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Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Lector: Craig Martek

**Ministry of Music**  
Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller  
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

**Ministry of Service**  
Head Usher: Randy Murphy  
Greeters: Becky Thompson and Family  
Acolyte:  
Children's Sermon: Rev. John  
Nursery:  
Flower Delivery: Joy and Bruce Perry

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# Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

September 5, 2010



**"Whoever  
does not carry the  
cross and follow me  
cannot be my  
disciple."**

Luke 14:27, NRSV

**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 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      SEPTEMBER 5, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ      "What A Friend"      Birchwood

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response):      From Psalm 139

\*THE HYMN NO. 1 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Gracious God, Your love for us is so deep. Help us to seek to love You deeply in return. Help us to remember that love is not a limited "resource." We can love deeply and widely, as we choose. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We are willing to *say* we worship no other gods more than or as much as God. Yet in reality our actions indicate we worship and love some things more than God, like our children, or parents, or country, and/or our wealth. The time we spend, the resources we allocate, the symbols we elevate are reflections of what we value most, and quite often that is not God and God's ways. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.

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.**

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION



Cindy Bensel  
Shannon Collins  
Bill and Alice Crouse  
Julie DeLuca  
Bethany Grubbs  
Dale Guanowsky  
Dave Hall  
Bob Heisler  
Megan Kern  
Lon  
Elaine McCracken  
Hayden Miller  
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer  
Jean Myers  
Amber Quinn  
Jack Rhoads  
Rhoda Rupp  
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**

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 by

Pat Cleland “In Memory of Jennie Eckert”

Jim Quick “In Honor of Joan Quick’s Birthday”

Mary Runkle “In Honor of Audrey Runkle’s 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday”

Peg and Don Seiler “In Honor of our granddaughter Kate and great granddaughter Madeline’s Birthday”

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

**TODAY 9:00 am Worship Services/Pew Communion**

**MON Church Office Closed – Labor Day Holiday**

**TUE Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry**

5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)

6:30 pm Yoga Class (FH)

Terry (church office) on Vacation

**WED 6:00 pm Hand chimes (Rm 5)**

**6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)**

**7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)**

Terry (church office) on Vacation

**THUR Terry (church office) on Vacation**

**FRI Church Office Closed**

**SAT 9:00 am PFLAG Board Mtg (Adult SS 2 Rm)**

**SUN 9:00 am Rally Day Continental Breakfast (FH)**

**9:45 am Sunday School**

**9:45 am Choristers (Rm 5)**

**10:30 am Worship Service**

**Fire drill following worship**

**5:00 pm Youth Fellowship (FH)**

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

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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**

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THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

THE PSALTER RESPONSE (sung together)

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

New Century Hymnal Pages 715-716

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 14:25-33

“Who Do I Love More?”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Organ      "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"      Broughton

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Loving God, there is no way we can settle accounts with You. We have no way to repay You for all we have received from Your hands. Yet we want to give our best to the work You call us to do through this community of seekers. We enter, with renewed commitment and confidence, the costly venture of spreading love through Your world. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 332 "As We Gather at Your Table"

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God Be With You.

**Many: And Also With You.**

One: Lift Up Your Hearts.

**Many: We Lift Them Up To God.**

One: Let Us Give Thanks To God.

**Many: It Is Good To Give God Thanks And Praise.**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

**(Debts and Debtors)**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews this Sunday. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**Eternal God, You have called Your people from east and west, and north and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank You for Christ's presence, and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to Your Will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church, of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 388 "Help Us Accept Each Other"

\*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

"Celebrate Life"

Smith

**\*\*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 that is located in the red pad on the aisle side of the pew so that others may greet you in the name of the Living Christ. Remember to place a check mark under the communion heading if you partake of communion. The person at the end of the pew should place the finished sheet in the offering plate.**



**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. If you can't help, please plan to stop by to eat and check out the flea market, crafts and baked goods.

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

**Special Need:** We need a chairperson to coordinate the dishwashing and clean up of the Kitchen afterwards on the day of the Bazaar. Please contact one of the General Chairpersons: Jean Mogel, 697-1088 or Terry Shaner, 697-8329 if you are willing to help out in this area.

