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## The Epistle

is a monthly publication of St. Paul's UCC.

***Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!***

Worship Schedule – Two services 8:15 & 10:30 am every Sunday  
Sunday School at 9:15 am Childcare available @ 10:30 am service.

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ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

MAY 2010

## FROM THE PASTOR

What is the purpose of a congregation, of a religious community? At first glance that seems to be an easy question to answer. Our purpose is to worship and serve God. But how do we do that? And, what makes being part of a community different than seeking to worship and serve God as an individual?

There are a number of different ways to worship God and to serve God. All we have to do is consider the large numbers of different Faiths and denominations to see that. While practices differ considerably, at the heart of most, if not all faiths is the desire to deepen our relationship with God, or the Divine. Our worship and service practices are geared to helping that occur to a greater and greater extent. While this in many ways is an individual pursuit, being a part of a religious body gives each of us the best opportunity for our individual pursuits to be authentic and on-going.

Within the United Church of Christ we claim that God is still speaking. Our process of worshipping and serving God cannot then be static. If we are to worship and serve, deepen our relationship, we have to be aware of what God is trying to get across to us in the present, as well as what had been true before. We understand that as individuals we are limited, not perfect. So we might listen or hear better what God is communicating to us, we gather together and pray, sing and listen. We teach, learn and discuss. We reach out to people we know, people we do not know, and people we may never see face to face. We seek to care for and share the blessings given us and those entrusted to our stewardship. We pursue justice and seek to share mercy. We try and share with others the blessings our faith has showed us and invite one and all along equally,

so we might journey together. Being a person of faith, means being actively involved in our faith.

Being a person of faith who is part of a community also involves taking responsibility within the community for the community or congregation's operation and on-going life. We recognize all that the community offers us on our journeys and how it helps others, and we commit to making sure our congregation or community continues to function as well as it can.

St. Paul's has been a blessing to its members and to others for years now. If we are to continue to function in this way, we need to continue to make sure, as a congregation, we have what we need. We are facing a budget shortfall this year, and we need extra funds. Some of the leadership of committees and councils has changed or stepped down, and we need new leaders and new volunteers. As a congregation, as a whole we need to step forward and work to meet these needs. It is our corporate responsibility to step up, not just so an organization can continue to exist, but so that each and all of us can best attend to the central calling of our faith: deepening our relationship with God. We do this best together. Let us together fulfill our callings.

Peace, John



**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.



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Lois Alander & Family (friend of Sue Miller); Mayme Alfano (Paula Boyer's mother); Kevin Allison; Alyssa Armstrong (granddaughter of friend of Suttons); 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); 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); Julie DeLuca; 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); Emily (Patrice Miller's niece); Abby Freeland (daughter of Assistant Principal at MASH); Debbie and Joe Gartland; Les Gerber & Elaine McCracken; Nancy Girard (sister of Belva Garman); Bob & Liane Gladwin; Chuck Goodhart (friend of Anna Thompson); Lucy, Jim & Elisabeth Goodridge (Betsy Rushong's sister & family); Shirley & Tom Grammer; Grant (Megan Kern's Fiance); 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); Kay (neighbor of 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; Barbara Lumby (friend of Betsy Rushong); Margie (Bruce Perry's Aunt); Rev. George Martz (Victoria Velez's father); 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); Kristen Pike (sister-in-law of Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase); Doris Rhoads (Jack Rhoads' mother); Sandy Ritter-Butz; Lynn & Bea Row (Sue Miller's parents); 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; Clara Sizemore (Bill's mom); Rena Smith; Mike Snyder (friend of Velez's); Susie Snyder (friend of Skip and Sandy Kline); Logan Snow; Lester Starnner; Clarence Steck; Tom Stone & his family (son of Tom and Cindy Stone); 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; David Ward (Sue's brother); Pete & Patti Watson; Scott Watts (friend of Herb Bomberger); John White; Brian Wickard (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy); Pat Wiscourt (friend of Amanda Lau); Art & Kathy Williams; Eric Williams (Art & Kathy's son); Frank Williams (friend of Tom Stone's), Ruth Wrightstone.

