

Worship Leadership
Preacher: Allyssa Boyer
Lector: Joan Quick

Ministry of Music
Organist: Sarah Myers
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Kathy Williams
Ushers: Kathy & Art Williams
Greeters: Lois & Dave Ritter
Acolyte: Jeff Dundore
Children's Sermon: Amy Paulus
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Terry & Gene Shaner
Pastor Emeritus: The Rev. Dr. Thomas Herrold

“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.”

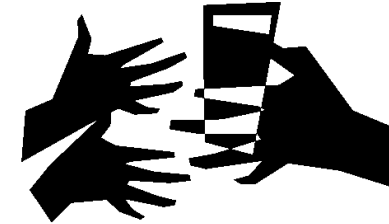
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Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

June 26, 2011



And if **anyone**
gives even a cup
of cold **water** to
one of these
little ones...
he will **certainly**
not lose his
reward.

Matthew 10:42

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 26, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "I am Thine, O Lord"

Robert J. Hughes

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus lived and breathed gracious hospitality. Even though there were powerful people who opposed Jesus' extravagant welcome, he still embraced those who were often shunned. In the reign of God that Jesus spoke of, he declared there is room for all—children (Luke 18:15-17) and those who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, ill, poor, grieving, persecuted, and in prison (Matthew 25: 31-46 and Luke 6:20-26). Jesus put faith and hospitality together: "Whoever receives one whom I send receives me" and those who received Jesus, embraced God (John 13:20).

(From the UCC website: /www.ucc.org/vitality/what-matters/we-are-people-of-extravagant.html)

*THE HYMN NO. 43 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Welcoming God, thank You for continuing to welcome us further and further into relationship with You. Help us to remember You call us to welcome others in the same way. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

It is hard to welcome everyone. Sometimes it is hard to welcome anyone. Life is hard enough, complicated enough as it is. Yet Jesus showed us through how he lived his life, that God desires us to welcome one and all. And, whenever we welcome someone, we welcome Jesus, the Spirit of God within that person. Still we hesitate, resist. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.



Darlene & Mitch Adams

Dan Blacker

Kevin, Bill & Pauline Conwell & Family

Bill and Alice Crouse

Julie DeLuca

Tom & Shirley Grammer

Richard Gray

Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple

Bob Heisler

Charlene Jehle

Shirley Knisely

Doug Knox

Mateusz Kott & Family

Jerry McCartney

Miah & Amber

Deb Milford

Steve Mitchell

Jean Myers

Nancy

Judy Null

Mel Pike

Emily Rieger & Bill & Judy Grove

John Scott

Joyce Sealover

Peg & Don Seiler

Pete & Linda Shea

Gracie Simpson

Sue Stada

Shannon Trout

Leah van Olden

Victoria Velez

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

All in the military & their families; All affected by lost jobs & the economy and All affected by the tornado's and storms across our Country.

Celebrations

“**Team Ally,**” named in honor of Ally Moyer, participated in their first Relay for Life this past weekend in Dillsburg. Team Ally raised over \$2,300.00 with the grand total raised from all the teams over \$91,000.00. Thanks to those who donated, walked, or came to support our team. A special thanks to Linda Alburger for her hard work and support.


Thank you from the Stewardship Council to all of you who participated in the dining out at Isaac's event on Tuesday evening. As a result of the generous appetites exhibited by St. Paul's members, we have raised \$175.39 for the benefit of the Church.

ST. Paul's VBS – Monday evening July 11th – Thursday the 14th!
Registration forms can be found on the table in the commons. Sign up today!

Helpers are needed for VBS. Questions or if you can help, please contact Shawna Simpson @ sdsimps4@yahoo.com or 458-5814.

KITCHEN HELPERS NEEDED FOR VBS DINNERS: Do you have some free time from 3:45 PM to 6:45 PM? . Please consider signing up to help in the Kitchen for one, two or all the dinners that are being prepared for the Vacation Bible School Crew, Monday July 11th through Thursday July 14th. _If you can't make it the whole time, come when you can. Please let Terry Shaner know if you can help with the dinners; email stpaulstaff@verizon.net, phone # 697-8329 (evening) or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

Cupcakes and Sugar Cookies needed for VBS Dinners – if you are willing to donate a dozen or two of cupcakes or sugar cookies please see signup sheet on the bulletin board in the commons. Thanks!

 **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP SENATORS BASEBALL OUTING, Sunday July 31st** – Please join us for the Youth Group's Annual Senators Baseball Game! All St. Paul's members and friends welcome! Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the commons. *Please sign-up and give your check to Sue Ward-Diorio or leave in the church office with Terry Shaner no later than Friday July 15th! Any questions, feel free to contact Sue at 525-4690 or swdiorio250@comcast.net*

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

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.**

THE WORD FOR THE YOUNG

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 Jeremiah 28:5-9

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

"The Guest is God"

Matthew 10:40-42

THE HYMN NO. 539 "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

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

Special Music "Learning to Lean" by John Stallings
Sung by Lois Ritter, Kathy Aumiller and Ron Flory

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Gracious God, we bring our offering, not with thought of reward, but
because we are grateful. We give, not from guilt over having so much, but
because it is such a privilege and joy to share. We dedicate these gifts, not to
pay bills, but to enable a ministry that meets basic human needs with the
good news of the gospel. May Your people be empowered to give the service
each moment requires, in even a deed as simple as giving a cup of cold water
to quench another's thirst. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 543 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"

*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 "Ceremonial March" Edward H. Wetherill

*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 that is located in the red pad on the aisle side of the pew 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.

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 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
Don & Sandy Heckman "In Honor of our 43rd Wedding Anniversary"
Kim & Jon Nalepka/Dave & Lois Ritter "In Honor of
Keira & Ian's Birthdays"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 26th – July 3rd

TODAY 9:00 am Worship
2:30 pm FH & Kitchen in Use

MON 6:30 pm Chair Yoga (FH)

TUES 1:00 pm Pollyannas at Rhoda Rupp's home
5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)
6:30 pm Yoga (FH)

THUR 6:30 pm VBS Meeting (Rm 7/8)

FRI General Synod 28 begins through 5th Tampa FL
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

SUN 9:00 am Worship/Intinction Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pollyanna's will be meeting 1 pm Tuesday June 28th at the home of Rhoda Rupp. Please remember your food donations. Any questions call Rhoda at 766-5465.