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The Epistle

is a monthly publication of St. Paul's UCC.

Comments, suggestions, and submissions are welcome!

Sunday Worship Services – 8:15 & 10:30 am

Sunday School @ 9:15 am

Childcare available @ 10:30 am service.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STAFF

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Ministers The Entire Congregation of St. Paul's

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FROM THE PASTOR

We each and all have the ability to participate in shaping and sometimes even creating the world so it reflects more of how God has dreamed it can be. While this can sound wildly exaggerated, it is true. Through the things we say and do, God's hopes for the world are either completed to a greater extent or lessened. What we choose to do or not do, say or not say, makes a difference. Sometimes it is a small difference, and sometimes, a large difference.

In our Pictorial Directory, on the inside front page, there is a line that reads:

Ministers: The Entire Congregation.

While we might not think of ourselves as ministers or the work that we do as ministry, ministry occurs when we seek to follow what God is calling us to do. Every time we volunteer at church to teach, prepare communion, give someone a ride, clean up outside, waiter at the Bazaar, or any of the hundreds of things people volunteer to do here, we are engaged in ministry. Every time we help our neighbor clean their driveway, or make a meal for someone who is sick, or help at school, we are doing ministry. Every time we choose to financially support our congregation or another group serving people's needs, we are doing ministry. God wants and needs us to be involved in these and the other types of ministries that keep a congregation going, a community going, a nation going. Our participation, while always a choice, is absolutely needed and necessary.

Ministry is done individually and communally. Our contributions to a congregation allow the congregation to do more or different things than we could as isolated individuals. The same is true of contributions we make to our Conference and National UCC bodies. They are able to do more, reach different people, address different

needs than we can do as isolated individuals or individual congregations. Any larger body, from a congregation through a denomination, cannot function as it needs to without the continued contributions of its members and supporters. In whatever way we each can help, it does make a difference.

Ministry involves trust. We trust that God has given us the abilities to fulfill the calls God lays before us, and that God will walk with us each step of the way. We trust that the congregation or body that we contribute to shares our values and beliefs; seeks also to help those we see as needing assistance, and helps create a world that more reflects God's vision. We trust that when we do the best we can with what we have, we have responded as God hopes.

While it might not seem too glamorous to cut up bread for communion, cut up chicken for pot pie, or clean up after an event, these are all works of ministry as they contribute to our life together as a congregation, allowing St. Paul's to continue to function as a part of the Body of Christ at work in the world. While singing in the choir, teaching Sunday School or working on the Stewardship Committee requires a major time and effort commitment; these are all works of ministry that help this Body of Christ witness to God's beauty and love for the world. While making a financial contribution, though it might seem small or "not that much" might seem as if we are distant from the "real work" of ministry, these are works of ministry that help this Body of Christ bear witness to God's care and compassion for the world.

We are all, this entire congregation, ministers. Our job descriptions are incredibly varied and we end up doing a lot of work under that area designated as "and other jobs and responsibilities as needed." The wonder of this is that God has entrusted God's work to us in this way. And the miracle of this is that it has worked for thousands of years. It will continue to work, only if you are a part of it.

Peace, John



THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER: Darlene & Mitch Adams; Mayme Alfano (Paula Boyer); Kimberly Alleman (Anna Thompson); Carol Allen (Wirth MomMom); Kevin Allison; Dee Bachman (Murphy); Mr. Beam (Zach Davinroy's HR Teacher);

