



THE SCRIBE

St. Paul UCC

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Pastor's Pen.....

Sunday September 13th is Rally Day, an annual event in most churches in which the congregation is rallied to come back to church after many have been away on summer hiatus. It is the day on which we mark the entry into our fall and winter worship, programs, and events.

Looking down the pike, one may see many things which are soon upon us: the choir is re-starting their schedule, there will be more Adult Christian education offerings, a rummage sale is being planned for October, the Women's Fellowship has a number of events coming up, the Sunday School is gearing up, and our annual stewardship drive kicks off in October. And this isn't even to mention all of the good things that we have coming in December, to ring in the holidays!

Like most of you, I am a child of the church. I grew up in the Sunday School and in the pews just as most of you have. And I can't imagine what my life would have been like had it not been for the church being there! The church taught me that there is a God in heaven Who forgives sins on earth. The church also taught me that this same God calls the church to be participants in God's redemptive plan for a world that has been plunged into darkness and brokenness. And it wasn't just in seminary where I learned these things -- I learned them first from those souls who show up on Sunday and take their place in the pews. It was the average church goers who gave me a picture of what God is like, as well as what my place should be in God's church and world. And it started from the time I was first able to walk.

Every baptized Christian is called by God to be a regular participant in the worshipping community. The writer of the Book of Hebrews said, "And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25). You may not think that your presence here can make any difference, but it does! All of God's people gather to offer mutual encouragement, and to remind ourselves -- and each other -- that we belong in both body and soul, to the God Who made us.

May our Lord richly bless each of you as summer turns into fall and fall into winter. May you find peace and assurance from the scriptures, prompting from the Holy Spirit to ascend to new heights, and fellowship with those whom you share this common confession.

Maranatha!

David

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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)

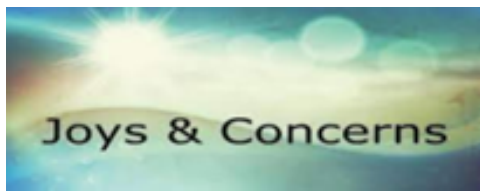


Do you have an idea, a question, a comment, or a concern that you would like for Pastor David to know about? You have a couple of options available to you.

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 Care team 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....



Favorite Hymns Survey

We're now in the homestretch of the Favorite Hymns Survey – you have through Sunday, September 6 to complete the yellow form or email your entries to musicleader26@gmail.com .

You're welcome to select 1 hymn, or 4 hymns, or even more hymns if you wish, but please take a prayerful moment and be a part of this process.

The results will be published in this year's Annual Report, thus your participation will forever be linked to the history/legacy of St. Paul UCC!!

And hymn selections for the weekly services will likely be influenced according to the list of favorites.

As Rally Day (Sunday, September 13) approaches and the countdown to the favorites begins, I'm getting more and more excited to reveal your choices – I hope you're feeling the anticipation as well!

**Michelle Nunez, Music Coordinator
Musicleader26@gmail.com**



St. Paul members may now request prayers for themselves, their family, and their friends through our St. Paul Emergency Prayer Request Team. Contact Kim Cichon at (847)308-0602 or kimmy4443@gmail.com at any time of day or night with the name of the person in need of prayer and a brief description of the situation, and an email blast will be sent out to our prayer team as soon as possible. Please contact Kim with questions. Thank you!



The Fall Rummage sale will take place on
Saturday, October 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

- Set up will take place starting Monday, October 12th starting at 12:00 p.m. and lasting until around 3:30 p.m. each day through Friday of that week as needed.

- Items can start to be dropped off at church on Tuesday, September 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will continue each Tuesday through Friday until the week of the sale.

Please note nothing may be dropped off on Mondays.

- If you need to have time for drop off other than what is listed below, please call Barb Oberly to make special arrangements.

- Items are to be placed in the Children's Library in Fellowship Hall.

- Items accepted must be new or gently used, clean, complete and in working order.

We are accepting all items **except** food, sofas, beds, dressers, and other large furniture items like dining tables and chairs, bookcases, recliner chairs, televisions and computers.

If you have a questionable item, please contact one of the task team members to verify it will be accepted.

- This year we will accept clothing of all sizes again providing that they are clean, without tears, stains or holes, and new or gently used. In addition, we will be selling tools and hardware this year.

- If you did not have a chance to sign up to help with setting up the rummage sale or on the day of the sale, we can still use more help. Please talk to one of the team members.

- The sale will be cash only.

- We may consider holding an early bird 2 to 3 hour sale on Friday, October 16th evening starting at 5:00 p.m. **This is yet to be finalized.**

The Rummage Sale task team is
Barb Oberly, Mary Carlisle, Cherrie Wickstrom, and Debbie Everett.

As we prepare for the October Rummage sale, the following Items are needed
Plastic and paper shopping bags Newspaper, Bubble wrap, Paper wrapping
Please place them in the Children's Library in Fellowship Hall.
Thank you in advance!