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.**

**MAY WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

**ACOLYTES**

- 02 8:15 Ally Moyer
- 10:30 Kevin MacKinnon
- 09 10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio
- 16 10:30 Jeff Dundore
- 23 10:30 Mike Brown

**GREETERS**

- 02 8:15 Joan and Ernie Moyer
- 10:30 Truc Anh and Shawn Elliott
- 09 8:15 Michael and Richard Gray
- 10:30 Jill Morell and Bonnie Plymette
- 16 8:15 Betty and Tom Olsen
- 10:30 Martha and Vic Brown
- 23 8:15 Susan and Gerald Stada
- 10:30 Joan and Jim Quick
- 30 8:15 Mary Louise Miller and Donna Sterner
- 10:30 Susan and Ron Gabriel

**LECTORS**

- 02 8:15 Becky Thompson
- 10:30 Rick Ayers
- 09 8:15 Anna Thompson
- 10:30 Dennis Plymette
- 16 8:15 Joanne Miller
- 10:30 Joan Quick
- 23 8:15 Art Williams
- 10:30 Jonathan Nase
- 30 8:15 Ron Chronister
- 10:30 Kathy Aumiller

**Head Usher: Kathy Williams**

**USHERS**

- 02 Communion/Consistory
- 09 8:15 Kathy and Mike Aumiller
- 10:30 Brenda Kern and Lois Ritter
- Shirley Keith Knox and Carol Sizemore

**FLOWER DELIVERY**

- 02 Lois and Dave Ritter
- 09 Susan and Ron Gabriel
- 16 Dot and Jim Kinzer
- 23 Joanne Miller
- 30 Mary Runkle

**COMMUNION PREP**

- 02 Merikay & Don Wood

- 23 - 8:15 am Chancel Choir
- 10:30 am Youth Choir
- 30 - 10:30 am Combined Choirs



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|------------------------|---------------------|
| 02 Cameron Burns       | 15 Mary Runkle      |
| Jessica Paulus         | 16 Allyssa Boyer    |
| 03 Creedin Paulus      | James Boyer         |
| Donald Sponsler        | Jacque Drager       |
| Milo Stavely           | Linda Shea          |
| 04 Esther Kline        | 17 Mackendra Shea   |
| Valerie Lill           | 18 James Beistline  |
| 06 Ruth Wrightstone    | Kelly Costello      |
| 07 Jim Kinzer          | Glenn Kline         |
| John Knisely           | Joan Moyer          |
| Gregory Miller         | 19 Karen Paulus     |
| 08 Jocelen Bainey      | 20 Leo Garman       |
| Cyndi Watson           | 22 Donald Dye       |
| Andrew Wentz           | 23 Rachael Cashman  |
| 09 Kathryn Amtower     | Allyson Colestock   |
| Jane Frymark           | Abby Miller         |
| Joy Perry              | 25 Linda Alburger   |
| 10 Lorraine Miller     | Lloyd Miller        |
| Bruce Perry            | 26 John McMillan Jr |
| 11 Melissa Walter      | Anthony Simpson     |
| 13 Rhonda Jacobsen     | 27 Michael McCorkel |
| Rebecca Strock         | 28 Deena Davis      |
| 14 Katelyn Chamberlain | 29 Sue Mullin       |
| Gail Parthree          | 30 Judy Aumiller    |
| 15 Brynn Bergstresser  | Ned Rupp            |



- 02 Chris and David Grice
- 03 Sue and Ed Thorn
- 06 Joy and Bruce Perry
- 08 Cheryl and Ken Malick
- 08 Sonya and Lance Snow
- 09 Kristine and Richard Amtower
- 11 Barbara and William Westhafer Sr.
- 13 Anna and Dale Burns
- 16 Marshall and MaryJane Bender
- 17 Marcy and William Brymesser
- 19 Leann and Tim Davinroy
- 20 Dot and Jim Kinzer
- 21 Amy and Milo Stavely
- 24 Brenda and Tim Kern
- 25 Merikay and Don Wood
- 28 Winnie and Darryl Wentz
- 28 Melissa and Lee Walter
- 31 Peg and Don Seiler
- 31 Tracy and Michael Shea



- 02 - 8:15 am Youth Choir
- 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 09 - 10:30 am Handchimes/Choristers during Children's Message
- 16 - 10:30 am Youth Choir