Peggy Baum; Barbara Bell (Patty Scott's mom); Lisa Benoist (Dave Ritter relative); Mary Bensel (Dick's mother); Betsy (Friend of Dar Murphy); Geoffrey Biringier (friend of Velez's); Diana Bitting (friend MacKinnons); Pamela Bower (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); Susan Bowers (sister of Pat Miller & Cathy Thomas); John & Karen Bradshaw (Gabriel); Betty & Charles Breon (Sue Miller); Dave & Marie Briner (Westhafer friend); Virginia Brown (Joy Perry); Bryan (friend Sabrina Thomas); Julia Bulger (Heather Miller's Grandmother); Sandy Buhman (friend of Kathy Williams); Michaela Bushey (friend of Sara Weaver); Joanne & Janine Campbell (relative of Kevin Allison's co-worker); Kathy & Cassidy Carlis (friend of Jean & Willard Jones); Wayne Chapman Sr. (Valerie Lill's Father); Ruth Chronister (Ron's Mother); Kevin Clancy (neighbor of Chronister's); Clement (Peg Wightman Neighbor); Shannon Collins (Donna and Ron Chronister's niece); Kevin, Bill & Pauline Conwell & Family (Rev. John); Jim Coons-Torn; The Corman Family (Alburger friends); Catherine Cotton (Cheryl's grandmother); Woody Cox (Joy Perry's BIL); Cleason Cromer; Alice and Bill Crouse; Ellie Deeble (great-granddaughter of Jean Myers); Instituto Dela Toro (friend of Velez's); Bill Dietz (friend of Chronisters); Jacque & Grace Drager; Lou Donneway (friend of Mike and Kathy Aumiller); Edna Dreibelbis (Anna Burn's mother); Duane (Brian Medkeff-Rose); Duriske Family (Katelyn Chamberlain's Uncle and Family); Pat Eakin; Stewart Emery (Sandi Ritter-Butz's father); Kathy Eppley (friend of Stone Family); John Fernbaugh (friend Joan Shearer); Fenton Fox; Ferdinand Fromholz (Allison Co-Worker); Debbie and Joe Gartland; Heather Geraghty (Linda Alburger's niece); Nancy Girard (sister of Belva Garman); Bob & Liane Gladwin; Lynn Goldstine (Friend of Stones); Shirley & Tom Grammer; Richard Gray; Jane & Dave Hall; Ron Hannon (friend of Tom Stone); Ellen Harling (mother of Kevin Allison's co-worker); Colin Hayes & Family (MacKinnon Friends); Paul Heaney, Sr. (Dar Murphy's dad); Bob Heisler; Clay Henry (Mike Aumiller BIL); Phyllis Hershey; Greg Holley (Sue Miller); Addison Holl (Becky Thompson); Galen Holtzapple (Rick's brother); Rick Holtzapple; Mary Hunter (Mary Louise Miller's cousin); Betty Hyde; Joe (Dar Murphy's brother); Scott Jackson (Lee Jackson nephew); Dan Jones (Jean and Willard's son); Jean and Willard Jones & daughter Sue Worley; Julia (Rick Holtzapple's daughter); Connie & Bob Kayer (Kris Amtower's parents); Brian Keefer (high-school classmate of Christy Aumiller); Nancy Keith (Martha and Gene's daughter); Steven Keith (Martha and Gene's son); Megan Kern; Susan Kinzer (Jim & Dot's niece); Rev. George Klinefelter (former pastor of St. Paul's); Shirley Knisely; Emily

