



LIGHTHOUSE UCC

January 19, 2020

Peace Sunday

No matter who you are,
No matter where you are
On life's journey,
You are welcome here.

Please silence cell phones.

Bibles for use during worship are available at each entrance to the Sanctuary.

THOUGHT FOR PREPARATION

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly." - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

GATHERING WORSHIP

No God Like Jehovah

Pastor Charles Jenkins

Lighthouse UCC

Praise Team

Yohan Stevenson, Praise and Worship Leader

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.

And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.

These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord!

Behold He comes riding on the clouds, . . .

There's no God like Jehovah . . .

Behold He comes riding on the clouds, . . .

WELCOME

Sarah Garcia

* WELCOMING EACH OTHER

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Beautiful are the feet that bring good news of peace!

All: Beautiful are the voices that cry out for peace!

One: You are God's beautiful, beloved people.

All: May God bless us with peace.

One: Peace be with you!

All: Peace be with you, Chicago!

** Please stand if you are able to do so*

* HYMN

Thank Our God for Sisters, Brothers



1. Thank our God for sis - ters, broth - ers, one by grace, in har - mo - ny,
2. Praise to God for con - gre - ga - tions, keep - ing faith with Christ as guide;
3. Ho - ly is your name for - ev - er! Heal di - vi - sions that re - main,



Join - ing heart to heart with oth - ers, mak - ing strong com - mu - ni - ty.
Man - y tongues of man - y na - tions, song and ser - vice u - ni - fied.
Bless the church's new en - deav - ors; make our wit - ness one a - gain.



With the cross of Christ our stan - dard, let us sing as with one voice,
Sweet the psalm and sweet the car - ol, when our song is raised as one.
One in Christ and in the gos - pel, make us one we now im - plore.



Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the prom - ise: we who are the church re - joice.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the pow - er, as in heav'n your will be done.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, yours the glo - ry, then and now and ev - er - more.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jeff Carlson

Gracious God, forgive us for what we could have been but failed to be.

We confess that we need your help,

Thank you for the inspiration of Jesus.

**Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds,
and love our neighbors as we love ourselves,
even our enemy neighbors.**

**And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension,
when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent,
and chaotic in detail,
to be with us in our going out and our coming in,
in our rising up and in our lying down,
in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow;
Until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen.**

(A prayer by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*RESPONSE

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2. When my way grows_ drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; _____
when my life is_ al - most_ gone, _____



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:



Take my hand,_ pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

During this time, Sunday School students are invited to go to the Social Hall for Bible Off Broadway rehearsal. If you would like to accompany your child, you are welcome to drop them off and return to worship.

THE BIBLICAL WORD FOR THIS DAY

Mehgan Keeley

Matthew 25:31–40

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

* A STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We believe in God who has created and is creating,
who has come to us in Jesus Christ to reconcile and make us new,
who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit.**

**We trust God. God calls us to be the Church,
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to care for creation,
to seek justice and to resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life and death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

(adapted from the United Church of Canada)

ANTHEM

Let Your Power Fall - Medley
Lighthouse UCC Praise Team
Yohan Stevenson, Praise and Worship Leader

Zacardi Cortez

Let your power fall
When your name is called
Prove the doubters wrong
You're still mighty and strong.

So fight this battle for me
And help my unbelief
So I can tell all my friends
That you have won again.

You have won again . . .
Hallelujah...
You have won again.
Hallelujah . . .
You have won again.

SERMON

“We Are In This Together”

William E. Hall

During the hymn, parents with little ones are invited to leave the service and get their children from their Sunday School classrooms to get bundled up and then meet back in the Narthex for the march.

* HYMN

Here I Am, Lord



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?____
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?____
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?____



Here I am, Lord.____ Is it I, Lord?____ I have heard you



call - ing in the night.____ I will go, Lord,____ if you lead me._



____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

UCAN MISSION MOMENT

OFFERTORY

Hallelujah!
Chancel Choir
Lighthouse UCC Praise Team

Steve Green

Hallelujah, salvation and glory
Honor and power unto the Lord, our God
For the Lord, our God, is mighty.
Yes, the Lord, our God is omnipotent
The Lord, our God, he is wonderful
everybody sing to him.

