

The Visitor

September 2009

St. Paul United Church of Christ



This year's Rally Day happens at St. Paul UCC on Sunday, September 13!

Rally Day is a church tradition that was designed to celebrate the end of the summer holidays and welcome folks back into the regular routine of the church Sunday School year. Rally Day at St. Paul UCC will begin with an uplifting worship service at 9:30 AM, and continue with an All-Church Birthday Party at 10:30 AM, in Memorial and Fellowship Halls.



During the Birthday Party, folks will sit at specially designed birthday tables for the month of their birth. For example, all persons born in January will sit together at a table that reflects something from the month of January, like snow or another special theme of January. The idea is to get to know some folks in church that you may not already have met through the common theme of your birthday. There will be games and prizes, so bring the kids!

The luncheon is potluck—so everyone can bring their favorite dish to share with others. It might possibly be the special dish that you eat on your birthday! In addition, each table will also have its own birthday cake for the celebration.

Mark your calendar and plan to attend this wonderful day of spirit-lifting worship, fellowship and fun! For more information please call the church office at 847-381-0460.

Handbells and singing and guitars...OH MY!

Rehearsals for all of St. Paul UCC's great musical groups will begin on Wednesday, September 2. The Handbells practice at 6 PM; Chancel Choir at 7 PM; and the Praise Team at 8 PM.

Everyone is welcome to join one of the groups, or to offer musical skills for solo and ensemble performance during worship. For more information please call Renee Kruper, Music Director at 847-516-3198.



A Message from Pastor Jeanne

Change as a Spiritual Practice

I'm sad to see summer slip away, and yet I'm excited to think of all that is planned for the fall. I'm sad that my little girl is all grown up and married, and yet I'm so happy that she's found a wonderful life partner. I'm sad that my youngest daughter – my sunshine girl – is all the way in L.A., and yet I'm proud of her for stretching her wings and learning to fly.



September seems to be a month of transitions. Children are back to school; some entering kindergarten, middle or high school, some away at college for the first time. Programs begin again at churches, health clubs, civic organizations and such. All of the bustle and change reminds me that transitions happen every day in big and little ways, and each time we weather one with courage, faith, anticipation and gratitude, we prepare ourselves for the next one that is certain to come.

*“...transitions happen
everyday...and each time
we weather one...
we prepare ourselves for
the next one that is
certain to come...”*

I look with awe and admiration at some of our brothers and sisters at St. Paul who have moved out of their private, large homes of many years and downsized into a more communal, smaller living arrangement. Demonstrating non-attachment to material things is a spiritual practice. Living in community is a spiritual practice.

I observe with compassion the necessary move of a loved one into an assisted living facility, when physical or mental challenges are more than the loving partner can handle. Recognizing that these frail human vessels were never meant to sail us over the sea of eternity, and that the best we can do is to honor the spirit that still animates us even when the personality slips away, is a spiritual practice.

Throughout the Bible, God changes people. The Holy Spirit comes upon them and they become new persons. When the love of Jesus Christ is in our hearts, we are perfected in his image. And at the end of our time on earth, we will see Christ face to face and be like him, for we will see him as he is, and so see ourselves as we are. Each change we make along the way prepares us for that final change when we fully and completely reflect the image and likeness of God once more.

In God's love,

Pastor Jeanne



Meet Our New Office Manager

There's a great line by T.S. Eliot that says, "And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." Susan King is far from the end of her exploring, but her first church home in Barrington was St. Paul, and she is arriving back after a long time, this time as the office manager. She's looking forward to getting reacquainted with old friends and meeting new ones, and helping the pastors with the daily task of church work. Susan will start at St. Paul UCC on September 8, and work Monday—Friday, from 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM, with time for lunch.

Susan has had years of experience as an executive secretary, both at Quaker Oats Co and at the family business. She's well versed in computers and impressed the pastors when she said one of the ways she likes to relax is by making Excel spreadsheets for projects. She came highly recommended by her former boss, as well as by one of her best friends, Diane Moeller, who has known Susan for over 20 years.

Susan lives in Barrington, is married to Mike and they have two grown children.



God bless our lively church! This article comes to us from First Congregational Church in Winchester, MA, and speaks to the happy problem of activity.