## **Consistory Highlights – April 20, 2010 –**

**Sabbatical activity** – 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 – April was a busy month with the Easter Egg Hunt, Easter Sunrise service led by youth and celebration for Ally Moyer, An end of month scavenger hunt and pizza party is planned. Holly is developing a new ministry for college/grad age youth, with an event planned for May 16. Discussion about the use of Facebook to communicate with young adults. VBS Registration begins in May for Galactic Blast! Sunday School picnic on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Keith's house. Safe Sanctuaries planning is still underway. **Extended Ministries Council** – Shirley Keith Knox – Meeting was held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. The vision statement of St. Paul's was included on the full report, as well as commitments for 2010 including outreach to seniors, youth, local and global neighbor outreach programs, social justice outreach including Open and Affirming program and event support, interfaith activities, school anti-bullying initiatives, and two potential projects – a community garden on St. Paul's property that would include sharing harvests and proceeds with New Hope and elderly community members, and an outdoor labyrinth for spiritual reflection. **Parish Ministries Council** Bruce Perry – We need a chair for this council. Shirley recommended co-chairs might be a solution. In an effort to streamline some of the previous activities of this council, Rev. John recommended that the upcoming family luncheon and new member tea dates be combined. **Pastor Parish Relations Committee** – Rick Ayers – There will be a meeting the first week of May. **Property Committee** – Bill Cashman – Don Wood has negotiated a lower cost (down 10 cents a gallon from 2009/2010) for heating oil in the next year. As the rate caps have come off, our electric bill from PPL was approximately \$30.00 higher than the previous month. Upcoming expenses: relining of the parking lot, lawn mower needs repaired again, and the church sound system may need to be replaced due to existing interference and the potential of changing wireless bandwidths which could render the system inoperable. Such unbudgeted expenses need to be considered; the committee suggests potentially drawing money from the endowment, securing a line of credit, or undertaking a capital campaign, along with developing a 3-5 year improvement plan. Reminder that the church clean-up day is April 24<sup>th</sup>. Regarding the lawn mower, a current estimate

seems quite high. Shirley is going to speak with Gene Keith to see if he can look at the estimate and possibly make some of the repairs. **Pastor's Report** – Rev John – The Lenten Book Group was well received. Youth participated in the 30-Hour Famine, raised money to donate to World Vision and New Hope Ministries and served in a soup kitchen. A new church pictorial directory "drive" is underway with the goal of 100% participation. Rev. John officiated at a memorial service; Maundy Thursday and Easter Services went very well. New members will be welcomed at the May 16<sup>th</sup> 10:30 service, along with a new member/graduate tea and Church Family dinner combined event. For the future, Rev. John would like us to have discussion on recycling at the church. He passed out a proposal for what recycling services could be provided through York Waste Disposal at a cost of approx. \$60/year. He would also like to have future longer range discussions regarding the AV system and developing a community garden and labyrinth as reported in the Property and Extended Ministries reports. **New Business** – **A.** Dennis Plymette is concerned about the lack of a good computer backup system at the church. Even if we are not prepared to invest in a server at this point as proposed in earlier meetings, we need to come up with some kind of system to protect data. He suggests that we investigate a relatively low cost image backup system with a terabyte hard drive. **B.** Financial Concerns – A congregation member has contacted Kevin Allison with concerns about the budget deficit. Kevin has asked Dave Hall to provide more regular detail in the weekly bulletin about the budget for all members to see. There was some discussion about doing an informal audit to help clarify the church's financial status. **C.** Fundraisers – Shirley Keith Knox announced that on May 28 at 5 pm, there will be a fundraiser at the church to raise money for the Harrisburg Pride Festival and for St. Paul's. She also mentioned that a current congregation member with photography skills has offered to take pictures of the stained glass windows and turn them into note cards and Christmas Cards to sell as a church fundraiser. Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. Next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

***“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 Prayer Shawl Ministry

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY** - The May

meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 in Fellowship Hall. Prayer Shawls will be blessed at both services on May 23rd.



**Pot-Luck Luncheon Chairperson Needed** - We need

someone to chair a Pot-Luck Luncheon for after the 10:30 Service on Sunday May 16<sup>th</sup>. 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**BAZAAR NEWS!!!** - Please plan to attend our **2010 Bazaar Planning Meeting on Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.** All new and old ideas would be greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome! **We need lots of help to make this event successful.**

Thank you in advance for your support of this event. Please contact Terry in the Church Office (766-7931) or in the evening (697-8329) if you have any questions. Hope to see you at the meeting.