**Kitchen** - Jo Ann Paulus @ 432-3916, Joanne Miller @ 697-9620 or [skyport14@yahoo.com](mailto:skyport14@yahoo.com).

**Dining Room** – Donna Chronister @ 766-2656, [rnd4psu@verizon.net](mailto:rnd4psu@verizon.net), Mary Runkle – 766-7577, [mrunkle@footlocker.com](mailto:mrunkle@footlocker.com).

**Flea Market** – Becky Thompson @ 761-3127, [beckythompson@verizon.net](mailto:beckythompson@verizon.net), Dale Thorpe @ 766-0321, [dale.thorpe@verizon.net](mailto:dale.thorpe@verizon.net). Please drop off items for the Flea Market on the stage in Fellowship Hall starting 9/15 (No computers, monitors or clothes, please.)

**Country Cupboard** (baked goods, candies, jellies, etc) – Jane Hall, [jhall222@verizon.net](mailto:jhall222@verizon.net), Sue Miller, 795-1875. Please drop off your donations for the Country Cupboard on Thursday September 30<sup>th</sup> or Friday morning Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Craft Donations Needed** – Anita Miller @ 766-7850, Susan Thorn @ 737-0672, [sgthorn311@hotmail.com](mailto:sgthorn311@hotmail.com), Betty Olsen @ 697-5621, [sew2am@hotmail.com](mailto:sew2am@hotmail.com), Patty Scott @ 737-3139, Carol Rhoads @ 697-3539. 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.**

***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.***

Adult 2 Begins *Living the Questions 2 - An Invitation to the Journey*  
When Maya Angelou was asked if she was a Christian, she turned the question back on the one inquiring of her: "Are YOU a Christian?" The person replied, "Why, yes, of course!" Angelou exclaimed, "Already?" Being there already is unlikely for most of us. Besides making us totally insufferable to be around, it would also prevent us from examining ourselves critically, learning from other faith traditions, or even opening up the Bible and looking at it again with the openness, thoughtfulness, and critical thought necessary to help us along the way. People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian. What many have longed for is a safe environment where they have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask, but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic. *Living the Questions* provides a context where people can pursue their questions and seek to inform their understanding as part of a life-long spiritual journey. Through small group discussion and spiritual insights, we will experience how profoundly important the journey itself is.

This study series begins on Sunday, September 19. NOTE: The Adult 2 Class will be meeting in fellowship hall. Questions, contact Shirley Keith Knox at 697-6946 or [skeithknox@comcast.net](mailto:skeithknox@comcast.net).

## Haiti Relief Supplies Need - Supplies needed to put together Health Kits:

- hand towels (15" x 25" up to 17" x 27", No kitchen towels)
- washcloths
- combs (large and sturdy, not pocket-sized)
- nail file or fingernail clippers (no emery boards or toenail clippers)
- bath-size bar of soap (3 oz. and up)
- toothbrushes (single brushes only in original wrapper, No child-size brushes)
- adhesive plastic strip sterile bandages

Any questions, see Kathy Aumiller or Shirley Keith Knox. Please see the commons for more information.



**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. Thank you for your continued support of these missions.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED 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.



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Each Knot Represents a Prayer** - The idea behind a prayer quilt is simple. A heavy thread is used to take stitches through the quilt layers, and the ends are left free to be tied with square knot. As each knot is tied, a silent prayer is said for someone in special need, who then receives the finished quilt.

Please take time this morning to tie a square knot on the quilt for Amber Quinn (Chris Paris-Bowers' 8 year old grand-daughter). There are many unknotted strings that need your prayers. The quilt is on the table in the Commons. Thank you for helping surround Amber with prayer.

**ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION** - 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! **If you would like to order a St. Paul's on a Mission vest**, orders will be taken after services on September 12th and 19th. The cost is \$35.00. These vests keep St. Paul's on a Mission team warm not only during the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, but all Fall and Winter long!! 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!!

**Mark your Calendars – Next Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> 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, at 9:45 we will adjourn to Sunday school. **There will be one worship service that day at 10:30.** Everyone is welcome so please join us!