

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Joanne Miller
10:30 Colleen Eichman

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers
Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Randy Murphy

Ushers: 8:15 Rhonda and Douglas Jacobsen
10:30 Allan and Pamela Mackinnon

Greeters: 8:15 Belva and Leo Garman
10:30 Pat Cleland and Marilyn Aust

Acolyte: 8:15 Matt Paulus
10:30 Katelyn Chamberlain

Children's Sermon: 10:30 Rev. John

Nursery: Joan Moyer

Flower Delivery: Pat Cleland

Fellowship Time: Bob Heisler and Dale Guanowsky

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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 27, 2009



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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

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

Organ "Tender Melody" Lully

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 19

*THE HYMN NO. 436 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (unison)

Inviting God, please continue to welcome us into Your presence. Help us to welcome one and all, remembering Your Spirit is within all people, and You speak and work through all people willing to seek to follow Your words and way in the world. Help us to remember we can be a blessing to others, as they are to us. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION

We like to try and limit who is really a child of God and who is not. We like to try and limit who can and is doing God's work, and who is not. We forget we are not in charge of such things. We forget the power and mystery of God, and how God works in the world. We forget our jobs are to be open, to however the Spirit of God may be at work in us, in others and all around us. Let us try and remember. 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 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



We are DAYS away from the 2009 Fall Bazaar on Friday Oct, 2nd. NOW is the time to sign up to help at the Bazaar! Help is needed on the day of the Bazaar and also on set up day. We need **YOUR HELP to make the Bazaar successful.**

URGENT REQUEST FOR DINING ROOM AREA – We need more Wait Staff and bus people for all time periods but we are especially concerned with the lunch hour; 11:00 am – 2:00 pm. Please see sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Common area or call the Church Office to sign-up.

BAZAAR POSTERS - are on the table in the common area. Please help us get the word *out* about the Bazaar!. 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.**

Check out the Display Case in the Common area on your way out today. Some of the items that will be sold at the Fall Festival are in the case.



Craft Preview Sale

Attn: Church Members! Stop by on Thursday October 1st while we are setting up for a preview of our craft items. We're usually here until 7 pm. Some of the items will be available for purchase at that time.

We will have a Country Store, Flea Market & Country Cupboard (Bake Sale). Chicken Pot Pie will be served on Friday from 11 am – 7 pm with Take Out Meals and quart Pot Pie Sales available while supplies last. Drop off any items you may have for the Bazaar on Thursday while we are setting up.

Any questions or to see what you can do to help out, please contact our General Chairperson Jean Mogel (697-1088), Evening General Chairperson Chris Bowers-Paris (645-9622), Church Office (766-7931) or one of the below chairpersons:

Dining Room/Kitchen – Donna Chronister (766-2656), Mary Runkle (766-7577), JoAnn Paulus (432-3916)

Country Cupboard (Bake Sale/Food Sale) – Sue Miller (795-1875)

Country Gifts & Crafts – Anita Miller (766-7850), Betty Olsen (697-5621), Carol Rhoads (697-3539), Patty Scott (737-3139), Susan Thorn (737-0672)

Flea Market – Becky Thompson (691-1512), Dale Thorpe (766-0321)

Clean Up – Dave Scott (737-3139), Gene and Terry Shaner (697-8329)

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Allyssa and Jim Boyer "In Honor and Memory of Our Grandparents"
Melissa Cawley "In Honor of Joseph's 5th Birthday"
Bob Heisler "In Memory of Brad Myers"

PRAYER CONCERNS: Sandy Ritter-Butz; Dory Milletics

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK of September 27 – October 4, 2009

TODAY 8:15 & 10:30 am Worship Services/Blessing of the Prayer Shawls
Affirmation of Ministries/Reception of New
Members @ 10:30 service.

9:00 am Choristers
9:15 am Sunday School
12:00 am Called to Care Mtg (Adult 2 Sunday School Rm)
6:00 pm Youth Fellowship (FH & Rm 7/8)
7:00 pm Bible Study @ Donna and Ron Chronister
5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 6)
6:00 pm Hand Chime Choir (Rm. 5)
6:30 pm Youth Choir (S)
7:15 pm Chancel Choir (S)
Set-up of Tables for Bazaar
Bazaar Set-up (some items available for presale)

THURS
FRI **9:00 am** Bazaar till 8 pm
11:00 am Chicken Pot Pie/food served till 7 pm/take out
8:00 pm Bazaar clean-up
Bazaar clean-up continues if needed

SAT
SUN Oct 4th 8:15/10:30am Worship Services/Pew Communion
Special offering - Neighbor In Need
9:00 am Choristers
9:15 am Sunday School

AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRIES

Choristers

Brynn Bergstresser	Jessica Paulus	Becca Ward-Diorio
Kateri Grice	Lauren Paulus	Lily Ward-Diorio
Sarah Murphy	Maddie Shaeffer	Slater Ward-Diorio
Brady Nye	Maddie Simpson	Cassidy Westbrook
Wyatt Paulus		

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.**

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**

AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRIES OF OUR CHOIRS, ACOLYTES, CHILDREN'S MESSAGE, CALLED TO CARE TEAM, LECTORS & PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Litany of Commitment

One: Sisters and brothers, you have been called by God to fulfill the responsibilities of the teaching ministry. Will you commit yourselves by giving enough time to fulfill this ministry?
Many: We will, with the help of God.

