

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Lector: 8:15 Glenn Schultz
10:30 Lois Ritter

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Ushers: Don Wood
Ushers: 8:15 Joan and Ernest Moyer
10:30 Tim Kern and Dave Hall
Jonathan Nase and Christal Pike-Nase
Greeters: 8:15 Dot and Ralph Miller
10:30 Sandy and Skip Kline
Acolyte: 8:15 Katelyn Chamberlain
10:30 Kevin MacKinnon
Children's Sermon: 10:30 Rev. John
Mission Moments: 8:15 Joanne Miller
10:30 Joan Quick
Nursery:
Flower Delivery: Leo and Belva Garman
Fellowship Time: Pat and Greg Miller, Cathy and Brandon Thomas

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

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

May 31, 2009

Pentecost Sunday



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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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
MOMENT FOR MISSION: STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Organ "The Breath of God" Landis

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 105

*THE HYMN NO. 272 "On Pentecost They Gathered"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)
Gracious God, help us to receive anew the great gift of Your Holy Spirit. Help us to allow the wind and the fire of Your presence within us and amongst us, to stir us and move us, so we might respond today as You are calling us to be and act. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION
We often attempt to tame the great power of God's Spirit. We ignore that it seemed to the first disciples as a rush of mighty wind or divided tongues of fire. Such a gift can empower us to display great courage and do great things on behalf of the One who gave it. Instead we limit the Spirit to a calm cooling wind and a warm feeling inside. While this presence is comforting, God is not only a comforter. God also comes to confront and stir us through the Spirit. Let us join together 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.

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE 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.

WORKDAY, SATURDAY JUNE 13TH – We will be trimming shrubbery, spreading tan bark and other clean-up around the Church. If you plan on helping on this day, please call Don Coldren at 697-1927.

LOCKED UP FOR for MDA – our own Ruth Wrightstone will be "Locked Up" to benefit MDA. If you would like to contribute to Ruth's bail by donating to MDA, **the deadline to get your donation to Ruth is June 2nd** as they are coming to "arrest" Ruth on June 3rd. Please see the bulletin board and the table in the common area for more information on this fundraiser.

LAST CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE!! Thanks to all who have donated toward our Association's Cabin (#7) at Hartman Center. To date we have raised nearly \$1800 to be used in the renovation of our cabin. **June 1st will be the cutoff date** for collecting for this wonderful project as we would like to get our donation forwarded to the Association.

The **NEW MEMBER/GRADUATE TEA** will be held on **June 7th** following the second service. Please plan to attend to recognize the new members that were received into our Church Family this past fall, the class that will be confirmed on Sunday May 31st at the second service and our 2009 High School and College Graduates.

ANNUAL CHURCH SCHOOL PROMOTION SUNDAY will be held on **June 7 at 9:15**. Fun activities and fellowship are planned for all as we celebrate the end of another year of Sunday School. Please come and join your friends for this very special time!

PEACE CHURCH, SUNDAY JUNE 14 – 9 AM – Our Summer worship schedule will begin with this special service held at Peace Church, Intersection of Trindle & St. Johns Roads in Camp Hill.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE begins on Sunday June 14th through Sunday September 6th – one Worship Service at 9 AM.

Don't forget to check out our other sign-up sheets on the bulletin boards; **Church School Picnic Sunday June 14th; CPR/AED Training Saturday June 27th; Nursery Helpers; Child Sponsorships; Altar Flowers and Family Fellowship Time.**

MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE.....

United Church of Christ Homes is pleased to inform your congregation that our 2009 Helping Hands Dinner and Auction raised over **\$19,400 for the Benevolent Endowment Trust Fund.**

Thanks to your support of UCC Homes, residents of UCC Homes who are unable to pay for the cost of their care and who do not have access to governmental assistance programs will be able to receive financial aid for years and years to come.

