

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Art Williams
10:30 Kevin Allison

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Kevin Allison
Greeter: 8:15 Patty & Dave Scott
10:30 Sandy & Skip Kline
Acolyte: 8:15
10:30 Becca Ward-Diorio
Children's Sermon: Jonne Dundore
Nursery: The McCorkel Family
Flower Delivery: Betty & Tom Olsen
Fellowship Time: The MacKinnon Family

Pastor Emeritus
The Rev. Dr. Thomas Herrold

Ministers
The Entire Congregation

“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

October 2, 2011

World Communion Sunday



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
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 2, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Bread of the World" Todd Kendall

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

*THE HYMN NO. 400 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Responsive)

ALL: God of all, we come to You today asking that we might realize to a greater and greater extent how we are connected to all people and the whole of creation.

One: "In India right now, the Christians are tearing naan. In Russia, the Orthodox are blessing khlep. In Ohio, they are pouring the Welch's. In California they are sipping some fine Napa merlot. But no matter how we break it, slice it, cube and dice it, this bread and this cup somehow make us one. If we cannot see it, let us trust that Someone can. If we do not believe we are faithful or believing enough to take it, let us trust that Someone is, and invites us along. Let us not be broken any more, one from another."

ALL: On this World Communion Sunday, may we grow more united with one another and You. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We separate ourselves from each other and God. We do not realize the harm such separation brings. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.



Mayme Alfano
Diana Bitting
Susan Bowers & Family
Bryan
Wayne Chapman Sr.
Jim Coons-Torn
Woody Cox
Bill and Alice Crouse
Tom & Shirley Grammer
Fenton Fox & Rick Holtzapple
Richard Gray
Jane Hall
Bob Heisler
Clay Henry
Betty Hyde
Scott Jackson
Steven Keith
Susan Kinzer
Treva Miller
Jean Myers
Bob Neis
Guy Romito
The Rev. Galen Russell
John Scott
Joyce Sealover
Peg & Don Seiler & Family
Pete & Linda Shea
Sue Stada
Phoenix, Shannon & Eric Trout and the Miller Family
Deloris Tucker & Family
Leah van Olden
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

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. 427 “God Made from One Blood”

*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 “Christ, Our Strength and Consolation” Edward Broughton

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 Invocation is by Molly Phinney Baskette, from Before the Amen, The Pilgram Press, Cleveland, 2007.

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 Eucharistic Prayer is by Brian Wren and Betsy King, from Bread of Tomorrow, Orbis Books.

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.

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

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.

“All children who participated in Vacation Bible School are invited to come forward to share one of their songs from this summer. Mrs. Dundore will be leading our “VBS choir”.”

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 20:1-4,7-17

THE PSALTER RESPONSE(Sung together)

New Century Hymnal Page # 630

Psalms 19

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Matthew 21:33-46

“Whose World Is This?”

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

8:15 Chancel Choir

“The Voice of God”

Larson

10:30 Youth Choir

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

arr. Lovelace

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Ruler of all space and time, we want to be faithful stewards in Your vineyard. All that we have is Yours. Our lives are in Your hands. Help us to use well all that we here devote to the work of Your church. Help us to manage well, to Your honor and glory, all that we retain for ourselves. May we know heaven on earth because You hold first place in our priorities and our daily goal is to serve You. Amen.

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 349 “I Come with Joy”

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.

One: What Do You Bring to Christ’s Table?

Many: We bring bread, made by many people’s work, from an unjust world where some have plenty and most go hungry.

One: At this table all are fed, and no one turned away.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: What do you bring to Christ’s table?

Many: We bring wine, made by many people’s work, from an unjust world where some have leisure and most struggle to survive.

One: At this table all share the cup of pain and celebration, and no one is denied.

Many: Thanks be to God.

One: These gifts shall be for us the body and blood of Christ,

**Many: Our witness against hunger, our cry against injustice, and our hope for a world where God is fully known and every child is fed.
Thanks be to God.**

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)
(Debts and Debtors)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews this Sunday. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.)

Country Cupboard (Bake Sale/Food Sale) – Jane Hall (697-2087), Sue Miller (795-1875): Please drop off your baked goods donations Thursday October 6th or Friday morning, October 7th. **Lots of goodies are needed here!**

Country Gifts & Crafts – Anita Miller (766-7850), Betty Olsen (697-5621), Carol Rhoads (697-3539), Patty Scott (737-3139), Susan Thorn (737-0672). Please drop your craft donation off during set-up on Thursday October 6th or in the Church Office if you want to drop off before that.

Dining Room – Mary Runkle (766-7577). Terry Shaner (697-8329)

Kitchen - Joann Paulus (432-3916), Joanne Miller (697-9620)

Flea Market – Becky Thompson (761-3127), Dale Thorpe (713-7689) – Help is needed Thursday Evening Set-up & on Friday!

Clean Up – Don & Merikay Wood (761-3036) – Help needed Friday evening after the Bazaar to help put the Church back to order.

If you can't help, please plan to stop by on the day of the bazaar 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!

Our Thanks go out to all who are donating craft items, baked goods, flea market items and/or time to the Bazaar. Your effort is greatly appreciated!
- The Bazaar Chairpersons.

St. Paul's on Mission: THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped make St. Paul's on a Mission's booth at the Willow Mill Fall Festival yesterday, a huge success! Thank you for all who helped make the Chicken Corn Soup, donated the wonderful baked goods and all who helped at St. Paul's on a Mission's booth!

