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Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

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Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Terry & Gene Shaner
Communion Prep: Terry & Gene Shaner

Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Herrold

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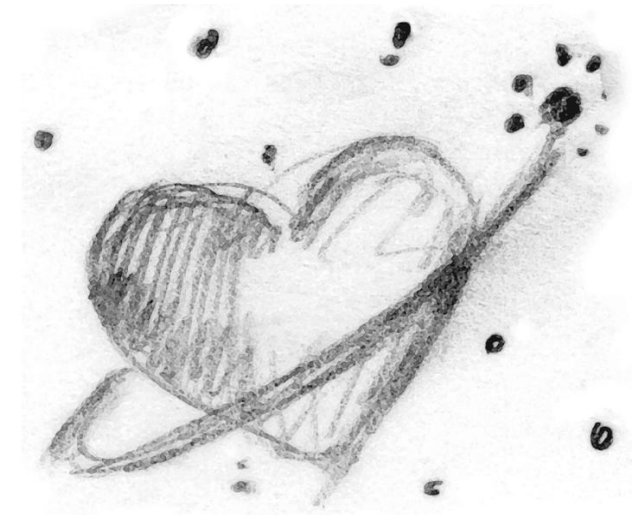
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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

September 4, 2011



"Forgive your
brother or sister
from your heart."

MATTHEW 18:45, NRSV

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 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 04, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Smith

*CALL TO WORSHIP From Matthew 18

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

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Help us to remember You are with us always God. Prompt our memories, as we perceive Your Presence to be like Jesus' or like The Holy Spirit's. May Your Presence help us to do what we believe we cannot do on our own. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We rarely want to go through the hard work of what it takes to settle a difference between ourselves and another. We would rather get angry, walk away and choose to perceive the other person as an idiot, as an evil person or someone who just does not want to understand. God calls us to a different way of relating to one another, a way we choose to ignore. 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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Kimberly Alleman

Mayme Alfano

Earl Artz Sr.

Dan Blacker

Dave & Marie Briner

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

The Rev. Dr. Thomas and Sharon Herrold & Family

Phyllis Hershey

Steven Keith

Doug Knox

The Rev. Fred Lewis

Treva Miller

Jean Myers

Judy Null

Wyatt Paulus

Mel Pike

John Scott

Joyce Sealover

Peg & Don Seiler & Family

Pete & Linda Shea

Sue Stada

Phoenix, Shannon & Eric Trout and the Miller Family

Leah van Olden

Peg Whiteman

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 Pat Eakin, Butch Garman, Floyd Gouse & Don Wood for their yard work cleanup after the gifts that Hurricane Irene left.

*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
Pat Cleland “In Memory of Jennie Eckert”
Jim Quick “In Honor of Joan’s Birthday”
Mary Runkle “In Honor of Audrey’s 17th Birthday”

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 4th – 11th

TODAY 9:00 am Worship/Communion by Intinction
MON Labor Day Holiday-Church Office Closed
TUES Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry
1:00 pm Chicken Picking (Kitchen)
5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)
6:30 pm Yoga (FH)
Terry on Vacation through 9/12
WED 6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
THUR 6:30 pm Property Meeting (Rm 7/8)
FRI CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
SUN 8:45 am Meet at Peace Pole 9/11 Remembrance
9:15 am Rally Day (FH) and then onto Classrooms
10:30 am Worship Service/Baptism of Phoenix Trout
1:00 pm FH/Kitchen in Use (Miller Family)
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship(FH/Kitchen/Rm 7/8)

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 EPISTLE READING

Romans 13:8-14

THE PSALTER RESPONSE (sung together) Psalm

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New Century Hymnal Page #721

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Trying To Settle Differences”

Matthew 18:15-20

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**May these offerings help to free Your people, O God, from bondage to sin.
Unite us in a community of mutual caring in which differences are resolved
as we listen to one another and seek to offer understanding. May the light of
Your love shine through all our efforts to share Your good news. Keep us
in the light when we are tempted to ignore and violate Your
commandments. With these prayers, we dedicate our gifts. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 330 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God Be With You.

Many: And Also With You.

One: Lift Up Your Hearts.

Many: We Lift Them Up To God.

One: Let Us Give Thanks To God.

