

# The Visitor

February 2011

St. Paul United Church of Christ



## Missions Barbeque

The Missions Team will hold a Valentine's Barbeque following worship on Sunday, February 13, 10:30 AM. The morning's Missions event will include a meal of pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, chips, corn-on-the-cob, and cupcakes for dessert. A free-will offering will be taken to help support the operating fund of St. Paul Church. If you would like to help Missions with the event, please contact Missions Chairperson, Tammy Vorel, at 847-637-6750.



A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 20, immediately following the morning worship service. Please plan to attend so that we

## Congregational Meeting



will have the quorum needed to vote on the 2011 budget.

If you have any questions, you can call Kirby Drayer, Council President at 847-776-7598.



## Lent Begins

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 9. St. Paul will host a Traditional Ash Wednesday service with Community Church of Barrington and Salem United Methodist Church at 7 PM, in the sanctuary.



Before the Ash Wednesday worship service please plan to attend a Mardi Gras Dinner! This celebration of life begins in Memorial Hall, at 5:30 PM, and continues with a ceremonial "removal of the beads" as we move to the worship service in the sanctuary and transition into a mood of Lenten reflection. Tickets for the Mardi Gras Dinner are: \$5 per person; \$10 per couple; and \$15 per family (3 or more.) The ticket price includes your New Orleans-style jambalaya dinner and dessert, a "faux-Hurricane" drink and your Mardi Gras beads. For more information, or to help with the dinner, please call Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.

# *A Note From Council*

As we move forward in this challenging time for our church, we want to make sure all questions from the congregation about our pledging, budgeting and staffing are answered and that we get as much input from our members as possible. We will continue to have Council members available after worship for Question and Answer sessions until the Congregational Meeting on February 20, 2011.

There was a Council Meeting on January 25, and those minutes will be available to members soon. A special Council meeting is planned for February 8<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for taking the time to prayerfully read and consider all the perspectives offered.

You may also contact Council members individually:

**Kirby Drayer, Council President: 847-776-7598**

**Glee Huddleston, Council Secretary: 847-382-6413**

**Mark Schmitt, Finance Chairperson: 815-356-9527**

**Mike Minton, Care of Staff: 312-543-9551**

**Rose Chen, Member at Large: 847-382-5266**

**Lisa Blakeslee, Grounds Chairperson: 847-304-1377**

**Lauri Ducharme, Christian Education Chairperson: 847-526-4307**

**Diane France, Worship Ministry Chairperson: 847-359-5257**

**Bill Bishop, Outreach Ministry Chairperson: 847-381-4899**


**Ruth Gregory, Care of Members: 847-381-4382**

**Tammy Vorel, Missions Ministry Chairperson: 847-637-6750**

**Walt Hempenius, Building Chairperson: 847-639-7480**

Or call the church office and Deb Weaver would be happy to help you get the answers you need, 847-381-0460.

## BEYOND LABELS

 is a new group coming together around the issues of gender, sexuality and spirituality. How do we identify ourselves, and how do others identify us? How does our Creator identify us? The discussions are lively, honest and confidential to the group. All are welcome, especially if you bring an open mind and a dish to share. The next meeting is Sunday, February 13, 4 PM in Memorial Hall. If you're interested in attending, please contact Karen Harding at [k4renharding@yahoo.com](mailto:k4renharding@yahoo.com) or call her at 630-217-9494.



**“REEL”**  
People will gather at Pete and Lauri Ducharme's home on

Friday, February 18 to watch “Remains of the Day.” Watch the movie prior to our gathering, and we'll have a lively discussion of our experience of the movie. Please bring a snack to share.



### Meet for Breakfast

Women's Breakfast Bunch will meet for a delicious breakfast on Saturday, February 12, at 9 AM, at the home of Martha Duke. All women of St. Paul and their friends are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information please call Martha Duke at 847-381-9096.

Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, February 10, at noon, for a delicious pot-luck luncheon in Memorial Hall. All women of



St. Paul and their friends are invited. Gents, too!

After lunch the group we'll make Valentines for our homebound members. For more information, please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647.



### This Month's Birthdays



## UPDATING FOR NEW DIRECTORY

Deb Weaver, our Office Manager, will be making sure your contact information is correct for a new printing of our Membership Directory. We also want to make sure you get communications from the church in the best way, so we'll be asking if you prefer e-mail, land-mail, cell-phone, or phone-tree. Thanks for helping us keep you informed in the most effective way.



Larry Breidenbach	02/03
Gladys Frick	02/05
Rachel Kottke	02/09
Jack Kruper	02/10
Hudson Motley	02/10
Catherine Pezdirtz	02/11
Sandra Jenson	02/26
Dawn Hamelberg	02/28

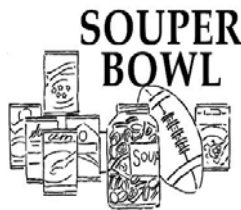


## ST. PAUL KIDS

A new unit for Lent will begin in *Journeys* on Sunday, February 14. *Journeys* is the Sunday morning Christian Education program for kids ages pre-school through 5th grade.

