

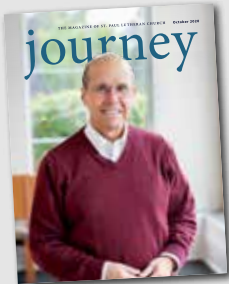
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The dining room of our 1920s bungalow has big south facing windows. It is my favorite room in the house. The windows bring such brightness and warmth, and it's a perfect place for plants. Our windowsills are filled with little succulents and even a tiny oak sapling my son grew from an acorn. A big shelf, once covered in books and photographs, now holds a bunch of plants. Each spring, as we wait for the frost to pass, we put our garden seedlings there. The small sprouts and our more established houseplants all grow at the same angle, twisting toward the sun, trying to get as much light as they can soak up.

This is known as heliotropism, when a plant bends and turns to follow the sun. There is something miraculous about this movement. The beauty increases when it's a lot of plants, like when a field of sunflowers starts the day facing east. Then they all slowly move their yellow heads to chase after the sun throughout the day, like a troupe of perfectly choreographed ballet dancers.

I want to live like those heliotropic plants. They know what gives them life, what helps them grow, and what will sustain them. So, they make sure to soak up as much of it as they can. We, too, have a source that gives us life and sustains us. God's love radiates into our lives with grace that revives us, forgiveness that renews us, mercy that restores us. That love is always there, but we so often ignore it, or forget it, or we twist ourselves away from that love, thinking other things will save us.

Sometimes, and it seems especially true now, there seems to be so much blocking the light. Perhaps no amount of twisting or turning helps you feel it. The pandemic has torn apart so many of our usual places and ways of connecting, noticing, and being nourished in faith. It has altered our relationships and institutions, even beyond the devastating toll it has taken on lives and livelihoods. And it's not just that, injustice and poverty rage on with an unrelenting force. Our forests are burning and the planet suffering. We're more polarized than ever. It sometimes feels like endless gray, cloudy days, without a hint of sunshine.

But, as John the evangelist wrote, "a light shines in the darkness, and darkness cannot overcome it." All those cloudy realities are real. But God's love and mercy prove stronger. These days require even more of our heliotropic turns to God, because the grace and joy we know in Jesus is the thing that will sustain us when everything else crumbles. The light shines and it will bolster us, keeping us from shriveling into our own selfish concerns or languishing in fear and contempt.

We need that light to navigate the challenges with courage, with compassion, with generosity, with trust, and with hope.

We have one houseplant on our shelf that has such a need for sunlight that the leaves only grow on one side of it. They plaster themselves up against the glass to get as close to the sun as possible. On a recent cloudy day, I was talking to that plant (like any self-respecting plant parent does) and said to it, "it's okay, sweet plant, the sun should be out tomorrow."

My 8-year-old daughter overheard me and said, "Mom, don't worry, the plant will get sunlight, even today." When I asked how she knew this, she said it was because I make her wear sunscreen even when it's cloudy. She figured if she could still get sunburned, a plant could still soak up UV rays, too.

The same is true for us. Even on the days that feel overwhelming and hard, God's light shines. So, turn toward it and soak it up. Trust God's never-failing presence. Joy breaks through. Goodness persists. Mercy keeps on growing. Long ago, Zechariah sang of this love of God, continuing to illuminate our world: "In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace." (Luke 1:78-79)



SARA OLSON-SMITH
associate pastor



Indicates an in-person opportunity.



Indicates an online opportunity.

First Communion@St. Paul

St. Paul's incoming fifth-graders celebrated their First Communion recently. The original Maundy Thursday service was canceled last spring due to the coronavirus, so families signed up for small worship services to mark this important milestone.



OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

Rekindling our spirit: Pledging for 2021

Every November, we ask St. Paul people to pledge their giving for the following year. This year will be no different — even though the way we celebrate this important commitment will be different.

