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The Epistle

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The Epistle

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY/AUGUST 2009



Ah, the sweet days of summer, laying back, relaxing, and finally getting to take it easy. Ah, who's kidding who? Maybe summer used to be like

that for us once-upon-a-time when we were young, but not now. Now we tend to be as busy as ever in the summer, however it is a different busy. That is good. A change in our routine keeps us fresh, and there are always different things to look forward to during this time of year like certain fresh fruits and vegetables as they come into season; time at the shore or by a lake; later nights outside; fireflies aglow in the evening. And, when the heat and humidity have taken their toll, we can begin to look forward to the changes fall brings.

While we might not realize it, our lives are filled with changes and the opportunity for change. Most often we prefer a settled life, because change brings disruptions and unpredictability. Finding the balance between an "ever-changing life" and the "settled life" is a constant struggle. Yet we are engaged in that struggle all the time. We see it in every aspect of our lives. How we move from a settled place, through change, and then back to a more balanced mid-point between changing and settling, goes a long way in determining our level of contentment. It also is an indication of our level of fulfilling God's call.

In all of creation we see how those things that live change all the time. In some things the cycle happens faster than others. Some plants break the soil, grow, bloom and die in a matter of months. For some insects the time is even shorter. Our planet's circle around the sun creates a yearly cycle of birth, growth, decline and death and then re-birth as the seasons change. We are a world, we are

creatures, which change and settle, change and settle.

Our Scripture, and other Holy Scriptures from around the world, are filled with stories of people being asked to change, move, and resettle. Abraham is asked to move. He goes and then settles in different places at different times. Moses leads his people out of Egypt, in the wilderness they wander for forty years, and they eventually settle in the Promised Land. Some of the leaders of Israel are exiled but they return to Israel to settle again for a time. Jesus is constantly on the move, with no place to lay his head. While holding to the faith he was raised in, Jesus constantly pushes for change, a new way of seeing things, a new way of doing things. The disciples and the apostles move from place to place, settling for a time, sharing the Good News which brings change, and then moving again.

The pattern is there both in the created world and in our human history of being settled, changing, and then seeking to be settled again. This movement between the two reflects two desires we have as human beings. We have a strong desire to settle in. We want to be in one place, know how things will work, and be able to predict what will happen next. We also like change, to experience something new, to expand our horizons. Part of the reason we love summer so much, (and for many folks each of the seasons) is that we get to do different things. We get to be outside more, we often get vacation so we get to rest more, and we go to different places. Such differences give us a taste of change and provide a good balance to our lives which are often more settled through the rest of the year.

Where does God fit on this continuum of change and being settled? Most of the evidence points to God's on-going desire to

change us and change the world. We recognize that we are imperfect creations. That does not exclude us from God's care, compassion and love. God continues to seek to shape us into becoming more and more what God created us to be. And God continues to seek to change the world so it reflects God's vision. That requires on-going change on our parts. If we can recognize the strength of our desire to feel settled in who we are and how we do things, and realize that while God accepts that, God is also still trying to shape us, perhaps we can welcome the changes God is calling us to with greater willingness.

Summer is a wonderful time to do some new things, stretch ourselves in new ways, and enjoy the unique gifts that come with this time of year. Let us be open to the changes God is seeking to introduce into our lives in the same way we open ourselves to all this time of year has to offer. As we do, numerous opportunities for service on God's behalf will arise, we will have a chance to learn new things, and we will be blessed in new and unique ways. Enjoy the summer, and God's on-going stirring in our lives.

Peace, John

**PASTOR'S
VACATION
DATES**



I will be on
vacation from
**Monday, August 3
through Sunday**

August 30th. Emergency Pastoral Coverage will be set up and we will have guest Preachers and Worship Leaders for those four Sundays. Terry will have contact information in the office. Thank You.



One Service at 9 AM
through Sunday,
September 6th



**Summer
Church Office
Hours**

Effective Friday July 10th through Friday August 28th, the Church Office Hours will be Monday through Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm & Friday 8 am – 3 pm.



IT'S A BOY!

