

### **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Ron Chronister

10:30 Kathy Aumiller

### **Ministry of Music**

Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

### **Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Dennis Plymette

8:15 Betty & Tom Olsen

10:30 Paula & Allyssa Boyer

Deb and Bill Cashman

Greeters: 8:15 Eleanor Witt & Mary Louise Miller

10:30 Becca & Dan Cramer

Acolyte: 8:15 Jeff Dundore

10:30 Slater Ward-Diorio

Children's Sermon: Allyssa Boyer

Nursery: Murphy Family

Flower Delivery: Betsy Rushong

Fellowship Time: Aumiller/Scott

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

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

February 27, 2011



**"You cannot serve  
God and wealth."**

Matthew 6:24

**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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "On Jordan's Stormy Banks" Birchwood

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From 1 Corinthians 4

\*THE HYMN NO. 18 "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Compassionate God, You care for us in so many ways. The extent of Your caring is beyond what we can imagine. Help us to have faith that You are always with us, providing all that we need, if we let You. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We try and serve two masters all the time. Often we try and serve more than two. We are ruled not only by our love of wealth, but also our love of power, security and independence. We pursue each of these desires without considering the cost, how such pursuits can harm others and ourselves, and how our attention is drawn away from God and God's calls to us. 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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Chris Cowan  
Bill and Alice Crouse  
Anne Davison  
Julie DeLuca  
Jackie Diorio  
Ethan Dixon  
Pat Eakin  
Dave & Jane Hall

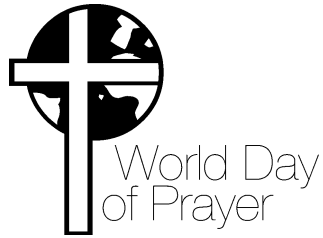
Those who are homeless from fire in Mechanicsburg  
Sandy & Skip Kline  
Doug Knox  
Jerry McCartney  
Deb Milford  
Ursula R. Pike  
Carol & Jack Rhoads  
Glenn Schultz & Family  
John Scott  
Peg & Don Seiler  
Tashana Taylor  
Leah van Olden  
Wayne & Sandy  
Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and 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**

THUR 6:00 pm Pack Committee Meeting (Rm 7/8)  
 SAT 10:00 am Sanctuary/FH/Kitchen is Use  
 SUN **8:15/10:30 am Worship/Pew Communion**  
 9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)  
 9:15 am 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents (Parlor)  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 Noon 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Family Promise Dillsburg  
 2:30 pm FH & Kitchen in Use

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER VIGIL** will be held in St. Paul’s sanctuary **next Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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.

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)

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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 Isaiah 49:7-16a

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 131

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

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE  
 “Choosing Our Focus” Matthew 6:24-34

\*THE HYMN NO. 460 “Be Not Dismayed”

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 Organ "Ever Faithful, Ever Near" Ritter  
10:30 Chancel Choir "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Thank You, God, for calming our striving and empowering our sharing. It  
feels good to invest ourselves and our resources in disciple-making,  
responding to the hunger and thirst of Your children. We seek to join You  
in compassion for those who suffer and think themselves forgotten. Use us  
and all our gifts to this end, we pray. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 506 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

\*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 "The Lord Reigneth" Smith  
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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, Harper San Francisco.

The Prayer of Dedication is from Taught By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1998, 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  
Mike & Kathy Aumiller "In Honor of Christy's 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday & in  
celebration of the completion of her senior project"

The White Rose on the altar is in Loving Memory of Dottie Schultz. Dottie died Tuesday morning Febraury 22nd. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Glenn and Family and all of Dottie's Friends.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>**

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| <b>TODAY</b> | <b>8:15/10:30 am Worship</b><br><b>9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)</b><br><b>9:15 am Sunday School</b>  |
| <b>MON</b>   | 6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)<br>7:00 pm Bear Den (Rm 13)<br><b>7:00 pm Bible Study (Parlor)</b>  |
| <b>Tues</b>  | <b>Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry</b><br>5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)<br><b>6:30 pm Yoga (FH)</b>  |
| <b>WED</b>   | <b>6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)</b><br><b>6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)</b><br><b>7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)</b><br><b>6:15 pm CE Meeting (Parlor)</b> |

## **ST. Paul's on a Mission Fundraisers:**

**ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION WINTER SOUP SALE....A HUGE SUCCESS!!** Thank you to everyone who helped make the Turkey Corn Soup. We have so much fun working together and it is always a great success because of all of the volunteers and donations! Thank you to everyone who made monetary and ingredient donations. We raised, to date, \$738.00, 100% profit for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. **We have extra quarts of soup in the freezer that we will be selling after services today in the kitchen, \$6.00 a quart, checks made 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 on the table in the Common. All orders must be placed by March 27th. There is also a signup sheet to help make the eggs. If you would like to make a monetary donation or ingredient donation, please see Brenda.

### St. Paul's on Wheels Tour de Cure Update

So far our team has grown to 18 members, but it's still not too late to join in for a fun ride in Boiling Springs on June 11. The number of team members doing the 5 mile family ride is increasing, so if you were thinking of riding with your family, or just prefer a nice flat ride, there will be many friends to keep you company! If you'd like to join our team for a fun ride and help fight diabetes, you can join on-line at <http://main.diabetes.org/goto/StPaulsUCC>. For a reduced registration fee of \$5.00, enter "tricounty" for the promotion code. To make it even more fun, invite friends and coworkers to ride with us. There are also paper application forms in the Commons area of the church if you prefer not to sign up on-line. Completed forms can be turned in to the office, or to Craig Martek. If you can't ride, but would like to volunteer to help during the event, contact Craig and he can give you more information on how you can help. For more information about the Tour de Cure or joining St. Paul's on Wheels, you can contact Craig Martek at 717-514-6560 or e-mail at [lizardbiker@hotmail.com](mailto:lizardbiker@hotmail.com)

**LENTEN READING GROUP** - This year we will be reading and working with the book: **Writing to God: 40 Days of Praying with My Pen**, by The Rev. Rachel G. Hackenberg, Pastor of Grace United Church of Christ in Lancaster, PA. Rachel's book emerged out of her own prayer practice and contains understandable and practical directions for creating our own prayers. She uses the act of writing to help us give voice to our concerns, hopes and dreams. For each day there is one of her short prayers, a Scripture Passage to read and a suggestion on what to pray about, using a theme which emerges from the readings. We then have a mostly blank page to write our prayer on.

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I believe this will be a very interesting and fruitful discussion. I hope to see you there. Any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with me, or call, or email. Thanks.

Peace, John

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