As part of our theme, *Rekindle our Spirit*, we're inviting St. Paul people to submit personal 300-word essays about the word "fire." Share your stories, memories, and experiences with fire and how your faith might connect. Interested in writing? Message or call Ann McGlynn, ann@stpaulqc.org or 563-326-3547, ext. 239, for more details.



OUTDOOR WORSHIP FOR KIDS & FAMILIES

On Saturday, Oct. 17, 4 p.m., bring a blanket and gather with other families, wellspaced and regardless of weather, on our South Lawn for worship! We'll praise God in playful and creative ways, tell Bible stories, dance (in place!) and sing (quietly)! While everyone is welcome, these services will be planned especially for children and families elementary aged and younger. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.



Better Choices, Better Health

Tuesdays, Oct. 20-Nov. 24, 1 p.m., Zoom

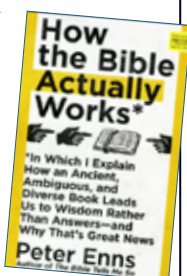
Better Choices, Better Health is an evidence-based program developed by Stanford University for people with ongoing health problems. It offers self-management skills that empower us to live healthier, more enjoyable lives. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Beth Laureijs, beth@stpaulqc.org.



Occasional Tuesdays Book Group

Tuesdays, Oct. 6, 13 & 20, 7:30 a.m., Zoom

In *How the Bible Actually Works*, Peter Enns explains that the Bible is not an instruction manual or rule book but a powerful learning tool that nurtures our spiritual growth by refusing to provide us with easy answers but instead forces us to acquire wisdom. The book is available in the Book Corner. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Katy Warren, katy@stpaulqc.org.



Kids' ministries online

- Wednesday Bible story, posted on Facebook on Wednesdays at noon.
- Kitchen Sink Sunday School, sent by email on Fridays to guide families for the weekend.
- PJ Prayers, 7 p.m. Sundays, hear a story, learn a new song, hear a psalm, and pray together. An email with the Zoom link will be sent.



Faith milestones: October

Faith milestones are special markers along the growing-up journey. Each St. Paul family will receive information about relevant milestones by mail or email. All events will be held at St. Paul, outdoors or in large spaces.

- **Kindergarten:** Explore Worship Sunday, Oct. 4, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Kids ask questions and explore St. Paul worship together. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.
- **First Grade:** The Lord's Prayer Sunday, Oct. 18, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Children and parents learn together about the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.
- **Second Grade:** Ten Commandments Sunday, Oct. 25, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Kids discover this gift of God's love, which provides guidance for navigating life. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.
- **Third Grade:** God's Word Sunday, Oct. 11, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Students and their parents learn together about God's written word. Each child will receive their own Bible. Sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups.



TRUNK OR TREAT SET FOR OCT. 25

It's the annual orange-and-black frivolity at St. Paul for the whole family — with a pandemic twist. Come to the St. Paul parking lot in costume on Sunday, Oct. 25, 5-6 p.m. Details are forming for a safe celebration. Please note: signup is required for all at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Kendra Thompson, kendra@stpaulqc.org.

Coffee Conversations

Gather on the North Lawn Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. for conversation on three Tuesdays in October. We will stay outside as long as weather permits. Bring a lawn chair, a hot beverage & even a blanket if you wish. In the event of rain, we will move inside to the Chapel (with masks). Please sign up at stpaulqc.org/signups to reserve your spot. Contact: Hayden Kvamme, hayden@stpaulqc.org. This is an open group — please feel free to join us for any or all of these sessions in October.

- **Oct. 6:** Trust and faith in times of uncertainty with Hayden Kvamme and Angie Vaaler
- **Oct. 13:** Traditions and rituals with Hayden Kvamme and Angie Vaaler
- **Oct. 20:** Attuned eating with Angie Vaaler and Beth Laureijs

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 4, 1 p.m., North Lawn

On the Feast Day of St. Francis, gather with the beloved creatures of St. Paul and their owners, for a celebration of creation and companionship. The sounds of barking, mewling, cawing, and snuffling will join our prayers as we give thanks to God for our pets and all that God has made. We'll gather on the lawn, some on lawnchairs or picnic blankets, others on leashes or in cages. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. Contact: Sara Olson-Smith, sara@stpaulqc.org.