"Ian Alixander Nalepka" born on Tuesday June 30th, 10 lbs 3 oz, and 18

inches long. **Our Congratulations** go out to the proud parents; Kimberli and Jonathan Nalepka, big sister Keira and grandparents; Lois and David Ritter.



It's a Girl!

"Molly Ryan Hockenberry" born on Tuesday June 30th, 5 lbs 6 oz and

18 inches long. **Our Congratulations** go out to the proud parents; Amy and Brett Hockenberry and grandparents; Catherine & Ralph Kiner Jr.

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) **no later then July 21, 2009**. Please see poster on Youth Bulletin Board for additional details.



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Mayme Alfano (Paula Boyer's mother); **Rev. Ken Arthur** (friend of Tom Stone); **Walter Amtower**; **Sandra & Dennis Bankert** (Donna Chronister's cousin and her husband); **Betty Barcus** (Barb Casner's mother); **Stacey Barnet and her infant**; **J.B. Black & Family** (husband of Lois Ritter's friend); **Peggy Baum**; **Pam Boland** (mother of Pam MacKinnon); **Eleanor Boreck** (friend of Phyllis Hershey); **Charles Breon** (step-father of Sue Miller); **Fred Briggs**; **Shar Briner** (sister of good friend of Susan Gabriel); **Rev. Lila Butz**; **Mary Jane Chipriano**; **David Chronister** (father of Ron Chronister); **Kevin Clancy** (neighbor of Chronister's); **Amy Clark** (Susan Gabriel's niece); **Logan Clark** (Susan Gabriel's niece's son); **Cleason Cromer**; **Ellie Deeble** (great-granddaughter of Jean Myers); **Blake Dieterick** (neighbor of Kay and Don Coldren); **Bob Diorio** (Rev. John's uncle); **Jackie Diorio** (Rev. John's mother); **John Diorio** (Rev. John's father); **Edna Dreibelbis** (Anna Burn's mother); **Ingrid Eberly**; **Emily** (daughter of friend of Susan Gabriel); **Abby Freeland** (daughter of Assistant Principal at MASH); **Debbie and Joe Gartland**; **Lester Gerber**; **Belva Gill** (Franklin Roth's sister); **Nancy Girard** (sister of Belva Garman); **Bob Gladwin**; **Liane Gladwin**; **Lucy Goodridge** (Betsy Rushong's sister); **Tom Grammer**; **Ryan Greenawalt** (son of a friend of Dave and Jane Hall's); **Ken Groff**; **Cheryl & Mike Gundrum** (friends of Shirley Keith-Knox); **Joy Hafer & her sister** (friends of Shirley Keith-Knox); **Shirley Harmon** (friend of Melba & Herb Bomberger); **Sandy Heckman**; **Phyllis Hershey**; **Travis Hessom**; **Sue Higgins** (friend of Anna Thompson); **Dorothy Hildebeitel** (mother-in-law of friend of Anna Thompson); **Mary Kathryn Hunt** (mother of Kimberly Leonard); **Betty Hyde**; **Alberta Jamison** (Betty Olsen's mother); **Dan Jones** (Jean and Willard's son); **Beverly Kahn**; **Brian Keefer** (high-school classmate of Christy Aumiller); **Nancy Keith** (Martha and Gene's daughter); **Caleb Kilgore** (brother of a co-worker of Colleen Eichman's husband); **Rev. George Klinefelter** (former pastor of St. Paul's); **Shirley Knisely**; **Mae Kozlowski** (cousin of Phyllis Hershey); **Lois in Michigan** (friend of Susan Gabriel's sister), **Barbara Lumby** (friend of Betsy Rushong); **Kelly MacCarthy** (Rev. John's niece); **Connie Madden** (friend of Brenda Kern's); **JoEllen Reed & Robert McAleer** (former neighbors of Ward-Diorio family in Maine); **Peter McGinn** (Beth Mihmet's Uncle); **Charles Miller and Family**; **Clyde & Treva Miller**; **Devon Miller** (Pat & Greg's daughter); **Sally Miller** (friend of

