

The Visitor

October 2009

St. Paul United Church of Christ



Being the Church

The other day I ran into a member here who told me that he's had a rough summer. Four people who were dear to his heart passed away – one of them had post-traumatic stress disorder from war and committed suicide. In the past, he had traveled a rough road, but now he helps other people through hard times, because he's been there and knows the way out. He is a minister of caring. I think that's why Jesus picked the 12 guys he did; because they all had been through tough times, so they could show others the Way.

Each of us has an opportunity to have a ministry of caring. Each of us can reach out in some way to better a life, bring a smile or give someone a helping hand. This month there are three wonderful, ecumenical activities happening right here at St. Paul UCC in which your participation could make a difference.

- ♦ The first is a food drive endorsed by the Barrington Area Ministerial Association running from now until October 11th, when the participating churches hope to add 50,000 pounds of food to local food pantries and shelters (see pg. 2).
- ♦ The second is the annual CROP Walk that raises money for local and global hunger relief, and is going to convene right here in Fellowship Hall, and end up with the chili eating portion in Memorial Hall. Your assistance with preparing, cooking, serving, walking, contributing to walkers and welcoming people is greatly needed (see pg. 2).
- ♦ The third is the COMMUNITY MEAL, highlighted below, with the idea that Jesus invites all who are hungry to come to the table, eat and be made whole. Those in our community who need a meal are invited to come and partake, free of charge and full of fellowship. We are hosting the meal on Wednesday, October 21. Again, your help is needed for set-up, cooking, serving, making desserts and clean up.

Jesus charged his disciples to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the prisoners, heal the sick, cast out demons and raise the dead. Let us follow in the footsteps of those first disciples and be the Church for those lost or in need.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Jeanne



COMMUNITY MEAL OCTOBER 21

St. Paul will host a community meal on Wednesday, October 21, 5-7 PM, in Memorial Hall. The goal of this project, started by Atonement Lutheran Church, is to encourage and strengthen friendships, share kindness and inspire hope in the Barrington area by the simple act of sharing a meal together as neighbors. The FREE meal is open to everyone.

We need folks to help cook, serve and clean-up, and to come and enjoy the meal while getting to know new friends. Please call Pastor Jeanne at 847-381-0460 to lend a hand.

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Crop Walk 2009

You've already heard about it but we want to remind you that the 2009 Barrington-Area CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 18.

On that special day, several Barrington-area churches and organizations will join together to raise funds to fight hunger. The 10K or Golden Mile Event begins with a 12:30 PM registration at our own St. Paul UCC. The Walk steps off from St. Paul at 1 PM.

Please help us raise money to support the ministries of Church World Service and seven local food assistance programs by walking or sponsoring a walker. Sign-ups will take place September 27, and October 4 and 11, during the coffee hour.

There is a cure for hunger! Be a part of that cure. Walk or sponsor a walker on October 18. You will feel good knowing you helped to make a difference. If you have questions about the CROP Walk, call Rick Jurs at 847-394-2547.

Rick Jurs
St. Paul UCC CROP Chair



Barrington Area Ministerial Association **FOOD DRIVE** September 27 – October 11

As the commercial says, **BRING IT!** The BAMA churches are excited to join in an all-out, make-a-difference, meet-the-challenge food drive to collect 50,000 pounds of food and personal items for local food pantries. Trucks will be by to pick up the food on October 11. There will be a collection box in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Please be sure nothing is open or out of date, and no glass containers or gourmet items. Here's what to load in your bags:

Canned meat – chicken, ham, tuna, Spam, salmon, chili, beef, stew	Fruit – individual snack size; canned pears, peaches, mixed fruit – no glass containers
Snacks - fruit snacks, snack-sized chips, crackers; dried fruit; jelly	Breakfast – cereal (hot or cold), breakfast bars, nutrition drinks
Beverages – powdered drinks, juice boxes, coffee, tea	Other Food Items – Bisquick, syrup, pasta, spaghetti sauce, ramen, mac 'n cheese, peanut butter, rice
Toiletries –FULL SIZE soap, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, diapers	Household Items - toilet paper, facial tissues, paper towels, household cleaners, laundry soap, dishwashing liquid, dishwasher soap

This effort is spearheaded by Catalyst, an ecumenical group in Lake County working, like BAMA, to promote cooperation and collaboration with churches in the area.

