

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Ron Chronister
10:30 Kathy Aumiller

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Randy Murphy
Greeter: 8:15 Joan & Ernie Moyer
10:30 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
Acolyte: 8:15 Slater Ward-Diorio
10:30 Kevin MacKinnon
Children's Sermon: Allyssa Boyer
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Winnie & Darryl Wentz

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 18, 2011



The
Parable
of the
Workers in the Vineyard

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 18, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Andante" Felix Mendelssohn

CALL TO WORSHIP Choral Introit Youth-8:15/Chancel-10:30

*THE HYMN NO. 307 "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious God, Your concern and care for each of us and all people is boundless. Show us how to be more generous in our concern and care for others. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Self interest has helped preserve humans throughout history. Unfortunately we have allowed self interest to completely overshadow our commitment to the common good and to individuals in need. As disciples of Jesus and people of faith, we clearly have been taught there should be much more balance between self interest and sharing with others. We have not been public enough in our witness to this direction from God. 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.



Kimberly Alleman

Mayme Alfano

Earl Artz Sr.

Dan Blacker

Wayne Chapman Sr.

Kevin, Bill & Pauline Conwell & Family

Bill and Alice Crouse

Tom & Shirley Grammer

Richard Gray

Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple

Bob Heisler

Phyllis Hershey

Betty Hyde

Scott Jackson

Steven Keith

Susan Kinzer

Doug Knox

The Rev. Fred Lewis

Treva Miller

Jean Myers

Bob Neis

Wyatt Paulus

Guy Romito

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

All affected by the flooding, All those in the Middle East struggling for peace; All in military and their families; All who have lost loved ones and All affected by lost jobs & the economy.

Celebrations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Youth Yard Sale was a huge success! We made \$1400, which is \$300 more than last year. Thanks to the youth for all of their hard work, the parents who helped both Friday night and Saturday, and our wonderful congregation who either rented a space or donated items for the youth to sell. The youth will decide in the near future on a charity/mission in which to donate a portion of their profit. Thanks again!



Need a way to take the beauty of our church home or want to share it with others? Note cards are now on sale, just in time for the holiday season. Twelve note cards showcase the beauty of the 12 stained glass windows in our church sanctuary. The back of each card includes the name and the meaning of each window. Get your cards for holiday giving or brighten someone's day with a photo of our beautiful church. **These beautiful sets of 12 cards each are now sale priced at \$7.00 each or 2 for \$12.00.** See Terry in the Church Office to get yours.

Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering - *Imagine a World without Hunger. 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 next Sunday, 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.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE – 10:30 SERVICE

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

Exodus 16:2-21

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 105:1-6

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Intentionally Publically Generous”

Matthew 20:1-16

*THE HYMN NO. 23 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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

8:15 Youth Choir "Psalm 150" Perry
10:30 Chancel Choir "Train Up a Child" Choplin

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Receive our tithes and offerings to Your honor and glory, loving God. May
fruitful results occur through and beyond our sharing. Call us all into the
vineyard of meaningful labor and constructive leisure, that Your Word,
living through us, may call our neighbors to joyous reunion with You. May
we help one another to live in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, in
whose name we pray. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 391 "In the Midst of New Dimensions"

*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 "Acclimation of Praise" Tom Birchwood

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.

References:

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
Tom & Betty Olsen "In Memory of Loved Ones"
Dundore Family "In Memory of Eric van Olden"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF September 18th – 25th

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

MON 6:30 pm Chair Yoga (Rm 11/12)
7:00 pm Bear Den (FH)
7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting (Parlor)

TUES 5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)
6:30 pm Yoga (FH)
7:00 pm Consistory (Rm 7/8)
7:00 pm MLC Board Meeting (Rm 13)

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

EPISTLE DEADLINE

THUR 6:30 pm Daisy Troop (RM 13)

**SUN 8:15/10:30 Worship/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls/Affirmation
of Ministries**
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon New Member Class (Sanctuary)

American Red Cross - Upcoming Blood Donor Drives:

Friday, September 23rd from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, 5000 Simpson Ferry Road, Mechanicsburg.

