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Lector: Ruth Wrightstone

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Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service
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Greeters: Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
Acolyte: Katelyn Chamberlain
Children's Sermon: Rev. John
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Pat Cleland

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.”

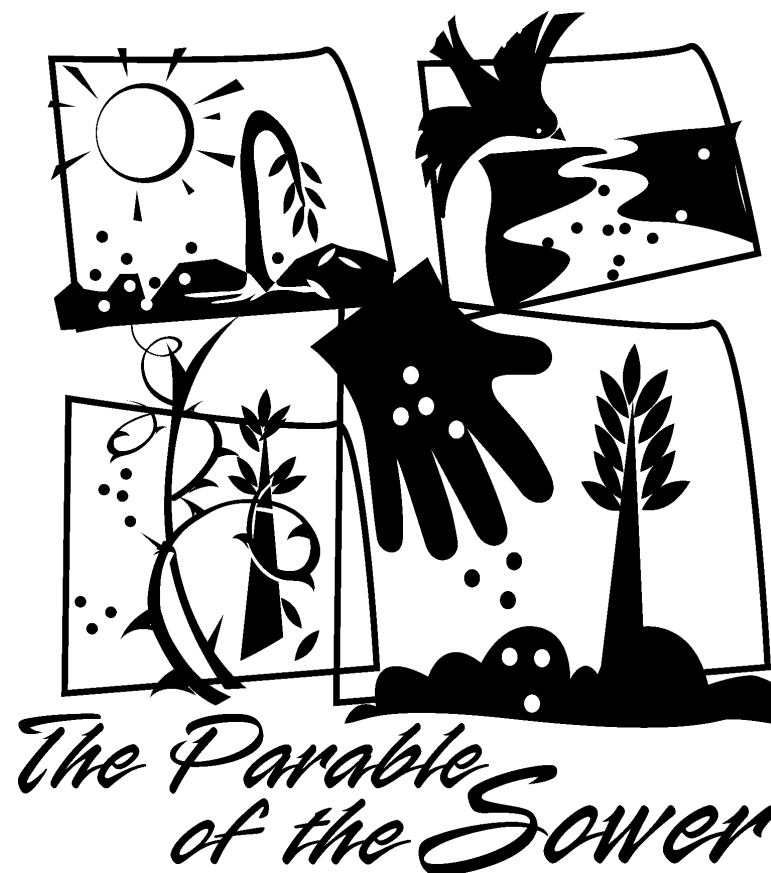
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Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

July 10, 2011



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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 10, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Peace in God's Good Time"

Burkhart

CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response): From Psalm 119

*THE HYMN NO. 315 "O Word of God Incarnate"

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Ever-speaking God, help us to listen carefully for Your words to us. Prod us too, to meditate upon those words and seek to discern what they mean to us as individuals and as a community today. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We want nice neat little packages, tied up with a bow. We want to be told there is one and only one truth; that that truth is limited; and we can find it neatly and clearly explained to us in this one place. God's Word, God's Truth, God's Call cannot be contained in any single package and it surely is not neat or tied up with bow. God's speaking to us, in the past, present and future, and the wisdom God shares is beyond our ability to fully comprehend so it can in no way be limited to a single truth or found in one place. 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.



Mayme Alfano

Earl Artz Sr.

Dan Blacker

Kevin, Bill & Pauline Conwell & Family

Bill and Alice Crouse

Julie DeLuca

Tom & Shirley Grammer

Richard Gray

Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple

Bob Heisler

Phyllis Hershey

Charlene Jehle

Gene Keith

Shirley Knisely

Doug Knox

Jerry McCartney

Miah & Amber

Deb Milford

Tim Morrow

Randy Murphy

Jean Myers

Nancy

Judy Null

Mel Pike

Emily Rieger & Bill & Judy Grove

John Scott

Joyce Sealover

Peg & Don Seiler

Pete & Linda Shea

James Sowell

Sue Stada

Phoenix Trout

Leah van Olden

Victoria Velez

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family



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!

Vacation Bible School Service Project:

We will be collecting non-perishable food items each night of Vacation Bible School. As the donations are brought in, we'll add to what was collected previously. At the end of the VBS week, the donated items will be taken to New Hope Ministries who have indicated that their food pantry is very low right now. You don't have to attend VBS to participate in this effort. Any non-perishable food item brought in prior to VBS week will be added to the donations. Suggested items on New Hope's "current-need" list include: Flour, Sugar, Mac & cheese, Spaghetti sauce, Scalloped / au gratin potatoes, Mashed potatoes (boxed), Toilet paper, Tooth brushes and Dish soap.

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 and Lots and Lots of Fun for the Whole Family.

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 Isaiah 55:10-13

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 65:1-13

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

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE
 “Interpreting Is One of Our Jobs” Matthew 13:1-23

THE HYMN NO. 318 “Almighty God, Your Word is Cast”

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 "Plenty Good Room" by Shaw Dundore Family Singers

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Accept our offering of praise and our offering of ourselves, O God, along
with our tithes and contributions toward our church's mission. You have
given us life and guidance for living. You have made us partakers of Your
own Spirit. We rejoice in the opportunity to receive and share Your Word.
May the ministry in which all of us have a share bear much fruit, bringing
in an abundant harvest for Your realm. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 319 "Sing Them Over Again to Me"

*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 "Trumpet Song"

Smith

*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
Mike & Kathy Aumiller "In Honor of our 35th Wedding Anniversary"
The Dundore Family "In Honor of Leah Van Olden's Birthday today!"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 10th – 17th

TODAY 9:00 am Worship

MON Terry out of Office

VBS - Monday evening through Thursday evening

5:30 Dinner (FH)

6:15 Program

TUES 1:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)

FRI 5:30 Pride Fellowship & Fundraising Dinner

SUN 9:00 am Worship/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOGA ANNOUNCEMENTS - No Chair Yoga or Vinyasa Yoga this week due to VBS.



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 **this Friday July 15th**!* Any questions, feel free to contact Sue at 525-4690 or swdiorio250@comcast.net