Book Corner News: October

The St. Paul Book Corner has several new books in stock, as well as a supply of soup from the Women's Bean Project. Some of the 35 new books include:

- *A Map Is Only One Story: Twenty Writers on Immigration, Family, and the Meaning of Home* by Nicole Chung (Contemporary Issues)
- *Unfollow: A Memoir of Loving and Leaving the Westboro Baptist Church* by Megan Phelps-Roper (Memoir)
- *Elderhood: Redefining Aging, Transforming Medicine, Reimagining Life* by Louise Aronson (Care Giving and Health Concerns)
- *The Honeybee* by Kirsten Hall (Children's Hardcover)

For soups, the Women's Bean Project is a Colorado-based nonprofit that changes women's lives by providing opportunities for self-sufficiency through social enterprise. Available items are: lentil, 10 bean, spicy split pea, and golden cornbread. October hours will be Wednesdays, 12-3 p.m. and Fridays, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. New books are also available in the St. Paul Library for check out. Or, order for curbside pickup by messaging Karen Holden at bookcorner@stpaulqc.org.

A gathering of veterans

Are you a veteran from any era? A new group is forming at St. Paul. Led by Lyle Peterson, this group will connect in a variety of ways to serve fellow veterans and offer camaraderie and support.

Lyle, a Vietnam-era veteran, is involved in a variety of area efforts to support people in the Quad Cities who served our country. He would love to hear from any veteran interested in learning more and connecting over shared experiences. Contact: Lyle Peterson, petedav72@gmail.com or 563-343-1817.

Faithful Readers

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7-8 p.m., Library Commons

This book discussion group will gather twice this fall — minus food, plus face coverings. In October, we will discuss *O Pioneers!* by Willa Cather. Limit 20 people. Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups. All books are available at the Book Corner. Contact: Katie Hanson, katiehanson@augustana.edu or Dave Crowe, davidcrowe@augustana.edu.

Jesse's Stump

Sundays, 4-5 p.m., South Lawn

"A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse," - Isaiah 11:1. Growth and learning and exploration of new things — and familiar things in new ways — are all part of the mature life of faith. Like the prophet's promise of God's creative leadership sprouting from long-treasured roots, adult learning at St. Paul offers spiritual and intellectual stimulus at "Jesse's stump." Please come as you are and bring your own chair. Topics and presenters will change week by week; watch St. Paul's enews on Thursdays for details. Contact: Peter Pettit, ppettit@stpaulqc.org.



A virtual walk for mental health

NAMI offers vital mental health support for people in the Quad Cities. Two St. Paul people lead the board of directors, and a team will take part in the virtual NAMIWalk on Saturday, Oct. 10.

Terry Haru greeted people one evening in the St. Paul Gathering Area. Terry, who serves as one of St. Paul's evening and weekend hosts, talked for a bit with a woman who had come for a class for people whose family members have a mental health condition.

Terry spent most of his professional career working in the mental health field, both as a counselor and as an administrator. He worked as an outpatient therapist for six years in Missouri, then supervised a variety of programs for the persistent and severe mentally ill in Illinois. He retired as the chief compliance officer for a behavioral health care center in Decatur, Illinois.

"After I retired, even though I had a lot of personal things I was doing, I wanted to contribute to the community," Terry said.

The woman he struck up a conversation with was Angela Gallagher, the executive director of the Quad Cities affiliate of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI. As the conversation evolved, Angela asked: Would you be interested in joining our board of directors?

Terry now serves as president of the board. He is joined by Kris Voyna, a fellow St. Paul person, as vice president.

"What NAMI's program does is it fills a gap for cost-free education and programs that are especially geared towards families," Terry said. "We feel that education, at no cost, is an important piece in that continuum of care."

One of the oldest chapters in the country

NAMI Greater Mississippi Valley is one of the oldest NAMI affiliates.

