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The Epistle

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Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

Summer Worship Schedule – One Worship Service @ 9:00
Childcare available.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STAFF

Pastor John J. Ward-Diorio
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Director of Music Eric R. Dundore
Choristers' Director Jonneke A. Dundore
Organist Sarah A. Myers
Assistant Organist Patrice G. Miller
Sexton Michael W. Hatz

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The Epistle

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July/August 2011



Summer is a time when we try to take some time to relax. This is a wise thing to do. The vast majorities of us are rushing through our lives and end up being regularly exhausted. We do not enjoy the blessings in our lives nearly as much when we are that tired. The people we love, the creation we are a part of, and the communities we live within and serve suffer from our lack of attention and energy directed their way. One of the best things we can do is rest and recharge, so we might bring our best selves to all.

I wish you rest then. In the midst of your recharging, please know the congregation continues its life and work. We have Vacation Bible School coming up from July 11 through the 14th. If you have some time, we could use some extra help during that week, and in preparation for this time of teaching, learning and enjoying each other's company as we seek to learn more of God's hopes and dreams for us and the world. New Hope Ministries' food bank is low and needs restocking. If you could bring some extra donations of non-perishable food to church, we can deliver them to New Hope. Hunger never takes a rest. A number of our committees are doing work over the summer to prepare for the coming year. Please keep these people in your prayers. And please keep praying. Our prayer list does not take a summer vacation.

We will be calling a Congregational Meeting within the next few weeks. Notice will be sent to all. We will be discussing the issue of replacing our current sound system and adding more lights in the Sanctuary. We have recognized the need to do this for awhile. With the wireless microphones no longer working; and a chance to do the work in summer when it is a "little" less hectic, now seems to be the

time. Our hope is to move some of the controls for the sound system out into the Sanctuary; add lighting to the front of the chancel area and where the choir sits; replace the wireless microphones; and replace the aging speakers. We would also like to install equipment to allow people who are hearing impaired to hear the service better and are investigating how we might "retrofit" our current lights because we are finding it nearly impossible to fix them now.

As you can imagine, this will be a costly venture. We will be presenting options as to how we will pay for this crucial work and asking everyone to consider whether they can make a special contribution to this effort. As we have said before, we have future plans for a Capital Campaign to address other future needs of our congregation, but this need really can no longer wait. We will need the congregation's approval so we can begin and finish the work before September. I ask that you might prayerfully consider this and what you might be able to do to help. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me or speak with Kevin.

May we all find some rest, relaxation and the peace God continually offers to us.

Peace, John



I will be taking vacation from Monday August 1 through Monday August 29. We will be primarily staying in the area, with some potential short trips out and about.

We will have a list of who will be preaching those four Sundays within a few weeks. We are very fortunate to have within our congregation a number of people who are excellent preachers and Worship leaders.

We will also set up Emergency Pastoral Coverage for that time. Again, we are

fortunate to have people within our congregation who can serve in this capacity. Terry will have that schedule @766-7931, 697-8329 (H) or 805-5869 (C).

If you have any questions, please let me know. Thank you.

Peace, John

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS – May 17, 2011

Treasurer's Report – As of the end of April, the total income for April was \$31,537.02. This is \$8,979.02 over budget. Total expenses for April were \$21,328.99. This is \$1,704.99 over budget. For the month of April: Income minus Expenses = \$10,208.03 (\$7,274.03 better than budget.) Year-to-Date income is \$109,243.98. This is \$15,403.98 better than budget. Year-to-Date expenses are \$89,606.03. This is \$455.03 better than budget. Year-to-Date: Income minus Expenses = \$19,637.95 (\$14,948.95 better than budget.) Palm Sunday and Easter is in the April offerings. There were donations to the memorial fund during the month. One Great Hour of Sharing and Child Sponsorship offerings were expensed during the month. A niche was sold during April. To date, May Sunday collections have been good. The credit union needs a financial statement from the church as part of the application process for the credit card. Bill will get this information and move forward with the application. **Stewardship Council** – Kathy Williams – The St. Paul's Pennies for Heaven spare change campaign kicked off in May and over \$74.00 was collected the first week. Look for a restaurant dining card event late in the summer. **Christian Ed** – Randy Murphy - Allyssa Boyer began work on April 25th. The CE committee will be meeting next Monday to review curriculum, Promotion Sunday and gifts for graduating seniors. A separate meeting will be held to discuss VBS. **Extended Ministries Council** – Bruce Perry – We have a volunteer with a truck to bring items to the family we have been helping. Food will be taken to New Hope. **Parish Ministries Council** – Tina Bowers-Paris – The committee has not been organized (no volunteers.) The committee would have handled the new graduate and new member's tea/lunch. Without the committee, we were not able to have the lunch. **Property**

