

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Ally Moyer

10:30 Deb Cashman

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Dennis Plymette

8:15 Joan & Ernie Moyer

10:30 Deb & Noel Sufrin

Jake & Rhonda Jacobsen

Greeters: 8:15 Merikay & Don Wood

10:30 Dar & Sarah Myers

Acolyte: 8:15 Chelsey Wirth

10:30 Kevin MacKinnon

Children's Sermon: Rev. John

Nursery: The Nase Family

Flower Delivery: Jonne & Eric Dundore

“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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Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

February 20, 2011



Matthew 5:44

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 20, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "He Leadeth Me" Franklin Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 118

*THE HYMN NO. 400 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Loving God, help us to love as You do. Be with us as we seek to go above and beyond what is "acceptable" behavior in our culture to how You desire for us to behave. Strengthen us in our resolve to follow your directions, even under the most difficult of circumstances. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We know we will fall short of most of God's desires for us. We are not perfect, nor were we created that way. We find it hard to love our "enemies" whether they be near or far. Because of this difficulty, we often will not even try to move more in that direction. 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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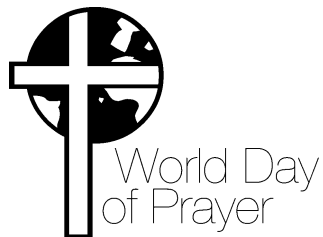
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Virginia Brown
Bill and Alice Crouse
Anne Davison
Julie DeLuca
Jackie Diorio
Ethan Dixon
Duane
Pat Eakin
Dave & Jane Hall
Sandy & Skip Kline
Kody, Maria & Isabela
Jerry McCartney
Shawn McClintic
Kim Martin
Virginia O'Connell
Ursula R. Pike
Carol & Jack Rhoads
Donald Rynard
Dottie Schultz
John Scott
Peg & Don Seiler
Thornwald Home Staff & Residents
Leah van Olden
Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

All the People in the Middle East struggling for peace; All the people in the military and their families; All who have lost loved ones; All who have lost jobs and their families; and all who are struggling in this current economy.

Celebrations

9:15 am Sunday School
 2:00 pm Blue and Gold Banquet (FH/Kitchen)
6:00 pm I Spy Youth at the Nase home.
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship at the Brown home.
 MON **Church Office Closed – Presidents Day Holiday**
 6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)
 6:00 pm Wolf Den (Rm 7/8)
7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting (Parlor)
 TUES **9:00 am EPISTLE DEADLINE**
11:30 am Pollyanna’s Lunch Meeting at Snappers
 5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
6:30 pm Yoga Class (FH)
 WED **6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)**
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
6:30 pm Extended Ministries Meeting (Parlor)
 THUR 5:45 pm Daisy Troop (Rm 13)
 SUN **8:15/10:30 am Worship Services**
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER VIGIL will be held in St. Paul’s sanctuary on Friday, March 4th from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in this prayer vigil, please reserve your time(s) on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Common Area. If you are unable to make it to the church, you can sign up for a time and note that you will be doing it at home – this way we will know that the time slot has been filled. Let us join with churches around the world in prayer on this day.

The **Pollyanna’s** will be having a “Winter Lunch” meeting at Snappers, weather permitting. This “pay your own way” lunch will be 11:30 am, this coming Tuesday, February 22nd. Any questions, call Bonnie Plymette at 697-2938.

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 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 Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-19

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 119:33-40

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Constantly Clarifying Directions”

Matthew 5:38-48

*THE HYMN NO. 170 “Your Ways Are Not Our Own”

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

“Seek Ye First”

Lafferty

10:30 Chancel Choir

“Devotion”

Beck

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Gracious God, with these gifts, we express our desire to observe Your law with wholeness of heart, to delight in Your commandments with all that we have and are, to worship You not only when we are together but in many difficult places when we are apart. May our church reach out to care for enemies as well as friends. May we remember that we are Your church, Your temple, Your holy ones. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 454 “Lord, I Want To Be a Christian”

*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

“Joyous Litany”

Steven Scott

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, Harper San Francisco.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Taught By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1998, United Church Press.

