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a **Vacation**
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The Epistle

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY/AUGUST 2010

FROM THE PASTOR

Summer is officially here. It is officially hot. What better to do than find a nice cool place to sit and read your Epistle? You will be caring for your body, heart, mind and soul all at once. Enjoy!!!

We were very fortunate to have Felix Carrion, the United Church of Christ's Still Speaking Coordinator, speak at our Pre-Annual Meeting Seminar for the Penn Central Conference. By now many of you have heard some of the "God is Still Speaking" slogans and seen some of the materials emphasizing those ideas. They have been very effective in introducing and describing the United Church of Christ to people, particularly those people who have never been a part of the UCC or perhaps any denomination.

At our Seminar, Felix introduced us to the next "step." We have been and will continue to try and get our "message" out to folks. While some might call this advertising, I believe it is something more. There is depth and substance behind what we are trying to share with folks. We are seeking to offer our faith to others. Our faith, as it is expressed within the United Church of Christ, is distinctive. Our denomination, and the congregations that make it up, offer some unique ways of living out our Faith. It is crucial that we share not only our Christian Faith, but what is distinct about the UCC. Surely this is important as we try and encourage people to come to our churches but it is also crucial because today many people feel disconnected from organized religion. The Still Speaking Campaign attempts to not only encourage people to come to church, but also tries to get people to take another look at Christianity and Church if they have given up on them or have become so disheartened and discouraged as

to walk away. We believe what we have to share can bring people back into a conscious connection with God; can help change people's lives and the world we live in.

Felix offered three areas in which the UCC is distinctive in its practice of Christianity and the living out of our faith. If you have ever wondered how to describe our congregation or our denomination, these are excellent tools for doing so.

In the UCC we believe in a **Continuing Testament**. The phrase "*God is Still Speaking*" points to this. While we believe God has spoken to people throughout time, and that we have received some of God's action and speech in the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament and the New Testament, those books do not contain the full measure of God and God's will for the world. God continues to come to us, interacting with us and calling us into new understandings, new actions and new lives. The Holy Spirit continues to stir in us, seeking to draw us closer to God and to one another. We believe God speaks through all God's children. God's prophets come in all shapes, sizes, shades and sexes. We must pay close attention so we can hear, and pay close attention to the language we use so no one is excluded from hearing. There is nothing dead or finished about our faith. Questions, doubts and inquires are all welcome and encouraged. Our faith is alive and we need to be alive in the practice of our faith.

In the UCC we believe in **Extravagant Welcome**. The phrase "*No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Are On Life's Journey, You Are Welcome Here*," speaks to this idea. We believe all people are God's children. Everyone is truly welcome into the full life of our congregation, just as they are. Our Communion Table is open. We honor all

Baptisms. We strive to be multi-cultural, multi-racial, open and affirming in regards to sexual orientation. We strive to break down any barriers that would prevent people with disabilities or economic hardships from participating fully in the life of our congregation. We strive to advocate for justice for all people and the care of our planet. We believe all this, strive for all this because we are seeking to follow what God has called us to be and do through the words and way of Jesus the Christ. We believe we must be intentional about expressing our extravagant welcome because the world, and for some good reasons, wonders about our integrity, especially around matters of welcoming and affirming others.

In the UCC we believe in **Transformation, in Transforming Lives.** The phrase "*Never Place a Period Where God Has Place A Comma,*" speaks to this idea. That is why we display and wear red comma pins. We believe God is not through with us yet, with any of us yet. As individuals, as congregations, as communities, as countries and as a world, we can all be transformed so that we reflect to a greater and greater extent who and what we were created by God to be. We all can learn. We all can change. We strive to help people heal. We strive to help people grow spiritually. We strive to help people find the joy and peace God has filled the world with. We strive to help people come to those places in their lives where they want to serve God by serving others, not out of guilt but out of gratitude for all the care, compassion and love God has given us. God is not done with us yet, and never will be.

Enjoy. Read this over a couple of times and then think about how you can share this with others. The core is here. You can add and subtract some for clarity's sake, seeing as I already have. That is okay though. This is a work in progress, as we all are works in progress. This is Good News and it will be very good to share.

Peace, John



One Service at 9 AM through Sunday, September 5th

PASTOR'S VACATION DATES



I will be on vacation from Monday, August 2 through Sunday August 29th. Emergency Pastoral

Coverage will be set up and we will have guest Preachers and Worship Leaders for those four Sundays. Terry will have contact information in the office. Thank You.



Become a Still Speaking Voice

As I mentioned in my "From the Pastor" piece, the Still Speaking Campaign is moving into a new phase. They are looking for people to sign up and become Still Speaking Voices. If you go online at www.ucc.org/voices there is a short survey to fill out. Upon completing it, you will receive a packet of information and some free goodies. Let us see how many folks we can get from St. Paul's to become Still Speaking Voices. Check it out today.

Thank you. Peace, John

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY: We are working on updating our Directory. If you have any changes to your email, phone # or address, please let Terry in the Church office know no later than Friday July 9th, phone 766-7931 or email stpaulstaff@verizon.net. **It is not too late to get your picture in the New Pictorial Directory.** If you did not get your picture taken, submit a picture along with \$10.00 and your picture will be included and you will also receive a copy of the new pictorial directory.