Hallelujah, salvation and glory
Honor and power unto the Lord, our God
For the Lord, our God, is mighty.
Yes, the Lord, our God is omnipotent.

The Lord, our God, he is wonderful
All praises be to the King of Kings
For the Lord, our God, is wonderful
Hallelujah, . . .
He is wonderful
Hallelujah, salvation and glory . . .

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Jamie Frazier

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.**

* HYMN

This Little Light of Mine

Traditional

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

Hide it under a bushel, NO!
I'm gonna let it shine . . .

All around the neighborhood
I'm gonna let it shine . . .

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine . . .

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE

This Little Light of Mine - reprise

***Immediately following Worship, all are invited to join the Polar Peace March!
Then, join us back in the Gym for refreshments.***

TODAY'S MUSIC - We are very happy to share our worship music with the Lighthouse UCC Praise Team and their director, Yohan Stevenson. We thank Yohan for teaching our Chancel Choir today's Anthem and encouraging us to sing TOGETHER! The Anthem is by Zacardi Cortex (b. 1985). He is a native of Houston, Texas, and his career as a gospel and Christian R&B singer was launched in 2012 with the release of his first solo album, *The Introduction*. His primary spiritual and musical mentor was Jon P. Kee.

The Offertory medley features music of Steve Green (b. 1956), who was inducted into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame in 2017. He is also a four-time Grammy nominee. He has made numerous recordings in both English and Spanish with additional recordings for children.

THE LIGHTHOUSE UCC PRAISE TEAM

Yohan Stevenson, Praise and Worship Leader
Nycee Butler, Lester Jenkins, and Alicia Lee; singers
Charles Taylor, keyboards
Rey Little, drums

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Head Usher: Beatrice Jaji

Ushers: Brian Hafner, Bruce Voice, Mary A. Brown

Head Greeter: Greg Mooney

Greeter: Sheryl Mooney

Gatekeeper: Dodd Brown

St. Arbucks Quartet: Brendan Henry, piano; Alex Austin, bass; Matt Plaskota, drums

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are honoring all St. Pauls members supporting and marching in today's Polar Peace March.

A gift to the Memorial Endowment Fund has been made by Juanita and Jeff Barlow in memory of George Barlow and Nancy Brandt.

BORN THIS WEEK IN JANUARY

Donations to the Birthday Fund support A Just Harvest

We celebrate and give thanks for your life at St. Pauls. A perfect way to celebrate and help St. Pauls: give one dollar for each year of your life to our Birthday Fund.

Jan 20 Tom Kompare

Jan 21 Ann Carstensen, Summer Abraham, Pamela Smith, Joanne Ton,
Abby Simonton

Jan 23 Dan Abercrombie

Jan 24 Kelly Martin

Jan 25 Michael Sanders

2020 POLAR PEACE MARCH

**Today is our 6th Annual Polar Peace March!
Join us after worship in the Church Courtyard.**

Our streets are all connected in our beloved city. Join your friends, neighbors and staff of UCAN to honor the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to raise awareness of UCAN's violence prevention programs. **Each dollar donated will be matched 3-1 by an anonymous family foundation - tripling your impact** and helping to reduce this systemic violence. The march will begin immediately after our 10 a.m. service and conclude in the Gym, where we will share soup and cookies with our fellow marchers. There is also a mini-march for our little ones. Even if you cannot join us, you may still register and donate at polarpeacemarch.org.

Joining us in worship today are our siblings at Lighthouse Church UCC, friends from UCAN, and our preacher is UCAN's new chaplain, William E. Hall.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help!