Formed at a kitchen table in 1979 by families looking for answers, NAMI has grown into the largest grassroots mental health organization in the United States.

NAMI is dedicated to improving the lives of persons living with serious mental health conditions and their families, empowering them toward recovery. NAMI does not provide treatment or counseling; rather the organization focuses on education, advocacy and support.

Locally, NAMI Greater Mississippi Valley works with healthcare providers and other



"For decades I've witnessed the devastating impact mental illness can have on individuals, families and friends. But I've also witnessed the amazing difference education, treatment and support can make as well, allowing people to live safer, healthier, more productive and rewarding lives."

TERRY HARU



community leaders to address needs within the Quad Cities area. Their work complements treatment, filling an information and education gap for individuals and families.

NAMI Greater Mississippi Valley serves residents of eastern Iowa and western Illinois. The organization has adapted due to the pandemic, with some groups going online.

“The support has been critical” during this time of more isolation, said Angela Gallagher, executive director of the affiliate. “Our programs help families through trauma, give them tools to cope, and encourage them to take care of themselves.”

Referrals are a key part of the work NAMI does in the Quad Cities, whether a person is in crisis, needs answers to insurance questions – including whether their insurance will be covered on the other side of the river, or is searching for ideas on how to work through a challenge with a loved one.

Be a part of the change

Four years ago, Angela reached out to Kris Voyna to ask if she would be interested in serving on the board of directors. “I was ecstatic to say yes,” Kris said.

Kris just earned her doctorate in human and organizational psychology and works at Deere & Co. She is diagnosed with depression and anxiety. Her wife, Teri, is diagnosed with generalized anxiety disorder and post-traumatic stress disorder.

“One in five people experiences a mental health issue in their lifetime,” Kris said. “It’s a reminder to always be kind. We don’t know what others are facing. We can be a safe space for those who are facing a mental health challenge.”

This Oct. 10, she and her son, Leo, will go for a walk around the neighborhood and experience nature in order to participate in the virtual NAMIWalk. If the weather isn’t so great, they will do something fun at home instead.

She is honored to be a part of the board of directors for NAMI.

“I want to be a part of the change, and help it grow to save lives and enrich lives,” she said.



Every year, St. Paul gathers a team of people to participate in the annual NAMIWalk. The congregation gives \$5,000 to support the work of NAMI in the Quad Cities, and the team gathers to walk together.

The walk promotes awareness of mental health, raises money for NAMI in the Quad Cities, and builds community.

This year will be different. But walk organizers believe it will be just as meaningful, and fun.

On Saturday, Oct. 10, NAMIWalks will be a virtual event with NAMI chapters across the country. Choose how you want to participate. Ideas include:

- Walking 3,500 steps outside or inside
- Planning a craft day with their kids
- Practicing self-care with a favorite hobby: yoga, gardening, knitting

Take a photo or two of the activity you choose. Post them on your own social media. Then, send them to ann@stpaulqc.org or text them to 563-370-0004 so St. Paul can post on our Facebook and Instagram.

Let us know you’ll participate by signing up at stpaulqc.org/signups.

Get involved

NAMI Greater Mississippi Valley offers support programs for people who have a mental health condition and their loved ones. To learn more, visit www.namigmv.org.

- ▶ **NAMI Basics** is a class for parents and other family caregivers of children and adolescents who have either been diagnosed with a mental health condition or who are experiencing symptoms but have not yet been diagnosed. It’s a nationally developed program taught by trained volunteers who have lived experience. Cost is free, and the course is available online, on demand.
- ▶ **NAMI Homefront** is designed for active duty and veteran service member families. NAMI and the Veterans Administration work cooperatively to offer this education class at no cost to family members and caregivers of an adult loved one living with PTSD, traumatic brain injury, or other mental health conditions. The course was originally developed with the help of the United States Army.
- ▶ **NAMI Family & Friends** is a free seminar that informs people who have loved ones with a mental health condition how to best support them. It’s also an opportunity to meet other people in similar situations and gain community support. The seminar is presented as a 90-minute format. Register for the 10 a.m. seminars on Oct. 24 or Dec. 5 at www.namigmv.org/find-support/monthly-seminars.
- ▶ **NAMI Peer-to-Peer** is a recovery education course open to anyone experiencing a mental health challenge. The course is designed to encourage growth, healing and recovery among participants. This is a nationally-developed program taught by trained volunteers who are living with a serious mental health condition. Duration is eight weeks. Cost is free.
- ▶ **NAMI Family-to-Family** is a free, eight-session educational program for family, significant others and friends of individuals 18 years or older living with a mental health condition. It is a designated evidence-based program. This means that research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of class participants.