St. Paul Ministry Support

Greeters

October 4 Karen Harding
 October 11 Lorraine & Foggy Thompson
 October 18 Charlotte & Kirby Drayer
 October 25 Betty Henriksson

Ushers & Greeters



Ushers

October 4	Marion Miller	Dorothy Lange
	Burt Wendt	Susan Robertson
October 11	Mary Krabbe	Ralph Gaulke
	David Holtermann	Barb Neal
October 18	Dick Price	Bonnie Smith
	Ron Hamelberg	Phil Harvey
October 25	Dee McCarthy	Paul Thompson
	Kirk Murdock	Marty Gregory

Coffee Hosts



Coffee Fellowship

October 4	Dorothy Lange & Jeannine Moore
October 11	Behling Family
October 18	Jeff & Linda Mann
October 25	OPEN

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



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, October 4. An order form is provided for you in this newsletter or online at our website: www.stpauluccbarrington.org

You may want to start stocking-up for Christmas now before the rush begins! Please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647 for more information about the program or to place an order.



Did You Know...?

Coffee Fellowship on Sunday mornings is growing! We have been blessed to have all the tables filled and not much room left for standing. This is great news but also means that we could use more persons to help prepare and serve the coffee and goodies. If you are unable to serve, there is always a need for persons to donate to the coffee, juice, creamer, goodies fund!

If you can help Coffee Fellowship in any way, please call Sally and Dick Price at 847-359-1358.



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	Nancy Klehm
Bob Ludovice	Joan Greenwood
Marlene Ficenece	Susan Carsello
Grace Kampert	Barbara Whistle, Sally Price's sister
Chuck Foy	Rodie Wright
Esther Wendt	Sue Hempenius
Emery Cole, Joan Greenwood's son-in-law	Ron Kwech, friend of the Chens
Maryann Laughlin, Ruth Vorel's sister-in-law	Theresa Summers, Dawn Hamelberg's mother
Mary Cooper, friend of Shelley Carlson	Those serving their country in the military
Those involved in war	
Capt. Keith Katzenberger, Marion Miller's grandson in Iraq	
People of Wymus, Mexico in Hurricane Jimena	
Al & Dana on the death of their daughter, friends of Jeff & Randee Enzbigilis	
The Family of Wanda Brightberg, relative of Marlene Ficenece	
The Family of Helen Meier, relative of Pat Gehrke	
The Family of Rose Hammond, Duane Tompkins' aunt	

Joys:

Visit from Tom & Judy Landruss	Watching grandchildren's school events
Kirby Drayer's new job	Schick family reunion
Rodie Wright's family visiting	Upcoming CROP Walk
Susan Kampert's successful surgery, daughter & sister of Shirley & Rick Jurs	
Liz Morrison successful surgery, friend of Shelley Carlson	
Holy Union ceremony of Ed Merritt & Kevin Rice	

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

Betty Bielke	Gladys Johnson	Helen Kalland
Grace Kampert	Pauline Lahti	Ruth Lindbergh
Walter Moeller	Esther Wendt	Henrietta Sturm



Brad Krabbe	10/2		Donna Moore	10/21
Randee Enzbigilis	10/6		Jeff Mann	
Jessica Kuiper	10/8		Jeff Enzbigilis	10/22
Margaret Rogers	10/9		Rodie Wright	10/23
Mike Vorel	10/16		Nikki Mann	10/26
Kyle Babick	10/17		Patricia Charland	10/27
Shirley Jurs	10/18		Sue Schick	
Audrey Hartz			Nicole Honesty	10/28
Jean Ward	10/19		Ursula Schwan	10/30

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!

Stewardship News

Stewardship Is Heart-Work...Everyone Can Do It!

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 by pledging your financial support!

On Sunday, October 18, St. Paul UCC will begin its annual stewardship campaign, *Stewardship is Heart-Work*. Stewardship season is the time in the church year, when as a church body, we challenge ourselves to new levels of sacrificial giving with our time, spiritual gifts, prayer, presence and financial blessings.

