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Cape Girardeau, Missouri

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March 2009

What's Going On?

Lent Schedule

Wednesday Night Schedule

5:30 Light Lenten Meal
6:45 Brief Evening Prayer—Offertory collection for
One Great Hour of Sharing
7:00 Open Gym



Meal Schedule

Please contact the church office to sign up for your group to serve a light Lenten meal. Thank You.

February 25—Diaconate
March 4—Friendship Circle
March 11—Union of Concerned Christians
March 18—Board of Christian Education
March 25—Church Council
April 1—Mary Martha Circle
April 9—Maundy Thursday Communion Service
Potluck—Diaconate

Other Events

April 10—Good Friday Evening Prayer
April 11—Easter Vigil

Pancakes & Sausage

The ASAP Youth Group will host a Pancake and Sausage Luncheon on, Sunday, March 22nd directly following the church service. A free will donation will be collected.



All-Church Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 7, 2009
8 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Evangelical United Church of Christ
33 South Ellis
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Chili and Hot Dogs
available for purchase
from 11:00 AM—1:00 PM

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

Please gather your good, clean, gently used items like clothing, purses, shoes, household items, toys, games, books, puzzles and donate them to the ASAP



youth group for their Rummage Sale in March. Please bring your items to the lower auditorium. *We will set up and price items on Thursday, March 5th, please come and help setup for Saturday.*

Work Day Project

The UCC Group will have a work day on Sunday, March 22nd immediately following the ASAP Pancake and Sausage luncheon. Please plan on staying to help complete some Spring cleaning projects around the church. If you have a suggestion for a Spring cleaning project, please call Bob & Velma Roloff with your suggestions. Phone 335-



What's Going On? Continued

Mary-Martha Circle



The Mary-Martha Circle will meet on Thursday, March 5th at 1:30 PM. Dorothy Klein will have devotions and hostesses will be Marsha Clark and Dorothy Klein.

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00 PM. Grace Coy will have the devotions. Hostesses for the evening will be Grace Coy and Dorothy Klein. Please come join the fun and bring a friend or two.



"Love Yourself" Banquet

Thank you so much for opening up your facility for our "Love Yourself" Banquet. The work of your members was more than we had hoped for.



Please share our thanks with your congregation. Their generosity and caring hearts are very much appreciated!

—Linda Garner
Safe House for Women

Don't Be Late!



On Saturday, March 7th, be sure to set your clocks ahead by one hour or you will be late to church on Sunday, **March 8th**. So, don't for get or you will be late!

Jamaican Christian Medical Mission Textile Recycling



When: March 13 - 23
Trailer open during the day.

Where: Evangelical United Church of Christ
33 South Ellis Street
Cape Girardeau, MO



What: Donate your used clothing, household linens (bedding, curtains, drapes, towels), paired shoes (soles intact with no holes), belts, purses, backpacks & toys (less than 12", single type toys, soft or hard; no books, puzzles, board games).

**Items cannot be wet or mildewed.

How: Place items in garbage/trash bags & take to the trailer (yellow & white stripe) on the front parking lot of the church or give to any JCMM member.

- Textiles make up 4% of the contents in landfills. Recycling these items will benefit people in need and raise money for the organization.
- Reusing or recycling your textiles will save landfill space as well as energy used in the manufacture of new products.

Provide good, affordable clothes for people around the world; Cut torn items into usable cleaning rags; Grind un-wearable cotton clothing into fiber for use in papermaking; Shred torn sweaters to make stuffing (automotive upholstery); Shred other textiles into fibers for various uses.

Confirmation Book Report: Ruth

EUCC Confirmation Class 2008-2009 — By Veronica Spencer

THE BACKGROUND OF RUTH

Story is set in the times of the Judges, a time characterized in the book of Judges as a period of religious and moral degeneracy, national disunity, and frequent foreign oppression.

LOCATION IN THE BIBLE

The reason why the book is where it is in the Bible is because the Book of Ruth, by telling us about King David's ancestors, sheds light on David's role in the history of redemption.

WHY WE SHOULD READ THIS BOOK

Why we should read the book Ruth is because it's a short simple book in the bible and it will tell you about the main person, Ruth, and her role as someone who truly obeyed the will of God, even in life's hard times.

QUOTES

Ruth 1:16 But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Ruth 2:4, "The Lord bless you."

Ruth 3:10, "This kindness is greater than that which you showed earlier."

Ruth 3:11, "We are witnesses," said the elders and those at the gates.

