

# The Visitor

May 2011

St. Paul United Church of Christ

## Lorel Cunningham to be Honored

At this year's annual May Friendship Day, sponsored by Church Women United, (CWU) St. Paul UCC member, Lorel Cunningham, will be honored as one of the recipients of the Valiant Woman Award. This honor is given to young women who gives loving service to her church and community, and sets an example for others. Lorel has served St. Paul in many ways as a Sunday School teacher, a member of different musical ensembles, and in offering to help with fellowship programs, church meals and other service projects.



The theme for this year's event is *Living Our Friendship, Passing on the Key,* which celebrates the friendships between women. The evening will be celebrated on Monday, May 9, 7 PM, at Atonement Lutheran Church. A time of refreshment will follow the celebration. Everyone is invited to attend.

You can help CWU support the women's correctional facility in Dwight by donating regular sized toiletries. For more information please call Marion Miller, at 847-381-1674.

**CONGRATULATIONS LOREL!**



On Sunday, May 16, at 9:30 AM, St. Paul UCC will celebrate the graduation of 21 persons from this year's Disciple Bible Study program in the morning worship service. Disciple is a 32 week class of in-depth study of *The Bible*, and classroom learning.

Disciple One graduates are: Lisa Blakeslee; Nancy Hamelberg; Ron Hamelberg; Megan Lavery; Jason Maravelias; Eden Setterlund; and Mark Schmitt.

Disciple Two graduates are: Amy Bachmann; Kathleen Bolger; Tim Butler; Shelley Carlson; Heather Case; Charlotte Drayer; Kirby Drayer; Lauri Ducharme; Robb Fanning; Diane France; Dawn Hamelberg; Karen Harding; Karen Kalkbrenner. Graduates Amy Bachmann and Diane France will receive a special recognition for completing all four levels of the Disciple Bible Study program.

The morning's worship service is being planned by the Disciple students, and will include guest speakers from the classes and special music. Please plan to attend the morning worship and celebrate all of the hard work these students have accomplished in the last 32 weeks! The celebration will continue after service with cake being served in Memorial Hall.

# A Note from Pastor Jana

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this, my mind keeps returning to the news of the terrible storms that have plagued the southern states over the last couple of weeks, especially this morning's news of the devastation in Tuscaloosa, AL, in the wake of one of the tornadoes. All of this has reminded me of a story of resurrection I heard while attending seminary and that I would like to share with you:



*In March 1994, the children's choir at Goshen UMC in Piedmont, Alabama, was singing for the Palm Sunday service. As they sang, a massive tornado hit the church, killing nineteen people and injuring eighty-six others. Among the dead was Pastor Kelly Clem's four-year-old daughter, Hannah. The day after the tornado, a reporter asked Rev. Clem if the disaster had shattered her faith. She replied: "It has not shattered my faith. I'm holding on to my faith. It's holding me. All of the people of Goshen are holding on to one another, along with the hope that they will be able to rebuild." Then Kelly said to the reporter, "Easter is coming."*

*Over the next few days, Kelly performed one funeral after another, including one for her daughter. Toward the end of that awful week, Kelly began receiving phone calls from members of the congregation. Given the death of the pastor's daughter and the destruction of their sanctuary, they asked, "Rev. Clem, are we having Easter this year?" That Sunday morning at the Easter sunrise service, two hundred people gathered in the front yard of the destroyed facilities at Goshen UMC. With a bandage on her head, her shoulder in a brace, and her heart breaking with grief, Rev. Kelly made her way to the makeshift pulpit. She opened her Bible, looked into the faces of her traumatized congregation, and then read these words from Romans 8, "Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Having lived through several tornadoes, I can say that even if we manage to survive without property damage or the tragic death of a loved one, just the experience of going through something that tremendous will forever change our lives. And when we experience significant change, especially one that feels as if we have just lived through a tornado, there is often the tendency to ask, "Why did this happen?" Sometimes there is no answer to that, nor to any other questions about the reasons that change occurs. But sometimes, the absence of the answer we so desperately want *is* the answer.

I'm confident that Rev. Clem may have wanted an explanation for her family's tragedy. Yet, in her own grief she chose resurrection—*not death*. She chose the freedom of knowing there is more beyond this world of tornadoes and storms and change. She put her faith in to God handle the answers that were not available. And she continued on in the midst of terrible pain.

We also have this freedom—to live in resurrection—*in life*—when there are no answers. Truly that is the answer we really need. As we live through the storms in life, we can respond to all the significant changes as people who live in faith because Easter has come. Christ has Risen! And no matter what changes, there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. This is our hope.