MISSING FRAN

The Ball-Trevor family were really fortunate to have Fran Wolfe as a neighbor. They decided to honor her by establishing a scholarship in her name.

If it was Sunday evening, it was potluck night at the Ball-Trevor household.

While Raymond and Mike were in the kitchen, their three kids were anxiously looking out the window for their neighbor Fran Wolfe, crossing fingers that she was walking up the sidewalk with a Tupperware full of her homemade applesauce.

“Oh, that applesauce was so good,” their daughter Willow recalled.

But it was the conversations about life, the reflections on the most recent book she was reading, and the way she loved their children that Ray and Mike remember most about the neighbor who became part of their family.

Fran passed way at the age of 77 earlier this year, and to memorialize her legacy, the couple established the Frances S. Wolfe Memorial Scholarship at the Quad Cities Community Foundation. Fran’s three adult children are also planning to make gifts to the fund, which will award its first scholarship to a graduate of Davenport Central High School in 2021.

“She’d probably be ticked that we did this,” Raymond said with a chuckle. “She didn’t like recognition.”

And yet, “she would be so honored and humbled by this gesture,” Fran’s son Brendan Wolfe said from his home in Charlottesville, Virginia, where he works for the Charlottesville Area Community Foundation. “My mom loved learning — she loved the trappings of education. Learning meant so much to her.”

A life-long resident of the Quad Cities, Fran was born in Moline in 1942, the eighth child of Willis Edward and Marie Coletta Jardon Cupp. She attended St. Mary’s Academy in Nauvoo, Illinois, a boarding school that she later said was one of “the best experiences of my life.” She graduated as the salutatorian.

Fran was the beneficiary of a scholarship a half-century ago. “Her father was a pretty conservative dude — he wasn’t going to pay for my mother to go to college, so she went and won a scholarship to Marycrest College,” Brendan said. “She showed him.”

She went on to teach English in Walcott and African American literature at Davenport Central High School before quitting to raise her children. Years later, she worked at Moline Public Hospital and Modern Woodmen of America.

Seventeen years ago, shortly before she retired, she met Raymond. They first connected over literature. “We shared a love for the same book, *A Prayer for Owen Meany* by John Irving,” Raymond said.

She watched as Raymond’s relationship with Mike grew, from courtship to marriage to the parents of three children. “Are you sure you want to adopt three kids at the same time?” Mike recalled her asking the couple. They were sure, and from that moment on

she never missed a basketball game the kids were playing in, a concert they were singing in, or a Sunday potluck.

“She lived a simple life,” Mike said, “and liked to be in her comfort zone. She had never been out of the US or



Left to right: Raven, Mike, Ray, Kaidence, and Willow Ball-Trevor



“Fran loved learning — she loved the trappings of education. Learning meant so much to her.”

Canada,” that is, until the couple invited her on a tour of Germany, Switzerland, and Austria. “We were taking my grandmother and niece on a trip, and we found plane tickets. We called her up, told her she had one hour to decide, and hung up the phone.”

“We rented a guest house for the five of us in southern Germany, and had plans for a day trip to Salzburg,” Raymond said. “She didn’t want to go, opting instead to sit on the balcony and look out at the vast world in front of her. I had never seen someone moved to tears from the beauty of the world, until that moment.

