

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Patty Scott
10:30 Amy Paulus

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Tina Bowers-Paris
Greeter: 8:15 Merikay & Don Wood
10:30 Victoria & Martin Velez
Acolyte: 10:30 Lily Ward-Diorio
Children's Sermon: Choristers
Nursery: McCorkel Family
Flower Delivery: Dot and Jim Kinzer
Fellowship Time: Stewardship & Mission: 1 Committee

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.”

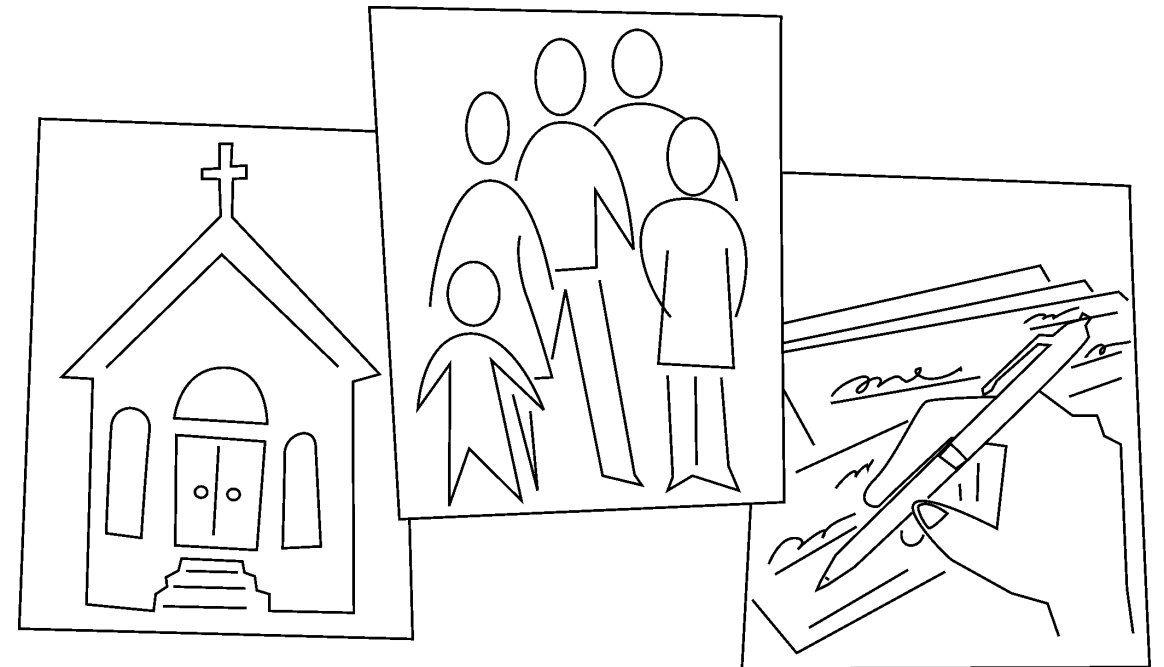
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Welcome to St. Paul’s United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

November 13, 2011



Stewardship 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 WORSHIP

STEWARDSHIP/MISSION: 1 CELEBRATION SUNDAY

November 13, 2011

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

MISSION MOMENT: STEWARDSHIP & MISSION:1

8:15 Jane Hall 10:30 Lois Ritter

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ Episode on "Truro"

Lani Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP From Luke 6:38

*THE HYMN NO. 565 "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Gracious God, You have gifted each of us with unique talents and abilities. Help us to recognize their worth and to use them, as we seek to do our parts in fulfilling Your dream for the world. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Out of fear, we hold back. We hold back in using our abilities. We hold back sharing what we can offer. God is not well served when we hold back. 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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Cleason Cromer
Bill and Alice Crouse

Pat Dundore

Floyd Gouse Jr.

