

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 9:00 Betsy Rushong

Ministry of Music

Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Ushers: Herb Sutton

Greeters: 9:00 Joan and Ernie Moyer

Acolyte: 9:00 Katelyn Chamberlain

Children's Sermon: 9:00 Jonneke Dundore

Nursery: Cathy Thomas

Flower Delivery: Eichman 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

July 19, 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Organ "Tell Me The Story of Jesus"

Becket

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 89

*THE HYMN NO. 312 "We Love Your Realm, O God"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Calling God, You have created each of us so that we might help fulfill Your vision for this world. Individually and together we have good and important work to do. At times this work is hard. We get worn down from the challenges, and from the day in and day out needs we seek to meet. You also call us to rest in Your presence and care, so we might recharge. Help us to listen to this call as well. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

We can get to a place where we feel we cannot step away from our work, even for a short time. Either we feel no one else can do it, or do it as well as we can, or we fear that what we feel is important will get left undone by others. Sometimes others take advantage of us, and give us little real opportunity to take a break, and we fear retribution if we ask. We keep plodding along, doing the best we can, but increasingly not offering the best of who we can be. We fail to recognize we all need time away to relax, rest and recharge. 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



Our Sexton, Mike Hatz, will be on Vacation from Tuesday July 21st through Saturday August 1st. If you are able to help with general cleaning during this period, please see or call Don Wood at 761-3036.

Saturday, July 25, 2009, 10:00 a.m. - Pride Parade – “Over the Rainbow: A Tribute to Judy Garland” is the name of St. Paul’s float in this year’s Pride Parade. Wear your ruby slippers and walk or ride the float. On July 19th & 20th a group will be getting together to have a “Ruby Slipper Party” to get shoes ready in preparation for the parade. Contact Shirley Keith Knox @ skeithknox@comcast.net for details and if you are interested in participating.

Every four years, five Regional Youth Events are held across the country during the summer for the youth of the United Church of Christ. They offer wonderful worship services, engaging service projects, youth-led and oriented workshops, family circles, liturgical dance, live bands, professional musicians and resources. The Mid Atlantic Regional Youth Event will be held at Lebanon Valley College (Annville, PA) on July 21-25, 2010. The theme is “Taking the Journey..Follow the Holy Brick Road.” Currently they are holding a **LOGO DESIGN CONTEST** for UCC Youth planning on attending the Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Event next year. 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) **no later than July 21, 2009**. Please see poster on Youth Bulletin Board for additional details

Bazaar News – Thank You to all who have volunteered so far to help with the Bazaar. We still have a few open chair positions: Co-Chairperson for the Flea Market and a Co-Chairperson to assist Jean Mogel. Plus **lots more help** is needed to ensure the continued success of this event. If you can help out, please call Jean at 697-1088 or the Church Office at 766-7931. **JOANN FABRIC COUPONS** – Do you have any Joann Fabric Coupons that you are not going to use? If so, please place them in the envelope on the bulletin board in the Common Area to be used for the Fall Bazaar. **Mark this date on your calendar, August 27th at 7 PM,** Bazaar Meeting in Room 7/8.

**TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY TO VOTE FOR
YOUR FAVORITE HANDYPERSON!**

Don't forget to stop by the decorated bins on the table in the Commons and vote for your Favorite Handyman by placing money in that bin. Your choices are: **Noah, Bob the Builder, Handy Manny, Norm Abram or Tim Tooltime Taylor.** The "Handyman" with the most money by the end of VBS will be announced at our closing. Have a little fun and help out 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!**



Vacation Bible School starts this next week Monday July 20th through Thursday July 23rd from 6:15 – 8:30 pm (preschool 6:15 – 8:00 pm). It is not too late to register children ages 3 through 6th Grade where we will learn about the work of Habitat for Humanity. 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. During the week a children's playhouse will be built by a crew of adults from our church. The playhouse will be donated to a Habitat family in Newville upon completion. If you are not participating directly with VBS, you can still help out by donating monetarily to help offset the costs. Please see Jonneke Dundore with any questions.

MERCERSBURG ASSOCIATION CABIN CHALLENGE CONTINUES - At our spring meeting on May 1, we highlighted our cabin at Hartman Center. Money was raised through a bake sale, and several churches have also raised and donated money. As of July 1, 2009, the following has been raised:

Presently in the account at Hartman Center \$1,200
St Paul's Mechanicsburg has raised \$2,076.23
Mercersburg Association has committed \$1,000
St Paul's Lemasters gave \$1,000
New Hope Landisburg gave \$1,000
Spring meeting bake sale raised \$220
The total thus far is \$6,496.23

Our Goal by the end of 2009 is to raise \$15,000.

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

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!

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 23

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

"Jesus' Vacation"

*THE HYMN NO. 489 (vs. 1-4) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

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

ORGAN "How Lovely Is His Peace"

Neal

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Receive our best, gracious God, as we offer ourselves along with these tokens of thanks. Establish Your rule in our midst so we may proclaim Your reign in the world. Send us where You need us most. Use our gifts to reduce alienation and to build community. Be to us a watchful Parent, and teach us to live as sisters and brothers who find You in one another and respond in love to each other's needs. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 531 "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

*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 "Praise Ye The Lord"

Moorpark

*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.shawministry.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

Leah Van Olden and the Dundore Family "In Memory of Albert Van Olden"
Lori Obrock and Family "In Memory of Sister-In-Law; Tammy Schaeffer"

PRAYER CONCERNS: Ruth Wrightstone who had Heart By-Pass Surgery this past Friday @ Holy Spirit; Irv Sanders; Family of Tracy Rutherford who died July 12th and the Family of Betty Barcus (Barb Casner's mother) who dies on July 15th.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of July 19 – 26th, 2009

TODAY	9:00 am	Worship Service/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
		New Diggs Ministry Drop Off Ends Today
	10:00 am	Ruby Slipper Party in Pavilion after 9 am service
MON	6:30 pm	Ruby Slipper Party at Martha & Gene Keith's home
MON-THUR	5:45 pm	Vacation Bible School Dinner
	6:15 pm	Vacation Bible School
SAT	9:00 am	Pride Parade line-up Harrisburg
SUN	9:00 am	Worship Service/New Members Received

ANNOUNCEMENTS



One of our New Members has generously offered to sponsor a Brunch/Lunch following our Service on Sunday July 26th. Everyone is invited to come and share a meal and get to know our new (and not so new) members a little better.