Blessed be,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor Jana".



# MISSIONS

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**FOG (Friends of God) has decided to go ahead with our annual 30 Hour Famine event, so that we keep the awareness of worldwide hunger in our minds (and bellies!). The youth group will participate in community service projects of soup kitchens, Habitat for Humanity, etc. The youth will decide what events to do, but we plan on giving our time and energy.**

**You can best support FOG by supporting their offerings of time and talent. If you have questions, please contact Tiffany France, Youth Director, at [tiffanyfrance@gmail.com](mailto:tiffanyfrance@gmail.com).**

## TSUNAMI RELIEF

**Thank you to each of you and to our awesome youth. Along with our youth donations and the Easter Egg Hunt, we have collected**

**\$703**

**For aid and relief to the people affected by the tsunami. There are still 14, 464 people missing, and the number of dead is 11,620. For more up to date information about how the United Church of Christ is responding to this crisis, go to <http://www.ucc.org/disaster/japan-earthquake-2011/>**



**The Missions Team will be hosting a Missions Breakfast on Sunday, May 22, in Memorial Hall, immediately following the morning's worship service.**

**Please join in all of the fun of the morning and help Missions celebrate St. Paul's newest members, Confirmants Derek Harms and Jack Harvey.**

**For more information please call Tammy Vorel, Missions Chairperson at 847-637-6750.**

# Breakfast

## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 22, St. Paul UCC will celebrate the confirmation of two young men into the faith and into full membership in our church during the morning's worship service. Confirmation is when a young person will claim for themselves the faith that was claimed on their behalf by their parents and sponsors when they were baptized.

This year's confirmands are Jack Harvey and Derek Harms. Both Jack and Derek have studied for two years in preparation for receiving their confirmation. They have learned about the United Church of Christ history and polity; faith; stewardship; biblical principles and their relationships with God. Their teacher for this year was Ron Hamelberg.

This is a special time in the lives of these young men and for the church. Please help us celebrate by planning to attend worship on Sunday, May 22, and continuing that celebration with their families in Memorial Hall.



Summer Sunday School begins on Sunday, June 5 with a new Children's Church format. Our program will expand to include preschoolers 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 847-526-4307 or Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.



Mark your calendars now for this summer's Vacation Bible School, August 8-12, 2011. This year's theme is "Pandamania!"

All kids ages 4 years-5th grade are welcome to participate and bring friends. Registration for our 2011 program begins later in the month of April. Last year we had over 70 children in this week-long program, so you will want to register early! Watch for the form in your mail and at church.

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! To be a part of this wonderful adventure, please call Lynn Minton at 847-842-8462 or Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.



**Women's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, May 5, at 12:30 PM, to share a dessert in Memorial Hall. Afterward their will be Bingo!**

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



**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, May 20, 7 PM, at the home of Pete & Lauri Ducharme. he movie is "Friendly Persuasion". All adults and their friends are invited to attend. Please bring a snack and a beverage to share. For more information please call Peter or Lauri at 847-526-4307.**



**Meet  
for  
Breakfast**

**Women's Breakfast Bunch will Not meet in May due to a scheduling conflict. Circle the date for June: June 11, 9 AM, at Dawn Hamelberg's home in Algonquin.**

**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.**

**Gospel**  
READING

**Would you like to be a part of Sunday Morning Worship by reading scripture and other parts of the service? Please sign up for a date on the sign-up sheet located in Memorial Hall.**

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**Memorial Day is Monday, May 30. This is a day for everyone to remember and to give thanks for those who have lost their lives serving their country.**

**Each Memorial Day the St. Paul UCC Cemetery Committee places flags on the graves of 15 soldiers who served during the Civil War, World Wars 1 & 2, and the Korean War. On Memorial Day the Cemetery Committee encourages you to take a moment to remember these valiant soldiers, and others who have fallen in the line of duty.**

**The members of the Cemetery Committee of St. Paul are Dick Price, chairperson; Ralph Gaulke; Mary Krabbe; David Ryckman; and Heikki Hartikainen, maintenance.**

**FREE TO A GOOD HOME!**

**We have collected many good, used electronics (printers, monitors, etc) that still have a use for someone who needs them. Please see Deb Weaver or Marty Gregory if you're interested in taking a look at our stash.**