Please take the time to review the prayer list. We want to make sure that this list is accurate. Notify Terry in the Church Office if there is anyone who should be added or removed from the list. Thank You.



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); **Geoffrey Biringer** (friend of Velez's); **Pamela Bower** (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); **Jim Bowers** (Tina Bowers-Paris dad), **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**; **Deana** (co-worker of Anna Thompson); **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**; **Lou Donneway** (friend of Mike and Kathy Aumiller); **Edna Dreibelbis** (Anna Burn's mother); **Ingrid Eberly**; **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**; **Floyd Gouse Jr**; **Shirley & Tom Grammer**; **Grant** (Megan Kern's Fiancé); **Grayson Isaiah** (Seiler's Great Grandson), **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 Hildebeitel** (mother-in-law of friend of Anna Thompson); **Janet Hoadley** (Joanne Miller's sister); **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); **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); **Megan Kern**; **John & Shirley Knisely**; **Lynn Lawler** (Peg Wightman's cousin); **Dave Leber**; **Cindy Long** (friend of Sue Mullin); **Barbara Lumby** (friend of Betsy Rushong); **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); **Pap** (Chelsey Wirth's Grandfather); **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); **Jack Rhoads**; **Sandy Ritter-Butz**; **Lynn & Bea Row** (Sue Miller's parents); **Rhoda Rupp**, **Candice Rush** (friend of Phyllis Hershey); **Irv Sanders** (Brenda Kern's father); **Sandy** (Murphy's Aunt); **John Scott**; **Don and Peggy Seiler**; **Shelly** (works with Randy Murphy); **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); **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); **Dave Thomas** (friend of Julie Scott); **Stu Tompkins** (co-worker of Kevin Allison); **Debra Urich** (friend of Dot and Jim Kinzer); **Leah van Olden**; **Pete & Patti Watson**; **Brian Wickard** (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy); **Art & Kathy Williams**; **Eric Williams** (Art & Kathy's son); **Frank Williams** (friend of Tom Stone's); **Ruth Wrightstone**; **Margie Yarborough** (Bruce Perry's Aunt); **Angie Young & Family** (friend of co-worker of Becky Lingenfelter).

Please also keep: All the people affected by the earthquakes; all the people and the environment affected by the oil spill in the Gulf Coast, all the people in the Middle East struggling for peace, all in the military and their families and all the people who have lost jobs and their families in your prayers.

JULY/AUGUST WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

GREETERS

7/04 9:00 Eichman Family
 7/11 9:00 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
 7/18 9:00 Donna & Ron Chronister
 7/25 9:00 Martha & Gene Keith
 8/01 9:00 Velez Family
 8/08 9:00 Terry & Gene Shaner
 8/15 9:00 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette
 8/22 9:00 Jen and Craig Martek
 8/29 9:00 Sue and Dayne Miller

LECTORS

7/04 9:00 Ruth Wrightstone
 7/11 9:00 Doug Jacobsen
 7/18 9:00 Lois Ritter
 7/25 9:00 Melba Bomberger
 8/01 9:00 Bill Cashman
 8/08 9:00 Kevin Allison
 8/15 9:00 Patrice Miller
 8/22 9:00 Amy Paulus
 8/29 9:00 Colleen Eichman

USHERS

July Head Usher: Herb Sutton
 Aug. Head Usher: Michael Gray

FLOWER DELIVERY

7/04 Joy & Bruce Perry
 7/11 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
 7/18 Julie Patton
 7/25 Davinroy Family
 8/01 Belva Garman
 8/08 Dale Thorpe
 8/15 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette
 8/22 Joy & Bruce Perry
 8/29 Lois & Dave Ritter

COMMUNION PREP

7/04 Donna Sterner & Nancy Steck
 8/02 Joanne Miller & Melba Bomberger

JULY LECTIONARY TEXTS

4 6th Sunday after Pentecost
 2 Kings 5:1-14 Galatians 6:1-16
 Psalm 30 Luke 10:1-11,16-20

11 7th Sunday after Pentecost
 Amos 7:7-17 Colossians 1:1-14
 Psalm 82 Luke 10:25-37

18 8th Sunday after Pentecost
 Amos 8:1-12 Colossians 1:15-28
 Psalm 52 Luke 10:38-42

25 9th Sunday after Pentecost
 Hosea 1:1-10 Colossians 2:6-19
 Psalm 85 Luke 11:1-13

AUGUST LECTIONARY TEXTS

1 10th Sunday after Pentecost
 Hosea 11:1-11 Colossians 3:1-11
 Psalm 107:1-9,43 Luke 12:13-21

8 11th Sunday after Pentecost
 Isaiah 1:1,10-20 Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16
 Psalm 50:1-8,22-23 Luke 12:32-40

15 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 Hebrews 11:29-12:2
 Psalm 80:1-2,8-19 Luke 12:49-56

22 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Hebrews 12:18-29
 Psalm 71:1-6 Luke 13:10-17

29 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13 Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16
 Psalm 81:1,10-16 Luke 14:1,7-14



