

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Ron Chronister

10:30 Victoria Velez

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Ushers: Shirley Keith-Knox

Ushers: 8:15 Martha and Gene Keith

10:30 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette

Shirley and Greg Knox

Greeters 8:15 Joanne Miller and Mary Louise Miller

10:30 Chris and Dave Grice

Acolyte: 8:15

10:30 Jeff Dundore

Children's Sermon: 10:30 Patty Scott

Stewardship Moments: 8:15 Ron Chronister

10:30 Victoria Velez

Nursery: The Eichman Family

Flower Delivery: Donna and Don Sponsler

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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

October 11, 2009



*Water &
the Holy Spirit*
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Jesus, Lead Thou On" Wilson

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Amos 5

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

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Life offering God, continue to guide us in the ways our lives can be most fulfilled. Help us to see that some of what the world holds dear, You do not. Direct us in the ways we can follow the words and way of Jesus. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Since early in humanity's history, becoming and staying wealthy has been viewed as an ultimate goal for all people. The pursuit and maintenance of riches is worth any cost, including forsaking what God calls us to do, as individuals and communities. While wealth itself is not evil, its blind pursuit can cause us to abandon some of our highest values. 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.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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YOUTH GROUP EVENT, SUNDAY OCTOBER 18th - Trip to the Paulus Orchard corn maze in Dillsburg. It was great fun last year! We will need to leave the church @ 2 PM (the orchard closes at 5 PM). Pizza and Subs for dinner after the maze. Mary Runkle and Linda Alburger will transport to and from the orchard. Come join us for a fun afternoon. Bring some cash if you'd like to purchase anything at the orchard store. Please let Linda Alburger, 649-1301, know if you're going so we can work out the car pool.

This photo is an actual picture of this year's corn maze at the Paulus's Orchard in Dillsburg.

As part of St. Paul's Extended Ministries, we are participating in a **New Hope Ministries Community fund raiser** at the Mechanicsburg Hoss' Steak and Sea house on **Monday October 12th**. Hoss's will give New Hope Ministries 20% of your receipt on this day. But to do this, you must give a card to your server. One card is needed per receipt. Cards will be available after both services today or in the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser, Donna Chronister.

THORNWALD HOME HOLIDAY BAZAAR – Friday, November 6, 2009 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm - Thornwald Home and UCC Homes' Auxiliary are busy making plans for the annual Holiday Bazaar. There are several ways you can help make this a success: donations of jewelry (the residents enjoy choosing items that they can purchase for their own use or as Christmas gifts), baked goods for the bake sale table, or items that can be placed on the "Attic Treasures" table AND please plan to attend. There will be over 20 different craft vendors on site for your shopping pleasure. As always, there will be lots of good food available, so come for lunch. Thanks again for your support of Thornwald Home and UCC Homes' Auxiliary! Contact Marilyn Aust at 766-2025 should you care to donate.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION is registered online for the **2009 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk** to be held **Saturday, October 17th**. Go to: makingstrides.acevents.org/Harrisburg to register, or see Brenda Kern for a registration form. **If you are unable to participate and would like to make a donation, you may do so after services in the Common or let Brenda Kern know, 796-0939. Thank You for your Support!**

Thank You for supporting the **Neighbors in Need Offering**. Remember contributions to Neighbors in Need can be made on-line at any time at: www.ucc.org/nin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party and Silent Auction - by now you should have received your invitation to the dinner at Allenberry on October 23. This party will be so much more fun if you are there too. **Reservations can be made by sending your RSVP along with a check to Jane Hall, or you can place it in the church office or even in the offering plate by Sunday, October 18th.** Our silent auction has been more successful each year. Last year there was friendly, yet competitive, bidding on several items, which ultimately led to some people making new friendships. Our auction also raised \$2100 toward the 2009 budget. We are hoping to equal or surpass that amount this year. Please see the posters on the bulletin board in the common area for suggestions for silent auction items. Your donations to the silent auction may be left in the church office or contact Jane Hall.

Information for Free Babysitting Service – Children’s Movie and Popcorn Night, Friday October 23rd, 5:30 PM - For parents who are in need of babysitting the evening of the Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party and Silent Auction, Jonathan and Christal Nase will be offering a movie and popcorn night for all **children up to 12 years of age** in St. Paul’s Fellowship Hall starting at 5:30 p.m. with a pre-registration. Pre-registration forms can be found on the table in the common area. **Please fill out one form per child and turn it in to the church office no later than Sunday, October 18, 2009.** The movie that will be shown is the classic - **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang** - followed by **Tom and Jerry** cartoons. Popcorn, pretzels, and punch will be provided. Stewardship campaign donations are most welcome. Adult and youth volunteers are being sought for helping with the babysitting service. Please contact Jonathan and Christal Nase at 432-7104 or jandcnase@aol.com.



