

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

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

August 30, 2009

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## **Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. Anna Thompson

Lector: Kathy Aumiller

## **Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

## **Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Bill Cashman

Ushers: Christal Pike-Nase and Jonathan Nase  
Darlene and Randy Murphy

Greeters: Dundore Family

Acolyte: Allison Moyer

Children's Sermon: The Rev. Anna Thompson

Nursery:

Flower Delivery: Belva and Leo Garman

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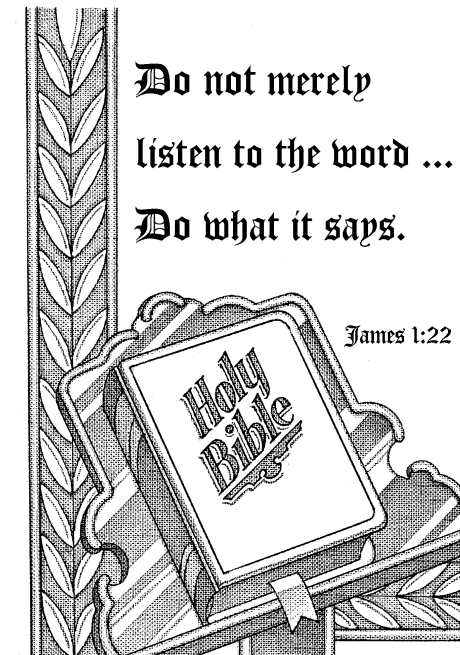
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**GOD IS STILL SPEAKING**



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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES  
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Air on the G String" Bach

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O God of hosts!

**People: My soul longs, yea, faints for your courts; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O God of hosts, my ruler and my God.

**All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise. Blessed are those whose strength is in you.**

\*HYMN NO. 21 "God Reigns o'er All the Earth"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**We thank you, living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a home not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us and that we belong to you. We come now, longing to know the touch of your Spirit that we may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us that we may recognize you and sing your praise; through the grace of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's grace.

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**We have promised to live as your people, O God. Yet, we confess that we fail you and one another. We do not honor one another as we should. As the body of Christ, we are often disjointed and clumsy. We do not work together as one to your glory. We refuse your cry for help in the voices of the poor and hungry. We have not been faithful to the trust you have placed in us. Merciful God, receive us as we are, and forgive us. Encourage us with your love that we may commit ourselves anew to live as those who belong to you; through the grace of Jesus Christ. 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!

**THE 2<sup>nd</sup> QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS** are in the box on the table in the Commons Area. Please stop by and pick yours up. If you have any questions on your statement, please call Terry in the Church Office.

**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.

**IMPORTANT SAVE THE DATE** - for the upcoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual St. Paul's Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party. Please mark your calendars **NOW** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party to be held **Friday, October 23, 2009**, at the exciting Allenberry Resort Inn where you will have a delicious buffet and the opportunity to participate in a silent auction stewardship fundraiser. All members and friends of St. Paul's are encouraged to come to this fun night of fellowship that will allow you to help the church.

**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).

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.*



**YOUTH YARD SALE**---Don't forget about the Yard Sale on **Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. While the spaces have all been reserved, it's not too late to donate your items for the youth to sell. Items can be placed on the stage in Fellowship Hall (mark them for yard sale) prior to Saturday morning. You might even want to stop by Saturday morning to check out the great deals! Thanks for all for your support of our

annual project.

**Note to Youth:** Please plan to come to the church Friday evening anytime after 7:00 to help set up. We'll have a lock-in that evening (food, friends, movies!) so you can be ready to go by 6:00 Saturday morning. Questions?-- Call Patty Scott, 737-3139.

**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 in the common area. There are also some copies on the table in the common area, feel free to take one home with you. These contributions are not tax deductible but are a great way to help support a family in need. Thanks in advance.

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Responsive)

Leader: Hear the good news: In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, we learn that God's love has no bounds.

**All: In Christ we are forgiven and are empowered to begin anew. Thanks be to God!**

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

\*THE GLORIA PATRI

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 CHILDREN'S 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

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 45:1-2,6-9

THE EPISTLE READING

James 1:17-27

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

"Rattling Windows"

\*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

Special Music

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may also be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.**

\*THE HYMN NO. 393 "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

\*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 "Praise Be To God"

Powers

\*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 Call to Worship, Invocation, Confession and Prayer of Dedication come from the Book of Worship, United Church of Christ © 1986, Office for Church Life and Leadership, New York

"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  
Bud and Dot Miller "In Celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary"

PRAYER CONCERNS: Dory Milletics

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of August 30-September 6, 2009

TODAY	9:00 am	Worship Service
	6:00 pm	Youth Planning Session (Pavilion/FH/Rm 7/8)
MON		Rev. John Returns from Vacation
TUES	12:00 pm	Ecumenical Food Pantry
	5:30 pm	TOPS (Pavilion)
Wed	7:00 pm	Council for Christian Ed Meeting (Rm 7/8)
THURS	7:00 pm	Pack Committee Meeting (Rm 7/8)
FRI	7:00 pm	Youth Sleepover (Pavilion/FH)
SAT	8:00 am	Youth Sponsored Yard Sale (Parking Lot/Pavilion/FH)
	5:00 pm	Luce/Gates Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	4:30 pm	FH in Use
SUN Sept 6	9:00 am	Worship Service (Communion Intinction)
	2:00 pm	Luce/Gates Wedding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME The Rev. Anna L. Thompson** as our Preacher and Liturgist today. Anna is a ministerial daughter of our congregation and also served St. Paul's as the Director of Christian Education and Youth Ministries for a number of years. Presently, she is the Chaplain at the Thornwald and Todd Homes of United Church of Christ Homes. We thank her for her participation in our worship service today.



**SEPTEMBER IS COMING!!** Please note that **Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup>** will be Rally Day and Church Family Picnic. We will have one service on this day at **10:30 AM.** We will then move outdoors for the Church Family Picnic. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and dress casually for our one church service on this day and stay for the festivities. All food (featuring fried chicken and homemade ice cream) will be provided for the picnic.

Monetary donations will be accepted to help defray costs. **Everyone is encouraged to attend and enjoy this special time of Fellowship.**