

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Worship Leadership

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Mike Gray

10:30 Paula Boyer

Ministry of Music

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

Ministry of Service

Head Usher: Shirley Keith-Knox

8:15 Marshall Bender and Richard Gray

10:30 Joan and Jim Quick

10:30 Bethany and Clayton Pirtle

Greeters: 8:15 Donna and Ron Chronister

10:30 Bonnie and Dennis Plymette

Acolyte: 8:15

10:30 Kevin Rudisill

Children's Sermon: Rev. John

Nursery: Grice Family

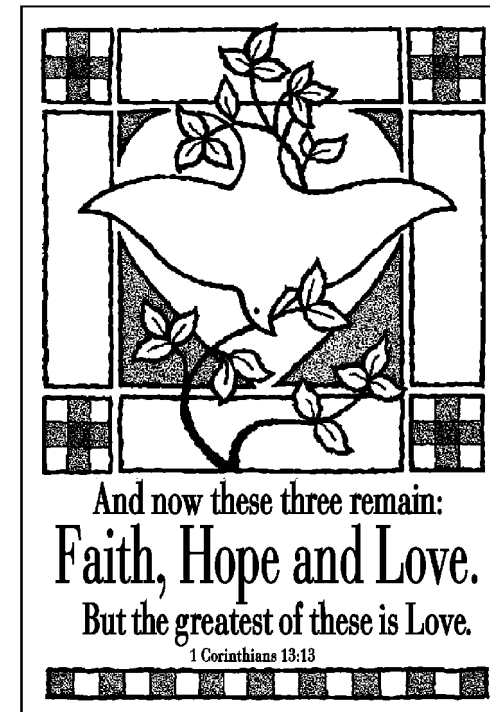
Flower Delivery: Betsy Rushong

Welcome to

St. Paul's United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ

January 31, 2010



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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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 31, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES
THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
Organ "Journey Home"

Harris

*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Psalm 71

*THE HYMN NO. 68 "God Is Truly with Us"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Challenging God, help us to hear all Your words to us. Please send Your Spirit to strengthen us, so we might not react only in anger, or run away, when we are confronted by Your calls for us to live differently. Amen.

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

We yearn for and are grateful for God's presence and words of comfort and care. And at the same time, we resist God's words that call us to see the world differently than we are accustomed, that call us to live our lives in a manner that is more consistent with God's hopes for the whole world. Let us offer our 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

Open Your ♥'s for the People of Haiti – Donations of personal care items are needed for "Personal Care Kits." Your donations will be sent to Haitians in desperate need of even the most basic of items. A sign-up sheet can be found in the Commons. Just write your name in the box of the item you can supply. All donations are needed by February 14th. Items needed for each kit are: 1 hand towel, 1 washcloth, 1 large sturdy comb, 1 nail file or finger nail clippers (no emery board or toe nail clippers), 1 bath sized bar of soap, 1 single packed toothbrush (no child size), Band-aids and \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste. Any questions, see Kathy Aumiller or Shirley Keith Knox.

SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 7th! The youth will be holding soup pots as you exit the worship services. Please consider dropping some coins/dollars into the soup pots to help provide soup to local families who need it. The Souper Bowl of Caring is transforming the nation's biggest football weekend into the largest weekend of giving. Over the past 20 years over \$50 million has been raised nationally and all of the money goes directly to a local charity of choice (we just report how much we raised to the national organization). The Youth have not yet decided which local charity to give the money to, but check out the Souper Bowl posters in the hallway to see what they decide.

ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION ANNUAL WINTER SOUP SALE! This is St. Paul's on a Mission's first fund raiser for the 2010 season. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer! Turkey Corn Soup and Ham and Bean soup may be ordered on the signup sheet in the Commons. \$6.00 per quart. Soup will be available for pick up on Sunday, February 14th after both services. If you would like to make a monetary donation to defer the cost of the soup, please see Brenda Kern. We need lots of help to make the soup. Please sign up to help on Friday, February 12th starting at 4:00pm. Thank you for your continued support for this very important mission!!

