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**AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!**

## The Epistle

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

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

Sunday Worship Service - 9/05 9:00 AM,  
Rally Day Continental Breakfast/Sunday School start 9 AM, Worship @ 10:30 AM  
Starting 9/19 Sunday Services @ 8:15 & 10:30 AM, Sunday School @ 9:15  
Childcare available @ second service.

### ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STAFF

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**FROM THE PASTOR**

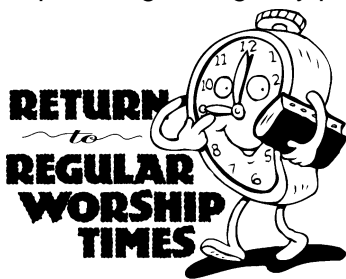
Enjoy those last days of Summer. As you are reading this I may well still be on vacation and I can say, even before I begin my time away, I am very grateful for the time off and the rest.

My hope is we can all move into the fall recharged and ready to go. Peace, John

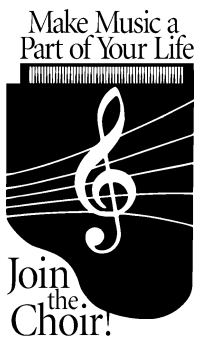


**Thanks go out to the Rev. Anna Thompson, Allyssa Boyer, Matt Brown, Mike Brown Rachael Cashman and Katelyn Chamberlain**

for preaching while Rev. John was away on vacation. **Thanks also to the Rev. Anna** for providing emergency pastoral coverage.



**Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup> back to 8:15 and 10:30 am Worship Services, Sunday School at 9:15 am.**



Come one - Come ALL!! Our Choirs at St. Paul's will be starting their new season on Wednesday, September 8th. We want **YOU** to be a part of the festivities. Consider the Wednesday evening schedule and how you might fit into our musical fun and frolic:

- Hand Chimes = 6:00 to 6:30 pm in the Choir room (Rm.5)
- Youth Choir (grades 6-12) = 6:30 to 7:15 pm in the sanctuary
- Chancel Choir (post HS thru more mature ages) = 7:15 to 8:30 in the sanctuary

The Hand Chimes group is our newest musical offering at St. Paul's. Right now we have 11 very committed members who will ring their chimes in services. However we always need substitute ringers to fill spots when vacancies happen – or when we lose 3 of our ringers to HS graduation next spring. Musical talent is certainly not necessary to be a part of this group – but time commitment will be. Everyone who plays a Hand Chime will have to be at each rehearsal in order for this to work. Each plays their own chime and missing chimes leave holes in the sound. Consider being a sub-ringer and trainee this year.

Please consider being in one of our choirs this year! Singing is so positive for the soul, challenges the mind, and energizes the body. It also allows those who sing and those who hear us to move closer to a worshipful experience every Sunday morning. Please consider sharing your energy and willingness to grow with us. You don't have to be a great singer in order to participate – just have an open heart and mind. You will be so glad you did this and you will gather with such wonderful folks on Wednesdays and Sundays!



Choristers will begin practice on **Sunday September 12** at 9:45 – 10:00 a.m after the Rally Day Breakfast. All children in grades 1-5 are invited to participate. We usually sing one Sunday per month. All other practices will be held in the Choir room (5) on Sunday's starting at 9:00 a.m. Come join us! Contact Jonneke Dundore at 766-2601 with any questions.



- 12 - 10:30 am Chancel Choir
- 19 - 8:15 am Chancel Choir  
10:30 am Youth Choir
- 26- 10:30 am Chancel, Youth, Choristers & Hand Chimes



