

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

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

November 14, 2010

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Rick Ayers

10:30 Joan Quick

## **Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Rick Ayers

Ushers: 10:30 Deb and Bill Cashman

Terry Shaner and Tim Davinroy

Greeters: 8:15 Betty and Tom Olsen

10:30 Chris and David Grice

Acolyte: 8:15 Chelsey Wirth

10:30 Katelyn Chamberlain

Children's Sermon: Choristers

Nursery:

Flower Delivery: Karen Allison

Fellowship Time: Stewardship Committee/Dar Murphy

*"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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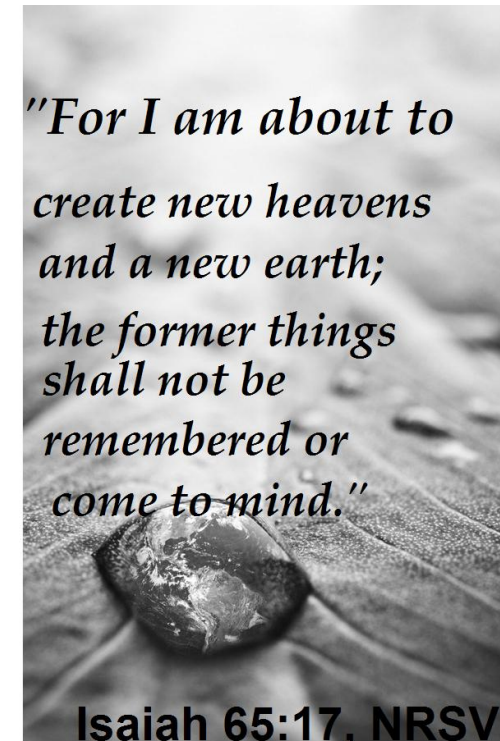
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**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**

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

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      NOVEMBER 14, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ            "All Things Are Become New"            Robert J. Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response):    From Psalm 99

\*THE HYMN NO. 21 "God Reigns o'er All the Earth"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Gracious and giving God, we give thanks to You for all You have done, are doing and will do in the future for us as individuals and for all people. In gratitude, may we be so moved as to offer what we can to You, and toward Your dream for the world. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We often believe that things cannot or will not change for the better, either for ourselves or for the whole of the world. We despair and give up. In desperation and frustration we turn to things that numb our pain. Yet God has promised that there is a new day coming. Jesus showed us what relationships in that new day would be like. And still we refuse to believe and accept the offer of new life, and are unwilling to do our part in bringing it about. 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



Cindy Bensel

Mary Bensel

Norma Bingham

Sharon and Denny Browne

Bill and Alice Crouse

Julie DeLuca

Pat Eakin

Bethany Grubbs

Dave & Jane Hall

Bob Heisler

Megan Kern

Emily Koontz

Brian McIntyre

Jean Myers

Jeff Nye

Joy Perry

Ursula R. Pike

Jack Rhoads

Peg and Don Seiler

Rev. Tom and Lorna Simcox

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**

Congratulations to Dr. Molly Haas Cowan for successfully defending her Doctoral Thesis. Molly will be receiving a PsyD from IUP.

TUES **6:30 pm Yoga (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 5:45 pm Daisy Mtg (Rm 13)  
**EPISTLE DEADLINE**  
**Youth Fundraiser @ Mechanicsburg Hoss**

FRI 7:00 pm Pack Meeting (FH)  
**PCC Fall Event @ Hartman Center 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**

SAT **UCC President Geoffrey Black in Town 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**10:00 am Leaf Raking @ Church**

Sunday **8:15&10:30 am Worship/Harvest Home/Blanket Sunday**  
**9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)**  
**9:15 am Sunday School**  
 Noon New Members Mtg (Sanctuary)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Leaf Raking** – A big thank you to: Floyd Gouse, Sarah Myers, Dave Scott, Gene Shaner, Herb Sutton, Brandon and Bradley Thomas, Art and Kathy Williams and Don Wood for their time and talent on Saturday raking leaves...For those that missed this two hours of fun...See you on Saturday Nov 20th at 10 AM. Don't forget to bring your favorite rake and if you have a tarp, bring that too.