The scholarship is the Ball-Trevor’s way of celebrating Fran’s life, and the legacy she left behind. For Brendan and his two sisters, Bridget and Sara, it is also “beautiful proof of the kind of people Raymond and Mike are. We’re all really thrilled to be part of it.”

He paused.

“I’m really, really proud of my mom. I’m really proud she’s going to be honored in this way,” Brendan said. “She deserves it, for sure.”



Starting off as neighbors 17 years ago, we had no idea the priceless times we would spend together. Fran’s kids live out of town and are not always able to make it home for holidays, so she was a welcome regular to our holiday tables. Our Christmases were scenes out of a Norman Rockwell painting with Fran reading Christmas stories to us from her *New Yorker* holiday storybook. Easter won’t be the same with out Fran’s (life-changing) scalloped pineapple casserole on the table. You could always linger at the table knowing Fran would be the last one eating, enjoying each bite. — *Ray Ball-Trevor*

Miss Fran was like a great friend to us. She was always here for me and my family. If we needed help (like a spare key to our house if we forgot it), or just wanted to talk, we could walk to her house to visit. I love how she came to all of my band and choir concerts. Whenever we went to her house, she would always have a snack out. She had us over for dinner a lot. When we were little, she didn’t want us going in her basement, so she told us a story of how a bear lived in the basement. — *Raven Ball-Trevor*



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MIKE & RAY BALL-TREVOR are the parents of Kaidence (15), Raven (14), and Willow (12). They both work at Arconic – Mike as a procurement manager and Ray as a demand manager. They enjoy attending their kids' events and traveling. The programming for children and youth is what attracted them to St. Paul.



RICHARD AND GAYLE FARRAR both work at Midland Information Resources. Richard is a digital print operator and enjoys music, computers, and games. Gayle is a payroll specialist and takes an interest in reading, quilting, and games. The music and welcoming congregation are what brought them to St. Paul.



ADAM & KATE LAVER are the parents of Jackson (14), Jacob (12), and Jena (9). Adam is employed in outside sales for AY McDonald. Kate is a teacher in the Bettendorf Community School District. They like to spend their free time as a family and playing sports. The children's ministries are what drew them to St. Paul.



ELIZABETH & GARRICK HERBST (not pictured) have two children – Ian (7) and Kathryn (5). Elizabeth works at Arcadis as an environmental engineer. Garrick is an engineer with John Deere. They spend their free time playing board games, riding bikes, and spending time with family.

SARAH BURNEY is a special education paraeducator at Buffalo Elementary school. She has two children, Michael (20) and Allie (12), and likes the outdoors, walking her dogs, and yoga. She is passionate about helping children and animals.



DEREK & JEANETTE HOLLAND (not pictured) are the parents of Justin (15), Graham (10), and Emersyn (4). Derek is a business analyst and Jeanette is an account manager with Mel Foster. They enjoy sports, traveling, and hiking. They come to St. Paul through friends and family.

ANNA LOKEN & WESTON MAAS are engaged to be married. Anna is a teacher at Adams Elementary. Weston is an orthopedic consultant with Orthopedic Solutions, Inc. They spend their free time walking their dogs and taking motorcycle rides. They have family at St. Paul and were attracted by the atmosphere.



SHEILA PIASKECKI is a French teacher at Bettendorf High School. She likes to read and walk her dog. She comes to St. Paul through friends and looks forward to the opportunities for service.



DAVID & IRENE HOPE are retired – David from aviation security inspection, and Irene as a pharmacist. David likes to run, play the trumpet, and spend time in Colorado. Irene enjoys cooking, gardening, and Australian shepherds. They appreciate the “atmosphere of acceptance and welcoming of all people” at St. Paul.



LINDSEY MACK & RYAN SCHNEIDER were drawn to St. Paul by its involvement in the community and mission. Lindsey is a mental health therapist with Vera French. Ryan is a teacher and technology innovator with the Davenport School District. They enjoy traveling, home improvement projects, and visiting family.



Membership Inquiry Classes:

Learn more about the faith expressions that ground us, the mission commitments that inspire us, and the program life that can grow your faith. Come to an upcoming class on Saturday, Nov. 14, 9-11 a.m.