Many: It Is Good To Give God Thanks And Praise.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

(Debts and Debtors)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share the elements of Communion by Intinction. Please come forward to receive the bread from the server. You will dip the bread in the cup and consume both elements at once. There are gluten free crackers available. There is both wine and white grape juice available. As you return to your seat, use the time of quietness to offer your prayers of thanksgiving to God. Thank you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**Eternal God, You have called Your people from east and west, and north
and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank You for Christ's
presence, and for the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. By the
power of Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to Your Will. Go with us to the
streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we
are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church, of the servant
Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 393 "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

*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.

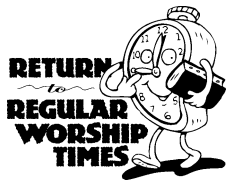
*THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

Organ

"God of Glory"

Scott



Sunday, September 18th back to 8:15 and 10:30 am Worship Services, Sunday School at 9:15 am.

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 30th during the 10:30 Worship Service. If you have any questions please see Rev. John.

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 after the service 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!!

If you would like to order a St. Paul's on a Mission vest, orders will be taken after services on September 11th and 18th. The cost is \$35.00. Payment is due when ordering please. These vests keep St. Paul's on a Mission team warm not only during the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk, but all Fall and Winter long!! REMEMBER to register online to walk with St. Paul's on a Mission team on October 16th! Or see Brenda Kern for a registration form. Last year we raised \$8993 and were the #10 team in fundraising. Start collecting donations from friends, co-workers and neighbors!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Yoga will not be held on Labor Day, Monday September 5th. We will resume on Monday September 12th in Fellowship Hall.

There will be a **Church Property Committee** meeting this coming 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.



Sunday, September 11, 2011 will be ten years since the attacks that awful Tuesday morning. Here at St. Paul's, we will be gathering around the Peace Pole located right outside the entrance doors near the Sanctuary starting at 8:45 AM. We will offer prayers for peace, both spoken aloud and silent, and sing of our hope for peace throughout the world. All are invited. We hope you can join us!



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 YOUTH GROUP will start another great year filled with learning, service, friendship, and tons of fun! If you are in the 6th through 12th grade, take a break from all of that homework and join us next Sunday, September 11 from 6:00-7:30 p.m., pizza and drinks will be provided. Bring a friend if you like, all are welcome! If you have questions, contact **Allyssa Boyer** at 717-798-4541 or allyssaboyer@verizon.net.

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 will be available while supplies last.

This coming Tuesday, September 6th starting at 1 PM in St. Paul's Kitchen, we are looking for "Chicken Pickers." If you can help with this effort, please let Joann Paulus know at 432-3916. It takes a lot of chicken to make the pot pie for the dinner on the day of the bazaar. Any help you can give will be appreciated.

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.

Kitchen: Joann Paulus (432-3916) & Joanne Miller (697-9620) 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 preparation! Cooks are needed – if you can help – please let Joann know.

Dining Room/Kitchen: Mary Runkle (766-7577) & Terry Shaner (697-8329) Lots of help needed to set up, serve and clean up the tables the day of the bazaar in the dining room. Can't help the day of the bazaar? We also need help on Thursday evening wrapping silverware and setting the tables. Please see signup sheet on the bulletin board in the commons or let Mary or Terry know if you can help!

Country Cupboard (Bake Sale/Food sale): Jane Hall (697-2087) & Sue Miller (795-1875) 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. Help is needed the day of the bazaar if you can help, please see signup sheet on the bulletin board.

Country Gifts & Crafts: Anita Miller (766-7850), Susan Thorn (737-0672), Betty Olsen (697-5621), Patty Scott (737-3139), Carol Rhoads (697-3539) Help is needed the day of the bazaar – please call Betty Olsen if you can help out! 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(761-3127) & Dale Thorpe (766-0321) Help is needed Thursday evening October 6th to sort, price and set up the items to be sold and the day of the Bazaar. Please let Becky know if you can help! Go through your things this summer and get them ready to bring in starting Sunday 9/11 – please place your items 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 (761-3036.) Let them know if you can help put the church back in order after the Bazaar.

Neighbors in Need - *Imagine a World without VIOLENCE.* *Your gifts to Neighbors in Need help in this area and much more!* Please read the enclosed insert. Our Neighbors in Need offering will be collected on Sunday, October 2, 2011.