

# CHRONICLER

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

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## Pastor Dan's Annual Report

From my point of view, things are going well at Evangelical UCC. This congregation continues to give me wonderful opportunities to grow as a preacher, teacher, and provider of pastoral care. I can only think of two small disappointments: we have very few visitors and I still have not presided at a wedding! I am trusting in God that both of those problems will eventually be resolved.

Instead of a sweeping analysis of the church situation, I decided this year to review the calendar and share with you the variety of activities, small and large, that I have been blessed to participate in this year. This time, I am reporting on some of the things that I do in addition to leading worship and teaching Sunday morning and Wednesday evening Bible study. I have also skipped by participation in well-attended fellowship activities, mainly because that participation chiefly consists of overeating! I am presenting them in no particular order.

### **Lunch with Pastor Sam:**

Pastor Sam Roethemeyer and I have lunch at the Branding Iron in Jackson the first Monday of each month. Sam has been wonderfully encouraging and supportive of my work. He is a good friend and a trusted advisor.

### **St. Francis Hospital Devotionals:**

Each Monday, I present the 8 AM devotional at the beautiful chapel in the St. Francis Medical Center. Our good friend, UCC Chaplain Greg Heinsman, coordinates these devotionals. In these devotionals, I usually open with the

morning Psalm, followed by the daily Gospel reading. I then present five or so minutes of reflections on the reading. Greg then plays a recorded inspirational song, and I end with a prayer for the staff, patients, and patients' relatives.

### **Pastoral Counseling:**

I am a Pastoral Care Specialist and National Certified Counselor and I work to develop and maintain my counseling skills. Rev. Aline Russell at Care and Counseling in St. Louis is my personal counselor and pastoral care advisor. I meet with Aline about every other week, usually on Wednesday. We review my personal and professional concerns and develop positive ways to deal with stress. Aline helps me keep a balanced and calm perspective on all of life's problems. On some of my

visits to Care and Counseling, I also attended educational seminars on current developments in counseling and mental health.

For most of 2009, I met once or twice a month on Fridays at Cracker Barrel for breakfast with Patrick Tankersley and Michael Hester. Meeting with these fellow pastoral counselors provided a great opportunity to share case studies and educational experiences on counseling and theological issues. Unfortunately, due to scheduling problems, we have not been able to continue those meetings into 2009.

### **Pastoral Visitation:**

During 2009, I settled on a schedule of doing pastoral visits on Thursday and Friday. I visit the Lutheran Home and the Missouri Veterans



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Home, as well as some of our church members who are unable to leave their homes. These visits regularly include a home communion service. I also do hospital visits as requested. Please do not hesitate to call the church office to request a visit for yourself, family member, or fellow church member.

### **Confirmation Classes:**

I started the year teaching confirmation to Lex and Veronica Spencer and ended the year teaching Sarah Elfrink. For me, teaching confirmation is a good way to stay in touch with young people. In teaching confirmation, I have emphasized Bible study as the heart of a Christian life. I am also very pleased that we continue to use the Evangelical Catechism in our classes. Our fall confirmation class is taught in cooperation with Emmanuel Church in Jackson and St. John's Church in Fruitland. It is always a pleasure working with Pastor Sam Roethemeyer and Pastor Dave Schaffner. This class included a field trip to the Emmaus Home for the disabled, my first visit to that wonderful facility.

### **Community Meetings:**

I try to attend community activities when my schedule allows.

I attend meetings of Love INC. Under the excellent leadership of Eva Hillis, Love INC, has worked to coordinate the services that churches offer to the needy, especially those services that help people become more independent. Evangelical UCC continues to be a financial support of Love INC.

I also regularly attended meetings of the Cape Ministerial Alliance. This group is open to all Cape Girardeau pastors and meets monthly, alternating between St. Francis Medical Center and Southeast Hospital. Evangelical UCC participated in the 2009 National Day of Prayer Breakfast, sponsored jointly by the Cape Girardeau and Jackson ministerial alliances. In 2010, I will be serving as the Vice President of the Cape Ministerial Alliance.

