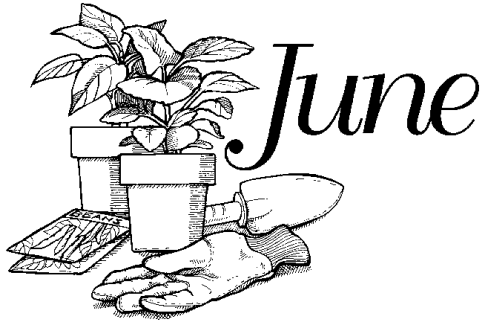


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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JUNE 2010

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Christianity is a faith that is deeply connected to a "Book." Our Holy Scriptures, or our Bible, are made up of many smaller "books." The Hebrew Bible, the proper designation for what some Christians call the Old Testament, contains the Scriptures that informed Jesus' faith and practice. Islam also draws from this common well. The New Testament contains the authors' accounts of Jesus' teachings and life, accounts of the Disciples' teachings and lives and letters and other writings.

All these words that were shared, first orally and then written down, have long been a common source of learning. They have been shared and discussed, pondered and prayed and served as inspiration and challenge. They are intended for both individual and communal use.

It is no accident then, that many people of faith are avid readers. We have been moved by the Scriptures we have read and heard and we are drawn to other works believing we can find inspiration, challenge and hope there as well. We respect the author's talents and look for the possibility for something greater even than their intentions to come through. Reading individually is good, being able to discuss what we read together is even better. When we read something together within our community of faith, or within other communities we are a part of, we are blessed by others' insights and can share ours. The One Book, One Community program that offers discussion around a common book in many local libraries is a great example of this in a wider community setting.

Summer seems to provide more opportunities for reading, or reading things of our choice. Perhaps it is because we tend to take more vacation time then, or perhaps it is because when it is hot outside we like to find a cool place to sit and not expend too much energy. Whatever the reason, summer is a great time to read.

Our Lenten reading group proposed we try to read something together as a congregation this summer. Let this piece then serve as your invitation to participate. Here are the basics. Meeting time will be on Thursday evenings at 7 PM. The exact starting date will be announced soon and will occur mid-June or later. An alternative meeting time and day (for example, Wednesday mornings at 9 AM) can be arranged for those who cannot attend on Thursday evenings. We probably will meet for about six weeks. If you cannot make every meeting, that is okay. We will take some time to check in with each other, pray and then discuss our "assigned" reading for that week (one can always read ahead, just no discussing ahead).

I have a couple of possibilities for what we might read, and we will choose one from the list. I will offer very short descriptions below. Then I would like any of you who are interested to do a couple of things. Let me know what book you would like to read. We can order them together and get a good discount. Let me know if you will be attending on Thursday evening or what day and time would be better (I am looking at a day time meeting, Monday through Thursday). Email me your choices and/or suggestions as soon as you can so we can organize things and order books. I will then let you know our choices and put up a sign-up sheet for anyone who did not read this article, or forgot all my requests. Then we will be off and running. One way or the other, enjoy your summer reading. It is a very faithful thing to do.

[Saving Jesus From The Church: How to Stop Worshiping Christ and Start Following Jesus](#), by Robin R. Meyers. Robin is an ordained UCC minister who has served Mayflower Congregational UCC for 20 years in Oklahoma City. He is an incredibly passionate and powerful preacher. He writes regularly for *The Christian Century* magazine and is an award-winning commentator for National Public Radio. This is from the back cover: "The marriage of bad theology and hypocritical behavior by the church has eroded our spiritual lives. Taking the best of biblical scholarship, Meyers recasts core Christian concepts in an effort to save Christianity

from its obsession with personal salvation. Not a plea to try something brand new, but rather the recovery of something very old, *Saving Jesus from the Church* shows us what it means to follow Jesus' teachings today." From chapter one: This book "is a sermon addressed to nonbelievers as well as to those who grew up in the church. It is meant to provide a second opinion for all those who know what they are supposed to believe but refuse to equate miracles with magic or liturgy with history—and yet still fall silent when someone reads the Beatitudes or get goosebumps listening to the parable of the prodigal son."

An Alter in the World: A Geography of Faith, by Barbara Brown Taylor. Barbara is an ordained Episcopal priest who is a very well known and highly respected preacher and teacher. This is from the book jacket: "Barbara shares how she learned to encounter God beyond the walls of the any church. From simple practices such as walking, working and getting lost to deep meditations on topics like prayer and pronouncing blessings, Taylor reveals concrete ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see. Something as ordinary as hanging clothes on a clothesline becomes an act of devotion if we pay attention to what we are doing and take time to attend to the sights, smells and sounds around us....Under Taylor's expert guidance, we come to question conventional distinctions between the sacred and the secular, learning that no physical act is too earth bound or too humble to become a path to the divine. As we incorporate these practices into our daily lives, we begin to discover altars everywhere we go, in nearly everything we do."

