

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

February 21, 2010

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Tom Stone

10:30 Rick Ayers

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Kevin Allison

8:15 Cindy and Tom Stone

10:30 Joan and Jim Quick

10:30 Karen and Kevin Allison

Greeters: 8:15 Merikay and Don Wood

10:30 Dot and Jim Kinzer

Acolyte: 8:15

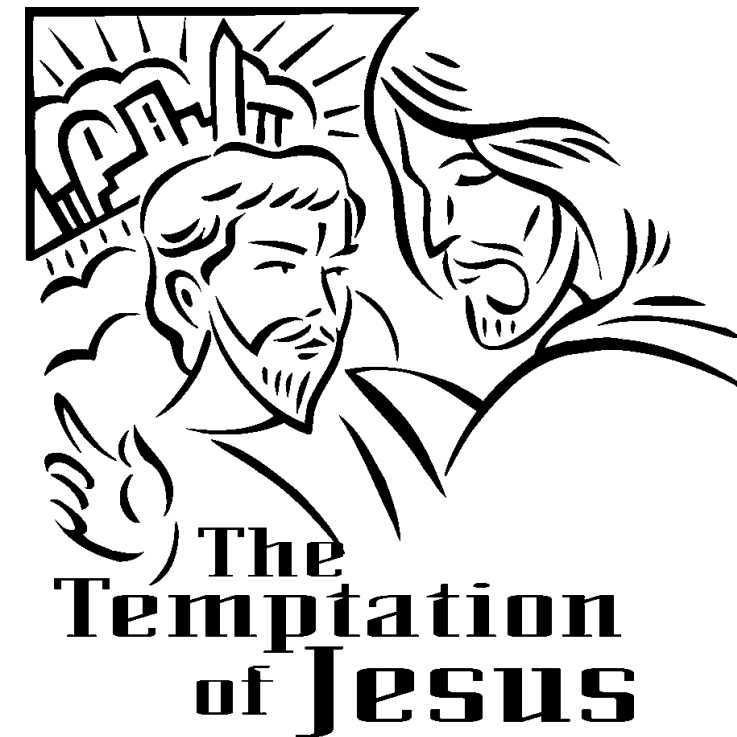
10:30 Kevin Rudisill

Children's Sermon: Rev. John

Nursery:

Flower Delivery: Cindy and Dick Bensel

Fellowship Time: Murphy Family



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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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Aria Semplice" Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Romans 10

*THE HYMN NO. 185 "Savior, When in Tears and Dust"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Calling God, You continually seek our attention. Help us this Lenten season to try harder to walk away from our normal routines, so we might turn toward You. Be with us as we step away, even for short moments, so we might seek to deepen our relationship with You. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We are busy people. We have many responsibilities we need to tend to. We often push our relationship with God to the side, thinking we will get to that soon. While God is patient, it is often we who suffer as we become less connected to the strength, courage, hope and love God seeks to share with us. We forget that the moment is now for us to turn or return to God. 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

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: **God forgives our sins, and seeks our increased awareness of how we turn away from God and God's will for the world.**

All: **Let us seek to be more conscious of how our thoughts, words and deeds, and what we choose to do and not do, reflect lives other than what God created each and all of us to be. Let us turn back to God and pursue lives of discipleship, seeking to more fully follow the words and way of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

The Winter Edition of THE HEARTBEAT – The United Church of Christ Homes newsletter is on the table in the commons area. Please feel free to stop by and pick one up. In this issue there is information on the UCC Homes 15th Annual Helping Hands Dinner and Auction as well as other articles on our local homes.

Join St. Paul's Tour de Cure cycling team to help fight diabetes!

Looking for a great way to start your New Year's resolution to get in shape, and help a worthy cause at the same time? St Paul's is forming a team to participate in the 2010 Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association, which will be held on Saturday, May 22 in Boiling Springs. Whether you are a beginner or avid cyclist, there is a route for you. Road routes from a 25K (15.6 miles) to a 100K (62.5 miles) will be supported with rest stops, support vehicles and communications. There will also be a 9K (5.6 mile) family ride for the young ones to participate. Join our team, then contact family and friends and invite them to join in on the fun or to sponsor you.

If you don't have a bicycle, there will also be a spin-a-thon in the Boiling Springs High School gymnasium with 25 spin bikes and motivated instructors to lead 1 hour classes.

If you're more of the adventurous mountain biking crowd, there will also be a 16 mile mountain bike challenge on Sunday, June 6th at Michaux State Forest.