Committee – Dick Bensel – An anonymous donor purchased and had delivered 12 cu. yards mulch for the flower beds. Several trees near the pavilion and the property line have many dead limbs and/or leaning. They should be removed. We have a quote for \$2,500 to cut down the trees and remove the stumps. Motion made and approved to proceed. The Daycare would like to put carpet in one of the classrooms. **Worship** – Rick Ayers – The Pastor Emeritus honor went very well. They are putting together a calendar and procedure to plan special services further in advance. **Pastor's Report** – Rev. Herrold greatly appreciated the Pastor Emeritus celebration. Several folks have asked Eric Dundore to speak at Peace Church and present part 2 of the church history. **Sound System** – Everyone who has attended church over the last several months is aware that we are having problems with the wireless microphones. Lately it has not been at all usable. John has tried changing the batteries, turning one microphone off, and nothing works. Not using the wireless microphone means the sermon is not recorded or broadcast to the parlor. The sound system was looked at a year ago by professionals. They said we are getting feedback on the bandwidth that we are using it (it used to be reserved exclusively for churches but is now open.) Does it make sense to try to upgrade the old system or should it be replaced? The approximate cost is \$9,600 to \$16,000. We could use funds from the Money Management Account or CDs. Replacing the system would allow the controls to be moved to a more accessible location. Kevin suggested that we explain the situation to the congregation. We may need congregational approval for a capital expenditure that large. (By-Laws will need to be checked.) Motion was made and passed for Rev. John to seek two competing bids. **New Business** – Total of first qtr dues to Mercersburg Assn, Church's Wide Mission & UCC Homes is \$5,492.50. Motion made and approved to pay the first quarter dues. **Plaque Placement** – we need to determine where to place the Pastor Emeritus plaque. The next regular meeting of Consistory will be held Tuesday, June 21st at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER: Darlene & Mitch Adams; Mayme Alfano (Paula Boyer); Kevin Allison; Dee Bachman (Murphy); Mr. Beam (Zach Davinroy's HR Teacher); Peggy Baum; Barbara Bell (Patty Scott's mom); Lisa Benoist (Dave Ritter relative); Mary Bensel (Dick's mother); Betsy (Friend of Dar

Murphy); Bill & Bob (Susan Gabriel); Geoffrey Biringer (friend of Velez's); Pamela Bower (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); John & Karen Bradshaw (Gabriel); Betty & Charles Breon (Sue Miller); Virginia Brown (Joy Perry); Julia Bulger (Heather Miller's Grandmother); Sandy Buhrman (friend of Kathy Williams); Michaela Bushey (friend of Sara Weaver); Joanne & Janine Campbell (relative of Kevin Allison's co-worker); Kathy & Cassidy Carlis (friend of Jean & Willard Jones); Christ Lutheran Church; Ruth Chronister (Ron's Mother); Kevin Clancy (neighbor of Chronister's); Clement (Peg Wightman Neighbor); Shannon Collins (Donna and Ron Chronister's niece); Kevin, Bill & Pauline Conwell & Family (Rev. John); The Corman Family (Alburger friends); Catherine Cotton (Cheryl's grandmother); Cleason Cromer; Alice and Bill Crouse; Debbie (friend of Velez's); Ellie Deeble (great-granddaughter of Jean Myers); Instituto Dela Toro (friend of Velez's); Bill Dietz (friend of Chronisters); Julie DeLuca (Jim and Joan Quick's daughter); Jacque & Grace Drager; Lou Donneway (friend of Mike and Kathy Aumiller); Edna Dreibelbis (Anna Burn's mother); Duane (Brian Medkeff-Rose); Duriske Family (Katelyn Chamberlain's Uncle and Family); Pat Eakin; Stewart Emery (Sandi Ritter-Butz's father); Fenton Fox; Debbie and Joe Gartland; Heather Geraghty (Linda Alburger's niece); Nancy Girard (sister of Belva Garman); Bob & Liane Gladwin; Shirley & Tom Grammer; Richard Gray; Jane & Dave Hall; Ron Hannon (friend of Tom Stone); Ellen Harling (mother of Kevin Allison's co-worker); Colin Hayes & Family (MacKinnon Friends); Paul Heaney, Sr. (Dar Murphy's dad); Bob Heisler; Phyllis Hershey; Greg Holley (Sue Miller); Addison Holl (Becky Thompson); Galen Holtzapple (Rick's brother); Rick Holtzapple; Homeless Family; Houck Family (friend of Rick Ayers); Mary Hunter (Mary Louise Miller's cousin); Betty Hyde; Charlene Jehle (Carol Sizemore's sister); Joe (Dar Murphy's brother); Dan Jones (Jean and Willard's son); Jean and Willard Jones & daughter Sue Worley; Julia (Rick Holtzapple's daughter); Connie & Bob Kayer (Kris Amtower's parents); Brian Keefer (high-school classmate of Christy Aumiller); Nancy Keith (Martha and Gene's daughter); Steven Keith (Martha and Gene's son); Megan Kern; Kevin (brother of co-worker of Susan Gabriel); Sandy Kline & Family of Keith Brown; Rev. George Klinefelter (former pastor of St. Paul's); Shirley Knisely; Doug Knox (Greg's dad); Emily Koontz (great niece of Donna & Bud