Take This Bread: A Radical Conversion, by Sara Miles. Sara is a journalist who has covered revolutions around the world. This is from the back cover: "Early one morning, for no earthly reason, Sara Miles, raised an atheist, wandered into a church, received Communion, and found herself transformed-embracing a faith she'd once scorned....Miles didn't discover a religion that was about angels or good behavior or piety; her faith centered on real hunger, real food, and real bodies. Before long, she turned the bread she ate at Communion into tons of groceries, piled on the church's altar to be given away. Within a few years, she and the people she served had started nearly a dozen food pantries in the poorest parts of their city. *Take This Bread* is rich with real-life Dickensian characters--church ladies, millionaires, schizophrenics, bishops, and thieves--all blown into

Mile's life by the relentless force of her newfound calling. Here, in this achingly beautiful, passionate book, is the living Communion of Christ."

Organic Prayer: A Spiritual Gardening Companion, by Nancy Roth. Nancy Roth is a writer, dancer and Episcopal priest. This is from the introduction on the back cover: "Our garden is an organic garden. We have tried to cooperate with nature through observing and using nature's own methods. We are mere beginners, but we are learning. And we are learning more than gardening. We are learning about ourselves, and about our relationship with the natural world and with God....I am learning that nature itself prays by being absolutely true to itself—'Glorify the LORD, all you works of the LORD'—and that being true to myself is a way of prayer. The garden is teaching me that the earth's need for healing demands my intercession and prayerful action. It is teaching me how to grow the seeds of hope, and how to utilize the debris of life's sorrows....It is teaching me that my spirit flourishes when I meditate upon God's creation. It is teaching me, along with organic gardening, *organic prayer*."

So please, let me know what you would like to read and discuss with a group of folks from St. Paul's (and/or invite some other friends too). We will get started soon.

Peace, John ([revjohnwd@verizon.net](mailto:revjohnwd@verizon.net) or 766-7931)



One Service at 9 AM starting Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> (Peace Church) through Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Lois Alander & Family (friend of Sue Miller); Mayme Alfano (Paula Boyer's mother); Kevin Allison; Rev. Ken Arthur (friend of Tom Stone); Nancy Beard (friend of Dar Murphy); Betty Beaver (Martha Keith's sister-in-law); Lisa Benoist (Dave Ritter's nephew's wife); Peggy Baum; Beverly (Holly Yeuell's mom); Pamela Bower (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); Kathy Boyer; Brenda (friend of Dar Murphy); Charles Breon (step-father of Sue Miller); Sandy Buhrman (friend of Kathy Williams); Connor Burns; Rev. Lila Butz; Joanne & Janine Campbell; Ruth Chronister (Ron's Mother); Kevin Clancy (neighbor of Chronister's); Cassie Collins (daughter of Shirley Keith Knox's friend); Cleason Cromer; Alice and Bill Crouse; Debbie (friend of Velez's); Ellie Deeble (great-granddaughter of Jean Myers); Julia (Rick Holtzapple's daughter); Julie DeLuca (Jim and Joan Quick's daughter); Tyler Derr (grandson of a friend of Winnie Wentz); Jackie Diorio (Rev. John's mother); Jacque & Grace Drager; Edna Dreibelbis (Anna Burn's mother); Ingrid Eberly; Scott Eichman (Colleen's husband); Stewart Emery (Sandi Ritter-Butz's father); Abby Freeland (daughter of Assistant Principal at MASH); Debbie and Joe Gartland; George (neighbor of Davinroy's); Nancy Girard (sister of Belva Garman); Bob & Liane Gladwin; Lucy, Jim, Christopher, Tim & Elisabeth Goodridge (Betsy Rushong's sister & family); Shirley & Tom Grammer; Grant (Megan Kern's Fiancé); Ken Groff; Dale Guanowsky; Paul Heaney, Sr. (Dar Murphy's dad); Sandy Heckman; Bob Heisler; Phyllis Hershey; Travis Hessom; Sue Higgins (friend of Anna Thompson); Dorothy Hiltebeitel (mother-in-law of friend of Anna Thompson); Jim & Diane Hughes (Jim is pastor of Grace UCC in Greencastle); Greg Holley (friend of Sue Miller); Rick Holtzapple; Mary Kathryn Hunt (mother of Kimberly Leonard); Betty Hyde; Bill Ingraham (friend of Anna Thompson/Eric Dundore); Alberta Jamison (Betty Olsen's mother); Dan Jones (Jean and Willard's son); Karen B. & Kay (neighbors of the Gabriels); Bob Kayer (Kris Amtower's Dad); Brian Keefer (high-school classmate of Christy Aumiller); Nancy Keith (Martha and Gene's daughter); Steven Keith (Martha and Gene's son); Ken (neighbor of Cassidy Westbrook); Terry Keller (friend of Susan Gabriel); Megan Kern; Rev. George Klinefelter (former pastor of St. Paul's); John & Shirley Knisely; Lynn Lawler (Peg Wightman's cousin); Helena Leber; Cindy Long (friend of Sue Mullin); Barbara Lumby (friend of Betsy Rushong); ; Rev. George Martz (Victoria

