

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Lector: 10:30 Dave Hall

**Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers  
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

**Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Shirley Keith-Knox  
10:30 Jane and Dave Hall  
10:30 Paula and Mark Boyer  
Greeters: 10:30 Shawna and Dave Simpson  
Acolyte: 10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio  
Nursery:  
Flower Delivery: Susan and Ron Gabriel

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# Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

January 17, 2010



# Signs & Wonders

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 EPIPHANY

JANUARY 17, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Prelude"

Mozart

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From 1 Corinthians 12

\*THE HYMN NO. 355 "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**All Powerful God, we believe You are capable of doing anything. Help us to recognize that Your work and miracles can come through ordinary vessels like ourselves. Help us to be open to the working of Your Spirit. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

**There are times when we feel trapped, confused or helpless. We pray for help yet none seems to be coming. However we often ignore the ways God works through both friends and strangers to respond to our prayers. 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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**THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION** will be held in the sanctuary immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Service of Worship today. Following this meeting we will have our **Annual Congregational Dinner** in Fellowship Hall. In addition to enjoying pork, sauerkraut and all the trimmings, the following members of St. Paul's will be honored. Each of these persons has been or will be a member for at least 50 years in the year 2010!

Date Joined

Mary Jane Chipriano	March 21, 1937
Grace Cocklin	March 24, 1929
Phyllis K. Hershey	September 24, 1950
Albert Huebner	November 11, 1956
Betty J. Hyde	November 16, 1951
John Knisely	February 10, 1957
Shirley Knisely	February 10, 1957
Raymond Krouch	April 24, 1955
Mary Louise Miller	March 25, 1945
Ned M. Rupp	April 3, 1955
Carolyn S. Rutherford	October 30, 1955
Donald Seiler	November 06, 1960
Margaret Seiler	November 06, 1960
Linda J Shea	March 22, 1959
Rena B. Smith	March 29, 1931
Lester Starner	October 30, 1955

**THE 2010 ENVELOPES** are on the table in the Common area. Please pick up your box of envelopes and any of those that you can deliver. If you don't see yours, please check with Terry in the church office. Thank you.

**Check out the signup sheets on the bulletin board in the commons:** CHILD SPONSORSHIPS - cost per month to sponsor a child in 2010 will be \$30.00; ALTAR FLOWERS - cost per Sunday for altar flowers is \$32.00; FELLOWSHIP TIME and to sign up to help in the NURSERY.

**UCC Disaster Alert from Penn Central Conference Re: Earthquake in Haiti**— One Great Hour of Sharing funds are being rushed to Haiti to support the initial emergency response. It is expected the need will be great. How You Can Help: 1. Pray for the people of Haiti, their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers. 2. To assist impacted families, you may donate by check payable to "St. Paul's UCC" or cash, be sure and note it is for "OGHS – Haitian Relief". We will pool the money together and send one check out. 3. If you prefer, you can send your donation directly, check made out to Wider Church Ministries, 700 Prospect Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115 (be sure to mark in the memo portion it is for OHGS – Haitian Relief) or you can make your donation online to the OGHS International Disaster Relief, [www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html](http://www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html)

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Tim Davinroy  
Ruth Chronister  
Shannon Collins  
Tyler Derr  
Jackie Diorio  
Jacque and Grace Drager  
Pat Eakin  
Scott Eichman  
Shirley Grammer  
Paul Heaney, Sr.  
Betty Hyde  
Les Gerber and Elaine McCracken  
Bill Ingraham  
Clyde and Treva Miller  
Dayne and Sue Miller  
Steve Mitchell  
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer  
Jean Myers  
Rev. John  
Dave Scott  
Peg and Don Seiler  
Clyde Strock  
Dave Thomas  
Ruth Wrightstone

All the People affected by the Earthquake in Haiti  
All the people in the Middle East struggling for peace  
All the people in the military and their families  
All the people who have lost jobs and their families

### *Celebrations*

Our Thanks go out to the Consistory Members who serve our Congregation all year long and to those retiring this year; Susan Gabriel, Patrice Miller and Don Wood. Thank You to Jack Rhoads and all who assisted with the delicious meal we will enjoy today after the meeting.

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!**

10:30 SERVICE

SING THE CHORISTERS 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.**

CHORISTERS "Joy to the World"

SING THE CHORISTERS 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 EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 36:5-10

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

John 2:1-11

"Miracles Through the Ordinary"

THE HYMN NO. 177 "God of Change and Glory"

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

10:30 Handchimes “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

God of our baptism, whose Holy Spirit fires our imagination and fills our lives with purpose, we rejoice to commit ourselves anew with our gifts. May what we share strengthen Your children spiritually, inspiring each person to invest fully in the work You set before us. The varieties of gifts You entrust to us can be realized only if they are used. Thank You for granting us this joy. Amen.

\*THE HYMN NO 43 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

\*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 “Trumpet Voluntary (Wedding Processional)”

Purcell

\*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.

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.shawlministry.com.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Gathered By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1994, 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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 17th – 24th 2010

Table with columns for Day (TODAY, MON, TUES, WED, THUR, FRI, SUN JAN 24th) and Time (10:30 am, 9:00 am, 9:15 am, 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 6:30 pm, 6:00 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:15 pm, 6:30 pm, 7:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 7:00 pm, 8:15/10:30 am, 9:00 am, 9:15 am, Noon). Activities include Worship Services, Choristers, Sunday School, Annual Meeting, Youth Hockey Game, Church Office Closed, MASH Color Guard, TOPS, MASH Sewing, Consistory, Hand Chime Choir, Youth Choir, Chancel Choir, CTC Training, Worship Committee Meeting, Scouts, and Chancel Reorganization Mtg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you purchased tickets to attend the Hershey Bears game with the Youth Group tonight, doors open at 3:30 PM and the game starts at 5 PM. If you have any questions, call Martha Brown at 697-3522.

Chancel Committee Reorganization Meeting, Sunday January 24th after 10:30 service in Youth Room 7/8 – It is very important for all Chancel Committee members and anyone who is interested in joining the Chancel Committee attend a reorganization meeting of the Chancel Committee next Sunday after the second service in the Youth Classroom (7/8). Hope to see you there!

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNUAL WINTER SOUP SALE! This is St. Paul's on a Mission's first fund raiser for the 2010 season. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer! Turkey Corn Soup and Ham and Bean soup may be ordered on the sign up sheet in the Common. \$6.00 per quart. Soup will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 14th after both services. If you would like to make a monetary donation to defer the cost of the soup, please see Brenda Kern. We need lots of help to make the soup. Please sign up to help on Friday, February 12th starting at 4:00pm. Thank you for your continued support for this very important mission!!