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER:** Lois

**Alander & Family** (friend of Sue Miller); **Mayme Alfano** (Paula Boyer's mother); **Kevin Allison**; **Amber** (Chris & Tina Bowers-Paris granddaughter); **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**; **Geoffrey Biringner** (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); **Michaela Bushey** (friend of Sara Weaver); **Rev. Lila Butz**; **Joanne & Janine Campbell**; **Christ Lutheran Church**; **Ruth Chronister** (Ron's Mother); **Kevin Clancy** (neighbor of Chronister's); **James Clark** (husband of Shannon Trout's friend); **Cassie Collins** (daughter of Shirley Keith Knox's friend); **Shannon Collins** (Donna and Ron Chronister's niece); **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**; **Grayson Isaiah** (Seiler's Great Grandson), **Ken Groff**; **Bethany Grubbs**; **Dale Guanowsky**; **Dave Hall**; **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**; **Rev. George Klinefelter** (former pastor of St. Paul's); **Kayla Kreitman and Family** (friend of Anna Thompson); **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**; **Ryan Miller** (Patrice and Greg Miller's son); **Sue & Dayne Miller**; **Warren Miller** (friend of the Murphy's); **Steve Mitchell**; **Rev. Kathleen and Mark Monge** (friend of Anna Thompson); **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); **Josh Oxford** (friend of Sara Weaver); **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); **Donald Rynard** (son of former co-worker of Anna Thompson); **Sandy** (Murphy's Aunt); **John Scott**; **Zachary Shade & Family** (Ward-Diorio); **Don and Peggy Seiler**; **Shelly** (works with Randy Murphy); **Jim & Kathy Short**; **Rev. Thomas C. & Lorna Simcox** (co-worker of Brenda Kern); **Bill Sizemore**; **Clara Sizemore** (Bill's mom); **Rena Smith**; **Mike Snyder** (friend of Velez's); **Susie Snyder** (friend of Skip and Sandy Kline); **Lester Starnier**; **Clarence Steck**; **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**; **Dan Watts** (Terry Shaner's cousin); **Brian Wickard** (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy); **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.**

## SEPTEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

### GREETERS

9/05 9:00 Becky Thompson & Family  
9/12 10:30 Esther & Glenn Kline  
9/19 8:15 Dot & Bud Miller  
10:30 Joan & Jim Quick  
9/26 8:15 Belva & Leo Garman  
10:30 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette

### LECTORS

9/05 9:00 Craig Martek  
9/12 10:30 Kathy Williams  
9/19 8:15 Art Williams  
10:30 Mary Runkle  
9/26 8:15 Cindy Stone  
10:30 Dennis Plymette

### USHERS

Sept Head Usher: Randy Murphy  
9/05 9:00 Consistory  
9/12 10:30 Merikay & Don Wood  
Linda Alburger & Darene Murphy  
9/19 10:30 Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase  
Chris and David Grice  
9/26 10:30 Dave Ritter & Mary Laughery  
Darene Murphy and Tim Davinroy

### ACOLYTES

9/12 10:30 Kevin MacKinnon  
9/19 10:30 Ally Moyer  
9/26 10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio

### FLOWER DELIVERY

9/05 Susan & Ron Gabriel  
9/12 Joy & Bruce Perry  
9/19 Sue Stada  
9/26 Joy & Bruce Perry

### COMMUNION PREP

9/05 Sandy Kline and Dar Murphy

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries



01 Lucas Kern	18 David Grice
Tom Milletics	Craig Hershey
Dennis Plymette	Jacquelyn Kreitzer
02 Joan Quick	Anita Miller
Becky Thompson	19 Lee Jackson
04 Tim Kern	21 Scott Gates
05 Jo Ann Paulus	Patti Watson
Audrey Runkle	22 Fred Briggs
Jean Winter	23 Laura Dye
06 Charles M. Miller	24 Janet Wotring
07 Tina Bowers-Paris	25 Joseph Cawley
Joseph Eichman	Leroy Miller Jr.
12 Pam MacKinnon	27 Colleen Eichman
13 Mike Aumiller	Grant Jacobsen
Leonard Graff	28 Lindsey Costello
14 Ron Flory	Donna Sponsler
Justin Steck	Ethan Yeuell
15 Kelly Wentz	29 JoAnn Grubbs
17 Cleason Cromer	30 Craig Martek



02 Brenda and Robert Gossard
03 Jennifer and Craig Martek
06 Missy and Scott Gates
08 Lori and Brian Foust
09 Sue and Dayne Miller
09 Devon and LeRoy Miller III
10 Catherine and Brandon Thomas
10 Mary Laughery
11 Martha and Eugene Keith
12 Linda Till
13 Joan and Ernie Moyer
17 Rita and James Smithson
21 Jennifer and Thomas Sheaffer
22 Jean and David Winter
23 Norma Jane and John McMillan Jr.
25 Susan and Ronald Gabriel
27 Holly and Hardin Yeuell Jr.