July

01 Susan Miller	14 Dave Leber
02 Laurie Mowery	Chelsey Wirth
03 Hayden Miller	15 Rick Ayers
04 Travis Kern	Traci Mattern
06 Shawn Elliott	16 Benjamin Knox
Gloria Hoffman	17 Brenda Gossard
07 Clayton Pirtle	Jonathan Shaw
Saige Sufrin	18 Kathy Aumiller
08 Aaron Baker	Cindy Stone
Lawrence Schmick	19 Peggy Briggs
10 Ella Flickinger	21 William Brymesser
Hannah Severs	22 Shirley Keith Knox
Grace Simpson	23 Suellyn Graham
Leah van Olden	24 Brandon Miller
11 Nathan Cawley	25 Gwen Burns
Becky Lingenfelter	26 Jim Pirtle
12 Tayia Baker	27 Missy Gates
Todd Garman	28 Michael Allison
Linda Till	29 Phyllis Hershey
13 David Patton	31 Brenda Kern

August

01 Catherine Flickinger	13 Wes Rhoads
Connie Miller	14 Shawna Simpson
02 Dave Scott	16 Sally Haas
03 James Colestock	Steve Mitchell
Joseph Gartland	Erin Moyer
04 Ashley Bergstresser	Kimberli Nalepka
05 Dick Bensel	17 Ernest Wallander
Ron Chronister	19 Charles Miller
Bethany Grubbs	Dot Miller
Lloyd Lamason II	20 Marcy Brymesser
06 Rena Smith	Rachel Klein
07 Barbara Blust	21 Donald Heckman
Mark Boyer	Martha Keith
Anthony Howe	Jonathan Knox
08 Daniel Christ	Ed Thorn
Rece Miller	23 Rita Smithson
Jere Rutherford	24 Leann Davinroy
Carol Sizemore	Hardin Yeuell
David Winter	25 Betty Hyde
09 Ernie Moyer	Mary Louise Miller
Ryder Paulus	Martin Velez
Rachel Thompson	26 Michelle Howe
12 Chris Grice	29 Cheryl Malick
Gay Miller	Brady Nye
Sue Stada	31 Tom Grammer



July

- 06 Patty and Dave Scott
- 07 Betty and Tom Olsen
- 10 Kathy and Mike Aumiller
- 13 Michelle and Anthony Howe
- 15 Belva and Leo Garman
- 17 Becky and Layne Thompson
- 18 Shirley and Thomas Grammer
- 20 Cindy and Tom Stone
- 22 Susan and Matt St. John
- 25 Barbara and Edward Chambers
- 28 Cindy and Dick Bensel
- 30 Patrice and Gregory Miller
- 31 Carol and Bill Sizemore

August

- 01 Shawna and Dave Simpson
- 09 Sue and Gerald Stada
- 11 Allyson and James Colestock
Amy and Brett Hockenberry
- 12 Paula and Mark Boyer
- 15 Dot and Bud Miller
- 16 Doris and Wayne Albrecht
Barbara and James Beistline
- 17 Martha and Vic Brown
- 19 Pam and Allan MacKinnon
- 20 Daniel Christ
Dorothy and Glenn Schultz
- 21 Karen and Kevin Allison
Sally and Doug Haas
Victoria and Martin Velez
- 23 Kathy and Art Williams
- 25 Shannon and Brian Sweeney
- 28 Nicole and Harry Baker
- 31 Molly and Chris Cowan
Susan and Rev. John Ward-Diorio Jr

Consistory Highlights – June 15, 2010 –

Treasurer's Report – Dave Hall reported as of the end of May, the checking account balance was \$10,008.03. It was noted that this was a good position to be in, as there are some anticipated expenditures coming up. We have an overall total cash balances in the bank of \$191,170.60. The total we owe to other accounts is \$28,711.46. **Stewardship Report** – A fundraiser to benefit both St. Paul's and to support the Pride Parade was held on May 28 at the church. Approx. 50 individuals were in attendance for the dinner and activities. Nearly \$1000 was raised and the split will be approximately 50/50 between the two recipient groups. Stewardship Council met on June 14 to create the schedule and discussed ways to incorporate ideas from the recent "Tippers to Tithers" seminar. **Christian Education Council** – Randy Murphy – Vacation Bible School planning and preparation is moving forward for July 12-15. Randy reported that Holly was selected/elected to a Penn Central Conference committee on Christian