Come out and join us at a **Halloween Party, Sunday October 25th, 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Paulus Farm Market, 1216 S. York St. in Mechanicsburg.** Bring your blankets, flashlights and appropriate footwear is suggested. There will be Hayrides, a small corn maze to explore and refreshments to enjoy. Children are welcome to play in the Fall Fun Fort. **Please see sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the commons area if you are willing to provide refreshments for this event.** Traditionally this event is geared toward children and youth but folks of all ages are invited to come out for this fun event.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

10:30 SERVICE

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

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism



Presentation of the Water
Baptismal Address

Gathering of Witnesses
Questions for the Candidates’ Parents

Congregational Assent: (unison)

We, as members of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ and the Church Universal, hear your promises with joy and gladly welcome you as sisters and brothers in Christ into the family of faith. We covenant with you to share in the hopes, labors and joys of the Christian life, supported by God’s love through this congregation.

We will weep with you when you weep, rejoice with you in your rejoicing, and encourage your growth in the new life Christ gives. These things we promise in the name and spirit of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Prayer of Blessing
Prayer for the Baptized

Act of Baptism
Procession

Let us offer a special welcome on her Baptism Day to Jocelen Alana Bainey and her Parents Beth Ann Watson and Doug Alan Bainey Jr.

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS #325 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

THE EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 4:12-16

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 22:1-13,22-26

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

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

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.

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE “Tough Choices”

Mark 10:17-31

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 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.

*THE HYMN (8:15 Service only) NO. 325 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)
(Debts and Debtors)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Eric and Shannon Trout “In Honor of 1st Wedding Anniversary”
Phyllis Hershey “In Loving Memory of Harry Hershey”

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.**

PRAYER CONCERNS: Steve Mitchell, Jacque Drager

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 Chancel Choir “If You Search with All Your Heart” Courtney
10:30 Youth Choir “Go Ye Therefore” McDonald

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 11 – October 18, 2009

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Thank You, God, for the wealth You have entrusted to us. As we share a portion of that wealth, we pray that it may never become the object of our affection. Keep our focus on people and relationships and lasting values, rather than on the possessions we can accumulate. We dedicate our time, money, and ourselves to the reign of God among us, praying that all whom our gifts may reach may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Amen.

TODAY 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services/Baptism @ 10:30 Service

9:00 am Choristers

9:15 am Sunday School

12:00 pm Disaster Readiness Mtg (Parlor) after 2nd Service

MON Church Office Closed-Columbus/Indigenous Peoples’ Day

6:30 pm Troop 190 Tiger Den (FH)

7:00 pm Bible Study @ Donna & Ron Chronister’s home.

TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 6)

WED 5:30 pm Council for Extended Ministries Mtg(Rm 7/8)

6:00 pm Hand Chime Choir (Rm. 5)

6:30 pm Planning Meeting for Public Breakfast/Christmas

Wrapping on Dec 19th (Parlor)

6:30 pm Youth Choir (S)

7:15 pm Chancel Choir (S)

FRI 7:00 pm Pack 190 Scouts (FH)

SAT ST. Paul’s on a Mission 2009 Making Strides Against

Breast Cancer Walk

SUN Oct 18th 9:30 am One Worship Service/Children’s Sabbath/No Sunday School

9:00 am Choristers

10:30 am Children’s Sabbath Fair (FH) after worship service

2:00 pm Youth leave Church for Corn Maze

*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 to the Lord”

Broughton

CHILDREN'S SABBATH FAIR, SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2009 – There will be one worship service that day @ **9:30** followed by Special activities and social time in Fellowship Hall. **HOME AND CHURCH SAFETY/EMERGENCY PREPARATION** - Various community organizations will be here to educate us in fire safety and emergency management, including a fire suppression demo after the 9:30 worship service. Learn how to keep your family and church family safe in an emergency!

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Community Event - St. Paul's will be offering a free Christmas gift wrapping service along with a light breakfast on Saturday, December 19th. **We plan on having a short planning meeting, Wed Oct 14th at 6:30.** We need your help to make this new event a success. Come join us with your ideas and to see how you might be able to get involved - Chris Grice.

22nd Annual Taste of Central Pennsylvania – Sunday November 1st, Strawberry Square, Harrisburg 11 am – 3:30 pm. The Central Pennsylvania Food bank's premier fundraiser is just around the corner. This event raises significant funds to distribute food and grocery products to hungry families served by the Food Bank. For tickets and pricing, call the Food Bank at 717-564-1700 or their website www.centralpafoodbank.org. Main event and child tickets are also available at Giant Food Stores in Cumberland and Dauphin counties beginning Oct. 4th.

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