THREE WAYS THIS BOOK HELPS ME

Three ways the Book of Ruth helps me is with the importance of the faithful love in the human relationship. Another reason is to not be rude to other people and not criticize them. Another way is to help other people and to stay away from bad people and things.

QUESTIONS

Three questions I have are:

1. How many characters are there in the book of Ruth?
2. How many chapters are there in the book of Ruth?
3. What type of book is Ruth?



Council Financial Report

Beginning Check Book	Balance 1-1-09	\$28,774.96
Deposits	January	\$6,039.94
	Interest	\$0.24
Total Deposits for January		\$6,040.18
Disbursements	January	\$7,704.00
Ending Check Book	Balance 1-31-09	\$27,111.14
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Wachovia Securities/ A.G. Edwards {Memorial Fund}	Balance 11-30-08	\$10,873.67
	Interest	\$7.61
	Deposits	\$1,951.00
	Disbursements:	----
Ending Balance	As of 12-31-08	\$12,832.28
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Check Book Balance	As of 2-06-09	\$26,399.14

Calendar Information

2009	March 1 st	March 8 th	March 15 th	March 22 nd	March 29 th
DIACONATE	Barbara Oberbeck	Kaye Lee	Rhonda Bolton	Gary Metje	Michael Bodine
GREETERS	Jim & Marilyn Garner	Gordon & Andrea Walton	Marian Jordan	Paul & Marilyn Propst	Ernie & Ida Mae Jordan
LITURGISTS	Linda Schild	Lex & Veronica Spencer	Rhonda Bolton	Kaylyn Sneathen	Grace Coy
COMMUNION PREP TEAM	Michael Bodine Maxine Hale Barbara Oberbeck	-----	-----	-----	-----
USHERS	CAPTAIN- Michael Bodine Bill Bolton Rhonda Bolton Louis Geldmacher Maxine Hale Kaye Lee Gary Metje Barbara Oberbeck Helen Owens Tammy Popp Calvin & Verla Sailer Rebecca Schild Tom Schild Brian Stahlman Bonnie Wilkening	CAPTAIN- GORDON WALTON Rhonda Bolton Barbara Oberbeck Van Sander	CAPTAIN- PAUL PROPST Bill Bolton Jeff Sneathen Alvin Spencer	CAPTAIN- RANDY COY Michael Bodine Bob Roloff Lori Siebert	USHERS Deacesse & Youth

Prayer List & Friends at Home

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.*

Joyce Abernathy; 10-08
 Leo Amelunke; 11-08
 Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08
 Ruby Bock; 01-09
 *Loyd Bollinger
 Ian Bolton; 10-08
“Red” Clifton; 08-08
 Darlene Dow; 01-09
 Lexi Edwards; 11-08
 Aleene Ellinger—**R. Bolton’s Grandma**; 10-08
 Dean & Carolena Galloway; 11-08
 Joan Hope
 Ernie & Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08
 Jane Juergens; 09-08
 Anita MacDonald; 09-08
 Frank, Jr & Ame Maevers; 09-08
 *Frank Maevers, Sr.; 03-09
 Dana McClard; 12-08
 M.D. McMillan; 08-08
 *Ester Nussbaum
 Andora Peetz Family; 01-09
 Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08
 Jerry Schloss; 01-09
 Bob & Nora Lee Seabaugh; 09-08
 *Meta Siemers; 02-09
 Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09

Friends at Home

Ratliff Nursing Home
 717 N. Sprigg Street
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Polly Wilmsmeyer

Fountainbleau Lodge
 2001 N. Kingshighway
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Alta Proffer

Lutheran Home
 2825 Bloomfield Road
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Dorothy Cole
 Viola Geiser
 *Frank Maevers, Sr.
 Leonard Moore
 *Esther Nussbaum

Auburn Creek
 2910 Beaver Creek Drive
 Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

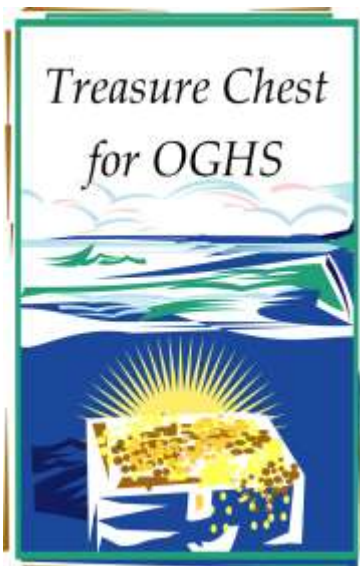
Irene Orlando

Home Bound
 S. G. Coy
 Mary Huckstep
 Kenny Mehrle
 Helen Owens



“With everlasting Love I will have compassion on you ...”
 Isaiah 54 : 8

One Great Hour of Sharing 2009



We're going on a treasure hunt! We won't be digging holes around the church searching for buried gold, though. Instead, we're searching for God's treasure.

