

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Cindy Stone

10:30 Bill Cashman

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Ushers: Shirley Keith-Knox

Ushers: 8:15 Connie and Herb Sutton

10:30 Shirley Keith Knox & Dave Ritter

Dar and Randy Murphy

Greeters: 8:15 Jean and Willard Jones

10:30 Missy and Scott Gates

Acolyte: 8:15 Jeff Dundore

10:30 Kevin MacKinnon

Children's Sermon: Deb Cashman

Stewardship Moments: 8:15 Shirley Keith-Knox

10:30 Beth Mihmet

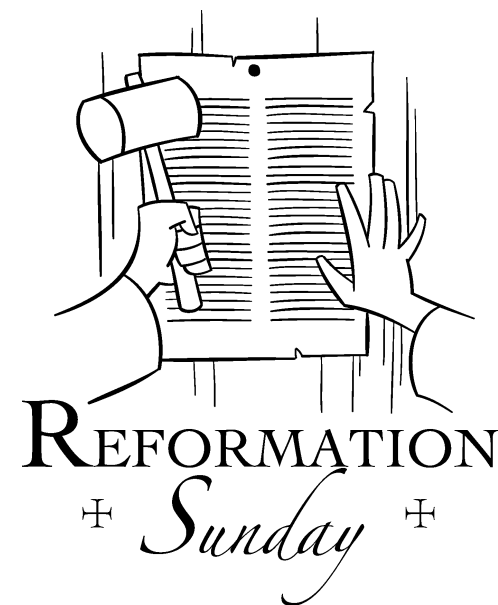
Nursery: Nase Family

Flower Delivery: Patty and Dave Scott

Welcome to St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

October 25, 2009



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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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 2009

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Organ "The Church's One Foundation"

Mansfield

INTROIT (10:30 SERVICE) HAND CHIME CHOIR

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive - New Century Hymnal Page 21-A)

*THE HYMN NO. 27 "From All That Dwell below the Skies"

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison – New Century Hymnal Page 21-A)

THE SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

THE WORDS OF ASSURANCE (Unison – New Century Hymnal Page 22-A)

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

*THE GLORIA PATRI

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

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 receives these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love. Blessed Be!

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.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! - Hello, willing and able weekday drivers. We need your help. Our list of volunteer drivers has dwindled. These are the kind folks who take church members who are unable to drive themselves to medical appointments. One member, in fact, has consistent appointments 2 Wednesdays each month and needs a driver in order to go to, and later come home from, these appointments. Other appointments, scheduled at least a week ahead, require more driver volunteers. If you think you could volunteer to drive, even once a month (or much less often if we can "grow" our volunteer list), please contact Betsy Rushong at 691-0124. Or, if you prefer, e-mail me at brushong@verizon.net or put your name and phone number on the sign up list in the common area. I will get back to each of you, and we will see what suits you best. In advance, our members and I thank you.



ATTENTION FAMILIES OF COLLEGE STUDENTS – FINALS SURVIVAL PACKAGES - We need your college student's updated address for this year! It's almost time for College Care Packages to be prepared by our Youth Group. The Youth will be baking hundreds of cookies on Nov. 29th and shipping them off in time for finals. If anyone would like to donate any items from the list below, you may place them in the box I have marked College Care Packages in the youth room by November 25th. Items like mini

candy bars, granola bars, rice krispie treats, microwave popcorn, hot cocoa mixes are all great to send. Monetary donations can also be made if anyone wishes to "Sponsor a Box" to help us out with the shipping of packages (Just write College Care Boxes on the memo line of your check). Please contact Linda Alburger at talburger@comcast.net or call 649-1301 with their information or any questions. Thank You!

THORNWALD HOME HOLIDAY BAZAAR – Friday, November 6, 2009 – 10:00 am to 2:00 pm - There are several ways you can help make this a success: donations of jewelry (the residents enjoy choosing items that they can purchase for their own use or as Christmas gifts), baked goods for the bake sale table, or items that can be placed on the "Attic Treasures" table AND please plan to attend. There will be over 20 different craft vendors on site for your shopping pleasure. As always, there will be lots of good food available, so come for lunch. Contact Marilyn Aust at 766-2025 should you care to donate.

Mercersburg Association Fall Meeting will be at Solomons, Chambersburg on Sunday, November 1 - All clergy, delegates, and laypersons of the Mercersburg Association are invited to this meeting. Each local church is entitled to be represented at this meeting by 2 lay delegates. **Non delegated members may attend without privilege of vote.** Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 3:00 p.m. For more details on this meeting, please see the bulletin board in the common area. **Registration is due Today.** Please contact Secretary/Registrar Cherry Snyder at 717-762-7628 or e-mail her at C5M7Snyder@gmail.com by October 25, so that sufficient materials and refreshments will be available.



A **SIGN-UP SHEET FOR POINSETTIAS**, which will help beautify our Christmas Services, is on the bulletin board in the Common. The cost this year is **\$6.25** each. **Orders and payment must be into St. Paul's no later than November 11th**. Please print your information neatly on the sign-up sheet as it will be printed in the Worship Bulletin and remember to specify your color choice of either red, pink, white or marble. Thank you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the **Post Bazaar Meeting on Thursday, November 5th at 7 pm in the Parlor**. While the Bazaar is still fresh in your mind, come and share your thoughts of how it went.