Sponsler); Mateusz Kott & Family (Moyer); Carrie Kramer (Rochelle Rhoads grandmother); Lynn Lawler (Peg Wightman's cousin); Madison Lewis (Runkle); Josette & Ron Lindahl (Elizabeth Miller); Casey Little (Gabriel); Cindy Long (Sue Mullin); Barbara Lumby (Betsy Rushong); Bob Madden (Kern); Marla (Shawna Simpson); Kim Martin (Leann Davinroy); Jerry McCartney (Jen Martek's dad); Brian McIntyre (Missy Gates); Shawn McClintic (friend of Brian Medkeff-Rose); Melodie (colleague of Randy Murphy's); Miah & Amber (Chris Bowers-Paris); Deb Milford (co-worker Carol Sizemore); Alice & Larry Miller (Rev. John neighbor from NJ); Sue Miller; Treva Miller; Ryan Miller (Patrice and Greg Miller's son); Steve Mitchell; Ally, Erin, Joan & Ernie Moyer; Tyler, Hayden & Stacy Mustico (Layne Thompson's cousin); Jean Myers; Patricia Nalepka (Jon Nalepka); Nancy (Chronister); Nancy (Dave Ritter sister); Judy Null (Sarah Myer's cousin); Virginia O'Connell (Elizabeth Miller's aunt); Josh Oxford (friend of Sara Weaver); Pap (Chelsey Wirth's Grandfather); Julia Paroda & Family (Gates Family); Ann Patch (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); Al Perreault & Family (Murphy); Donna Perry (Friend of Lois Ritter); Kristen Pike (sister-in-law of Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase); Mel Pike (Friend of Tom & Cindy Stone); Christal Pike-Nase & Family; Rev. Yvonne Rey; Emily Rieger & Bill & Alice Grove (Patrice Miller); Sandi Ritter-Butz; Lynn & Bea Row (Sue Miller's parents); Tom Row (Sue's brother); Candice Rush (friend of Phyllis Hershey); Samantha (Elizabeth Miller's niece); John Scott; Joyce Sealover (Connie Sutton SIL); Don and Peggy Seiler; Grace Sennett (Linda Alburger's Grandmother); Zachary Shade & Family (Ward-Diorio); Pete & Linda Shea; Tom Shrawder (friend of Kathy & Mike Aumiller); Rev. Thomas C. & Lorna Simcox (Brenda Kern); Gracie Simpson; Clara Sizemore (Bill's mom); Mike Snyder (friend of Velez's); Sue Stada; Clyde Strock (Becca Strock's grandfather); Kent Strock (Becca's Dad); Alex Szeles (friend of Jean and Willard Jones); Tamara (friend of Rachelle Rhoads); Tashana Taylor (V. Velez); Dave Thomas (friend of Julie Scott); Stu Tompkins (co-worker of Kevin Allison); Bob & Carol Torpey (Kathy Aumiller cousin); Shannon Trout; Al & Deloris Tucker Sr. (friend of Kevin Allison); Debra Ulrich (friend of Dot and Jim Kinzer); Rosalie Utley (Paula Boyer's cousin); Leah van Olden; Victoria Velez; Judy Ward (Sue's mom); Pete Ward (Sue's brother); Doris Washam (Sandy Kline's sister); Wayne & Sandy (Friends of Kinzers); Keith Weaver & Family (Elizabeth Miller); Brian Wickard (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy); Lucas Wissinger (Elizabeth Miller Friend); Ruth Wrightstone; Ruth Wunderly (friend of Bonnie Plymette's daughter); Angie Young & Family (friend of co-worker of Becky Lingenfelter)