During 2009, I also attended the Martin Luther King Day breakfast at the Osage Center and delivered the opening prayer at a Cape Girardeau City Council meeting.

### **JCMM:**

You all have heard plenty about my trip to Jamaica on the medical mission. You may not know that for most of 2009, I bused tables and refilled drinks at McAlister's Deli once a month on Monday nights. The mission received a percentage of sales in exchange for our volunteer labor. We also had a chance to tell customers about the mission, resulting in cash tips that went into our mission fund. On most nights, I was working with Stanley Beggs of Jackson and Pastor Loren Boechler of Trinity Lutheran Church, so I also had plenty of fun and fellowship. Unfortunately, we will not be able to continue this fundraiser in 2010.

### **Downtown Council of Churches:**

I attend monthly meeting of the Downtown Council of Churches, a group that is open to all churches in downtown Cape Girardeau. Marla Mills, Executive Director of Old Town Cape also participates, so this group helps me keep in touch with what is going on in Cape Girardeau. As you can guess, there were many discussions of Reverend Larry Rice and the issue of the best way to help the homeless in Cape Girardeau. With support from Evangelical UCC church members, I helped plan and participated in the Good Friday Cross Walk, the Easter Son Rise Service [this time at the new overlook next to the SEMO River Campus], the Blue Sky Church in Capaha Park, and the Community Thanksgiving Service.

### **Eden Seminary Course:**

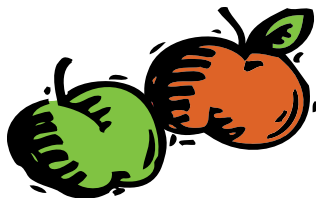
I completed an online course in Old Testament studies through Eden Seminary. I made an "A" and Pastor Sam Roethemeyer reports that the instructor at Eden was very impressed with my work. The class was hard work, but fun and rewarding. I finally really understand what "exegesis" means. Just do not ask me to

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explain it for you! Unfortunately, there are no additional online classes offered by Eden. Currently, I am auditing some online lectures offered by Covenant Seminary in St. Louis. This seminary offers lectures from 20 courses free of charge on its web page. The views taught at this conservative Presbyterian seminary are an interesting contrast to what is taught at Eden.

### Rolling Dumplings and Apple Butter Making:

Whenever I can, I roll dumplings, both for the Friendship Circle and the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission. Rolling is great fun, except when it gets to your back! I think I am getting better, mainly by imitating Calvin Sailer's technique. The El-frink family gave me a beautiful marble rolling pin for Christmas, so I am now really part of the team!



As most of you know, I also participated in apple butter making. I stick to the outside jobs, mainly those involving lifting heavy objects. In 2009, we experienced the wonder of Stanley's French fry cutter!

### Denominational Meetings:

I think I attended more denominational meetings in 2009 than any other year. They included:

In April, a conference for Licensed Ministers at UCC headquarters in Cleveland. Dave Schaffner and I had a great trip. We got to meet many other licensed ministers from the Midwest, got to worship in the beautiful Amistad Chapel at UCC headquarters, and took a dinner cruise on Lake Erie. The cruise was fun despite poor weather because we shared the dining room and dance floor with a high school senior trip!

In June, EUCC hosted a planning meeting for the Missouri Mid South Conference, the Habbakuk Project.

In August, I attended another meeting for licensed ministers at Eden Seminary.

In September, the Persons in Ministry Retreat at the Lake of the Ozarks.

In September, I attended the Eastern Association Fall meeting in St. Charles, MO.

In October, I attended the Missouri Mid South Conference Biennial Meeting in Independence, Missouri. That meeting included worship and a favorable vote on an *almost* balanced budget for the conference. I also sang in the choir at the final worship. Unfortunately, attending that meeting prevented me from going to Shannondale.