**Any machines not taken by May 15 will be recycled through an accredited recycling program.**



**Our Memorial Garden is a traffic-stopper. People are always telling us our garden is so beautiful. Many hands make few the weeds, so why not spend a lovely hour or two to get our garden ready for it's showy season? We have several weddings this spring/summer and our garden makes a beautiful backdrop for pictures. Please see Lisa Blakeslee, Grounds Chairperson at 847-304-1377 or our Garden Angel, Glee Huddlestun, 847-382-6413 and be a steward of God's good, green creation right here at church.**



## *Memorial Gifts*

**Thank you to all the people who have given gifts to the Memorial Fund in honor of their loved ones.**

**Additional gifts in memory of Esther Wendt: Betty Ankele; Cynthia Reuter; Darwin & Mary Ann Reuter; David & Sylvia Chidley; Dick & Sally Price; Esther Schultz; Gene & Francisca Reuter; Henrietta Sturm; Marty & Ruth Gregory; Neal & Julie Gesell; Rubin & Mildred Reuter; Robert & Sondra O'Hara; Steve & Barbara Gordon; Todd & Louise Gregory.**

**In memory of Lynn Naggatz: Marty & Ruth Gregory.**

**In memory of Marlene Ficenec: Auli & Heikki Hartikainen; Marty & Ruth Gregory; Ricardo & Lissa Matus.**

**Additional gifts in memory of Floyd Hartz: Helena Markgraff; Lorraine Tuttle; Verna Markgraff.**

**Additional gifts in memory of Helen Kalland: Wally & Beth Johnson.**



**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.**

**The deadline to purchase gift cards for May is Sunday, May 8. For more information about the MANNA program, please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647.**

### OPERATING FUNDS

<b>Actual Giving</b>	
<b>April 3, 2011:</b>	<b>\$ 6,323</b>
<b>April 10, 2011:</b>	<b>\$10,282</b>
<b>April 17, 2011:</b>	<b>\$ 3,306</b>
<b>April 24, 2011:</b>	<b>\$10,003</b>

**April : \$29,914**

**FINANCE**

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# 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**