**The Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church,** 300 E. Simpson St. will host a concert by the **Essence of Joy Alumni**

**Singers** on Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM. The singers are lead by Dr. Tony Leach of Penn State University. This concert will feature sacred and secular music of the African-American traditions. A free-will offering will be received at the concert



**Tour de Cure**  
Saturday, May 22nd

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

again 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 to make a contribution you can go 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. For questions, please see Craig Martek at church or email him at: [lizardbiker@gmail.com](mailto:lizardbiker@gmail.com) or you can speak, call or email Rev. John.



**Church Pictorial Directory**

**Pictures for St. Paul's new pictorial directory will be taken Monday May 24<sup>th</sup> - Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:30**

**through 9:00 pm here at St. Paul's.** If for some reason you were unable to have your picture taken during this time period, please contact the church office @ 766-7931. There are numerous other options and we will do our best to find a way to get your picture in the directory. All Households who are photographed and select a pose for the directory will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and the Pictorial Directory. There is no cost to you unless you choose to purchase additional pictures. Our goal is to achieve 100% participation so that all of our members are featured and the directory is complete. Spouses and partners who are not members of St. Paul's are whole-heartedly encouraged to have their pictures taken with their family. This is an "Open and Affirming" event so all are welcome, and no one will be turned away. There have been many new faces in our Church Family and this is a good way to get to know everyone.

**The Pollyanna's** will meet at 1 pm on Tuesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at Dot Kinzer's home. Please remember your food donations. Any questions, call Dot at 697-1620.



**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.



You Are Invited To  
Fundraising & Fellowship  
St. Paul's UCC &  
Central PA PRIDE FESTIVAL

Covered Dish Event – Bring Your Favorite Dish

Plan to join new friends (and old!) on Friday, May 28 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Fellowship Hall.

Donations (of any size) payable to "Pride Festival of Central PA" and/or "St. Paul's UCC" are warmly welcomed and tax deductible.

The mission of the Pride Festival of Central PA is to increase the 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. Pride Festival of Central PA is a non-profit 501(c) 3 organization. St. Paul's UCC is an open and affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ.

Rainbow attire is encouraged and this is a family friendly event – children welcome! For a little extra fun we will have a parade "rehearsal" at 6:00! Come prepared for music, dining and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Or contact (before 5/25) Beth [bethmihmet@yahoo.com](mailto:bethmihmet@yahoo.com) 458-5672 or Shirley [skeithknox@comcast.net](mailto:skeithknox@comcast.net)

**Helpers needed in the Kitchen preparing dinner for the Vacation Bible School Crew.**

Vacation Bible School runs Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> through Thursday July 15<sup>th</sup> this year. We start at 4 PM and are normally done by 6:45 PM. If you can help at one, two or all the dinners, please let Jack Rhoads know @ 697-3539 or sign up on the VBS (NASA) bulletin board in the Commons.



**YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SENATORS BASEBALL 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. **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!

## 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).



Reach out to those in need

**Pinnacle Health Hospice** is currently seeking male "Big Buddies" to assist us at Camp Dragonfly! Camp Dragonfly, Pinnacle Health's weekend bereavement camp for children ages 6 to 15, is currently accepting applications for volunteers and **needs men willing to be an "adult buddy" to a child.** "Buddies" provide support and supervision to a child camper throughout the camp weekend. A mandatory training is provided to all volunteers. Male volunteers are currently needed for the Camp Dragonfly program being held **June 11-13 at Camp Hebron in Halifax.** Camp Dragonfly is a "free of charge" weekend bereavement camp for children who have experienced the death of a family member. Since grieving children have unique needs, Camp Dragonfly is designed to help them openly express their feelings in a safe, fun-filled environment where they can learn coping skills, build self-confidence, and share with other youngsters who have experienced a similar loss. Your support can make a difference in the life of a child. For more information please contact Stephanie Anderson-Schaefer, BA, Coordinator of Volunteers at 717-782-2300.



