

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 9:00 Art Williams

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Ushers: Susan Gabriel

Ushers: 9:00 Karen and Kevin Allison

9:00 Merikay and Don Wood

Greeters: 9:00 Brenda and Tim Kern

Acolyte: 9:00 Julie Scott

Children's Sermon: 9:00 Rev. John

Nursery: Drazba Family

Flower Delivery: Eichman Family

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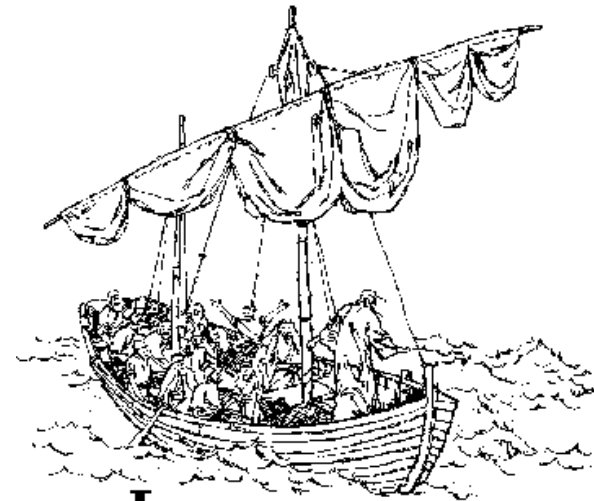
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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

June 21, 2009



Jesus calming
the storm

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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 21, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Organ "Fatherhood" Burkhardt

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 107

*THE HYMN NO. 436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

All powerful God, who calms the winds and waves, and who allows them to rage, help us to accept Your ability to control all things and Your choice not to always. Help us to have faith in You even when we are afraid or when things just do not make sense. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

We like to believe that everything in life follows some kind of internal logic that can be discovered and understood by humans. We even ascribe a similar logic to how God acts in the world, and we quite often try to fit random events into some logical or understandable plan or action of God's. The world does not function in that way and neither does God. 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.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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I would like to Thank the following people who came out for the work day on Saturday June 13th: **Tim Davinroy, Tim Kern, Bill Mullin, Dave Scott, Herb Sutton, Bradley Thomas and Brandon Thomas.** Don Coldren.

Thanks also to Don Coldren for coordinating the yard work day. Please take the time to check out how nice the outside area looks.

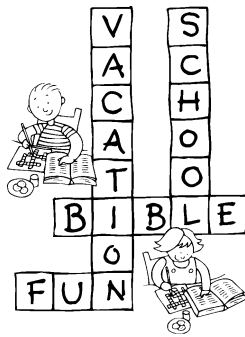
Thanks goes out to the following who helped out by either donating desserts, assisting with the food preparation, setting up and helping to clean up at the reception that was held at St. Paul's after Sandra Miller's funeral on June 16th: **Marilyn Aust, Jonne Dundore, Jane Hall, Missy Luce, Mary Louise Miller, Jean Mogel, Jim Paulus, Joann Paulus, Bonnie Plymette, Betsy Rushong & Eleanor Witt.** It was a real team effort that would not have been accomplished without all of you. Thanks again.

Bazaar News – Thank You to all who have volunteered so far to help with the Bazaar. We still have a few open chair positions: Chairperson for the Flea Market, Co-Chairperson for the dining room and a Co-Chairperson to assist Jean Mogel. Plus **lots more help** is needed to ensure the continued success of this event. See pages 6 & 7 for detailed information on this event and please call now to sign up to help,



Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad. It is a day to not only honor your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life - whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big Brothers." [**Happy Father's Day**](#)

“One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed: Dear God, make me the kind of man my son wants me to be.” --Anonymous.



Mark your calendar and get out your hammer and nails! St. Paul's will be "Under Construction" July 20 – 23 from 6:15 – 8:30 pm (preschool 6:15 – 8:00 pm) as we learn about the work of Habitat for Humanity during Vacation Bible School. It is open for children ages 3 through 6th Grade. A registration form was sent with your June Epistle – additional forms are available on the table in the commons area. Please use one form per child. We will be providing a child-friendly dinner at 5:45 each evening for VBS families and staff in hopes of making the evening less hectic after work.