Last year was our first year participating as a team, and we were the third top new team. Congratulations to all of the 2009 team members. Let's see if we can get a larger team together this year and have even more fun!

To join St Paul's team or make a contribution you can go to the following link:
<http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC>

Gift #1: An Opportunity Extended - Lectio Divina in Mechanicsburg, PA

What?: A one day workshop on Lectio Divina

When?: Saturday, Feb. 27th, 9:30am-3:00pm

Leader?: Therese Dush of Contemplative Outreach and Bethany Retreat Center (Frenchville, Pa.)

Location?: St. Joseph Catholic Church, 400 East Simpson Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Additional notes: Participants are asked to bring a bag lunch and the suggested offering is \$15. Pre-registration is encouraged; contact Shannon at shannonlivetti@yahoo.com.

REBUILDING TOGETHER WORK DAY - St. Paul's will again be participating in the Rebuilding Together national work day on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**. Please reserve that date if you are interested in being part of our team. A signup sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in March. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Ron Flory.

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Bill Cashman Jr.
 Ruth Chronister
 Shannon Collins
 Tyler Derr
 Jackie Diorio
 Pat Eakin
 Deb Gartland
 Les Gerber and Elaine McCracken
 Lucy Goodridge
 Shirley Grammer
 Paul Heaney, Sr.
 Bob Heisler
 Betty Hyde
 Bill Ingraham
 Megan Kern
 Glenn Kline
 Dayne and Sue Miller
 Dot Miller
 Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer
 Jean Myers
 John Scott
 Peg and Don Seiler
 Jim Sufrin
 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

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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 receive these
 shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. **Blessed
 Be!**

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 4:1-13

“What Are Our Temptations?”

THE HYMN NO. 211 “LORD Jesus, Who Through Forty Days”

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 Organ “O That I had A Thousand Voices” Tausend, Konig
10:30 Chancel Choir “God of Love, God of Mercy” Berry

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

From the abundance entrusted to us, we offer up the best we can give. Guide our use of this precious trust, our gracious God, that it may be spent in ways You choose, in places where You would send us, for the sake of people among whom You wish to dwell. May we bear witness to Your abiding love, not only with money but with dedicated lives. Allow us to be instruments of assurance and compassion in our homes and wherever our journeys lead. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 460 “Be No Dismayed (God Will Take Care of You)”

*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 “Psalm of Glory” 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, HarperSan 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 by
The Davinroy Family “Honor of Zach’s 8th Birthday”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF February 21 – 28, 2010

TODAY	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
	9:00 am	Choristers
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	Noon	Accessibility Workgroup (Rm 7/8)
	2:00 pm	Blue and Gold Banquet (FH and Kitchen)
MON		EPISTLE DEADLINE
	7:00 pm	Bible Study @ Ron and Donna Chronister’s home
TUES	5:30 pm	Tops (Rm 13)
WED	6:00 pm	Hand Chime Choir (Rm 5)
	6:30 pm	Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
THURS	7:00 pm	Lenten Discussions (Parlor)
Sunday Feb 28th	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services
	9:00 am	Choristers
	10:30 am	Commissioning of Called to Care and New Consistory
	Noon	Called to Care Meeting (Adult SS 2 Room)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **February Pollyanna’s meeting has been cancelled** due to limited parking because of the snow. Please put Tuesday March 23rd at 1 pm on your calendar for the next meeting that will be held at Mary Louise Miller’s home. Please save your care package items for Eric Williams and a monetary donation for the souplless soup sale for the March Meeting.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION EASTER EGG SALE! This year we are taking orders for Peanut Butter and Coconut Cream eggs. Both flavors can be ordered in Milk or Dark Chocolate. The eggs are \$1.00 each or 13 for \$12.00. An order form is posted in the Common. If you wish to take outside orders, use the form found in the February Epistle or see Brenda Kern for an order form. All orders must be made by March 7th please. Eggs will be available for pick up Sunday, March 21st & the 28th (Palm Sunday) after both services. A signup sheet is also posted if you want to help make the eggs. Please sign up to help! All proceeds go to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!

Slips to sign-up for EASTER FLOWERS are on the table in the Common Area. You will have the choice of ordering an Easter Lily (\$6.50) or Tulip (\$ 6.75). They will be placed in the Chancel area on Easter Sunday, April 12th. **Completed slip along with payment** (cash or checks made payable to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ) should be dropped off at the Church Office are put in the offering plate **no later than March 14th**.