Richard Gray

Jane Hall

Melissa Havens

Bob Heisler

Clay Henry

Phyllis Hershey

Betty Hyde

Bill and Tammy Ingraham and Family

Steven Keith

Susan Kinzer

Adrienne Miller

Erma Miller & Family

Pat Miller

Jean Myers

Jere Rutherford

Judy Saurer

Joyce Sealover

Peg & Don Seiler & Family

Pete & Linda Shea

Sue Stada

Tom Stone

Judy Thorn

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

St. Paul's on a Mission raised \$9,507.52 in the 2011 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. This is \$514.52 more than they raised last year. In the 9 years since they first formed the team of St. Paul's on a Mission, they have raised a grand total of \$41,496.77! Congratulations go out to Team Captains, Brenda Kern & Sarah Myers and the entire St. Paul's on a Mission Team.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 today, Sunday November 13th**.

Following the 10:30 Service today - 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.

Look in the common area for the designated box to put **Christmas Gifts for the 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. Check out your Nov. Epistle for gift suggestions or pick up one of the lists on the table beside the box in the commons. Thank you for your support of this ministry. Please drop off your gifts in the box no later than Sunday November 27th.

Check out the Christmas Tree on the wall in the commons. The ornaments on the tree represent gift requests for **New Hope's "Christmas Blessing Express"** that benefit area families in need this Christmas Season. Take one or as many ornaments as you would like to purchase items for and return them **unwrapped** to the designated box in the commons by Nov. 30th. We hope that you will again open your hearts during the Holidays and support this worthwhile program which helps deserving families. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Kathy Aumiller (580-6292) or Shirley Keith Knox (697-6946).

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 CHORISTERS 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.

CHORISTERS "I Will Give Thanks" Jothen

SING THE CHORISTERS 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 Judges 4:1-7

THE READING OF THE PSALM Psalm 123

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

"What To Do With Our Talents?"

Matthew 25:14-30

*THE HYMN NO. 562 "Take My Gifts"

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.

Please bring your Pledge Cards and Time and Talent Sheets up to the chancel and place them in the baskets. They will all be blessed as we pray over all our offerings. (If you are unable to bring your pledges forward please let an usher know and they can do that for you, or you may place them in the offering plate.)

THE OFFERTORY

8:15 Organ	"Take My Life"	Benton Price
10:30 Hand Chimes	"Grace and Thanksgiving"	Page

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

There is no escape from Your judgment, O Spirit of Holiness, but neither can we flee beyond Your limitless love. We offer an accounting of our stewardship in and beyond the offering of this day. Reshape our lives for joyous, responsive participation in work that builds up the body of Christ. Use what we offer here to bring encouragement and hope to many who have lost a sense of meaning for their lives. Bless us and our offerings. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 563 "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky"

*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 "My Heart Ever Faithful" J.S. Bach

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 Mary Runkle "In Honor of Gavin Leeder's 2nd Birthday"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF November 13th – 20th

TODAY 8:15/10:30 Worship/Stewardship/Mission: 1 Celebration Sunday

9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)

9:15 am Sunday School

3:00 pm Youth Fellowship Stewardship Project

5:00 pm Youth Fellowship dinner at Church (FH/Kitchen)

MON 6:30 pm Chair Yoga (FH)

7:00 pm Bible Study (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 (FH)

SUN 8:15/10:30 Worship/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls

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9:15 am Sunday School

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Attention all recent high school or college grads, or current college students! Come to the 3rd annual Young Adult Breakfast on Sunday, November 27th at 9:15 AM! Enjoy a light breakfast and catch up with your friends at St Paul's while you are in town for Thanksgiving! If you are the parent of a young adult, please invite your young person to the breakfast, and sign up on the bulletin board in the Commons to donate a breakfast item. If you have any questions, please contact Martha Brown at ybrown5325@aol.com. Hope to see you there!



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 December 5th** 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 27th. 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 or 796-1647 with your students address or if you have any questions.** Thank You!

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