Velez's father); Walter Matkowski (Joy Perry's Father); Elaine McCracken; Melodie (colleague of Randy Murphy's); Clyde & Treva Miller; Sue & Dayne Miller; Warren Miller (friend of the Murphy's); Steve Mitchell; Ally, Erin, Joan & Ernie Moyer; Tyler, Hayden & Stacy Mustico (Layne Thompson's cousin); Jean Myers; Patricia Nalepka (Jon Nalepka's mother); Nancy (friend of the Chronister family); Craig Parker (Ruth Wrightstone's nephew); Julia Paroda & Family (friends of the Shaner/Gates Family); Ann Patch (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); Donna Perry (Friend of Lois Ritter); Kristen Pike (sister-in-law of Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase); Larry R. Pike (Christal Pike-Nase's uncle); Bill Redd (friend of the Briggs); Doris Rhoads (Jack Rhoads' mother); Sandy Ritter-Butz; Lynn & Bea Row (Sue Miller's parents); Rhoda Rupp, Candice Rush (friend of Phyllis Hershey); Irv Sanders (Brenda Kern's father); John Scott; Don and Peggy Seiler; Ida Shaner (Gene's mom); Shelly (works with Randy Murphy); Jim & Kathy Short; Rev. Thomas C. & Lorna Simcox (co-worker of Brenda Kern); Clara Sizemore (Bill's mom); Rena Smith; Mike Snyder (friend of Velez's); Susie Snyder (friend of Skip and Sandy Kline); Logan Snow; Lester Starner; Clarence Steck; Tommy, America and Cynthia Stone (Tom and Cindy Stone's son); Clyde Strock (Becca Strock's grandfather); Beverly Sutherland (sister of a friend of Murphy's); Alex Szeles (friend of Jean and Willard Jones); Rev. Karin Stork-Whitson; Dave Thomas; Debra Urich (friend of Dot and Jim Kinzer); Leah van Olden; Pete & Patti Watson; Scott Watts (friend of Herb Bomberger); John White; Brian Wickard (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy); Pat Wiscount (friend of Amanda Lau); Art & Kathy Williams; Eric Williams (Art & Kathy's son); Frank Williams (friend of Tom Stone's); Ruth Wrightstone; Margie Yarborough (Bruce Perry's Aunt).

**Please also keep:**

**All the people affected by the earthquake in Chile, China & Haiti; All the people in the Middle East struggling for peace; All the people in the military and their families and All the people who have lost jobs and their families in your prayers.**

**Please review this prayer list and notify the Church Office if there is anyone who should be added to or removed from the list. Thank You.**

## JUNE WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### ACOLYTES

06 10:30 Erin Moyer  
 20 9:00 Kevin Rudisill  
 27 9:00 Mike Brown

### GREETERS

06 8:15 Rhonda and Doug Jacobsen  
 10:30 Paula and Allyssa Boyer  
 13 9:00 Merikay and Don Wood  
 20 9:00 Karen and Kevin Allison  
 27 9:00 Pam and Allan MacKinnon

### LECTORS

06 8:15 Mike Gray  
 10:30 Kevin Allison  
 13 9:00 Patty Scott  
 20 9:00 Paula Boyer  
 27 9:00 Allyssa Boyer

**Head Usher: Richard Bensel**

### USHERS

02 Communion/Consistory  
 13 9:00 Cindy and Tom Stone  
 Betty and Tom Olsen  
 20 9:00 Merikay and Don Wood  
 Paula and Allyssa Boyer  
 27 9:00 Joan and Jim Quick  
 Leann and Tim Davinroy

### FLOWER DELIVERY

06 Karen and Kevin Allison  
 13 Linda Alburger  
 20 Donna and Don Sponsler  
 27 Jonne and Eric Dundore

### COMMUNION PREP

06 Kathy and Mike Aumiller



06 - 8:15 am Chancel Choir  
 10:30 am Youth Choir  
 13 - 9:00 am Chancel Choir (Peace Church)



*June*



Happy Birthday!