Education. Sunday School Picnic was held at Gene and Martha Keith's on June 13th. **Youth Ministries Council** – Dick Bensel – As noted in the full Penn Central Conference Delegate Report submitted by Shirley Keith Knox, two of our St. Paul's youth, Katelyn Chamberlain and Chelsey Wirth, were extremely active in the conference proceedings and activities and were recognized for their outstanding service. St. Paul's should be very proud of them. **Property Committee** – Bill Cashman – Bill noted that the recent storms caused major leaks in the roof. The consistory and congregation need to be prepared for some major repairs and may eventually need to think about roof replacement. The AC and heating systems have been replaced by Ed Thorn, but there are still some issues balancing the hot/cold spots in the building. Sealing of cracks in the parking lot was scheduled to take place June 7 at a cost of around \$800. Some external painting and fence repairs were completed by Don Wood and Floyd Gouse. Don is still working on the reassessment with the county. Finally, the committee reported that we have done a good job with containing costs, currently being under budget projections for repairs, grounds-keeping, utilities, and other general property/facility expenses. Next meeting of the property committee is scheduled for June 30 at 7pm. **Daycare Committee** – Dennis Plymette – The daycare has asked permission to install carpet in Rm. 10, where the carpet is in pretty bad shape. Replacement carpet is already in storage on the stage. Questions were raised about if St. Paul's would need to pay for installation. Consistory also asked if St. Paul's or the daycare would be responsible to find someone to install the carpet and asked Dennis to check with them. The suggestion was made to refer this item to the Property Committee to make sure they are aware. We might need to get bids for installation. Daycare has also asked to install a fan in one of the room's where arts and crafts are done (next to the boiler room). This room gets very warm. As noted in the Property Committee Report, we are still adjusting the AC system, so need to continue monitoring room temperatures. Until we have more information about whether the system is cooling the room better, no action will be taken as this time on installing a fan. **Bazaar Committee** – Sue Williams – The Bazaar Committee had a meeting on May 20. There will be requests in upcoming Epistles for assistance and donations in crafts, flea market, and "chicken picking." The committee also noted concern that in recent years, Bazaar income has been included in the budget-building process a potential income. This was not the original

intention with funds raised by the Bazaar. The Committee would like to designate that a portion of the proceeds be given back to the community since much of the success of the Bazaar is based on community support. The committee should include this when they offer recommendations to Consistory on how the money raised should be spent. **Pastor's Report** – Rev. John – Over 20 people participated in the recent Tour de Cure and the St. Paul's team raised over \$4000, surpassing our goal – kudos to Craig and Jen Martek for organizing. The 4th graders received Bibles on May 23, and a visitor from St. John's UCC in Chambersburg presented to us with our OCWM certificate, which will be displayed in the commons/office area. Prayer shawls continue to be made, blessed, and distributed to grateful folks. Rev. John has been visiting many people in the hospital, in rehab, at home and those who are grieving or dealing with struggles. The church pictorial directory project is in the final stages of gathering candid pictures to include. Rev. John especially wants to thank Shirley Keith Knox and Martha Knox for their tireless work on this huge endeavor which will be a great help to so many people in the church. It will probably be another month to six weeks before we see the final directory. Fourteen St. Paul's members including Rev. John attended the annual Penn Central conference and he referred to the report submitted by Shirley for more details. He also spoke all the God is Still Speaking "campaign" and how we will start seeing more ways to spread the word about the uniqueness of the UCC demonization. The recent Peace was again very good – special thanks to Patty Scott, Eric Dundore (and Joan and Jim Quick for providing some historical data to Eric) and Dick Bensel (head usher). Rev. John led discussion about switching the Peace Church service to the 1st Sunday in June so that it doesn't conflict with the Penn Central Conference meeting; it would also coincide with end of the Sunday School program in May. Discussion was held regarding if Communion would be moved to the 2nd Sunday if we did this? Would we need to get special permission for communion at Peace Church with its strict requirements on food/drink in the building? We will need to check with the building caretaker on this. Motion was made and passed to move Peace Church to the 1st Sunday in June. Rev. John passed around: 1) a letter from Hartman Center reminding about Mercersburg cabin sponsorship, 2) a donation acknowledgement received from UCC Homes, 3) copy of ad that will run in the Sentinel. Upcoming items of note: Summer Book Reading Group to begin June 24 through the end of July;

New Hope Ministries building dedication June 28; Central PA Pride Parade/Festival on June 24 with interfaith worship service on evening of July 25; Rev. John will be on vacation from Aug 2, returning on Aug 30. **Old Business: Computer back up** - Dennis Plymette reported that he and Dave Ritter have installed AJC Active Backup on the 3 computers – he noted that this should not be considered a replacement for regular backups, but at least will allow us to recover data. Also and image backup was completed by Dave. **Recycling** – Rev. John reported that the recycling problem is up and running. Containers are placed throughout the Church building, so please use them. **New Business – Penn Central Conference Delegate** – Shirley Keith Knox challenged all Consistory members to register to become a Still Speaking Voice. She asked Consistory members to sign up before the July meeting to become a Voice by registering and also encourage other St. Paul's members to be a Voice as well. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next regular meeting of Consistory will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at 7 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.”

Delegate Report – Penn Central Conference UCC, 48th Annual Meeting

Spirited! For the Common Good

It was a pleasure to represent St. Paul's United Church of Christ at this year's annual meeting at Susquehanna University. This is such a wonderful time for connecting with other Ulcers, for learning about activities at the National church, and to reenergize the work at the local church with new ideas and partnerships.

Once again, we were well represented. This year's conference was attended by: Myself as delegate, Dennis Plymette – Alternate Delegate, Chelsey Wirth and Katelyn Chamberlin – Youth Delegates, Rev. John, Holly Yeuell, Martha (Penn Central Board Member) and Gene Keith, Herb and Melba Bomberger, Ruth Wrightstone, Rev. Karin Stork Whitson, Victoria Velez, Jonathan (Parliamentarian) and Chrystal Nase.

