

HERALD

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February 2021

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Wow, it has now been a year since I started at St. Paul's UCC in Carlinville. I can hardly believe that it has gone by so quickly. I do have to tell you that this has been an interim like no other. I have done a lot of the things I usually do like; preach, teach, marry, preside at funerals, teach the youth confirmation, visit, meet for coffee and meals and a variety of other pastoral duties. I do have to tell you that I have never been so isolated from my congregation before. I have never been a "tele-evangelist" before. I have never had to stay away from my shut-ins before. I have missed being with you on a regular basis. Having said all of that, I have no idea when we will open things back up. My biggest concern is YOUR Safety. Coronavirus continues to make its way through our town. I do not want to be the one who passes it on. So, we isolate, wear masks, and continue to work through zoom.

A couple of things that I want to call your attention to; Lent starts with **Ash Wednesday on February 17**. Because we cannot have a live service, we are going to have a **come and go service**. That way, we can separate and still engage in a spiritual event. There will be a labyrinth set up in the **fellowship hall**, along with instructions on how to walk it. There will be **ashes** in separate containers with instructions on how to use them. There will also be **other spiritual disciplines** (and instructions) set up in the fellowship hall for you to try. I truly hope that you will make time between **9am and 7pm to stop in at the church** to do this. I also will leave the *labyrinth up and open each Wednesday from 9 am - 7 pm for anyone to walk*. I find it to be a very meaningful spiritual practice. I hope that you will as well.

We will also start a book study during Lent. This study will start on **Wednesday, February 24 at 6 pm and happen each Wednesday through Lent**. We will be studying Barbara Brown Taylor's book, "An Altar in the World". You can easily order the book to read along with the study or you can just join the study.

This will be a **zoom** event. I will be happy to help any of you to get your computer set up to do this. Please let me know when I can come help you, just call the church office for that. Also, If you need the **link for the study**, **email** me at stpaulpastorucc@gmail.com. I think you will find this study to be of great help to your spiritual renewal.

This year, as we continue with our interim allowing the transition team to do their work, I want to help each of you to get to know God in a deeper manner. **My goal for this congregation** is to teach you **how to love God** better and *how to love your neighbor* better. I am confident that as a congregation, St. Paul's has many things to offer this community. We just need to work together to bring God's plan for you to be realized.

In Colossians 1: 9-13, the Apostle Paul writes the following: "since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. This is my prayer for you.

Pastor Katrina

Thank you to the Church Council for the generous \$25 gift card to Walmart I received for my Christmas gift.

Pastor Katrina



Lent B E G I N S

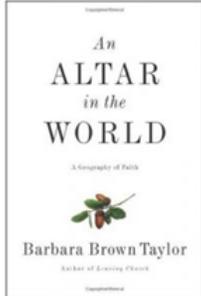


Lenten Study

An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor.

This book study will start on **February 24 at 6 pm.**

It will be a zoom event because I am uncertain about



getting us together. I am more than willing to help you load zoom on your computer and get you sent up. Please call me to schedule this.

Email me at

stpaulpastorucc@gmail to get the zoom link.

An Altar in the World is a book that looks at how to find God in the everyday world. Barbara Brown Taylor is an extraordinary writer whose faith journey is compelling and honest. I will be outlining the chapters and we will have discussion questions to go with the chapters. You can order this book to read along, or just join the study. I believe this study will allow you to *deepen your own spiritual faith and allow you to be able to find God in your everyday life.*

Pastor Katrina

Ash Wednesday

Because we are not sure about having us all together in one place, Ash Wednesday will be a come and go event rather than a service. You can access the Ash Wednesday event on **February 17th from 9:00 am - 7 pm.** Please come and go through the West Office Door. Masks are required. Social distancing will be practiced. Pastor Katrina is setting up a Labyrinth (with the help of Coach McClain) in the fellowship hall. Directions for using this ancient spiritual practice will be provided. There will also be other stations where directions, readings and spiritual practices will be set up. Ashes and directions for use will be one of the stations. I hope you will take the opportunity to stop in some time during the day to take advantage of this opportunity for spiritual renewal.

CURRENT CONCERNS

Mark Ivers-fractured fibula

Max Eichen-COVID

The families of Norma Schroeder and John Rosentreter

ONGOING CONCERNS

Audrey Rosentreter

Becky Murray-Pastor Katrina's cousin

Elsa Wiemerslage

John Koehne Friend of Wanda Hammann

Those struggling with the health or economic impact of COVID-19.

Those who are struggling with mental health issues.

The Transition Team as they work on clarifying vision, identity, and mission of St. Paul's Church.

SHUT INS

Jean Beal

Marilyn Best

Margaret Bloome

Kathleen Gillespie

Norma Hammann

Jean Klaus

Andrew Schroeder

Alice McGeachy

WIDER CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Rev. Shana Johnson-ISC Conference Minister

Rev. Dr. John Doerhauser GMP-UCC

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The Labyrinth will be available each Wednesday during Lent from 9 am - 7 pm for you to continue to use. This is open to anyone who wishes to use it.

