from being "just a number," the stated year is a measurement of time. It is how we mark the year that has passed and how we can grasp the one which we have entered.

These new things that come with a new year needn't be "big" in order to be valuable. In fact, it is often the simpler things that bring us the most satisfaction. Whether it's rearranging the furniture, or establishing a new daily walk route, or placing a large bowl of green apples by the front picture window....or maybe cleaning and lubing all of your Crescent wrenches.....you name it.....it is the ordinary things of life that can actually be life-giving.

As long as you're thinking about small changes that you might make in your life going forward, how about adding every Sunday worship attendance to the list? It wouldn't be a big chunk of time to carve out of your week. A little bit of scripture, a couple of prayers, a touch of the Holy Spirit, and a cup of coffee afterwards....and it could nourish your soul for the other six days!

David



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)



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.



If you want the congregation to be aware of any joys, concerns (such as procedures) or prayers....please contact

Debbie Brennan at the church office or Pastor David .

If you call out of office hours or there is no answer, please leave a message & phone number where you can be reached, and one of us will return your call.

Thank you so much....



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
Karen Connor	1/7
Mark Faust Sr	1/23
Mark Faust Jr.	1/26
Judith Zimmer	1/26
Gloria Helms	1/28
Diane Nosek	1/29

Mark Faust St.

Gloria Helms



MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS



1. Everyone Has a Story in Life

A 24-year-old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted...

"Dad, look the trees are going behind!"

Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24-year old's childish behavior with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed...

"Dad, look the clouds are running with us!"

The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man...

"Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The old man smiled and said... "I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today."

Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them.

The truth might surprise you.



Raise Right makes all your gift shopping easy. 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 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 January 11 and get your cards January 18!!

If you have any questions, please see Sue Lech or email at 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 you can see all of the gift cards that are available.

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

St Paul United Church of Christ/Palatine, IL			Date		
Name			email or phone		
Check #			Order total		
Common products	QTY	Total	Product	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		\$			\$



2026 Offering Envelopes

The 2026 Offering envelopes are available for pick up in the Narthex through **January.**

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!



Zelle is now ACTIVE!!
Scan the QR code or on your Zelle account enter in the email for giving.

Zelle:
giving@st-paul.org



Attention All Boards and Committees!!

The deadline for the 2025 Annual Reports is Tuesday January 13, 2026

Please have them turned in to the church office by January 6th
Thank you! Debbie

BE WELL ST. PAUL GOAL

This program is designed to help establish healthy lifestyle practices which include physical, mental, emotional, and social components. It is an individual program for all adults to increase energy, move more, eat healthy, and make connections. It encourages each person to improve in each of the components areas. Progress is based on an individual basis. To feel your best, each person should do as much as he/she is able.

You may already be doing many of the components on a regular basis. If so, the program is designed to encourage you to try experiences you may never have had before. Listed below are some ideas to help fulfill the practices in each of the component areas. You may already have ideas about which of your areas need improvement and how to make that happen. Not everyone can fulfill all the requirements every day. Selecting one area upon which to focus will make it easier to achieve success. The idea is to try and do this for one month. We have chosen **February** since many people are making New Year's resolutions just after Christmas. You will have time before we start to get some ideas about how you might try to complete the various components.

EXERCISE*DIET*SLEEP*EMOTIONAL HEALTH/MENTAL HEALTH

 **MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**



**January 18th will be the
Congregational Meeting**
after service to approve the budgets.

We would really appreciate everyone
being there.

Thank you so much!!

**You are invited to our Congregational Get Together
Mark your calendars!**

January 2026:

Dates: Thursday, January 22nd

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Annie's Restaurant located at 154 W. Northwest Hwy. in Palatine.

Please consider joining us for an evening of good conversation, friendship, and food. Sign up sheet is located at the East Entrance.

February and March 2026:

Dates: Tuesday, February 17th and Tuesday, March 24th

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: Annie's Restaurant located at 154 W. Northwest Hwy. in Palatine.

Please consider joining us for an evening of good conversation, friendship, and food. Sign up sheet is located at the East Entrance.



Pray without ceasing.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF
FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

PRAYERS OF PETITION

This month please pray for...

Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Karen and Carol Douglas
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, Gary Altergott's brother
Larry Layman, brother of Shirley Kolze
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
Patrick, nephew of Sharon Khan
Maceo & Dolores Ellison
Grace Hogaboom, friend of Pat Kolze/aunt of Jim Frost
John Connor, Karen Connor's former In-law
Marjorie and Chuck Anderson
Phil and Lynn Arnold
Sharon Khan
Marcus Jones and Family
Kenny Kolze, son of Shirley Kolze
Rande Knabusch, brother-in-law of Debbie Brennan

SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

**January Usher Captain:
Chuck Oberly**

January Readers:

**4: Tom Donat
11: Cherrie Wickstrom
18: Kim Cichon
25:**

January Greeters:

**4: Barb Oberly
11: Karen Whedon
18: Barb Oberly
25: Jim and Shirley Schimka**

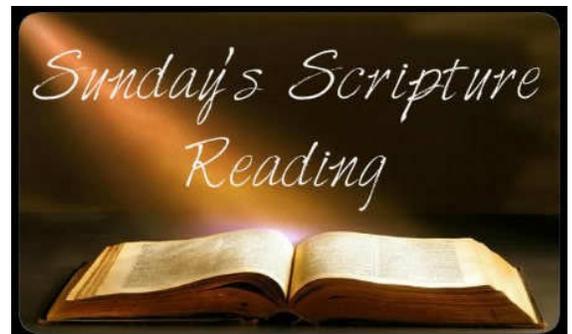
Lectionary for January

**4: Jeremiah: 31: 7-14, Psalm
147: 12-20, John 1: (1-9) 10-18**

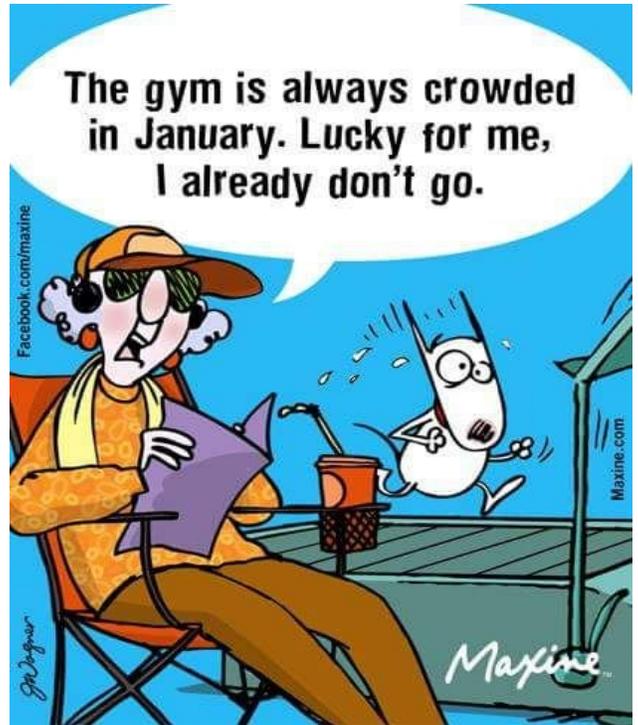
**11: Isaiah 42: 1-9, Acts 10: 34-
43, Matthew 3: 13-17**

**18: Isaiah 49: 1-7,
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9, John 1: 29-
42**

**25: Isaiah 9: 1-4, 1 Corinthians
1: 10-18, Matthew 4: 12-23**



“*Me telling
my problems
to my pet*
My pet:”



"Hurry! Our New Year's resolutions start
in ten minutes."



New Year's Word Search

J A N U A R Y F R I E N A C E
F R I E N D S Y A S R I L A H
N E Y S E R T I E M O W B L C
B S I L Y F A E N E I Y A E O
N O C R N V N V E Y D L B N U
A L D C L O C K L T I E Y D N
R U V E W M I D N I G H T A T
V T O A S T W S N O L Y I R D
G I A N I N G S E V E U A R O
C O N F E T T I T M I N G S W
R N O L C E L E B R A T I O N
A J A N U E L V E I M K E R A
Y P A R T Y H A A P Y S E V W
N E W Y E A R C L O K S O R Y
S H A P P Y E B A L L R E S O

BABY
BALL
CALENDAR
CELEBRATION
CLOCK
CONFETTI
COUNTDOWN
EVE

FAMILY
FRIENDS
HAPPY
JANUARY
MIDNIGHT
NEW YEAR
NOISEMAKER
PARTY

RESOLUTION
TOAST

