

The Visitor

June 2011

St. Paul United Church of Christ

The celebration of Pentecost happens on Sunday, June 12, during the morning worship service. On this day, we celebrate how the Holy Spirit empowered, and still empowers, the church to be in ministry as the Body of Christ in the world.

Pentecost is represented with the color red to signify the bold power of the Holy Spirit. Sanctuaries are typically decorated for the day by using red banners and flowers. Often, congregation members will wear red on this Sunday in remembrance of that great power in their own lives. The Worship Ministry team encourages you to show your bold Spirit by wearing something red to worship on June 12.

At St. Paul UCC, Pentecost will be an especially wonderful day because we will also be celebrating the baptism of Westin Enzbigilis, the son of Randee and Jeff Enzbigilis and brother of Jameson. Please plan to attend this Sunday and promise your love, support and care for this child of God.



PENTECOST
SUNDAY

Praise
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blessings
FLOW

Blessed to be a Blessing

On Sunday, June 26, St. Paul UCC will kick-off a very special season of counting our blessings, with its first Blessings Sunday!

Each month, a Sunday will be set aside to focus on the many ways that God blesses our lives, and how God asks us to use those blessings to help others. Persons are encouraged to record their blessings throughout the month, how they used those blessings in service of others, and then to share them during worship.

Writing down our blessings helps us to see how our lives are filled with God's great abundance. A special "Blessings Record" for the month of June is provided for you in this newsletter so you can start recording all of your blessings. You will also be able to find them in the Sunday bulletins. Happy Recording!

A Note from Pastor Jana

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

The other day while I was going through an old Christian Education file, I ran across the following poem that I would like to share with you.

On this day...

Mend a quarrel. Search out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest loyalty in word or deed.



Keep a promise. Find the time. Forego a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate, be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little more.

Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Worship God. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak love. Speak it again. Speak it still again. Speak it still once again. ~Author Unknown

As I re-read this poem, I remembered thinking at the time of my first reading, "this doesn't seem *so* difficult. I can do this." Little did I know . . .

When I set out to embody this poem in my life, I discovered the suggestions were not merely items on a list that I could check off and consider completed. Each of these items required something more of me, that at the time, and still at times, I have a hard time embracing. To accomplish any of these items requires *letting go*...letting go of what I want; letting go of my agenda; letting go of fear; letting go of what I believed I was entitled to; *letting go*. . . not just once, but perpetually.

The Gospels are filled with stories in which Christ asks us to let go so that we might experience the power of God and be transformed. But letting go is so very difficult when we have been hurt or when we are angry; when we are overwhelmed by deadlines, financial demands and the rat race. Letting go requires us to truly surrender our need to be in control in these situations to God, and to trust that God is working for good to come from everything, both the good and the bad, which is happening in our lives. Letting go is an act of faith.

Perhaps as you look at the list of items in this poem there are one or two which immediately resonate deep within you. Perhaps, there is one that gives you a little twinge of recognition, or one that simply looks like something you might like to explore. Whatever the case may be, I encourage you to investigate what it is that you would need to let go of in order to accomplish the item and then begin trying to do just that. It might be letting go of an hour of work so that you can gladden the heart of a child or to take a walk in nature to enjoy its splendor. Or it may be letting go of animosity so that you can pick up a phone and make amends. Perhaps it will be the long overdue letting go of the need for perfection. . .

Prayer of Letting Go: Giving God, help me to surrender into your will for my life. Help me to place my faith in your love and grace, and to trust in your desire for my freedom from all that weighs me down. Amen.

Blessed be –

Pastor Jana

Upcoming Events



On Sunday, July 3, St. Paul UCC will begin worship at 9:15 AM with a Flag Retirement Ceremony, which will include prayer and a patriotic hymn. A basket will be placed near the altar, and folks are encouraged to bring in older flags that are in need of being retired, and place them in the basket during this time.

After the worship service, Burt Wendt will be collecting the flags so they can be retired at Evergreen Cemetery, or be given to Davenport Funeral Home, to be included in the cremations of veterans.

For more information, please call the church office at 847-381-0460.



Although the sun might be shining outside, we have the SON shining inside all the time! The Worship Committee wants to encourage you to start your Summer Sundays with a good dose of the SON at worship. You will feel rejuvenated and refreshed to go out and have some summer fun for the rest of the day!

Worship begins each week at 9:30 AM. Please let the office know if you are going to be on an extended vacation during the summer months so that we can pray for your safe travels!