01 Nicole Baker	15 Andrew Patton
02 Matthew Howe	17 Bella Shaner-Elliott
03 Kristen Templin	18 Joan Shearer
05 Kristine Amtower	Daniel Wentz
Ava Drazba	19 Marilyn Aust
06 Verna Groff	20 Eric Dundore
07 Liane Gladwin	22 Mark Dundore
09 Michael Gray	James Smithson
09 Brian Medkeff-Rose	24 Alice Crouse
10 Grace Drager	Keira Nalepka
11 Karen Allison	25 Martha Brown
Joanne Schmick	28 Melba Bomberger
Peter Shea	29 Michael Siemons
Thomas Sheaffer	30 Sherri Bergstresser
12 Calvin Thompson	Brian Foust
13 Truc Anh Elliott	Molly Hockenberry
Landyn Miller	Ian Nalepka
14 Mackenzie Shea	Stanley Rudisill



Happy Anniversary

01 Kim and Jon Nalepka  
 02 Catherine and Ralph Kiner  
 06 Becky and Richard Lingenfelter  
 06 Melinda and Jonathan Shaw  
 07 Colleen and Scott Eichman  
 09 Linda and Pete Shea  
 09 Karen and Dan Paulus  
 11 Judy and Mike Aumiller  
 11 Amy and Travis Kern  
 12 Shirley and John Knisely  
 16 Kelly and James Wentz  
 20 Treva and Clyde Miller  
 22 Sandy and Don Heckman  
 22 Valerie and Frank Lill  
 26 Nancy and Clarence Steck  
 26 Carolyn and Jere Rutherford  
 27 Jane and Dave Hall  
 27 Kelly and Jeff Costello

### JUNE LECTIONARY TEXTS

**6 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 1 Kings 17:8-16,(17-24) Galatians 1:11-24  
 Psalm 146 Luke 7:11-17

**13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 1 Kings 21:1-10,(11-14) Galatians 2:15-21  
 15-21a Luke 7:36-8:3  
 Psalm 5:1-8

**20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 1 Kings 19:1-4,(5-7),8-15a Galatians 3:23-29  
 Psalm 42-43 Luke 8:26-39

**27 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
 1 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Galatians 5:1, 13-25  
 Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20 Luke 9:51-62

## **Consistory Highlights – May 18, 2010 –**

**Treasurer's Report** – Total Income for March was \$26,179.68, total expenses \$ 24,668.70 with a positive balance of \$837.00. The final payment on the PNC Bank loan was made during April. At a recent Finance committee meeting, it was decided that the report format as it is currently presented needs to be revised. **Stewardship Report** – Workshop “Tippers to Tithers” was held at St. Paul's on April 25<sup>th</sup>. Rev. John, Joan Quick, Dennis Plymette, Jane Hall and Kathy Williams attended and gained a great deal of new information and ideas for energizing our stewardship activities at St. Paul's. The final payment for the PNC Bank Loan was made in April. Consistory participated in discussion and reflection on the Penn Central Conference sabbatical readings, reflections and prayer activities and committed to continuing this practice over the next month as well. **Christian Education Council** – Randy Murphy – Sunday School groupings will be adjusted for the upcoming year due to demographics of our current youth population, and a “tween” group will be created. A confirmation class for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held in the next year. There will be no summer Sunday School after June 6. Annual Sunday School picnic is scheduled for June 13. There was general discussion about the nursery, with hopes of being able to hire a regular nursery worker in the future when funds permit. The first YAMS (Young Adult Ministry for Summer) event was held on May 16 and was a great success. Allyssa Boyer will plan a future event. VBS planning is well underway, with hopes of having as many as 60 youth in attendance. Leaders are lining up and dinner planning is taking place. A “star sponsorship” to support VBS was successful, raising over \$200. As a mission focus, the planning group is looking into some way to support clean-up efforts for the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. **Parish Ministries Council** – Bruce Perry – No one else has stepped forward to volunteer for the group, so Bruce will reach out to former members and plans to reach out to both men and women for new projects and ideas. Bruce likes the idea of the various dinners that have been held in the past and would like to continue offering those. Will continue to work on recruitment. **Property Committee** – Bill Cashman – no formal meeting in the past month, but numerous conversations were held with members of the committee. Don Wood wishes to thank Ed Thorn, Dayne Miller, Dave Scott and Gene Keith for all the time and energy they have spent related to property matters. The annual clean up day was held on April 24, with a combined 30 hours of work completed by the crew.