HERE'S HOW THE MONEY WE'VE RAISED IS MAKING AN IMPACT:

- Over the last three years, shootings and homicides in North Lawndale have declined considerably - down 52% since 2017
- UCAN's Violence Intervention and Prevention programming has grown to serve close to 450 youth - up 30% since 2017
- With increased funds, UCAN has made progress to expand engagement with city officials to strengthen awareness of the effects of exposure to complex trauma

In fiscal year 2020, 211 youth completed quarterly evaluations with the following results:

- 83% reported having a consistent connection to a caring adult
- 76% reported being enrolled in school and/or employed
- 99% of those who completed the participant satisfaction survey agreed that the services provided met their needs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2020 CHURCH COUNCIL – St. Pauls Nominating Task Force is currently working to identify and nominate members of St. Pauls who wish to serve on our Church Council. Open 2020 Council positions include: Vice President (2-year term), Treasurer (2-year term), Worship, Formation and Education Ministry (3-year term), Care and Connection Ministry (3-year term), and two At-large Member positions (3-year term). If you are interested in serving on St. Pauls Church Council, or have questions regarding the responsibilities related to certain Council positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Task Force members: Sheryl Mooney, Lois Basil, Mary Brown, Nathan Chamberlin and Emma Peterson. You may also contact current Council President, Karen Johnson, or Pastor Matt Fitzgerald. Contact information is available in the church office member directory, or by calling (773) 348-3829.

BIBLE OFF BROADWAY – Our annual tradition of taking this month to explore and use our creative talents continues with our Bible Off Broadway Musical Revue (formerly Bible Story Theatre). Sunday School students from JK to high school all participate, and any adults who would like to be involved are encouraged to join in. Rehearsals will be Sunday mornings on January 19 and 26 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Even if you cannot make it to all the rehearsals, you can still be in the performance on February 2 at 10 a.m. To get involved, please contact Pastor Sarah at sgarcia@spucc.org.

JOIN OUR ORCHESTRA – The St. Pauls Intergenerational Orchestra will perform in worship on Sunday, March 1. This year, we celebrate our church's German heritage with an all-Beethoven program. Orchestra members include teens and adults of all ages and abilities. We rehearse immediately after church in the Oscar Mayer Room on February 9, 16 and 23. If you are interested, please contact our conductor Mark Mosley at (773) 732-0625 or mwmosley@gmail.com. If you play a string, woodwind, brass, or percussion instrument, please join us as together we "Make a Joyful Sound in the City!"

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JAN 25 – SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY – 10 a.m. Parlor. "Prophets of Justice"
This month's study is in memory of one of our long-time regulars at Bible Study, Nancy Brandt. We'll be taking a look at texts from Amos and Micah that were dear to her and that challenge us to create a more just society. RSVP: jcarlson@spucc.org.

JAN 25 - YOUNG ADULTS GAME NIGHT - 6 p.m., Dice Dojo 5550 N. Broadway
Join the St. Pauls Young Adults for a board game night at the Dice Dojo! The Dice Dojo is located just off of the Bryn Mawr Red Line with some residential parking in the neighborhood. All games are free to play and outside food and drink is welcome! RSVP to the Punchbowl evite and Jim Alrutz at jimalrutz@gmail.com with any questions.

JAN 26 & FEB 9 - NEW MEMBER CLASSES - 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Oscar Mayer Room
Come after worship to these meetings and talk with pastors and members about faith and the community here at St. Pauls. Lunch and childcare are provided. Joining Sunday is February 23. Contact Pastor Matt for more information or to RSVP at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

JAN 26 - PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES PRESENTATION - 11:15 a.m., JK/Kindergarten
“Little Ones, Big Feelings – Helping Young Children Regulate Emotions & Show Empathy” Regulating our emotions and showing empathy enables us to build strong relationships and strengthen communities and this development starts early. Jesse Ilhardt, Managing Director of Programs at VOCEL, will join us to discuss how parents can foster empathetic relationships among children and set them up for a lifetime of success. In this interactive workshop, we’ll discuss how empathy develops, learn about strategies you can use at home, and reflect on our unique role as the primary people supporting little ones’ development beyond the ABCs.