**COME SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S YOUTH AT HOSS'S.** Our Community Night Fundraiser will be held next **Thursday, November 18th** at the Mechanicsburg Hoss's located at 61 Gettysburg Pike. The youth will receive 20% of your total check. Cards are available on the table in the commons or see a member of the youth group. You will need to present the card when you order (1 card per receipt not per person). Any questions, please contact Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or [joanmoyer@msn.com](mailto:joanmoyer@msn.com).

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

**Prayer of Blessing (Unison):**

**May God's grace be upon these shawls...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May these mantles be safe havens... sacred places of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!**

Children's Message (10:30 Service)

SING THE CHORISTERS 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.**

CHORISTERS "Sing Unto The Lord" Miller and Reynolds

SING THE CHORISTERS 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 GOSPEL READING Luke 21:5-19

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 98

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

“Hope For a New World”

Isaiah 65:17-25

\*THE HYMN NO. 562 “Take My Gifts”

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 BRINGING FORWARD of our financial and time and talent Pledges. (If you are unable to bring your pledges forward please let an usher know and they can do that for you, or you may place them in the offering plate.)

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 Organ

“Sarabande”

G.F. Handel

10:30 Hand Chimes

“Simple Gifts”

arr. Larson

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**We rejoice, O God, in the new world You are creating around us and within us. We give thanks for the joy we find in the church as we draw water from the wells of salvation. It is our intention to share the joy, to proclaim Your Word among all nations, to work quietly and enthusiastically for a world where Your love reigns. To these ends, we dedicate our offerings. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 565 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

\*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

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

James Mansfield

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 Prayer of Blessing is by Janet Bristow, 2008, [www.shawlministry.com](http://www.shawlministry.com).

“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 Mary Runkle “In Honor of Gavin Leeder’s 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday”

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 14 – November 21, 2010**

**TODAY 8:15&10:30 am Worship/Stewardship Sunday/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls**

**9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)**

**9:15 am Sunday School**

**6:00 pm Youth Fellowship Grades 7-12 (Youth Room)**

**MON 6:00 pm Wolf Den (FH)**

**TUES 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)**

**St. Paul's Celebrates Harvest Home next Sunday, November 21st at both services.** Our sanctuary will hold the beauty of the fall harvest including all the canned goods and packaged food items to be delivered to families in need. St. Paul's family is very supportive of this community outreach ministry. Please begin collecting canned and packaged goods for the "Harvest Baskets". Remember Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Assorted canned goods, such as, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, peas, corn, gravy, beets, instant or fresh white potatoes, carrots, pumpkin, and roasting bags are great ideas. And don't forget beef stew, tuna fish, soups, and peanut butter are always welcomed. Please leave your non-perishable donations at the Donation Station in the Commons. Our Harvest Home celebration will be held on November 21st so if your items can be dropped off prior to that day, we can set them up before the service. So, come and enjoy the celebration of the beautiful fall colors decorating the church and the abundance of food being offered in ministry. There are paper bags on the table in the commons if you need one to put your grocery donations in, please pick up one on your way out today. We will also be accepting donations for **Blanket Sunday on the 21<sup>st</sup>**. If you want to make a donation, you may place your donation, either cash or a check made payable to St. Paul's, in a pew envelope note that it is for blanket Sunday and place in the offering plate. Donations will be sent to Church World Services.

Remember the Residents  
of Sarah Todd &  
Thornwald Homes



**STARTING IN NOVEMBER** – Look in the common area for the designated box to put Christmas Gifts for residents of Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home and Thornwald Home. **Please remember that gifts are to be new.** Donations of money will be used for gifts for the residents. **Please make your checks payable to "UCC Homes"** and be sure to indicate (1) that your check is intended as a Christmas gift for a resident(s), and (2) the UCC Homes' facility where the gift is to go. Any questions, please contact Donna Sponsler at 766-3249. See the November Epistle or the poster on the bulletin board in the commons for gift suggestions. **Deadline to drop gifts off is Sunday November 28<sup>th</sup>.** **Thank you for your support of this ministry.**



**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 **today, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please print your information neatly on the signup sheet as it will be printed in the Worship Bulletin.

