



THE EPISTLE OF ST. PAUL

August 2020

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Sundays:

9:50 AM Traditional
Worship in Sanctuary
Sunday School

HELLO'S AND GOODBYE'S

You remember this rather famous list of “seasons” from Ecclesiastes 3.1-8, I’m sure... *“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.”*

One contrasting pair of “seasons” which this famous passage does not directly address is a time for hello’s and a time for goodbye’s. I suppose you could say such times are alluded to in other ways in this ancient writing...but considering how basic they are to human life, it’s surprise to me that they not directly mentioned! Here at St. Paul UCC, we are directly living through a time of goodbye’s this summer, saying “farewell and God bless” in retirement to our former Nursery School Director, Karen Rieman and one of our long-time teachers, Sue Ehrhardt (and a teacher’s aide, Amy Miller). We have also said goodbye—at least for the foreseeable future it seems—to any sense of normalcy in our social lives in general, and our church’s congregational life in particular, due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.

But, as it is with all those contrasting pairs in Ecclesiastes, the goodbyes come with some new hello’s, and the opportunity to welcome even more. We say an enthusiastic “HELLO!” to a new Nursery School Director, Judy Staudigel (who was a teacher here at one time), and “HELLO!” to a new pathway and sense of enthusiasm in the Nursery School. Judy is already at work with the teachers, updating things, contacting parents, and planning to reopen the school in September. And the teachers—who do not get paid in the summer months—are already at work too! It’s very inspiring to see!

And with that kind of inspiration in view, we can expect that there are other opportunities for a big “HELLO!”...e.g., to summon a deep and intentional welcoming of HOPE and TRUST in God in the very midst of this pandemic and its effects on us as a culture, a church, and as individuals. Will there be a “new normal” someday (or, are we in it already)? Have we said goodbye forever to life as we once knew it? Who knows for sure? But...in the long run, it doesn’t really matter!

Because with each goodbye comes the new HELLO. And as people of faith, we should not only know this, but practice it! People of strong, mature faith know that, even in the midst of pain and confusion, the goodbyes must be welcomed, even embraced. We have survived goodbyes in the past, including some really tough ones, and there will undoubtedly be more. Plus, we can also see, when we purposefully, prayerfully turn our eyes toward (and fully grasp) the biblical stories of

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our faith, that God is GREAT at new hellos!...and has been from the very beginning. Literally! God created the cosmos out of NOTHING. So who better—and who else??—to trust in this time when nothing seems the same, when nothing feels quite right, when nothing seems to work very well...and we get overwhelmed to the point sometimes where we may feel nothing! Remember: **“nothing” is the stuff with God does some of the most amazing, awe-inspiring, world-shaping work**...but it takes the eyes of faith and deep, radical trust and cooperation with God to see and to welcome the big HELLO, and to make it real in the everyday world for others to see and embrace. So...HELLO! Let's work at making this chaotic time a season of huge HELLO'S for St. Paul UCC...let's be disciples in whom God does some really amazing, awe-inspiring, even world-shaping work!

Through Christ's Indwelling Love -- Pastor Barry.

News and Updates

In Loving Memory

GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

In Memory of Paul LaMott

Alice Blum

In Memory of Charlotte McCauley

Erma Amrein

Dot Kahle

Linda Woods

SEPTEMBER EPISTLE DEADLINE

The Epistle deadline for the September edition is Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Please submit the information either by email to Anne or drop it in the Epistle box in the main office. There is also a folder in the blue mailbox outside the office.



ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE

During this rough time of Covid-19, the Council thought it would be best to move forward in implementing online giving.

Here is the link to online giving

<https://ca4b2388.churchtrac.com/give>

Once in the system, you can input your envelope number and it records directly to your record. If you have questions, please let us know.



FACEBOOK PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Paul-United-Church-of-Christ-NCH/451020504934791>.

