

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Doug Jacobsen

10:30 Amy Paulus

Ministry of Music

Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Ushers: Kathy Williams

Ushers: 8:15 Rhonda and Doug Jacobsen

10:30 Jen and Craig Martek

Kathy and Mike Aumiller

Greeters: 8:15 Patty and Dave Scott

10:30 Christal Pike-Nase and Jonathan Nase

Acolyte: 8:15 Aaron Miller

10:30 Beth Pirtle

Children's Sermon: 10:30 Amy Paulus

Nursery: Nalepka Family

Flower Delivery: Shaner Family

Fellowship Time: Murphy Family

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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

April 19, 2009



"Peace

*be with you.
As God has
sent me,
so I send you."*

John 20:21, NRSV

GOD IS STILL SPEAKING



No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life's Journey You are Welcome Here!

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 19, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "God Will Take Care Of You" Warriner

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 134

*THE HYMN NO. 253 "Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One!"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Life-giving God, we believe You offer us peace in many different ways. May Your Spirit stir our spirits so we might feel Your peace. Help us, so we might better understand that Your peace flows through us to a greater extent as we seek to follow Your will and way for us. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Having doubts and fears, questions and uncertainties, is entirely appropriate. In fact our fears can protect us from some dangerous situations, and our doubts and questions can lead to new insights. However, we too often allow our doubts and fears to hold us back. They prevent us from opening ourselves up to the miraculous and the mysterious in this world. They prevent us from receiving some of the great gifts God offers us, and from pursuing paths God has laid out for us. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

Minister: God receives our apologies and repentance, and has assured us that our sins are forgiven.

All: Let us receive and pursue the new lives, which Jesus showed were possible for all of us. Amen.

FAMILY CELEBRATION LUNCHEON – Mark your calendar's now for the Family Celebration Luncheon that will be held in Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service on Sunday, May 17th. Worship with your Family and then enjoy a ham loaf dinner with your Church Family. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the common area so we have a count for the luncheon. A plate will be put out if you wish to leave a donation to help offset the costs of the Luncheon. We hope you come and join us.

BAZAAR NEWS!!! Please plan to attend our 2009 Bazaar Planning Meeting on Thursday, May 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. All new and old ideas would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome! We need lots of help to make this event successful. We are also looking for a co-chairperson to assist Jean with the Bazaar and a chairperson for the flea market. Thank you in advance for your support of this event. Please contact the Church Office (766-7931) or the Bazaar co-chairperson, Jean Mogel (after May 12th – 697-1088) if you have any questions. Hope to see you at the meeting.

POLLYANNAS MEETING – will be held 1 pm on Tuesday, April 28 at Bonnie Plymette's house. We will be having the Mystery Auction. Please bring your item(s) in a brown paper bag. Any questions, call Bonnie at 697-2938.

THE 1st QUARTER 2009 GIVING STATEMENTS are in a box on the table in the common area. These boxes are in alphabetical order by your last name, not your envelope #. If you have any questions on your statement, please contact Terry in the Church Office.

ATTENTION SUMMER CAMPERS!! Registration forms and brochures for Hartman Center summer church camp are available in the commons area. St. Paul's will pay 25% of the registration fee on a first come first served basis. Just send in your money to Hartman Center and let the church office know how much you paid. If the funds are still available, you will be reimbursed for 25 % of the total cost. In these troubled economic times, church camp is quite a bargain, especially at a 25% discount! See Jonneke Dundore if you have any questions.

SIGN-UP SHEETS – please take the time to review the many sign-up sheets on our bulletin boards. Interested in doing a "Hands on Mission Project" in the Harrisburg area? Sign-up for the **Rebuilding Together Team – Saturday April 25th**; Want to help renovate a cabin at our Church Camp, either by physically helping or making a donation towards the cost of – see the sign-up sheet for "**Hartman Cabin Clean-up**" – **May 8th-10th**; Interested in getting some valuable, possibly life saving, free training? See sign-up sheets for **Fire Extinguisher & Fire Drill Training-Saturday May 16th**, **Red Cross Training – Saturday May 30th** and **CPR & AED Training-Saturday June 27th**. Interested in participating in an event that benefits those with diabetes? You can help out either by riding in the St. Paul's cycling team (great exercise) or supporting them financially. See sign-up sheet for **Tour de Cure Cycling on Saturday May 30th**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP NEEDED FOR MEALS ON WHEELS APPRECIATION LUNCHEON – Meals on Wheels is having an appreciation luncheon at St. Paul's on Saturday, 4/25/09, for its many volunteers who work so hard to prepare meals for people in our community. They are looking for some people to help serve and clean-up after the meal. Please contact Mary Runkle at 766-7577 or MRUNKLE@FOOTLOCKER.com if you would be willing to help. The hours would be 10:30-2:00.

