

# Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

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

August 28, 2011

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. Glenn E. Schultz

Lector: Patrice Miller

## **Ministry of Music**

Assistant Organist: Patrice Miller

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Kevin Allison

Greeters: Terry & Gene Shaner

Acolyte:

Children's Sermon: Lois Ritter

Nursery:

Flower Delivery: Darryl & Winnie Wentz

Fellowship Time: Melissa Cawley

## **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.”*

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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**God is love.**

Whoever lives in love lives in God,

**and God in him.**

**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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 28, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "The Penitent Heart" Curtis

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response)

Dear Friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. Let us worship in the spirit of God's love.

Response: **Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. We will worship in the spirit of God's love.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 6 "Sing Praise to God, Our Highest Good"

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Eternal God, companion of all who seek you, and seeker of all who turn away from you, draw near to us that we may draw near to you, and grant us the grace to love and worship you that we may find in your will our true freedom; through Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Let us confess our sin and shortcomings against God and each other.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Merciful God, we know that you love us and that you call us to fullness of life, but around us and within us we see the brokenness of the world and of our ways. Our successes leave us empty; our progress does not satisfy. Our prosperous land is not the promised land of our longing. Forgive our willful neglect of your word, our insensitivity to the needs of others, and our failure to feed the spirit that is within us; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**



Kimberly Alleman

Mayme Alfano

Carol Allen

Earl Artz Sr.

Dan Blacker

Kevin, Bill & Pauline Conwell & Family

Bill and Alice Crouse

Kathy Eppley

John Fernbaugh

Lyn Goldstine

Tom & Shirley Grammer

Richard Gray

Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple

Bob Heisler

Clay Henry

Phyllis Hershey

Steven Keith

Doug Knox

The Rev. Fred Lewis

Treva Miller

Jean Myers

Judy Null

Mel Pike

Sandi Ritter-Butz

John Scott

Joyce Sealover

Peg & Don Seiler & Family

Pete & Linda Shea

Sue Stada

Phoenix, Shannon & Eric Trout and the Miller Family

Leah van Olden

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

The Thousands of Employees with United Space Alliance (contractor for NASA) who are losing their jobs and are facing uncertain futures.

**Celebrations**

Our Thanks go out to Don Wood and Crew for moving the large pieces of furniture out and back into the rooms where the carpet was replaced this past week and to Dave Ritter for setting up and reconnecting the computer and printers up again in the Church Office.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome The Rev. Glenn E. Schultz as our Preacher and Liturgist today. Glenn was a former pastor to St. Paul's, is Pastor Emeritus to St. John's, Chambersburg, and is presently a member of St. Paul's.

There will be a **Church Property Committee** meeting on Thursday Sept 8th at 6:30 in the Youth Room. All interested church members are invited. We are always looking for new ideas and interests...Any questions call Don Wood @ 761-3036.

**Chair Yoga** will not be held on Labor Day, Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have it this coming Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> and it will resume on Monday September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**New Members' Meetings and Reception of New Members** - We will have two meetings for those people interested in becoming members of our congregation. Both meetings will occur after our late Sunday Worship Service; the first on September 25th and the second on October 2nd. This is your chance to gather together and ask questions, receive materials, and learn more about St. Paul's and the United Church of Christ. You only need to attend one of these meetings. We will be receiving New Members on Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 Worship Service. If you have any questions please see Rev. John.

### **Corrections/Additions to the September Epistle:**

Please check out the floor in the **Narthex** (not the sacristy) and check out how good it looks! Don and Merikay Wood stripped off all the old wax and put down new wax.

Thank you goes out to Karen Allison, Martha Brown, Missy Gates, Amy Paulus, Donna Sterner, Anna Thompson and Merikay Wood for donating the cookies and cupcakes that were enjoyed by all who attended the Vacation Bible School Dinners.

## SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: God hears the confession of our hearts and lips. Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven all our sins, and by the Holy Spirit we are empowered for new life.