The unit, *Jesus' Trial and Crucifixion* will help the kids learn about the last evening of Jesus' earthly life. Throughout the unit kids will learn about Jesus' sacrifice for us and how Jesus was victorious over death through his resurrection.

Your spiritual gifts are needed on the Christian Education Team. If you like teaching, crafting, cooking, or are great at organization and purchasing supplies, please call Lauri Ducharme at 847-526-4307 or Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.



*Help us tackle hunger in 2011! On Sunday February 6th, 140 million*

Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl game. There will be parties with abundant food, friendship and fellowship. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm, finding shelter and a warm meal.

Please join our youth as they demonstrate God's love by loving their neighbors through the Souper Bowl of Caring. It's a simple, yet significant act of caring for others. Drop your donation in the soup pot as you leave worship on Super Bowl Sunday. All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by our youth - none of the money is sent to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars now for this summer's Vacation Bible School, August 8-12, 2011!

This year's programs will take us "Under The Sea" to explore God's love! For more information, please call Lauri Ducharme at 847-526-4307 or Pastor Jana at 847-381-0640.





# Prayer List

**We are grateful for health and joy restored through God's abundant grace and powerful love. Please keep these people in your thoughts and prayers this month as they go through challenging times.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

Key: \*Ongoing prayer concerns, †This week's prayer concerns

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## JOYS:

Tiffany France is engaged	Ginnie Pollenz, Shelley Carlson's, sister-in-law
Mark Ganzer, release of CD	Birth of Marliess Grace to Natalie and Chris Geissler
David Hamelberg's 13 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Yasuko Yamamoto passed her citizenship test
Marlene Ficenic is home from hospital	Church Council for all its work to prepare for the Congregational Meeting
Those who help troubled teens	Tammy Vorel is engaged
Birth of Lily Murphy, Kirk Murdock's family	
Birth of Westin Jacob to Randee and Jeff Enzbigilis	
Birth of Cora Cunningham	

## CONCERNS:

*Elmer Kelm, friend of the Blakeslee Family	*Nancy Klehm	*Lorraine Thompson
*Charles Fanning	*Lillian Stangl	*Jeannine Moore
*Audrey Hartz	*Judy Randle	*Helen Mollenkamp
*Joan Greenwood	*Virgil Hanson	*Janet Long
*Gene Randle, Judy Randle's husband	*Pat, Verdell Pohlman's daughter	*Auli Hartikainen
*Danny, Janet Long's brother-in-law	*Patrick, Ruth Vorel's son	*Patrick, friend of Jason Maravelias
*Barb Gustke, Shelley Carlson's friend	*Lois Gibbs, Jennifer Rose's mother	*Barb Whistle, Sally Price's sister
*Janice Cooper, Dorrit Bern's friend	*Ginny, Shelly Carlson's sister-in-law	*Mary, Robb Fanning's sister-in-law
*Ariana Heick, friend of Lisa Blakeslee	*Pam Hastings, friend of the Mintons	*Patricia Neal, Barb Neal's mother
*Barbara Bloom, Kathleen Bolger's friend	*Steve Scivers, Dawn Hamelberg's friend	*Pat Wiles, Sandy Wiles' mom
*Leslie Schwartz, friend of Karen Harding	*Carol Jenkins, Marlene Ficenic's friend	*Kelly, Larry Breidenbach's niece
*George Mienel, Randee Enzbigilis' dad	*Erica Cody, Kathleen Bolger's cousin	*Gaye, Mark Ganzler's sister
*Lori Gustafson, Lynn Minton's mother	*Chris McCloud and family, Shelley Carlson's oldest grandson	
*Donna Madden, friend of Mark Ganzer	*Darren Kennedy, nephew of Betty & Lennart Henricksson	
*Paul Wagner, Ruth Gregory's friend	*Cheryl Thompson, granddaughter of Paul and Lorraine Thompson	
*George Mienel, Randee Enzbigilis' dad	*Ginnie Pollenz, Shelley Carlson's, sister-in-law	
*Stanley Parchanowicz, Pastor Jeanne's friend		*Mary Dorsett, Ed Merritt's grandma
*Karen Hansen, friend of Dorrit Bern		*Jean and Deb, co-workers of Lauri Ducharme
*Rodney Nelson, friend of Rollin Hamelberg		*Steven's brother, friend of Mark Ganzer
*Shirley Edmiston, Barb Nester's son-in-law's grandmother		
*Tony Capinegro, friend of Pastor Jeanne and Dorrit Bern		
*Phil Badeau, Dawn Hamelberg's co-worker's husband		
†Family of Emily Larsen	†Victims of the Arizona shooting, including Rep. Giffords	
†People impacted by the flooding in Australia	†Family of Liz Trevico, friend of Sue Schick	

***Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our Troops abroad serving our country***, and especially Staff Sgt. Joseph Konieczny; Christopher Millonzi; Master Gunnery Sgt. Mark Hempenius, Capt. Keith Katzenberger, Ken Harkess, Steven Floyd, Charlie Motley, Marcus Kuiper, Shawn Killinan, Andrew Miller, Gunnery Sergeant Adam Bendrud, LCP Michael Hempenius, Adam Benrud.

