

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

August 29, 2010

Worship Leadership

Guest Preacher: The Rev. Anna Thompson

Lector: Colleen Eichman

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Michael Gray

Greeters: Sue and Dayne Miller

Acolyte:

Children's Sermon: Rev. Anna

Nursery

Flower Delivery: Lois and Dave Ritter

Ice Cream Social: Cawley Family

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

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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life's Journey You
are Welcome Here!



ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 29, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Larghetto" from the Sixth Organ Concerto

George F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) From Cokesbury's Worship Connection

L: So many things draw us away from God.

P: We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.

L: We place our interest in temporal things.

P: But Christ calls us to a higher level.

L: We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

P: We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion.

*THE HYMN NO 459 "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Merciful God, You call us to be loving and obedient servants. You call us to acts of extravagant hospitality. Show us how we may act in those ways. The world may encourage us to close ourselves off from those with whom we disagree, but you call us to open our hearts and our lives to your loving presence. In our time together with you, O God, direct our thoughts that we may see how you would have us move thoughts to action and demonstrate your love to all we meet. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

None of us is perfect. Each of us does things that distance us from God. The first chapter of the First Letter of John reminds us: ⁸If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth isn't in our hearts. ⁹But if we confess our sins to God, God can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away. In humility and faith, let us confess our sins to one another and to God.

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Cindy Bensel
Shannon Collins
Bill and Alice Crouse
Julie DeLuca
Floyd Gouse Jr.
Bethany Grubbs
Dale Guanowsky
Dave Hall
Bob Heisler
Megan Kern
Elaine McCracken
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer
Tammy Mullen
Jean Myers
Amber Quinn
Jack Rhoads
Rhoda Rupp
Donald Rynard
Kate Schmida
John Scott
Peg and Don Seiler
Carol Sizemore & Family
Rena Smith
Leah van Olden

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 the people in the military and their families; All the people who have lost jobs and their families.

Celebrations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME The Rev. Anna L. Thompson as our Preacher and Liturgist today. Anna is a ministerial daughter of our congregation and also served St. Paul's as the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries for a number of years. Presently, she is the Chaplain at the Thornwald and Todd Homes of United Church of Christ Homes. We thank her for her participation in our worship service today.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after today's service for an Ice Cream Social and for a special time together preparing a "Prayer Quilt for Amber Quinn" (Chris and Tina Bowers-Paris Granddaughter). Amber, age 8, is recovering from a ruptured appendix. If you would like to send a get well card to Amber, we are sure she would appreciate it: Amber Quinn, 12 Cedar Court Unit F, East Haven CT 06513-1919.



YOUTH YARD SALE---Don't forget about the Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 4th** from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. While the spaces have all been reserved, it's not too late to donate your items for the youth to sell. Items can be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall (mark them for yard sale) prior to Saturday morning. You might even want to stop by Saturday morning to check out the great deals! Thanks for all for your support of our annual project.



BAKE SALE

St. Paul's Youth Group is looking for baked good donations to be sold this coming Saturday, 9/4 at the yard sale. If you would be willing to donate an item or items for us to sell, please contact Mary Runkle (MRunkle@footlocker.com or 766-7577) or Joan Moyer (joanmoyer@msn.com or 766-3325). Thanks!

Note to Youth: Please plan to come to the church Friday evening September 3rd anytime after **7:00** to help set up. We'll have a lock-in that evening (food, friends, movies!) so you can be ready to go by 6:00 Saturday morning. Questions? – Call Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or joanmoyer@msn.com.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done, and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: God receives our apologies and repentance, and has assured us that our sins are forgiven.

All: **Let us receive and pursue the new lives, which Jesus showed were possible for all of us. Amen.**

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

SING THE CHILDREN TO THE FRONT Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world

Red and yellow, black and white

They are precious in his sight

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

Jesus Loves Me

**Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong. They are weak but He is strong.**

Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

THE EPISTLE READING

Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Extravagant Welcome”

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*THE HYMN (Insert) “Gather Us In”

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

(Debts and Debtors)

THE CHORAL RESPONSE (unison)

**Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow’r, send us
grace.**

THE OFFERTORY "At His Table "

Lani Smith

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

In joyous thanksgiving for the banquet of life, we invite those who live in poverty to share our wealth. We give up some of our luxuries for the sake of brothers and sisters who lack food, shelter, or medical care. We reach out to help, expecting no reward but the satisfaction of sharing what You have so richly entrusted to us. We dedicate our time and abilities along with these fruits of our labor. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 393 “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION

*The World Peace Prayer:

One: Lead us, O God.