No one works harder than our youth. Both Katelyn and Chelsey served as members of the Youth Service Team. They arrive early during the day on Friday and assist with set up, carrying in materials, helping folks find their overnight rooms, carrying luggage into those rooms, collecting materials, practicing and performing skits during plenary sessions, carrying food during meal times, and much much more. I suspect Chelsey and Katelyn needed a couple days of rest after this year's event. They were particularly active during the worship sessions and participating in a skit about the Mid Atlantic Youth Event. Dennis and I are so honored to represent St. Paul's along with these two youth members. They represent us so well and inspire me with their faith and action.

Some highlights of this year's annual meeting:

- 1) John, Holly, Martha and I attended the Friday pre meeting conference led by Rev. Felix Carrion, UCC Still Speaking Coordinator. His topic was on the Still Speaking campaign. Being a Christian has always been about inviting the world to come and see how good God is. This session explored the new wave in the Still Speaking Marketing and Identify Campaign. **BECOME A STILL SPEAKING VOICE. GO TO www.ucc-org/voices**.
- 2) Our conference minister Rev. Marja Coons Torn was nominated and elected for a second 6 year term.
- 3) Rev. John joined two other church pastors to present two workshops called "What's So Sacred About Marriage?" Both sessions were very well attended and shared information about Marriage Equality issues. Both sessions were well received.
- 4) It was reported that the 4 Our Churches Campaign has 87 out of 204 churches participating for a total of \$1,844,398 raised. \$2,355,602 is needed as of March 2010. Hartman Center phase 1 is complete and on schedule cost wise.

- 5) Seventeen churches in our conference are involved in "The Road to Vitality" program.
- 6) A new resource is now available to local churches called "Faith Practices". This resource provides resources for worship, learning and serving on 24 faith practices. Activities are provided that give Christians ways to practice our faith. www.faithpractices.org
- 7) Resolutions voted on at the annual meeting were:
 - a. *A Call to Awareness and Action to End the Practice of Trafficking in Persons* – education and advocacy.
 - b. *Sacred Conversation on Race Resolution* – acknowledge that racism is present, that racism mocks the Gospel, and that racism is contrary to the Kingdom of God among us; education and mutual celebration of diverse histories; engage in sacred conversations on race; and work to eradicate racism in our midst.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shirley Keith Knox

WITNESS FOR JUSTICE
United Church of Christ , Justice and
Witness Ministries

Tears Beyond the Cheers: Another Side to
the World Cup. Witness for Justice # 481

Sandy Sorensen, Team Leader & Director

One of the things I enjoy most about living in Washington, DC, is its international flavor and vibrant international communities. This means, of course, that World Cup fever has swept up many soccer fans living and working in the Washington area. As I walk through DC neighborhoods I see fans glued to televisions in pubs and restaurants, and

hear the chants, cheers and groans echo into the street. I confess that I am not particularly a soccer aficionado, but I am drawn to the energy and excitement around the World Cup. I like the sense of global connection it creates.

But there is another side to this world celebration that reveals a much more troubling reality of global connection – that of international human trafficking. On a weekly television program called “Outside the Lines,” the sports broadcasting channel ESPN ran a story on the dramatic rise in labor and sex trafficking in South Africa, closely linked to the anticipated wave of visitors expected for the World Cup. With over half a million fans expected to converge on soccer venues around the country, labor and sex traffickers have found an opportunity to turn exploitation of women and children into considerable profit.

According to the ESPN report, young women and girls as young as 12-years-old, primarily from countries in Africa and Southeast Asia, have been brought to South Africa in the months leading up to the World Cup, by traffickers who lure them with the prospect of good jobs and educational opportunities. With so many families trapped in desperate poverty around the world, there is hardly a choice. When they arrive, they are forced to work in brothels or on the street, held in captivity behind locked doors, and often severely beaten and raped by traffickers. As one advocate for victims of trafficking notes, they are “tricked, transported and trapped, leaving many families never to see their loved ones again.

On June 14th, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton released the 10th annual “Trafficking in Persons” report, which outlines trends in labor and sex trafficking in 177 countries around the world. This year, for the first time, the United States was included in the report, a reflection of the widespread and far-reaching nature of human trafficking. According to the TIP report, 12.3 million adults and children are caught in the web of

forced labor, bonded labor and forced prostitution around the world.

Human trafficking is by no means limited to large venues and events like the World Cup, but the global stage certainly offers the opportunity to shine a light on this worldwide human rights violation, often so close and yet so far from our sight. Would that we have eyes to see.

To learn more about the issue of human trafficking and what you can do in response, go to <http://www.ucc.org/justice/human-rights/human-trafficking.html>.

The United Church of Christ has more than 5,300 churches throughout the United States. Rooted in the Christian traditions of congregational governance and covenantal relationships, each UCC setting speaks only for itself and not on behalf of every UCC congregation. UCC members and churches are free to differ on important social issues, even as the UCC remains principally committed to unity in the midst of our diversity.