Although we are all blessed to live in a wonderful and free society, we must also realize that everyone has a financial situation that defines the limits of one’s ability to support our church. Stewardship season gives everyone a wonderful opportunity to be thankful for the many blessings that God bestows and to respond faithfully to God’s call to examine our hearts. Our church is growing in service to our members and the larger community, and we want that growth to continue.

You can help us to continue growing by prayerfully giving consideration to:

- Increasing your financial commitment to St. Paul UCC. Our goal for the year is to increase our total pledge dollars to \$210,000, which is an increase of 5%.
- Share more of your time and spirituals gifts as stewardship for St. Paul.
- Pray regularly for the people and mission of St. Paul UCC.
- Commit to regular worship attendance.

For more information about this year’s Stewardship Campaign, please call Bill Bishop, Stewardship Chairperson, at 847-381-4443.



Thank you to those who lovingly gave gifts to St. Paul UCC in memory of Carl Stuart, a frequent guest and good friend of St. Paul.

G. Sheehy
Frederick Fletcher
Tal & Eve Strauss
Carl H. Start
Edna Herrmann
David Williams
T. Prochaska
Laurel Hurley
Edna Stuart
Aina Pulins



St. Paul Kids meet on Sunday mornings for *Journeys*, the Christian Education program for children ages pre-school through 5th grade. Kids spend the morning learning about God and Jesus, and about themselves and their relationship with God.

This year the kids are concentrating on learning about friendship, making choices, respect and acceptance. During each unit the kids are challenged to learn new Bible verses, live the traits of friendship, respect and acceptance, and to learn about making good choices that will help them in their lives. They learn all of these things through the rotation model of church school—meaning they use many different methods to achieve their goals. Art, games, cooking and video are only a few of the methods used.

Kids typically begin at the stage in Fellowship Hall at 9:30 AM unless there is a children's time scheduled in worship for the morning. Parents or guardians should sign-in the children when they arrive and then should go to the child's classroom to pick them up when class has finished.

If you would like to be a part of these wonderful *Journeys*, please call Lauri Ducharme, Team Leader, at 847-526-4307, or Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.



F Focus
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G God

St. Paul Youth Group, Focus On God (FOG), meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM in the youth room, located to the north of Memorial Hall. All youth and their friends, ages 6th grade—12th grade are invited and encouraged to attend.

This year the youth group is focusing on how they can see God in places that are really unexpected. Using films such as *Pay It Forward* and *The Sixth Sense*, the youth are exploring how God works in and through all people, and works to bring good out of all situations that are faced in life.

If you would like to help the youth schedule outings or activities, please contact Tiffany France, Youth Director, at tiffanyfrance@gmail.com.

Confirmation for youth in 7th and 8th grades will begin on Wednesday, October 14, at 6 PM in the youth room. Confirmation studies are the time in the life of a youth that helps them learn more about the church, themselves and their relationship with God. Throughout the year, the kids use popular media and other “teen-friendly” methods to explore how God works in their lives.



Parents of Confirmation youth are expected to attend the first meeting of the Confirmation class to learn about the program and have the opportunity to ask any questions. They will also be given a schedule for the year and the list of requirements the students will be responsible for completing.

If you would like more information about Confirmation, please call Pastor Jana at 847-381-0460.

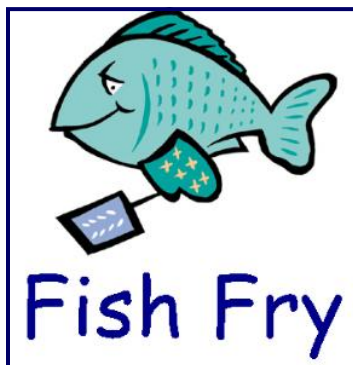


Women's Fellowship will meet for dessert on Thursday, October 1, at 12:30 PM in Memorial Hall. All women of St. Paul and their friends are invited.

Paul Thompson will be on-hand to give a pictorial presentation of the changes and growth of Barrington that he has recorded during 20+ years of walks throughout the town.

Please call Marion Miller at 847-381-1647 for more for more information.

Women's Fellowship is also sponsoring a Max & Erma's Day on Wednesday, October 28, to help with their mission work. 20% of all the money collected from St. Paul meals returns to Women's Fellowship. Please see the enclosed flier and plan to attend!



Social Fellowship will be heading to Cary Country Club on Friday, October 23, 6 PM, to partake of their wonderful Fish Fry dinner.