Today St. Paul's on a Mission will again be taking donations in the common, after booth services, which will in turn be given to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. We will continue selling the "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, which will remain posted thru the month of October, "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month." Take a look at all the wall of Honor Cards...it looks awesome!!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bill & Deb Cashman "In Honor of Lauren's Birthday"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 2nd – 9th

TODAY	8:15/10:30 Worship/World Communion (Pew) Sunday Neighbors in Need Special Mission Offering 9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5) 9:15 am Sunday School Noon New Member Class (Sanctuary) 6:00 pm Youth Fellowship (FH/ Kitchen/Rm 7/8)
MON	6:30 pm Chair Yoga (Rm 11/12) 7:00 pm Bear Den (FH)
TUES	Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry 5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13) 6:30 pm Yoga (FH) 7:00 pm Pack Comm. Mgt (Rm 7/8)
WED	5:00 pm Youth Group set up for Bazaar (start in FH) 6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5) 6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary) 7:15 pm Adult Choir (Sanctuary)
THUR	Bazaar Set-up
FRI	Bazaar 9 AM – 8 PM Pot Pie Dinner 11 AM – 7 PM CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
SAT	Out of the Darkness Walk
SUN	8:15/10:30 am Worship 9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5) 9:15 Sunday School 10:00 am Healing Service (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Members' Meeting and Reception of New Members - We will have a meeting today after the second service for those people interested in becoming members of our congregation. 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. We will be receiving new Members on Sunday October 30th during the 10:30 Worship Service. Any questions, please see Rev. John.

Today we are collecting the 2011 Neighbors in Need Offering. This is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible through its support of its ministries of justice, advocacy, and compassion. It needs your generous support!

HEALING SERVICE: Next Sunday, October 9, at 10:00 AM (between our two regularly scheduled Services) we will gather together in the Sanctuary for a brief Service focusing on healing ourselves, others and the world. Anointing with oil, the Laying on of Hands and prayers are parts of this Service from our UCC Book of Worship. We hope to offer this Service quarterly.

Important Save the Date - Please mark your calendars **NOW** for the 5th Annual Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party to be held **Friday, October 21, 2011 6 p.m., at the exciting Allenberry Resort Inn** where you will have a delicious buffet and the opportunity to participate in a silent auction stewardship fundraiser. All members and friends of St. Paul's are encouraged to come to this fun night of fellowship that will allow you to help the church. Cost per person is \$35.00. To make a reservation, please give your payment (check made payable to St. Paul's UCC or cash) to Terry in the Church office or place in the offering plate by October 17th. Please be sure to note on your payment who is attending.

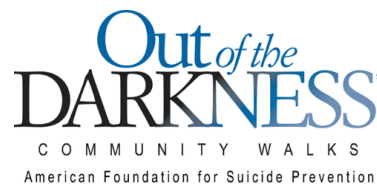
Wanted - Stewardship Gala Auction Ideas - We are looking for new and different items to offer for this year's Stewardship Gala Auction!

Can you... Paint a room? Offer babysitting services? Wash a car? Rake leaves? Clean a house? Bake a pie or cake? Offer some other services? By offering your special talent, you benefit the buyer of your service, AND St. Paul's gets the donation! If you have something to offer, contact Kathy Williams to discuss the details. kjlwms@gmail.com or 717-979-9255. All donations of services must be received by October 14, 2011.

If you are donating a basket, please contact Victoria Velez at 766-9879. All baskets are needed by Oct. 11th.

Come out and join us at a Halloween Party, Sunday October 30th, 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Paulus Farm Market, 1216 S. York St. in Mechanicsburg. Bring

your blankets, flashlights and appropriate footwear is suggested. There will be hayrides, a corn maze to explore and refreshments to enjoy. Children are welcome to play in the Fall Fun Fort. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring food to share. Traditionally this event is geared toward children but all are welcome. **The Youth Group is invited to enjoy snacks and hot cider and a special hayride later that night, 7:00 to 8:00 PM.** We hope to see you there!



Lace up your sneakers and support St. Paul's Youth Group as they walk in the **Out of the Darkness Community Walk for suicide prevention on Saturday, October 8th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm** at City Island and River Front Park in Harrisburg. To join our team and walk with us, contact Tina Bowers-Paris or Allyssa Boyer. If you'd like to make a donation, please give your contribution to one of the youth stationed by the table in the commons after worship, or go to www.outofthedarkness.org and search for St. Paul's UCC in the team search box. We need at least a few adults to help chaperone/provide transportation, so please sign up!



We are **DAYS** away from the 2011 Fall Bazaar on Friday Oct, 7th from 9 am to 8 pm. **NOW** is the time to sign up to help at the Bazaar! We need **YOUR HELP** to make the Bazaar successful. 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 – 7 pm with Take Out Meals and quart Pot Pie available while supplies last. The Bazaar 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

If you would like to help at the Bazaar it is not too late to sign up! **Special Need – Help is needed to direct parking the day of the Bazaar and to clean up the Kitchen after the bazaar (either Friday evening or Saturday Morning.)** Please let General Chairperson, Linda Alburger know if you can help with either of these (649-1301.) Any questions or to see what else you can do to help out, please contact Linda or one of the chairpersons.