SINGING FOR NON-SINGERS

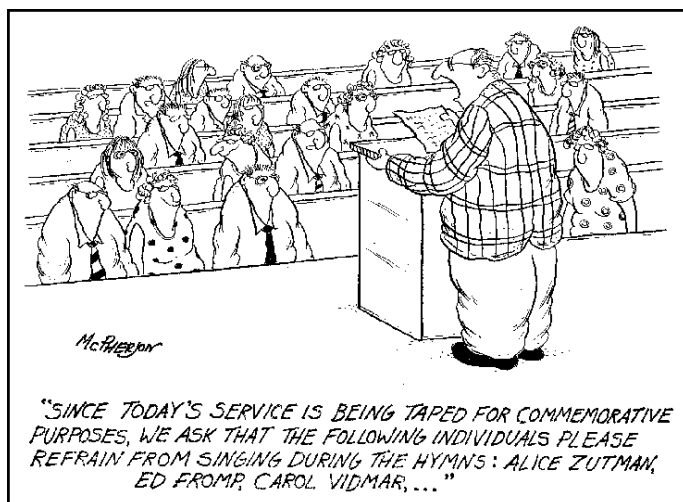
Have people ever moved away from you in your pew when you begin singing a hymn? Have you found people seem to purposely give you the wrong hymn numbers so you spend half the time looking for the right one? Do friends or family members tell you incorrect times for Worship Services hoping you will be late and have to sit with someone else? Have people just flat out told you to stop singing? Have your children told you not to sing in public because you “embarrass” them?

If any or all of the above situations or statements apply to you, Mr. Dundore has offered to help us all. He will be leading workshops for all us non-singers on the following Sunday mornings in July (4, 18, & 25). We will meet at 8:30 AM in the Choir

Room. As he has described it, we will warm up, "get in touch with our voices" and then have an immediate chance to actually practice during Worship. Everyone is invited who thinks they (and those around them) may benefit from such lessons.

I cannot begin to say how excited I am and grateful to Mr. Dundore for trying to do what no human has been able to do before: get the tone-deaf, off-key warblers in the world to sing well enough not to be outcasts even in an Open and Affirming Congregation. As grateful as I am, my family and anyone else who has to sit near me in Worship will be even more thankful. If this at all sounds like a similar situation for you, please join us. Getting up a little earlier is well worth the price of bringing more peace and harmony to our families and friends. And remember, this is church, miracles do happen!!!

Yours to you in song, John



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet on **Tuesday July 13th and Tuesday August 10th**, the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Parlor. Prayer Shawls will be blessed at the 9 AM Service on Sunday July 18th and Sunday August 15th.

CALLED TO CARE TEAM – Mark this on your calendar – Picnic at Gene and Martha Keith's home, 5 PM on Sunday July 18th.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES MEETING

Young Adults: take a break from your televisions sets, facebook accounts, and minimum-wage-paying jobs (if you're lucky enough to have one) and join Young Adult Ministries for our second meeting on **Sunday, July 18 at 6:00 p.m.** We'll meet at the pavilion (or inside if it's raining). Pizza and soda will be provided. Topics of discussion might include, but aren't limited to, mission ideas, concerns specific to young adults, and how to better connect with the other generations that make up our congregation and community. If you have any questions contact Allyssa Boyer at 697-5390. See you there!

2010 Pride Festival of Central PA "One World, One Goal, Equality for All" Friday, July 23rd thru Sunday, July 25th

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.

Friday July 23rd - Voices United Concert, Market Square Presbyterian Church, 8:00 pm, \$15. Harrisburg Men's Chorus, Central PA Women's Chorus, MCC of the Spirit, Members of GLBT supportive/welcoming church choirs will be participating in the combined music pieces and **some folks from St. Paul's Choir will also** be participating. Free parking in the Market Square Garage adjacent to the church for concert goers.

Saturday, July 24th - PrideFest Unity Parade kicks-off at 11am and marches down Front St between North St & Walnut St Harrisburg, PA. New This Year - Doggie Drag/Pride -- walk with your dog in this year's parade. Dress up in your favorite drag or Pride outfit. Prizes will be award in this entry category. Over the top Drag Competition -- Think Priscilla Queen of the Desert, or Miss Biscuits 2009 Parade entry. A prize and title of Miss/Mr. Pride Parade will be awarded to the individual with the most over the top outfit. **Be sure and look for St. Paul's Group in the Parade.**

Saturday, July 24th - PrideFest at RiverFront Park, Harrisburg - 12-5pm, featuring various vendors and entertainment including The DC Cowboys, Rose Hudson, Michelle Murlin, and Three Twelve.

Sunday, July 25th - 7:00pm Spirits United Interfaith Service at MCC of the Spirit, 2973 Jefferson St., Harrisburg.

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.

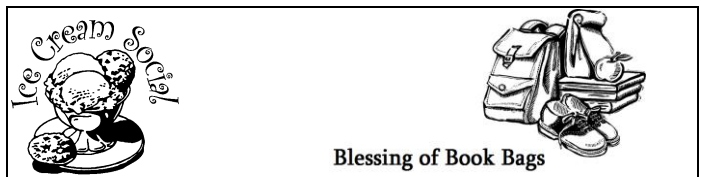
Brief History of Central PA Pride Parade – Unity Parade came to life during the fall of 2005 when Dan Stroup presented the concept of a Gay Pride Parade whose theme would be community unity to the Central PA Pride Festival Committee. A sub committee was formed to carry forth the concept. Working against 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.