The Prayer of Blessing is by Janet Bristow, 2008, 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
The Davinroy Family “In Honor of Zach’s 9th birthday”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 20th – 27th

TODAY

8:15/10:30 am Worship/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)

Hartman Center Camper Scholarship Fund - Currently we have a special giving opportunity to enable members of our congregation to attend Hartman Center summer camp programs. Hartman Center is our UCC Penn Central Conference Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center located 20 miles below State College in Milroy, PA. Throughout the summer, programs are offered for all ages, including Family, Grandparent/Child, and Adult camps, in addition to those geared to Youth. There is something for everyone! *All Penn Central Congregations have been challenged this year to fully scholarship two young people from our community. The hope is to give two young folks who would not get the chance to go to an overnight church camp the opportunity to go.* A special offering to go towards this and also to offsetting the costs of camp will be accepted through March 27th. Specially marked envelopes are available in the pews or simply write Hartman Camp Scholarship in the memo portion of your check made payable to St. Paul's UCC. If you have any questions, please contact Jonneke Dundore, St. Paul's Hartman Center advocate.

ST. Paul's on a Mission Fundraisers:

SOUP SALE: Remember, if you ordered Turkey Corn Soup, you may pick it up in the kitchen after both services **today.** We will have some extra soup, and it always sells out fast! \$6.00 per quart. Want to write a check? Please make it payable to Brenda Kern or Sarah Myers.

EASTER EGG SALE: Peanut Butter and Coconut Cream Eggs may be ordered on the signup sheet in the Common. They are available in milk and dark Chocolate and are \$1.00 each. Remember to take orders from friends & neighbors, additional order forms are available for outside orders, see Brenda. All orders must be placed by March 27th. There is also a signup sheet to help make the eggs. Checks should be made payable to Brenda Kern or Sarah Myers.

COOKBOOK: We are in the process of gathering recipes from St. Paul's wonderful cooks. Please submit, up to 3 recipes, to bkern59@verizon.net or drop your recipe(s) in the pot in the Common by May 1st. Cookbooks will be ready in the early Fall for purchase.

Large Print Bulletins – We are coming up on a year since we have been producing large print bulletins. Each week, the Worship Bulletin, Hymns and UCC Weekly Calendar of Prayer are available in large print. These are located in binders on the table in the narthex. Please feel free to take any (or all) of the above, out of the binders, and take along home for your use. Additionally, there are two magnifying glasses on the table available for your use during worship. If there is a need for more large print bulletins, magnifying glasses or if you have any suggestions on how to improve this process please let Rev. John, the Head Usher or Terry in the Church office know.

Check out the signup sheets on the bulletin boards in the commons: CHILD SPONSORSHIPS - cost per month to sponsor a child in 2011 will be \$30.00 **(there are lots of empty spaces here, please consider signing up to help a child in need);** ALTAR FLOWERS - cost per Sunday for altar flowers is \$32.00; FELLOWSHIP TIME ; UCC Homes AUCTION- (auction items needed) and sign up to help in the NURSERY.

Join St. Paul's on Wheels for the 2011 Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association – Looking for a great way to start your New Year's resolution to get in shape, and help a worthy cause at the same time? St Paul's is forming a team to participate in the 2011 Tour de Cure for the American Diabetes Association, which will be held on Saturday, June 11 in Boiling Springs.

To join the St Paul's on Wheels team or to make a contribution, you can go to the following link: <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC> or see Craig Martek for a registration form. Donations can also be placed in the jug on the table in the commons, checks should be made payable to the American Diabetes Foundation. Each year our team gets bigger and has more fun. Let's see if we can peg the fun meter at this year's tour! Join our team and invite your friends and family to join us too! For more information, contact Craig Martek 514-6560 (c) or email at [lizardbiker@hotmail.com.](mailto:lizardbiker@hotmail.com))

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