COME SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S YOUTH AT HOSS'S. Our Community Night Fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, November 19, 2009** at the Mechanicsburg Hoss's located at 61 Gettysburg Pike. The youth will receive 20% of your total check. Cards will be available after each service in the commons, or see a member of the youth group. Any questions, please contact Joan Moyer at 766-3325 or joanmoyer@msn.com.



Food Pantries at both New Hope Ministries and the Ecumenical Food Pantry are in need of food. Please consider adding some items to your grocery cart each week for these very worthy ministries. Donations should be dropped off in the designated areas in the commons. All donations are appreciated but items that are in critical need at New Hope Ministries at this point are: Applesauce, AuGratin Potatoes, Canned Meat, Canned/Fresh Yams or Potatoes, Coffee/Tea, Condensed/Dry Milk, Cooking Oil, Diapers(size 5-6), Drinks/Juice, Graham Crackers, Jelly, Ketchup, Manwich, Mayo, Mustard, Pancake Syrup, Paper Towels, Peaches, Pears, Pineapple, Pork and Beans, Salt and Pepper, Sanitary Pads, Scalloped Potatoes, Spam/Chicken, Toilet Paper and Tuna Helper.

The **Third Quarter Giving Statements** are on the table in the common area. Please remember to stop by and take yours home with you today. Call Terry in the Church Office, 766-7931, if you have any questions on your statement.

The red rose on the altar is in honor of the birth of Maddisen **Breanne Sweeney** on Thursday October 15th, 7 lb 4 oz and 20 inches long. Congratulations go out to **parents, Shannon (Watson) and Brian Sweeney and Grandparents Patti and Peter Watson**. The red rose on the altar last week was in honor of Logan **Andrew Snow** born on Thursday October 15th, 8 lbs 5 oz and 21 inches long. Our Congratulations go out to **parents Sonya and Lance, big brother Tyler and Grandmother Anna Thompson**.

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Job 42:1-6

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalm 126

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 10:46-52

“Who is Really Blind?”

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison – New Century Hymnal Page 881
The Apostles’ Creed)

*THE HYMN NO. 42 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

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 Youth Choir “Let All the People Praise Thee”

Sleeth

10:30 Chancel Choir “God’s Love is Good”

Larson

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Hear our prayer for all who may be helped by what we give, O Giving God. We offer more than money; we offer ourselves. May the sympathy and comfort we share with people in need serve to draw them closer to You. Keep us strong, that this church may give radiant witness to truth, constructive opposition to evil, and merciful redemption to those caught up in the wickedness of our times. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 439 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*THE BIDDING TO MISSION (New Century Hymnal Page 24-B)

*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 “Sing Aloud to God, Our Strength” 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. 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 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
The Dundore Family “In Memory of Roger Dundore”
John Scott and Family “In Memory of Dorothy”

PRAYER CONCERNS: Shannon Sweeney; Debbie Gartland

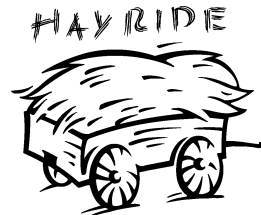
CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF October 25 – November 1, 2009

TODAY	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
	9:00 am	Choristers
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	12:00 pm	Chancel Committee meeting (Parlor)
	12:00 pm	Disaster Readiness Meeting (Rm 6)
	5:30 pm	Halloween Party at Paulus Farm Market
MON		Epistle Deadline
	7:00 pm	Pastor Parish Meeting (Parlor)
TUES	1:00 pm	Pollyanna’s at Bonnie Plymette’s
	5:30 pm	TOPS (Rm 6)
WED	6:00 pm	Hand Chime Choir (Rm. 5)
	6:30 pm	Youth Choir (S)
	7:15 pm	Chancel Choir (S)
SUN NOV 1st	8:15/10:30 am	Worship Services/Communion(Pew)
	9:00 am	Choristers
	9:15 am	Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing of the Prayer Shawls - If you or someone you know of is in need of a shawl, for any reason, you may take one of the shawls laying on the pews with you today. Simply fill out the attached cards on the shawl with the recipient’s name and the date. Please place one card in the offering plate or drop it off in the church office. **The Pink Shawls that are being blessed today will be given to breast cancer patients through “Hearts-n-Hands” a local Sertoma Club.**

Come out and join us today from 5:30 to 7:30 for a Halloween Party at Paulus Farm Market, 1216 S. York St. in Mechanicsburg. Bring your blankets, flashlights and appropriate footwear is suggested. There will be **Hayrides, a small corn maze to explore and refreshments (including hot dogs, cider and other goodies) to enjoy. Children are welcome to play in the Fall Fun Fort.** Traditionally this event is geared toward children and youth but folks of all ages are invited to come out for this fun event. **We hope to see you there!**



POLLYANNAS will be meeting 1 pm Tuesday, October 27th at Bonnie Plymette’s house. Please remember your food donations. Any questions, call Bonnie at 697-2938.