- A lively church has parking problems;
a dead church doesn't.*
- A lively church has lots of "noisy" children;
a dead church is fairly quiet.*
- A lively church often changes the way things are done;
a dead church doesn't have to.*
- A lively church often asks for more program and mission money;
a dead church has plenty of money for what it does.*
- A lively church asks people to open up and risk involvement;
a dead church plays it safe and never risks.*
- A lively church apologizes, forgives and seeks grace;
a dead church never makes mistakes.*
- A lively church uses its tradition and facilities to serve people;
a dead church uses people to preserve facilities and traditions.*
- A lively church believes in God's future and "lets go" in faith;
a dead church believes in the past and "holds on."*
- A lively church is filled with committed givers;
a dead church is filled with tippers.*
- A lively church dares to dream in pursuit of God's new realm;
a dead church has nightmares.*



St. Paul Ministry Support

Greeters

September 6 Sue & Fred Schick
September 13 Marion Hubbard
September 20 Dee McCarthy
September 27 Rose & Caroline Chen

Ushers & Greeters



Ushers

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| September 6 | Marion Miller | Dorothy Lange |
| | Burt Wendt | Susan Robertson |
| September 13 | Mary Krabbe | Ralph Gaulke |
| | David Holtermann | Dee McCarthy |
| September 20 | Dick Price | Barb Neal |
| | Kirk Murdock | Beverly Caliento |
| September 27 | Ron Hamelberg | Rose Chen |
| | Hudson Motley | Phil Harvey |

Coffee Hosts



Coffee Fellowship

September 6 OPEN
September 13 Rally Day
September 20 Auli & Heikki Hartikainen
September 27 Jennifer Rose

Help is always needed for Sunday Servers. Please call:

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



Jesus said, "*Wherever your treasure lies, there also will your heart be.*" This year during the annual stewardship campaign, you will have the opportunity to show that your heart is in the treasure of St. Paul UCC!

The campaign will highlight some of the past victories that St. Paul has achieved through "heart-work," and cast the dream for what can be achieved when we pledge our hearts to Jesus, his mission and his church here at St. Paul. We will remember the gifts of time, talent and riches that have built this church and challenge ourselves to new levels of sacrificial giving to create St. Paul's future.

There will be a strong emphasis this year on the giving of one's time and talent to the many ministries and programs that St. Paul offers its congregation and the community. Heart-work not only includes sacrificial financial giving—it includes the sharing of all the ways God equips you to help others!

The campaign will begin in mid-October, so you have plenty of time to think about the heart-work you want to participate in this year!

MANNA Gift Cards

You can help St. Paul UCC by purchasing MANNA Gift Cards. Women's Fellowship receives a percentage of the cost of each gift card sold to help the ministries of St. Paul. Some cards return as much as 14%!

The Gift Cards do not only have to be used as gifts for someone else. You can purchase cards to use each time you buy groceries, eat at your favorite restaurant, purchase gasoline or shop at your favorite department store.

This month's orders are due by Sunday, September 6. An order form is provided for you in this newsletter or online at our website: www.stpauluccbarrington.org

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





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.

Concerns:

Rudi Geissler at Clare Oaks, Bartlett

Bob Ludovice

Marlene Ficenec

Grace Kampert

Chuck Foy

Bill Marty, friend of Dorrit Bern

Pava Navarre, Jean Pearson's daughter

Sue Baker, Kirk Murdock's aunt

George Helt, Alli Salituro's cousin

Liz Morrison, Shelley Carlson's friend

Karen Gregory, Marty & Ruth Gregory's daughter-in-law

Chris Kalkbrenner, Karen Kalkbrenner's nephew

Those involved in war

Sue Kalkbrenner on the death of her father

The Family of Ed Long, Janet Long's father

The Family of Carl Stuart

The Family of Erma Condill, Verdell Pohlman's sister

Nancy Klehm

Joan Greenwood

Susan Carsello

Barbara Whistle, Sally Price's sister

Emery Cole, Joan Greenwood's son-in-law

Steve Bouslog, Rick Jurs' cousin

George, Lynn Minton's uncle

Mike Wenick, Barb Rubino's cousin

Helen, Lorel Cunnigham's grandmother

Theresa Summers, Dawn Hamelberg's mother

Those serving their country in the military

Joys:

Sue Schick retired Family visiting Great volunteers Good test results

A great week of Vacation Bible School

Birthdays of Barb Neal, Burt Wendt and Lorraine Thompson

The wedding of Megan Hanson and Ben Burnham

Anniversaries of Sally & Dick Price, Marlene & Ed Ficenec and Ed & Norma Koenig

Please remember our members who are home-bound. Prayers, visits, calls and cards are appreciated so much.

