

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Mary Runkle
10:30 Kevin Allison

Ministry of Music
Organist: Sarah Myers
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Susan Williams
8:15 Mary Louise Miller and Joan Moyer
10:30 Carol Rhoads and Cheryl Cotton
10:30 Tim Davinroy and Mike Aumiller
Greeters: 8:15 Belva and Leo Garman
10:30 Jen and Craig Martek
Acolyte: 8:15 Mike Brown
Children's Sermon: Rev. John
Nursery: Shawna Simpson
Flower Delivery: Bruce Perry

"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.

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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

April 25, 2010



**New Life Is
Always Possible!!!**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 25, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "The Lord's My Shepherd" Edward Broughton

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 24

*THE HYMN NO. 479 "God Is My Shepherd"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Creator God, thank You for the blessing of the whole of creation. Help us to appreciate the world we live in and how You have called us to care for it. Help us to recognize the difference between stewardship and abuse, and how we each have a chance to bring about new life. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We have often taken for granted our world and all its natural resources. We have acted as if they are ours to use however we wish, even if that means using them up or destroying what is around them, in order to extract the more valuable resources. We ignore the reality that the whole world is God's and everything in it, and our work is to care for it. 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.

PERISHABLES NEEDED BY NEW HOPE - Milk, eggs, hot dogs and butter are needed by families in the Mechanicsburg area. These are needed in addition to the nonperishable foods that many of you have been bringing into the church for delivery to the food pantry and to New Hope. Bruce Perry has agreed to make purchases on our behalf and deliver these perishable foods to New Hope on a monthly basis. If you'd like to contribute a couple of dollars (cash or check made payable to St. Paul's UCC with New Hope in the memo line) for this ministry, there are envelopes in the pews, as well as on the table in the commons marked New Hope. Questions: Contact Bruce Perry at bruceperry@comcast.net.

Christian Education Committee and Vacation Bible School Team meetings are scheduled for next Sunday, May 2, in the Youth Room. We will work on Christian Ed items from 2:00-3:15, followed by VBS items from 3:15-4:15. Anyone interested is welcome to attend! Please RSVP to Holly at ceholly@verizon.net. Thanks!



VBS Registration is coming! See the May Epistle for information and stop by the special VBS table in the common area on May 9th. The countdown to Galactic Blast is on!

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!**

THE 1st QUARTER 2010 GIVING STATEMENTS are in a box on the table in the common area. These boxes are in alphabetical order by last name, not envelope #. If you have any questions on your statement, please contact Terry in the Church Office.

Sunday 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Pew Communion
9:00 am Choristers
9:15 am Sunday School
2:00 pm Christian Ed & VBS Meeting (Youth Rm 7/8)
3:00 pm Mercersburg Spring Meeting @ Zion UCC, Blain

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.

GRADUATION is quickly approaching. All college and high school graduates, please turn a wallet size senior picture into the church office for St. Paul's graduation display. The pictures will be returned. Pictures and graduation information (name, school, and degree) should be turned into the church office as soon as possible.

Pot-Luck Luncheon Chairperson Needed – We need someone to chair a Pot-Luck Luncheon for after the 10:30 Service on Sunday May 16th. This Luncheon will serve as a combination of the Church Family Luncheon and Graduate/New Member Tea. We will welcome our New Members from last year, the new members joining on Sunday, May 16th, our Graduates and share a meal together as a Church Family. We have volunteers from the Parish Life Committee willing to help. Please contact Rev. John or Bruce Perry if you can help out by chairing this event.

New Member Meeting, Sunday April 25th – Today 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

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 GOSPEL READING

John 10:22-30

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 23

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE EPISTLE READING AND MESSAGE

Acts 9:36-43

“Bringing New Life”

*THE HYMN NO. 563 “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

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 Youth Choir

“For as the Rains Come Down”

Wagner

10:30 Chancel Choir

“The Music of Grace”

Martin

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Make these moments a feast of dedication to Your purposes among us,
loving God. May we serve You night and day, wherever we are, in all
we do. Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power, and
might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO 472 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*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

“A Song of Gladness”

William Barnett

*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

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25th - May 2nd.

TODAY	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)
TUES	1:00 pm Pollyanna’s @ Bonnie Plymette’s
WED	6:00 pm Hand Chime Choir (Rm 5)
	6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
	7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
FRI	Church Office Closed

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