Anna Thompson's); **Lynn Mosher** (sister of co-worker of Brenda Kern); **Jean Myers**; **Patricia Nalepka** (Jon Nalepka's mother); **Nancy** (friend of the Chronister family); **Craig Parker** (Ruth Wrightstone's nephew); **Julia Paroda & Family** (friends of the Shaner Family); **Ann Patch** (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); **Dave Petko** (former co-worker of Tim Kern); **Tim Powell Family** (friends of Victoria Velez); **Doris Rhoads** (Jack Rhoads' mother); **Rhoda Rupp**; **Candice Rush** (friend of Phyllis Hershey); **Carolyn Rutherford**; **Tracy, Dave, Chelsea & Jordan Rutherford** (Jere & Carolyn's daughter-in-law, son and family); **Irv Sanders** (Brenda Kern's father); **John Scott**; **Don and Peggy Seiler**; **Mary Smith** (Herb Sutton's sister); **Rena Smith**; **Donna Sponsler**; **Lester Starner**; **Clarence Steck**; **Tom Stone & his family** (son of Tom and Cindy Stone); **Alex Szeles** (friend of Jean and Willard Jones); **Jon Tubman** (friend of Peg & Don Seiler's oldest son Tom); **Dolores Tucker** (wife of co-worker of Kevin Allison); **Leah van Olden**; **Wendy in IA** (friend of Susan Gabriel's sister); **John White**; **Frank Williams** (friend of Tom Stone's).

Please keep the office informed if there is anyone who should be added to or removed from the prayer list.



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He was just a little boy, On a week's first day. Wandering home from Bible school, and dawdling on the way. He scuffed his shoes into the grass; He even found a caterpillar. He found a fluffy milkweed pod, And

blew out all the 'filler.' A bird's nest in a tree overhead, So wisely placed up so high. Was just another wonder, That caught his eager eye.

A neighbor watched his zig zag course, And hailed him from the lawn; Asked him where he'd been that day and what was going on.

'I've been to Bible School,' He said and turned a piece of sod. He picked up a wiggly worm replying, 'I've learned a lot about God.'

'I'm very fine way,' the neighbor said, for a boy to spend his time. "If you'll tell me where God is, I'll give you a brand new dime.'

Quick as a flash the answer came! Nor were his accents faint. 'I'll give you a dollar, Mister, If you can tell me where God ain't.'

JULY LECTIONARY TEXTS

- 5 5th Sunday after Pentecost**
 II Samuel 5:1-5 II Corinthians 12:2-10
 Psalm 48 Mark 6:1-13
- 12 6th Sunday after Pentecost**
 2 Samuel 6:1-5,12b-19 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Psalm 24 Mark 6:14-29
- 19 7th Sunday after Pentecost**
 2 Samuel 7:1-14a Ephesians 2:11-22
 Psalm 89:20-37 Mark 6:30-34,53-56
- 26 8th Sunday after Pentecost**
 II Samuel 11:1-15 Ephesians 3:14-21
 Psalm 14 John 6:1-21

July Birthdays & Anniversaries




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| 01 Susan Miller | 16 Benjamin Knox |
| 04 Travis Kern | 17 Brenda Gossard |
| 06 Gloria Hoffman | Jonathan Shaw |
| 07 Clayton Pirtle | 18 Kathryn Aumiller |
| Saige Sufrin | Becky Collins |
| 08 Aaron Baker | Eugene Collins |
| Lawrence Schmick | Cynthia Stone |
| 10 Ella Flickinger | 19 Peggy Briggs |
| Hannah Severs | 21 William Brymesser |
| Aleida Van Olden | 22 Shirley J. Knox |
| 11 Nathan Cawley | 23 Suelyn Graham |
| Rebecca Lingenfelter | 24 Brandon Miller |
| 12 Tayia Baker | 25 Gwen Burns |
| Todd Garman | 26 Susan Lamason |
| Linda Till | James Pirtle |
| 13 David Patton | 28 Michael Allison |
| 14 David Leber | 29 Phyllis Hershey |
| 15 Rick Ayers | 31 Brenda Kern |
| Traci Mattern | |



