

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

April 18, 2010

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Dave Hall

10:30 Deb Cashman

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Susan Williams

8:15 Connie and Herb Sutton

10:30 Shannon and Eric Trout

10:30 Sue and Dayne Miller

Greeters: 8:15 Winnie and Darryl Wentz

10:30 Carol and Bill Sizemore

Acolyte: 10:30 Jeff Dundore

Children's Sermon: Patty Scott

Nursery: The Grice Family

Flower Delivery: Catherine and Brandon Thomas

Fellowship Time: The Dundore Family

"St. Paul's UCC aims to be a fully accessible congregation. Folks having an issue related to accessibility in the church building or a church program should contact the church office or contact a head usher on Sunday mornings.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

626 Williams Grove Road

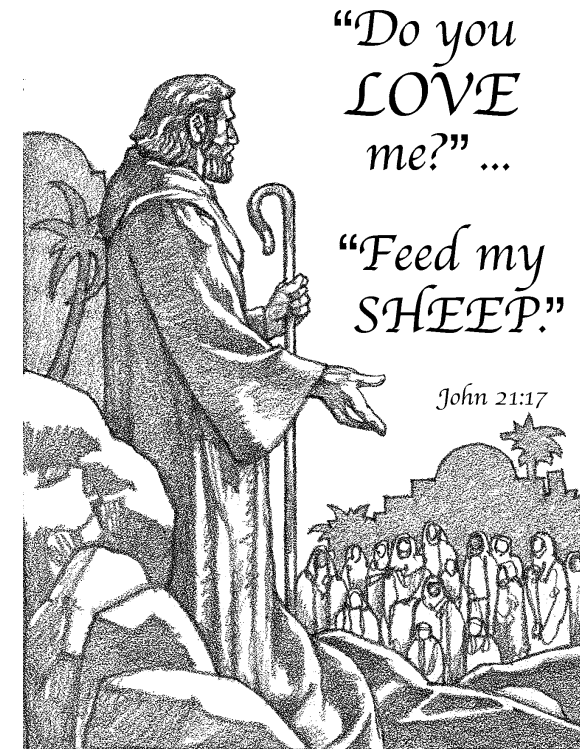
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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

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 OF EASTER

APRIL 18, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 Service - Presentation of Tour de Cure Plaque to St. Paul's Team
Timothy Roden, Associate Manager, Tour de Cure

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "My Jesus, I Love Thee" Tom Birchwood

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 30

*THE HYMN NO. 305 "You Servants of God, Your Sovereign Proclaim"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious God, the scope of Your love for us is beyond our wildest imaginations. Your forgiveness stretches beyond the limits we thought possible. Help us to realize this, and live as if it is true. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We know in our hearts we have denied our relationship with God, both by what we have said and done, and by what we have not said and done. We have betrayed God by refusing to live as we have been created to live and act as we are being called to act. We can only begin to imagine how much we have angered, hurt and disappointed God. We know how we would react if someone treated us in this way. What we forget is that God is God, not us. God desperately wants us to know we are forgiven and loved, and yet still we are unsure. 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.



We are planning a **Spring clean-up day** on **Saturday, April 24th starting at 9 am**. Bring your favorite yard tools. We will clean up all of the branches that have come down during the winter and any other general cleanup. **Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the commons so we have an idea on who can help.** Rain date will be May 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Don Wood.

The Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels is having a fund raiser at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg. That is the one located on Old Gettysburg Road. It will be all day on **Tuesday April 20, 2010**. All you need to do is to present the ticket and 20% of your check will be donated to MOW. Tickets are free and can be picked up the table in the common area. Thanks for your support.

Church Pictorial Directory – It is time for a new pictorial church directory.

There are a lot of new faces and this will truly allow all of us to get to know each other better. The Council has selected Universal Church Directories to help us with this process. The **dates for pictures to be taken here at St. Paul's are Monday May 24th through Thursday May 27th**. Pictures will be taken in ten minute intervals from 2:30 to 9:00 pm on these days. You can sign up any Sunday in April, see sign-up sheets on the table in the Commons, or you can sign up online Monday - Friday through April 23rd. **Sign up today!**

Would you be willing to give a fellow member a drive to worship services?