Please notify Rev. John or the Church Office about any additions or deletions to the above list.



LECTIONARY TEXTS

3 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, Romans 7:15-25a
42-49, 58-67
Psalm 145:8-14 Matthew 11:16-19,
25-30

10 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34 Romans 8:1-11
Psalm 119:105-112 Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

17 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a Romans 8:12-25
Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Matthew 13:24-30,
36-43

24 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28 Romans 8:26-39
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b Matthew 13:31-33,
44-52

31 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 32:22-31 Romans 9:1-5
Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Matthew 14:13-21

7 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Romans 10:5-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22 Matthew 14:22-33
45b

14 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15 Romans 11:1-2a,
29-32
Psalm 133 Matthew 15:(10-20)
21-28

21 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10 Romans 12:1-8
Psalm 124 Matthew 16:13-20

28 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15 Romans 12:9-21
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26 Matthew 16:21-28
45b

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

ACOLYTES

7/10 Katelyn Chamberlain
7/24 Chelsey Wirth
8/14 Chelsey Wirth
8/21 Katelyn Chamberlain

GREETERS

7/03 Kathy & Art Williams
7/10 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
7/17 Boyer Family
7/24 Joanne Miller & Mary Louise Miller
7/31 Sandi Ritter-Butz & Eleanor Witt
8/07 Karen & Kevin Allison
8/14 Cathy & Brandon Thomas
8/21 Amanda & Scott Endy
8/28 Terry & Gene Shaner

LECTORS

7/03 Betsy Rushong
7/10 Ruth Wrightstone
7/17 Becky Thompson
7/24 Dennis Plymette
7/31 Bill Cashman
8/07 Kevin Allison
8/14 Colleen Eichman
8/21 Lois Ritter
8/28 Patrice Miller

July Head Usher: Mike Gray

August Head Usher: Kevin Allison

FLOWER DELIVERY

7/03 Jonne & Eric Dundore
7/10 Pat Cleland
7/17 Martha & Gene Keith
7/24 Dot & Jim Kinzer
7/31 Cindy & Dick Bensel
8/07 Lois & Dave Ritter
8/14 Cathy & Brandon Thomas
8/21 Sue & Dayne Miller
8/28 Winnie & Darryl Wentz

COMMUNION PREP

7/03 (Intinction) - Donna Sterner
8/07 (Pew) - Joanne Miller & Melba Bomberger





July

- 01 Susan Miller
- 02 Laurie Mowery
- 03 Hayden Miller
- 04 Travis Kern
- 06 Shawn Elliott
Gloria Hoffman
- 07 Clayton Pirtle
Saige Sufrin
- 08 Aaron Baker
Lawrence Schmick
- 10 Ella Flickinger
Hannah Severs
Gracie Simpson
Leah van Olden
- 11 Nathan Cawley
Becky Lingenfelter
- 12 Tayia Baker
Todd Garman
Linda Till
- 13 David Patton
- 14 Dave Leber
Chelsey Wirth
- 15 Rick Ayers
Traci Mattern
- 16 Benjamin Knox
- 17 Brenda Gossard
Jonathan Shaw
- 18 Kathy Aumiller
Cindy Stone
- 19 Peggy Briggs
- 21 William Brymesser
- 22 Shirley Keith Knox
- 23 Suellyn Graham
- 24 Brandon Miller
- 25 Gwen Burns
- 26 Jim Pirtle
- 27 Missy Gates
- 28 Michael Allison
- 29 Phyllis Hershey
- 31 Brenda Kern