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| 06 Patty and David Scott |
| 07 Betty and Thomas Olsen |
| 10 Kathryn and Michael Aumiller |
| 13 Michelle and Anthony Howe |
| 15 Belva and Leo Garman |
| 18 Shirley and Thomas Grammer Sr. |
| 20 Cynthia and Thomas Stone |
| 22 Susan and Matt St. John |
| 25 Barbara and Edward Chambers |
| 28 Cynthia and Richard Bensel |
| 30 Patrice and Gregory Miller |

JULY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

- 05 9:00 Jeff Dundore
 12 9:00 Katelyn Chamberlain
 19 9:00 Katelyn Chamberlain

GREETERS

- 05 9:00 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette
 12 9:00 Catherine and Brandon Thomas
 19 9:00 Joan and Ernie Moyer
 26 9:00 Deborah and Noel Sufrin

LECTORS

- 05 9:00 Dennis Plymette
 12 9:00 Craig Martek
 19 9:00 Betsy Rushong
 26 9:00 Rhonda Jacobsen

USHERS

Head Usher: Herb Sutton

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 05 Jonne and Eric Dundore
 12 Sue and Dayne Miller
 19 Eichman Family
 26 Mary Runkle

COMMUNION PREPARATION-INTINCTION

- 05 Joanne Miller and Melba Bomberger

AUGUST LECTIONARY TEXTS

2 9th Sunday after Pentecost

II Samuel 11:26-12:13a Ephesians 4:1-16
Psalm 51:1-12 John 6:24-35

9 10th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 18:5-9,15, 31-33 Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Psalm 130 John 6:35, 41-51

16 11th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12;3:3-14 Ephesians 5:15-20
Psalm 111 John 6:51-58

23 12th Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), Ephesians 6:10-20
22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84 John 6:56-69

30 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Song of Solomon 2:8-13 James 1:17-27
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 Mark 7:1-8,14-15, 21-23

August Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| 01 Catherine Flickinger | 13 Wesley Rhoads |
| Constance Miller | 16 Sally Haas |
| 02 David Scott | Steve Mitchell |
| 03 James Colestock | Erin Moyer |
| Joseph Gartland | Kimberli Nalepka |
| 04 Ashley Bergstresser | 17 Ernest Wallander Jr. |
| 05 Richard Bensel | 19 Charles Miller |
| Ronald Chronister | Dorothy Miller |
| Bethany Grubbs | 20 Marcy Brymesser |
| Lloyd Lamason II | Rachel Klein |
| 06 Rena Smith | 21 Donald Heckman |
| 07 Barbara Blust | Martha Keith |
| Mark Boyer | Jonathan Knox |
| Anthony Howe | Edward Thorn |
| 08 Daniel Christ | 23 Rita Smithson |
| Rece Miller | 24 Leann Davinroy |
| Jere Rutherford | 25 Kay Coldren |
| David Winter | Betty Hyde |
| 09 Ernest Moyer | Mary Louise Miller |
| Ryder Paulus | Martin Velez |
| Rachel Thompson | 26 Michelle Howe |
| 12 Christine Grice | 29 Brady Nye |
| Gay Miller | 31 Thomas Grammer Sr. |
| Susan Stada | |



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| 07 Susan and Fred Lamason |
| 09 Susan and Gerald Stada |
| 10 Carol and John Reighter |
| 11 Becky and Eugene Collins |
| 11 Allyson and James Colestock |
| 11 Amy and Brett Hockenberry |
| 12 Paula and Mark Boyer |
| 15 Dorothy and Ralph Miller |
| 16 Barbara and James Beistline |
| 16 Doris and Wayne Albrecht |
| 17 Martha and Vic Brown III |
| 19 Pam and Allan Mackinnon Jr. |
| 20 Dorothy and Glenn Schultz |
| 20 Daniel Christ |
| 21 Karen and Kevin Allison |
| 21 Sally and Douglas Haas |
| 21 Victoria and Martin Velez |
| 23 Kathy and Art Williams |
| 28 Nicole and Harry Baker |
| 31 Susan and John Ward-Diorio |
| 31 Molly and Chris Cowan |

