

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

August 2, 2009

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: Kevin Allison

Ministry of Music

Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Bill Cashman

Ushers: Consistory

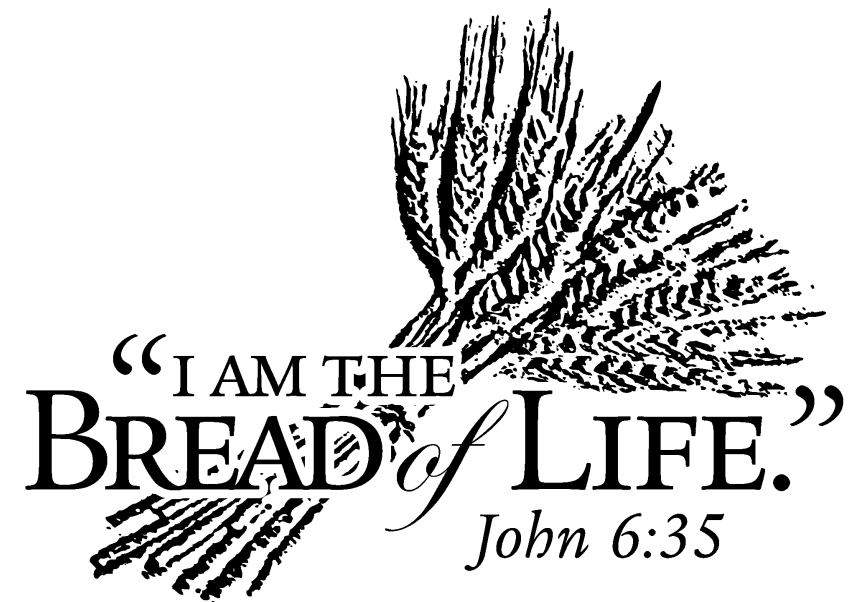
Greeters: Karen and Kevin Allison

Acolyte: Katelyn Chamberlain

Children's Sermon: Rev. John

Nursery: McCorkel Family

Flower Delivery: Karen and Kevin Allison



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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!

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 02, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Organ "A Day for Rejoicing"

Smith

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 51

*THE HYMN NO. 4 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious God, giver of what we need to live as You created us to live, help us to further understand that we often confuse what we want, with what we need. Help us to hear and heed Your call that all may live in peace, and may have all their basic needs fulfilled. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

What we really need varies from person to person, and creates some confusion. While such confusion does not seem so harmful on a small scale, as with each of us as individuals, it can create huge problems around the world. Small numbers of people use more and more resources, which leave less and less for those who do not have enough to eat, a safe and secure place to live, and the opportunities to share their love and compassion. In order for all to have enough, we need to be willing to take less. 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



YARD SALE!!! Don't throw that good stuff out! The Youth Group of St. Paul's is again sponsoring the annual **St. Paul's UCC Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 5th on the church parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Church members may rent a space for \$7, non-members' cost is \$10 (includes table for first 30 spaces) OR you may donate your items to the Youth Fellowship space for them to sell. NOTE: No computers, monitors or printers please!! Donations (*marked, please*) can be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall during the month of August. All proceeds will benefit St. Paul's youth program and a local mission project. To reserve your space, please call Terry at the church office, 766-7931, or contact Patty Scott (737-3139).

THE 2nd QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS are in the box on the table in the Commons Area. Please stop by and pick yours up. If you have any questions on your statement, please call Terry in the Church Office.



PASTOR'S VACATION DATES
Rev. John will be on vacation from Monday, August 3rd through Sunday August 30th. We will have guest Preachers and Worship Leaders for those four Sundays. Emergency Pastoral Coverage will be provided by The Rev. Brian Medkeff-Rose August 3rd through August 16th and The Rev. Anna Thompson August 17th through August 30th. If you need Pastoral Services please call Terry; weekdays in the Church Office @ 766-7931, evenings and weekends @ 697-8329 (H) or 805-5869(C). If there is no answer, leave a message and she will get back to you as soon as possible. Terry will have contact phone numbers for you. Thank You



Thank You
Note

To St. Paul's Congregation and Rev. John;

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards and flowers that I have received upon my mother's death. I certainly appreciate your thoughtfulness and again it only proves what I know in my heart that you are such a caring congregation.

Fondly, Barb Casner

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

PRAYER CONCERNS: Dory Milletics

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of August 02 - 09, 2009

TODAY	9:00 am	Worship Service – Communion (Pew)
TUES	12:00 pm	Ecumenical Food Pantry
	5:30 pm	TOPS
THU	7:00 pm	Pack Committee Mtg (Rm 7/8)
SUN Aug 09	9:00 am	Worship Service
	2:00 pm	FH and Kitchen in Use

ANNOUNCEMENTS

What Is Pockets? Pockets is a fun devotional magazine geared for children around the ages of 6-12. It comes out 11 times a year (the January/February issue is a combined one), and each issue has a different theme. It includes stories, games, activities, poems, daily Bible readings, recipes, and more! **Who reads Pockets?** Besides children around the ages of 6-12, many parents and Sunday school teachers read Pockets, too. The July and August edition is currently available in the shelf on the wall in the common area. Please stop by and pick up one to take home with you today.

BLESSING OF THE BOOK BAGS/ICE CREAM SOCIAL - Join us on **Sunday, August 23rd** as we prepare for a new school year and bid summer a fond farewell. Bring your book bags, backpacks and briefcases to worship for a special back-to-school blessing during the children's sermon. After the service, come to Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social. Ice cream before lunch? Hey, it's only once a year! Ice Cream will be provided. **If you would like to donate toppings for the ice-cream, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board** in the common area. Thanks and hope to see you there.

HABITAT BLITZ BUILD – Habitat for Humanity is holding a Blitz Build from August 10-15 at a new site; Lot #4 Heims Court in Newville. If you would like to participate, please email Anne-Marie, volunteer coordinator at: amurray1416@gmail.com. If you cannot help during this week, there are other times to help as they will be going to a 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month schedule at this project and another Habitat build in Shippensburg will be going on a 1st and 3rd Saturday schedule a month later. On top of those two projects, they will be having a Carlisle re-hab project that will have less of a structured schedule, but will be available for work with adequate coordination.

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

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

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

PSALTER RESPONSE (sung in unison) Psalm 51:1-12 New Century Hymnal Page #657

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

John 6:24-35

“Bread”

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

Special Music - Lee Jackson and Brian Medkeff-Rose

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We dedicate our offerings O God, not alone for the good they can accomplish and the mission they will support, but also because giving helps us to gain perspective on what really matters. We would stop working only for food that perishes, seeking for all the food that endures for eternal life. May our lives and all we give perform Your works O God. Build us up in love for one another and for all Your children everywhere. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 332 "As We Gather At Your Table"

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 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. 46 "Hope of the World"

*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

"To God Be the Glory"

Parker

*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 that is located in the red pad on the aisle side of the pew 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.