

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

October 31, 2010

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Eric Dundore

10:30 Kathy Aumiller

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Consistory

Greeters: 8:15 Sandy and Skip Kline

10:30 Karen and Kevin Allison

Acolyte: 8:15 Slater Ward-Diorio

10:30 Kevin MacKinnon

Children's Sermon: Allyssa Boyer

Nursery: Murphy Family

Flower Delivery: Pat Cleland

“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.”

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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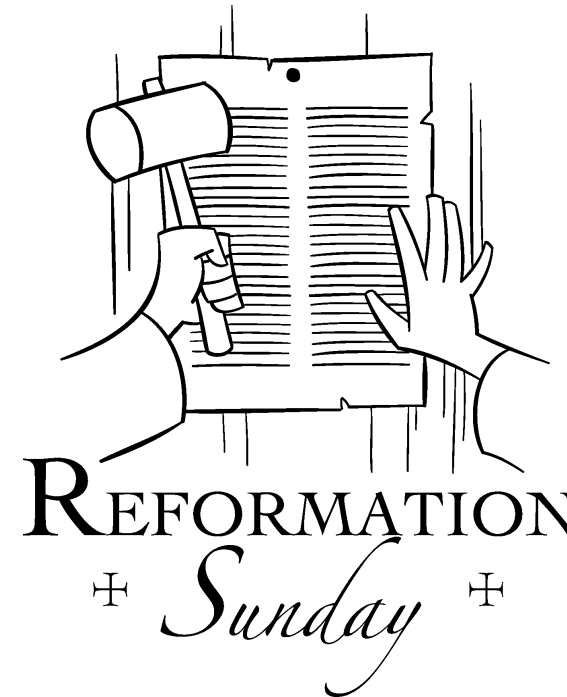
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GOD IS STILL SPEAKING

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

REFORMATION SUNDAY/ALL SAINTS' DAY

October 31, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "The Army of Christ" David H. Hegarty

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 31

*THE HYMN NO. 381 "Faith of the Martyrs"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Loving God, we are grateful that in Your eyes we are all saints. May we continue to reform our lives so we become more and more who You created us to be. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We are a part of a religious tradition that traces its roots back to the Reformation which brought about many changes in how we practice our faith. While change is hard, it offers us individually and communally new life. We celebrate the change, the new life that occurs at the end of our physical lives, yet we seem unable to embrace the potential changes God lays before us throughout our lives. 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.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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John Argento
Mr. Bean
Cindy Bensel
Sharon and Denny Browne
Bill and Alice Crouse
Julie DeLuca
Pat Eakin
Bethany Grubbs
Family and Friends of Dale Guanowsky
Dave Hall
Bob Heisler
Family and Friends of Marianne Hodges
Wally Kahn
Megan Kern
Cindy Long
Jean Myers
Jeff Nye
Joy Perry
Jack Rhoads
Candace Rush
Carolyn and Jere Rutherford & Family
Peg and Don Seiler
Carol Sizemore & Family
Family and Friends of Annika Rose Steinbeiser
Bob Torpey
Eric Trout
Leah van Olden
Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

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

TUES **6:30 pm Yoga (FH)**
WED **6:00 pm Handchimes (Rm 5)**
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Webelos 1 (Sanctuary)
THUR 5:45 pm Daisy Mtg (Rm 13)
7:00 pm Pack Committee Mtg (Rm 7/8)
7:00 pm Post Bazaar Mtg (Parlor)
FRI **Church Office Closed**
5:45 pm MLC (FH & Kitchen)
SAT **8:30 am Registration Mercersburg Fall Meeting @ Zion UCC**
9:00 am PFLAG Board Meeting (Rm 11/12)
10:00 am Leaf Raking @ Church
Sunday **8:15&10:30 am Worship/Pew Communion**
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon New Members Mtg (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mercersburg Association Fall Meeting will be held Saturday morning November 6th at Zion UCC, Chambersburg. The host pastor is Rev. Jeff Diller. Mercersburg Association members are invited to participate in a “Faith Practices” Workshop led by Rev. Fred Young. Please contact Registrar Linda Ritchey with reservations by Sunday October 31st. See the bulletin board in the commons for additional information.



Sunday November 7th, 2 AM Daylight Saving Time Ends. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour!

Yoga Classes – Due to popular demand, the Yoga Classes under the gracious direction of Becky Thompson will continue on Tuesday evenings through November 30th. Classes are held in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Come out and join us for some great fellowship and good exercise too!

