

TODAY AT ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Worship Leadership**

Preacher: The Rev. John Ward-Diorio

Lector: 8:15 Becky Thompson

10:30 Kevin Allison

**Ministry of Music**

Organist: Sarah Myers

Minister of Music: Eric Dundore

**Ministry of Service**

Head Usher: Kevin Allison

8:15 Consistory

10:30 Consistory

10:30 Troup 190

Greeters: 8:15 Patrice and Greg Miller

10:30 Kim and Jim Pirtle

10:30 Troop 190

Acolyte: 8:15

10:30 Jeff Dundore

Children's Sermon: Amy Paulus

Nursery: Dar Murphy

Flower Delivery: Merikay and Don Wood

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

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

FEBRUARY 7, 2010



**Jesus said: "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch"**

**Luke 5:4**

**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 THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 7, 2010

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE RINGING OF THE CHIMES

THE PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Organ "Beside Still Waters"

Rasley

\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP (Call and Response) From Isaiah 6

\*THE HYMN NO. 276 "Holy God We Praise Your Name"

THE PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

**Awe-inspiring and wonder-working God, help us to hear Your suggestions and follow through, no matter how absurd or impossible they may sound. Be with us so we might witness the miracles You perform, through the work we do in our everyday lives. Amen.**

THE CALL TO CONFESSION:

Often we are afraid to follow instructions which seem to run counter to what we know and have learned. While our experience and knowledge are important, we can act as if we know how everything will turn out and what will be the results of our efforts. We resist going against the tide, and leaving everything behind to try. 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



**Ash Wednesday Service, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.** Come join us for this Service of Readings, Prayers, Imposition of Ashes and The Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**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 **next Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Send a donation either by 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](http://www.ucc.org/disaster/major-earthquake-strikes.html). **Tax Relief on Gifts for the Emergency in Haiti:** The Haiti Assistance Income Tax Relief Act allows U.S. taxpayers making contributions for the relief of Haitian earthquake victims to choose to deduct contributions from either 2009 or 2010 federal taxes. Contributions must have been made after January 11, 2010 and before March 1, 2010.

**Do you shop at Giant?** If so, please consider buying **Giant Gift Cards from the Youth Group.** The Youth Group earns \$25.00 for every \$500.00 in gift cards they sell. What do you get? If you purchase a \$50.00 gift card, it costs you \$50.00 and you can use it for \$50.00 in Giant. You do earn bonus points when you shop with a gift card. See Mary Runkle if you would like to purchase.

THUR 6:30 pm MASH Sewing (FH)  
 7:00 pm Called to Care Training (Parlor)  
 FRI 4:00 pm St. Paul's on a Mission Soup Making (Kitchen)  
 SUN FEB 14th 8:15/10:30 am Worship Services/Youth Sunday  
 9:00 am Chorister s  
 9:15 am Breakfast (FH)  
 4:00 pm Tara Savarino Recital (Sanctuary)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Today at the 10:30 service we are recognizing the **Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from Troop 190**. Various groups of this troop meet at our Church on a regular basis. We thank them for their assistance today with greeting and ushering.

**TODAY IS SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY!** The youth will be holding soup pots as you exit the worship services today. Please consider dropping some coins/dollars into the soup pots. 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 charity of choice (we just report how much we raised to the national organization). The money collected this year will go to assist the people in Haiti affected by the earthquake.



**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!

**February 14th** 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.

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 HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 6:1-8

THE PSALTER RESPONSE(sung together) Psalm 138 New Century Hymnal Page #714

THE RESPONSE  
 One: God is still speaking.  
 All: **Thanks be to God!**

THE GOSPEL READING AND MESSAGE Luke 5:1-11  
 "Taking Directions Well"

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  
 8:15 Chancel Choir "Day by Day" Scott  
 10:30 Youth Choir "Still" Morgan

\*THE DOXOLOGY (#780)

\*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)  
**Your voice, O God, we have heard. Your presence has moved us to respond.  
 Send us where You want us to go. Use the resources we dedicate here to empower  
 others to witness to Your love and care. Fill our lives with thanksgiving. Fill our  
 days with purpose. We rededicate ourselves to work and worship that express  
 our profound gratitude for life and all its opportunities. Amen.**

## THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

\*THE COMMUNION HYMN NO. 172 “Jesus Calls Us, o’er the Tumult”

### THE INVITATION

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.**

### THE COMMUNION PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

**(Debts and Debtors)**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

(We will share in the Sacrament in our pews this Sunday. Please hold the elements until all have been served and we will eat and then drink together. There will be bread and gluten-free wafers on each plate and wine and white grape juice in each cup holder. All are welcome to participate. 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 173 (vs. 1, 2+4 only) “You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”

\*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 “A Joyous Acclamation”

Smith

\*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. 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 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

Pat Cleland “In Memory of Ted Bungo”

Jim and Joan Quick “In Honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary”

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Febraury 7th – 14th 2010

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

**Souper Bowl Sunday**

**Scout Sunday @ 10:30 Service**

**9:00 am Choristers**

**9:15 am Sunday School**

**11:30 am Youth Sunday Practice after second service(Rm 7/8)**

4:00 pm Tara Savarino Recital (Sanctuary)

MON 6:00 pm MASH Color Guard (FH)

6:30 pm Tiger Den (Rm 13)

**7:00 pm Bible Study @ Anna Thompson’s home**

TUES **1:00 pm Prayer Shawl Ministry (Parlor)**

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)**

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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 and All the people who have lost jobs and their families

*Celebrations*

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On Sunday, February 21st, a small group of folks will be conducting an Accessibility Audit of our church. This accessibility audit is designed to help us analyze our church facilities, and our methods of communication and attitudes. The results of the audit will help us identify barriers that can cause persons with disabilities to be excluded from full participation in worship and other congregational activities. Realizing that the goal of full accessibility is a continuing process, this audit of our building and communications will be a starting point for working towards greater accessibility.

If this is an issue of interest to you, please join us on Sunday, February 21st to complete the church audit. We will meet immediately following the 10:30 am service and expect to complete our work by mid afternoon. A lite lunch will be served.

RSVP to Shirley Keith Knox at 697-6946 or at [skeithknox@comcast.net](mailto:skeithknox@comcast.net). Questions: See Shirley Keith Knox or Dennis Plymette.

**Check out the signup sheets on the bulletin board in the commons:** CHILD SPONSORSHIPS - cost per month to sponsor a child in 2010 will be \$30.00; ALTAR FLOWERS - cost per Sunday for altar flowers is \$32.00; FELLOWSHIP TIME ; UCC Homes AUCTION- items needed; ST. PAUL'S ON A MISSION SOUP & EASTER EGG SALE; LENTEN READING SERIES and to sign up to help in the NURSERY.



**REBUILDING TOGETHER WORK DAY** - St. Paul's will again be participating in the Rebuilding Together national work day on **Saturday, April 24, 2010**. Please reserve that date if you are interested in being part of our team. A sign up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in March. If you

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