

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

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Lent is a period of 40 days, excluding Sundays, in which we prepare our hearts and minds to experience, once again, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is characterized by the practice of spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, fasting, meditation, study and worship. The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday with a service of reflecting upon the necessity of changing one's life. Lent culminates this year during Holy Week, April 17— April 24 as we move through Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the sting of his betrayal on Maundy Thursday, his execution on Good Friday, and the glory of his resurrection on Easter Sunday.



Please plan to attend a **Mardi Gras Dinner on Ash Wednesday, March 9!** 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

Following the Mardi Gras Dinner, 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.



A Message from Pastor Jeanne

Change Without Fear

One of my favorite old hymns is by Anna Waring.

*In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear;
And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me, my heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?*



This hymn is a reminder to me that we are safe in the midst of change, and can face whatever is at hand with fearlessness and faith. No matter what happens, God is ever-present and always in control. As our little church goes through this season of discernment and decision-making, what better assurance could we have than that? And as God's timing would have it, we're also entering the season of Lent where traditionally we give up something that threatens to be an addiction or idol in order to follow Christ in surrendering to God's will.

The challenge that Jesus gives us is to surrender our own self-interests. Give the shirt off your back, and your coat, too. Take no thought for your life. Sell what you have and give to the poor. Serve those who are undervalued. We are blessed if we are merciful, meek, pure in heart and peacemakers. In this way, we become perfected in Christ, praying with Jesus that we "may all be one," which is the quote on the UCC logo.

This kind of unity is only possible through prayer and grace, through which we gain the humility to silence our pride that seeks our own interests. Christ's truth recognizes the sacredness of each person. With reverence and deference to one another, we see our oneness in Christ. That kind of change in perspective is a real challenge for our self-centered egos, which is why it's so important that our love for God be first, above all else. The second verse of the old hymn says:

*Wherever he may guide me, no want shall turn me back;
My Shepherd is beside me and nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waketh, his sight is never dim.
He knows the way he taketh and I will walk with him.*

Brothers and sisters, let's walk together through this season of Lent as one, as Jesus prayed we would be. The Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday on March 9th, at 7 PM, in collaboration with Community Church of Barrington and Salem United Methodist (that they may all be one!).

The Sunday sermons for Lent follow the theme of "The Character and Qualities of Jesus."

March 13: Courage April 3: Compassion
March 20: Faith April 10: Obedience
March 27: Integrity April 17: (Palm Sunday) Forgiveness

The final verse of the hymn is God's promise to provide exactly what we need – individually, and as a body of Christ, now and forever. Certainly God is good *all* the time!

*Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen:
Bright skies will soon be o'er me, where darkest clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure, my path in life is free.
My Savior has my treasure, and he will walk with me.*

Blessings and Peace,



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW 7:30 PM AA	2 Noon Bible Study 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM Praise Team	3 8 AM Weight Watchers Noon Women's Fellowship 7 PM Disciple Class	4 World Day of Prayer	5 7 AM Weight Watchers
6 9:30 AM Worship/Communion Sunday	7 7 PM Disciple Class	8 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW 7:30 PM AA	9 5:30 PM Mardi Gras 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday	10 8 AM Weight Watchers 7 PM Disciple Class Finance Mtg	11	12 7 AM Weight Watchers 9 AM Women's Breakfast Bunch
13 9:30 AM Worship/1st Lent/Mission Sunday Congregational Meeting	14 7 PM Disciple Class	15 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW <i>Articles due for next issue of The Visitor</i> 7:30 PM AA	16 Noon Bible Study 6 PM Bells Confirmation 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM Praise Team	17 8 AM Weight Watchers 7 PM Disciple Class	18 7 PM REEL People	19 7 AM Weight Watchers 1 PM Branches of the Vine Bible Study
20 9:30 AM Worship/2nd Lent/Praise Sunday	21 No Disciple Class	22 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW 7 PM Council Mtg 7:30 PM AA	23 Noon Bible Study	24 8 AM Weight Watchers No Disciple Class	25 6:30 PM Social Fellowship	26 7 AM Weight Watchers
BARRINGTON SCHOOLS ON SPRING BREAK						
27 9:30 AM Worship/3rd Lent/Friends Sunday	28 7 PM Disciple Class	29 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW 7:30 PM AA	30 Noon Bible Study 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir	31 8 AM Weight Watchers		

St. Paul Ministry Support

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
 Please Sign up on Flower Chart in Memorial Hall



Greeters

March 6 Barb Nester
 March 13 Georgianne Harms
 March 20 Faye Sinnott
 March 27 Rodie Wright

Ushers

March 6	Marion Miller Dorothy Lange	Sue Schick Sue Robertson
March 13	Mary Krabbe Ralph Gaulke	Bonnie Smith Bill Bishop
March 20	Rose Chen Jeff Mann	Tim Michelsen Dick Price
March 27	Rick Jurs Paul Thompson	Barb Neal Ron Hamelberg



The deadline to purchase gift cards for March is Sunday, March 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.