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS	
David Whedon	9/3
Sharon Florey	9/4
Melissa Gumm	9/4
Linda Hayford	9/6
Christina Guenther	9/9
Don Goodrich	9/10
Sharon Altergott	9/11
Marla Beresheim	9/15
Pat Kolze	9/18
Mardy Manis	9/30

Milestone Birthdays:

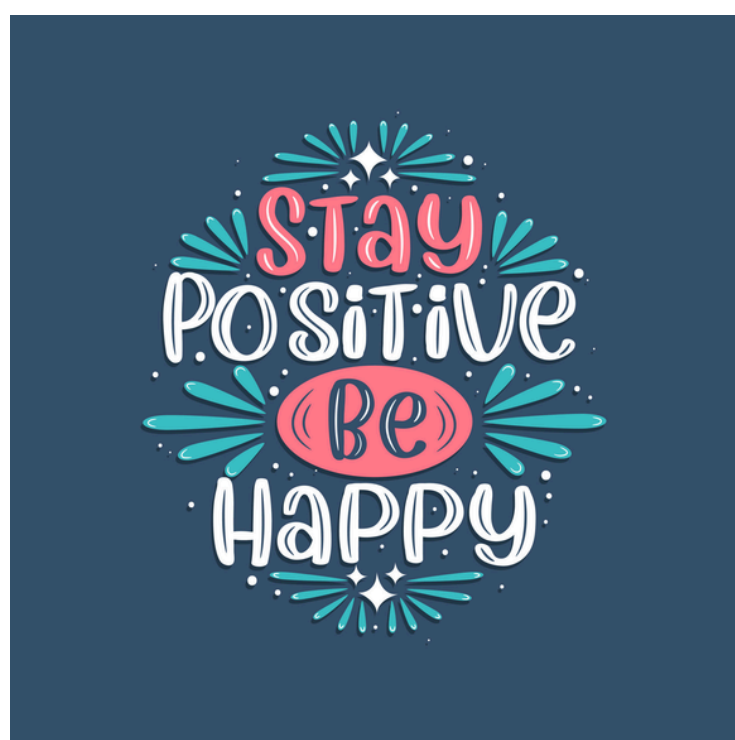


Dave Whedon



Sharon Florey

Pat Kolze



Raise Right makes all your gift shopping easy. Weddings, graduations, birthdays, baby and wedding showers, housewarming 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 on your purchase, and the

Place your order by September 13th and get your cards September 20th!!

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		\$			\$



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Welcome to Cantigny

Your adventure awaits!

Come join us for a trip to:
CANTIGNY GARDENS-15151 Winfield Rd, Wheaton, IL
Wednesday September 9, 2026
Meet at church at 9:30 A. M. so we can carpool.
Please bring money for lunch-place to be determined.
Sign-up sheet is at the **EAST ENTRANCE**.



September 13th is Rally Day with the Church Picnic following service. Sign-up sheets are posted by the East Entrance.

**Choir begins on
September 13th at 9:00 A. M.**



Relationships and Hearing Loss

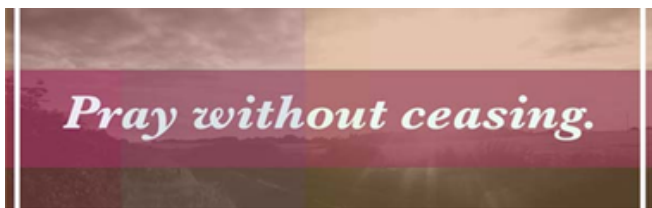
On Oct. 4th the Health Committee will welcome Deana Liss from Elderwerks in Palatine. She will provide information on the effect of hearing loss, its impact on communication, family dynamics, and emotional well being.

In this presentation she will explore how hearing loss changes communication, its effects on relationships, and practical strategies that can help improve understanding and quality of life.

Join us in the lower level conference room on Oct. 4th after the service.

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SERVING CHRIST IN WORSHIP

September Usher Captain:
Chuck Oberly

PRAYERS FOR OUR COMMUNITY OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS

This week please pray for...

The family and friends of Michael Hayford

Ed Bartelt, friend of Charlotte Mally
Doris Brztowski
Karen and Carol Douglas
Elena, daughter-in-law of Mary Carlisle
Jeff Florey
Matthew Hayford
Carol Hennings, sister of Pat Kolze
Bruce & Barb Kerlin, parents of Bruce Kerlin
Jay Kolze, nephew of Bob & Pat Kolze
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
Maceo & Dolores Ellison
John Connor, Karen Connor's former In-law
Marjorie and Chuck Anderson
Sharon Khan
Kenny Kolze, son of Shirley Kolze
Monica D, who works with Sue Gould
Holly Petersen, former member
Colton and Declan, grandson's of Janet Olsen's friend
Gloria Helms
Kathy S., sister of Sharon Khan
Ted Brennan, Debbie Brennan's husband
Ralph Hayford
Glenn Carlisle
Michael Drost



September Readers:

6: Tom Donat
13: Ed Doktor
20: Kim Cichon
27: Pastor

September Greeters:

6: Shay Storm
13: Barb Oberly
20: Lynn Golden & Steve Barr
27: Jackie Schultze

Lectionary for September:

6: Exodus 12:1-14
Romans 13: 8-14
Matthew 18: 15-20

13: Exodus 14: 19-31
Romans 14: 1-12
Matthew 18: 21-35

20: Exodus 16: 2-15
Philippians 1: 21-30
Matthew 20: 1-16

27: Exodus 17: 1-7
Philippians 2: 1-13
Matthew 21: 23-32



**I remember being
able to get up
without making
sound effects...**

Good times.



September

WORD SEARCH



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



Acorn
Apples
Backpack
Books
Corn
Fall
Friends

Football
Leaves
School
Pears
Pencil
Trees
Yellow