

**Worship Leadership**  
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Lector: 8:15 Doug Jacobsen  
10:30 Paula Boyer

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

**Ministry of Service**  
Head Usher: Randy Murphy  
Greeter: 8:15 Eleanor Witt & Mary Louise Miller  
10:30 Cindy & Dick Bensel  
Acolyte: 8:15  
10:30 Lily Ward-Diorio  
Children's Sermon: Allyssa Boyer  
Nursery: Cathy Thomas  
Flower Delivery: Bonnie & Dennis Plymette

**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.”*

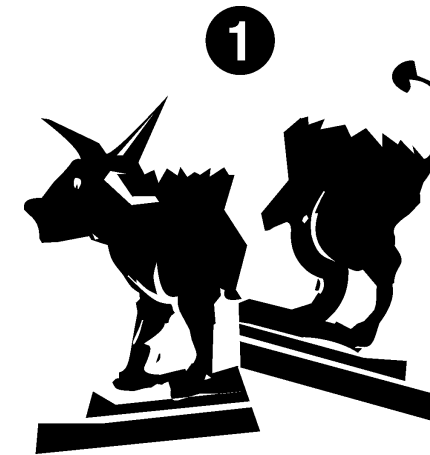
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# Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

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

October 9, 2011



“You shall  
have no  
other gods  
before me.”

Exodus 20:3

**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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Impromptu"

Louis LeFebure-Werly

CALL TO WORSHIP From Isaiah 25

\*THE HYMN NO. 55 "Rejoice, You Pure in Heart"

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Loving God, we realize we can often frustrate You. Help us to show our faith in You, by living lives that reflect and help bring about Your hopes and dreams for Your world. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We are impatient and forgetful people. If we feel God "hasn't done anything for us lately," we turn our attention elsewhere. Regularly we put our trust in idols rather than God. We worship things we create rather than worship the Creator. 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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Mayme Alfano  
Karen Allison  
Diana Bitting  
Bryan  
Cleason Cromer  
Bill and Alice Crouse  
Tim Davinroy  
Clem Domaricki  
Floyd Gouse Jr.  
Tom & Shirley Grammer  
Richard Gray  
Jane Hall  
Bob Heisler  
Clay Henry  
Phyllis Hershey  
Betty Hyde  
Scott Jackson  
Steven Keith  
Kingston Wyatt  
Susan Kinzer  
Treva Miller  
Jean Myers  
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  
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**

Thanks to all who helped with the Bazaar, donated baked goods, crafts or flea market item. We could not have done it without all of you!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HEALING SERVICE:** Today 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.

**No Yoga Class this coming Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup>** – due to the Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade is this evening.

**PFLAG of Central PA invites you** their meeting on Bullying. The program will feature Louie Marven of Common Roads, Rev. Monica Dawkins, who has organized an anti-bullying task force in Harrisburg, and a panel discussion. The meeting is Monday, October 17 at 7 PM at the Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church, 300 E. Simpson St., Mechanicsburg.

**HELP NEEDED!!!!** – St. Paul's will be hosting the Mercersburg Fall Meeting on Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. We need someone to set up coffee, tea, juice for this meeting and we also are asking for donations of pastries, cookies and other light finger foods for the refreshments. **If you can take care of coordinating this effort for us please let Rev. John or Terry in the Church Office know.** Thanks



**Come out and join us at a Halloween Party, Sunday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 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!

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 GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:1-14

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

“How Quickly We Forget”

Exodus 32:1-14

\*THE HYMN NO. 21 “God Reigns o’er All the Earth”

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 Organ                      Offertory on "Bunessan"                      Edward Broughton  
10:30 Hand Chimes              "O Worship the King"                                      Helman

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**May our offerings help to prepare many to feast at Your banquet table. O  
God. May our generosity reflect the amazing abundance You entrust to our  
care. As we find joy in giving, may others be inspired to give their best, and  
may all of us realize Your peace, dwelling within and among us as we serve  
in Christ's name. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 493 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

\*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                      "Psalm XX"                                      Gordon Young

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  
The MacKinnon's "In Honor of Kevin's 16<sup>th</sup> and Amy's 13<sup>th</sup> Birthdays"

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

**TODAY    8:15/10:30 Worship  
            9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)  
            9:15 am Sunday School  
            10:00 am Healing Service (Sanctuary)**

**MON       Church Office Closed Columbus – Indigenous People's Day  
            6:30 pm Chair Yoga (FH)  
            7:00 pm Bible Study (Parlor)**

**TUES      1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)  
            NO YOGA Tonight due to Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade**

**WED      6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)  
            6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)  
            7:15 pm Adult Choir (Sanctuary)  
            7:00 pm Webelos 2 (FH)**

**THUR     7:00 pm 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting (Parlor)**

**FRI       6:30 pm Pack Committee Meeting (FH)**

**SUN      8:15/10:30 Worship/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls  
            9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)  
            9:15 am Sunday School  
            Noon Called to Care Meeting (Rm 11/12)  
            6 PM Youth Fellowship (FH, Kitchen, Rm 7/8)**

**St. Paul's UCC invites you to attend the  
2012 Stewardship Campaign Kickoff**



Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Allenberry Resort Inn & Playhouse

\$35 per person payable to St. Paul's UCC

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner

8:00 p.m. Silent Auction Closes

Featuring a holiday dinner buffet, unlimited sticky buns,  
lively fellowship, silent auction and Jane Hall's notorious  
stewardship stand-up act... Part IV!

RSVP (and payment) to Terry at St. Paul's UCC before  
October 17th.

**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](mailto:kjlwms@gmail.com) or 717-979-9255. **All donations of services must be received by October 14, 2011.**

**Auction Baskets Welcome!** Please contact Victoria Velez at (717) 766-9879 if you are donating a basket or item for the Auction. **All baskets/items are needed by this coming Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**St. Paul's on a Mission Announcements:**

THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY to make your donations to ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk. ALSO LAST SUNDAY to purchase "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.

TEAM MEMBERS: We will meet in the church parking lot no later than 7:15 AM to carpool to City Island on Saturday, October 15th. If you are planning on meeting the team on City Island, please let Brenda know ASAP. We will meet as a team at the Survivor Tent by 8:30 to start the walk together.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION Chicken Corn Soup and Bake Sale at the Willow Mill Fall Festival was our best ever. We made a profit of \$805.00! I want to thank everyone who helped make the soup, helped at the booth, and helped clean up afterward. I also want to thank everyone for the donations for the soup ingredients. We had enough money donated to also pay for the paper products. Thank you, thank you for making this fundraiser such a great success!!

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