***Please keep in your thoughts and prayers*** those who are not able to attend church: Bill Altenburg, Lillian Ankele, Betty Bielke, Gladys Frick, Gladys Johnson, Helen Kalland, Ruth Lindburg, Wally Moeller, Henrietta Sturm, Esther Wendt, Bob Ludovice.

# St. Paul Ministry Support



## Greeters

- February 6 Candy Purdy & Janet Long  
 February 13 Joan Greenwood & Judy Randle  
 February 20 Linda & Jeff Mann  
 February 27 Jeannine Moore

## Ushers

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|-------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| February 6  | Marion Miller<br>Dorothy Lange | Sue Schick<br>Sue Robertson  |
| February 13 | Mary Krabbe<br>David Halterman | Ralph Gaulke<br>Bonnie Smith |
| February 20 | Rose Chen<br>Jeff Mann         | Tim Michelson<br>Bill Bishop |
| February 27 | Marty Gregory<br>Paul Thompson | Kirk Murdock<br>Bonnie Smith |

## Coffee Hosts

- February 6 Linda & Jeff Mann  
 February 13 Missions  
 February 20 Dick & Sally Price  
 February 27 George & Mary Krabbe



Coffee Fellowship

Help is always needed for Sunday Servers.  
Please call:

Martha Duke for ushering : 847-381-9096  
 Marion Miller for greeting: 847-381-1647  
 Sally/Dick Price for coffee hosting: 847-359-1358

## FINANCE

### Contributions December 24— January 23

December 24	\$ 7,698
December 26	\$ 3,534
January 2	\$ 13,291
January 9	\$ 3,992
January 16	\$ 3,147
January 23	\$ 4,929
5 Week Total:	\$36,591

Monthly contributions needed to  
meet budget: \$30,000



The deadline to purchase gift cards  
for February is Sunday, February 6.  
Your purchase helps the Women's  
Fellowship group support various  
ministries of St. Paul UCC. An order  
form is included for you in this  
newsletter.

For more information about the  
MANNA program, please call Marion  
Miller at 847-381-1647.

"The world and the church are changing more rapidly than we can comprehend . . . some things are the same: the world and the church desperately [need] our energy, imagination, passion, impatience, intelligence and LOVE . . . One of the great Biblical themes is that God calls . . . all of us to walk into the future without knowing exactly where we are headed, to let go of old securities and certainties and trust the God who promises to be with us wherever we go." — John Buchanan, 21st Century

# February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Choirs Meet</b> <b>EVERY WEDNESDAY</b> 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir		<b>AA Meeting</b> <b>EVERY TUESDAY</b> 7:30 PM		<b>Weight Watchers</b> <b>EVERY THURSDAY</b> 8:00 AM		<b>Weight Watchers</b> <b>EVERY SATURDAY</b> 7:00 AM
		1	2 Noon Bible Study  4PM Staff Mtg  8PM Praise Team	3  7PM Disciple	4  Office Closed	5
6 9:30AM Worship/ Communion Pastor Jana  11 AM C.E. Meeting	7 <i>Council Reports due to the Church Office</i>  7 PM Disciple	8 10:30 AM Staff Mtg 2:30 PM Bible Study (LBW) 7 PM Council	9 Noon Bible Study  8PM Praise Team	10 Noon Women's Fellowship Potluck 7 PM Finance 7 PM Disciple	11 Office Closed  <i>Articles due for next issue of The Visitor</i>	12 9AM Women's Breakfast Bunch
13 9:30AM Worship/ Missions Sunday/ Pastor Jeanne 11 AM Worship Ministry Mtg	14  7 PM Disciple	15 10:30 AM Staff Mtg  7 PM Council	16 Noon Bible Study	17  7 PM Disciple	18 Office Closed	19  1 PM Japanese Bible Study
20 9:30AM Worship/ Praise Sunday Pastor Jeanne 10:30 AM Congregational Meeting	21  7 PM Disciple	22 1PM Staff Mtg 2:30PM Bible Study (LBW) 7 PM Council	23 Noon Bible Study	24  7 PM Disciple	25 Office Closed	26
27 9:30AM Worship/ Friends Sunday Pastor Jana	28  7 PM Disciple					

***Our Mission: Welcoming all people and transforming all of our lives through Christ's gospel.***

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**Every Sunday**

**Worship/Church School**

**9:30 AM**