JAN 26 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL BRUNCH - Jan and Joe Womack are hosting a brunch in their home in Bucktown, adjacent to the 606, on Sunday, January 26, after the 10 a.m. service. Food and beverages will be provided. Bring a willingness to get to know other St. Pauls members. Reservations are limited to the first 20 people who respond. RSVP to Jan at womack.jan@gmail.com or (405) 202-7704.

JAN 26 - FAITH & PUBLIC ISSUES 20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Join us Sunday during social hour after the 10 a.m. service for some cake and refreshments as we celebrate 20 years of education and advocacy in support of our most important public issues.

FEB 3 - NEW! YOUNG ADULTS SPIRITED DISCUSSION - 7:30 p.m., at Lincoln Station, 2432 N. Lincoln Ave. The St. Pauls Young Adults Group is starting a new quarterly event combining theological discussions with social connection. If you are a 20-30-something looking to meet other young adults at church and connect with Pastor Jeff, this is a great way to do so! At our kickoff event, we will discuss our personal theological journeys and what brought us to St. Pauls. Table for 12 is reserved, RSVP to Julia at juliaqmercerc@gmail.com.

FEB 13-20 - 2020 HAITI ADULT MISSION TRIP - Greg Mooney has reserved this week for an adult mission trip to volunteer at Three Angels orphanage and school with the hope that current tensions will have subsided to make it safe for travel. The need in Haiti is great. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Greg at greg-mooney@msn.com, or look for him greeting in the Narthex.

FEB 14 - ST. PAULS SOCIAL POTLUCK DINNER - Join Saint Pauls Social and collector Susann Craig on Friday, February 14, 6-9 p.m. at her Logan Square loft designed by world famous architect Jeanne Gang. This potluck dinner is limited to the first 25 people who register by calling her at (312) 399-8843. Each guest should bring a dish or drink.

FEB 15 - LOVELY WINE AND CHOCOLATE TASTING PARTY - 7:30 p.m. at Hannah and Caleb Bryant's home in Edgewater. Join the Young Adults Group for a wine tasting party! In honor of Valentine's Day, bring a favorite bar of chocolate along with a bottle of wine to share. Toast Hannah's final Young Adults Group event she's planning as she transitions her role. People single, partnered and everywhere in between are welcome. RSVP to the Punchbowl evite. Space is limited to the first 20 people who RSVP.

OPPORTUNITIES

ALTAR FLOWER SIGN-UP - Providing flowers for the altar is a great way to celebrate a birthday, anniversary or honor someone special in your life. You can sign up in the Social Hall or email Claire Higgins to check open Sundays, chiggins@spucc.org. There are many Sundays available, but be sure to sign up early so you can bring flowers on your preferred date!

COLLEEN HENRY WRITING CENTER - Tutors Needed

This program at Lincoln Park High School was initiated by St. Pauls and developed in connection with the English and Social Studies Departments. Tutors volunteer two hours once a week, Monday through Thursday. Training and mentoring are available. For more info or to volunteer, contact Linda Patton, lpattton21@yahoo.com.

CONNECTORS reach out providing networking and support for members and friends of St. Pauls. Membership is open to all who have the time and the inclination to help. Contact Marcia Volk at marcia@volkonline.com.

CONSIDER THE LILIES - Deliver our Sunday altar flowers to members and friends who need to know St. Pauls is thinking of them. If you would like to be part of this initiative, please contact Maureen Grunst at mvgrunst@gmail.com.

FAITH IN ACTION - Some people call it showing up for a protest. Others call it public witness for the values inherent in our faith. Most of us appreciate being able to do both with like-minded congregational members. We are continually building a Faith-in-Action list of people who wish to receive notice of such protests and gatherings – frequently on short notice due to swift governmental action. Please join this email list by contacting Claire Higgins at chiggins@spucc.org.