Koontz (great niece of Donna & Bud Sponsler); Mateusz Kott & Family (Moyer); Carrie Kramer (Rochelle Rhoads grandmother); Lynn Lawler (Peg Wightman's cousin); Madison Lewis (Runkle); Rev. Fred Lewis (Medkeff-Rose); Josette & Ron Lindahl (Elizabeth Miller); Cindy Long (Sue Mullin); Barbara Lumby (Betsy Rushong); Bob Madden (Kern); Marla (Shawna Simpson); Kim Martin (Leann Davinroy); Jerry McCartney (Jen Martek's dad); Brian McIntyre (Missy Gates); Shawn McClintic (friend of Brian Medkeff-Rose); Melodie (colleague of Randy Murphy's); Charles Milroy; Ryan Miller (Patrice and Greg Miller's son); Treva Miller; Steve Mitchell; Charles Mowery (Betsy Rushog son-in-law); Ally, Erin, Joan & Ernie Moyer; Tyler, Hayden & Stacy Mustico (Layne Thompson's cousin); Jean Myers; Patricia Nalepka (Jon Nalepka); Nancy (Chronister); Nancy (Dave Ritter sister); Bob Neis (Anna Thompson friend); Judy Null (Sarah Myer's cousin); Virginia O'Connell (Elizabeth Miller's aunt); Josh Oxford (friend of Sara Weaver); Pap (Chelsey Wirth's Grandfather); Julia Paroda & Family (Gates Family); Ann Patch (friend of Ruth Wrightstone); Al Perreault & Family (Murphy); Donna Perry (Friend of Lois Ritter); Kristen Pike (sister-in-law of Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase); Mel Pike (Friend of Tom & Cindy Stone); Christal Pike-Nase & Family; Rev. Yvonne Rey; Emily Rieger & Bill & Alice Grove (Patrice Miller); Guy Romito (friend of Craig Martek); Lynn & Bea Row (Sue Miller's parents); Tom Row (Sue's brother); Candice Rush (friend of Phyllis Hershey); The Rev. Galen Russell; Samantha (Elizabeth Miller's niece); John Scott; Joyce Sealover (Connie Sutton SIL); Don and Peggy Seiler; Grace Sennett (Linda Alburger's Grandmother); Zachary Shade & Family (Ward-Diorio); Pete & Linda Shea; Tom Shrawder (friend of Kathy & Mike Aumiller); Rev. Thomas C. & Lorna Simcox (Brenda Kern); Gracie Simpson; Clara Sizemore (Bill's mom); James Sowell (Sandy Kline); Sue Stada; Clyde Strock (Becca Strock's grandfather); Kent Strock (Becca's Dad); Alex Szeles (friend of Jean and Willard Jones); Tamara (friend of Rachele Rhoads); Tashana Taylor (V. Velez); Dave Thomas (friend of Julie Scott); Stu Tompkins (co-worker of Kevin Allison); Bob & Carol Torpey (Kathy Aumiller cousin); Phoenix, Eric, Shannon Trout & Miller Family; Debra Ulrich (friend of Dot and Jim Kinzer); Rosalie Utley (Paula Boyer's cousin); Leah van Olden; Judy Ward (Sue's mom); Doris Washam (Sandy Kline's sister); Wayne & Sandy (Friends of Kinzers); Keith Weaver & Family (Elizabeth Miller); Brian Wickard (brother of co-worker of Leann Davinroy); Lucas Wissinger (Elizabeth Miller Friend); Ruth Wrightstone; Ruth Wunderly (friend of Bonnie Plymette's daughter); Angie Young & Family (friend of co-worker of Becky Lingenfelter); All affected by the Flooding; All in the military and their families and all affected by lost jobs & the economy.

Please notify Rev. John or the Church Office about any additions or deletions to the above list.

OCTOBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

GREETERS

- 10/02 8:15 Patty & Dave Scott
 10:30 Sandy & Skip Kline
 10/09 8:15 Eleanor Witt & Mary Louise Miller
 10:30 Cindy & Dick Bensel
 10/16 8:15 Carolyn & Jere Rutherford
 10:30 Susan & Ron Gabriel
 10/23 8:15 Betty & Tom Olsen
 10:30 Leann & Tim Davinroy
 10/30 8:15 Kim & Jim Pirtle
 10:30 Joan & Jim Quick

LECTORS

- 10/02 8:15 Art Williams
 10:30 Kevin Allison
 10/09 8:15 Doug Jacobsen
 10:30 Paula Boyer
 10/16 8:15 Joanne Miller
 10:30 Deb Cashman
 10/23 8:15 Tom Stone
 10:30 Melba Bomberger
 10/30 8:15 Becky Thompson
 10:30 Craig Martek