## SEPTEMBER LECTIONARY TEXTS

### 5 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11      Philemon 1-21  
Psalm 139:1-6,13-18      Luke 14: 25-33

### 12 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12,22-28      1 Timothy 1:12-17  
Psalm 14      Luke 15:1-10

### 19 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18 - 9:1      1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Psalm 79:1-9      Luke 16:1-13

### 26 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15      1 Timothy 6:6-19  
Psalm 91:1-6,14-16      Luke 16:19-31

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

**Treasurer's Report** – Dave Hall reported as of the end of June, the checking account balance was \$2,021.43. As of the end of June, total expense was \$26,248.66 which was \$5,616.66 more than budget and total income was \$17,649.34 which was \$3,685.66 less than budget. **Stewardship Report** – Rev. John stated that the stewardship committee has established a timeline for the fall stewardship campaign. **Christian Education Council** – Randy Murphy – Vacation Bible School was held July 12-15 and was a great success with 51 youth in attendance. A full report by Holly Yeuell will be included in the September Epistle. **Pastor Parish Relations Committee** – Rev. John pointed out that the committee met on July 19. **Property Committee** – Bill Cashman – A meeting was held June 30. At that meeting Dennis Plymette reviewed the needs of the Day Care to install carpeting in a class room and a ceiling fan in another, the committee agreed to do these installations. The driveway cracks were filled in June at a cost of \$870. Included in the Property Committee report were several recommendations for property improvements including more sealing and line painting work on the driveway, and maintenance of the roof. The Property Committee strongly recommends that we deal with the repair or replacement of the roof very soon and also to plan to include repair costs on the 2011 budget. Discussion was held on preparing a priority list to take to the congregation to ask for approval and to offer the opportunity for special contributions. Bill will ask Don Wood from the Property Committee to come to the next Consistory meeting so we can further discuss and make decisions. **Called to Care** – A called to care picnic was held at the Keith's on July 18. **Bazaar Committee** – Sue Williams – next meeting is August 12. **Pastor's Report** – Rev. John – We have gotten some estimates for reworking our sound system. Eric Dundore has worked with this company at Mechanicsburg High School and has been very pleased with their work. They have made a number of suggestions in response to our needs. These include reworking the wireless mikes because of the frequency problem, and moving the controls to the back of the Sanctuary so the head usher or another designated person can more easily control sound. We need some additional lighting in the front of the Sanctuary, additional mikes for the choirs, and upgraded speakers. They asked the company to offer suggestions and an estimate for noise dampening in Fellowship Hall (in a related note the hall may also need portable room dividers in the future to be able to use the space better for classes

and other activities). Another estimate for our audio needs may be in order and then it will need to be determined if we should plan to do some special fundraising and/or use some of the capital funds we have. Shirley Keith Knox has continued to work hard on our Church Pictorial Directory. Our hope is to hand over our materials to the publisher by the end of July. St. Paul's had a very busy day at Jubilee Day. We made some money through the sale of baked goods donated by many people. A few people took some of our VBS materials, but it was not a very good venue for people to take, ask questions about St. Paul's. We will need to review this activity for the future to determine what we hope to accomplish and if our purposes are being met. The Rev. has been visiting with a number of those in the hospitals and rehab centers, Molly Ryan Hockenberry was baptized on June 20<sup>th</sup>, Summer Book reading group is meeting on Thursday evenings through the end of July – they have been had some excellent discussion on this very interesting, challenging and engaging book. Holly did an excellent job with Vacation Bible School. We had many folks who helped in the classrooms, in Worship and in the Kitchen during VBS. All those efforts combined made for a wonderful week for all the kids involved. Substantial donations were raised for the various sea creatures will be sent soon. The Central PA Gay Pride Parade is Saturday July 24. St. Paul's will once again have a float and people walking, some members are singing in the Ecumenical Choir and others will be participating in the Spirits United Service on Sunday evening. Eric Dundore and Re. John did some music program planning for the next six months. We are blessed by Eric's leadership and by our choirs, and Jonne's work with the Choristers as well. Holly and Rev. John have been talking about the Christian Education program of next year. Affirmation of Ministries will be on Sunday Sept 26 at the 10:30 service. **New Business – Use/Rental of Church** – a request had been made through the church office to use Fellowship Hall for a home products party. After discussion, it was decided that such use should only be used for non-profit purposes. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm. The next regular meeting of Consistory will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 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.”***