UCC Disaster Alert from Penn Central Conference Re: Earthquake in Haiti– One Great Hour of Sharing funds are being rushed to Haiti to support the initial emergency response. It is expected the need will be great. How You Can Help: 1. Pray for the people of Haiti, their leaders and emergency and humanitarian aid workers. 2. **To assist impacted families, you may donate by check payable to "St. Paul's UCC" or cash, be sure and note it is for "OGHS – Haitian Relief". We will pool the money together and send one check out. Today is the last Sunday we will be collecting, but you can continue to send your donation directly.** 3. If you prefer, you can send your donation directly, check made out to Wider Church Ministries, 700 Prospect Ave, Cleveland, OH 44115 (be sure to mark in the memo portion it is for OGHS – Haitian Relief) or you can make your donation online to the OGHS International Disaster Relief, www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html

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Herb Bomberger
Ruth Chronister
Shannon Collins
Tyler Derr
Jackie Diorio
Jacque and Grace Drager
Pat Eakin
Scott Eichman
Shirley Grammer
Paul Heaney, Sr.
Bob Heisler
Betty Hyde
Les Gerber and Elaine McCracken
Bill Ingraham
Clyde and Treva Miller
Dayne and Sue Miller
Steve Mitchell
Ally, Erin, Joan and Ernie Moyer
Jean Myers
Rev. John
Helen and John Scott
Peg and Don Seiler
Clyde Strock
Jim Sufrin
Dave Thomas
Kaylen Walker
Ruth Wrightstone
Cai Yeuell

All the People affected by the Earthquake in Haiti
All the people in the Middle East struggling for peace
All the people in the military and their families
All the people who have lost jobs and their families

Celebrations

Congratulations go out to Joan and Jim Quick who are celebrating their 50 Year Wedding Anniversary on Friday, February 5th.

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**

THE EPISTLE SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

THE READING OF THE PSALM

Psalms 71: 1-6

THE RESPONSE

One: God is still speaking.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE

Luke 4:21-30

“How Do We Speak To Those We Know?”

THE HYMN NO. 179 “We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness”

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 the Stillness of This Hour”

10:30 Chancel Choir “A Loving Heart”

Bushong

*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

With awe and wonder before You, O God, we dare to enlist all our efforts toward the realization of Your realm. Where there is injustice, we would champion those oppressed and misunderstood. When some feel rejected, we reach out to accept them in Christ's name. May these offerings preach and teach and heal. Amen.

*THE HYMN NO 395 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

*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 Fantasia on "Kingsfold"

Paxton

*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 Gathered By Love, by Lavon Bayler, 1994, 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

Ernest Moyer and Family "In Loving Memory of Parents, Melvin and Gayle Reeder"

The Family of Mary Jane Chipriano "In Loving Memory of Mary Jane"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF January 31st – February 7th 2010

TODAY 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services

9:00 am Choristers

9:15 am Sunday School

11:30 am Christian Ed Mtg after 2nd Serv (SS2 & Youth Rm 7/8)

6:00 pm Youth Fellowship(FH & Rm 7/8)

MON

6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)

TUES

Noon Ecumenical Food Pantry

5:30 pm TOPS (Rm 13)

6:30 pm MASH Sewing (FH)

7:00 pm Bear Den (Rm 11)

WED

6:00 pm Hand Chime Choir (Rm. 5)

6:30 pm Youth Choir (S)

7:15 pm Chancel Choir (S)

THUR

6:30 pm MASH Sewing (FH)

7:00 pm Pack Committee Mtg (Rm 7/8)

7:00 pm CTC Training (Parlor)

FRI

6:00 pm Pinewood Derby Set Up (FH)

SAT

8:00 am Pinewood Derby (FH)

SUN FEB 7th

8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Pew Communion

9:00 am Choristers

9:15 am Sunday School

11:30 am Youth Sunday Practice/Potluck Lunch(Rm 7/8)

4:00 pm Tara Savarino Recital (Sanctuary)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



February 14th

On Youth Sunday, February 14, we will kick off a special giving opportunity to enable members of our congregation to attend Hartman Center summer camp programs. Hartman Center is our UCC Penn Central Conference Outdoor Ministries and Retreat Center located 20 miles below State College in Milroy, PA. Throughout the summer, programs are offered for all ages, including Family, Grandparent/Child, and Adult camps, in addition to those geared to Youth. There is something for everyone!

A special offering to go towards offsetting the costs of camp will be accepted from February 14th through March 28th. Specially marked envelopes will be available in the pews. Just place them in the offering plates with checks made payable to St. Paul's UCC.

Also -- don't miss a special Hartman Center-style breakfast in Fellowship Hall in place of the 9:15 Sunday School hour on February 14. Information about camps at Hartman Center will also be available. If you have any questions, please contact Jonneke Dundore, St. Paul's Hartman Center advocate.