August

- 01 Catherine Flickinger
Connie Miller
- 02 Dave Scott
- 03 Joseph Gartland
- 04 Ashley Bergstresser
- 05 Dick Bensel
Ron Chronister
Bethany Grubbs
Lloyd Lamason II
- 07 Barbara Blust
Mark Boyer
Anthony Howe
- 08 Daniel Christ
Elaine Daly
Rece Miller
Jere Rutherford
Carol Sizemore
- 09 Ernie Moyer
Ryder Paulus
Rachel Thompson
- 12 Chris Grice
Gay Fitzgerald
Sue Stada
- 13 Wes Rhoads
- 14 Shawna Simpson
- 16 Sally Haas
Steve Mitchell
Erin Moyer
Kimberli Nalepka
- 17 Ernest Wallander
- 19 Charles Miller
Dot Miller
- 20 Marcy Brymesser
Rachel Klein
- 21 Donald Heckman
Martha Keith
Jonathan Knox
Ed Thorn
- 23 Rita Smithson
- 24 Leann Davinroy
- 25 Betty Hyde
Mary Louise Miller
Martin Velez
- 26 Michelle Howe
- 29 Cheryl Malick
Brady Nye
- 31 Tom Grammer



July

- 06 Patty and Dave Scott
- 07 Betty and Tom Olsen
- 10 Kathy and Mike Aumiller
- 13 Michelle and Anthony Howe
- 15 Belva and Leo Garman
- 17 Becky and Layne Thompson
- 18 Shirley and Tom Grammer
- 20 Cindy and Tom Stone
- 22 Susan and Matt St. John
- 25 Barbara and Edward Chambers
- 28 Cindy and Dick Bensel
- 30 Patrice and Gregory Miller

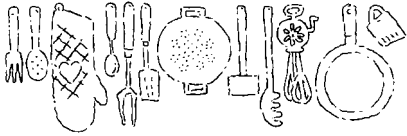
August

- 01 Shawna and Dave Simpson
- 09 Sue and Gerald Stada
- 11 Amy and Brett Hockenberry
- 12 Paula and Mark Boyer
- 15 Dot and Bud Miller
- 16 Doris and Wayne Albrecht
Barbara and James Beistline
- 17 Martha and Vic Brown
- 19 Pam and Allan MacKinnon
Elaine Daly & Christopher Royer
- 20 Daniel Christ
- 21 Karen and Kevin Allison
Sally and Doug Haas
Victoria and Martin Velez
- 23 Kathy and Art Williams
- 25 Shannon and Brian Sweeney
- 28 Nicole and Harry Baker
- 31 Molly and Chris Cowan
Sue and Rev. John Ward-Diorio Jr

**Have a Fun Filled
& Safe Summer!
But Please ➡**



FROM THE KITCHEN COMMITTEE



Time to Clean Up! - Are you missing a container? Did you have an event recently that you used the Kitchen? Please stop by and check out the counter across from the coffee pot. There are containers that have been left from prior events. If it is yours – please take it with you. Thanks so much.



From the
Property Committee

Painters needed: We have some outside painting that needs done. We will provide the paint; just need your time and brushes (not a big project.) See or call Don Wood 761-3036 if you can help. Thanks in advance for your assistance.

Also - **Rounding up keys to the church.** There are a lot of them out there...so if you have a key that you no longer need, please turn it into the Church office. Thanks again.

MECHANICSBURG MEALS ON WHEELS is in need of a kitchen assistant for the first and third Friday of each month. Duties include counting out supplies needed for the day, i.e. cups, plates and bags. Answer the phone when the director is busy. There is no heavy lifting. Hours are 7:45am until 11:30am. If you could volunteer for one or both of these days, please contact Joanne Miller at skyport14@yahoo.com or 697.9620. Free lunch is included.



New Hope Ministries needs our help. The donations of food are very generous over the holidays but during the summer, the food donations go down and their shelves are bare. The need for food is the same all year long. When you go to the grocery store next, please consider picking up some extra and drop it off in the designated area in the commons. Thank you in advance for helping others in need.

Dan Blacker, a former member of St. Paul's, has recently moved back into the area. He is looking for the following items; 2 small air-conditioners and 3 sets of window drapes/curtains (white or medium brown preferably.) If you have any of these items that you no longer want, please call Dan at 686-2732 or email dan.blacker48@verizon.net.