AUGUST WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

- 02 9:00 Katelyn Chamberlain
09 9:00 Jeff Dundore
30 9:00 Ally Moyer

GREETERS

- 02 9:00 Karen and Kevin Allison
09 9:00 Lois and Dave Ritter
16 9:00 Winnie and Darryl Wentz
23 9:00 Jen and Craig Martek
30 9:00 Dundore Family

LECTORS

- 02 9:00 Kevin Allison
09 9:00 Anna Thompson
16 9:00 Paula Boyer
23 9:00 Ruth Wrightstone
30 9:00 Kathy Aumiller

USHERS

Head Usher: Bill Cashman

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 02 Karen and Kevin Allison
09 Lois and Dave Ritter
16 Eichman Family
23 Sue and Ron Gabriel
30 Belva and Leo Garman

COMMUNION PREPARATION- PEW

- 02 Tracy and Jeff Nye

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS – June 16, 2009

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved. **Christian Education Council** – Randy Murphy reported July 19 will be Decoration Day for VBS, with the theme being Construction Zone. They still hope to construct a play house but are looking into the logistics. Search for Youth Advisor and/or Director of Christian Education continues. **Extended Ministries Council** – Michael Gray reported that there will be a reorganization meeting on June 28, being assisted by Shirley Keith Knox and Kathy Aumiller. **Parish Ministries** – Susan Gabriel reported New Member/Graduate Tea occurred on June 7; Blessing of Book Bags and Ice Cream Social scheduled for August 23. **Youth Ministries** – Shirley Keith Knox reported that meetings have been held, mission statements developed and they are working on revised job descriptions; deciding whether this will be one or two positions. **Bazaar Committee** – Rick Ayers reported that a meeting was held in May. Volunteers needed to fill four chair positions. Appears that's volunteers are stepping forward. **Pastor's Report** – Rev. John reported that the following events have occurred: Confirmation (special thanks to the Mentor's); Youth Director meetings; Tour de Cure was a great success for all members who participated; 2 New Member meetings have occurred with a total of a possible 24 persons potentially joining St. Paul's- they have all stated that they have felt very welcomed at St. Paul's; Youth went to Knoebel's; New Member/Graduate Tea was very nice; Pastor/Parish Committee met; Peace Church went well. In the future; Blessing of the Prayer Shawl's on 6/21; Summer worship schedule with one service at 9 AM now in effect until Labor Day; VBS to be held week of July 20 (Mon-Thurs); some church members have noted that there is a Fishing Day in the community at the fish hatchery (7/11) for elderly and/or handicapped persons who may have difficulty fishing on their own. **Old Business:** Shirley Keith Knox mentioned that we need to revisit the Handicapped Accessibility as there have been some Sundays when all handicapped parking spaces have been full, and all handicapped accessible seating in the sanctuary has been in

use. It was recommended that the Property committee should take a look at this issue again. Another item to be added to the issues list is an annual review of our current facilities usage policies to include fees charged. **New Business:** Request for use of Fellowship Hall from a non member. After discussion of our policy and charges for non-members(that needs to be reviewed) it was decided to deny this request. **Confidentiality Agreement for Admin Assistant** – proposed agreement was reviewed and approved with one adjustment to be made – to add the word “Sensitive” in addition to “Confidential” to broaden the definition a bit. **Request by Admin Assistant to change Friday working hours during the months of July and August** – Terry Shaner has requested that she work from 8 am to 3 pm on Fridays in July and August instead of 9 am to 4 pm. Request was approved. **Delegate Report** – Shirley Keith Knox shared her written report regarding her experience as a delegate to the conference. She said she truly enjoyed the experience, learned a lot, and especially enjoyed traveling with our two youth delegates, who shared their faith journey with Shirley. She thanked consistory for the experience. Shirley also shared a list of the 6 churches that are currently Open and Affirming and reported there are 3 more currently considering beginning the process. **Church Disaster Preparedness Training** – Kathy Williams and Shirley Keith Knox attended the Red Cross training that Herb Bomberger oversaw, and felt it was extremely valuable. They encouraged others to attend if the training is repeated. **The next regular meeting of consistory will take place on Tuesday July 28 at 7 PM.**

PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE, UCC DELEGATE REPORT - Shirley Keith Knox, June 16, 2009 – Thank you for the opportunity to represent St. Paul's United Church of Christ at the 47th Annual Meeting of the Penn Central Conference. I spent a wonderful weekend increasing my understanding of the wider United Church of Christ, networking with other UCC members in our Association and Conference and just spending a relaxing couple of days in a faith and spirit – filled environment. It is so comforting to realize that

many other churches have some of the same challenges that we do, as well as successes! The theme of this year's annual meeting was "Growing Beyond Imagination". These are the highlights:

- 1) St. Paul's was well represented. Attending from our congregation were: myself, Dennis Plymette, Alternate Delegate; Katelyn Chamberlin and Chelsea Wirth, our youth delegates and the following: The Rev. Dr. Thomas Herrold, Sharon Herrold, Melba and Herb Bomberger, Ruth Wrightstone, Martha and Gene Keith, Karin Stork Whitson, and Jonathan and Crystal Pike- Nase.
- 2) Rev. Michael Piazza gave an affirming presentation on Friday. He reminded us, actually he affirmed the wonderful reality that the United Church of Christ has the message that folks are now looking for. He believes that the United Church of Christ has exactly what people need at this time in history; that our values and vision are most congruent with the gospel's witness of who Jesus was and what he taught. We must not be apologetic or timid in sharing that with others. Rev. John has a copy of his book "Prophetic Renewal: Hope for the Liberal Church" if you'd like additional information. Rev. Piazza is Pastor of one of the largest and fastest growing UCC churches in Dallas, Texas.
- 3) I attended a showing of the movie "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North" and will be talking to Kathy Williams and Rev. John about a showing of the movie here at St. Paul's. This is an exceptional PBS documentary in which the filmmaker discovers her New England ancestors were the largest slave trading family in US History. She and nine cousins trace the trade from Rhode Island to Ghana to Cuba and gain a powerful perspective on the black white divide.....the legacy of slavery, White privilege, the complicity of the North, reparations and more.

- 4) 4 Our Churches Update: This campaign is starting its fourth year and a lot has happened. Check out the website for details: www.pccucc.org for monthly updates. Letters of intent have been received for \$1.5 million and received \$650,000 in cash.
- 5) Penn Central Conference budget was approved: The 2010 budget reflects a decrease in the expected income from "Our Churches Wider Mission". The approved budget decreases the conference staff from 3 Area Conference Ministers to 2. MONTHLY AND/OR QUARTERLY PAYMENTS WOULD ASSIST THE CONFERENCE TREMENDOUSLY IN MAINTAINING ITS FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS ON A TIMELY BASIS.
- 6) Rev. John Ward Diorio was recognized on the 15th year of his Ordination.
- 7) Rev. Dr. Thomas Herrold was recognized on the 40th year of his Ordination.
- 8) *An Overture to a Conversation on Immigration Reform* was discussed using the new Consensus Decision Making procedure. It was decided that local churches should continue to offer opportunities for discussion and education on this important issue facing our country.
- 9) At an ONA meeting, we learned that 3 additional churches in Penn Central Conference are considering the process or beginning their ONA process. YEAH!!!!
- 10) WE HAVE TERRIFIC YOUTH! I had the pleasure of riding with Katelyn and Chelsea, our youth delegates. Their faith journey is awesome! They are so proud to represent the United Church of Christ and all that means – multicultural, inclusive, accessible to all, etc. We have much to learn from listening to our youth about what our future.... what our present needs to be.

Respectfully submitted,
Shirley Keith Knox
June 16, 2009

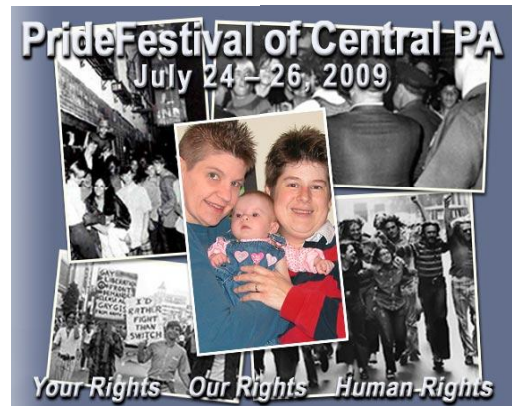
Upcoming Events




Fishing Derby

On July 11th, 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.



