

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Mike Gray
10:30 Victoria Velez

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Kathy Williams
Ushers: 8:15 Amanda & Scott Endy
10:30 Karen & Kevin Allison
Dave & Lois Ritter
Greeter: 8:15 Betty & Tom Olsen
10:30 Victoria & Martin Velez
Acolyte: 8:15
10:30 Becca Ward-Diorio
Children's Sermon: Deb Cashman
Nursery: The Murphy Family
Flower Delivery: Joanne Miller
Fellowship Time: Keith & Knox 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."

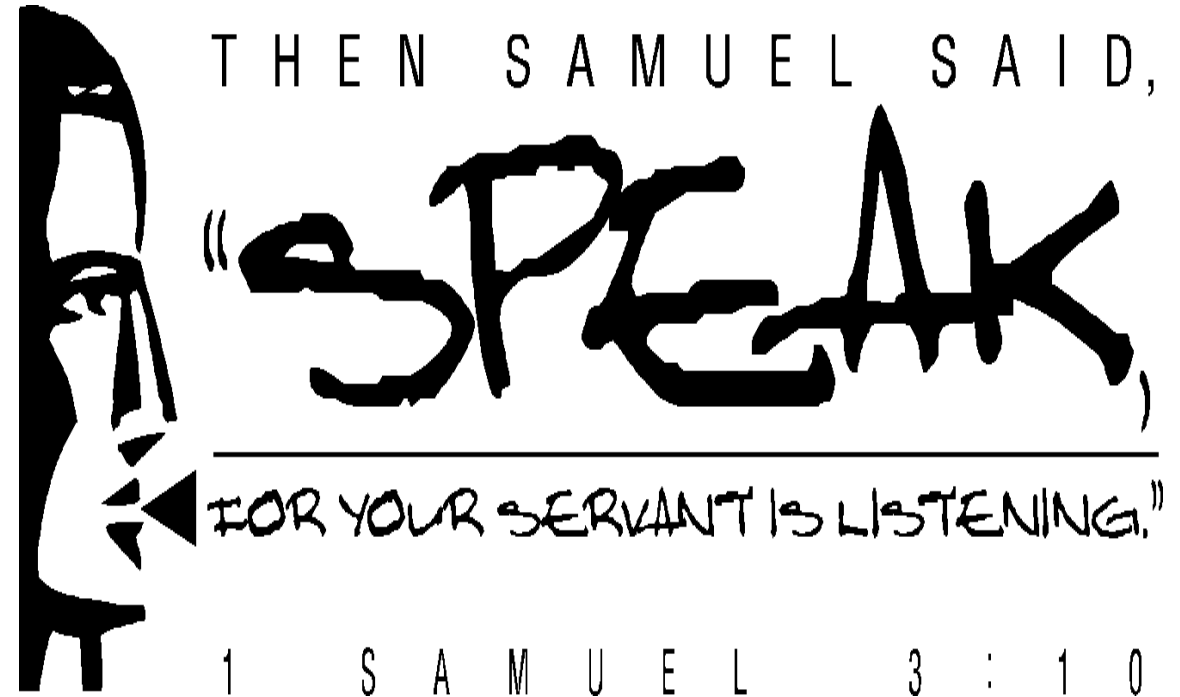
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Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

January 15, 2012



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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 15, 2012

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Aria from the Tenth Organ Concerto" George F. Handel

*Call To Worship From Psalm 139 (Responsive):

Minister: It was You God who formed my inward parts;

ALL: You knit me together in my mother's womb.

Min.: I praise You,

ALL: For I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 459 "Come, O Font of Every Blessing"

*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

Creator God, You have made each and every one of us, and made us well. You call each and every one of us to speak Your words and do Your work. Be with us so we might do that well too. Amen.

Call to Confession:

As children of God we hope that life will be easier for us. We expect that God will take care of the hard stuff, or not "give" us anything we cannot handle. There is plenty in the world that comes our way that God doesn't "give" us, but we need to deal with anyway. Jesus showed us there is nothing easy about being a follower of God's way. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

We confess we do not like to speak the hard truths to both people we love and even those we do not. We do not want the challenge of living faithfully even in the face of adversity, so we shrink from the tasks we know we need to do. Please forgive us God. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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Marshall Bender & Family