Nursery School

I would like to take some time to introduce myself as the new Director of St. Paul Nursery School. My name is Judy Staudigel. I have quite a history with North College Hill and St. Paul Nursery School. I was raised in NCH and have fond memories of this community. In addition, all three of my children attended St. Paul NS. I have spent 20 years of my teaching career right here at St. Paul. I am very excited about this new adventure! It is my goal to lead a play based program that fosters growth and development for early learners. We will encourage spiritual, social, emotional, physical, and intellectual exploration through engaging activities. I look forward to developing new relationships with the St. Paul UCC family.



The Nursery School still has openings for 3's and 4's. Please pass along to anyone who may be looking for a pre-school.

SCOUTING NEWS

Even though the Scouts had to stop meeting in person mid-March, does not mean that they are doing nothing. The different groups have been meeting via Zoom Meetings on the computer.

The Crew is still meeting in person and completing trainings that are required. Both Troops are still meeting via Zoom and working on requirements and merit badges. Looking forward to hopefully meeting in person again soon.



Thank You

COMMUNITY DINNER

Our weekly community dinners will resume as CARRY OUT only.

They will begin on Tuesday, July 7th,
5:00-6:30 PM.

It will be carry out for awhile until we are allowed to have bigger groups of people indoors. Stay tuned for updates.

My loving church Family,
I cannot thank you enough
for all of your support
throughout the years. It has
meant so much to me
knowing that I have such
a strong support system. I also
want to thank everyone for
awarding me the Zwoster
Scholarship. The financial
support is very much
appreciated with all of my
school expenses. I am excited
to announce that I will be
graduating in December. I could
not have done it without
all of you.
Much love,
Chelsea Davis



8/5 Vicky Ritz
8/7 Brayden Spyers
8/15 Patricia Yung
8/21 Don Dumford

8/22 Travis Johnson
8/23 Deb Beresford
Melitta Marx
8/27 Skip Zimmer

8/28 Bonnie Reed
8/30 Ruth Hoeweler
Tommie Jenkins



9/3 Jessika Combs
9/6 Dolly Johnson
9/7 Jazzman Johnson

9/8 John Allen
9/20 Joan Allen
9/22 Darwin Yung

9/27 David Holmes
9/30 Jo Miller

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer:

Our servicemen and women
Peggy Adams
Chad Willcocks
Kathy Aker
John Allen
Alice Graber
Tony Mancini
Gay D. Smith
Rev. Virginia Duffy
Barbara Williamson
Elaine Sloan
Nancy Lanza
James Stokes
Tommy Moorehead
Howard Seaman

Lindsay Pitcher
June Ward
Kim Caudell
Clara Kemplin
Rhonda Lahmann
Owen Erickson
Marlene Sheward
Justin Nuckols
Bodde Scudder
Bob Harbaum
Greg Rice
Barb Nuckols
Jesse McIlhaney
Ann Way
Carol Schroer

Stan Wernz
Charleigh Waltz and parents
Barb Bruewer
Barb Brewer
Kostas Vasiliou
Harper Manning
Scott Ober
Deborah Ehler
Larry Estes
Cathy Criswell
Lin Theders
Deborah Byndon
Rebecca Horning
Mike Lennett
Paul Nuckols
Rick Davis

Please Continue to Remember in Prayer our HomeBound:

Bob Dickman
John & Melitta Marx
Albert Mueller
Sharon Wagner

Doris Dunn
Charlotte McCauley
Gay Steinhauer

Mary Heineke
Ruth Meissner
Anne Timme

Please keep the office informed on the status of those you have placed on the prayer list.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10 Mindful Mondays 12:30 PM Facebook Scouts - 6:30 PM Online Meeting	11 Community Dinner Carry Out 5-6:30 PM	12	13	14 AA - 8 PM FH	15 AA - 8 PM FH
16	17 Mindful Mondays 12:30 PM Facebook Scouts 6:30 PM Online Meeting	18 Community Dinner Carry Out 5-6:30 PM	19 Epistle Articles Due	20	21 AA - 8 PM FH	22 AA - 8 PM FH
23	24 Mindful Mondays 12:30 PM Facebook Scouts 6:30 PM Online Meeting	25 Community Dinner Carry Out 5-6:30 PM	26	27	28 AA - 8 PM FH	29
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