

**Worship Leadership**  
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Lector: Kathy Williams

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

**Ministry of Service**  
Head Usher: Randy Murphy  
Greeters: Patrice & Gregory Miller  
Acolyte: Amy MacKinnon  
Children's Sermon: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Nursery: Cassidy Westbrook  
Flower Delivery: Tim, Leann & Zach Davinroy

**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*

September 11, 2011



OUR HOPE

**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**

No Matter Who You Are, or Where You Are on Life’s Journey You  
are Welcome Here!





TUES 5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)  
**6:30 pm Yoga (FH)**  
**7:00 pm 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting (Parlor)**  
**St. Paul's on Mission Fundraiser @ Hoss**

WED **6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)**  
**6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)**  
**7:15 pm Adult Choir (Sanctuary)**

THUR 6:30 pm Daisy Troup (Rm 13)

FRI **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

SUN **8:15/10:30 Worship**  
**9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)**  
**9:15 am Sunday School**  
**9:15 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)**

### Announcements

**Neighbors in Need** - *Imagine a World without Poverty. Your gifts to Neighbors in Need help in this area and much more! 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.

**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.

Check out the poster on the bulletin board in the commons on the **9/11 Tenth Anniversary commUNITY Concert** that will be held this evening starting at 7 PM in the Scottish Rite Auditorium in Harrisburg. All proceeds from this concert benefit local programs that aid women and children.

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

#### The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

**Presentation of the Water**  
**Baptismal Address**

**Gathering of Witnesses**  
**Questions for the Candidate's Parents**

#### Congregational Assent (unison)

**We, as members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ and the Church Universal, hear your promises with joy and gladly welcome you as sisters and brothers in Christ into the family of faith. We covenant with you to share in the hopes, labors and joys of the Christian life, supported by God's love through this congregation.**

**We will weep with you when you weep, rejoice with you in your rejoicing, and encourage your growth in the new life Christ gives. These things we promise in the name and spirit of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

**Prayer of Blessing**  
**Prayer for the Baptized**

**Act of Baptism**  
**Procession**

**Let us offer a special welcome on his Baptism Day to Phoenix Lynn Trout and his parents Shannon and Eric Trout and his grandparents Sue and Dayne Miller.**

SING THE CHILDREN TO THEIR SEATS

HYMN NO. 325 “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 14:19-31

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 103:1-14

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Forgiveness=New Life”

Matthew 18:21-35

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

Chancel Choir

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Young

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**We honor You, O God, as we give. We know we do not live or die to  
ourselves but are a part of a large community, linked in ways beyond our  
knowing with You and all generations of Your children. We are accountable  
to You and share in responsibility for one another and for the care of this  
planet. Thus, we dedicate our resources and our lives to You for the work of  
Your realm. Receive our gifts and draw us to Yourself. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 286 “ Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

\*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

“A Patriotic Quotation”

Robert J. Hughes

\*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  
Gene and Martha Keith “In Honor of our 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary”

**CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 11th – 18th**

**TODAY 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)**

**MON Terry on Vacation  
6:30 pm Chair Yoga (FH)  
7:00 pm Bible Study (Parlor)**

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**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**

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Dining Room/Kitchen: Mary Runkle (766-7577) & Terry Shaner (697-8329) Help is 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!

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**Donations of crafts are needed for the Bazaar.** 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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