The famous Slice of Pie on the 4th of July will return this summer to celebrate our nation's birthday. On Monday, July 4th, St. Paul bakers will be displaying their wonderful homemade treats on tables in the front lawn as the Barrington Fourth of July parade passes on Main Street. We also give away cookies to parade goers.

We will need LOTS OF HELP! Sign-up has begun in Memorial Hall to be a baker, set-up person and to help staff the tables on the front lawn on July 4th. Please help in this wonderful community event which helps St. Paul UCC reach out to our Barrington neighbors. For more information, please call Dee McCarthy at 847-381-4406.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Throughout the week of August 8-12 all kids ages 4 years—5th grade are welcomed to participate and bring friends. Registration for our 2011 PandaMania has begun—registration forms can be found in Memorial Hall. Last year we had over 70 children in this week-long program so you will want to register early!

St. Paul will once again be partnering with Salem UMC and Community Church of Barrington to provide a quality program, staffed with enthusiastic, dedicated leaders who love kids! **LEADERS AND HELPERS ARE NEEDED FOR WORKSHOPS AND CLASS GROUPS.** Please call Lynn Minton at 847-842-8462 to be a part of this wonderful adventure.



Summer Sunday School begins on Sunday, June 5 with a new Children's Church format. Our program will expand to include preschoolers, aged 3 and up. Sunday mornings will open with a group session of singing and a puppet show. After that, we'll break into small groups by age to go deeper in the lesson. Then we'll regroup for the end to reinforce the lessons we've learned across ages.

Kiddee-Keep Nursery for infants and toddlers is always open and staffed each Sunday morning.

For more information on any children's program please call Lauri Ducharme at 847-370-4307 or Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.



Congratulations to Derek Harms and Jack Harvey on receiving their confirmations on Sunday, May 22, during the morning worship service.

Jack and Derek spent two years studying The Bible, church history and other theological subjects before choosing to affirm the baptisms they received as infants. Through their confirmations each young man has now become a member of the community of faith at St. Paul UCC.

Derek is the son of Georgianne and Dennis Harms; Jack is the son of Sherry Hoover and Phil Harvey, and brother to Tom.

WAY TO GO JACK & DEREK!!



Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, June 2, at 12:30 PM, to share a dessert in Memorial Hall.



Afterward we'll talk about our favorite vacations!

All women of St. Paul and their friends are invited to attend. For more information please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647.



Meet for Breakfast

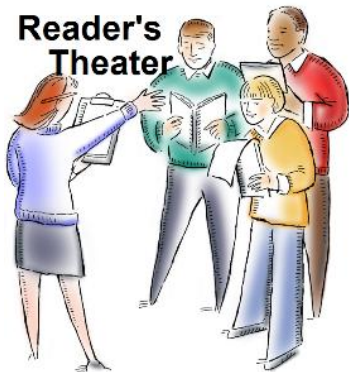
Women's Breakfast Bunch will meet June 11, 9 AM, at Dawn Hamelberg's home in Algonquin. Dawn's number is 847-854-1522.

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.



REEL People, St. Paul UCC's video small group, is on hiatus for the summer months. The next meeting will be held on Friday, September 16, 7 PM, at the home of Barb & Dennis Nester. If you want to get a head start on watching the movie, the selection for September is "The Greatest."

Reader's Theater



St. Paul UCC Reader's Theater will be performing during worship on Sunday, June 26. The selection for the morning will be "Cutting Corners," and will help worship participants to explore the day's theme of Blessed to be a Blessing.

Reader's Theater is organized and coached by Worship Chairperson, Robb Fanning. If you would like to participate in an upcoming Reader's Theater, please call Robb at 847-3873583.

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Working Together

FABULOUS GALA!!



Our wonderful, Gala at the Garlands was fun, entertaining, profitable and, most of all, full of camaraderie. St. Paul United Church of Christ spoke to the community in celebration and in our mission of welcoming all and reaching out to help others. The best of the whole event was the spirit and love reflected in all the work and the joy of the day! We have a wonderful community of God's love here at St. Paul and we are truly blessed! So let's... **KEEP THE SPIRIT ALIVE!!**

Thanks go to so many for all the help offered before and during the auction. I especially want to thank Pastor Jana for her constant support and ideas; Deb Weaver for her many hours of assistance; Char Drayer for chairing this event while I was basking in the sun; Bonnie Smith for making our planning with

The Garlands so smooth, and Steve Chwalisz for his wonderful auction software and patient guidance throughout this time. And weren't our handsome men in tuxes gorgeous?! Thank you Robb Fanning for being a fabulous auctioneer! Larry Breidenbach and Lori Ann Pannier blessed us with their melodic voices! And, Tim Michelson was a great "Vanna!" Plus our silent auction time was complemented with Ken Laws at the piano and Carlo Iaccino on the drums! Special thanks also go to our whole team which also includes Lisa Blakeslee, Shelley Carlson, Nancy Hamelberg, Dee McCarthy, Dick Price, Sally Price. But, most of all, a huge thanks to our glorious members and friends who made the Gala such a success!