Proposals were received to make improvements to the parking lot. Motion was made and passed to reseal the parking lot cracks. The lawn mower continues to be problematic – it is back in the shop at Kerry's and we hope to have it back in 3-4 days. Land/building assessments were received from the Cumberland County Board of Assessment. The value of the land was assessed at \$275,000, down from \$460,000 six years ago. There was discussion on the assessment of the building, which almost doubled in value from \$878,000 to \$1,594,000 from the previous assessment. Even though we are tax-exempt, it was suggested that Don Wood file an appeal with the Board of Assessment, mostly for insurance purposes. Motion was passed to do this. **Finance/Audit/Endowment Committee** – The committee met, and as mentioned in the Treasurer's report discussed the need to consolidate the finance report. The Committee is also looking into way to enable the Endowment Fund to earn better interest. **Pastor's Report** – Rev. John attended a “New Church Plants” meeting held by Penn Central Conference, but indicated that he is not interested in starting any new churches at the moment. Rev. John has been busy visiting members in hospitals, homes, and nursing homes, as well as doing a lot of new marriage counseling for couples. He noted that we continue to have sound system problems and that we will have to make some improvements soon because of FCC bandwidth changes. He has talked with one group about possible remedies. We also need to look at improved lighting. Since these expenditures were not budgeted, if we make upgrades, we will probably need to ask for special donations and/or tap into our Capital Funds. Five new members were received on May 16. Rev. John and Dennis Plymette attended the Mercersburg Spring Meeting. The Church Directory photo shoots start the week of May 24. There will be a fundraiser dinner on May 28 for St. Paul's and the Pride Parade. The Penn Central annual meeting is coming up in June and St. Paul's is sending a big delegation. June 13 is our service at Peace Church; there is a suggestion for the future to move it to 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in June instead so that it better coincides with the end of the school year. Rev. John notes that St. Paul's will sponsor a table at Jubilee Day to raise visibility of our church and perhaps raise a little bit of money through the sale of baked goods, etc. Finally, the dedication of the new building for New Hope Ministries will be held June 21 from 3-7 pm. **Old Business: Recycling** – Rev. John brought up the recycling proposal and asked for approval to begin recycling at a cost of \$60.00 a year. Motion was made and passed to

start recycling at the Church. **New Business – Mercersburg Association** – Dennis Plymette shared the highlights of the spring meeting. St. Paul's has not paid our annual assessment but intends to pay it by the end of the year. **Sabbatical Activity** – Consistory participated in discussion and reflection on the Penn Central Conference sabbatical readings and reflections. The sabbatical activities took place over the past two consistory meetings. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm. The next regular meeting of Consistory will be held on Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - The June meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Tuesday June 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM in the Parlor. Prayer Shawls will be blessed at the 9 AM Service on June 20th.

***“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.”***



**Peace Church, Sunday June 13 – 9 AM** – Our Summer worship schedule will begin with this special service held at Peace Church, Intersection of

Trindle & St. Johns Roads in Camp Hill.

**Jubilee Day is Thursday June 17<sup>th</sup> and St. Paul’s UCC will be there.** We will be selling baked goods (cookies or other bar size goodies), water and have a “Space” related children’s game that will bring some focus on our “Galactic Blast” Vacation Bible School. We have had a wonderful response so far from volunteers willing to help out or donate but could use more. Please plan on dropping your baked good item off at the Church Wednesday Evening by 8 PM. If you are interested in helping out or donating baked goods and have not already signed up, please contact Terry in the Church office at 766-7931.

On Monday June 21 from 3 to 7 PM, **New Hope Ministries** will hold an open house for their “**New West Shore Center**”. Come out and see New Hope’s new building at 5228 E Trindle Rd, Mechanicsburg.

**The Pollyanna’s** will meet at 1 pm on Tuesday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Jean Mogel’s home. Please remember your food pantry donations. Any questions, call Jean at 697-1088.

**YARD SALE - Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> 9 AM – 2 PM on the front lawn @ Thornwald Home,**



**442 Walnut Bottom Rd, Carlisle.** Reserve a table space for just \$7 to sell your attic & basement finds OR donate baked goods & attic/basement treasures for the residents to sell at the Thornwald Home table. To

purchase a table or for more information please contact: Lifestyle Services Dept at 249-4118 or email [nbrown@th.ucc-homes.org](mailto:nbrown@th.ucc-homes.org). Spaces are limited. So come out and show your support! All proceeds go to benefit Thornwald Home resident activities.



**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

**SENATORS BASEBALL & WATER GOLF**

**OUTING** – Come join the Youth Group on **Saturday, August 7th, 2010** for an afternoon at City Island! We will meet at Water Golf at 3:30 PM to play a round of miniature golf. The picnic dinner starts at 6 PM in the “Left Field Batters Eye” location. The picnic menu includes BBQ chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, corn on the cob, potato salad, popcorn, chips, cookies and soda. Game time is 7 PM and the opponent is the Altoona Curve. Price for the mini golf depends on how many people sign up to play golf and is a separate charge from the baseball game. Price for dinner and the game is \$22.00 for adults 13 and up, \$ 11.00 for youth fellowship members and \$6.00 for children 12 and under. **You do not need to sign up for both events, come for just the golfing or just the picnic and game, it will be fun. Please sign up (see sheet on the bulletin board in the Common) and pay Martha Brown by Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>.** Any questions email Martha Brown at [vbrown5325@aol.com](mailto:vbrown5325@aol.com) or call 697-3522. **Everyone is invited to attend!** Hope to see you there!