There have been times that members cannot get to Worship Services either because they do not have a car, do not drive or their regular ride is unable to pick them up that week. We are looking to set up a list of volunteers who would be willing to drive a member to worship when they need a ride. **If you are willing to have your name put on a volunteer driver list for worship services, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the common area or call Terry in the Church office. Thank You!**

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18th – 25th.

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
9:00 am Choristers
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon Blessing of the Bikes (Parking Lot)
Noon Called to Care Meeting (Adult SS 2)

MON 7:00 pm Bible Study @ Ron/Donna Chronister's home

TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
7:00 pm Consistory (Rm 7/8)
7:00 pm MLC Board Meeting (Rm 13)
7:00 pm Wildcat Singers Free Concert (MSHS)

WED

THUR **EPISTLE DEADLINE**

FRI 7:00 pm Scouts (FH)

SAT 9:00 am PFLAG Board Mtg (SS Adult 2)
9:00 am Spring Clean-Up Day
Rebuilding Together Workday
2:30 pm Fellowship Hall and Kitchen in Use

Sunday 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services
9:00 am Choristers
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon New Member Meeting (Sanctuary)
2:30 pm Tippers to Tithers Workshop (FH & Kitchen)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pollyanna's will meet **1 PM Tuesday April 27th** at Bonnie Plymette's home. We will be having the Mystery Auction. Please bring your item(s) in a brown paper bag. Any questions, call Bonnie at 697-2938.

New Member Meeting, Sunday April 25th – Next Sunday in the Sanctuary after the second Worship Service. This is your chance to gather together and ask questions, receive materials, and learn more about St. Paul's and the United Church of Christ. We will be receiving New Members on Sunday May 16 during the 10:30 Worship Service. If you have any questions please see, call and/or email Rev. John. Thank you.

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

Acts 9:1-20

*THE HYMN NO 438 “When Peace, Like a River”

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 30

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

*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 GOSPEL SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

John 21:1-19

“Making Sure We Get It”

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE HYMN NO. 250 “Listen to Your Savior Call”

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

(Debts and Debtors)

THE POSTLUDE

“Alleluia”

George Blake

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.**

*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.

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 Chancel Choir

“As Long as I Have Breath”

Farrar

10:30 Youth Choir

“Songs of the Wayfarer”

Martin

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.

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We bring our offerings to feed Your lambs and tend Your sheep, gracious God. May these gifts extend love in the form of food, pure water, shelter, and acceptance. Let them provide outreach to the world and opportunities for growth within this congregation. Help us focus on what is important, that we may work together to make a difference in the world. Amen.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Kevin and Karen Allison “In Honor of Heather’s 24th Birthday”

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All the People affected by the Earthquake in Haiti and Chile; 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

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--Might we pray for God's creation. Help us to be mindful of our environment. Help us to take the time to just notice and appreciate God's gifts. Let us be a movement willing to step forward and not allow our lands to become "dumping grounds" for "Toxic Waste". Let us pray for all to be caregivers of God's creation.

Dearest Friends of St. Pauls,

Again, a great big Hug and Thanks for all the notes and well wishes – Don and I are so blessed to have you all. Don is being given so much good care. Thanks again. Hugs and Love, Peggy Seiler.

To My Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers. I'm so happy to be part of this loving family. I enjoyed Patty and David's visit too. Love, Mary Louise Miller.

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

Team will be participating in the 2010 Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association, which will be held on Saturday, May 22 in Boiling Springs. **To join St Paul's team or make a contribution you can go to the following link: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC>.** Or if you prefer, you can drop off a donation in the jar on the table in the common area (cash or checks made payable to the American Diabetes Association with Tour de Cure in the memo line). Thank you for your support.

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