## FROM THE TREASURER

This synopsis looks at the financial aspects of the first six months of 2010. I am sure that you are all aware that this is a very challenging year financially as we work with an underfunded budget. We began the year with several major snowstorms which from the outset put a financial strain on the church for significant snow removal bills. Likewise heating expenses were also extremely high eating into our cash flow. Several individuals did step forward and made contributions above and beyond their regular pledging to help offset these extraordinary expenses. To those individuals we express our deep gratitude for making this significant contribution.

I would like to express my appreciation to all members for their continued timely contributions especially in these summer months. Keeping your pledges up to date allows us to meet the obligations we have to provide facilities, staff, and programs for our members. Regular envelope giving through the first six months totaled \$115,738 which is about \$7,000 less than required to meet our budget. This highlights the fact that we are operating with a deficit budget. We have borrowed \$20,000 from our money management account in 2009 and 2010. Even though we are borrowing from our own accounts we do have an obligation to repay those funds as time progresses. Fortunately the cash flow has been quite steady and we have not been required to borrow funds since April 2010. Total income from all sources is \$142,540.

Expenses for the year total \$145,485 through June 2010. As you can see from the above figure expenses exceed income by about \$3,000. It should be noted that several pass through items are included in the expense/income numbers such as OGHS, Haitian Relief, child sponsorships, and Christmas fund plus others. The total that we have given to these special funds to date is \$6,181.

Admittedly we have only been able to make a few of our regular benevolence payments to date but as the cash flow has improved over the past several weeks we will again be in a position to bring these up to date for the year.

As always your continued financial support is greatly appreciated. Dave Hall, Treasurer



Calling all students 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up. Would you like to be trained as an acolyte? Contact Pam MacKinnon at 796-1064, email [p.mackinnon@yahoo.com](mailto:p.mackinnon@yahoo.com)



**LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF THE NURSERY** – please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the common area if you are interested in helping out in this area.

From Reader's Digest - As seen on the sign outside of Church in Michigan:

**Honk if you love Jesus. Keep on texting while you drive if you want to meet him.**



Blessing of Book Bags

**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.



**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](mailto:joanmoyer@msn.com)**

**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](mailto:joanmoyer@msn.com).



## BAKE SALE

**St. Paul's Youth Group is looking for baked good donations** to be sold on 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](mailto:MRunkle@footlocker.com) or 766-7577) or Joan Moyer ([joanmoyer@msn.com](mailto:joanmoyer@msn.com) or 766-3325). Thanks!

**FREE Yoga with Becky!** - Becky Thompson, a St. Paul's member and early service attendee, would like to invite all congregation members (and their friends) ages 15 and older to participate in 6 FREE Yoga classes every Tuesday evening starting September 7<sup>th</sup> through October 12<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 6:30-7:30 pm. Becky has recently completed "Level I" Yoga training and would love to practice her teaching skills on a great bunch of willing participants. Please sign up on the flyer in the Commons and bring an exercise mat if you have one. She will have extras to lend if you need one. **\*\*Please note: Consult your physician before starting an exercise program.\*\***



