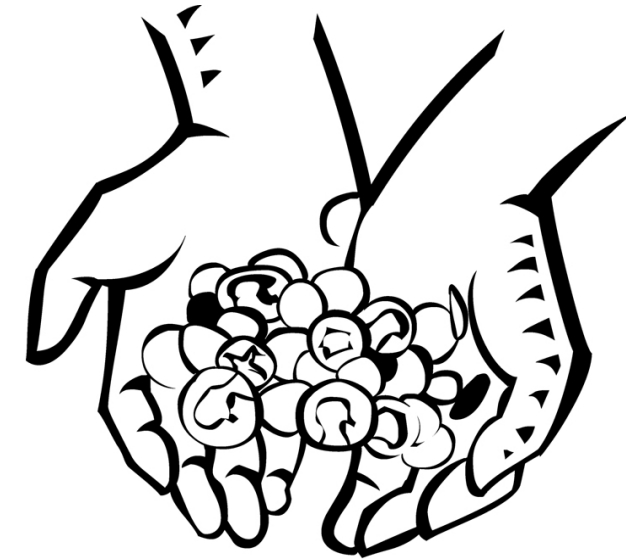


Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

September 19, 2010



*"You cannot serve
God and wealth."
Luke 16:13*

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Art Williams

10:30 Mary Runkle

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Randy Murphy

Ushers: 8:15

10:30 Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase

Christine and David Grice

Greeters: 8:15 Dorothy and Ralph Miller

Joan and Jim Quick

Acolyte: 8:15 Kevin Rudisill

10:30 Ally Moyer

Children's Sermon: Patty Scott

Nursery: Dar Murphy

Flower Delivery: Sue Stada

"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!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, September 19, it is not too late to join us. NOTE: The Adult 2 Class will be meeting in fellowship hall. Questions, contact Shirley Keith Knox at 697-6946 or 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 bulletin board in the commons to sign up.

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 Amos 8:4-7

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 113

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“What Did He Just Say?”

Luke 16:1-13

*THE HYMN NO. 456 “More Love to You, O Christ”

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

8:15 Chancel Choir “Lead Me, Lord” Wesley
10:30 Youth Choir “Now Is the Time” Nygard

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**We give, loving God, because of Your generosity to us. We share because
this is Your will for us. In faithfulness to Your call, we seek to manage the
resources You provide for the greatest benefit to humankind. May they
bring a bit closer an awareness of Your intentions for us and Your rule
among us. We worship and serve You with all we have. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 485 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

*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 “All People That On Earth Do Dwell” Robert J. Hughes

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 by
Leah van Olden “In Loving Memory of Grandson, Eric van Olden
Tom and Betty Olsen “In Memory of Loved Ones”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 19 - 26, 2010

**TODAY 8:15&10:30 am Worship
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School
9:15 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Rm 11/12)**
MON 7:00 pm Wolf Den (FH)
**TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
6:30 pm Yoga Class (FH)
7:00 pm Consistory (Rm 7/8)
7:00 pm MLC Board Meeting (Rm 13)**
**WED 6:00 pm Handchimes(Rm 5)
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)**
THUR 4:00 pm St. Paul’s on a Mission (Kitchen)
**Sunday 8:15&10:30 am Worship/Affirmation of Ministries &
presentation of Bibles to 3rd Grade @ second service
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon CTC Meeting (Rm 11/12)**

Country Cupboard (Bake/Food Sale) – Jane Hall, jhall222@verizon.net, Sue Miller, 795-1875. **Lots of baked goods, candies, jellies, etc needed here.** Let Terry know if you can help in this area on the day of the bazaar. **Please drop off your donations for the Country Cupboard on Thursday September 30th or Friday morning Oct 1st.**

Craft Donations Needed – Anita Miller @ 766-7850, Susan Thorn @ 737-0672, sgthorn311@hotmail.com, Betty Olsen @ 697-5621, 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. **Please drop your crafts off Thursday September 30th during set up or in the Church Office if you want to drop off before that.**

Clean up: Property Committee. Please let Don Wood @ 761-3036, rtdtch@comcast.net know if you can help put the church back in order after the Bazaar.

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.

If you can't help, please plan to stop by the day of the bazaar to check out the flea market, crafts and baked goods that are offered. And don't forget to stop by for lunch or dinner in the dining room.

A BIG THANK YOU to our youth for all of their hard work at this year's yard sale. The profit from the youth yard sale was \$1105.27. Also, thanks to the congregation for supporting our youth by donating items for the youth table; buying a space; donating baked goods; and/or donating money. The youth will decide on a mission in which to donate a portion of their profit.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED – The Justice and Witness Ministries of the United Church of Christ uses two thirds of the Neighbors in Need offering to fund advocacy efforts on behalf of justice. Working with the members of the United Church of Christ Justice & Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong advocacy work on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. The insert topic today is about “Wage Theft” in Memphis, Tennessee and a group called WIN (Workers Interfaith Network) that received help from a 2009 NIN grant.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TODAY IS LAST DAY to order your St. Paul's on a Mission fleece vest. The cost is \$35.00. These vests look great and keep you warm during fall and winter! Also today St. Paul's on a Mission will be taking donations in the common which will in turn be given to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!

We will be selling our "Famous" Chicken Corn Soup at the Fall Festival at Willow Mill Park on Saturday, October 2nd (the day after the Bazaar) Soup making will take place on Thursday, September 23rd starting at 4:00 in the church kitchen. If you would like to help make the soup or if you would prefer to make a monetary donation to help defer the cost, please contact Brenda Kern, 796-0939. We will also be taking donated baked goods to sell at the festival in the church kitchen after the bazaar between 7:30 and 8:30 on October 1st.

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!!

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 @ 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

For the

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 6 p.m., 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. Cost per person is \$30.00. To make a reservation, please give your money (check made payable to St. Paul's or cash) to Terry in the Church office or place in the offering plate by October 18th. Please be sure to note on your payment who is attending.

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...**).

If you are donating an item for the Auction, please contact Victoria Velez (766-9879) by 10/15.



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. The Bazaar 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. **We need your help to continue the success of this event – Schedule that vacation day or hours now!**

Please contact a Chairperson now and let them know when you can help or see the signup sheets on the bulletin in the commons!

General Chairpersons:- Jean Mogel (697-1088) or Terry Shaner (home 697-8329 or office 766-7931).

Kitchen - Jo Ann Paulus @ 432-3916, Joanne Miller @ 697-9620 or skyport14@yahoo.com. **Help is needed washing the dishes and pots and pans the day of the bazaar.** Please let Terry (weekday 766-7931 or evening & weekend 697-8329) know if you can help in this area.

Dining Room – Donna Chronister @ 766-2656, rnd4psu@verizon.net, Mary Runkle – 766-7577, mrunkle@footlocker.com. Lots of help is needed to serve and bus tables! Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the Commons or let Donna and Mary know.

Flea Market – Becky Thompson @ 761-3127, beckythompson@verizon.net, Dale Thorpe @ 766-0321, dale.thorpe@verizon.net. Please drop off items for the Flea Market 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. Help is needed in the Flea Market Area. Please let Becky or Dale know if you can help.