

PREAMBLE: “In 200 A.D., St. Clement of Alexandria urged Christians to use symbols as decoration... the dove – the fish – the ship – the anchor.” The United Church, with its Congregational, Evangelical United Brethren, Methodist, and Presbyterian backgrounds, have been slowly learning the languages and values of symbols – to use them as part of our religious education. A banner is meant to be a celebration. It proclaims the hope and dreams, joy or sorrow of a faith community. The function of banners is to keep the truth before us.

POLICY: Banners may be displayed in the Sanctuary of St. Paul’s as a form of worship by groups or individuals.

APPROVED: Worship Committee

DATE: March 1, 1998

GUIDELINES:

1. It is suggested for those thinking of creating banners to have preliminary conversations with the Worship Committee.
2. Individuals or groups wishing to display a banner within the sanctuary must obtain permission from the Worship Committee.
3. Banners shall portray a theme consistent with the beliefs of the worship family of St. Paul’s.
4. For the most part, banners displayed will be “seasonal”, that is to say, they speak to the Christian “Season” and are not intended to be displayed for long periods of time.
5. The Worship Committee will determine the appropriateness of theme and the length of time of display of the banner.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 1998