Jim Bowers

Paula Boyer

Ed Charles

Maxine Chapman

Pat Cleland

Bill and Alice Crouse

Richard Gray

Betty Grove

Bob Henry

Betty Hyde

Joanne Ingerson

Mobeen Khan

Steven Keith

Zachary Lazerus

Jerry McCartney

Jack Mellinger

Pat Miller

Jean Mogel

Shelby, Tammy Mullin & Family

Jean Myers

Rhoads Family

Sandy

Joyce Sealover

Peg Seiler & Family

Pete & Linda Shea

Gracie Simpson

Bud & Donna Sponsler

Phoenix, Shannon & Eric Trout and the Miller Family

Leah van Olden

John White

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

Art Williams & Family

Lucas Wissinger

All affected by the weather, 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

FRI **Church Office Closed**
 SUN **8:15/10:30 am Worship/Affirmations of Ministries @10:30**
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School
Noon CTC Meeting (Rm 11/12)
6:00 pm YF Practice Youth Sunday(FH/Kitchen/Rm 7/8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to everyone who helped set-up, prepare food, serve and clean up the Annual Congregational Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner. Thank you also to everyone for the dessert donations. The delicious meal was enjoyed by over 90 of our members, highlighting our 50 year+ members.

CHASE AWAY THE WINTER BLUES WITH SUNNY, YELLOW DAFFODILS! You can give hope to people facing cancer and save lives by supporting the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days program. St. Paul's will be taking orders for daffodils starting this Sunday thru February 19th. A bunch of 10 daffodils - \$10. There are also other items to order, such as a vase of daffodils and a stuffed Boyd's Bear "Shar N Bear". **See the flyer for the items on the bulletin board in the commons along with the order sheet.** I would like as many members as possible to take outside orders. Put a signup sheet at the office and ask neighbors and friends for orders. See Brenda Kern for additional order forms. Payment will be due at time of delivery. All orders are due Sunday, February 19th. Delivery will be Sunday, March 25th. Outside orders may be picked up at the church Thursday, March 22nd between 4-6. Payment is due at time of delivery. The dollars we raise through the Daffodil Days program do make a difference.

Members of St. Paul's on a Mission will be selling "Cards of Hope" starting this Sunday. Purchasing these cards in honor or memory of someone will make a "Wall of Hope" on the wall outside the sanctuary, similar to our pink ribbon wall in October. The cards will sell for \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

Your support allows the American Cancer Society to save lives and create a world with more birthdays by helping people stay well and get well, by finding cures and by fighting back against cancer.

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: God has not promised to fix all our problems. God has promised to walk with us every step of the way. Forgiveness is given to us and nothing stands between ourselves and God, except what we put there.

ALL: Let us breathe deeply, remember God's presence with us, and set to the necessary tasks before us. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

Prayer of Blessing (Unison):

May God's grace be upon these shawls...warming, comforting, enfolding and embracing. May these mantles be safe havens... sacred places of security and well-being...sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!

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

John 1:43-51

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING AND MESSAGE

“Sharing Hard Words”

1 Samuel 3:1-20

*THE HYMN NO. 448 “Take My Life, God, Let It Be”

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 Tender Thought” Gerald Peterson
10:30 Handchimes “In the Bleak Mid-winter” arr. Eithun

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We have heard You calling us, loving God, in the cries of Your children-cries for bread, for justice, for relief. We have seen You beckoning to us amid the corporate greed and social distortions of our day. We have felt the pain of sisters and brothers caught up in damaging relationships that violate Your holy temple within them. We want to help, and we believe Your church can be Christ’s healing presence for them. Show us the way to be messengers of Your gentle judgment and powerful good news. May our offerings be used for the transformation of church and society, individuals and groups. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 531 “God, Speak to Me, Than I May Speak”

*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 “Carillon” Lani Smith

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 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 Blessing is by Janet Bristow, 2008, www.shawlministry.com

The Prayer of Dedication is from Led By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1996, 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
Terry & Gene Shaner & Family
“In Loving Memory of Mother/Mom-Mom; Nada M. Navratil”

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 15th-22nd, 2012

TODAY	8:15&10:30 am Worship Services/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls 9:00 am Choristers 9:15 am Sunday School
MON	Church Office Closed-Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday 6:30 pm Chair Yoga (FH) 6:59 pm Worship Committee Mtg (Parlor)
TUES	5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13) 6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons) 6:30 pm Yoga (FH) 6:15 pm Consistory-New Members Orientation (Rm 7/8) 6:30 pm Consistory Meeting begins (Rm 7/8) 7:00 pm MLC Board Meeting (Rm 13)
WED	6:00 pm Handchimes (Rm 5) 6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary) 7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary) EPISTLE DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES
THUR	6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons) 6:30 pm Daisy Troop (FH)