Church Thoughts 6-16-11 – from the Rev. Dr. Marja Coons-Torn, Penn Central Conference Minister. If anyone would like additional information, please let us know.

Galen Russell, Chapel Hill UCC in Camp Hill, received this word via his bank: "The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 was signed by President Obama on December 17, 2010. One of its provisions reinstates **qualified charitable distributions** (QCDs), allowing IRA owners over the age of 70½ a unique opportunity. These individuals may contribute up to \$100,000 per year directly from an IRA to a 501(c) 3 public charity with no federal tax consequences. Gifts made to grant-making foundations, donor advised funds, or charitable gift annuities are excluded from these rules. If you make charitable donations from your IRA, you can credit this amount toward satisfying any required minimum distribution (RMD) you might have from your

IRA(s). This strategy can also lower your income and possibly decrease the tax you pay on your Social Security income. Check with your tax advisor to determine if a lower annual income may also have a positive effect on your taxes with regard to deductions, exemptions, and tax credits. If you normally make donations to charities anyway, you may now want to consider making those donations from your IRA. Remember that the financial institution will need to make the donation directly from your IRA to a qualifying charity to have this strategy work for you. You will receive a 1099-R from your IRA custodian for these gifts. Please provide this form to your tax advisor during tax preparation time. Any questions should be referred to your tax advisor.”

Which brings me to another thing: Have you heard about the **Church Builder Bonus** at the Cornerstone Fund? Now you personally may not have \$10K lying around in a savings or CD, but I guarantee that some of your church members do. This is how they can help their church: If they invest a minimum of \$10K in a 5 year Church Builder Bonus Note with Cornerstone and if they designate 10% to go to their favorite charity [i.e. your church], they will receive a bonus rate of 1.5% over the normal 5 yr. return. That means that right now they would get 4.29%, which I guarantee you cannot get at a bank! Over the course of 5 years, they will earn back every cent they give your church and probably more, plus they will get the charitable deduction which will help their taxes. Why not spread the word? Contact www.cornerstonefund.org for more details and applications.



St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY - will meet on **Tuesday July 12th and Tuesday August 9th**, the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Parlor. Prayer Shawls will be blessed at the 9 AM Service on Sunday July 17th.



Get ready to “SHAKE IT UP” this summer at Vacation Bible School! VBS will be **Monday, July 11 – Thursday, July 14**. It’s a culinary theme this year where we’ll be mixing fun, food, and Christian fellowship – your kids are bound to have a finger-lickin’ good time! A kid friendly dinner will be held each evening in Fellowship Hall starting at 5:30. VBS will start at 6:15. Please fill out a VBS application (found on the table in the commons) for your children and return it to Shawna Simpson, Allyssa Boyer, or Terry in the church office. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Shawna at 458-5814 or Allyssa at 798-4541. Bon Appetit!

Helpers are needed for VBS. 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? If so, please consider signing up to help in the Kitchen at 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 help, please let Terry Shaner know @ stpaulstaff@verizon.net or 697-8329.

CALLED TO CARE TEAM – Mark this on your calendar – Picnic at Gene and Martha Keith’s home, 5 PM on Sunday July 24th.



St. Paul's PRIDE Activities



Friday, July 15th at 5:30 p.m. --- Pride Celebration/St. Paul's Fundraiser

Come celebrate our church's 8th year as an ONA church of the United Church of Christ and participant in Central PA Pride activities. This year's Pride Festival theme is "**Making Strides for 20 Years Strong**". Sign up to participate in this family fun event. Activities for all ages! Parade details will be shared about how you and your family can participate in this year's miniature parade. It's also a covered dish dinner and celebration for the entire family! See the signup sheet for the event on the bulletin board in the Commons. Activities include:

- Great Food – St. Paul's Style
- Face Painting by Martin
- Registration Materials for Miniature Pride Parade
- Raffle Prizes for all Children
- DJ Invited
- Selection of the Grand Marshall
- Lots and Lots of Fun for the Whole Family

Judging will occur on Sunday, July 31 during Fellowship Hour. Floats will be on display during the Spirits United Interfaith Service held at St. Paul's the evening of July 31st. Prizes awarded in the following categories:

1. Best Overall Float
2. Best Community Spirit
3. Best Themed Float
4. Best Use of Color
5. Funniest Float



Central PA PRIDE Schedule

Friday, July 29-7 PM – Voices United at Market Square Presbyterian Church, Harrisburg - \$15.00

Voices United is a showcase for the various LGBTQ and Allied Choruses of the Harrisburg area. It is an evening of music that expresses the deepest sentiments of the individual groups that comprise the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning communities and explores our common experiences with our Straight allies. Voices United is a musical celebration of all that Pride has come to mean in the Central Pennsylvania area. Free Parking in the Market Square Garage adjacent to the Church for concert goers.

