

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio  
Lector: 9:00 Dave Hall

**Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers  
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

**Ministry of Service**

Head Ushers: Randy Murphy  
Ushers: Joan & Ernie Moyer and Consistory  
Greeters: 9:00 Mary Louise Miller and Joanne Miller  
Acolyte: 9:00  
Children's Sermon: Rev. John  
Fellowship Time: Robert Heisler and Dale Guanowsky  
Flower Delivery: Pat Cleland

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

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

**September 6, 2009**



**"Lord, even the dogs...  
Eat the children's crumbs."**

**(Mark 7:28)**

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sept 6, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ

“Chanson Triste”

Tchaikovsky

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 125

\*THE HYMN NO. 451 “Be Now My Vision”

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

**All Loving God, guide us, be with us, as we seek to expand who it is we are willing to help, care for and love. Help us to offer what we can for the physical, emotional, and spiritual healing so many people need. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

We recognize within our Scriptures, there are passages which seem to indicate that it is okay to discriminate against certain groups of people or individuals. While such discrimination may have indeed been the practice, and still the practice by some, that does not mean God ever sanctioned it. Quite to the contrary, throughout Scripture we see a movement through the words of the prophets and the actions of God's servants, such as Jesus, toward more and more inclusivity. We continue to need to overcome our human tendency to exclude others, and we need to stop believing God condones such exclusion. 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.**

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**The Parables of Jesus -- Another Look** - The Adult 2 Class begins the Fall Season with the start of an exciting journey – relooking at the parables of Jesus with Dr. Greg Carey from the Lancaster Theological Seminary. Get ready to look at the parables from a new and creative light, integrating solid scholarship with everyday life! Dr. Carey is a New Testament Professor at the Seminary and is the author of *Ultimate Things and Sinners: Jesus and his Earliest Followers*. Greg is also an UCCer; a member of Grace UCC, Lancaster. This adult study series includes two sessions at the Lancaster Theological Seminary, weekly discussion during the church school hour and a workbook for personal reflection and study during the week. **EVERYONE is welcome to join us in this exciting adventure, even if you do not normally attend Adult 2. You do not need to attend the opening and closing lectures or attend every week. Sessions at Lancaster Theological Seminary** - Opening Introductory Session – Saturday, September 12, 2009, 9:30 am – 11:00 am. **Closing Session – Saturday, November 14, 2009, 9:30 am - 11:00 am. (Car pooling will be arranged.)** Some St. Paul's folks have heard Dr. Carey speak on a number of issues and know how dynamic and thought provoking he is. Any questions, please contact Shirley Keith Knox at 697-6946 or at [skeithknox@comcast.net](mailto:skeithknox@comcast.net). If you know you will be attending some or all of the sessions, please let Shirley know so we can plan accordingly, especially room choice. Thanks and we hope you join us!

**SUPPORT FOR BRYAN NEWELL - September 13, 2009** - For those of you who may not be aware, the son of a good friend of Susan Gabriel, Bryan Newell, was shot on Dec. 29, 2008 during a home invasion in Carlisle. The bullet entered his spine, fragmented and shattered several vertebrae, leaving him paralyzed from the chest down. A special needs trust fund has been established for Bryan and fundraisers are being coordinated. There will be a Longaberger Basket Bingo on September 13, 2009, at the Newville Fire House in Newville, PA. To help support this event, St. Paul's Consistory would like to invite anyone who feels so inclined to contribute by placing either a check (made payable to “Bryan R. Newell Special Needs Trust Fund”) or cash in a pew envelope. Please make sure you mark “Bryan Newell Benefit” on the outside of the envelope. **On September 8th, we will put what we have collected together and send it in one packet from the member's of St. Paul's UCC.** If you would like to attend the Basket Bingo or would like to read more on Bryan, please see the posters on the bulletin board and table in the common area. These contributions are not tax deductible but are a great way to help support a family in need. Thanks in advance.

**ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNOUNCEMENT** - We will be selling our now "FAMOUS" Chicken Corn Soup at the Fall Festival at Willow Mill Park on Saturday, October 3rd (the day after the bazaar). **Soup making will take place on Thursday, September 10th, starting at 4:00 in the church kitchen.** If you would like to help make the soup or if you would prefer to make a monetary donation to help defer the cost of making the soup, let Brenda Kern know, 796-0939.