Adult and Youth volunteers are needed to fill many positions on our "building crews". Please contact Jonneke Dundore at 766-2601 or Jonnekev@aol.com if you are interested in helping out. There are many different job opportunities from which to choose! We are also planning a very special building project and are in need of some handy adults and older youths who would like to work on it each evening of VBS. Please let Jonneke know if you are interested! If you are not participating directly with VBS, you can still help out by donating monetarily to help offset the cost of the food.

OPEN HOUSE OF THE INDEPENDENT LIVING COTTAGES AT SARAH A. TODD MEMORIAL HOME – Sunday June 28th from 11 am to 12 pm. Please see notice on the bulletin board in the common area for additional information on this open house.

POLLYANNAS will be meeting at **1 PM, Tuesday June 23** at Dot Kinzer's house. Remember your Food Donations. Any questions, please call Dot at 697-1620

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 vbrown5325@aol.com! We hope to see you there!



FREE TRAINING! One of our members, Devin Flickinger is offering **CPR and AED Training on Saturday, June 27 from 8 am to noon at St. Paul's.** This training session can be extremely valuable to all of our members and especially important for our Sunday Church School teachers, consistory members and ushers. Please see the sign up sheet

on the bulletin board in the common area to sign up for this valuable and possibly life saving training session

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Job 38:1-11

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 107:23-32

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 4:35-41

"What Should We Be Afraid Of?"

*THE HYMN NO. 441 "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)
"Debts and Debtors"

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

ANTHEN Hand Chime Choir "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" Beethoven

Hand Chime Choir Members:

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| Mike Brown | Darene Murphy |
| Katelyn Chamberlain | Matt Paulus |
| Bethany Frymark | Lois Ritter |
| Jane Frymark | Sandy Ritter-Butz |
| Elizabeth Miller | Julie Scott |
| Jennifer Martek | Chelsea Wirth |

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Thank You, God, for meeting us in our need. We give that others in even greater need might not be forgotten. We are grateful for the trust You place in us. We give that others might respond to the Good News of Your love. We are hearing the word Jesus spoke in the midst of a storm: "Peace! Be Still!" With fresh calm and confidence, we give ourselves that others might live. Thank You, God, for Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 438 "Where Peace, Like a River"

*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 "Heroic March" Callender

*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

- Al Huebner "In Memory of Jane"
 Tom and Sharon Herrold "In Honor of our 44th Wedding Anniversary"
 Don and Sandy Heckman "In Honor of our 41st Wedding Anniversary"

PRAYER CONCERNS: Charles, Lloyd, Anita, Charlie, Aaron and the entire Miller Family.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of May 21 – 28, 2009

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| TODAY | 9:00 am | Worship Service/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
"Happy Fathers Day/First Day of Summer" |
| TUES | 1:00 pm | Pollyannas at Dot Kinzer's |
| | 5:30 pm | TOPS |
| THURS | | 52nd Anniversary of the United Church of Christ |
| FRI | | 27 UCC General Synod, Grand Rapids MI 26th -30th
Epistle Deadline (combined July/August Edition) |
| SAT | 8:00 am | CPR & AED Training St Pau |
| SUN | 9:00 am | Worship Service |
| | 10:00 am | Vacation Bible School Meeting (Rm 7/8) |
| | 10:00 am | Extended Ministries Council Meeting (Parlor) |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are still taking offerings for the "Strengthen the Church-Spread the Love Special Mission Offering". Last date to make a contribution is Sunday June 28th. Envelopes can be found on the table in the Commons or make a note in the memo section of your check.

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE HANDYPERSON!**

Beginning June 7th, decorated bins will be in the Commons for you to place money. The "Handyperson" with the most money by the end of VBS will be announced at our closing. Our overall goal is \$ 500.00 with the proceeds to go to Habitat for Humanity. Thank you in advance for your help. We can do it!

THORNWALD HOME LIFESTYLE SERVICES NEEDS YOUR HELP: We are collecting items for the resident's activities. These items can be used for crafts, pampering, prizes, and lots more.