Many of these meetings were educational and the fellowship with other pastors was enjoyable. However, as a political and theological moderate/conservative I frequently feel out of place in the company of so many starry-eyed progressives. The serious financial problems of the denomination at the state and national levels has also lent an air of "doom and gloom" to these meetings. I see attending these meetings primarily as an obligation we must fulfill as a congregation belonging to the UCC.

### Closing Note

Thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to use so many of my gifts and talents to serve this congregation and to grow as a pastor and a human being. I know that my relationship with this congregation will change over time as needs and environment change. Feel free to make suggestions to me, the Diaconate, or the Council on ways I can do a better job.

On a personal note, I will always remember 2009 as the year Michelle Schrock and I became engaged to be married. See you at the all-church reception on October 24 after church!



## Lent Schedule

### February 17

#### Ash Wednesday Service

Light Supper of Soup and Fruit  
Hosted by Diaconate at 5:30 PM  
Program & Communion at 6:30 PM

#### Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30 PM Light Lenten Meal  
6:30 PM Lenten Program



#### Meal Schedule

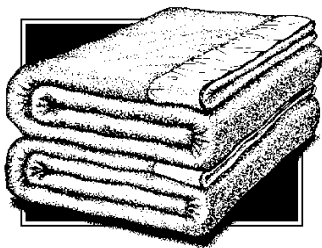
February 17 — Diaconate  
February 24 — Council  
March 3 — Board of Christian Education  
March 10 — Friendship Circle  
March 17 — Union of Concerned Christians  
March 24 — Mary-Martha Circle  
April 1 — Maundy Thursday  
Communion Service  
Potluck—Diaconate

#### Other Dates

April 2 — Good Friday  
April 3 — Easter Vigil or Holy Saturday  
April 4 — Easter Sunday

## Blanket Drive

The blanket drive for Church World Services will be held during the month of February. All donations will be used to purchase blankets for the victims of disasters, like the disaster in Haiti. A \$5.00 donation will purchase one wool blanket.



**Church World Service**  
[www.churchworldservices.org](http://www.churchworldservices.org)

## Union of Concerned Christians

January 12 — Planning Meeting & Appointed a new chair person — Kaye Lee. Tom Schild remains as Treasurer. We are trying some thing different this year: each month a different person or couple will be in charge of the plans for that months activity. Every one needs to cooperate and help each month.

February 21 — Support the ASAP Spaghetti Supper and BINGO.

March 17 — Serve Lenten Meal. Bert and Jo Daume are in charge of the meal.

April 25 — Work Day starting at 1:00 PM.  
Grace Coy and Bob Roloff are in charge.

May ?? — Verla & Calvin Sailer are in charge of planning an afternoon at a local winery. Date to be announced.

June 27 — Homemade Ice Cream Social at Pastor Dan's house, time to be announced. Gary Metje & Tom Schild are in charge.  
Volunteers for freezers of Ice Cream are: Grace Coy, Carolyn & Marvin Best, Bob & Velma Roloff, Calvin & Verla Sailer, and Gary & Clodine Metje. Velma Roloff is to pre-cook the brats.

July & August Vacation Time

Sep 23, 24 & 25 — APPLE BUTTER MAKING Committee remains the same: Gary & Clodine Metje, Bob & Velma Roloff, and Calvin & Verla Sailer.

October 24 — Pastor Dan and Michelle's Wedding Reception at the church. We will support and help in any way we can.

November 6 — Support the Hay Ride at Marvin & Carolyn Best Farm, 5:30 PM

December ?? — We will serve refreshments after the Sunday School Christmas Program. Velma Roloff is in charge, everyone else is asked to bring cookies.

All are welcome to come & be with us any time.

## What's Going On?

Mary-Martha Circle  
& Friendship Circle  
NO February Meetings

### Souper Bowl of Caring

*In Romans 12:13 we are told: Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. This congregation certainly obeys that command.*

As you are probably aware, next Sunday is the FOOTBALL Super Bowl. Our church will also have our S-O-U-P-E-R Bowl [of Caring].

