

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Cindy Stone

10:30 Allyssa Boyer

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Ushers: Susan Gabriel

Ushers: Consistory

Greeters: 8:15 Jane and Dave Hall

10:30 Dot and Jim Kinzer

Acolyte: 8:15

10:30 Erin Miller

Children's Sermon: Allyssa Boyer

Nursery:

Flower Delivery: Patty and Dave Scott

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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

June 7, 2009



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

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 07, 2009

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

Organ "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Flynn

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 28

*THE HYMN NO. 277 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Great Triune God, we call You many names: Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Help us to remember that whatever we call You, we cannot fully imagine who You are, how You act, and what Your will for us is. Yet we can and need to call on You, so we might become more of who You created us to be, for the sake of all Your creation. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

We are mostly uncomfortable with mystery. We would rather narrow something, or someone down to that which we can name. In our imaginations, that which we can name, we can understand, and therefore control. In part that is the power of slurs or names hurled at people in attempts to hurt or degrade them. But we cannot and do not control God. God as Three-In-One, the Holy Trinity, is a constant reminder to us that God cannot be narrowed down or fully understood. At times we forget this. 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.

PEACE CHURCH, SUNDAY JUNE 14 – 9 AM – Please join us for a very special service next Sunday at Peace Church, Intersection of Trindle & St. Johns Roads in Camp Hill. Peace Church was the first building to house a Reformed congregation on the West Shore. It is considered to be St. Paul's "Mother Church" and is now maintained by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Traditionally St. Paul's has worshipped at Peace Church on the second Sunday in June, which is the anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for this building.

Next week begins our **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE** - one Worship Service at 9 AM through Sunday September 6th.

OUR ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOL PICNIC will be held at the home of Gene and Martha Keith on Sunday, June 14th at 4:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share, lawn chairs, swim suit and towel! Directions and sign up sheet are on the bulletin board in the Common. Place settings and beverages will be provided. Join us for fun, fellowship and of course, lots of good food!

Please check out our other **sign-up sheets** on the bulletin boards; **CPR/AED Training at St. Paul's - Saturday June 27th; Nursery Helpers; Child Sponsorships; Altar Flowers and Family Fellowship Time**

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is on the table in the Common area. Please take a copy. As you have updates, please forward them to the attention of Terry in the Church Office



Happy 56th

Anniversary on June 20th!

Clyde and Treva

Dayne and Sue Miller & Jack and Gail Hodge would like to invite you to participate in a card shower for Clyde and Treva Miller's 56th Wedding Anniversary on June 20th. They certainly miss their Church Family and we are sure they would enjoy hearing from you!

PRAYER CONCERNS: Blake Dietterick who had Brain Surgery this week; Sally Miller who is in diabetic rehab; Family of Mel Miller who passed away Monday night.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of June 7-14, 2009

TODAY 8:15/10/30 am **Worship Services – Communion (Pew)**
 9:15 am **Promotion Sunday (FH)**
 12:00 pm **New Member/Graduate Tea (FH)**
 1:00 pm Pavilion in Use
 6:00 pm Voice Recital (Sanctuary)

TUES **1:00 pm** **Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)**
 5:30 pm TOPS

THU **7:00 pm** **Pastor Parish Relations Mtg (Parlor)**

FRI-SUN **Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting-Susquehanna Univ.**

SUN June 14 **9:00 am** **Worship Service at Peace Church**
 11:00 am FH and Kitchen in Use
 4:00 pm **Church School Picnic at Gene & Martha Keith’s**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE NEW MEMBER/GRADUATE TEA will be held today immediately following the 10:30 worship service. Everyone is invited to attend and honor our new members who joined this past fall and the confirmation class from last week and our 2009 High School and Collage graduates. Thanks goes out to **Rhoda Rupp and crew** for preparing the Tea.

2009 GRADUATE POSTER – please take time to stop and view the poster hanging on the easel board in the common room in honor of our 2009 High School and College Graduates. Thanks goes out to **Carol Rhoads** for putting together this poster.



WORKDAY, SATURDAY JUNE 13TH – We will be trimming shrubbery, spreading tan bark and other clean-up around the Church. If you plan on helping on this day, please call Don Coldren at 697-1927.

THANKS GO OUT TO - all who coordinated, volunteered and contributed to the Hartman Center Cabin # 7 project. Thanks to you we were able to send out a check this week to the Mercersburg Association for “**CABIN # 7**” in the amount of **\$2,076.23**.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE
 *THE GLORIA PATRI

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.**

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO RISING FOURTH GRADERS.

THE GOSPEL READING John 3:1-17

PSALTER RESPONSE (sung in unison) Psalm 29 New Century Hymnal - Page 638

THE RESPONSE
 One: God is still speaking.
All: Thanks be to God!

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE Isaiah 6:1-13
 “Swallowing the Coal and Speaking With Hope”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Chancel Choir “Here I am, Lord” Schutte
 10:30 Youth Choir “Here I am, Lord” Schutte

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Receive our offering, God of glory, that our church may come alive in the Spirit. May these gifts, and the way we live our lives each day, proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Strengthen us in our giving. Help us to be generous enough to experience the joy You find in showering us with more than we can ever give away. Thank You for the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 278 “Creator God, Creating Still”

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God Be With You.

Many: And Also With You.

One: Lift Up Your Hearts.

Many: We Lift Them Up To God.

One: Let Us Give Thanks To God.

Many: It Is Good To Give God Thanks And Praise.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews this Sunday. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

Eternal God, You have called Your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank You for Christ’s presence, and for the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to Your Will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church, of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 275 “Come Now, Almighty God”

*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

“The Joyous Heart”

Peterson

*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. Remember to place a check mark under the communion heading if you partake of communion. 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, HarperSan Francisco.