FAITH AND PUBLIC ISSUES - Help us connect our faith to critical public issues. Do you wish you knew more from a faith perspective about current issues that are important to our public life? Racism, climate change, immigration, to name a few. FPI programs provide opportunities to ask questions, help us understand issues in depth, and discuss possible action. The FPI Task Force plans these programs and we could use your ideas. Contact Toby Rogers at toby@rogers-home.com for information about meetings.

FEED THE HUNGRY - Volunteers needed February 16 and February 23. Each week St. Pauls welcomes homeless and hungry people to Sunday dinner as part of the Community Engagement Program (CEP). Teams of 4-6 volunteers prepare and serve dinner. To sign up, contact Jennifer Kew at CEPsupper@gmail.com.

GIFTS, PASSIONS, SKILLS - If you have not already completed our GPS Survey, we still need to hear from you. Please go to forms.gle/jK54YezLs8Ea27uW8 to fill it out. This is an important component of our overall member engagement initiative, as mentioned in the November 10, 2019 congregational meeting. If you prefer to complete a paper document, they are available on the front counter of the office next to the labeled return box. Thank you in advance for your participation.

LINCOLN PARK COMMUNITY SHELTER NEEDS OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS

To sign up: volunteer@lpcsonline.org or call 773-549-6111.

LITTLE LIGHTS is a St. Pauls early childhood program with classes for 2, 3, and 4-year olds. We are now accepting applications for 2020. Check out www.littlelightslp.org. Email Little Lights Director Erin Fitzgerald at littlelights@spucc.org.

LONG CLASSIC NOVEL READING GROUP - To join the group and receive updates, email Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

NEW MEMBER CLASSES - We have new member classes throughout the year. Come after worship to these meetings – announced in the calendar section – and talk with pastors and members about faith and the community here at St. Pauls. Contact Pastor Matt for more information at mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

NEW OR EXPECTING PARENTS - If you have a new baby or are expecting a baby, please let Corie Gallemore know so that we can find ways to support you (meals, prayer, etc.). Email Corie at corie.gallemore@gmail.com.

OUTREACH AND BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE - Do you have a passion for reaching out to others? The St. Pauls O&B Committee would love to have you join us in keeping our church engaged in community outreach. For more information contact Pauline Taylor, paulinetaylor933@gmail.com, or Pastor Jeff, jcarlson@spucc.org.

PARENTS OF LITTLE ONES - POLO has play dates, Moms night out, Dads night out, family pizza parties, prayer groups, and more activities to support families with little ones between the ages of 0 and 5. If you have young children and would like to get involved, please contact Joanne Tong at jctong@yahoo.com.

SARAH'S SIBS gather every Wednesday morning to make 40 bag lunches to be distributed to homeless people. Come to the church kitchen at 9:30 a.m.

ST. PAULS BASKETBALL - 7 p.m. Wednesdays
Our weekly pick-up games are co-ed. Ages range widely and skill levels go from enthusiastic to "I think she played in college." All are welcome!
mfitzgerald@spucc.org.

ST. PAULS SOCIAL - Get better acquainted with other adults at St. Pauls. If interested in hosting, please contact Jen Luerssen at jenluerssen@yahoo.com and stay tuned for future events.

SATURDAY BIBLE STUDY - One Saturday a month, 10-11:45 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome. Increase your faith and your knowledge of the Bible in this monthly study. RSVP: Pastor Jeff at jcarlson@spucc.org.

STEPHEN MINISTRY AT ST. PAULS - If you're in need of support through a tough time and would like to be matched with someone who would support you with companionship and prayer, or you're feeling called to offer support, speak to Pastor Jeff Carlson (jcarlson@spucc.org), Marti Pechnyo (mpechnyo@gmail.com), or Barb Kaiser (bkaiser2213@gmail.com).

YOUNG ADULTS - A group for fun and fellowship for folks in their twenties and thirties. All are welcome! Volunteers needed! Any ideas for future events? Email them at youngadults@spucc.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send any announcements you would like in the following week's bulletin or Friday email to chiggins@spucc.org no later than 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

Please limit announcements to 100 words. Thank you.