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

Children's Message (10:30 Service)

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 Isaiah 1:10-18

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 32:1-7

THE RESPONSE
One: God is still speaking.
All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE
“**What Makes a Saint?**” Luke 19:1-10

*THE HYMN NO. 551 “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”

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 Youth Choir	“Thy Word”	Smith
10:30 Chancel Choir	“I Have Felt the Hand of God”	Courtney

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Seeking God, all that we have is Yours. All Your children are our brothers
and sisters. We are all inheritors of Your grace. You have blessed us
abundantly. Now bless what we have been moved to share, that our love for
one another may increase. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 299 “For All the Saints”

*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	“Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength”	Robert J. Hughes
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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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY REMEMBRANCE:

We recall members of our congregation who have died since last year's remembrance: Isabelle R. Conboy-11/02/2009; Dolores (Dory) C. Milletics-12/05/2009; Mary Jane Chipriano-01/17/2010; Lester (Les) S. Gerber-04/29/2010; William (Bill) R. Sizemore -08/16/2010; Lester G. Starner-10/03/2010; Dale Guanowsky-10/25/2010 and all our family members, friends and loved ones. There is a candle lit on the Altar for each member and one for all our family members and loved ones who have died.

The White Rose on the altar is in Memory of Dale Guanowsky. Dale died early Monday morning October 25th. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Dale's entire Family and Friends.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
The Scott Family “In Memory of Dorothy Scott”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 31 – November 7, 2010

TODAY	8:15&10:30 am Worship/Reformation/All Saints' Day
	9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
	9:15 am Sunday School
	3:00 pm Halloween Party @ Paulus Farm Market
MON	6:00 pm Wolf Den (FH)
TUES	Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry
	5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)

Come out and join us at a Halloween Party today, October 31st, 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Paulus Farm Market, 1216 S. York St. in Mechanicsburg. Bring your blankets, flashlights and appropriate footwear is suggested. There will be Hayrides, a corn maze to explore and refreshments to enjoy. Children are welcome to play in the Fall Fun Fort. Traditionally this event is geared toward children and youth but folks of all ages are invited to come out for this fun event.

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New Members' Meetings and Reception of New Members - We will have two meetings for those people interested in becoming members of our congregation. Both meetings will occur after our late Sunday Worship Service; the first on November 7 and the second on November 21. This is your chance to gather together and ask questions, receive materials, and learn more about St. Paul's and the United Church of Christ. You only need to attend one of these meetings. We will be receiving New Members on Sunday December 12 during the 10:30 Worship Service. If you have any questions please see, or call 766-7931 and/or email revjohnwd@verizon.net Rev. John. Thank you.



Need a way to take the beauty of our church home or want to share it with others? Note cards are now on sale, just in time for the holiday season. Twelve note cards showcase the beauty of the 12 stained glass windows in our church sanctuary. The back of each card includes the name and the meaning of each window. Thanks go to Shawna Simpson for taking the pictures and Brenda Kern for preparing each photo for printing. Get cards for holiday giving or brighten someone's day with a photo of our beautiful church. Each set of 12 cards is \$10.00. See Terry in the Church Office to get yours.

The Autumn 2010 Edition of **THE HEARTBEAT** – United Church of Christ Homes newsletter is on the table in the Commons. Please stop by and pick up a copy today.



A SIGN-UP SHEET FOR POINSETTIAS, which will help beautify our Christmas Services, is on the bulletin board in the Common. The cost this year is **\$6.25** each and we will be getting them from Ashcombe's again. Orders and payment must be into St. Paul's no later than **November 14th**. Please print your information neatly on the signup sheet as it will be printed in the Worship Bulletin.



Leaf Raking – The trees are beautiful this time of the year but lots of leaves have been falling. Please come out and help us in raking them up. We will be raking leaves, Saturday November 6th and again on Saturday November 20th starting at 10 AM. Bring your favorite rake and if you have a tarp, bring that too. Come help for one day or both, there are more than enough leaves for everyone. Thanks in advance for your help!

COME SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S YOUTH AT HOSS'S. Our Community Night Fundraiser will be held **Thursday, November 18th** at the Mechanicsburg Hoss's located at 61 Gettysburg Pike. The youth will receive 20% of your total check. Cards will be available after each service in the commons, or see a member of the youth group. Any questions, please contact Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or joanmoyer@msn.com.



It's almost time for **College Care Packages to be prepared by our Youth Group.** The Youth will be baking hundreds of cookies on Nov. 28th and shipping them off in time for finals. If anyone would like to donate any items from the list below, you may place them in the box I have marked College Care Packages in the youth room by November 24th. Items like mini candy bars, granola bars, rice krispie treats, microwave popcorn, hot cocoa mixes are all great to send. **Monetary donations** can also be made if anyone wishes to "Sponsor a Box" to help us out with the shipping of packages (note it is for College Care Boxes) Please contact Linda Alburger at talburger@comcast.net or call 649-1301 with any questions or if your college student has had a change of address since last year. Thank You!

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