

Worship Leadership
Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Kathy Aumiller
10:30 Allyssa Boyer

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

Ministry of Service
Head Usher: Scott Endy
Greeter: 8:15 Mary Louise Miller & Eleanor Witt
10:30 Boy Scouts
Acolyte: 8:15
10:30 Jeff Dundore
Children's Sermon: Mary Runkle
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Dave & Lois Ritter
Fellowship Time: Melissa Cawley

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

February 5, 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 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 05, 2012

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lector

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Morning by Morning"

Dennis Eliot

*Call To Worship (Responsive)

Minister: "Have you not known? Have you not heard?"

ALL: The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

Minister: God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.

ALL: God gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Amen.

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

*THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

All-powerful God, You have the ability to heal all people, and yet not all people are healed. This and so much more is beyond our understanding and logic. Guide us to prayer and reflection, so we might come to be at peace with that which we cannot understand at the moment. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We want God to take care of everything. God wants us to be as active as we can in caring for ourselves and others. Therein lays a conflict. While God is all-powerful, God does not use God's power all the time. The choice is God's and our understanding of that is limited. We chafe against such limits. Let us join in the unison Prayer of Confession.



Karen & John B.

Jim Beistline

David Bompart

Jim Bowers

Paula Boyer

Ed Charles

Maxine Chapman

Pat Cleland

Bill and Alice Crouse

Anne Davison

Dan Fitzgerald

Richard Gray

Dave Hall

Betty Hyde

Tom Jennings

Dot Kinzer

Monica Lentvorsky, Rebecca, Carolyn and Families

Jen Martek and the entire family of Jerry McCartney

Pat, Greg & Ryan Miller

Amy Mitchell

Jean Mogel

Herb Myers & the entire Family & Friends of Jean Myers

Rhoads Family

Eli Schultz

Joyce Sealover

Peg Seiler

Pete & Linda Shea

Bud & Donna Sponsler

Phoenix, Shannon & Eric Trout and the Miller Family

John Van Hall

Leah van Olden

Judy Ward

John White

Sue Worley, Jean and Willard Jones and Family

Helen Yeager

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

*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 "Grand Toccata"

Gerald Peterson

*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 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 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

Jim & Joan Quick "In honor of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Feb 5th- 12th, 2012

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship/Pew Communion/Souper Bowl Sunday

Scout Sunday @ 10:30 Service

9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)

9:15 am Sunday School

MON 6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)

6:30 pm Chair Yoga (Commons)

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God, we would rather say terrible things happen because You are punishing us, rather than admit to our responsibility for some of those terrible things, or the random chance that those terrible things might happen to us, no matter how good we are. We ignore Your promise that You love all of us, and will always love us. Please forgive us for pretending that You act like a human being, instead of us trying to be more like You created us to be, and dealing with the world as it is. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Words of Assurance (Responsive):

Minister: God forgives us, even when we lie to ourselves about God, even when we ascribe horrible actions to God's will.

ALL: God loves us and walks with us through the most difficult times. Let us receive that concern, compassion and love. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI (#759 is the tune, but not all the same words)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, it is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

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

Shy and Joyful, Bold and Bright

They are precious in his sight

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 40:21-31

THE PSALTER RESPONSE (Sung together)

Psalm 147: 1-11

New Century Hymnal Page # 720

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 1:29-39

“Balancing Our Service”

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 Chancel Choir

“Come Share the Lord”

Leech

10:30 Youth Choir

“I Will Dwell in You”

Gray

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**Thank You God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to
devise for ourselves. Thank You for reaching out to win our hearts. Thank
You for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended Your love to the least
and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who
were sick or broken-hearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we, too,
can be in communion with You. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering.
Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 552 “From the Crush of Wealth and Power”

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

One: God Be With You.

Many: And Also With You.

One: Lift Up Your Hearts

Many: We Lift Them Up To God.

One: Let Us Give Thanks To God.

Many: It Is Good To Give God Thanks And Praise.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)
(Debts and Debtors)

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews this Sunday. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. Thank you.)

