

**TODAY** is the beginning of the summer worship schedule. The 9:00 am Worship Service will continue through September 6<sup>th</sup>.

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. Brian Medkeff-Rose

Lector: Joan Quick

**Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

**Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Susan Gabriel

Ushers: Anna Thompson and Dave Hall  
Connie and Herb Sutton

Greeters: Kathy and Mike Aumiller

Children's Sermon: Amy Paulus

Flower Delivery: Cindy and Dick Bensel

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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 14, 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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

**P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

L: This is a day of new beginnings!

**P: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.**

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

**P: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.**

\*THE HYMN "The Church's One Foundation"

**The church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ her Lord; She is his new creation By water and the word; From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, Her charter of salvation, One Lord, one faith, one birth, One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food, And to one hope she presses, With every grace endued.**

**'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war, She waits the consummation of peace forevermore; Till with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest, And the great church victorious Shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we Like them, the meek and lowly, On high may dwell with thee.**

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. AMEN.**

**OUR ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOL PICNIC** will be held at the home of Gene and Martha Keith today at 4:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish to share, lawn chairs, swim suit and towel! Place setting and beverages will be provided. Join us for fun, fellowship and of course, lots of good food!

**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



To the Members of St. Paul's Church: Many thanks for the recent delivery of the altar flowers to us. I realize that happened weeks ago, but, wanted to be able to let you know that Clyde still has all of the carnations and most of the white flowers at the window of his room. They must like air conditioning. Mine did not last that long but were no less appreciated you can be sure of that. Thanks, also, for the visit from Rev. John recently. We miss being at worship but the 80's and 90's have a strange way of calling a halt to activity. Thanks again, much appreciated. Clyde and Treva Miller.

**I want to thank all persons in St. Paul's who helped, "Bail me out of Jail", for the Muscular Dystrophy Program. MDA has notified me that as of June 9<sup>th</sup>, the \$ 2,066.00 that I have collected for my bail is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in bail money that they have received (and donations are still coming in). Your support was greatly appreciated. The children and adults suffering from this disease will benefit from your contributions. Thank you again, Ruth Wrightstone.**



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 56<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 20<sup>th</sup>.** They certainly miss their Church Family and we are sure they would enjoy hearing from you!

**JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP AT A HARRISBURG SENATORS GAME** - Everyone is Welcome to join our Youth 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. Please see the sign up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Common area for complete information. **"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](mailto:vbrown5325@aol.com)! We hope to see you there!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** The white rose on the Altar is in Memory of Sandra J. Miller who died early Thursday morning, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Sandra's family in your prayers. The funeral will be held at St. Paul's on Tuesday June 16, viewing starting at 10 am, service at 11 am, burial immediately following service, reception in Fellowship Hall.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of June 14-21, 2009**

**TODAY**            **9:00 am**    **Worship Service – Peace Church**  
                           **11:00 am**    **FH and Kitchen in use**  
                           **4:00 pm**    **Church School Picnic at Keith's**

**TUES**            **10:00 am**    **Sandra Miller Funeral**  
                           **5:30 pm**    **TOPS (6)**  
                           **5:30 pm**    **Youth/CE Director Meeting (7/8)**  
                           **7:00 pm**    **Consistory (7/8)**  
                           **7:00 pm**    **Mechanicsburg Learning Ctr Board Mtg (13)**

**SUN June 21**    **9:00 am**    **Worship Service, Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



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. Over the

South Door of Peace Church, carved in red sandstone is the following prayer –

In German:

**ACH GOTT WENN ALLE DOCH  
 DIE HIER DEIN WORT ANHOEREN  
 ARWECKET WURDEN SO  
 DASS SIE DICH RECHT BEKEHREN  
 ZU OFFERN DIR IHR HERTZ  
 JA SEEL UND ALLES AUF  
 IN SOLCHEN WONEST DUDAS IST DAS HARREN HAUS.  
 1798**

In English:

**O God, when all  
 Who here thy Word do hear  
 Are so awakened  
 That they truly turn to Thee  
 To offer Thee their hearts  
 Aye souls and very all  
 Within such people dwellest Thou That is the Lord's house.**

**THE CALL TO CONFESSION**

**THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**Patient Lord, you know how we are. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of anger and confusion. And we turn away from you, sure that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a "puppet master" but as a creative co-worker, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of peace and compassion; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.**

**THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION**

**THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Let go of your fears and doubts. God pours God's love on you, in you and through you to others. Be at peace. 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 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**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 READING OF THE PSALM**

Psalm 92:1-4, 11-15

**THE RESPONSE**

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

**THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE**

"Quite Surprises"

Mark 4:26-34

\*THE APOSTLES CREED (unison)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into Hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father, Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN “In the Bulb There Is a Flower”

**In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**There’s a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there’s a dawn for every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

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

9:00 Chancel Choir

“The Lord’s Prayer”

Robertson

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**All that we have is yours, O God. What we present for the church’s use is no sacrifice. We are privileged to share good news in word and deed. May our common ministry be extended by the time and talents and treasure we invest. We would no longer live just for ourselves but for the realization of your reign among us. Let all things become new as we give our best. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN “Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls”

**Come, let us join with faithful souls our song of faith to raise; One family in heart are we, and one the God we praise.**

**Faithful are all who love the truth and perfect truth proclaim, Who stead-fast stand at God’s right hand and glorify God’s name.**

**And faithful are the gentle hearts to whom the power is given Of every hearth to make a home, of every home a heaven.**

**O God of hosts, our faith renew, and grant us, in your grace, To join the songs sung by the saints in every time and place.**

\*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 CHORAL BENEDICTION “Go Ye Now in Peace”

THE POSTLUDE

\*Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand.

We welcome warmly all who are visiting with us.

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 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 Eric and Shannon Trout

“In Honor of nephew Landyn Miller’s 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday on June 16<sup>th</sup>

and by

Peggy Wightman “In Memory of my husband “Glenn C. Wightman”