Saturday, September 24th from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm at the Essex House, 20 North 12th Street, Lemoyne.

Friday, September 30th from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm at Rossmoyne Hampton Inn, 4950 Ritter Road, Mechanicsburg.

Saturday, October 1st from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Traditions of America, 15 Presidents Drive, Mechanicsburg.

Tuesday, October 4th from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm at Boscov's Department Store, 32nd and Trindle Road, Camp Hill.

All presenting donors will be entered into a drawing for the Red Cross "Bleed Blue" Donor of the Game package for the 2011 Alabama, Iowa, Purdue and Nebraska games! For more information, please visit us online at redcrossblood.org/bleedblue.

Individuals who are in generally good health, are age 17 or older (in Pennsylvania 16 year olds may donate with a signed parental consent form), and weigh at least 110 pounds may be eligible to donate blood. Most people can safely donate every 56 days. Donors should call 1-866-326-3276 if they have any eligibility questions.

For up to date blood drive information or to schedule an appointment for a blood drive in your area, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800 Red Cross. Individuals should bring their Red Cross donor cards, photo ID, or two other forms of identification to the donor site. Thank you for helping saving lives.

The **Pollyanna's** "Pay Your Own Way" annual luncheon will be held on **Tuesday September 27, 11:30 am at Snappers** in Mechanicsburg. Please RSVP Mary Lousie Miller at 766-6615. This is open to all women of the church. Pollyanna's is a primarily social group that meets once a month on a Tuesday afternoon. New faces are always welcome.

Panhandlers – Recently there has been some incidents at Churches in our area where people leaving worship were approached in the parking lot by individuals looking for assistance. This has been confirmed as being part of a scam in our area. If you are approached by anyone, please refer them to Rev. John.

The **PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND** is low on funds! We do receive legitimate requests for aid here at St. Paul's and as result of these; the discretionary fund is desperately in need of donations. If you are able, please consider making a donation to the discretionary account. We ask that this donation is done as a separate check as the general and discretionary account are two separate Bank accounts. Thank you for any donation you are able to make.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Today St. Paul's on a Mission will be taking donations in the common which will in turn be given to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. **NEW THIS YEAR!!** We are selling "Honor Cards." These 4" x 6" cards will be available to purchase for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. You will be able to write the name(s) of those whom you wish to honor or remember on the card. The goal is to fill the wall in the Common with these cards between September 11th and the walk.

We will be selling our "Famous" Chicken Corn Soup at the Fall Festival at Willow Mill Park on Saturday; October 1st. Soup making will take place on Friday, September 30th starting at 4:00 in the church kitchen. If you would like to help make the soup or if you would prefer to make a monetary donation to help defer the cost, please contact Brenda Kern, 796-0939. We will also be taking donated baked goods to sell at the festival. If you can donate a baked good, please drop it off in the church kitchen between 4:00 pm and 6:30 pm on September 30th, or at the Fall Festival by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday October 1st.

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 – Friday 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.

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

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. **Dishwashers and a crew to clean up the Kitchen after the bazaar are needed.** If you can help, please let Linda and Dar know.

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 prior to the Bazaar and on the day of the Bazaar in the Kitchen! **If you can help – please let Joann or Joanne 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, 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 (713-7689) **Help is needed Thursday evening October 6th to sort, price and set up the items to be sold and on Friday October 7th, the day of the Bazaar. Please let Becky know if you can help!** Go through your items and place any donations 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: Don & Merikay Wood (761-3036.) Let them know if you can help put the church back in order after the Bazaar.

Help us get the word out about the Bazaar! *Flyers are available on the table in the common area; please 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.*

If you can't help the day of the bazaar, please plan to stop by to check out the flea market, crafts and baked goods that are offered. And don't forget to stop by for lunch or dinner in the dining room. **Your patronage would be greatly appreciated!**