All: Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth.

Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust.

Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace.

Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Amen.

*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Organ

“Praise Ye the Lord!”

Roger Moorpark

Those who are comfortable doing so are invited to stand. We welcome warmly all who are visiting with us. Please register your attendance on the Friendship Form so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. The person at the end of the pew should place the finished sheet in the offering plate.

References:

The Prayer of Confession is from A New Zealand Prayer Book, The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, 1997, HarperSan Francisco.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Gathered By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1994, United Church Press.

“The World Peace Prayer” is a paraphrase of a verse from the Upanishads, the most ancient scriptures of Hinduism, and is also prayed daily by Roman Catholic Benedictine Sisters.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF August 29 – September 5, 2010

TODAY	9:00 am Worship Service/Blessing of the Book Bags
	10:30 am Ice Cream Social following the service in FH
MON	Rev. John Returns from Vacation
	6:00 pm Wolf Den (FH)
TUES	5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
	7:00 pm Stewardship Meeting (Parlor)
THUR	7:00 pm Pack Committee Meeting (7/8)
FRI	7:00 pm Youth Sleepover (7/8, FH & Kitchen)
SAT	8:00 am Youth Yard Sale
Sunday	9:00 am Worship/Pew Communion



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 quarts of Pot Pie (70) will be available while supplies last.

Special Need: We need a chairperson the day of the Bazaar to coordinate the dish washing and clean up of the Kitchen afterwards. Please contact Terry Shaner, 697-8329 or Jean Mogel, 697-1088 if you are willing to help out.

Please help us get the word out about the Bazaar! Flyers are available on the table in the common area; stop by and pick up some to distribute. Ask your local stores and businesses if you can put one up on their bulletin board or windows! It helps a lot.

Help is needed the day of the Bazaar – Plan that Vacation Day now - Please contact a chairperson, Terry or Jean and let them know when you can help or see the signup sheets in the commons!

Kitchen - Jo Ann Paulus @ 432-3916, Joanne Miller @ 697-9620 or skyport14@yahoo.com.

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Country Cupboard (baked goods, candies, jellies, etc) – Jane Hall, jhall222@verizon.net, Sue Miller, 795-1875.

Donations for Country Cupboard – please drop your items off during set up on Thursday Sept 30th or Friday morning, Oct 1st.

Craft Donations – please drop your items off during set up on Thursday September 30th or in the Church Office prior to that date.

Flea Market Items for the Bazaar –drop off on the stage starting 9/15 (No computers, monitors or clothes, please.)

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION FUNDRAISER!! Tuesday, September 14th, St. Paul's on a Mission will have a fundraiser at Hoss's (by Stauffer's of Kissel Hill). The restaurant will give 20% of the proceeds to our mission, which in turn will be given to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. You will need to present a Hoss's card. These cards are FREE and may be picked up after the service in the Common. This card will allow you to participate in the mission fundraiser to fight breast cancer. So plan on having lunch or dinner at Hoss's, this is a great way to serve our community for a great cause! REMEMBER to register online to walk with St. Paul's on a Mission team on October 16th! Or see Brenda Kern for a registration form. Last year we raised \$7,239!! Let's see if we can reach \$8,000 this year. Start collecting donations from friends, co-workers and neighbors!!

IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATE - for the upcoming 3rd Annual St. Paul's Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party. Please mark your calendars **NOW** for the 4th Annual Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party to be held **Friday, October 22, 2010**, at the exciting Allenberry Resort Inn where you will have a delicious buffet and the opportunity to participate in a silent auction stewardship fundraiser. All members and friends of St. Paul's are encouraged to come to this fun night of fellowship that will allow you to help the church.

Mark your Calendars – Sunday September 12th is Rally Day - Please join us in Fellowship Hall starting at 9 AM for a Continental Breakfast, followed by a welcome to the Sunday School Year and adjournment to the Sunday school classes. **There will be one worship service that day at 10:30. Everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy this special time of Fellowship.**



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