The Prayer of Dedication is from [Taught 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 John and Shirley Knisely
“In Honor of Our 58th Wedding Anniversary”

BAZAAR CHAIRPERSONS:

Need some ideas on what you can do – talk with one of the chairpersons below:

Dining Room/Kitchen: (NEED ONE MORE CHAIRPERSON FOR DINING ROOM!)

Donna Chronister, Joann Paulus

Bodies needed here – keep the dates open, we'll need your helping hands getting ready for the Bazaar and on Bazaar days to help with the food preparation and serving!

Country Cupboard (Bake Sale/Food sale):

(NEED CHAIRPERSON FOR COUNTRY CUPBOARD)

Lots of baked goods, candies, jellies, etc needed here. Bring in your goodies the Thursday evening before the bazaar or Friday 10/2

Country Gifts & Crafts: Anita Miller, Susan Thorn, Betty Olson, Patty Scott, Carol Rhoads

WE COULD USE SOME FLANNEL FABRIC PLEASE (ANY COLOR)

ALSO COULD USE ANY JOANN FABRIC COUPONS YOU MAY FIND

CONTACT SUSAN OR BETTY!

Knitted or Crocheted items, ornaments, handmade decorations,

Wreaths, holiday themed items (Halloween/Christmas), pillows, etc

Needed here!

Flea Market: (NEED CHAIRPERSON FOR FLEA MARKET)

Go through your things this summer get them ready to bring in starting Sunday 9/27 – drop them off on the stage in fellowship hall.

Clean up – Dave Scott, Terry & Gene Shaner

Let them know if you can help put the church back in order after the Bazaar.

JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP AT A HARRISBURG SENATORS GAME - Everyone is welcome to join our Youth at a Harrisburg Senators game and/or Water Golf on **Saturday, August 1st!** The fun will begin when we meet after 2:30 to play mini golf on City Island, and then enjoy a buffet dinner starting at 5:30 PM, followed by the baseball game. Game time is 7 pm and the opponent is the Portland Sea Dogs. Please see the sign up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Common area for complete information on this fun filled activity. **"Signup deadline is Sunday, June 28th."** Payment should be made to Vic or Martha Brown. Any questions, please call us at 697-3522 or email ybrown5325@aol.com! We hope to see you there!



WELCOME TO THOSE WHO HAVE BECOME NEW MEMBERS OVER THIS PAST YEAR

**Pat Cleland
Cheryl Cotton
Jeff Dundore
Pat Eakin
Lee Jackson
Esther Kline
Glenn Kline
Kevin MacKinnon
Craig Martek**

**Jenn Martek
Brian Medkeff-Rose
Clayton Pirtle
Reed Walter
John Ward-Diorio
Sue Ward-Diorio
Art Williams
Susan Williams
Chelsey Wirth**

CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO



Cameron Burns – Cumberland Valley High School – Going to Harrisburg Area Community College to pursue Music Education.

Benjamin D. Knox – Cumberland Valley High School – Going to Shippensburg University to pursue Criminal Justice.

Aaron Lloyd Miller – Mechanicsburg Area Senior High School – Going to Shippensburg University to Major in Accounting.

Julie Scott – Cumberland Valley High School – Going to Indiana University of Pennsylvania; Major: undeclared: Natural Science/Math.



CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO

Lauren Roberta Cashman – University of Pittsburgh: Bachelor of Science in Astronomy and Physics; attending Boston University in the Fall in the Doctorate program for Astrophysics.

Bradley Thomas – Shippensburg University: Major: Geography-Land Use; Minor: Political Science; future plans to work for an organization relating to land use planning or land preservation.



CONGRATULATIONS GO OUT TO

Charles Michael Miller – Penn State University: Bachelor of Architectural Engineering; Master of Architectural Engineering; starts in his profession in June in Columbia, MD.

Ryan Mullin – Northwestern University in Evanston, IL: MBA from the Kellogg School of Management; working for Deloitte Consulting in Chicago office after Graduation on June 20th.



To our Confirmation Mentors; Rick Ayers, Bill Cashman, Lois Ritter, Mary Runkle & Art Williams

To our New Member Sponsors; Jonneke Dundore, Eric Dundore, Chris Grice, Dave Grice, Shirley Keith-Knox, Greg Knox, Dave Leber, Pat Miller, Greg Miller, Lois Ritter, Dave Ritter, Cindy Stone & Tom Stone.



2009 BAZAAR – ONE DAY ONLY!! - FRI. OCT 2 – IT'S CLOSER THAN YOU THINK!!!

SPECIAL PLEA – WE HAVE SEVERAL CHAIRPERSON POSITIONS LISTED – DON'T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE WILL DO IT – VOLUNTEER!

Now is the time to get some projects in line. Everyone has a talent we can use! **SCHEDULE THAT VACATION DAY NOW SO YOU CAN HELP!**

Spend some time this summer making Halloween, Fall, Thanksgiving & Christmas items for the Bazaar. The 2009 Bazaar will be held on Fri., October 2 from 9am – 8 pm.

We know the good folks at St. Paul's rise to the occasion when there is a need. People come and help the day of the event which is great and always appreciated. But it would REALLY help everyone's anxiety levels if we could get people signed up in advance and crucial that we have the Chairs in place very soon, so we know where to concentrate our efforts of recruiting more or new volunteers. Won't you please consider signing up today or very soon to volunteer?

We will have a Country Gifts & Crafts, Flea Market & Country Cupboard (Bake Sale). Pot Pie will be served on Friday from 11 am - 7pm, Take Out meals and quart Pot Pie Sales will be available while supplies last.