Saturday, July 30- Noon to 5 PM- Pride Festival in Riverfront Park, Harrisburg

All ages invited. St. Paul's will staff a table at this event. If you are interested in helping to staff the booth, please contact Shirley Keith Knox.

**Sunday evening, July 31 - 7 PM
Spirits United**

St. Paul's will host this year's Interfaith Service. Spirits United is an event designed to provide an outlet for the diverse spiritual and religious expression of the GLBT community along with its friends and allies. Spirits United seeks to provide a safe, non-judgmental, non-confrontational outlet for spiritual expression during Pridefest weekend. Spirits United hopes to celebrate the many paths that people who are gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, transgendered, questioning, and straight allies take in finding and living out their spiritual lives.

For additional information, contact one of the following:

Shirley Keith Knox skeithknox@comcast.net
Brian Medkeff Rose - pabuckoe@aol.com
Beth Mihmet - BethMihmet@yahoo.com



**St. Paul's Church
Goes
to the
Ball Park!**

Sunday, July 31st

**Please join us for the Youth Group's
Annual Senators Baseball Game!
All St. Paul's members and friends
welcome!**

11:00 Miniature Golf at City Island
12:30 Lunch at the Senators Game -- **ALL
YOU CAN EAT!**
2:00 Senators vs. Binghamton (Mets)

Cost for lunch and game: \$22 adults; \$12
child (13 and under)

Checks made out to **St. Paul's UCC** (This is
not tax deductible)

(For golf, you pay a discounted rate the day
of)

**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**



Pollyanna's – No July meeting. Pollyanna's will have their annual "Picnic Lunch" on Tuesday August 23rd at noon. Peg Wightman will be hosting at her home. Please bring a dish to share. Meat and beverage will be provided. Any questions, call Peg at 737-1095.



Blessing of Book Bags

**MARK THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR
NOW!** Join us on **Sunday, August 28th** as we prepare for a new school year and bid summer a fond farewell. Bring your book bags, backpacks and briefcases to worship for a special back-to-school blessing during the children's sermon. After the service, come to Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social. Ice cream before lunch? Hey, it's only once a year! Please keep an eye out for this event in the August Worship Bulletins.



YARD SALE!!! Don't throw that good stuff out! The Youth Group of St. Paul's is again sponsoring the annual **St. Paul's UCC Community Yard Sale on Saturday,**

September 3rd in the church parking lot from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Church members may rent a space for \$10, non-members' cost is \$15 (includes table for first 30 spaces) OR you may donate your items to the Youth Fellowship space for them to sell. **NOTE:** No computers, monitors or printers please! Donations (*marked, please*) can be placed on the designated space on the stage in Fellowship Hall during the month of August. All proceeds will benefit St. Paul's youth program and a local mission project. To reserve your space, please call Terry at the church office, 766-7931, or contact Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or joanmoyer@msn.com



Mark your calendars for the start of a new year of Sunday School on Sunday, September 11. All are invited to this fun church-wide event that will include

games, songs, and snacks as we kick-off Sunday School for the 2011-2012 year. If you'd like to donate a Rally Day snack, please sign the sign-up sheet posted in the commons. We can't wait to see you there!



2011 BAZAAR – ONE DAY ONLY!! - FRI. OCT 7TH!!!

It will be a busy day filled with crafts, baked goods, flea market, and of course, our famous chicken pot pie! Pot Pie will be served on Friday from 11 am - 7pm, Take Out meals and quart Pot Pie Sales will be available while supplies last.

Now is the time to get some projects in line. Everyone has a talent we can use! **Lots of**

help is needed to continue the success of this event - SCHEDULE THAT VACATION DAY NOW SO YOU CAN HELP! Our event has a history of being one of the best in the area. Those who have helped with this event in the past have commented about the great fellowship enjoyed by all.