Friday July 24, 2009 8:00 pm - Voices United: A Choral Celebration of Pride Voices United is a showcase for the various LGBTQ and Allied Choruses of the Harrisburg area. It is an evening of music that expresses the deepest sentiments of the individual groups that comprise the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning communities and explores our common experiences with our Straight allies. Voices United is a musical celebration of all that Pride has come to mean in the Central Pennsylvania area.

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. Contact Shirley Keith Knox @ skeithknox@comcast.net for details and for the date of the Ruby Slipper party!

Saturday, July 25, Noon to 7 p.m. - South Riverfront Park, Harrisburg - Festival – check out the UCC booth! Admission: \$7.00 per person, Children under age 12 – No Charge

Sunday, July 26, 7:00 p.m. - Spirits United service, Unitarian Church of Harrisburg (downtown), 1508 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA at 7PM on Sunday July 26.

Go to www.harrisburgpride.org for further detail.

History of Pride - At a time not long ago, the social climate against sexual minorities made police raids very common for many of the

NEW DIGS MINISTRY

The Adult II Sunday School Class will hold its second drive for the New Digs Ministry on **Sunday, July 19th**. 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.



St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

THE PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet on **Tuesday July 14 and Tuesday August 11**, the second Tuesday

of the month at 1:00 PM in the Parlor. Prayer Shawls will be blessed on July 19th during worship. Any persons having completed prayer shawls ready to be blessed are encouraged to bring them to worship on the 19th, have them labeled with your name, and placed on the pulpit during worship. Any questions, please call Martha Keith at 258-0591.

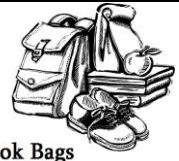
places gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people gathered. But on June 27, 1969, the patrons of a small New York City bar called The Stonewall Inn fought back in a three day resistance that spilled out on the streets of Greenwich Village marking the birth of the modern gay rights movement. Today, millions of people each year gather to commemorate this historical turning point in hundreds of Pride marches and Pride festivals throughout the world. 2009 is an important year as it marks the 40th Anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion. This event became the birth of the modern day gay rights movement. I invite you to visit the Stonewall Veterans Association website at www.STONEWALLvets.org to read the complete history of the event. The SVA is an organization of individuals who were present at the Stonewall Rebellion in 1969. They work to educate people and preserve this important piece of GLBT history. Join the Pride Festival of Central PA, and thousands of GLBT people and allies in showing our Pride in central PA. Show neighbors, friends, co-workers, and the communities of central PA that we bring diversity to this conservative area. We have learned the lessons from 1969 and are not afraid to stand up for ourselves demanding: Our rights - Your rights - Human rights.



Youth Fellowship Mini Golf/Senators Outing

Everyone is welcome to join the Youth at Water Golf on City Island on Saturday, August 1st any time after 2:30 PM. If you ordered Senators tickets, you may pick them up from the Browns when you play mini golf, or we can make arrangements to get them to you another time. If you have any questions, please call

Martha Brown at 697-3522, or email vbrown5325@aol.com.



Blessing of Book Bags

MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW! 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! We will be asking for donations of syrup and other toppings closer to the date. Please keep an eye out for this event in the August Worship Bulletins.

POLLYANNAS MEETING – There is no July meeting. The Pollyanna's will meet on **Tuesday, August 25th at noon** for a picnic at Peg Wightman's house. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Any questions, call Peg at 737-1095.

BAZAAR MEETING!! - Please plan to attend the **Bazaar Meeting on Thursday, August 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.** We need lots of help to make this event successful. Hope to see you at the meeting.



Mark this date on your calendar now - **Sunday, September 13th - Rally Day Family Picnic.** More details to come in August Worship Bulletins and September Epistle.