The Souper Bowl of Caring is a grassroots, faith-based crusade against hunger. We are joining other churches, schools, organizations and individuals across the country to fight hunger and poverty by collecting dollars in soup pots on Sunday, February 7th. What is collected stays in the community to help fight hunger, but we report our total to the Souper Bowl of Caring headquarters so that they can come up with a grand total.

Rev. Dr. Brad Smith, founder and executive director said, "It is a way for young people to put God's love into action by developing a heart for helping others. The goal is for these young people to see they can make a difference and for them to continue contributing through volunteerism when they reach adulthood."

In 2009, over 13,000 groups raised over \$10 million for soup kitchens, food banks and other helping charities. Since the Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990, over \$60 million has been given to help those in need. The Souper Bowl of Caring most often benefits local food banks and soup kitchens, but world hunger organizations, denominational missions and other international ministries have also been recipients of Souper Bowl of Caring dollars. Our collection will go to the FISH Food Bank. May God bless our gifts.

Memorial-General Fund  
Scholarship & Memorial Fund  
NO Contributions for January

### ASAP Spaghetti-Bingo

It is time once again for the ASAP Youth Group to have their B-I-N-G-O — Spaghetti Dinner. So, put Sunday, February 21st @ 5:00 PM, on your calendar. Plan on joining us for an evening full of fun & games, good food and Christian fellowship.



### All Church Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 6, 2010  
8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
33 South Ellis

Proceeds to Benefit A.S.A.P.  
Youth Group



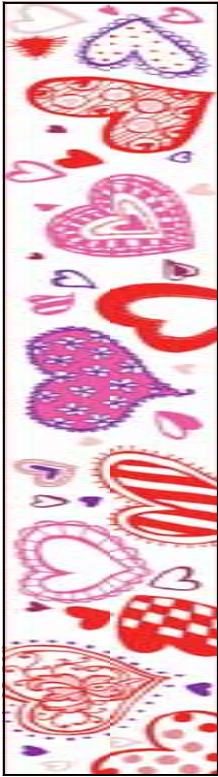
### Rev. Jim Caughlin

Marsha has said Jim is doing Chemo and radiation, started January 20, 2010 at Siteman Cancer Center. It is hard for him to swallow and he can whisper. He has facebook and checks his e-mail regularly. Here is Rev. Jim's email address: [caughlan@ecunet.com](mailto:caughlan@ecunet.com)

Their address is:  
114 Spangle Way Court  
O'Fallon, Mo 63366

## Council Financial Report

Beginning Check Book	Balance 12-1-09	\$9,087.95
Deposits	December	\$11,760.00
	Interest	\$0.10
	Transfer Edward Jones	<u>\$1,850.00</u>
	<b>Total Deposits for December</b>	<b>\$13,610.10</b>
Disbursements	December	\$12,975.13
Ending Check Book	Balance 12-31-09	\$9,722.92
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Wachovia Securities/ A.G. Edwards {Memorial Fund}	Balance 12-1-09	\$10,478.30
	Interest	\$0.27
	Deposits	\$220.00
	Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance	As of 12-31-09	\$10,698.57
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Check Book Balance	As of 01-15-10	\$8,255.85



## Calendar Information

2010	7th	14th	21st	28th
<b>DIACONATE</b>	Kaye Lee	Bill & Rhonda Bolton	Tammy Popp	Michael Bodine
<b>GREETERS</b>	Diaconate	Roxie Lindsay	Bert & Jobyna Daume	Ramona Brinkopf
<b>LITURGISTS</b>	Bill Bolton	Kaylyn Sneathen	Frank Maevers, Jr.	Rhonda Bolton
<b>COMMUNION PREP TEAM</b>	Bill & Rhonda Bolton	—————	—————	—————
<b>USHERS</b>	CAPTAIN- Michael Bodine Bill Bolton Rhonda Bolton Maxine Hale Kaye Lee Frank Maevers, Jr. Gary Metje Barbara Oberbeck Helen Owens Tammy Popp Verla Sailer Rebecca Schild Tom Schild Brian Stahlman Bonnie Wilkening	CAPTAIN- GORDON WALTON Rhonda Bolton Bill McMillan Barbara Oberbeck Van Sander	CAPTAIN- PAUL PROPST Bill Bolton Frank Maevers, Jr. Jeff Sneathen Alvin Spencer	CAPTAIN- RANDY COY Michael Bodine Cayleigh Bolton Bob Roloff Lori Siebert