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

**Eternal God, You have called Your people from east and west, and north
and south, to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank You for Christ’s
presence, and for the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood. By the
power of Your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to Your Will. Go with us to the
streets, to our homes, and to our places of labor and leisure, that whether we
are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church, of the servant
Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

*THE HYMN NO. 391 “In the Midst of New Dimensions”



Calling all Property Committee Members and anyone interested in joining the Property Committee to a Meeting - Tuesday Feb 7th at 7 PM in the Youth Room. Hope you can attend and bring idea's or projects you would like to see done at the church. Any questions please see Don Wood.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNUAL WINTER SOUP SALE! This is St. Paul's on a Mission's first fund raiser for the 2012 season. All proceeds go the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer! Turkey Corn Soup, regular and gluten free, may be ordered on the signup sheet in the Common. \$7.00 per quart. Soup will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 19th after both services in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to make a monetary donation to defer the cost of the soup, please see Brenda Kern. We need lots of help to make the soup. Please sign up to help on Friday, February 17th starting at 4:00pm. Thank you for your continued support for this very important mission!!

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 thru February 19th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the commons, along with the order sheet. Signup sheets are available 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. 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 pm. 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". Purchasing these cards in honor or memory of someone will make a "Wall of Hope" on the wall outside the sanitary, similar to our pink ribbon wall in October. The cards cost \$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.

- TUES Noon EFP
5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)
6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons)
6:30 pm Yoga (FH)
7:00 pm Property Committee Meeting (Rm 7/8)
- WED **6:00 pm Hand Chimes (Rm 5)**
6:30 pm Youth Choir (Sanctuary)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (Sanctuary)
7:00 pm Webelos 2 (FH)
- THUR 6:00 pm MASH Sewing (Commons)
6:00 pm Daisy Troop (FH)
- FRI 5:45 pm Snow date for Pinewood Derby Setup (FH)
- SAT 9:00 am Snow date for Pinewood Derby (FH)
- SUN 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services**
9:00 am Choristers (Rm 5)
9:15 am Sunday School
10:00 am Healing Service (Sanctuary)
2:30 pm FH & Kitchen in Use
3:30 pm Recital (Sanctuary)
6:00 pm YF (Rm 7/8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Joan Moyer, February's Sunday School Spotlight teacher! You can learn more about Joan and her Sunday School experiences by checking out the Sunday School Teacher Spotlight bulletin board in the Commons. Thank you, Joan, for your service!

Healing Service, Sunday February 12th at 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary. This is a time when we can gather together and ask for healing for ourselves, for our loved ones, and for the world. In this brief Service, which lasts about 15 minutes, we will offer prayers out loud, in silence, hear Scripture and if we wish, be anointed with oil and have hands laid on us. All are invited. If you have any questions, please check with Rev. John.

TODAY IS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



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MORE THAN 20 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

"Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat."

Since that day, more than \$81 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it's like to make a positive difference in the world - as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

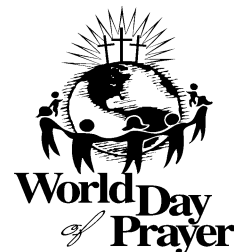
Be part of this movement that is sharing God's love with those in need.

Please give generously - every dollar donated goes to:

Central Pennsylvania Food Bank

Our 2012 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER - Come join your St. Paul's sisters and brothers for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in preparation for our Lenten Disciplines. On February 21, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM we will serve pancakes, breakfast meat(s), juice, coffee and/or tea. Our Choir Members have volunteered to cook. Help is needed with set up, serving and/or clean up. If you can help in any of these areas, please let Amanda Endy know at akahmer@comcast.net or 932-8957. **There is a sign-up sheet in the Common Area.** Please let us know if you will be coming so we make sure we have enough food. The suggested donations are \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children 5 to 12, and free for children 4 and under.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER VIGIL will be held in St. Paul's sanctuary on Friday, March 2nd 2012 from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. If you would like to participate in this prayer vigil, please reserve your time(s) on the sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Common Area. If you are unable to make it to the church, you can sign up for a time and note that you will be doing it at home - this way we will know that the time slot has been filled. Let us join with churches around the world in prayer on this day.

New Members' Meetings and Reception of New Members - We will have two meetings for those people interested in becoming members of our congregation. Both meetings will occur after our late Sunday Worship Service; the first on February 19 and the second on February 26. This is your chance to gather together and ask questions, receive materials, and learn more about St. Paul's and the United Church of Christ. You only need to attend one of these meetings. We will be receiving New Members during the 10:30 AM Worship Service on a Sunday in March that works best for those interested in joining. If you have any questions please see, or call 766-7931 and/or email revjohnwd@verizon.net. Thank you. Peace, Rev. John

Check out all the signup sheets on the bulletin boards in the commons: CHILD SPONSORSHIPS; ALTAR FLOWERS; FELLOWSHIP TIME ; UCC Homes AUCTION Items Needed; Daffodil and Soup Orders, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner and to sign up to help in the NURSERY.