USHERS

Head Ushers: Consistory

FLOWER DELIVERY

- 10/02 Betty & Tom Olsen
 10/09 Bonnie & Dennis Plymette
 10/16 Julie Patton
 10/23 Karen & Kevin Allison
 10/30 Belva & Leo Garman

COMMUNION PREP

- 10/02 Kathy & Art Williams



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| 02 Ralph Kiner Jr | 15 Maddisen Sweeney |
| Dayne Miller | 16 Jonne Dundore |
| 04 Lauren Cashman | Greg Knox |
| Jeffrey Kline | Art Williams |
| 05 Terry Shaner | 17 Connor Burns |
| Becca Ward-Diorio | 18 Anna Burns |
| Lily Ward-Diorio | Lora Eckert |
| 06 Richard Amtower | 19 Jeffrey Costello |
| Susan Williams | Kathryn Jacobsen |
| 07 Steven Hall | Kevin MacKinnon |
| Amy MacKinnon | 20 Floyd Gouse Jr |
| Amy Paulus | 22 Scott Endy |
| Winnie Wentz | Shirley Knisely |
| 08 Rebecca Scott | Madison Sheaffer |
| 10 Kyle Costello | David Simpson |
| Belva Garman | 23 Luke Royer |
| 11 Matt Brown | 25 Daniel Cramer |
| 12 Cindy Bensel | 27 Brendan Lill |
| 13 Al Huebner | Sue Lingenfelter |
| 14 Greg Dundore | 28 Richard Gray |
| 15 Franklin Roth | 29 Betty Olsen |
| Logan Snow | Patricia Smithson |
| Connie Sutton | 30 Brandon Thomas |



OCTOBER LECTIONARY TEXTS

2 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20 Philippians 3:4b-14
 Psalm 19 Matthew 21:33-46

9 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9
 Psalm 106:1-6,19-23 Matthew 22:1-14

16 18th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23 1 Thessalonians
 1:1-10
 Psalm 99 Matthew 22:15-22

23 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 34:1-12 1 Thessalonians
 2:1-8
 Psalm 90:1-6,13-17 Matthew 22:34-46

30 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 3:7-17 1 Thessalonians
 2:9-13
 Psalm 107:1-7,33-37 Matthew 23:1-12

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| 01 Deb and Bill Cashman |
| 07 Catherine and Devin Flickinger |
| 09 Gay and Rick Fitzgerald |
| 11 Shannon and Eric Trout |
| 14 Truc Anh and Shawn Elliott |
| 15 Lloyd Lamason II |
| 16 Esther and Glenn Kline |
| 16 Liane and Bob Gladwin |
| 17 Amanda and Scott Endy |
| 19 Todd Garman |
| 20 Connie and Leroy Miller Jr. |
| 22 Jo Ann and Creedin Paulus |
| 22 Cheryl and Joseph Simpson Jr. |
| 24 Fenton Fox and Rick Holtzapple |
| 26 Sherri and Charlie Bergstresser |
| 26 Susan and William Yentzer Jr. |
| 26 Christal Pike-Nase & Jonathan Nase |
| 30 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette |



02 - 8:15 am Chancel Choir
10:30 am Youth Choir
09 -10:30 am Hand Chimes
16 -10:30 am Chancel Choir
23-10:30 am Youth &
Choristers
30- 8:15 am Youth Choir
10:30 am Chancel Choir

Consistory Highlights – August 16, 2011 –

Treasurer’s Report – Income for the month of July was \$26,090.63. This is \$580.37 behind budget. Total expenses for July were \$18,207.98. This is \$1,374.02 better than budget. Year-to-date Income minus expenses is 21,602.39. The income for the month was behind budget, mainly due to the plate offerings. We are doing well with controlling expenses. The 3 month CD was cashed in and put in the Money Management account. We have not paid the 2nd Qtr benevolences yet. Request was made that reporting of other upcoming expenses (insurance, taxes, etc.) be brought to the next meeting so the timing of the next payment of the benevolences can be determined.