# Prayer List

In case of hospitalization or surgery please notify our church office. When being admitted to a hospital be sure to tell them that you are affiliated with this congregation. \* indicates a new request. **Please note:** after six months names will be removed from the prayer list, unless an update is made to the church office.

**Please Pray for those on our Prayer List.**

Leo Amelunke; 12-09  
 Josh Amelunke; 12-09  
 \*Marvin Best, Jr; 01-10  
 Ruth Bierschwal; 07-09  
 Connie Blattner; 11-09  
 Dora Briggs; 07-09  
 \*Jim Caughlin; 01-10  
 \*Darline Dow; 01-10  
 Aleene Ellinger; 08-09  
 [Jane McMillan's mother]  
 Lillian Graden; 09-09  
 Virginia Heise; 08-09  
 Joan Hope  
 Ernie Jordan; 10-09  
 Ida Mae Jordan; 12-09  
 \*Margie Kurre; 01-10  
 Carolyn Keese; 12-09  
 [Bolton Family Friend]  
 David Kies; 01-10  
 \*Sally McMillan; 01-10  
 [Bill & Jane's sister-in-law]  
 Ester Nussbaum  
 Marilyn Propst; 11-09  
 Jean Ratliff; 08-09 [Jamaican CMM]  
 Jacob Sandvos; 12-09  
 [Barbara Lynch's Grandson]

Slaughter Family; 08-09  
 Chris Spivey; 08-09  
 [Michelle's Nephew]  
 Tanner Stallins; 10-09  
 Margaret Tallent; 07-09  
 Marjorie Thompson; 07-09  
 J.D. Treadwell; 09-09  
 Norma Trickey; 12-09  
 Burnell Turner; 11-09  
 Winfield Family; 07-09



*You're in Our Prayers*

## NURSING HOME & HOUSE BOUND

<p><b>Ratliff Nursing Home</b>                  717 N. Sprigg Street                  Cape Girardeau, MO 63701                  Polly Wilmsmeyer</p> <p><b>Fountainbleau Lodge</b>                  2001 N. Kingshighway                  Cape Girardeau, MO 63701                  Alta Proffer</p>	<p><b>Veteran's Home</b>                  2400 Veterans Memorial Dr                  Cape Girardeau, MO 63703                  Frank Maevers, Sr.                  Kenny Mehrle</p>	<p><b>Lutheran Home</b>                  2825 Bloomfield Road                  Cape Girardeau, MO 63703                  Dorothy Cole                  Leonard Moore                  Esther Nussbaum</p>	<p><b>House Bound</b>                  Loyd Bollinger                  S. G. Coy                  Mary Huckstep                  David Kies                  Helen Owens</p>
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**Church Times**

Fellowship 9:00 AM  
Children's Sunday School 9:30 AM  
Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship Service 10:35 AM



	<b>BIRTHDAYS</b>		<b>ANNIVERSARIES</b>
2	Keith Weisenborn & Paul Propst	2	Kenny & Roxie Lindsay Jim & Nancy Gibson
3	Warren Daume & Penny Johns	3	Paul & Marilyn Propst
5	Sarah Elfrink	6	Marvin, Sr. & Verna Best
8	Cooper Phillips	7	Lisa & Kevin Elfrink
9	Imogene Bollinger	15	J.D. & Joyce Treadwell
11	Howard Hope & Corky McCormack		
15	J.D. Treadwell		
16	Cody Phillips		
22	Louis Geldmacher & Joe Blattner		
23	Harvey Dow		