PRAYER SHAWLS: We are dedicating more Prayer Shawls this morning. They have been created by our members and filled with prayers for comfort, healing and peace. We have shared these Shawls with many people who have found them to be a great blessing. You will now also see some draped over the ends of the pews. These are for you to use during Worship if you should feel the need for extra support. You may also take one with you as you have need, or take one for someone you know who could benefit from its blessings. If you take one, please fill out one of the brown cards and place it in the offering plate, or bring it to the office. We are keeping a book of who received the Shawls so we might continue to keep them in our prayers. May God's blessings, as they have flowed through the hands of our "creators," offer God's peace and love far and wide.

WELCOME KITS - The Adult II Sunday School class has decided to spearhead a number of projects around the region. One way we want to show support is by putting together Welcome Kits for the Refugee Resettlement Program at Church World Services in Lancaster. You may have already seen tags in the Commons, which designate items to be packed into the Welcome Kits for refugees who are resettling to Central Pennsylvania. These kits contain items like soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, band-aids and more. The class is planning to package 50 Welcome Toiletry Kits this spring. Please consider helping us by taking the picture of an item, 2 items or more from the display and bringing it to the church by **April 24th**. The items will then be packaged and delivered to Church World Services in Lancaster later in April. Sunday School classes or families may decide to take an entire kit and divide it up among the members or may decide to take all of one item. Be creative in your spirit of donation! Thank you for your help with this project. Questions on the project can be addressed to Kathy Aumiller at 580-6292.

"GOD IS CLOSER THEN YOU THINK" – The Adult 2 Sunday School Class begins a new discussion on April 19th. Intimacy with God can happen right now – a closeness you can feel, a reality you can experience for yourself. God is closer than you think, and connecting with him isn't the exclusive domain of monks and ascetics. "God is Closer Than You Think" will help us: Find God where we least expect him/her, Listen to God's voice, Draw closer to God & Reveal the face of God waiting to be discovered in the complex mosaic of our lives. For more information or questions; contact Shirley Keith Knox at 697-6946 or skeithknox@comcast.net.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF BLESSING (Unison)

May God's grace be upon these shawls...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May these mantles be safe havens...sacred places of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receives these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!

10:30 SERVICE

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT

Jesus Loves the Little Children

**Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white
They are precious in his sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

THE WORD FOR THE YOUNG

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:32-37

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 133

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

John 20:19-31

"Seeing Really Helps Believing"

*THE HYMN NO. 256 "We Live by Faith and Not by Sight"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (Unison)

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 Organ "Morning Meditation" Scott
10:30 Choristers "Keep Me as the Apple of Your Eye" Kosche

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

We offer to You our common stewardship, loving God. We want to be faithful in meeting one another's needs and in serving the world in Christ's name. The gifts we bring today will not mark an end to our giving. We sense that You are sending us, as Jesus was sent, to share light with the world. Thus, we dedicate our time and effort as a further offering. May life and faith be extended to many through us. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 245 "The Day of Resurrection"

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

*THE WORLD PEACE PRAYER

One: Lead us, O God.

All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE "Song Of Easter" Paxton

*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.

We welcome warmly all who are visiting with us. Please register your attendance on the Friendship Form so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. The person at the end of the pew should place the finished sheet in the offering plate.

References:

The Prayer of Confession is from A New Zealand Prayer Book, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, 1997, Harper, San Francisco.

The Prayer of Blessing is by Janet Bristow, 2008, www.shawlministry.com.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Led By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1996, United Church Press.

"The World Peace Prayer" is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, and is also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine Sisters.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jean Myers and Family
In Memory of Herbert Myers

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sandra Miller who is recovering from surgery; Marqueritte Myers (Sarah's mother) recovering from surgery;

Mrs. Josephine Klinefelter, wife of Rev. George Klinefelter (former Pastor of St. Paul's 1943-1950) died on Tuesday April 14 and Funeral Services were held on Saturday the 18th. Please keep Rev. George in your prayers. If you would like to send your condolences, his address is 507 N. High Street, Pandora, OH 45877;

David Black, f0ather of Colleen Eichman, died on Tuesday, April 14th. Please keep Colleen and her entire Family in your prayers.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of April 19-April 26, 2009

TODAY	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
	9:00 am	Choristers
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	12:00 pm	Blessing of the Bikes outside after 10:30 Worship Service.
	6:00 pm	Youth Fellowship (FH & Rm 7/8)

EPISTLE DEADLINE

TUES	5:30 pm	TOPS
	6:00 pm	Consistory
WED	6:00 pm	Hand Chime Choir (Rm. 5)
	6:15 pm	Youth Director Discussion
	6:30 pm	Youth Choir (S)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir (S)
FRI	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts (FH)
SAT	9:00 am	Meals on Wheels (FH and Kitchen)
SUN Apr 26	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services
	12:00 pm	VBS Planning Meeting