Sesquicentennial Sub-Committee – Tina Bowers-Paris A brainstorming meeting was held, with approximately 20 people attending. The plan is to have a variety of outreach and educational activities over the course of the year, leading up to a celebration event for the 150th anniversary.

Property Committee – Dick Bensel – M&Z is installing the new carpet in 3 classrooms and the office. Total cost is \$5,050 of which MLC will pay \$1,730. **Called to Care – Jenn Martek** – The annual picnic was held at Gene & Martha Keith’s. More drivers are needed to take people to weekly appointments. **New Business** – St. Paul’s on a Mission would like to sell 4x6 cards to honor someone for the breast cancer walk. They would like to display these on the wall in the commons. Motion was made and approved to allow this. **Sponsorship** – Tina Bowers Paris asked if the group would be a sponsor for a fundraising walk to support the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. The walk will be held October 8th. Motion was made and approved for St. Paul’s to be a \$250 sponsor to come out of the extended ministries budget as it is an activity that could make people aware of St. Paul’s as a church welcoming to all people. **Computer Router** – Dave Ritter let Kevin know that we are having problems with the router and having data backed-up. A new router

will cost \$70 to \$100. Motion was made and approved to purchase.

The next regular meeting of Consistory will be held on Tuesday, September 20 at 7 PM. Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

“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.”



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.

You Oughta Be In Pictures! Videographers and Video Editors are needed for St. Paul’s Sesquicentennial oral history project. Let’s record and preserve the memories of our congregation’s past while looking toward the future. If your time and talent allows you to provide technical assistance with video recording and editing the interviews, please contact Chris Bowers-Paris at 645-9621.



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6TH
- Don’t forget to set your clocks back



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH

2011 BAZAAR – ONE DAY ONLY!! - 9 AM – 8 PM. We are DAYS away from the 2011 Fall Bazaar. NOW is the time to sign up to help at the Bazaar!

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. **We need your help to continue the success of this event.**

If you would like to help at the Bazaar it is not too late to sign up! Any questions or to see what you can do to help out, please contact our General Chairperson: Linda Alburger (649-1301) or one of the below chairpersons:

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.

ST. PAUL'S 2011 BAZAAR MENU

Dinners (Take out available):

Pot Pie Large -----	\$ 7.00
Pot Pie Small -----	\$ 6.00
Hamburg B-B-Q -----	\$ 5.00
Hot Dog with (Chili <u>or</u> Sauerkraut) -	\$ 4.50

(Dinners include: Bread, Butter, Carrots and Celery; Pepper Slaw or Apple Sauce & Drink: Coffee, Hot Tea, Milk or Iced Tea)

Ala Carte:

Hamburg B-B-Q -----	\$ 3.50
Hot Dog -----	\$ 2.50
Hot Dog with Sauerkraut or Chili	\$ 3.00
Extra serving of Pot Pie -----	\$ 2.50
Milk -----	\$ 1.00
Coffee -----	\$ 1.00
Hot Tea -----	\$ 1.00
Iced Tea -----	\$ 1.00
Dessert (Cake or Pie) -----	\$ 2.50

Quart Pot Pie (Take Out) ----- \$ 7.00

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.

Out of the DARKNESSSM

COMMUNITY WALKS

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

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!



St. Paul's Prayer Shawl Ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be held in the Parlor on Tuesday October 11th starting at 1 PM. The Shawls will be blessed at both services on Sunday, October 16th.

Tuesday October 11th – No Yoga Class due to Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade this evening.

Hartman Center Fall Festival – Saturday October 15th 9 AM – 3 PM. Activities will include Silent Auction, Inflatable Joust Game and Bounce House, Chicken BBQ and other delicious food, Youth-Led Activities, Homemade Baked Goods, and Hayrides & More! They are looking for donations for the Silent Auction, people willing to provide activities or entertainment at the Festival, etc. For a full listing of events and how you can help with this event, please see the poster on the Bulletin Board in the Common outside Youth Room.