SAINT PAULS PRAYS

Please clip this page and pray for those who are named below. We only print requests we receive. To make a request, simply ask a pastor in person, on the phone or by email. Our practice is to run each prayer request for four weeks and then remove it. If you would like to continue a prayer request after four weeks, let a pastor know.

- Jenny, who lost both her daughter (who leaves behind three children) and her brother in the days before Christmas.
- Jenny Benefield, grieving her mother's death.
- Nancy Bingaman's niece, Julia, continuing to have a difficult recovery from serious liver surgery.
- Husband of Carmen, Pat Kirby's caretaker, who is in critical condition.
- Gary Ashley and family at the death of his mother, Frances.
- Stephen Anderson at the death of his wife, Sally.
- John Schloerb at the death of his father, Robert.
- Nina Whitsel, recovering from surgery.
- Lisa, sister-in-law of Libby Braband and aunt of Emma, as she battles breast cancer.
- Dan and Linda Nitzsche and their family following the death of Dan's father, Earl Nitzsche.
- Jim Brandt and family at the death of his beloved wife, Nancy. A memorial service will take place on January 25.
- Diane Biegert at the death of her father, Rev. John Biegert.
- David's granddaughter, Evangeline, born six weeks premature.
- Cindy Zinn Ball and family at the death of her mother, Laini.
- Jan Exworthy at the death of her mother, Lucille.
- Karen, aunt of Layne Lebahn, who is going through cancer treatment.
- Carol B., sister-in-law of Mark P., as she undergoes treatment for cancer.
- Mary Train, recovering from her second knee surgery.
- Mike, friend of Rob and Shannon Castle, in treatment for cancer.
- Pastor Sarah's sister-in-law, Tina, diagnosed with skin cancer.
- Carole Crowley, recovering from a stroke.
- Karl Wirsum, in rehabilitation for mini-strokes.
- Veterans and those in wars.

You are beloved – to others, to the world you live in, and most important, to God. God knows your struggles and failures, as well as your joys and triumphs. Even when you walk through the valley of shadows, God is with you. If you or someone you love has lost hope, is feeling completely alone or like life doesn't matter, reach out for help. Contact one of the pastors today for information about mental health care advocacy and resources that can help you and your loved ones. Contact information for the pastors is at the back of this bulletin.

IT'S NEVER BEEN QUITE SO

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ASY

TO GIVE

TO ST. PAULS

AND SUPPORT OUR 2020 VISION

Make an annual pledge to St. Pauls, of money, time and talent, and you'll bring our 2020 vision into sharp focus. New ways to give make the process quick and easy. Watch for a pledge card in the mail, look for one in the pews, or get details on our website.

spucc.org/2020

ABOUT ST. PAULS
Making a Joyful Sound in the City!

Saint Pauls UCC has a vibrant history in the city of Chicago. Founded in 1843, we are one of the city's oldest churches. In 1989, we became one of America's first congregations to declare ourselves "Open to and Affirming of" LGBTQ women and men.

From founding Chicago's largest provider of social services to at-risk children to starting a home for the elderly, from housing protestors at the 1968 Democratic Convention to hosting Lincoln Park's first MLK day march against violence on Chicago's streets, we are proud to make a joyful sound in the city.

Most important, over the past 176 years we are glad to have introduced thousands of children and adults to the amazing, inclusive, life changing, uplifting love of God. We do so in worship that is traditional, but far from conventional.

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Free Parking is available Sundays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Lincoln Common Parking Garage, 2300 block of North Lincoln Ave. – Parking validation is available in the Narthex.



WELCOME TO SAINT PAULS UCC!

Welcome to those whose hearts are on fire with faith, and to those who bring their doubt inside our doors.

Welcome to our first time guests and our longtime members.

Welcome to single people, tiny children, grandparents and families of all configurations.

Welcome to those who rejoice and to those who grieve.

Welcome to each and to everyone.

We are an Open and Affirming church.

We welcome all.

We are blessed by your presence and we are glad you are here.