The Board of Directors and the Special Events Committee of UCC Homes encourage your congregation to support our **15th Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held on May 1, 2010** at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East in one or more of the following ways:

- Gather items relating to a specific theme and make a gift basket to be auctioned at the 2010 event.
- Serve on the Special Events Committee (contact Victoria at (717) 303-1502 if you're interested)
- Attend the May 1, 2010 Helping Hands Dinner & Auction to be held at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg East.

Thanks again for your interest and support of UCC Homes!

For further information on the 2010 Helping Hand Dinner & Auction or to inquire about making a contribution, please contact the development Office at (717) 303-1502.

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY is on the table in the Common area. Please take a copy. As you have updates, please forward them to the attention of Terry in the Church Office.

JOIN THE YOUTH GROUP AT A HARRISBURG SENATORS GAME - Everyone is welcome to join our Youth at a Harrisburg Senators game and/or Water Golf on **Saturday, August 1st!** The fun will begin when we meet after 2:30 to play mini golf on City Island, and then enjoy a buffet dinner starting at 5:30 PM, followed by the baseball game. Game time is 7 pm and the opponent is the Portland Sea Dogs. Please see the sign up sheet on the Youth Bulletin Board in the Common area for complete information on this fun filled activity. **"Signup deadline is Sunday, June 28th."** Payment should be made to Vic or Martha Brown. Any questions, please call us at 697-3522 or email vbrown5325@aol.com! We hope to see you there!

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

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.**

**Order for Confirmation-10:30 Service:
Affirmation of Baptism (see Insert)**

*THE HYMN NO 351 "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"

THE GOSPEL READING

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 104:24-30

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

NEW TESTAMENT PASSAGE AND MESSAGE

Acts 2:1-21

"The Gift of the Spirit: Watch Out, It's Hot"

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

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

10:30 Youth Choir

“Here I am, Lord”

Schutte

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

How manifold are Your works, amazing God! When there are dry-bones times in our lives, we can look to You for new breath and hope and renewal of life. Your Spirit comes, and we are lifted up and linked to one another. We bring our offerings as an expression of thanksgiving for all Your gifts. May Your glory be proclaimed in all we give and all we do, when we are together and when we scatter to do Your will in other places. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 290 “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart”

*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 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Birchwood

*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, Harper, San 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

PRAYER CONCERNS: Family of Barney McAuliffe who died May 24th from complications following heart surgery; Frank Williams who was recently diagnosed with ALS

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of May 31 – June 07, 2009

	TODAY	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services/Strengthen the Church Special Offering/Confirmation 2nd Service
		9:15 am	Sunday School
		9:30 am	Confirmation Pictures
		12:00 pm	New Member Meeting (Sanctuary)
TUES		12:00 pm	Ecumenical Food Pantry
		5:30 pm	TOPS
		6:15 pm	MLC Water & Safety Training(FH)
WED		6:00 pm	Hand Chimes
		6:30 pm	Youth Choir
		7:15 pm	Chancel Choir
THUR		6:00 pm	MLC Graduation (FH)
		7 :00 pm	Pack Committee Mtg (Rm 7/8)
FRI			Youth – Knoebel’s 6/5-6/7
SUN June 07	8:15/10:30 am		Worship Services
		9:15 am	Annual Church School Promotion Sunday
		12:00 pm	New Member/Graduate Tea (FH)
		1:00 pm	Peachtree Picnic (Pavilion)
		6:00 pm	Voice Recital (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CRAFT DONATIONS NEEDED – Hartman Center is in need of many bags of colored sand and a large supply of Elmer’s white school glue (not tacky glue) for summer church camp. Please place items in the marked box in the Common area by June 7th. Thank You!

CHURCH SERVICES ARE RECORDED – We have been recording the Sunday services and have these CD’s available for your use (for those in the hospital, home bound, etc.). Please contact the church office for a copy. Treat these like a library – you need to return the copy to the office when you are finished with it. If you have any questions, please call Don Wood at 761-3036.