Betty Bielke

Grace Kampert

Walter Moeller

Gladys Johnson

Pauline Lahti

Esther Wendt

Helen Kalland

Ruth Lindbergh

Henrietta Sturm

Bill Bishop

9/1

Grace Kampert

9/5

Marion Reher

9/7

Charlotte Drayer

9/9

Ralph Gaulke

9/14

This
Month's
Birthdays



Jeannine Moore

9/20

Robert Kottke

9/22

Edward Motley

9/28

Ann Behling

If your name has been missed on any month of our birthday lists, please call the church office at 847-381-0460 to update our records. Thanks!



On Rally Day, Sunday, September 13, *Journeys* will be kicking-off its 4th year of education for St. Paul Kids. *Journeys* is St. Paul UCC's Sunday morning Christian Education program for children ages pre-school—5th grade.

During this season of *Journeys*, the kids will be using various Bible stories to learn about friendship, making choices, respect and acceptance. In each of these thematic units the children will be using various activities such as cooking, games, art, storytelling, science and video to explore the concepts and Bible stories. They will also have special seasonal units during the Christmas and Lenten seasons.

Journeys is open to all children and their friends, ages pre-school through 5th grade. Each Sunday begins with a gathering time on the stage in Fellowship Hall and then progresses into the day's activities. Children should be signed-in by their parents/guardians at the stage, and be picked up by parents/guardians immediately following worship.

Journeys welcomes you to help as a class leader throughout the year! The curriculum is designed for ease in understanding and preparation. Supplies for the chosen project are prepared and waiting in the classroom on the morning of the class.

To be a part of the *Journeys* Team, please call Lauri Ducharme, CE Team Leader, at 847-526-4307 or Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.

Focus On God St. Paul UCC Youth

St. Paul UCC's Youth Group, FOG, meets on Sunday mornings in the Youth Room, located next to the stairs that lead from Memorial Hall to the Sanctuary. The youth gather at 9:30 AM for great discussions, food and games.



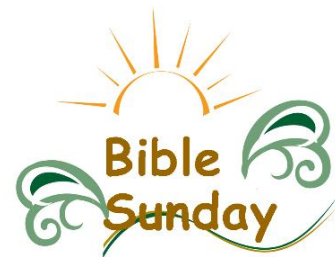
F Focus
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FOG places an emphasis on youth discovering who they are and their relationship with God. Each week they discuss issues that are relevant to the lives of teens, often finding topics through the use of popular movies, music and writings. Youth are then encouraged to become thinking Christians and use those discussions to help them throughout the week.

All youth and their friends, ages 6th grade—12th grade, are welcomed to FOG. For more information about youth programs, please email Tiffany France, Youth Director, at tiffanyfrance@gmail.com.

"The surest way to corrupt a youth is to instruct them to hold those who think alike in higher esteem than those who think differently."

~Nietzsche



Attention Parents!

On Sunday, September 20, all children entering 3rd grade, or older children who have not yet received one, will be presented with a Bible during the morning worship service. Please contact Pastor Jana, at 847-381-0460, before September 10 if you would like your child to receive a Bible. Thanks!



There's something for you...

Women's Fellowship will resume its program schedule on Thursday, September 3, at noon, with a delicious pot-luck luncheon. The featured guest speaker for the day is Mary Anderson from Atonement Lutheran Church.



All women of St. Paul and their friends are invited. Please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647 for more information.



Meet for Breakfast

Women's Breakfast Bunch will meet at St. Paul UCC for a delicious breakfast on Saturday, September 12, at 9 AM. Breakfast will be held in Memorial Hall.

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.



Cruise the Fox River with Social Fellowship on Friday, September 25, 5:30—7:30 PM. The Dinner Cruise features a chicken dinner. Cost is \$30 per person.

Please sign-up to attend the event on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall. We will meet at St. Paul at 4 PM to carpool to Pottawotomie Park in St. Charles for the cruise.

For more information please call Ruth Gregory at 847-381-4382.

