

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

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

February 28, 2010

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Cindy Stone

10:30 Dennis Plymette

## **Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Kevin Allison

8:15 Betty and Tom Olsen

10:30 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette

10:30 Winnie and Darryl Wentz

Greeters: 8:15 Susan and Gerald Stada

10:30 Pam and Allan MacKinnon

Acolyte: 8:15

10:30 Kevin MacKinnon

Children's Sermon: Amy Paulus

Nursery:

Flower Delivery: Winnie and Darryl Wentz



## **SERVING GOD BY SERVING OTHERS**

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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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Morning by Morning" Eliot

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 27

\*THE HYMN NO. 193 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Calling God, help us to hear Your specific desires for us as individuals and as a congregation. We recognize there is much work to do in order for Your dream for all creation to come to full bloom. Help us to see our parts, and to take them. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Like Jeremiah, like many of the great prophets and great people of faith, we often doubt our abilities to serve as God would have us work. Such doubt is understandable but when it causes us to ignore or give up on God's call, it hurts us and the world. Others have overcome their doubt, so must we. 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 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.**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER VIGIL** will be held in St. Paul's sanctuary on Friday, March 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in this prayer vigil, please reserve your time(s) on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Common Area. If you are unable to make it to the church, you can sign up for a time and note that you will be doing it at home – this way we will know that the time slot has been filled. Let us join with churches around the world in prayer on this day.

**Megan Kern** had been in remission from Lupus for over 5 years. Unfortunately, in the late Fall 2009 she came out of remission. She has struggled to stay in school, but has had to take a medical leave of absence. She was to graduate from The Cleveland Institute of Art this May. Her goal is to go back in the Spring of 2011 and get her degree. But right now she is weak from the Lupus and from the medications and her doctors need her to rest. Her recovery could take up to a year or so. Tim and I would like her St. Paul's family to send her cards of encouragement. Her address is: 4395 W. 139th Street, Cleveland, OH 44135. And thank you everyone, for your continued prayers. Brenda and Tim Kern.

**Hartman Center Camper Scholarship Fund** - Currently we have a special giving opportunity to enable members of our congregation to attend Hartman Center summer camp programs. Hartman Center is our UCC Penn Central Conference Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center located 20 miles below State College in Milroy, PA. Throughout the summer, programs are offered for all ages, including Family, Grandparent/Child, and Adult camps, in addition to those geared to Youth. There is something for everyone! **A special offering to go towards offsetting the costs of camp will be accepted through March 28th.** Specially marked envelopes are available in the pews or simply write Hartman Camp Scholarship in the memo portion of your check made payable to St. Paul's UCC. If you have any questions, please contact Jonneke Dundore, St. Paul's Hartman Center advocate.

**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. For more information on this event, please see the March Epistle. **To join St Paul's team or make a contribution you can go to the following link: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC>**



**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.

February 28, 2010



Alyssa Armstrong  
Beverly  
Ruth Chronister  
Tyler Derr  
Jackie Diorio  
Pat Eakin  
Emily  
Deb Gartland  
Les Gerber and Elaine McCracken  
Lucy Goodridge  
Shirley Grammer  
Paul Heaney, Sr.  
Bob Heisler  
Greg Holley  
Betty Hyde  
Bill Ingraham  
Megan Kern  
Dayne and Sue Miller  
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer  
Mr. Min  
Tyler, Hayden and Stacy Mustico  
Edna Myers  
Jean Myers  
John Scott  
Peg and Don Seiler  
Susie Snyder  
Kelly Strange  
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*

Thank you to all the folks who help put together our Epistle. Thanks to all who shared celebrations and concerns last Sunday. Your sharing was particularly moving.

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

### 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 ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY (see insert)

THE GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 13:31-35

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 27

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

Jeremiah 1:4-10

“Called”

THE HYMN NO. 493 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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 "The Old Rugged Cross"  
10:30 Youth Choir "Lamb of God"

Barnett  
Paris

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**In the confidence that You will multiply our best efforts, we bring our offerings for the work of Your church in the world. Holy God, it is a joy to present our sacrifices, for we are as blessed in our giving as we have been in receiving abundant goodness from Your hand. Keep us from seeking to build permanent structures that might block spontaneous responses to Your love. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO 495 "Called As Partners in Christ's Service"

\*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 "With Might and Majesty"

Scott

\*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 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 Sterner Family "In Memory of Florence M. Sterner"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF February 28 – March 07, 2010

**TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Commissioning of Called to Care and New Consistory Members at 10:30 Service**

**9:00 am Choristers**

**9:15 am Sunday School**

**Noon Called to Care Meeting (Adult SS 2)**

**TUES Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry**

5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)

7:00 pm Bear Den (FH)

**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)**

7:00 pm Pack Committee Meeting (Rm 7/8)

**Sunday Mar 7<sup>th</sup> 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Pew Communion**

**9:00 am Choristers**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) Offering**, administered by the Wider Church Ministries of the UCC, is the refuge relief and development fund of the United Church of Christ. It provides support to people in more than eighty countries. It is currently being used in Haiti to support the victims of the earthquake on January 12, 2010. The pamphlet in this bulletin explains what they do with the money and who the UCC helps to distribute the relief.

**ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION EASTER EGG SALE!** This year we are taking orders for Peanut Butter and Coconut Cream eggs available in Milk or Dark Chocolate. The eggs are \$1.00 each or 13 for \$12.00. An order form is posted in the Common. Remember, if you are taking outside orders, they must be given to Brenda by Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> please. Eggs will be available for pick up Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) after both services. Please sign up on the separate sheet, also posted in the Common, if you want to help make the eggs. **WE NEED ALOT OF HELP! Please sign up TODAY!** 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 4<sup>th</sup>. **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 14<sup>th</sup>.**