Sign up online at stpaulqc.org/signups.



CAL & MOLLY PALMER are the parents of four girls – Lauren, Grace, Katherine, and Emily. Cal is the director of information services at RFMS and Molly is an attorney with Statham & Long. Lauren and Grace are both students at Augustana College. They were drawn to St. Paul by the youth ministry.



KEN & ALLISON WINTER enjoy music, family time, and creative ventures. Ken is a chaplain with Genesis Medical Center. Allison works as a dental hygienist for the EveryStep I-Smile program. They have four adult children and were attracted to St. Paul by the music programs and size of the congregation.



J.D. & CINDY WALLS take an interest in travel, grandkids, golf, and gardening. J.D. is the operations manager with WHBF-TV and Cindy works at QC Dental Docs. They have friends who attend St. Paul and needed a “spiritual recharge.” They have three adult children.

▶ Director of communications to step away from staff; congregation seeks new director

Ann McGlynn, who has served as St. Paul’s director of communication for nearly eight years, will be stepping away from her staff position in order to devote more time to an organization she founded.

Tapestry Farms is a nonprofit urban farm that invests in refugee families in the Quad Cities.

“The inspiration for Tapestry Farms began with St. Paul people welcoming a refugee family in September 2016,” Ann said. “This congregation and its people have graciously partnered with Tapestry Farms for the past three years. This summer, for example, Tapestry Farms grew a lot of fresh vegetables on St. Paul land - food that went to feed refugee families and St. Paul neighbors in Rock Island and Davenport. I look forward to the partnership continuing.”

Peter Marty shared comments with the council about Ann’s pending departure from the staff: “I’m absolutely confident that I speak for the entire congregation when I say that Ann’s staff presence is going to be missed! The difference she has made in our congregational life is enormous. She is loved by all, and for good reason. Her heart is large and her talent flows generously toward others. She has consistently helped elevate ministries to new heights. We can and will live in gratitude for the many beautiful changes she has brought to the ways we communicate with each other and with the world we’re here to serve.”

A search is now underway for a new full-time director of communication. This individual will provide leadership in communicating the vision, core values, people, and ministries of St. Paul, through thoughtful written and electronic communications that inform and inspire.

A position description and application details can be found at stpaulqc.org/employment.



Ann McGlynn

with SYMPATHY

as of Sept. 15:

- ▶ Jeff & Andrea Bladel, his grandmother Donna Vestal
- ▶ Family of Carol Mowbray: Kevin & Linda Mowbray, his mother Alexa, Gabby, Olivia & Sam Mowbray, grandmother
- ▶ Beth & Peter Laureijs, her uncle Mervyn MacAulay
- ▶ Family of Roger Stancliff: Mary & Barrett Essman, her father Eva & Joey Essman, grandfather
- ▶ Family of John Arnold: Katie Arnold, father Noah Arnold, grandfather
- ▶ Family of Harlan Holm: Rachel Holm, father Annette & Tim Black, brother-in-law
- ▶ Curt & Colleen Czupka, his sister Carol “Chip” Pereira
- ▶ Pat Megown, husband Don Megown
- ▶ Gladys Lundquist, husband Jim Lundquist

DEATHS

- ▶ Don Megown, Sept. 8
- ▶ Jim Lundquist, Sept. 13

WEDDINGS

- ▶ Brandon Lafrenz & Janey West, Sept. 6

BAPTISMS

- ▶ Ethen Kaufman, son of Jillyn & Adam Kaufman, Aug. 29
- ▶ Charlie Thompson, son of Margaret & Miles Thompson, Aug. 29



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AT ST. PAUL

Wednesday, Oct. 28, 1:30-6 p.m.

Give the gift of life. Blood donation is a simple process that takes about 45 minutes to one hour. Enjoy conversation and refreshments afterwards. Time slots are available from 1:30-6 p.m., in the St. Paul parking lot. Sign up online at:

stpaulqc.org/signups