CALLED TO CARE TEAM – Mark this date on your calendar – We will be meeting in Room 11/12 on Sunday Oct. 16th after the second service.

Important Save the Date 5th Annual St. Paul's Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party

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.

The **Pollyanna's** will meet at 1 PM on Tuesday October 25th at the home of Bonnie Plymette. Please remember your food pantry donations. Any questions, call Bonnie at 697-2938."

MISSION DATES: NOVEMBER 1 - NOVEMBER 11, 2011

Over 11 days, the United Church of Christ will collect more than 1 MILLION ITEMS OF HEALTHY FOOD and other household items for local food banks and outreach services.

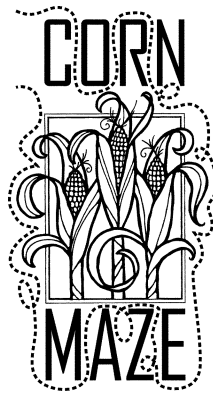
Over 11 days, the United Church of Christ will offer 11,111 LETTERS TO CONGRESS asking our government to reform U.S. foreign assistance in a way that more effectively benefits hungry and poor people worldwide, helping to provide a major final push for Bread for the World's 2011 "Offering of Letters" campaign.



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!**



St. Paul's Mission 1

VICTORY STRATEGY:

I,III food items: Start bringing in your food items on November 1, 2011. Food can be placed in the Commons.

III letters: Visit the letter writing table and send your letter to Congress.

Greater understanding of the impact of poverty in our community!

ARE YOU READY FOR MISSION1?

**ONE UNITED CHURCH ON A
SHARED MISSION FOR 11
POWERFUL DAYS TO FEED
THE HUNGRY AND CONFRONT
FOOD-RELATED INJUSTICE.
THIS IS MISSION: 1**

**Check the Weekly Bulletin
for more details about
Mission 1**





Remember the Residents
of Sarah Todd &
Thornwald Homes



**STARTING IN
NOVEMBER** – Look in
the common area for
the designated box to
put Christmas Gifts for

residents of Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home
and Thornwald Home. **Please remember that
gifts are to be new.** Donations of money will
be used for gifts for the residents. **Please
make your checks payable to “UCC Homes”**
and be sure to indicate (1) that your check is
intended as a Christmas gift for a resident(s),
and (2) the UCC Homes’ facility where the gift
is to go. Any questions, please contact Donna
Sponsler at 766-3249. See below for gift
suggestions. Thank you for your support of
this ministry. Please drop off your gifts in the
box no later than Sunday November 27th.

**Sarah A. Todd Memorial Home – wrap
items and identify “male” or “female”**

Suggestions for Women

Liquid Shower Wash (no bar soap), Oil of
Olay, Barrettes, Necklaces, Bracelets,
Lipstick (Pinks, Reds), Small Pillows, Roll on
Deodorant, Book of Stamps, Wheelchair/
Walker Bags, Body lotion or creams, Small
mirrors, Boxed greeting cards, Cotton Socks
(decorative or white), Packs of Kleenex,
Small Flashlights, Inexpensive Watches,
Knitted Scarves/Throws.

Suggestions for Men

Playing cards, Men’s socks, Handkerchiefs,
Inexpensive Watches, Small Flashlights, Key
Chains, Small Pillows, Pocket Comb,
Baseball caps (corduroy or cotton),
Nascar/Hunting/Fishing Magazines.

Suggestions for Men or Women

Large print word searches & crosswords,
Note cards (greeting assortment), Portable
CD or DVD players w/earphones, Large print
word search or romance books, Musical CDs
(Spiritual, Classical, Gospel, Patriotic, Country) ,
Blistex/chapstick, Wall Clocks w/large
numerals, Denture cleaner, Book of postage
stamps.