**Happy April Birthdays!**

**Sophie Lee, Shelley Carlson's great-grandchild**

**Daniela Fields for her kindness and compassion**

**Kirby and Charlotte Drayer's 37<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

**Tammy Vorel and Dan Knutson's wedding plans finalized**

**Heidi, Summa cum Laude, Christ & Mark Schmitt's daughter-in-law**

**Warmer Weather**

**Auli, Burt & Bud recovering**

## **PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND HEALING**

**\*Pat Gehrke**

**\*Joan Greenwood**

**\*Bud Goodmonson**

**\*Burt Wendt**

**\*Cassie Collett**

**\*Brandy Carol**

**\*Gene Randle, Judy Randle's husband**

**\*Kevin Gregory, Ruth & Marty's son**

**\*Karen, Joyce Merritt's friend**

**\*Lori Gustafson, Lynn Minton's mother**

**\*Carol Jenkins, Ralph Gaulke's friend**

**\*Ariana Heick, friend of Lisa Blakeslee**

**\*Rodney Nelson, friend of Rollin Hamelberg**

**\*Debbie & Ron Coolliks, friend of Ruth Vorel**

**\*Darrin Kennedy, Betty Henriksson's nephew**

**\*Gloria Johnson, Lauri Ducharme's mom**

**\*Rodney Nelson, friend of Rollin Hamelberg**

**\*Jean and Deb, co-workers of Lauri Ducharme**

**\*Sarah & Jonn and family, friends of Lynn Minton**

**\*Bruce Finkler, friend of Rollin & Dawn Hamelberg**

**\*Phil Badeau, Dawn Hamelberg's co-worker's husband**

**\*Donette Rubino-Taylor, Don & Barb Rubino's daughter**

**\*The family of Bob Murdock on the anniversary of his death**

**\*Cheryl Thompson, Paul and Lorraine Thompson's granddaughter**

**\*Ron Hamelberg**

**\*Auli Hartikainin**

**\*Charles Gilly**

**\*Barb Whistle, Sally Price's sister**

**\*Gregory, Ruth Vorel's son**

**\*Joanie Desniak, Mike Vorel's friend**

**\*Kim, friend of Lynn Minton**

**\*Alex Plummer**

**\*Mary Dorsett, Ed Merritt's grandma**

**\*Barb Gustke, Shelley Carlson's friend**

**\*Mathew Naples, Karen Harding's father**

**\*Marla Hegel, serving the homeless**

**\*Marilyn, Mark Ganzer's friend**

**\*Chris Haynes, friend of Sue Carsello**

**\*Sunny Chung, friend of Jennifer Rose**

## **PRAYERS OF CONDOLENCES**

**†The Family of Bob Ludovice**

**†The Family of Esther Wendt**

**†The Family of George Breitmayer**

**†The Henry Family, Erin Roessler's friend**

**†The Family of Joselito Cunanan, friends of Rick Jurs**

**†The Family of Rodney Nelson, friend of Rollin & Dawn Hamelberg**

**†The Family of Helen Kalland**

**†The Family of Floyd Hartz**

**†The Family of Marlene Ficenic**

## Prayer List (continued)

***\*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 Katzenberg; Ken Harkess; Steven Floyd; Charlie Motley, Shawn Killinan; Andrew Miller; Gunnery Sergeant Adam Bendruf; LCP Michael Hempenius.***

***\*Please keep in your thought and prayers those who are not able to attend church: Bill Alterburg; Lillian Anele; Betty Bielke; Gladys Frick; Gladys Johnson; Ruth Lindburg; Wally Moeller, Henriette Sturm, and Lillian Stangl.***



**Tim Michelsen            5/4**  
**Anna-Lise Henriksson 5/7**  
**Phil Harvey                5/8**  
**Tracy Rylatt                5/11**  
**Allen Thompson         5/12**  
**Robb Fanning**

**Lisa Loucks                5/14**  
**Kerin Montgomery      5/16**  
**Donna Wilson            5/17**  
**Bud Goodmonson        5/18**  
**Patricia Bauman         5/19**  
**Chris Schmitt             5/23**  
**Karen Harding            5/24**  
**Joan Greenwood        5/27**  
**Willis Altenburg        5/29**  
**Dorothy Hansen         5/30**  
**Ruth Kurtz                 5/31**

# ATTENDANCE

April 3:        89	April 22:      60    Good Friday
April 10:      63	April 24:      28    (7:30 service)
April 17:      88    Palm Sunday	EASTER      132    (9:15 service)

# St. Paul Ministry Support

## Ushers & Greeters



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

May 1	Eden Setterlund	Megan Lavery
May 8	Ann Behling and Family	
May 15	Disciple Class Students	
May 22	Betty Henricksson	
May 29	Betty Gay	

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

May 1	Marion Miller	Dorothy Lange
	Sue Schick	Sue Robertson
May 8	Mary Krabbe	Ralph Gaulke
	David Halterman	Bonnie Smith
May 15	Tim Michelson	Jeff Mann
	Dick Price	Rose Chen
May 22	Rick Jurs	Bill Bishop
	Kirk Murdock	Martin Gregory
May 29	Ron Hamelberg	Paul Thompson
	Martin Gregory	

## Coffee Hosts

May 1	Sue Hempenius
May 8	OPEN
May 15	Disciple Graduates
May 22	Ann Behling & Family
May 29	OPEN



## Coffee Fellowship

If you'd like to help service coffee and snacks after worship,  
please see Sally & Dick Price or call them at 847-359-1358.

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:30 AM Worship/Bells/ Communion/ Baptisms regional Mtg 11 AM Missions Mtg	<b>2</b> 7 PM Disciple II	<b>7</b> 7 PM Disciple I	<b>4</b> Noon Bible 6 PM Bells 7 PM Choir 7 PM Wedding Rehearsal 8 PM Praise	<b>5</b> 12:30 PM Women's Fellowship Desserts	<b>6</b> 3:30 PM Wedding	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:30 AM Worship/New Members 11AM Worship Meeting	<b>9</b> 10:30 AM Staff Mtg 7 PM Disciple II 7 PM May Friendship Day	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Noon Bible Study Choirs: Bells, Chancel, Praise	<b>12</b> 7 PM Disciple II	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9 AM Breakfast Bunch 10 AM Disciple I Retreat
<b>15</b> 9:30 AM Worship/ Laity Sunday/ Disciple Graduation 11 AM Disciple II Retreat	<b>16</b> 10:30 AM Staff Mtg	<b>17</b> <i>Articles due for            next issue of The            Visitor</i>	<b>18</b> Noon Bible Study Choirs: Bells, Chancel	<b>19</b> 7 PM Finance Mtg	<b>20</b> <i>Ministry Reports to            Council Due</i> 7 PM REEL People	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:30 AM Worship/ Confirmation	<b>23</b> 10:30 AM Staff Mtg	<b>24</b> 7 PM Council	<b>25</b> Noon Bible Study 6 PM Choirs: Bells, Chancel	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 6:30 PM Game Night	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:30 AM Worship	<b>30</b> Memorial Day Office Closed	<b>31</b>				

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

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Worship/Church School  
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