**Weekly Contributions of food** – The Food Pantry's are in need of donations. 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** accepts donations of any kind with some suggestions being: cereal, dry milk, canned goods, pasta, toilet paper, flour, sugar, etc.

**New Hope Ministry** also accepts donations of any kind. Their current much needed list is: tomato paste and sauce, sugar, pears, dry milk, bisquick, mayo, salt & pepper, juice, jelly, pancake mix and diapers (pull ups).

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



**From the Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels:** We wish to thank those of you who contributed to our organization over the past couple of years. Our organization depends on contributions from people like you as we get no federal or state funds. Your continued support is vital and will be greatly appreciated. We realize not everyone can support us financially, but there are other ways to help: **We are in the need of drivers, and kitchen help Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to help prepare and deliver meals.** If you can help or know of anyone who is willing to help please call Karen Stine @ 697-5011 any Mon, Wed or Fri morning. Volunteer for one morning a week and meet new friends while helping those in need. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**What is Fellowship Time?** This is a time for everyone to gather together in Fellowship Hall after the last worship service of the day, enjoy some light refreshments and get to know each other better. Please consider sponsoring a Fellowship Time by signing up for a Sunday. The sign-up sheet can be found on the bulletin board in the commons. The Council for Parish Ministries suggested refreshments consist of a salty snack (such as pretzels), sweet snack (such as cookies) along with a cold and hot drink. Coffee, cups, plates and napkins are provided and can be found in the Kitchen.

The spring edition of the United Church of Christ Homes newsletter "**The Heartbeat**" is on the table in the Commons. This newsletter is filled with interesting articles. Stop by and pick up one today to take home with you

**Are you planning on going to Giant to do some grocery shopping?** If so, please consider buying **Giant Gift Cards from the Youth Group**. See Mary Runkle if you would like to purchase. Thank you in advance for your support of the Youth Group.



**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.



**St. Paul's on a Mission Easter Egg Sale was a huge success,** making \$820.00. Thank you to everyone who donated money, ingredients and their time. We had so much fun making the eggs and we all smelled so "sweet" afterwards! Thank you for supporting this very important cause "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer."

**To all our St. Paul's friends and family,**

Thank you so much for all the cards, prayers, flowers and visits sent our way on the death of our father and grandpa. It all made us feel so loved during such a difficult time in our lives. We truly appreciate your love and support. Sincerely - Bill, Deb, Lauren and Rachael Cashman

**To Our St. Paul Family,**

Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers. We are also so thankful for the prayers, cards, and positive thoughts we received over the last few months. We ask for your continued prayers for Ally while in remission. We are truly blessed to be part of this Family.

**St. Paul's Family:**

My sincere thanks for the beautiful altar flowers, for the many greeting cards, and the Call to Care visits. All are appreciated so much. Arlene Sealover.

**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

**I Thank St. Paul's** for all the thoughts and prayers. I am now far along on the road to recovery. Thanks again Tim Davinroy.



Susan & Sean Sullivan are parents of a baby girl. Lorna Marie was born on

***It's a Girl!*** April 9 weighing in at 8lbs. 1 oz. and 21" long. Their address is 257 Vee Lynn DR., Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Proud grandparents are Tom & Betty Olsen

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**. MAY LECTIONARY TEXTS**

**2 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Acts 11:1-18                      Revelation 21:1-6  
Psalm 148                      John 13:31-35

**9 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Revelation 21:10,              Acts 16:9-15  
22-22:5  
Psalm 67                      John 14:23-29

**16 Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Acts 16:16-34                  Revelation 22:12-14,  
16-17, 20-21  
Psalm 97                      John 17:20-26

**23 Pentecost Sunday**

Acts 2:1-21                      Romans 8:14-17  
Psalm 104:24-34,35b      John 14:8-17(25-27)

**30 Trinity Sunday**

Proverbs 8:1-4,22-31      Romans 5:1-5  
Psalm 8                      John 16:12-15

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Clean-up day on April 24<sup>th</sup> went great... a combined 30 hours were spent beautifying the property...a big thank you to Floyd Gouse, Gene Keith, Al & Kevin MacKinnon; Dayne Miller, Randy Murphy, Wes Rhoads, Dave Scott, Gene & Terry Shaner and Herb Sutton. Thanks again, Don Wood