**KITCHEN HELPERS NEEDED FOR VBS**

**DINNERS:** Do you have some free time from 4 PM to 6:45 PM? If so, please consider signing up to help in the Kitchen at one, two or all the dinners that are being prepared for the Vacation Bible School Crew, Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> through Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup>. If you can help, please let Jack Rhoads know @ 697-3539 or sign up on the VBS (NASA) bulletin board in the Commons.



Needed for VBS – Sugar Cookies in a shape of a Star. We are looking for star shaped sugar cookies for VBS. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the commons if you can make a dozen or two. Cookies should be dropped off in the Kitchen by Monday morning July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**CALLED TO CARE TEAM** – Mark this on your calendar – Picnic at Gene and Martha Keith’s home, 5 PM on Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2010 Pride Festival of Central PA**  
**“One World, One Goal, Equality for All”**  
**Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

A weekend event consisting of Friday Night’s Voices United Concert, Saturday’s Pride Fest Unity Parade and Pride Fest, and Sunday’s Spirits United Service.

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Pride Festival of Central PA is to increase positive visibility of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Straight Ally community of Central Pennsylvania by providing opportunities to express and celebrate diverse perspectives, emphasizing acceptance of all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

**Brief History of Central PA Pride Parade** – Unity Parade came to life during the fall of 2005 when Dan Stroup presented the concept of a Gay Pride Parade whose theme would be community unity to the Central PA Pride Festival Committee. A sub committee was formed to carry forth the concept. Working against a perception that the community was too small to support such a parade, central PA’s first Pride Unity Parade marched down Front Street of Harrisburg on the morning of PrideFest in July of 2006. Much to the delight of the 3000 spectators and chagrin of a handful of protestors, the first Central PA PrideFest

Unity Parade was a resounding success! Last year's parade had 50 entries including 4 marching bands and major area retail companies, it took about an hour to pass the reviewing stand. Work has already begun on the 2010 PrideFest Unity Parade including the invitation of some very special guests. The 2010 parade committee also will continue the "Band Extravaganza" in the year's parade, by inviting bands from the Gay and Lesbian Band Association to compete for a trophy.

St. Paul's will again be represented at the Parade. If you would like to join our group, please contact Shirley Keith Knox at 697-6946 or [skeithknox@comcast.net](mailto:skeithknox@comcast.net).

The below pictures showing a rainbow outside of our church were taken by one of the Boy Scout leaders who meet here. This is really beautiful in color. Check the bulletin board shortly to see them.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR,** schedule vacation time for our annual bazaar being held **Friday, October 1, 2010.** It will

be a busy day filled with crafts, baked goods, flea market, and of course, our chicken pot pie! Our event has a history of being one of the best in the area, not only for the quality of what we have, but the great fellowship enjoyed by all.

**Putting out a plea now, donations of crafts are needed for the Bazaar.**

Some suggestions of crafts to make are: Knitted or Crocheted items, ornaments, handmade decorations, Wreaths, holiday themed items (Halloween, Thanksgiving & Christmas), pillows, etc. In making a craft, please remember to keep it so we can price it reasonably. While people do buy the crafts, they tend to look for items that are not real expensive. If you would be willing to donate a craft, do some sewing of crafts or have ideas of crafts that you have seen at other craft fairs, please let one of our craft chairs know: Anita Miller, Betty Olson, Carol Rhoads, Patty Scott or Susan Thorn.

**Lots of help is needed to continue the success of the Bazaar.** Contact Jean Mogel (697-1088) or Terry Shaner (697-8329) with any questions or ideas you may have. Thank You.

**RECYCLING** - St. Paul's is going to start recycling throughout our building. Check out the poster on the bulletin board in the Commons for items that are to be recycled. Shortly you will see "White Recycling Boxes" in the building. Do your part and please recycle by placing recyclables in these boxes.





**Weekly Contributions of food** – There are designated spots in the common area to place your donations for both

the **Ecumenical Food Pantry** and **New Hope Ministries**.

The **Ecumenical Food Pantry** has issued a plea for the following items that they have a severe shortage of: **jello, instant pudding, cake mixes, frosting, pancake mix and syrup.** Items can be placed in the area in the Commons designated for the Ecumenical Food Pantry (not the shopping cart). **New Hope Ministries** is currently short on **sugar** (items for New Hope should be placed in the grocery cart in the commons). Please consider adding one or two of these items to your Grocery list the next time you go grocery shopping. Thank you in advance for supporting both of these food pantries who help out so many in need

**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](mailto:bruceperry@comcast.net).

Thank you for your continued efforts in this ministry. Please remember the Food Pantry's when you do your grocery shopping.