Scripture provides the map. For God, we are treasure: "You are children of the Lord your God. . . . It is you the Lord has chosen . . . to be his people, his treasured possession" (Deuteronomy 14:1-2). Although those words were spoken long ago to people in another part of the world, Galatians 3:26 assures us that we are included, too: "For in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith." "Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in his sight" goes the children's song, voicing the truth that God treasures all people, throughout the world.

One of the gifts of being God's children is that sometimes we are called to be "treasure tenders" for God. We tend God's treasure here in our congregation with the love and care we show each other through special meals, visiting the sick and shut-in, teaching Christian discipleship, and praying for each other. We are also invited to tend God's treasures beyond our congregation by participating in One Great Hour of Sharing.

Life can be tough at times. Hurricanes, earthquakes, cyclones, and tsunamis smash communities to bits. Wars and ethnic conflicts shatter the very foundations of life, shoving people out of their homes and transforming them into frightened refugees. Persistent hunger, drought, poverty, lack of education, and ill health shrivel the life and dry the spirit, leaving individuals to crumble from the inside out.




Through One Great Hour of Sharing, we gently, persistently, and strongly care for God's treasures. By sharing some of our earthly treasure—our money, our time, our energy—decisive aid can be sent when disaster strikes. Refugees receive help in the long term as they rebuild their lives. We help people help themselves through education, health care, tools, seeds, and resources to improve community infrastructure.

And the sharing is mutual. When we care for people, we can be transformed by experiencing the presence of God. Seeing what others have lost, we are reminded what matters most in life. Seeing what others live through, we are inspired to live courageously. Seeing that new life is possible, our hope rises. Working with others, we realize that God reaches out to all of us. Relying on God for the outcome, our faith increases.

First Timothy 6:18-19a exhorts us "to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up . . . the treasure of a good foundation for the future." Our treasure is doing God's will, loving God, and loving God's treasured people, so we all "may take hold of the life that really is life" (1 Timothy 6:19b). Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). May you find your treasure, and your heart, by sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing.



March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday Kaye Lee & Susan Spinks 1 PM—5 PM multi-purpose room	2	3	4 Friendship Circle Lent Meal 5:30 PM Open Gym 7:00 PM	5 Mary-Martha Circle, 1:30 PM Set up for ASAP Rummage Sale	6 	7 ASAP Rummage Sale 8 AM—1PM Mindy Best 2:30— 6:30 PM multi pur- pose room
8 	9	10 Friendship Circle 7:00 PM	11 UCC Group Lent Meal 5:30 PM Open Gym 7:00 PM	12	13 Jamaican Mission textile trailer arrives	14 MO Mentoring 10 AM—1 PM [lower auditorium]
15 Jamaican Meeting 3:00 PM	16 Council 7:30 PM	17 	18 B. of Christian Ed. Lent Meal 5:30 PM Open Gym 7:00 PM	19	20 Deadline for April Chronicler	21
22 ASAP Pancake— Sausage Luncheon UCC "Work Day" After Lunch One Great Hour of Sharing Special Mis- sion Offering	23 Jamaican Mission textile trailer leaves	24 Diaconate 7:00 PM	25 Church Council Lent Meal 5:30 PM Open Gym 7:00 PM	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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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

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUEST

Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Tyler Brinkopf
5	Dorothy Klein
7	Viola Geiser, Esther Nussbaum
8	Shirley Harrison
9	Marsha Clark
10	Melanie Coy
11	David Kies
12	Grace Coy
17	Pat Suzuki
18	Vernell Poinsett
20	Steven Garner & Van Ayers
23	Irene Amos & Margie Eakins
25	Frank Maevers, Sr.
26	Linda Schild
28	Jordan Sneathen
30	Kurt Lindsay

11	Kenny & Marsha Clark
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New Members

We have 2 new members join our congregation. Please add them to your church directory.

Bill & Jane McMillan
 702 Grove Avenue
 Scott City, MO 63780
 [573] 264-3180