**Thornwald Home – Please do not wrap
items.**

Suggestions for Women

Small change purse, Body lotion or creams,
Necklaces, clip earrings, Perfume/Body
spray, Scarf, Dove soap, Sugar free
candy/cookies, scented powder, Holiday
decorations, Silk flower arrangements,
Sweatshirts (Med, LG, XL), Shower/ body
wash gel, Nail Polish, Pin/brooch, Greeting
cards, Thigh high/knee stockings, Scented
Lotion.

Suggestions for Men

Shaving cream, Handkerchiefs, Aftershave,
Undershirts (MED/LG/XL), Socks (white or
black), Cologne, Sweat Suits (MED/LG/XL),
Irish Spring or Dial soap, Cap/Hat,
Deodorant, Large print paperbacks, Shower /
body wash gel.

General gift ideas:

Mouthwash, Pens, Stationary, Trinkets,
Comb & Brush, Snack Crackers, Picture
frame, Nonskid socks, Chapstick, Key ring
band, Flameless scented candles (battery
operated), Large print word search puzzle
books, Music CD’s (40’s, 50’s, 60’s, big band,
gospel hymns), Stuffed animals, Kleenex
(packets or box), Postage stamps (Book of
Forever), Shower gel, Powder, Snow Globe,
Snuggle, Jigsaw Puzzles (large pieces 500-
700), Subscription to Reminisce Magazine,
Twin size blanket/comforter set,
Handkerchiefs, Diabetic candy/cookies,
Socks/footie’s, Small plants, Christmas
decorations (door hangings), Magnifying
Glass, Portable CD player w/headphones,
Newspaper/magazine subscription,
Wheelchair or Walker bag, Picture album,
Calendar.

OR

Donate gift cards in \$10 or \$20 amounts
(Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, Giant, TJ Maxx,
Ross, Visa/MasterCard gift card), Wrapping
paper, gift bags, gift boxes, bows/ribbons and
tags.





Dear Members of St. Paul's,
Jim and I are thrilled to say that Julie DeLuca, our daughter, has been declared cancer free.

Thank you all for your prayers and kindnesses for Julie. St. Paul's is truly a loving and caring congregation. God bless all of you! Jim & Joan Quick.

Dear Members of St. Paul's, Thank you so much for the beautiful altar flowers. They sure did brighten my day. Sincerely, Shirley Grammer.

Dear Friends, How many times, over the years, did I send the Altar Flowers of St. Paul's to so many people. Now they come our way with their silent message of beauty and comfort. May thanks for remembering us at this time of transition for my mother. We treasure your friendship and care. Tom and Sharon.

Thank You to our Church Family, The flowers are beautiful and the cards, emails and personal visits have been so appreciated. Wyatt's last shot will be on Tuesday, Sept. 6th. He's been such a brave child through all of this and we're just so proud of him. It's wonderful knowing that we have a caring and kind group of individuals to love and support us during our time of need. Thank you from all of us. Jim, Amy, Wyatt & Ryder.

Dear St. Paul's Church Family, Thank you for the beautiful altar flowers! It was a wonderful surprise to find them on our porch. We appreciate your acknowledging our last year of helping with the Youth Yard Sale – it was a labor of love. The Moyers.

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!



Recently carpet was replaced in three of our classrooms and the Church Office.

Our Thanks go out to all who helped move the furniture in and out of these rooms: Scott Endy, Leo Garman, Floyd Gouse, Gene Keith, Bill Mullin, Pat Eakin, Dave Scott, Brady Nye and Don Wood.

Thanks also to Dave Ritter for coming in to hook the Church Office Computer & Printer back up

Thanks to all who came out recently to assist in the clean-up efforts from the flooding in the Church. Karen & Kevin Allison, Tim Davinroy, Floyd Gouse, Gene Keith, Ernie Moyer, Bill Mullin, Dave Scott, Mike Hatz & the entire staff of MLC. Our thanks also to Rick Whitmore, friend of the Allison's, who came out with his wet and dry vacuums and even stayed to help! Thanks also to Elizabeth Miller and the Plymettes for loaning us their dehumidifiers.