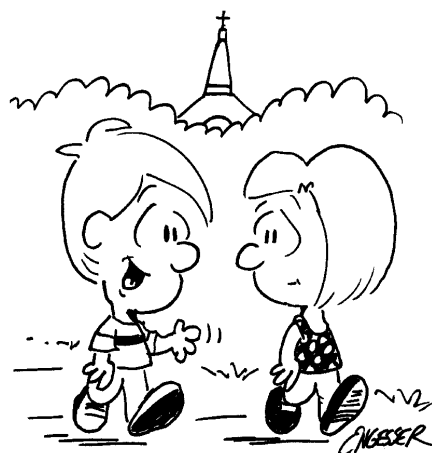


**Animals Need You!**

The 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class is collecting items for the Humane Society. When deciding to choose a mission project, the class unanimously agreed that they wanted to help homeless animals. The following items are being collected to give to the Humane Society:

- Toys: heavy duty not stuffed
- Metal Pet dishes
- Paper towels
- Garbage bags – any size
- Sheets and towels – used or new
- Bleach

If you would like to help our cause, bring your item to church and place it in the red and white dog house in the common area. **We will be collecting items through Saturday June 5th.** **Thank you for your support!**



"If we're all God's children, just think of all the cards he gets on Father's Day."

## St. Paul's on Wheels has a 2nd successful ride for the American Diabetes Association!

On May 22nd, St. Paul's on Wheels hit the road for the 2nd year to participate in the Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association. With an even larger team (24 riders) than last year, St. Paul's on Wheels was able to raise over \$4,000 to help fight diabetes.

Riders participated in routes ranging from a 9km (5.6 mile) family ride up to 50km (35.9 miles, including an unanticipated detour) and were blessed with good weather, beautiful scenery and good food at the finish line. Many thanks to all of the riders for their efforts to raise money for the American Diabetes Association, and for taking time out of their busy schedules to ride - it was very moving to see how many people came out to show their support, and especially motivational to see people with diabetes riding too. They were proudly wearing red shirts for everyone to see they aren't taking diabetes sitting down (unless you count sitting down on the saddle).

Members of the 2010 St. Paul's on Wheels included: Becky, Layne, Rachel, Jordan and Calvin Thompson; Sue, John, Becca, Lily and Slater Ward-Diorio; Sarah Myers and Beth Mihmet; Deb and Bill (Red Shirt Rider) Cashman; Floyd Gouse (Red Shirt Rider); Terry and Gene Shaner; Carol and Bill Sizemore; Chris Cowen; Merikay and Don Wood; and Jenn and Craig Martek.

Next year's Tour de Cure will be held on Saturday, June 11, so mark your calendars! If you'd like to join the team next year, find your bike and get ready. If you're already on the team, keep your bike ready to go!

Thanks again for everyone's participation and contributions!

Riding until there's a cure,  
Craig Martek (St. Paul's on Wheels team captain)

Phil 4:13 - "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."



Meet our  
New  
Members



On May 16th, we welcomed 5 new members here at St. Paul's. **OUR THANKS** go out to the Sponsors: Amy and Jim Paulus, Art Williams, Kathy Williams, Steve Mitchell and Jonne Dundore.

**Floyd Gouse Jr**  
5312 Oxford Cir Apt 8  
Mechanicsburg PA 17055  
557-9167

Floyd Gouse was born, raised and resides in the Mechanicsburg area. He is 64 years old and is a disabled Vietnam Veteran. He is proud of his military service. Floyd has enjoyed his time as a bowling coach for 30 some years and is in the Bowlers Hall of Fame for his outstanding skills and for his coaching. He especially enjoys coaching kids and volunteering for all sorts of community causes involving kids such as the Big Brothers and Big Sisters foundations. Floyd is happy to join this congregational family of Christians at St. Paul's UCC.

**Scott Endy / Amanda Lau**  
**(Amanda's daughter Sydnie age 4)**  
664 Fishing Creek Rd  
New Cumberland, PA 17070  
Scott's email [srendy2247@comcast.net](mailto:srendy2247@comcast.net)  
Amanda's email [akahmer@comcast.net](mailto:akahmer@comcast.net)  
932-8957

Scott is originally from the Philadelphia area. As a youth, Scott attended a UCC church. As an adult, Scott has developed a career in law enforcement. He was a patrolman in the eastern part of the state, and is currently based in Harrisburg as an agent with the federal ATF. Scott has two college age children, both of whom will soon be graduates of Penn State - Harrisburg. He is an avid outdoorsman and sportsman. Bill Cashman will be glad to know that Scott is also a motorcycle enthusiast. Scott is engaged to be married to Amanda Lau in October.