One: Do you understand that by responding to God's call to this ministry you are becoming agents of the work of this church and of the realm of God?

Many: We do understand.

One: Will you share your love, peace and Christian joy with everyone so people may see in you the life of the Christ?

Many: We will, with the help of God.

One: God has called these people to a special ministry in the church. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve. You have heard the promises they have made. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

All: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus the Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, pray for you and assist you that together we may be a faithful church.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CHRIS BOWERS-PARIS, TINA BOWERS-PARIS, PAULETTE CHAPMAN, CHRIS COWAN, BECCA STROCK, DANIEL CRAMER, MARY LAUGHERY, DAVE SIMPSON, SHAWNA SIMPSON AND BECKY THOMPSON

ADDRESS

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

CONGREGATIONALS ASSENT (Unison)

We, as members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, and the Church Universal, hear your promises with joy and gladly welcome you as sisters and brothers in Christ into the family of faith. We covenant with you to share in the hopes, labors and joys of the Christian life, supported by God's love through this congregation.

We will weep with you when you weep, rejoice with you in your rejoicing and encourage your growth in the new life Christ gives. These things we promise in the name and spirit of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

PRAYER

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 124

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Mark 9:38-50

"Doing What We Can and Letting Others Do What They Can"

*THE HYMN NO. 495 "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

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 Organ

"In This Holy House"

Livingston, Jr.

10:30 All Choirs

"When I Think of You"

Smith

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of Your church, O God. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, seeking to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As You have accepted us, we reach out to include all Your children in the family of mutuality, self-revelation, and growing in love. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO. 312 "We Love Your Realm, O God"

*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 "Ye Servants of God"

Wilson

*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.shawministry.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.



Thanks to Our
Volunteers!

Our Thanks go out to **Don Wood** and **Floyd Gouse** for mending the yard out back of the Church this past week.

Neighbors in Need Information: Through UCCTakeAction.org, our national Justice and Witness Ministries office offers resources, news updates, and action alerts on a broad spectrum of justice issues. Working with members of the UCC Justice and Peace Action Network (a network of thousands of UCC justice and peace advocates), Justice and Witness continues its strong advocacy on issues such as the federal budget, voting rights, immigration, health care, hate crimes, civil liberties, and environmental justice. Please support this offering generously on Sunday, October 4th.

Stewardship Campaign Kickoff Party and Silent Auction - by now you should have received your invitation to the dinner at Allenberry on October 23. This party will be so much more fun if you are there too. Reservations can be made by sending your RSVP along with a check to Jane Hall, or you can place it in the church office or even in the offering plate. Our silent auction has been more successful each year. Last year there was friendly, yet competitive, bidding on several items, which ultimately led to some people making new friendships. Our auction also raised \$2100 toward the 2009 budget. We are hoping to equal or surpass that amount this year. Your donations to the silent auction may be left in the church office or contact Jane Hall.

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. Please direct resume and/or questions to stpaulsucc@gmail.com or contact Randy Murphy, Chairperson of the Search Committee at 717-571-4731

HELP NEEDED IN NURSERY - We need help staffing the nursery during the second service. Please consider signing up to assist in this area. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Common Area. Thank you.

INVITATION TO THE INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR REVEREND VALERIA SCHMIDT – please see poster on the Bulletin Board in the Common area for more details on this event that will be held at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in McConnellsburg on Sunday September 27th at 3:00 PM.

Youth Choir

Ashley Bergstresser
Mike Brown
Katelyn Chamberlain
Jeff Dundore

Allie Moyer
Erin Moyer
Beth Pirtle
Clayton Pirtle

Matt Paulus
Audrey Runkle
Chelsey Wirth

Chancel Choir

Kathy Aumiller
Rick Ayers
Chris Bowers-Paris
Cheryl Cotton
Leann Davinroy
Jonneke Dundore
Ronald Flory
Dave Hall
Jane Hall
Lee Jackson
Brenda Kern

Becky Lingenfelter
Craig Martek
Brian Medkeff-Rose
Beth Mihmet
Elizabeth Miller
Gay Miller
Sue Mullin
Lois Ritter
Sandy Ritter-Butz
Mary Runkle
Betsy Rushong

Dave Simpson
Bill Sizemore
Carol Sizemore
Cathy Thomas
Shannon Trout
Art Williams
Kathy Williams
Winnie Wentz
Ruth Wrightstone

Hand Chime Choir

Mike Brown
Katelyn Chamberlain
Bethany Frymark
Jane Frymark

Jennifer Martek
Elizabeth Miller
Matt Paulus

Lois Ritter
Sandy Ritter-Butz
Chelsey Wirth

Acolytes

Mike Brown
Katelynn Chamberlain
Jeff Dundore
Kevin MacKinnon
Matthew Morell
Shane Morell