**THE MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY GATHERING** will meet for the first time this fall at 7:00 PM on **Monday, September 13.** **Please join us in the Youth Room (7/8) at St. Paul's** as we share in fellowship. At that time

we will select our study topic for the year. Please bring your ideas and suggestions along with you. The group meets the second and fourth Monday evenings of the month for about an hour and a half. We'd love to have you join us! Please feel free to contact Anna (766-5626) with any questions



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held during the 9:15 Sunday School hour on September 19<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday in September with 2 services. We will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall. The weekday meeting on the second Tuesday will not be held in September. It is hoped that all of you who work and cannot come on Tuesdays will be able to join us. The Shawls will be blessed during worship on the following Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, during both services

**CALLED TO CARE TEAM** – Our next meeting is Sunday September 26<sup>th</sup> after the second service in the Adult II Sunday School Room. Please mark this date on your calendar.

The **Pollyanna's** "Pay Your Own Way" annual luncheon will be held on **Tuesday September 28, 11:30 am at Snappers** in Mechanicsburg. Please RSVP Mary Louise Miller at 766-6615. This is open to all women of the church. Pollyanna's is a primarily social group that meets once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. New faces are always welcome.

### Important Save the Date

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### Upcoming 4th 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.

Please start thinking of silent auction items **NOW** that you are able to donate, such as the following:

- **Store Gift Card** (Target, Wal-Mart, Giant's, Wegman's);

- **Restaurant Gift Cards** (Wendy's, Olive Garden, Carraba's, Outback, Italian Oven);
- **Charity Donation** (food bank, soup kitchen, heating assistance);
- **Theatre Tickets;**
- **Movie Tickets;**
- **Spa Treatments** (manicure, pedicure, massage);
- **Hair Cutting and Cosmetic Gift Certificates;**
- **Hand-Crafted Artwork** (paintings, jewelry, wooden items);
- **Gifts of Services** (dinner for 4 or 6, house cleaning service, babysitting service);
- **Weekend Away Package** (weekend at a timeshare, cabin or resort nearby a vacation destination or lovely outdoor setting); and
- **Various Gift Baskets** (Book Lover's, Everything for Baby, Child's Activities, Wine Essentials, A Night at the Movies, Everything Kitchen, Gardener's Delight, Coffee/Chocolate Addicts **to name but a few...**).



### Weekly Contributions of

**food** - -The requests for food at the Food Pantries continue

to increase. There are places in the common area to place your donations for the **Ecumenical Food Pantry Help** and **New Hope Ministries**. Please consider picking up some extra items the next time you go to the grocery store or if you prefer you can donate (by placing a check made payable to St. Paul's UCC or cash) in the envelope marked "New Hope Perishable Donations". This money is used to purchase hot dogs, butter, milk and eggs.

**Box Tops and Soup Labels for Education** are collected and mailed to the Hoffman Home for Children. There is a basket in the Commons for you to place these labels. Please cut the coupon out, we do not need the whole soup label.

As always thank you for your continued support of these missions.



**2010 BAZAAR – ONE DAY ONLY!! - FRI. OCT 1<sup>st</sup>!!!**

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 or Jean to sign-up.**

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.

**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 prior to the Bazaar and on Bazaar days to help with the food preparation and serving! **Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup>** a crew is needed to prepare the Quarts of take out pot pie to be sold the day of the bazaar. Please contact Joanne Miller if you can assist on this day.

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

Lots of baked goods, candies, jellies, etc needed here. Let Jane or Terry in the Church Office know what you are planning to bring. 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, 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. **Crafts should be dropped off Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> during set up or in the Church Office if you want to drop off earlier.**

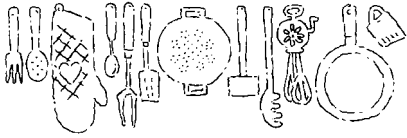
**Flea Market:** Becky Thompson & Dale Thorpe  
Go through your things this summer and get them ready to bring in starting Wednesday 9/15 and place them on the stage in Fellowship Hall. In the past, we have gotten substantial donations and people coming to the Bazaar line up early to check the flea market 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.

***SEE FLYER IN THIS EPISTLE - Please help us get the word out about the Bazaar!*** *Additional 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 in the Kitchen, Dining Room, Flea Market and the Country Cupboard areas.** Please contact the chairpersons and let them know when you can help or see the signup sheets in the commons!

## FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



**Time to Clean Up!** - Are you missing a container? Did you have an event recently that you used the Kitchen? Please stop by and check out the counter across from the coffee pot. There are containers that have been left from prior events. If it is yours – please take it with you. We are getting ready for the Bazaar and need the space to work at. Thanks so much.

### Church Directory Update:

Michael, Jennifer, Luke and Lindsay McCorkel  
5112 Ravenwood Rd  
Mechanicsburg PA 17055-4836



*It's a Girl!*

**Miranda Grace Chandler** was born Thursday June 24th. She weighed in at 6 lbs. 13 oz and 19 & 1/2 inches long. Our congratulations go out to One Proud Grandpa: Tom Milletics and his daughter Deanna.



**IT'S A BOY!**

Congratulations go out to Tina and Chris Bowers-Paris (who are grandparents for the 4th time!). Their daughter, Katie Maragos, and her husband Chris who live in the Grand Canyon National Park had their 2nd child Monday July 5th - a boy 8lbs 2oz. They have named him Dimitrius and now their 4 year old, Sophia, has a new little brother. They are thankful for his safe arrival and his healthy and happy parents and sister.



**Dear Friends,** Thanks for the beautiful Altar Flowers which we

received. We are hoping for Glenn to be on the road to recovery. Best Wishes, The Kline's, Glenn and Esther.

**Thank you** to Rev. John for his many visits, to the Church Members for their visits and many cards and for the Altar Flowers - Jean Myers.

**My heartfelt thanks** for all the cards, food, visits, prayer shawl from Mary Louise, and numerous visits and communion from Rev. John during the hardships endured in our family the last months. The pain of Lester's death took its toll on us and then the brain surgery that I had to have immediately afterwards were a heavy burden. The prayers of the church family helped carry us through. Elaine McCracken and family.

**Thank You, St. Paul's,** for the beautiful altar flowers. I'm enjoying them as they bring back many memories of my years in the congregation. Arlene Sealover.

**Our Thanks go out to:** **Floyd Gouse** for taking on the care of our Palms, to **Ed Thorn** for working on the AC issues, to **Leo Garman** for fixing the Ceiling Fan in the Nursery, to **Gene Keith, Dave Scott** and **Don Wood** for laying the carpet and fixing the door on the Adult SS 1 classroom, to those who provided special music during worship services so far this Summer: **Kathy Aumiller, Katelyn Chamberlain, Eric, Jonne, Mark, Greg** and **Jeff Dundore, Ron Flory, Lois Ritter** and **David Ward** and to **Martha & Vic Brown** for coordinating the Mini-Golf/Harrisburg Senators game on August 7<sup>th</sup>, a good time was had by all!

**Pictorial Directory** - Our Thanks go out to all who provided pictures for the miscellaneous pages of the directory: Martha Keith, Brenda Kern, Shawna Simpson and Sue Ward-Diorio. And to Brenda Kern for her work on the cover and Shawna Simpson for her work on the back of the directory. Thank You to Rev. John for his review and major big Thanks to Shirley Keith Knox who spent many hours working on the compilation and extra pages that go into the Directory. The directory will be coming soon.

Top Half St. Paul's on a Mission Calendar of Events:

**St. Paul's on Wheels Raised \$4,765 for the American Diabetes Association!** On May 22nd, St. Paul's on Wheels hit the road for the 2nd year to participate in the Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association. With an even larger team than last year, and blessed with good weather for the ride, St. Paul's on Wheels was able to raise \$4,765 to help fight diabetes. That made our team the 2nd highest fund raising team in the Club/Organizational Team category, and the 9th highest of all team categories!

Many thanks to all of the riders for their efforts to raise money for the American Diabetes Association, and for taking time out of their busy schedules to ride - it was very moving to see how many people came out to show their support, and especially motivational to see people with diabetes riding too. They were

proudly wearing red shirts for everyone to see they aren't taking diabetes sitting down (unless you count the saddle).