People: **We believe the good news of Jesus Christ. 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 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS AND BAGS: (Unison)

**Dear Lord...Bless these backpacks and bags and all who carry them. Hold us in your loving arms as we go to school, work or continue to seek work. Keep us always aware of Your presence and help us to live in harmony and be an example of Your love in our everyday lives. Amen**

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 READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 26:1-3, 8

THE EPISTLE READING

Philippians 2:5-11

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 16:21-28

## THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON - "The Win-Win Situation"

Text - Philippians 1:21

THE HYMN NO. 457 "Jesus, I Live to You"

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 "O Rest in the Lord"

Mendelssohn

Vocalist - Erin Moyer

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us  
life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our  
gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and  
lived. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 456 "More Love to You, O Christ"

\*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 "To God Be the Glory"

Parker

\*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 Prayers of Invocation, Confession and Dedication are from The Book Of Worship, United Church of Christ.

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

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup>**

**TODAY 9:00 am Worship /Blessing of the Book Bags**

**Ice Cream Social in Fellowship Hall following Worship**

MON **6:30 pm Chair Yoga (FH)**

6:30 pm Bear Den (Pavilion or Rm 7/8)

TUES 5:30 pm Tops (13)

**6:30 pm Yoga (FH)**

THUR 7:00 pm Pack Committee Meeting (Rm 7/8)

FRI **Church Office Closed**

**8:00 pm Youth Sleepover**

SAT **8.00 am Youth Group Yard Sale begins**

5:00 pm Fellowship Hall & Kitchen in Use

SUN **9:00 am Worship/Intinction Communion**



**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 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 Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or [joanmoyer@msn.com](mailto:joanmoyer@msn.com)

**Note to Youth:** Please plan to come to the church Friday evening September 3rd at **8:00 PM** to help set up. We'll have a lock-in that evening (food, friends, movies!) so you can be ready to go by 6:00 Saturday morning. Questions? - Call Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or [joanmoyer@msn.com](mailto:joanmoyer@msn.com).



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**RALLY DAY** is Sunday, September 11. Please join us at 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to ring-in the new Sunday School Year! Although we know that you can't wait for autumn and Sunday School, this Rally Day we'll look back at all of the fun we had during the summer at Hartman Center. Come and sing camp songs, play a camp game and imagine you're sitting around the campfire. There might even be s'mores! Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the commons to bring a snack food to share. We can't wait to see you there!

**ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION FUNDRAISER!!** Tuesday, September 13th, St. Paul's on a Mission will have a fundraiser at Hoss's (by Stauffer's of Kissel Hill). The restaurant will give 20% of the proceeds to our mission, which in turn will be given to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. You will need to present a Hoss's card. These cards are FREE and may be picked up starting today in the Common. This card will allow you to participate in the mission fundraiser to fight breast cancer. So plan on having lunch or dinner at Hoss's, this is a great way to serve our community for a great cause! **REMEMBER** to register online to walk with St. Paul's on a Mission team on Saturday, October 15th! Or see Brenda Kern for a registration form. Last year we raised \$8,993 and were the #10 team in fundraising. Start collecting donations from friends, co-workers and neighbors!!

**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 quarts of Pot Pie (70) will be available while supplies last.

**Special Need: We need dishwashers and a small crew to take care of the cleanup of the kitchen after the Bazaar** (either Friday evening or Saturday morning.) Please contact Linda Alburger, 649-1301 or Dar Murphy, 571-4731 if you are willing to help with this.

*Please help us get the word out about the Bazaar! Flyers are available on the table in the common area; stop by and pick up some to distribute. Ask your local stores and businesses if you can put one up on their bulletin board or windows! It helps a lot.*

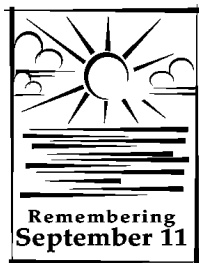
**Help is needed the day of the Bazaar in the Kitchen, Dining Room, Flea Market and the Country Cupboard areas.** Please contact the chairpersons and let them know when you can help or see the signup sheets in the commons!

**Crafts and Baked Goods are needed** – please drop your items off during set up on Thursday October 6<sup>th</sup> or prior to the bazaar opening Friday morning the 7<sup>th</sup>. **Flea Market Items** –drop off your items on the stage starting 9/11.



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