

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

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

October 30, 2011

## Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Becky Thompson

10:30 Craig Martek

## Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## Ministry of Service

Head Usher : Tina Bowers-Paris

Greeter: 8:15 Kim & Jim Pirtle

10:30 Joan & Jim Quick

Acolyte: 10:30 Kevin MacKinnon

Children's Sermon: Patty Scott

Mission: 1 Mission Moment: 8:15 Mary Runkle

10:30 Craig Martek

Nursery:

Flower Delivery: Belva & Leo Garman

## 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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**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

ALL SAINTS DAY

October 30, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

MISSION: 1 MISSION MOMENT

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "In Fond Remembrance" Donald Lee Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP - 8:15:From Micah 6//10:30:Choral Introit-Chancel  
Choir

\*THE HYMN NO. 377 "Forward Through the Ages"

\*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Gracious God, You love us as we are. Help us to love our family, friends and strangers in the same way. Help us to see the parts in everyone that are saint-like; remind us that You are in all people. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We want others (and ourselves) to be perfect. When perfection is not achieved, we can often dwell more on the negative than the positive. No one who has walked this earth, with one notable exception, is perfect. No one is going to be perfect. Yet the world is full of people fulfilling God's call to them and people doing saint-like things. We refuse to see that. 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.**



Tom Alburger

Paula, Mark, Allyssa & Jim Boyer and the entire family of Mamie Afano

Cleason Cromer

Bill and Alice Crouse

Pat Dundore

Don and Roseanne Frymoyer

Floyd Gouse Jr.

Richard Gray

Jane Hall

Doug and Sally Haas & family of Russell Haas

Bob Heisler

Clay Henry

Phyllis Hershey

Betty Hyde

Bill and Tammy Ingraham and Family

Steven Keith

Mary Kilgore

Susan Kinzer

Adrienne Miller

Pat Miller

Jean Myers

Rynne

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**

## ALL SAINTS'DAY REMEMBRANCE:

We recall members of our congregation who have died since last year's remembrance: Dorothy (Dottie) Schultz-02/22/2011; Carrie L. Andrusisian-03/17/2011; Jack W. Rhoads Jr.-04/02/2011; Clyde L. Miller-04/12/2011; Rena B. Smith-04/17/2011 and all of our family members, friends and loved ones. There is a candle lit on the Altar for each member and one for all our family members and loved ones who have died.



*It's a Girl!*

The red rose bud on the Altar today is in celebration of the birth of Mia Ann Riesmeyer who was born on Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>. Mia was 8 lbs 10 oz and 20 inches long. Our congratulations go out to the proud parents: Megan and Aaron Riesmeyer and big sister Elsa.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by  
Dennis & Bonnie Plymette "In Honor of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"  
The Scott Family "In Loving Memory of Dorothy Scott"

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 6<sup>th</sup>

**TODAY 8:15/10:30 Worship/All Saints Day**

**New Members join @ 10:30**

**9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)**

**9:15 am Sunday School**

**4:00 pm Halloween Party @ Paulus Farm Market**

**7 PM Youth Fellowship @ Paulus Farm Market**

**MON 6:30 pm Chair Yoga (FH)**

**TUES Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry**

**5:30 pm Tops (Rm 13)**

**6:30 pm Yoga (FH)**

**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)**

## 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

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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

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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:30 Service)**

**Ann Boyer, Gail Gastrock, Terry Gastrock**

**Megan Riesmeyer and Aaron Riesmeyer**

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

CONGREGATIONALS ASSENT (Unison)

**We, as members of St. Paul’s United Church of Christ of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, 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 I the new life Christ gives. These things we promise in the name and spirit of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.**

PRAYER

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

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THE EPISTLE READING 2 Timothy 4:6-8

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

“Surprising Blessings”

Matthew 5:1-12

\*THE HYMN NO. Hymn #383 “Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls”

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 “O Land Of Rest” Roger C. Wilson  
10:30 Chancel Choir “We Are Surrounded” Martin

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Let Your Word be at work in us, gracious God, and through the offerings we present for Your blessing. We offer here our support for the work of teaching, preaching, and good counsel, our assistance for those who are burdened and hungry and lost, our encouragement for questioners, seekers, and risk-takers intent on leading a life worthy of Your approval. We are all Your students. Let us also be Your humble servants, through the offering of our substance and ourselves. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 299 “For All the Saints”

\*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 “Praise to the Lord” 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 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.

**JUST IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING! ST. PAUL'S COOKBOOK "SHARING OUR BEST"** is available for purchase. This 200+ recipe cookbook has recipes from past cookbooks as well as new recipes. The cost is only \$10.00. Half the proceeds go to our church and the other half to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. The cookbooks will be available for purchase thru November 20th after both services in the common.



**Slips to sign-up to sponsor the POINSETTIAS**, which will help beautify our Sanctuary for the Christmas Services, are on the table in the Common Area. The cost this year is **\$6.75** each and we will be getting them from Ashcombe's again. The completed slip along with payment (cash or checks made payable to St. Paul's United Church of Christ) should be dropped off at the Church Office or put in the offering plate no later than November 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Chocolate Advent Calendars** – The Serrv Chocolate Advent Calendars are in. The cost is \$10.00 each, cash or check made payable to St. Paul's UCC. Any profit helps fund our Christian Education programs. You can get yours now, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the commons and see Terry or Rev. John to get yours. We have 25 right now but if we sell out early we can try and buy more, but there is no guarantee we will be able to get any. Don't miss out!