Help Support our Missions

MISSION OFFERING for February is Macoupin Center for Developmentally Disabled (MCDD). The goal of MCDD is to meet the needs of adults with disabilities throughout Macoupin County. MCDD receives funds from the Macoupin County Mental Deficiency Fund and the United Way, these amounts vary from year to year. The Center works to provide funding by hosting various fundraisers through the year. Because of the variability of the funds they receive, your donations are greatly appreciated. Please make your **checks payable to St. Paul UCC** and **mark MCDD in the memo section** of your check or use the special offering envelope in your offering booklet. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.

FOOD DONATIONS: See calendar

KNIT/CROCHET SQUARES

We are still collecting knit/crochet squares for Veterans. The squares need to be 10 x10 and they go to the V.A. in Springfield to make blankets for the homeless vets. Pam Dilley's son takes the squares when he goes. How can you help? Knit or crochet a square or two or donate yarn for others to knit or crochet. All donations may be dropped off at the office anytime during regular office hours, 8:30-12:30 Monday-Thursday.

CARE & SHARE FOR LENT 2021

The Mission & Outreach Committee is again organizing a "Care and Share for Lent" project. The Committee has been made aware that DCFS (Dept of Children & Family Services) has an "**Intact Families**" program. This program works with families in Macoupin and Montgomery counties. It tries to keep the families together (does not want to see children removed from their parents).

The "Intact Families" program has several **needs: diapers** (all sizes but especially newborn), **baby wipes, detergent, cleaning supplies.** The Committee feels our Congregation could help provide some of these basic needs.

As in the past, we plan to use the "Angel Tree" concept. Paper "**Hearts**" are being prepared which will **list items needed.** Members of the congregation can pick up a Heart, provide the listed items, and return the donated item with the Heart attached. Normally the Hearts would be in the Sanctuary for pick up. However due to COVID-19, these Hearts will be placed on a red display board (or in a container/tub if weather conditions require) near and outside the Office Door.

Return of the donations will be "inside" the Office Door and during office hours (Mon-Thurs, 8:30-12:30). **Hearts should be available** by the beginning of Lent, **Wednesday February 17th** and donations should be returned before Palm Sunday (**March 28**). Thank you for your donation to help the Intact Families program.

Any questions, please contact any Mission & Outreach Committee member.

Donna Eiffert	Bill Klaus
Aidan Groves	Becky Stults
Joe Kaburick	Ruth Spohr
Larry Kaburick	Kathy Witt
Dale Kasten	Peggy Yudinsky





End of Year Report

General Account

Income	211,435.18
Expenses	210,497.77

Liabilities

Organ:	12,051.97
A/C	3,918.72

Caroline Ann Hammann was born December 29, 2020 in Springfield, Il. She weighed 3lb 11oz and was 16.7” long. Her parents are Brandon & Rebecca Hammann, paternal grandparents are Albert & Sheila Hammann, paternal great grandmother is Mary Hammann. Congratulations on your new baby!



Valentine’s Day is February 14th
Did you know? That according to legend, Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine’s actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

While some believe that Valentine’s Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine’s death or burial—which probably occurred around A.D. 270—others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine’s feast day in the middle of February in an effort to “Christianize” the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated in the middle of February, or February 15, Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

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### The Church Council for 2021

- Jerry Eiffert-Council President
- Katie Goodman-Thomas-Vice President
- Lari Vanderpoel-Secretary
- Charlie Siegel
- Kristina Wise
- Katie Cervi
- Wade Stults
- Darlene Barkley
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### **Don Eichen**

Donald Lee Eichen, 73, of Carlinville, IL died Wednesday, December 16, 2020 at his home in Carlinville, IL. Don was born March 8, 1947 in Carlinville to George and Betty (Barnett) Eichen. He married Clara Suhling October 26, 1969 at St. Paul's Church of Christ in Carlinville, IL, and she precedes him in death.

He is also preceded in death by his parents and brother, Terry Eichen. He is survived by his sons, Curtis (Kathryn) Eichen, Rodney (April) Eichen; daughter, Jeana (Jeran) Hammann; sisters, Linda Hammann, Grace Eley; brother, Jerry (Karen) Eichen; sister-in-law, Diane Eichen; 8 grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Don was a graduate of Carlinville High School and he was self-employed most of his life. He repaired farm equipment, moved, and tore down buildings, owned an entertainment park, and owned a lawn mower repair shop.

He was a longtime member of the Carlinville American Legion, the Historical Society, FFA, 4H Club, and the Macoupin Antiques Historical Association. Don was a proud veteran of the US Army and he helped the American Legion with any and all activities and events, including calling Bingo for many years. Don enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, making rubber band guns, going to the sale barn for auctions, and watching TV. He was well known for tinkering with tractors, lawn mowers, and small engine work.