The dinner includes an all-you-can-eat buffet with three types of fish, salad bar, and your choice of coffee or cold drink. Price per person is \$12, which includes tax and tip. Please pre-pay for your dinner by giving your check to Dee McCarthy.

Please sign-up on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall or call Dee at 847-381-4406.



There's something for you...



Women's Breakfast Bunch will meet at St. Paul UCC for a delicious breakfast on Saturday, October 10, 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.



HAIRSPRAY

Mark the calendar! Social Fellowship is going to Marriott Theater on Sunday, November 8, to see a production of Hairspray.

Please watch the bulletins for information on ticket pricing and carpooling from church on that day.

Sign-up on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall or call Ruth Gregory at 847-381-4382 to put your name on the list.

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The Church Council met on Tuesday, August 25. The following are highlights of the meeting:



Church Council News

- *Diane France reported on the summer sermon series and Pastor Jana's passing of her ecclesiastical council.
- *Dorrit Bern reported that Susan King had been selected to fill the position of church secretary.
- *Kirby Drayer reported on behalf of the Elevator Committee that David Busse, the architect for the project, would be attending the Barrington Plan Commission to discuss various portions of the renovation plans. The discussions are around the steps and timing to complete the permit process. They are also working to respond to comments from the Barrington Architectural Review Committee. Ultimately both committees report to the Village Board for final approval.
- *Faye Sinnott reported for Finance that offering envelopes had been updated and that a giving calendar for the mission year had been created. She also made a proposal that Finance be allowed to purchase the financial portion of the church membership software (LOGOS 2), of which Dorrit Bern had offered to underwrite the cost.
- *Fred Schick, Church Treasurer, reported that \$25, 276 was received in the month of July.
- *Bill Roessler, Financial Secretary, noted there are inconsistencies in the directing of funds as they are received. He is working on establishing new procedures for counters.
- *Pastor Jeanne encouraged the Council to make time for building relationship with one another.
- *Pastor Jana reported on the success of VBS and its lion adoption mission.
- *Lauri Ducharme suggested organizing a session on the growth plan for St. Paul UCC.
- *Dee McCarthy reported on the activities of Social Fellowship.

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...how much difference the price of 1 specialty coffee at Starbucks can make to a church? If everyone added an extra \$3.50 to the offering plate each week the church would receive an extra \$12,000+ per year!



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
Sept 6-20: \$9,924

Average Weekly Giving:
\$3,308

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Upcoming Events

A Whole Day of Holy Play

Join with other women from Church Women United of the Barrington Area for a day of spiritual retreat on Saturday, October 10, 8 AM—3 PM, at Techny Towers, Northbrook, IL. The day will be based on the Biblical Story of Esther—*who really knew how to play*—and will explore how women of God may play, be pampered, love our sisters and serve our God by serving others!

The day's workshops include guided meditation, getting your colors done, beading, knitting blanket squares, learning about prayer and Bible bingo. The day is filled with many opportunities to learn and create and share.

Copies of the registration form can be found on the bulletin board in Memorial Hall. The fee for the day is \$40, and includes lunch. (The prayer beading workshop is an additional \$7 fee.)

Please register for the retreat no later than October 1. There is a limit of 50 persons. For more information please call Pastor Zina at 847-381-1294.



Association Meeting



The Annual Fall Leadership Training Meeting of the Fox Valley Association will be held on Saturday, October 24, at First Congregational UCC, Glen Ellyn. Registration begins at 8 AM. The theme for this year's meeting is "The Church Together."

The meeting begins with an inspiring worship service featuring keynote speaker, Rev. Phil Hart, interim Illinois Conference Minister. Following worship, participants have the choice of several morning/afternoon workshops to attend for

continuing education. Lunch will be served at noon. Fee for adults is \$30 before October 15; \$35 after.

A registration form can be found by going to the Fox Valley Association website at www.foxvalleyucc.org. Workshop options include something for everyone—worship, church vitality, Christian education, mission, stewardship, finance, church leadership and preaching.

For more information please contact the Fox Valley Association Office at 847-741-5531.