**Advent/Lent Book Study** – Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the commons for the Advent/Lent Reading Program starting Thursday December 1<sup>st</sup> is in the Commons. We will be using *Hallelujah: The Bible and Handel's Messiah* by Carol M. Bechtel and part of the Kerygma Bible Study program. For the four Thursdays in December we will study the pieces related to Advent and Christmas. During Lent in the Spring, we will have a six week study of the pieces related to Lent and Easter. We have a recording that we will listen to. The cost of the book will be about \$17.00 but we will use it for both studies. It is possible some of the Adult Christian Education classes or studies might also use this during those seasons. Check with your instructors and leaders.

**THUR 6:30 pm CE Meeting (Parlor)**  
 6:30 pm Daisy Troop (FH)  
 7:00 pm Pack Comm. Mtg (Rm 7/8)

**SUN 8:15/10:30 Worship/Intinction Communion**  
 9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)  
 9:15 am Sunday School  
 2:30 am Mercersburg Fall Meeting (Sanctuary, Classrooms, FH Kitchen)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday November 13<sup>th</sup> is Stewardship Sunday.** Please plan on joining us at one of our Services and offering your pledge cards and Time & Talent sheets. **Stop by the Stewardship table in the Commons on your way out of worship today and pick up your packet. This will help save on postage dollars!**



**Come out and join us at a Halloween Party, Today from 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!

**St. Paul's will be hosting the Mercersburg Fall Meeting next Sunday November 6<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon.** We are looking for donations of pastries, cookies and other finger foods for the refreshments. Please see signup sheet on the bulletin board in the commons if you are can help us out with the refreshments. Questions on what you can donate please check with Anna Thompsons. Thanks

Are you looking for a way to help the church and get a good meal? Well, look no further! **St. Paul's Youth Group is sponsoring a fundraiser at Hoss's Family Steak & Sea Restaurant**, 61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg. Step 1: Pick up a ticket from the table in the commons. Step 2: Invite your family and friends to dine with you at Hoss's on **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>** (lunch or dinner... or both!) Only one card is needed per party. If you have any questions, please contact Allyssa Boyer at [allyssaboyer@verizon.net](mailto:allyssaboyer@verizon.net).



It's almost time for **College Care Packages to be prepared by our Youth Group**. The Youth will be baking hundreds of cookies on **Monday evening Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6 PM in the Kitchen and shipping them off in time for finals. If anyone would like to donate any items from the list below, you may place them in the box I have marked College Care Packages in the youth room by **November 27<sup>th</sup>**. Items like mini candy bars, granola bars, rice krispie treats, microwave popcorn, hot cocoa mixes are all great to send. **Monetary donations** can also be made if anyone wishes to "Sponsor a Box" to help us out with the shipping of packages (note it is for College Care Boxes.) **Please contact Kim Pirtle** [jpirtle@verizon.net](mailto:jpirtle@verizon.net) or **796-1647** with your students address or if you have any questions. Thank You!

## **Watch out for these Mission: 1 Opportunities:**

**Starting today - October 30 – “Offering of Letters”** Table set up for letter writing campaign. Check out the table in the Commons. Prepare your letter for Congress and don't forget to send it.

**Food Collection (November 1 thru November 13)** - Food and household items can be dropped off at the church in the Commons. Drop off food at the “Drop Off” location. Do not place food in the display area. All food/household items need to be counted before placing it on the display table. The donations will be dropped off at local food banks starting the week of November 14<sup>th</sup>.

**November 6 – Poverty: In Our Community?** A representative from New Hope Ministries will speak at both worship services and in FH during the Sunday School Hour. New Hope Ministries is a Christian social service agency that shows the love and hope of Christ by serving our neighbors in times of need and supporting their efforts towards stability. New Hope Ministries, with our assistance and support, provides a variety of assistance and services in the Dillsburg, Dover, Mechanicsburg, and West Shore areas of Pennsylvania. We hope you will join us in Fellowship Hall starting at 9:15 to learn more about poverty in our community.

**November 13 – Can you survive in Poverty?** Join us in fellowship hall during the Sunday school hour to explore the impact of generational poverty on families and society. Take the "Could you survive in poverty" quiz. Learn about the hidden rules that facilitate life in poverty and how the "Tyranny of the Moment" robs folks of the time needed to plan for the future.

**Following the 10:30 Service on November 13<sup>th</sup> - Public Commitment to Fighting Hunger/Demonstration.** This Public Demonstration will showcase the passion and compassion that St. Paul's UCC has for the community. Grab a sign and join us in front of the church for a 30 minute demonstration. We will be publicly sharing our commitment to combating hunger and encouraging our community to do the same. Local Press will be invited.

**Track our Progress** - Check out the tote board to see how we are reaching our goal. Check out [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org) website for the national tote board – a recording of all UCC efforts to combat hunger. Find Mission: 1 on face book!

**St. Paul's Yoga Club Supports Mission 1!** Beginning Nov. 1st through Nov. 11th, the cost to attend Chair Yoga on Mondays or Vinyasa Flow Yoga on Tuesdays is a donation of FOOD for the Mission 1 Project! Leave your money at home and instead bring in canned goods and other needed items to help support a great cause. See you there!