Graveside service was held Monday, December 28, 2020 at 11am at Moore Cemetery with military rites provided by the American Legion.

Memorials may be made to the Carlinville American Legion.

### **Vickey Swires**

Vickey Lynn Swires, 61, of Carlinville, IL died Monday, December 21, 2020 at her home with her husband by her side. She was born September 22, 1959 to James and Kathleen Gillespie in Carlinville, IL. Vickey married Curtis Swires on January 29, 1994 in Carlinville.

Vickey was a CNA, working at local nursing homes and Carlinville Area Hospital. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Curtis, parents; daughters, Marlo (Chris Suhre) Morrow, Francie (Chris)

Cameron, and Katie (Tony) Santillo; and stepson, Jeremy Swires.

Cremation rites have been accorded and the family has had a private celebration of Vickey's life. Memorials may go to the Susan G. Komen Foundation in Vickey's name.

### **Norma Schroeder**

Norma (Moore) Schroeder, 93, of Carlinville, died January 10, 2021 at Heritage Health Care in Carlinville, IL with her family at her side.

She was born on January 26, 1927 in Carlinville, to Dr. William G. Moore and Lydia (Kuester) Moore. When she was quite young the family moved to Edwardsville where she attended the Edwardsville Elementary and Junior High School. After the death of her father, Norma and her mother returned to Carlinville. Norma graduated from the Carlinville High School with the class of 1945.

Norma met Andrew "Andy" Schroeder shortly after he returned from the service in Europe during World War II. It was love at first sight and after a whirlwind courtship they were married on October 30, 1946 in Edwardsville, IL. They became the parents of two sons, Drew, and Kurt. Norma was a "stay at home" wife and mother, a career she often said she loved. She enjoyed spending time with family and friends, long rides in the country, working games and puzzles and was an avid reader. Norma enjoyed her time spent in the kitchen. Some of the dishes the family enjoyed were her macaroni and cheese, potato pancakes and frozen lime pie. Norma was a Cub Scout leader and attended and taught Sunday School at St. Paul's United Church of Christ.

Norma is survived by her beloved husband of 74 years, Andrew Schroeder of Carlinville, IL; two sons, Drew (Connie) Schroeder and Kurt (Jennifer) Schroeder; two granddaughters, Stephanie Schroeder Duncan and Kaitlin Schroeder, Andrew Schroeder; great-grandson, Myles Duncan; step grandchildren, Courtney Boznos and Christian Tieman; step great-granddaughter, Everleigh Boznos two nephews, Mike Soutar and Jon Soutar.

Norma was preceded in death by her parents. Private family services were held January 13, 2021 at Davis-Anderson Funeral Home; Rev. Katrina Palan officiating. Burial followed Mayfield Memorial Park Cemetery, Carlinville.

Memorials are suggested to Carlinville School Milk Fund, Carlinville Food Pantry, or donor's choice.

IN OUR  
*Thoughts and Prayers*



## Birthdays

- 2 Tabitha Rives
- 4 Leland Smith  
Maggie Ratcliff
- 5 Luke Hammann  
Sandy Bannister  
Larry Tetzlaff  
Max Eichen  
Chad Rives
- 6 Carla Brockmeier  
Jonathan Stilwell
- 7 Jill Whitlock  
JoDee Nepute  
Kevin Strope  
Michelyn Wallis
- 8 Carl Kasten  
Maeve Thomas  
Kohle Probst
- 9 Kennedy Kasten
- 10 Jack Boehm  
Willy Owens
- 12 Betsey Rogers
- 13 Arlene Heyen
- 15 Val Leefers  
Chris Rogers  
Brady Roberts
- 16 Sherlyn Hammann  
Ben Costello
- 18 Dalton Sanson  
Don Sanson  
Mark Yudinsky
- 19 Jodie Valdivieso  
Parker Ashby
- 20 Angela Pauline
- 21 Tim Chapman  
Reed Kaburick  
Rod Bernhardt
- 22 Andrew Sanson
- 23 Walter Smith  
Debbie Costello  
Charlotte Lingo
- 24 Marie Conklin

- 25 Elizabeth Shade  
Brandon Hammann  
Bob Konneker
- 26 Megan Whitlock  
Heather Stayton
- 27 Albert Hammann  
Wally Pocklington
- 28 Gloria Wiese  
Brian Hammann  
Mark Lohnes-Kanllakan



- 14 Kevin & Amy Wise
- 25 Jason & Deana Rogers
- 26 Craig & Carol Witham  
Mike & Julie Wallis

If your birthday or anniversary is missing or is incorrect call the office and let us know. We will publish the corrections in the weekly bulletin.  
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Dear Council members,  
Thank you for the gift card I received for Christmas.  
I appreciate you thinking of me.  
*Linda Leefers*

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Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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Kathy Witt, Treasurer  
Brian Mitchell, Financial Secretary  
Elnor Ivers, Organist  
Debbie Costello, Choir Director  
Norma Mitchell, Custodian

### **Church Council Officers**

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