Our next project for "Lift Us Up" will be a Dine and Share at Chessie's Restaurant on May 25th. Come and enjoy lunch or dinner and our Elevator/Renovation fund will receive 15% of our purchase before tax and tip. Liquor is not included. Be sure to get a coupon from the church office or bulletin. See you there!!

Remember...TEAM: Together Everything's Accomplished Magnificently!

Psalm 145:7

"They will celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness."

In Service,
Sue Schick

Working Together to Keep Kids Safe



Safety

In an effort to increase safety measures while kids are here on Sunday mornings for *Journeys*, the doors of Fellowship Hall and the door to the office level of the building will be locked promptly at 9:30 AM.

If you arrive after 9:30 AM for worship, please enter the building through the outer doors of the sanctuary. Thanks for helping to keep our kids safe!



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.

CELEBRATIONS & JOYS

Visiting Family & New Friends
All the Baptisms at St. Paul UCC

A Wonderful Auction, and all who helped make the Auction a success

Kathleen Bolger's nephew is NYS title holder in boxing

Return of Spring

Tiffany and Nancy both recovering

PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING

*Pat Gehrke

*Joan Greenwood

*Bud Goodmonson

*Gregory, Ruth Vorel's son

*Joanie Desniak, Mike Vorel's friend

*Cassie Collett

*Nancy Becker, Diane France's mother

*Gene Randle, Judy Randle's husband

*Chris Haynes, friend of Sue Carsello

*Lori Gustafson, Lynn Minton's mother

*Mathew Naples, Karen Harding's father

*Derek & Jimmy, relatives of Eden Setterlund

*Darrin Kennedy, Betty Henriksson's nephew

*Catherine Ullrich, friend of Larry Breidenbach & Tim Michelson

*Cheryl Thompson, Paul and Lorraine Thompson's granddaughter

*Burt Wendt

*Auli Hartikainin

*Charles Gilly

*Jeannine Moore

*Mary Dorsett, Ed Merrit's grandma

*Sunny Chung, friend of Jennifer Rose

*Patti Floyd, Pastor Jana's friend

*Barb Whistle, Sally Price's sister

*PJ, friend of Bachmann Family

*Ariana Heick, friend of Lisa Blakeslee

PRAYERS OF CONDOLENCES

The Family of Sam, Duane Tompkins' uncle

The Family of Dennis Ferguson

The Family of Jackie Smithson, friend of
Karen Kalkbrenner

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

The People in Virginia, North Carolina and
Missouri

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

**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, Ruth Lindburg, Wally Moeller, Henrietta Sturm, and Lillian Stangl.*

Pete Ducharme 6/1
Earl Rettig
David Ryckman
Lynn Minton 6/6
Juliane Schmidt
Bonnie Smith
David Holtermann 6/7
Mike Minton 6/8
Kim Roessler
Ruth Vorel 6/16

Jennifer Rose 6/17
Paul Bell 6/18
Georgianne Harms 6/19
Diane France
Dorothy Lange 6/20
Sally Price 6/22
Sue Carsello 6/26
Gloria Goodmonson 6/28



Missions

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This spring has brought devastating storms, flooding and tornadoes to much of the United States. Just recently 13 counties in Missouri have been deemed national disaster areas from an F4 tornado. Northern Nevada flooding and storm damage in Arkansas, Virginia, and North Carolina have killed hundreds and left thousands without homes.

Here are some ways we can help:

1. Pray for those impacted by natural disasters and emergency response personnel.
2. Make gifts marked clearly with "Disaster Relief." There are some envelopes in the pews already labeled.
3. Make a secure on-line donation at ucc.org.
4. Assemble Church World Service clean up and hygiene kits which are urgently needed. You can get more information at the national UCC site, www.ucc.org.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH: "Spread the Love"

Strengthen the Church "Spread the Love" is the UCC's annual offering to help build our denominational future. Directed to our church's Conference, Local Church Ministries and The Stillspeaking Ministry, these gifts help invigorate congregations, foster new leaders and grow the UCC's presence as a community of extravagant welcome!