Watch the Sunday Bulletins for updates on the return of NOON BIBLE STUDY in September!



If you have been wanting to participate in an adult Bible/theology discussion group but find the time commitment for Disciple Bible Study intimidating, then *Living the Questions* is for you! This study is an invitation to journey with friends and think theologically about the questions we experience regarding our world and our lives.

St. Paul UCC and Community Church of Barrington will start a joint venture this fall called "Learning Lunches." One Sunday per month participants will meet at St. Paul or Community Church to share a brown bag lunch and discuss one of the timely topics in the *Living the Questions* Study.

The first class will be held on Sunday, September 20 at noon. If you are interested in participating please call Pastor Jeanne or Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.

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The Church Council met on Tuesday, July 28. The following are highlights of the meeting:

*John Julian from the Barrington Village Association presented St. Paul with a check for \$225 for persons helping with the Barrington Uncorked event.

*Council voted to release the contract with architect David Schultz for a final payment of \$1,218 for time previously worked.

*Mike Minton led the new Council in a team building exercise and a discussion of expectations & protocol for the year.

*Council officers were elected: Mike Minton, President; Kirby Drayer, Vice-President; Glee Huddlestun, Secretary.

*Council approved the purchase of the LOGOS Financial software package to update financial record-keeping.

*Faye Sinnott, Finance Chair, reported that we ended the year with surplus of \$7,000.

*Bill Bishop noted that St. Paul needs a weekly revenue of \$4,700 to meet budgetary needs.

*Bill Bishop reported that the Stewardship Campaign for the coming year will have an emphasis on gifts of service to St. Paul as well as monetary gifts.

*Pastor Jeanne asked Council to be leaders in setting a Christ-like example for all. She noted there were six interviews scheduled for the position of secretary.

*Council approved the use of St. Paul facilities for the Life-Line Screening service.

*Pastor Jana reported there were 71 students registered for Vacation Bible School.

*Mike Minton spoke about the Illinois Conference LEEAP program for local evangelism in churches. Bill Bishop will research the possibility of submitting a grant application for St. Paul regarding the Outreach Ministry's website and other projects.

*A congregational meeting was tentatively scheduled for November 22, 2009.



Church
Council News

For more information about the Council meeting, or if you have questions about any Council matter, please call Mike Minton, Council President at 847-842-8462.

Have You Considered...

*Sharing your story of how St. Paul
has been a treasure in your life?
Contact Bill Bishop, 847-382-4443, to
participate in this year's
stewardship campaign.*



Please remember to turn off lights in the classrooms, sanctuary, kitchen, Memorial and Fellowship Halls when you are finished in the rooms.

Thanks!



Operating Funds

Weekly Actual Giving
August 2—23: \$13,209

Average Weekly Giving:
\$3302

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Crop Walk 2009

The 2009 Barrington-Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18. The Walk steps off from St. Paul UCC at 1 PM. Walkers from Barrington, Lake Zurich, Wauconda and surrounding communities will walk in support of the world-wide ministries of Church World Service (CWS) and several local ministries.

25% of the funds raised will be used locally by BACOA Meals With Wheels, St. Anne's Project Hope, Northern Illinois Food Bank, Carpentersville FISH Food Pantry, Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry, Barrington Giving Day and the Barrington People in Need program (PIN). 75% of the funds will be used by CWS and other international agencies for disaster relief and self-help development projects throughout the world.

We urge everyone to support the CROP Walk by signing up to be a walker, sponsor or both. Once again, walkers will have the option of doing the complete 10 K (6.2 mile) route or the ever-popular Golden Mile, walking the first mile of the route.

Sign-up dates for walkers are September 27, and October 4 and 11 during coffee hour. Walkers will also be available during those times for you to sponsor. If you would like to participate in the Walk, but cannot sign-up on the given dates, please call Rick Jurs at 847-394-2547. Thank you in advance for your faithful support of the October 18 CROP Walk.

Rick Jurs
St. Paul UCC CROP Chair

OUR LION PRIDE



During the week of Vacation Bible School the children participated in a mission project to adopt lions in Africa through the World Wild-life Fund (WWF). Sponsoring the lions helps WWF feed and provide health services to the lions, therefore ensuring the continuation of the species for generations to come.

