

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Ron Chronister
10:30 Melba Bomberger

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Shirley Keith-Knox

8:15 Donna and Ron Chronister

10:30 Shirley and Greg Knox

10:30 Sue Stada and Mary Runkle

Greeters: 8:15 Mary Louise Miller and Phyllis Hershey

10:30 Deb and Bill Cashman

Acolyte: 8:15

10:30 Audrey Runkle

Children's Sermon: Rev. John

Nursery:

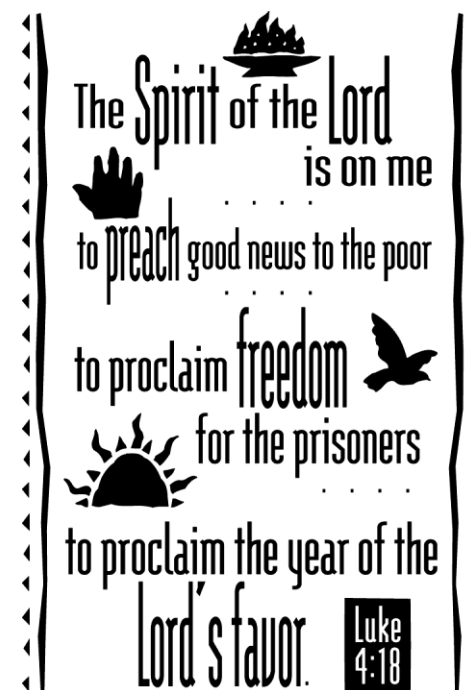
Flower Delivery: Dot and Jim Kinzer

Welcome to

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

January 24, 2010



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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!



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

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine"

Morrison

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 19

*THE HYMN NO. 556 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Creator God, help us to recognize You are creating still. Your world, our world still needs work. Help us to fulfill Your dreams for us, for in doing so we help fulfill Your plans for the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We are tempted to believe there is nothing that can be done about the great problems humanity and our world faces, especially by us as individuals. We fail then to even try to address the hardships so many of our neighbors face. 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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We are grateful for all the work that our Consistory Members do for us all year long.

2010 Consistory Officers

President – Kevin Allison

Secretary – Kathy Williams

Vice President – Randy Murphy

Treasurer – Dave Hall

2010 Committee Liaisons

Stewardship Council – Kathy Williams

Christian Education Council – Randy Murphy

Extended Ministries Council – Shirley Keith Knox

Parish Ministries Council – Bruce Perry

Youth Ministries Council – Dick Bensel

Pastor Parish Relations Committee – Rick Ayers

Property Committee – Bill Cashman

Finance/Auditing/Endowment Committee – Kevin Allison

Called to Care Committee – Michael Gray

Day Care Committee – Dennis Plymette

Bazaar Committee – Susan Williams

Worship Committee – Herb Sutton

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, 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 OGHS – Haitian Relief) or you can make your donation online to the OGHS International Disaster Relief, www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html

January 24, 2010



Herb Bomberger
Tim Davinroy
Family of Mary Jane Chipriano
Ruth Chronister
Shannon Collins
Tyler Derr
Jackie Diorio
Jacque and Grace Drager
Pat Eakin
Scott Eichman
Shirley Grammer
Paul Heaney, Sr.
Bob Heisler
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
Kaylen Walker
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

Thanks go out to **everyone who assisted with the preparation, clean up and donated cakes** for the annual congregational dinner. The dinner was enjoyed by 81 of our congregation and I could not have done it without all of you. Thanks again, Jack Rhoads.

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

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 EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 19:7-10, 14

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 4:14-21

“Jesus’ Mission Statement”

THE HYMN NO. 164 “Arise, Your Light Is Come”

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

8:15 Chancel Choir “The Lord Has Spoken Peace”

Nygard

10:30 Youth Choir “We Are One, Lord”

Pethel

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

In the spirit of Christ, we give our best for the world. Your rule among us, O God, is more to be desired than riches. Therefore, we share what You have allowed us to use, giving thanks for the joy of helping others and entering into partnership with them. This is only the beginning of our offering, for we dedicate here our varied gifts as apostles, prophets, teachers, healers, helpers, administrators, speakers, workers. In all we do, we will seek to serve You by sharing Your love. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 319 “Sing Them Over Again to Me”

*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 “Paeon of Triumph”

Smith

*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 plate.

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 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

The white rose on the Altar is in Memory of Mary Jane Chipriano who passed away Sunday, January 17th – please keep Mary Jane’s family in your prayers.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Sarah Myers “In Loving Memory of Father, George H. Myers”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 24th – 31st 2010

TODAY	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services
	9:00 am	Choristers
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	11:45 am	Chancel Reorganization Mtg aft 2 nd Serv(Youth Rm 7/8)
MON	6:00 pm	MASH Color Guard (FH)
	7:00 pm	Bible Study at Anna Thompson’s home
		EPISTLE DEADLINE
TUES	5:30 pm	TOPS (Rm 13)
	6:30 pm	MASH Sewing (FH)
WED	6:00 pm	Hand Chime Choir (Rm. 5)
	6:30 pm	Youth Choir (S)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir (S)
THUR	6:30 pm	MASH Sewing (FH)
	7:00 pm	CTC Training (Parlor)
SUN JAN 31st	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services
	9:00 am	Choristers
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	11:30 am	Christian Ed Mtg after 2 nd Serv (SS2 & Youth Rm 7/8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chancel Committee Reorganization Meeting, Today 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 after the second service today 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 Commons. \$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!!

Do you shop at Giant? If so, please consider buying **Giant Gift Cards from the Youth Group**. The Youth Group earns \$25.00 for every \$500.00 in gift cards they sell. What do you get? If you purchase a \$50.00 gift card, it costs you \$50.00 and you can use it for \$50.00 in Giant. You do earn bonus points when you shop with a gift card. See Mary Runkle if you would like to purchase.