Amanda is the mother of Sydnie who is almost 5 years old. She works as a legal assistant for the US attorney's office. She enjoys nature and is an avid birdwatcher. She and Scott attended St Paul's UCC church in Dallastown before coming to St Paul's in Mechanicsburg; and she is originally from Maryland.

**Holly and Hardin Yeuell**  
**(Son Ethan age 10 & Son Cai age 8)**  
2809 Columbia Ave  
Camp Hill PA 17011  
802-4142

Holly's email [hollyhey@comcast.net](mailto:hollyhey@comcast.net)  
Hardin's email [zhdy01@comcast.net](mailto:zhdy01@comcast.net)

Hardin was born in Tuscaloosa, AL famous for a well known geologic trend and for Hardin Yeuell. He spent most of his formative years just outside of Richmond, VA where he graduated from high school. He later graduated from Virginia Tech in 1981 with a degree in geology. He has lived in Birmingham, AL and New Orleans, LA among many other locales. It was at the latter of these two that I first met Hardin in 1981. We both worked for Amoco at that time and are now keeping a low profile because we don't want to be blamed for the Gulf oil seepage due to our earlier efforts of deep water prospects. Until very recently, I had not seen Hardin in 25 years. That said, the coincidence of our meeting again all these years later in Mechanicsburg, PA is akin to paraphrasing Bogart from the movie Casablanca. "Of all the churches in all the world, he had to walk into mine." Hardin was a good guy 30 years ago and nothing has changed since and thus I'm proud to present him to our congregation as a new member.

Holly was an "air force brat", moving around the country quite a bit until she was in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and the family settled in Virginia, which she considers her home state. She has her undergraduate degree in English, and her Master's in Christian Education, with considerable work for her doctorate under her belt. Her hobbies BC (before children) included sewing/crafts and reading. Her talents and high energy are quite apparent as

you look at the many eye-catching displays and creative ideas she has already implemented in the short time that she has been our Director of Christian Education. After living in Alabama, Holly moved to the area about 5 years ago with her husband, Harden, and two sons, Ethan and Kai. She has worked as a Christian Educator in several churches and denominations, including United Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, and now the United Church of Christ.



Congratulations to our Graduates!



**IT'S A BOY!**

Dr. Alison Witmer Thir and Jesse Thir are parents of a baby boy, Tyler Alan Thir, born April 29, 2010. He weighed 8.8 pounds and 21 1/2 inches long. Their address is 4265 Mockingbird Circle, Waldorf, MD, 20603. Congratulations to the parents, to Great Grandmother, Frances Wolford and to grandmother, Kathy Witmer.

**Church Directory Update:**

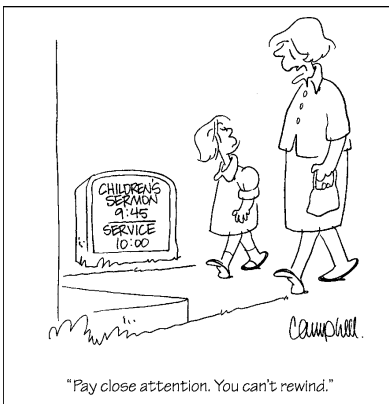
Tina Bowers-Paris – change of email:  
Tearose4@gmail.com



*Thank You Note*

**Dear Members of St. Pauls:**

Thank you for the altar flowers. There were very beautiful. Tom is feeling better every day. Thanks again, Tom and Shirley Grammer



**Allyssa A. Boyer** – Tyler School of Art, Temple University, Bachelor of Arts, Art History.

**Rachael Cashman** – Millersville University, Bachelor of Science in Biology, Cum Laude.

**Grant Jacobsen** – University of California, Santa Barbara, Ph.D. Environmental Economics.

**Jonathan Knox** – Shippensburg University, Bachelor of Arts Psychology; Minor Coaching.

**Captain Ryan Miller** – F-16 Fighter School, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2010, Kelly USA, Texas.

**Erika Obrock** – University of Delaware, Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music, with a concentration in Music Management.

**David Patton** – Millersville University, Bachelor of Science in Industrial Technology.

**Korbin Ritter-Butz** – Cocalico High School. Going to SUNY Coble Skills, NY to become a Veterinarian.

**Tyler Ritter-Butz** – Reading Area Community College. Future plans - Kutztown College, studying History/Criminal Justice.

**Sara Beth Weaver** – Ithaca College School of Music, Bachelor of Music degree with a concentration in Vocal Performance. Future plans include graduate school.