Allie Moyer
Erin Moyer
Matt Paulus
Beth Pirtle
Clayton Pirtle

Kevin Rudisill
Audrey Runkle
Atle Walter
Reed Walter
Slater Ward-Diorio

Called to Care Team

Karen Allison
Kevin Allison
Judy Aumiller
Donna Chronister
Alice Crouse
Jonne Dundore

Martha Keith
Brenda Kern
Sandy Kline
Dory Milletics
Jean Myers
Mary Runkle

Rhoda Rupp
Arlene Sealover
Donna Sponsler
Donna Sterner
Leah van Olden
Eleanor Witt

Children's Message

Deb Cashman
Amy Paulus
Mary Runkle

Patty Scott
Anna Thompson
Brian Medkeff-Rose

Rev. John Ward-Diorio
Ruth Wrightstone

Lectors

Kevin Allison
Kathy Aumiller
Richard Ayers
Richard Bensele
Melba Bomberger
Paula Boyer
Deborah Cashman
William Cashman
Ronald Chronister
Eric Dundore
Colleen Eichman
Michael Gray
David Hall

Jane Hall
Sharon Herrold
Thomas Herrold
Douglas Jacobsen
Rhonda Jacobsen
Craig Martek
Joanne Miller
Patrice Miller
Jonathan Nase
Amy Paulus
Dennis Plymette
Joan Quick
Lois Ritter

Mary Runkle
Betsy Rushong
Patty Scott
Glenn Shultz
Cynthia Stone
Thomas Stone
Anna Thompson
Victoria Velez
Jane Wentz
Art Williams
Kathy Williams
Ruth Wrightstone

Nursery Attendants

Linda Alburger
Lauren Cashman
Rachel Cashman
Melissa Cawley
Katelyn Chamberlain
Rebecca Drazba

Eichman Family
Grice Family
Jennifer McCorkel
Allie Moyer
Erin Moyer
Joan Moyer

Nalepka Family
Nase Family
Bradley Thomas
Cathy Thomas
Chelsey Wirth

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Peggy Briggs
Donna Chronister
Jane Hall
Sharon Herrold
Martha Keith
Elizabeth Miller

Dory Milletics
Jean Mogel
Joanne Paulus
Bonnie Plymette
Lois Ritter
Peggy Seiler

Carol Sizemore
Donna Sponsler
Anna Thompson
Susan Thorn
Leah Van Olden
Ruth Wrightstone

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Support Hartman Center! See Jonne Dundore if you are interested in a ticket for the Quilt Drawing to be held at the Fall Festival, October 17th at Hartman Center. Only 400 tickets are available for this drawing at a donation of \$5.00 each. 1st prize is a Hand Made Quilt (80x95 inches) and 2nd prize is a Queen size Quilt. See poster in the Common area for pictures of the Quilts. You need not be present to win.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH FAIR, SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2009 – There will be one worship service that day @ **9:30** followed by Special activities and social time in Fellowship Hall

HOME AND CHURCH SAFETY/EMERGENCY PREPARATION - Various community organizations will be here to educate us in fire safety and emergency management, including a fire suppression demo after the 9:30 worship service. Learn how to keep your family and church family safe in an emergency!

A POSTER CONTEST WILL BE HELD to coincide with our observance of Children's Sabbath. The theme this year is "Create Change for Children Today: Bring Hope for a Better Tomorrow." Our focus will be on home and church safety and emergency preparation. Along with the presence of a few community organizations to educate us in fire safety and emergency management, we also encourage youth from ages 3 to 18 to design posters for the occasion. The theme for the poster is "Home and Church Family Safety: How to Take Care of Your Home and Church Family." **THE POSTERS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY SUNDAY OCTOBER 4th** so they can be put on display the following Sunday and voted on by the congregation. Be creative and colorful! Any questions? Please contact Jonneke Dundore at 766-2601 or jonnekev@aol.com.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS!!! We will be holding a fundraiser at Hoss's in Mechanicsburg, Tuesday, September 29th. Hoss's will give our mission 20% of the proceeds from participating patrons that day. You need a Hoss's card to present when you pay your bill, in order for our mission to get the 20%. We will be handing out the **FREE** cards after services today, September 20th and 27th in the Common. **The cards can be used for lunch or dinner!** St. Paul's on a Mission will be participating in the Fall Festival at Willow Mill Park again this year. The date is October 3rd, 10am-3pm. We will be selling our, now famous, Chicken Corn Soup and baked goods. Keep this date open so you will be able to help with this event. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the common area if you would like to donate a baked good for the Fall Festival. If you would like to make a monetary donation to help defer the cost of making the soup, let Brenda Kern know, 796-0939. **St. Paul's on a Mission** is registered online for the **2009 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk** to be held October 17th. Go to: makingstrides.acsevents.org/Harrisburg to register, or see Brenda Kern for a registration form. If you are unable to participate in any of the events and would like to make a donation, you may do so after services in the Common!

PENN CENTRAL CONFERENCE WOMEN'S RETREAT – October 9-11, 2009 at Hartman Center. The Leader is the Rev. Susan D'heedene. Registration forms are on the table in the Common area and posted on the bulletin board. **Deadline to register is September 30th**