Words Of Thanks



*Dear Friends,
Thank you for the many prayers, telephone calls and thoughtful cards that I received during my surgery and recovery. The cards carried such beautiful words and thoughts, and I was truly grateful to receive each one. You have helped my recovery in a very special way.*

*Sincerely,
Susan Carsello*

Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Rally Day such a fun day full of great worship, sharing and laughing.

Thanks to the folks in Readers' Theater who gave a great performance in worship! Thanks to the Chancel Choir for providing an inspiring anthem that reminded all of us that God is Great!

Thanks to the Worship Team for recruiting people to decorate the tables with month-themed items. The tables in Fellowship Hall were fun and festive—all of them were decorated in such creative ways! Thanks to all who helped to set-up the tables and to Marty Gregory for getting the room prepared.

Thanks to everyone in the kitchen who did all of the food receiving, prepping, arranging and clean-up. The meal was delicious! Thanks to Lynn Minton for her excellent organizational skills.

Thanks to everyone who attended and made new friends and caught up with old ones! We hope everyone had as much fun as we did!

**Blessings -
Pastors Jeanne and Jana**

Thanks to Glee Huddleston for her tireless and loving work in beautifying our Memorial Garden. Our garden won an award from the Garden Club of Barrington!



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

The Pastor-Parish Relations Team encourages you to say thank-you to our pastors, Jeannie and Jana, this month during Pastor Appreciation Month for all their hard work and dedication to the members and friends of St. Paul UCC. Pastor Appreciation Day is Sunday, October 11.

October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 10:30 AM Judo Club
4 9:30 AM Worship/ Communion/ Pastor Jeanne	5 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Christian Believer Class	6 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW	7 Noon Bible Study 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM Praise Team	8 7:45 AM BAMA 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Disciple Class	9	10 9 AM Women's Breakfast Bunch 10:30 AM Judo Club
11 9:30 AM Mission Sunday/ New Member Induction/NIN Offering/Pastor Jana 11 AM Worship Team	12 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Christian Believer Class	13 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW	14 Noon Bible Study 6 PM Bells Confirmation 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM Praise Team	15 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Disciple Class	16	17 10:30 AM Judo Club
18 9:30 AM Worship/Praise Sunday/ Stewardship Begins/ Pastor Jeanne 11AM Worship Team Mtg CROP Walk	19 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Christian Believer Class <i>Articles due for next issue of The Visitor.</i>	20 1:30 PM Garlands "Spiritually Speaking" 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW	21 Noon Bible Study 6 PM Bells 7 PM Chancel Choir Community Meal 8 PM Praise Team	22 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Finance Mtg 7 PM Disciple Class	23 6 PM Social Fellowship 7 PM REEL PEOPLE	24 8 AM Fox Valley Assoc Mtg 10:30 AM Judo Club
25 9:30 AM Worship/ Friends & Family/ Pastor Jeanne Noon Living the Questions @ CCB	26 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Christian Believer Class	27 2:30 PM Bible Study LBW 7 PM Council Mtg	28 Noon Bible Study 6 PM Bells Confirmation 7 PM Chancel Choir 8 PM Praise Team	29 6 PM Judo Club 7 PM Disciple Class	30	31 10:30 AM Judo Club

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

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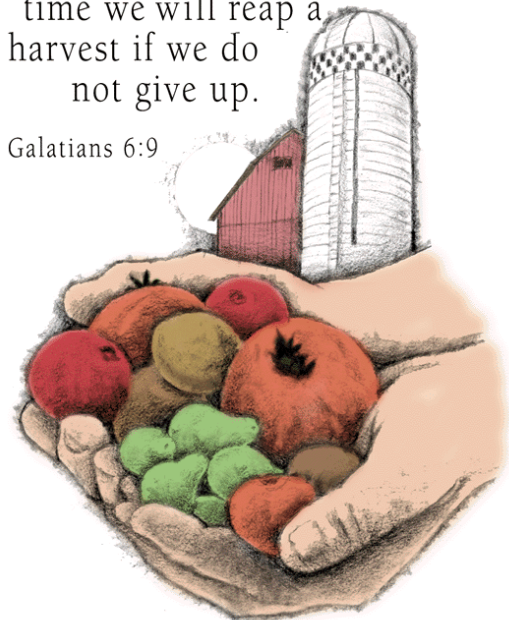
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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9



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Worship/Church School 9:30 AM
Every Sunday