Anna Thompson would like to invite you to participate in a card shower for Rena Smith's 92nd Birthday on August 6th. Rena would so enjoy hearing from you! Her address is: 442 Walnut Bottom Rd., % Thornwald Home # A2, Carlisle PA 17013-3742.

BAZAAR MEETING!! - Please plan to attend the **Bazaar Meeting on Thursday, August 12th at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.** We need lots of help to make this event successful. Hope to see you at the meeting.



MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW! Join us on **Sunday, August 29th** as we prepare for a new school year and bid summer a fond farewell. Bring your book bags, backpacks and briefcases to worship for a special back-to-school blessing during the children's sermon. After the service, come to Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social. Ice cream before lunch? Hey, it's only once a year! Please keep an eye out for this event in the August Worship Bulletins.

POLLYANNAS MEETING – There is no July meeting. The Pollyanna's will meet on **Tuesday, August 24th at noon** for a potluck picnic at Peg Wightman's house. Please bring a dish to share; meat and beverage are provided. Any questions call Peg at 737-1095.



YARD SALE!!! Don't throw that good stuff out! The Youth Group of St. Paul's is again sponsoring the annual **St. Paul's UCC Community Yard Sale on Saturday, September 4th on the church parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Church members may rent a space for \$10, non-members' cost is \$15 (includes table for first 30 spaces) OR you may donate your items to the Youth

Fellowship space for them to sell. NOTE: No computers, monitors or printers please!! Donations (*marked, please*) can be placed on the designated space on the stage in Fellowship Hall during the month of August. All proceeds will benefit St. Paul's youth program and a local mission project. To reserve your space, please call Terry at the church office, 766-7931, or contact Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or joanmoyer@msn.com



Mark your calendars for the start of a new year of Sunday School on Sunday, September 12. Plans are afoot for a fun church-wide event, and of course we will get our classes up and running for the fall. Stay tuned to find out if it's a breakfast or lunch event, but either way, plan to join the fun and fellowship for all ages!



2010 BAZAAR – ONE DAY ONLY!! - FRI. OCT 1st!!!

It will be a busy day filled with crafts, baked goods, flea market, and of course, our famous chicken pot pie! Pot Pie will be served on Friday from 11 am - 7pm, Take Out meals and quart Pot Pie Sales will be available while supplies last.

Now is the time to get some projects in line. Everyone has a talent we can use! **Lots of help is needed to continue the success of this event - SCHEDULE THAT VACATION DAY NOW SO YOU CAN HELP!** Our event has a history of being one of the best in the area. Those who have helped with this event in the past have commented about the great fellowship enjoyed by all.

General Chairpersons: Jean Mogel & Terry Shaner - contact Jean Mogel (697-1088) or Terry Shaner (home 697-8329 or office 766-7931) with any questions or ideas you may have. Thank You.

Need some ideas on what you can do – talk with one of the chairpersons:

Dining Room/Kitchen: Donna Chronister, Mary Runkle and Joann Paulus

Bodies needed here – keep the dates open, we'll need your helping hands getting the food ready for the Bazaar and on Bazaar days to help with the food preparation and serving!

Country Cupboard (Bake Sale/Food sale): Jane Hall and Sue Miller

Lots of baked goods, candies, jellies, etc needed here. Bring in your goodies the Thursday evening before the bazaar or Friday morning 10/1

Country Gifts & Crafts: Anita Miller, Susan Thorn, Betty Olson, Patty Scott, Carol Rhoads
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, Fall, 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.**

Flea Market: Becky Thompson & Dale Thorpe

Go through your things this summer and get them ready to bring in starting Wednesday 9/15 – there will be a designated area on the stage in Fellowship Hall for you to drop your items off at. In the past, we have gotten substantial donations and people coming to the Bazaar line up early to check the flea market out. At the end of the day we attempt to take any items that have not sold to Salvation Army, etc. Please go over your items before bringing in to ensure they are clean and usable. No computers, monitors or clothes, please.

Clean up: Property Committee.

Let them know if you can help put the church back in order after the Bazaar.



WOOF WOOF -- THANK YOU

THANK YOU for all the generous donations to the Harrisburg Humane Society! We received such an outpouring of goods and even cash donations. The 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Sunday School Class was really inspired by your generosity. Ashley Bergstresser and I dropped the items off at the shelter one Sunday morning before church. We were able to see the dogs in their pens and dogs being given time in an outdoor area. We were glad to know that they would have fresh bedding, clean dishes and even a new toy because of these donations. Thank you for supporting our mission project.

We have left the "Donation Doghouse" out for more donations and will be taking one more trip to the shelter in the fall.