Items needed:

- Magazines (old, new, large print) Such as Reader's Digest
- Books- Large print
- Large Print Word Find Books
- Buttons
- Books on Tape
- Plastic/ Artificial flowers
- Wood scrapes- small pieces for woodworking
- Nail polish
- Fabric
- Ribbon
- Beads
- Yarn
- arts-n-crafts materials
- Ceramics
- Paint
- Scrap booking materials
- VHS/DVD movies
- Music CD's- oldies, 40's, 50's, 60's, big band, jazz, old gospel, hymns (cassette or CD)
- Lap blankets/throws
- Markers/ pencils
- decks of playing cards
- small packs of Kleenex tissues
- fingernail polish
- emery boards
- stamps
- jewelry
- Handkerchiefs
- Individually wrapped candy, Snack cakes, cookies, & crackers

You can drop items off at the Leisure Center for Lifestyle Services. We value your contribution and greatly appreciate your willingness to help.

If you or your group/organization is interested in volunteering your talent, time, and assistance or if you have any questions: please contact Nina Brown CTRS, Director of Lifestyle Services (717) 249-4118 or email nbrown@th.ucc-homes.org. Thank you.



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!

Thanks to Everyone Who Has Responded So Far!!!

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.

General Chairperson: Jean Mogel (**WE NEED A CO-CHAIRPERSON!**)
CALL TODAY & VOLUNTEER TO HELP – CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE OR JEAN MOGEL (PHONE: 697-1088)

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 the food ready for the Bazaar and on Bazaar days to help with the food preparation and serving!

Country Cupboard (Bake Sale/Food sale): Jane Hall and Sue Miller

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 (coupons can be placed in envelope on the bulletin board in the Common area). Contact Susan or Betty if you have flannel fabric you would like to donate! Thank you.

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.

THORNWALD HOME REQUESTS YOUR HELP-Listed below are volunteer opportunities for any adult, teen, or group who has a little spare time. It is our hope that you will share your talents and give back to your community by contributing your time to any of these opportunities. After all, people who give end up getting much more in return. All Volunteers will receive: A tour of the facility; an orientation session and ongoing support provided by Lifestyle Services dept staff.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Health Topics and Wellness Group - Teach residents about different health concerns. Teach new skills and provide a discussion group for questions to be answered. Service time can be arranged to fit your schedule. **Social Visitor/ Volunteer Visitor** – Spend time with a resident who needs a "conversational friend". Provide socialization. When: Service time can be arranged to fit your calendar. **Gardening Club** - How: Assist resident with the upkeep of their garden, teach residents about plants, etc. When: A morning or an afternoon or whatever works for the volunteer. Once a week would be great. **Special Events Helper** - Help to transport residents, decorate, help serve food, celebrations or other special duties applying to special events. **ONE-ON-ONE Visits** - To provide a resident with companionship designed to help increase socialization and provide friendship on a one-on-one basis for at least 15 minutes. When: Service time can be arranged to fit your calendar. **Bingo Leader/Helper** - Call out bingo numbers or leading a game with a specific group of residents. Need volunteers for regular weekly activity: Fridays at 2:30pm; Monday at 6:30pm; Thursday at 6:30pm. **SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS SERVICES** – Providing spiritual comforting to others. To fulfill the spiritual needs of the resident. Having a group for the residents: reading and discussing the Bible or other spiritually based material; Singing and sharing spiritual music; Leading a sing-a-long. When: Service time can be arranged to fit your schedule. **Clerical Helper** - Assist with delivering mail to residents on Monday-Saturday around 2 to 3 pm. **Men's Group Leader** - To involve men in activities that interests them. Leading groups for men such as: woodworking, wood refinishing, fishing, sports related activities and any others of interest. Service time can be arranged to fit your schedule. **Others** - Dance Recital; Play or Drama Performance; Musical programs: recital, singing/playing piano; Fundraisers; Sewing/Mending; Rides around the facility; Help transport residents to activities; Paint fingernails (Every two weeks); Help residents write letters; Play cards & board games with residents (In the Evening at 6:30pm daily); Lead a small exercise group; Lead a sing-a-long; Play the piano or other instruments; Make lap blankets/robes for residents; Assist with arts and crafts; Lead a reminiscence group; Outings (help push & monitor residents on trips); Pet Visits; Showing Movies (evenings/weekends); Sponsor a Bingo once a quarter or month in the evening or weekend; Sponsor a Party/Social once a quarter or month in the evening or weekend; Sponsor or Help with Red Hat Social monthly; Lead and play Wii sports game with residents (once a month); Share Hobbies and Interests (knitting, crochet, quilting, woodworking, etc); Lending your hobby collections for display case (locked in display cases to observe for a month).