This project was chosen for the kids in honor of Jesus being known as "the Lion of the tribe of Judah," and to help the kids learn about caring for all God's creations. The children collected their small change and created lion pictures to be "auctioned" at the Ice Cream Social. Each lion sponsorship was \$25. Thanks to the outpouring of support for the project and the support of a generous donor who sponsored 10 lions in honor of his father, St. Paul was able to adopt 32 lions!

Thank you to all who supported this effort!



Lifestraws Provide Clean Water

80+ year old VBS volunteer from Community Church, Ginny Neumann, has been an active missionary in Nairobi, teaching at an all-girls school. A retired teacher by trade, Ginny has seen the incredible value of education in the lives of her students in America and Africa. However, she has also seen the devastation that comes from dirty water. Half of the world's poor suffer from waterborne disease, and nearly 6,000 people - mainly children - die from diseases contracted from unsafe drinking water every day. Ginny showed the VBS classes an innovative water purification device invented by Vestergaard Frandsen, a European company dedicated to "profit for a purpose."

LifeStraw® water purifiers have been developed as a practical way of preventing water-borne disease and saving lives. They are individual, portable straws that last about one year, and cost about \$3 each. The mission offering taken on Sunday, August 9th will be used to provide Lifestraws® to the children at Ginny's school. If you would like to donate directly to Lifestraw® or find out more, please visit <http://www.vestergaard-frandsen.com/vestergaard-frandsen.htm>

Words Of Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you for all of the heartfelt expressions of sympathy I received upon the passing of my father, Ed Long. All of the cards, calls, chats, hugs and prayers meant so much. Thanks to the choirs of St. Paul for the beautiful flowers sent to the service. It was very touching to know we were being thought of and held in prayer.

**Sincerely,
Janet Long**

**Thanks to everyone who helped with the refreshments that were served after my ecclesiastical council on Sunday, August 23, and to everyone who could be there to support me in the day. It meant so much to me to be surrounded by friends and family. The food was delicious and wow... Was it a spread!
Blessings -
Pastor Jana**

Thank you to everyone who has graciously offered their time and talent to help in the office during our period without office personnel. Your help was invaluable!

Thanks to: Rose Chen, Anna-lise Henricksson, Margo Dunmore, Shelley Carlson, Marion Hubbard, Mike Vorel, Kim Roessler, Dorrit Bern and Lynn Minton.

**Thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make VBS such a great success. We don't want to forget anyone so you all will just get a GOLD STAR!
Thanks!**




MANY THANKS!

**CONGRATULATIONS to soon to be Rev. Jana Chwalisz!
Pastor Jana passed her ecclesiastical council of the Fox Valley Association with flying colors. She was unanimously recommended for ordination by the Ministry for Caring for Ministers and those voting at the council. Jana will be installed as Associate Pastor of St. Paul UCC on Sunday, September 27, at 4 PM, in the sanctuary. Please plan to attend the ordination/ installation service and a reception immediately following in Memorial Hall.**

September



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | 1 2:30 PM Bible Study Lake Barrington Woods (LBW) | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 11 AM Judo Club |
| 6 9:30 AM Worship/ Communion/ Pastor Jana | 7  LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED | 8 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW | 9 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir Disciple One Orientation 8 PM Praise Team | 10 7 PM Finance Mtg | 11 | 12 9 AM Women's Breakfast Bunch 11 AM Judo Club |
| 13 Rally Day 9:30 AM Mission Sunday/ Pastor Jeanne 10:30 AM All- Church Birthday Party | 14 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Christian Believer Class | 15 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW 7 PM CE Mtg | 16 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir Yoga 8 PM Praise Team | 17 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Disciple Class | 18 | 19 11 AM Judo Club |
| 20 9:30 AM Worship/Praise Sunday/ Pastor Jana 11AM Worship Team Mtg Noon Living the Questions | 21 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Christian Believer Class | 22 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW 7 PM Council Mtg | 23 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir Yoga 8 PM Praise Team | 24 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Disciple Class | 25 4 PM Social Fellowship meet at church to carpool to Dinner Cruise 7 PM REEL PEOPLE— Nester Home | 26 11AM Judo Club |
| 27 9:30 AM Worship/ Friends & Family/ Pastor Jeanne 4 PM Pastor Jana's Ordination | 28 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Christian Believer Class | 29 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW | 30 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir Yoga 8 PM Praise Team | | | |

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