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

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



## One World, One Goal, Equality for ALL!

**2010 Pride of Central Pennsylvania** was held the 4th weekend of July. In spite of the heat, this year's PRIDE brought out more folks than ever before. And St. Paul's was there.

The weekend began with Voices United. Folks from our choir joined other choirs to sing words of praise, peace and tolerance. What a great start to the weekend's events.

The Unity Parade was the highlight of Saturday's events. With the inspiration of Lily Ward-Diorio's soccer idea, Gene and Martha Keith's suburban and trailer was transformed into a World Cup mobile platform for St.



Paul's "Team Equality". Following the float, the locally famous St. Paul's Flaggers performed a critically acclaimed flag routine, professionally choreographed by the Rev. Brian Medkeff-Rose. Layne Thompson, Steve Lantz and Martin Velez distributed over 200 UCC post cards and even more UCC brochures to folks along the route. Cheers for St. Paul's UCC were also heard throughout the parade route.



Brian Medkeff-Rose relayed the following experience he had during the parade: When we were marching, along the parade route there was a young woman with her friend/s and she said out loud, "Gosh, my mom has been wanting me to find a church I guess I can go THERE!!" She was loud enough to be heard. I turned around and called back..."Please come anytime, you are welcome to sit with me!!"



THAT is what it is all about....to always have a seat open to those who are searching for a safe place to be.

The parade chairperson asked us to stop when we reached the main stage. We then heard that St. Paul's was the winner of the Grand Marshall Award. Representative Ron Buxton (D-Harrisburg) was this year's Grand Marshall. One of his jobs was to judge ALL parade entries and select the entry that best represented the 2010 theme of "One World, One Goal, Equality for All". This year it was St.



Paul's. In addition, we were awarded First Place for the best overall float entry. Our friends and family from PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) took the First Place Award for the best overall walk entry.

The United Church of Christ was represented by representatives from both St. Paul's and Colonial Park UCC at the festival. We had many folks stop by our booth to talk about their faith and to learn about the welcoming congregations of the UCC in the Central PA area. Remember to welcome the stranger in our midst!



Bill and Carol Sizemore relayed the following experience they had at the festival: The PFLAG booth had at least one encounter that made the HOT day all worthwhile. A mom stopped by and asked to talk to someone. Before she could get more than a few words out she started crying. She said that what so upset her were the street preachers. Her son is gay and she was very hurt and outraged that this "Christian" was saying such hateful things about her son. She also is carrying a large load of guilt because for nine years she did not accept her son's sexual orientation and now she feels that she's been a horrible mom. Carol and one of our other chapter members talked to her for about 30 minutes and reassured her that what's done is done and she has to go on from here. She and her son were both at the festival so that was a very positive step right there. Carol also explained that the protesters get their income by taunting

people until they are "assaulted" and then they can sue them. So it's best to do like Pastor John said, let our example be our response to them. So at the end of the day we all felt good.

Pride Weekend came to a close on Sunday evening with an interfaith service at the Metropolitan Community Church in Harrisburg. Rev. John and Shirley Keith Knox participated in the service. **God is Still Speaking!**

**Our Thanks** go out to all who were able to participate this year in one form or another: either with the help of the design of the Float, singing in the Friday evening "Voices United Concert", walking or riding in the parade, staffing the stand during the festival and participating in the Sunday evening service. Please forgive us if we missed your name as you can see the list is quite extensive: Linda Alburger, Kathy Aumiller, Allyssa Boyer, Paula Boyer, Chris Bowers-Paris, Tina Bowers-Paris, Eric Dundore, Greg Dundore, Jeff Dundore, Jonne Dundore, Rick Holtzapple, Lee Jackson, Martha Keith, Gene Keith, Shirley Keith Knox, Greg Knox, Brenda Kern, Steve Lantz, Brian Medkeff-Rose, Beth Mihmet, Elizabeth Miller, Sue Mullin, Dar Murphy, Randy Murphy, Sarah Murphy, Sarah Myers, Gene Shaner, Terry Shaner, Carol Sizemore, Bill Sizemore, Connie Sutton, Herb Sutton, Becky Thompson, Calvin Thompson, Jordan Thompson, Layne Thompson, Rachel Thompson, Logan Velez, Martin Velez, Victoria Velez, David Ward, Becca Ward-Diorio, Lily Ward-Diorio, Rev. John Ward-Diorio, Slater Ward-Diorio, Sue Ward-Diorio, Art Williams and Holly Yeuell.