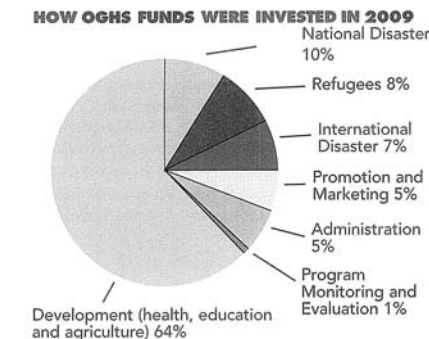


Please remember to set your clocks ahead one hour as you retire for the evening on Saturday, March 12!

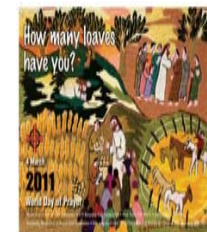
ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING (OGHS)

One Great Hour of Sharing is administered by Wider Church Ministries of the United Church of Christ. This ministry provides support to people in the United States and over 80 countries.

When you make a gift to OGHS, you become a partner in the refugee, disaster relief, and community development efforts of the UCC in the United States and internationally. Through this refugee, relief, and development fund, lives are changed. Sharing brings Joy!



MISSIONS



Church Women United invites you to . . .
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
 Friday, March 4, 2011, 1:00 p.m.
 Cary United Methodist Church, 847-639-7627

The women of Chile have written this year's service around the theme, "How many loaves have you?" Bread is central to Chilean's daily life; sharing it is a universal sign of hospitality. Enduring a devastating earthquake in February, 2010, they ask us to enter a process that draws us into the Bible, into the context of Chile and into the real situations of our lives and communities. How many loaves have you? What are your gifts? What can you share? These are questions we have asked to ponder as we reflect on the meaning of the theme, "How Many Loaves Have You?"

Rev. Shirley Pulgar-Hughes will be our speaker. Born in Chile, Rev. Hughes has been co-pastor at Cary United Methodist Church since 2008. We hope you will come and bring a friend. Plan to stay after the worship service for a time of refreshments and fellowship. Please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647 for more information.

Thank you to everyone that made our Souper Bowl of Caring a Champion!

We collected \$288.12 and a couple kids raided their piggy banks to make it an even \$300. The kids decided the money should be sent to the Palatine shelter, Journeys from PADS to HOPE. This organization is a stepping stone from being homeless to re-entering life in a home.



St. Paul Kids



A new unit for Lent began 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.



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.



St. Paul Kids will be holding their annual Easter Egg hunt for missions on Easter Sunday, April 24. Each year the kids search throughout the entire church looking for over 200 eggs that have been filled with coins and hidden.

Please help their efforts by donating loose change to fill the eggs. You can drop the change by the church office anytime before April 21. Thanks!



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.

JOYS:

Emergency Services Personnel; Joe, coming back from Afghanistan; Sam Gregory, Ruth & Marty Gregory's grandson in gifted program at Duke University; Marliess Grace Geissler's first Sunday in church; A surprise visit from Mike & Ruth Vorel's son and daughter-in-law; Erica Cody, Kathleen Bolger's cousin, has recovered from Guillian Barre; Dorothy Breidenbach, Larry's Breidenbach's mother, is recovering from a stroke; Tim Michelsen's grandmother celebrated her 93rd birthday; Gage Bachmann turned 9; Violet Bachman said "ma-ma"!

CONCERNS:

- *Auli Hartikainen
- *Mary Dorsett, Ed Merritt's grandma
- *Patricia Neal, Barb Neal's mother
- *Barb Whistle, Sally Price's sister
- *Lorraine Thompson
- *Jeannine Moore
- *Joan Greenwood
- *Helen Mollenkamp
- *Pastors "under the gun"
- *Gene Randle, Judy Randle's husband
- *Stanley Parchanowicz, Pastor Jeanne's friend
- *Jean and Deb, co-workers of Lauri Ducharme
- *Mara Jane, Kirby's friend
- *Pat Wiles, Sandy Wiles' mom
- *Erica Cody, Kathleen Bolger's cousin
- *Elmer Kelm, friend of Blakelee's
- *Danny, Janet Long's brother-in-law
- †The family of Marty Kakmier, friend of the Schmitt's
- †The Bergren family, friend of the Bachmann's
- *Paul Wagner, Ruth Gregory's friend
- *Karen Hansen, Dorrit Bern's friend
- *Janice Cooper, Dorrit Bern's friend
- *Barb Gustke, Shelley Carlson's friend
- *Lori Gustafson, Lynn Minton's mother
- *Emily, Tammy Vorel's friend
- *Cheryl Thompson, Paul and Lorraine Thompson's granddaughter
- *Phil Badeau, Dawn Hamelberg's co-worker's husband
- *Ariana Heick, friend of Lisa Blakeslee
- *Carol Jenkins, Marlene Ficenec's friend
- *Kim, friend of Lynn Minton
- *Mathew Naples, Karen Harding's father
- *Donette Rubino-Taylor, Don & Barb Rubino's daughter
- *Rodney Nelson, friend of Rollin Hamelberg
- *We must love one another
- *Tony Capinegro, friend of Pastor Jeanne and Dorrit Bern
- *Doug Hamelberg, Ron & Nancy Hamelberg's son
- *Marlene Ficenec
- *Rollin Hamelberg
- *Audrey Hartz
- *Lillian Stangl
- *Virgil Hanson
- *Pat Gehrke

*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.

