

# Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

**July 5, 2009**

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Lector: 9:00 Dennis Plymette

## **Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers  
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Head Ushers: Herb Sutton  
Ushers: Consistory  
Greeters: 9:00 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette  
Acolyte: 9:00 Jeff Dundore  
Children's Sermon: Amy Paulus  
Flower Delivery: Jonne and Eric Dundore



**"Prophets are not without Honor  
except in their own house." Mark 6:4**

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May 3, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES  
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES  
Organ "A Patriotic Quotation"

Hughes

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 48

\*THE HYMN NO. 459 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**Still Speaking God, help us to listen for the many ways You seek to teach us. You come to us through people we know and people who are strangers to us. Help us to hear Your words and Word, when it catches us off guard, confuses us and even irritates us. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

It is hard for us to hear new teachings. We are like the people of Jesus' hometown synagogue. They are faithful people, yet Jesus' Word to them strikes a negative cord. When someone introduces a new idea, or even is so bold as to challenge us to think and act differently, we tend to be wary at best, and hostile at worst. We forget the lesson that this how many, (most?) people acted when they first heard Jesus and the disciples. 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.**

**Help Fight MS**

Every hour of every day someone is diagnosed with MS. Everyone knows someone suffering from MS whether it is a close friend, work associate or relative. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS but they can't do it without our help. On July 18th & 19th Craig Martek will be cycling 150 miles in the MS150 bike tour to raise money for the National MS Society. If you'd like to help fight MS with a tax deductible donation, you can do so online at [http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/craig\\_martek](http://main.nationalmssociety.org/goto/craig_martek) (there is a "\_" between craig and martek) or you can write a check to **The National MS Society.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED TO**

***VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE HANDYPERSON!***

Please see the decorated bins on the table in the Commons and vote for your Favorite Handyman by placing money in the bin of your choice. The "Handypersons" are **Noah, Bob the Builder, Handy Manny, Norm Abram and Tim Tooltime Taylor.** The "Handyperson" with the most money by the end of VBS will be announced at our closing. Have a little fun and help a Great cause at the same time. Our overall goal is \$ 500.00 with the proceeds to go to Habitat for Humanity. We can do it!



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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Registration forms are available on the table in the commons area. Please use one form per child. **Pre-registration is strongly recommended.**

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](mailto: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.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of July 5-12, 2009**

**TODAY 9:00 am Worship Service – Communion (Intinction)**  
**TUES 12:00 N Ecumenical Food Pantry**  
**5:30 pm TOPS**  
**SUN July 11 9:00 am Fishing Derby (9 am – 3 pm)**  
**SUN July 12 9:00 am Worship Service**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thanks to all of you, we were able to send out a check in the amount of \$686.00 last week for the “Strengthen the Church – Special Mission Offering”.

**NEW DIGS MINISTRY**

The Adult II Sunday School Class will hold its second drive for the New Digs Ministry on **Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please bring any items you wish to donate to church on or before that Sunday and place on the stage area in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Dave Hall at 697-2087 if you have any questions.

**LOGO DESIGN CONTEST** for UCC Youth planning on attending Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Event July 21-25, **2010** at Lebanon Valley College. Winner of the Logo contest will receive a paid registration to this event. The theme is “Take the Journey...Follow the Holy Brick Road”. Logo Entries should be submitted to Galen Russell (email [GalenRusl@aol.com](mailto:GalenRusl@aol.com)) **no later than July 21, 2009**. Please see poster on Youth Bulletin Board for additional details.



On July 11<sup>th</sup>, the Mechanicsburg Sportsmen Association is having their annual Fishing Derby at their fish nursery along Sinclair Road. On this day, about 40 to 50 physically impaired individuals from three nursing homes in the Carlisle Area, come to Fish. **Volunteers to assist would very much be appreciated.** The day starts around 9 am and finishes around 3 pm. Any help that you could provide during a portion or all this

time would make the day even more enjoyable for all. Stay and have some lunch with us: hamburgers, hot dogs, dessert and drinks. It's just a fun day! Any questions, please call Pat Eakin at 766-3448 or Glenn Kline at 766-6841.

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

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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.**

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 2:1-7

PSALTER RESPONSE (sung in unison) Psalm 123

New Century Hymnal - Page 705-706

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 6:1-13

“Trying to Listen”

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

9:00 Special Music

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Thank You, God, for Your steadfast love. We offer our praise; may it reach to the ends of the earth. We ask that our gifts empower ministry in this place and wherever our influence can reach. Let unbelief be turned to faith, ignorance to knowledge, sickness to health, brokenness to wholeness, both in us and in our neighbors near and far. Guide us, as we seek to invest our best for the sake of Christ. Amen.**

#### THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 465 “Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way”

#### 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)

**(Debts and Debtors)**

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share the elements of Communion by Intinction. Please come forward to receive the bread from the server. You will dip the bread in the cup and consume both elements at once. There are gluten free wafers available. There is both wine and white grape juice available. As you return to your seat, use the quietness to offer your prayers of thanksgiving to God. 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 547 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

#### \*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

Fantasia on “America”

Broughton

\*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

Wes Rhoads “In Memory of Chrisy Stada”

Susan and Ron Gabriel “In Memory of Parents, the Gabriels and the Carpenters”

Robert Heisler “In Memory of Brother, James K. Heisler”

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Sandy Heckman; Shirley Knisely; Devon Miller.

The Red Roses on the Altar is in Honor of the birth of “**Ian Alixander Nalepka**” on Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Ian weighed 10 lbs 3 oz and 21 inches long. **Our Congratulations** go out to the proud parents; Kimberli and Jonathan Nalepka, big sister Keira and grandparents; Lois and David Ritter and in Honor of the birth of “**Molly Ryan Hockenberry**” on Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup>. Molly weighed 5 lbs 6 oz and 18 inches long. **Our Congratulations** go out to the proud parents; Amy and Brett Hockenberry and grandparents; Catherine and Ralph Kiner Jr.