Items being collected are:

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

Thanks again, Sue Ward-Diorio



Olivia Hanul Sizemore (Hanul means "heavenly" in Korean.) was born Thursday June 3rd. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 6 oz and 21 inches long. Our congratulations go out to the proud parents: Ryan and Christeen Sizemore and Grandparents: Carol and Bill Sizemore.

Caleigh Bree Cowan was born on Monday June 21st. Caleigh was 6 lbs. 6 oz and 19 inches long. Our congratulations go out to the proud parents: Molly and Chris Cowan, Grandparents: Sally and Doug Haas and Great Grandparents: Dot and Jim Kinzer.

Congratulations go out to one of our Youth; **Beth Pirtle**. Beth is one of 11 who were picked to be on the Patriot-News 2010 girls' lacrosse all-star team. The following is out of the article in the Patriot News on June 16th. "Beth Pirtle, a Cumberland Valley, Jr. ...A first-team Mid-Penn Conference selection on defense for a reason...She scooped up 73 ground balls, won 26 draws...led the Eagles with 12 interceptions as the Eagles were able to reach the Mid-Penn final".

Church Directory Update:

Charlie Miller
2300 Woodland Crossing Drive Unit 339
Herndon VA 20171



Many Thanks to: Judy Aumiller and all the drivers who provided transportation for my doctor's and therapy appointments. I don't know I would have done without the support of St. Paul's. I am gradually recovering from my fall which put me in critical condition. Thanks to Martha Keith for the food and good apple pies and to those who saw that I always got to my appointments on time. Thanks to Rev. John for the visit. We really missed not being at Church and are happy to back again. God Bless, Bill Crouse.

To my Friends of St. Pauls: Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers. They made day brighten. I also enjoyed Karen and Kevin's visit. Mary Louise Miller.

To our St. Paul's Family, "Thank you for the many expressions of sympathy that were extended to us during the passing of Darryl's brother, Terry. All cards, kind words and prayers were very appreciated and we are grateful for your support." Darryl and Winnie Wentz.

Thanks to so many, Betsy Rushong and the Goodridge family want to thank everyone at St. Paul's for their prayers, cards, and kind and caring words during the illness and passing of Betsy's sister and their wife and mother, Lucy. We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring and continuous support. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. Jim, Chris, Tim, Elisabeth, and Betsy and families.

Dear Rev. John and my St. Paul's Family,

Thank you sincerely for the visits, the altar flowers, cards and calls. And the many prayers. I have come a long way but have a way to go. Thanks again! Sincerely Rhoda.



Thank you was received by the Ecumenical Food Bank for all the volunteers who assist with sorting the food the first Tuesday of every month. The Food Bank has seen an increase of 28% of people who they have served over the last Fiscal Year. **Our Thanks to all those from our Church** who assist with sorting the food and to all our members who donate to both the Food Pantry & New Hope Ministries. **Please continue to remember both of these ministries when you do your food shopping by picking up an extra item or two and dropping off in the designated area in the common area.**

On Friday May 28th, a fundraising event was held in our Fellowship Hall benefiting St. Paul's UCC and the Harrisburg Gay Pride Parade. **Thanks Go out to:** Beth Mihmet, Sarah Myers and Shirley Keith Knox for coordinating this event and to Brian Medkeff-Rose for leading us all in "Parade Practice". **Thanks also to:** all who supported this event either by attending, donating, or helping to clean- up. A good time was had by all ages at this event!

Thanks go out to: Patty Scott and Eric Dundore for leading us at Peace Church in Rev. John's absence. If you are interested in getting a copy of Eric's message, please contact the church office. Thanks also to Dick Bensel for making sure everything was there for the service and to Eric, Sarah Myers and the Chancel Choir for being such good sports upstairs in the heat. The music was beautiful as ever.

Our Thanks go out to: Martha and Gene Keith for hosting the Church School Picnic on Sunday June 13th. The weather cooperated and all who attended had a good time.

On Thursday June 17th, St. Paul's UCC had a stand at Jubilee Day. **Our Thanks go out to the following:** who donated to the event, made the lollipop tree, manned the stand and did set-up and clean-up when Jubilee was over: Kathy Aumiller, Chris Bowers-Paris, Tina Bowers-Paris, Allyssa Boyer, Paula Boyer, Bill Cashman, Deb Cashman, Rachael Cashman, Becky Drazba, Jonne Dundore, Fenton Fox, Susan Gabriel, Missy Gates, Jane Hall, Rick Holtzapple, Martha Keith, Brenda Kern, Shirley Keith Knox, Greg Knox, Amy MacKinnon, Kevin MacKinnon, Pam Mackinnon, Jennifer McCorkel, Joanne Miller, Patrice Miller, Joan Moyer, Dar Murphy, Randy Murphy, Sarah Murphy, Tracy Nye, Amy Paulus, Dennis Plymette, Gene Shaner, Terry Shaner, Connie Sutton, Rev. John, Sue Ward-Diorio, Chelsey Wirth, Ruth Wrightstone, Cai, Ethan & Holly Yeuell. If we missed anyone, please accept our apologies. As you can see, there was a huge response to our call for help. St. Paul's raised \$269.20 from Jubilee and hopefully was able to introduce our Church to some new people through this fun-filled and enjoyable outreach project. Thanks to all!