Here are a few ways the *Strengthen the Church* funds are used by the national ministries of the UCC:

- ◆ God is Stillspeaking Ministry, the messaging/ advertising arm of the UCC. Some monies are directed to the Media with a Mission grant program, which last year enabled local churches to reach 5 million people with TV, radio, electronic and print advertising.
- ◆ Support is given in grants to provide pastoral leadership for new church starts and revitalizing congregations, with a goal of creating 250 new churches.
- ◆ The General Synod resolution, Preparing Pastoral Leaders for God's Church as well as the work of the UCC Disabilities Ministries will receive financial support to implement these programs.
- ◆ In brand new initiatives Strengthen the Church monies will be used to support Youth @ General Synod as well as a brand new initiative: Regional Women's Ministry Coordinators.



You'll find more information about this promotion in your weekly bulletins. We will provide special envelopes for this offering; and receive the offerings on Pentecost Sunday, June 12.



Pentecost Day Geranium Order

Pentecost Day arrives on June 12th! Help to beautify the altar for this special Sunday and remember your loved ones with Geraniums from Hager's Country Market.

ORDERS ARE DUE BY May 29.

I would like to order:

_____ \$8.00 ea. 6 1/2 inch flower

_____ \$15.00 ea. 10 in flower

I would like the following dedication:


In honor of _____

In memory of: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

ATTENDANCE



Average May, 2011 Attendance
102

OPERATING FUNDS

Actual Giving
May 1, 2011: \$3,779
May 8, 2011: \$3,516
May 15, 2011: \$2,442
May 22, 2011: \$4,319

May TOTAL To Date: \$14,056

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St. Paul Ministry Support

Greeters: See Ruth Gregory for greeting, 847-381-4382

June 5 Chris & Mark Schmitt
June 12 Dee McCarthy
June 19 Ron & Nancy Hamelberg
June 26 The Bachman Family



Ushers: See Marty Gregory to serve as an usher, 847-381-4382

June 5 Marion Miller Dorothy Lange
Sue Schick Sue Robertson
June 12 Mary Krabbe Ralph Gaulke
David Halterman
June 19 Tim Michelson Jeff Mann
Dick Price Rose Chen
June 26 Rick Jurs Bill Bishlop
Kirk Murdock Martin Gregory



Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Hosts: See Sally & Dick Price, 847-359-1358

June 5 Open
June 12 The Blakeslee Family
June 19 Ruth & Marty Gregory
June 26 Open

Lay Liturgists: See Jason Maravelias, 847-217-6236

June 5 Lynn Minton
June 12 Robb Fanning
June 19 Jason Maravelias
June 26 Ruth Gregory




When you purchase gift cards through St. Paul UCC's Manna program, the church receives a percentage of the value of each card. So you might buy a \$20 gift card, and the church will earn \$2. It costs nothing extra to you to use these cards on your every day purchases at grocery, discount, specialty stores and restaurants.

BONUS DEALS: Home Depot 'til 7/29 = 2% bonus means 7% to us!
NEW CARD: Mariano's Fresh Market, Arlington Heights = 5%

The deadline to purchase gift cards for June is Sunday, June 5. For more information about the MANNA program, please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choirs: Bells, 6; Chancel 7	2 8:30 AM Weight Watchers 12:30 Women's Fellowship	3 Office Closed	4 7:30 AM Weight Watchers
5 9:30 AM Worship/ Communion	6 4 PM Staff Mtg	7 7:30 PM AA	8 Choirs: Bells, 6; Chancel, 7 <i>Council Reports due to the Church Office</i>	9 8 AM BAMA 8:30 AM Weight Watchers	10 Office Closed	11 7:30 AM- Weight Watchers 9 AM Women's
13 9:30 AM Worship/ Pentecost Sunday/ Enzbigilis Baptism	14	15 10:30 AM Staff Mtg 7:30 PM AA	16	17 8:30 AM Weight Watchers <i>Articles due for next issue of The Visitor</i>	18 Office Closed	19 7:30 AM- Weight Watchers 1 PM Japanese
20 9:30 AM Praise Sunday 11 AM Worship Mtg	21	22 10:30 AM Staff Mtg 7:30 PM AA	23	24 8:30 AM Weight Watchers	25 Office Closed	26 7:30 AM- Weight Watchers
27 9:30 AM Worship/ Blessings Sunday	28	29 10:30 AM Staff Mtg 7 PM Council Mtg 7:30 PM AA	30		July 3 Deliver Pies/ Cookies to Church	

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

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Worship/Church School
9:30 AM Every Sunday



"Receive the Holy Spirit."
John 20:22