2009 BAZAAR – ONE DAY ONLY!! - FRI. OCT 2nd – 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: Donna Chronister, Mary Runkle and 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: Dale Thorpe
(NEED ANOTHER CO- 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.



THANKS GO OUT TO – Mike Aumiller, Art Williams and the Sunday School Class II for coordinating the Hartman Center Cabin # 7 project. Thank you also to all helped during the Cabin Clean-up weekend and those who contributed to the project. Thanks to all of you we were able to send a check to the Mercersburg Association for “CABIN # 7” in the amount of \$2,076.23.

The following members of St. Paul’s took part in the **Red Cross Shelter Operations Training on May 30th at HACC** - Eugene Keith, Kathy Williams, Shirley Keith Knox, Ruth Wrightstone, Melba and Herb Bomberger. These persons are now prepared to assist in shelter operations not only at St. Paul’s, if the need arises, but anywhere in the USA or abroad.

THE NEW MEMBER/GRADUATE TEA was held after the 10:30 worship service on Sunday June 7th. **Thank You to Rhoda Rupp and Crew** for preparing the Tea.

The **2009 GRADUATE POSTER** is hanging on the easel board in the common room. Please take a moment to stop and view the poster in honor of our 2009 High School and College Graduates. Thanks goes out to **Carol Rhoads** for putting together this poster.



On Saturday June 13th, a crew of volunteers headed by Don Coldren spent the morning working on the outside of the Church. They spread tanbark,

trimmed shrubbery and did other outside clean-up to beautify our yard for the Summer Season. Thanks goes out to **Don Coldren, Tim Davinroy, Tim Kern, Bill Mullin, Dave Scott, Herb Sutton, Bradley Thomas and Brandon Thomas.**

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.

Thank You to Devin Flickinger for teaching the CPR/ARD class at St. Paul’s on Saturday June 27, to **Herb Bomberger** for setting the training up and to **Kay Coldren, Don Coldren, Shirley Keith Knox, Dar Murphy, Randy Murphy, Timothy Davinroy, Ruth Wrightstone, Melba Bomberger and Herb Bomberger** who came out to take the training.



Thank you to the congregation and Rev. John for the beautiful Altar Flowers. They really brightened up my home and make me feel alive! Thanks to everyone and especially to Patty Scott who delivered them. Betty Hyde.

Thank You 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.

The Family of Sandra J. Miller acknowledges with deep appreciation your kind expressions of sympathy. To the Congregation of St. Paul’s: We thank each and everyone for the many kindness to us and especially to Sandy.
Charles A. 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 9th, the \$ 2,066.00 that I have collected for my bail is the 3rd 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.



ST. PAULS ON WHEELS TOUR DE CURE UPDATE - The final results are in from the 2009 Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association. **St. Paul's on Wheels raised a total of \$2,833 making it the 4th top new team this year!** Overall the Tour de Cure raised \$184,000 to fight diabetes, which is \$28,000 more than last year. Many thanks to everyone who helped with their donations and prayers. Special thanks to the members of St. Paul's on Wheels: Deb Cashman, Christopher & Molly Cowan, Jenn & Craig Martek, Bill & Carol Sizemore, Rev John, Susan, Slater, Rebecca & Lily Ward-Diorio.



Looking for volunteers to staff the Nursery – please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the common area if you are interested in helping out in this area.

YAMAHA ORGAN NEEDS A GOOD HOME - Check out www.yorkassociationucc.org - there is an organ advertised in the classifieds and the price is right - it will be donated to a good home. Contact information is provided by the owner on the website.



In our ongoing effort to stay up to date with our benevolences, we appreciate your efforts in staying up to date with your Child Sponsorships, Altar Flowers and Offerings. Payments for Child Sponsorships (\$ 29.00 per month) and Altar Flowers (\$ 32.00 per week) can be made by separate check (note in memo section) or put in with your regular offering (please note on the envelope) and put in the offering plate or drop off at the Church office. If you have any questions on your child or flower sponsorships, please call Terry in the Church Office.

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).

DONATIONS NEEDED: 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 or 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.