**New Members' Meeting and Reception of New Members** - We will have a meeting for those people interested in becoming members of our congregation, next Sunday November 21<sup>st</sup> after the 10:30 worship service in the Sanctuary. 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. We will be receiving New Members on Sunday December 12 during the 10:30 Worship Service. If you have any questions please see, call 766-7931 and/or email [revjohnwd@verizon.net](mailto:revjohnwd@verizon.net) Rev. John. Thank you.



Come Join the Choir for  
**THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Choirs are doing our Christmas Cantata from last year "I Hear the Prophet Callin'" again this year. Anyone who wishes to sing with us should come to the Chancel Choir rehearsals at 7:15 pm each Wednesday starting November 10<sup>th</sup>. We will sing this music first so those who are there just for the Christmas Cantata can choose to leave earlier. Please consider being a part of this event to be performed on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at the one worship service that day starting at 10:30. Contact Eric Dundore (766-2601 or [edundore@mbgsd.org](mailto:edundore@mbgsd.org)) with any questions or concerns.

**Invitation to the Ordination of Michael E. Cromer**, First United Church of Christ, 30 North Pitt St. Carlisle, today at 3 PM. There will be a reception following the service.

**Pollyanna's** – will be meeting 1 pm Tuesday, November 23rd at Donna Chronister's house. Any questions, call Donna at 766-2656.

This year, the **Mechanicsburg Community Thanksgiving Service** sponsored by the Mechanicsburg Area Ministerium will be held on Wednesday, November 24, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Chapel in the Messiah Village Center, 100 Mt. Allen Drive. Father Joshua Brommer from St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church will be preaching, and the Singing Men of Messiah Village will be presenting special music. A special offering will be received for New Hope Ministries. We will also collect dry and canned goods for New Hope. Refreshments will be served after the service. Please join us for an evening of many community congregations coming together to give thanks as one community.

We have been asked to see if any of our members would be interested in helping with the Community/Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. They need some people who are willing to be greeters, hand out bulletins and/or make some cookies or other snacks for after the service. If you are willing to help out, please let Rev. John know. Thanks!



Young Adult's Breakfast

If you are a recent high school or college graduate, or current college student, please come to the **Second Annual Young Adult Breakfast** in the Director of Christian Ed's office on Sunday, November 28th from 9:15 to 10:15 AM! Enjoy a light breakfast and visit with your friends from St Paul's while you are in town for Thanksgiving! If you are the parent of a young adult, please extend the invitation to breakfast to your young adult, and sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons to donate a breakfast item. Please see Martha Brown or email her at [vbrown5325@aol.com](mailto:vbrown5325@aol.com) with any questions.



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 on the table in the commons 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](mailto: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!

Mark your calendar for **St. Paul's 2nd Annual Gift Wrapping event...Sunday, December 5th**, following the 10:30 service in Fellowship Hall. Bring your gifts to be wrapped by "semi-professional" wrappers. While your gifts are being wrapped enjoy a snack, fellowship time and sounds of the season. This event will be open to our community. Invite friends and family to worship with us on the 5th and stay to have their gifts wrapped. This event is free, but monetary donations will be gladly accepted and will be given to our church. **There is a sign-up sheet for helpers and food donations on the bulletin board in the commons.** Please join us for a great holiday experience!

**HERSHEY BEARS HOCKEY GAME**- Everyone is welcome to join the Youth at a Hershey Bears Hockey game on Saturday, 1/15/11 at 7 PM. Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Commons. Please sign up and pay for your tickets by Sunday, 12/12/10. If you have any questions, please email Martha Brown at [vbrown5325@aol.com](mailto:vbrown5325@aol.com). We hope to see you there!

**A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on **December 12<sup>th</sup>** following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to hold a discussion and vote on the 2010 budget. Please plan now to attend.



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. **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.