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of September 6-13, 2009 (Continued)**

WED	6:00 pm	Hand Chimes Rehearsal (Rm 5)
	6:30 pm	Youth Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
THUR	3:30 pm	St. Paul's on a Mission (Kitchen) Terry (Church Office) on Vacation
FRI		Church Office Closed (Terry on Vacation)
SAT	9:00 am	PFLAG Board Meeting (Rm - SS 2)
	9:30 am	Opening Introductory Session @ Lancaster Theological Seminary "Parables of Jesus"
SUN	10:30 am	Worship Service
	11:30 am	Church Picnic/Rally Day after Worship Service(Pavillion)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**RALLY DAY** is next **Sunday, Sept. 13**. We will have one Service @ 10:30 AM. Following the Service we will head outside to the Pavilion for a picnic lunch featuring fried chicken and homemade ice cream. There will be plenty of food and games for all ages. Please dress casually, bring lawn chairs or blankets, and let's join together for some St. Paul's fun.

A Search Committee has been formed at St. Paul's for the purpose of filling the positions of **Director of Christian Education and Youth Advisor**. We are seeking a creative and committed individual to fill these part-time positions. Ideally, we are seeking one candidate to fill both positions, but will consider separate applicants. Experience in Christian Education a plus. Full job descriptions are available on our website at [www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org](http://www.saintpaulsucc-mech.org). Please direct resume and/or questions to [stpaulsucc@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsucc@gmail.com) or contact Randy Murphy, Chairperson of the Search Committee at 717-571-4731.

**SIGN UP NOW TO HELP AT THE 2009 FALL BAZAAR, FRIDAY OCT 2<sup>ND</sup>**. There is a job for everyone. **We need lots of help to make this event successful.** Any questions, please contact Jean Mogel (697-1088) or the Church Office (766-7931). If you can **help in the Dining Room, please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Common.**

Need something to do while watching TV, waiting for the kids at soccer practice--**the Calico Shoppe is in need of a few people willing to do some hand sewing** (seam finishing and /or embroidery) to complete items for the bazaar. **Your help will be greatly appreciated. Please volunteer by calling Susan Thorn 737-0672.**

*Please help us get the word out about the Bazaar! FLYERS are on the table in the common area; stop by on your way out and pick up some to distribute. Ask your local stores and businesses if you can put one up on their bulletin board or windows! It helps a lot.*

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.**

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

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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.**

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THE EPISTLE READING

James 2:1-17

PSALTER RESPONSE (sung in unison) Psalm 146

New Century Hymnal - Page 719

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 7:24-37

"Reducing Our Exceptions"

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

9:00 Jonne and Eric Dundore

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**We give because You have been generous to us, Gracious God. We give because we need to give in order to realize Your image within us. We give to feed the hungers of body and soul that are all around us and deep within. May the ministries of this church meet the needs of our members, our community, and our world. Help us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 347 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)

**(Debts and Debtors)**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share the elements of Communion by Intinction. Please come forward to receive the bread from the server. You will dip the bread in the cup and consume both elements at once. There are gluten free wafers available. There is both wine and white grape juice available. As you return to your seat, use the quietness to offer your prayers of thanksgiving to God. 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 76 “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

\*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 Improvisation on “Diademata”

Hughes

\*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. Remember to place a check mark under the communion heading if you partake of communion. 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, 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

Pat Cleland “In Memory of Jennie Eckert”

Mary Runkle “In Honor of Audrey’s 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday”

Martha and Gene Keith “In Honor of our 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary”

Robert Heisler “In Memory of my Mother and Father”

Robert Heisler “In Member of Brad Myers”

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of September 6-13, 2009**

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>9:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service – Communion (Intinction)</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Dir of Christian Ed Meeting(Rm 7/8)</b>
	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Disaster Readiness/Response Committee (Parlor)</b>
	2:00 pm	Luce/Gates Wedding
MON		<b>Church Office – Closed/Labor Day Holiday</b>
TUES	5:30 pm	TOPS