On July 12<sup>th</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul's was all decked out in Outer Space. 51 kids & leaders started the evening out with dinner thanks to Jack

Rhoads and his kitchen helpers who consisted of: Ashley and Brynn Bergstresser, Bill Cashman, Donna and Ron Chronister, Susan Gabriel, Esther Kline, Sandy Kline, Aaron Miller, Gregory and Patrice Miller, Joanne Miller, Barrett Rhoads, Carol Rhoads, Terry Shaner, Nancy Steck, Donna Sterner and Shannon Trout.



Many days were spent in advance of VBS preparing to make this an exciting time of "Praising God" with song, bible study, rocket blasts and even puppet shows by a very

popular puppet "Galileo". A Big Thanks go out to the Leaders: Linda Alburger, Katelyn Chamberlain, Karen Allison, Kris and Katie Amtower, Sherri and Ashley Bergstresser, Mark and Allyssa Boyer, Matt and Mike Brown, Deb and Lauren and Rachael Cashman, Melissa Cawley, Tim and Leann Davinroy, Jonne, Greg and Jeff Dundore, Dave and Chris Grice,



Mary Laughery, Val Lill, Amanda Lau, Pam and Kevin MacKinnon, Randy and Dar Murphy, Jonathan Nase, Christal Pike-Nase, Amy Paulus, Mary Runkle, Joan, Ally and Erin Moyer, Patty and Dave Scott, Linda Shea, Dave and Shawna Simpson, Susan Gabriel, Cindy Westbrook,





Chelsy Wirth, Becky Thompson, Victoria Velez, Rev. John and Sue Ward-Diorio, and Hardin Yeuell.

A Special Thanks to Holly Yeuell for coming up with the many ideas and put in so many hours to make this a "Cosmic Galactic Blast" for all who attended!

Rachael Cashman was a group leader one night, but more importantly, she was our mission's leader!



Galactic Blast challenged us to be good stewards of God's earth and its resources. Dr. Shark taught us about the importance of the earth's water and about the marine animals who depend on us to care for their environments. We also learned



to conserve water and keep it clean. Galileo taught us many tips to keep us all green, like turning off lights and recycling our trash.

Thank You to the VBS kids who presented a fun program at the close of VBS on Thursday evening and then again on Sunday during the Children's Message at which we were treated to a very special program.



And last but not least, Thanks go out to all who donated to the World Wildlife Fund.



Thanks to your generosity we were able to send a total of \$572.34 toward the following animal adoptions: \$105.66 to

dolphins, \$109.26 to great white sharks, \$112.83 to sea turtles and \$244.59 to manatees.



One of the resolutions voted on at the Penn Central Conference annual meeting was: A Call to Awareness and Action to End the Practice of Trafficking in Persons.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, Allyssa Boyer, Matt Brown, Mike Brown, Rachael Cashman and Katelyn Chamberlain led our worship with this topic as their theme.

Allyssa has provided us with a list of websites where you can obtain additional information on this subject:

<http://www.ucc.org/justice/human-rights/human-trafficking.html>

- The UCC's website for advocacy and resources; a great starting place.

<http://slaverymap.org>

- Learn to recognize forced labor and report it.

<http://www.verit.org/wellmade/factsfaces.html>

-Personal accounts and testimonials of former slaves; includes photos.

[www.free2work.org](http://www.free2work.org)

-Consumer resource; can learn about companies' labor standards.

[www.polarisproject.org](http://www.polarisproject.org)

-Donate and help free a person from bondage.

[www.notforsalecampaign.org](http://www.notforsalecampaign.org)

-Tons of information on human trafficking at your fingertips.