*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 and Lillian Stangl.

- Ruth Loucks 3/1
- Chris Geissler
- Verdell Pohlman 3/6
- Catherine Detlefsen 3/7
- Auli Hartikainen
- Tommy Harvey 3/8
- Pat Gerhke 3/10



- Cyndi Burman 3/13
- Joshua Rieke
- Diane Motley 3/15
- Fred Schick 3/16
- Steve Chwalisz 3/18
- Henrietta Sturm 3/23
- Mark McCarthy 3/29
- Mary Krabbe 3/31

Operating Funds

Actual Giving

January 30, 2011: \$ 6,120
February 6, 2011: \$11,098
February 13, 2011: \$ 4,690
February 20, 2011: \$ 5, 771



January 26, 2011
To St. Paul UCC:

Thank You

In thanks for another year of welcome and the use of a room for Bible study . . . The "Branches of the Vine" (Japanese Bible Study) members are happy to make this offering.

May God continue to bless you.

Andy & Kathleen Takaya



Meet for Breakfast

Women's Breakfast Bunch will meet for a delicious breakfast on Saturday, March 12, at 9 AM, in Candy Purdy's home.

All women of St. Paul and their friends are invited and encouraged to attend. For more information please call Candy Purdy at 847-381-3246.



REEL People is a discussion group that meets monthly to discuss topics relative to a contemporary movie that participants watch in advance.

The next gathering will meet Friday, March 18 at the home of Steve and Jana Chwalisz. The movie will be "Lars & The Real Girl."

All adults and their friends are invited. For more information please call Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.



Barrington Bell Festival

On Sunday, April 10, 7:30 PM, seven Barrington church bell choirs, including St. Paul Ringers, will hold the 11th Annual Barrington area Handbell Festival at Lutheran Church of the Atonement. Included in the concert will be 330 bells, 250 hand-chimes, an organ and a clarinet. Come and enjoy some beautifully arranged old favorites!

Lutheran Church of the Atonement is located at 909 E. Main St. Doors open at 7 PM. For more information, please call Renee Kruper at 847-516-3198.



Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, March 3, at Noon, to share a potluck luncheon in Memorial Hall. All women of St.

Paul and their friends are invited. Gents, too!

After lunch Candy Purdy will present a travelogue program. For more information, please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647.



The time has come to sponsor flowers for the altar for Easter Sunday. Please indicate which type of plant you would like and the number you wish to sponsor.

Please return form to the offering plate or office by April 10.

I would like to order:

_____ \$10 ea. Single plant

_____ \$20 ea. Double plant

I would like the following dedication:

In memory of: _____

In celebration of: _____

Name: _____

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 process 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 next Congregational Meeting on March 13, 2011.

The Council has been meeting almost weekly to incorporate each Question & Answer Session input and to step with prayerful discernment through our decision-making.

If you have questions or concerns you may also contact Council members individually:

Kirby Drayer, Council President: 847-776-7598

Kathleen Bolger, Vice President: 312-953-5707

Glee Huddlestun, 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.

How St. Paul UCC Works



The Church Council of the church is responsible for seeing that the work of the ministries is in sync with St. Paul's mission of "Welcoming all people and transforming all of our lives through Christ's gospel."

The Council, in conjunction with the Pastors, helps to set the direction of the church, holds financial responsibility for the church with the Finance Ministry and supports and encourages the spiritual growth of all members of the congregation.

The Council is made up of 9 persons who are elected to the committee by vote of the congregation. The Executive Committee of the Council is made up of four persons—the Council President; the Council Vice-President; the Council Secretary; and the Church Treasurer. These positions are chosen and elected by the Council from within its members.

Gala at the Garlands

Saturday, April 30th

4:30—9:00 pm

Silent Auction Live Auction Raffle Prizes
Cash Bar Dinner with Wine Music

A benefit for St. Paul United Church of Christ

Tickets now on sale; \$50 per person. Gather a table of ten, and each person will be given complimentary raffle tickets.

For tickets or information contact Bonnie Smith (847-756-3136) or Dee McCarthy (847-381-4406)

We are compiling a new Membership Directory. Deb Weaver, our Office Manager, will be contacting you to be sure your information is correct.

The new directory will include B&W photos, so if you would like a new/different photo, please let Deb know. In an effort to make sure you get communications from the church in the best way, 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.