General Chairpersons: Linda Alburger & Dar Murphy. Please contact Linda at 649-1301 or Dar at 571-4731 with any questions or ideas you may have.

Need some ideas on what you can do – talk with one of the chairpersons:

Kitchen: Joann Paulus and Joanne Miller
Bodies needed here – keep the dates open, we'll need your helping hands getting the food ready for the Bazaar and on the day of the Bazaar with the food preparation!

Dining Room/Kitchen: Mary Runkle and Terry Shaner

Lots of help needed to set up, serve and clean up the tables the day of the bazaar in the dining room.

Country Cupboard (Bake Sale/Food sale):

Jane Hall & Sue Miller
Lots of baked goods, candies, jellies, etc needed here. Bring in your goodies the Thursday evening before the bazaar (October 6th) or early Friday morning.

Country Gifts & Crafts: Anita Miller, Susan Thorn, Betty Olsen, Patty Scott, Carol Rhoads
Putting out a plea now, donations of crafts are needed for the Bazaar. Some

suggestions of crafts to make are: Knitted or Crocheted items, ornaments, handmade decorations, Wreaths, holiday themed items (Halloween, fall, Thanksgiving & Christmas), pillows, etc. In making a craft, please remember to keep it so we can price it reasonably. While people do buy the crafts, they tend to look for items that are not real expensive. **If you would be willing to donate a craft, do some sewing of crafts or have ideas of crafts that you have seen at other craft fairs, please let one of our craft chairs know.**

Flea Market: Becky Thompson & Dale Thorpe Go through your things this summer and get them ready to bring in starting Sunday 9/11 – please place your items off on the stage. In the past, we have gotten substantial donations and people coming to the Bazaar line up early to check the flea market out. At the end of the day we attempt to take any items that have not sold to Salvation Army, etc. Please go over your items before bringing in to ensure they are clean and usable. No computers, monitors or clothes, please.

Clean up: Property Committee – Don & Merikay Wood.
Let them know if you can help put the church back in order after the Bazaar.

OUR NEXT BAZAAR MEETING!! - Please plan to attend the **Bazaar Meeting on Tuesday, August 16th at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlor.** We need lots of help to make this event successful. Hope to see you at the meeting.



We would like to express our deep appreciation for the many cards and beautiful alter flowers we received during this very difficult time, Christal Pike-Nase, Jonathan Nase & Family.

My St. Paul's Friends – I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all the generous acts of kindness shown to me during the passing of my Stepmother and Father. This has been an extremely difficult time for me but I continue to realize just how fortunate I am to have friends like you. Your love and support is greatly acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Warm Regards, Judy Aumiller.

To My Church Friends (and Family),
Thank you! For all your support, prayers and cards over this difficult time in my life. It reminds me in the hardest of days that I am not alone. I'm eternally grateful. You are all simply amazing. You inspire me to keep going when the going goes from tough to almost

impossible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart and God Bless – Megan Kern.

“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, ST. PAUL'S!

Thanks to all your generous donations, the “Pennies for Heaven” Spare Change Campaign has collected \$216.26 during the months of May and June! We will end the weekly campaign for the remainder of the summer months to give everyone a chance to begin collecting their spare change again. Look for the collection jar to come back out in the Commons sometime in the fall.

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.

Our Thanks go out to Don & Merikay Wood who took care of the Sexton duties while Mike was on vacation the end of June.



Would you like to discontinue the paper copy of your Epistle and receive it via Email only? Our bulk mail rate requires that we send out a minimum of 200 to get the discounted price break. We are taking a poll to see how many of you would like to discontinue receiving the paper Epistle. As long as we can maintain the 200, we can put you on the email list only and take you off of the paper mailing. Additionally if you no longer wish to receive the Epistle, please let Terry in the Church office @ 766-7931 or stpaulstaff@verizon.net know. Thanks.

2011 Tour de Cure St. Paul's on Wheels Saturday June 11th

St. Paul's was again very well represented by riders and donations. Jen Martek, Molly and Chris Cowan, Cheryl and Ken Malick, Floyd Gouse, Carol Sizemore, Bill and Deb Cashman, Kateri and Chris Grice, and Becca, Lily, Slater, Sue and John Ward-Diorio all rode. Thanks go out to Craig Martek for organizing and oversight. Craig was off biking hundreds of miles down in Maryland and Virginia that weekend.

