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Shelter of HOPE

Dear Friends:

Through my participation in the Downtown Council of Churches, I have been involved in several discussions on how to address the homeless problem in Cape Girardeau. I have some experience working with the homeless through my participation in the "Room at the Inn" program in St. Louis. For several years, I helped host homeless families at my church about one night a month. We cooked dinner for the families, watched a movie with them, played with their kids, slept over with them on cots at the church, and fixed them breakfast. I also worked with homeless mental health clients at the Bootheel Counseling Service in Sikeston.

The Shelter of Hope is a new locally run homeless shelter for Cape Girardeau that was initiated by Chaplain Terry Wildman. I was recently honored with a request from the Shelter of Hope to serve on their Board of Directors. At our last meeting, the EUCC Council approved my accepting that position. I believe the Shelter of Hope offers us a significant opportunity to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of "the least" of Christ's [and our] brothers and sisters. The following information has been provided by the Shelter and in press reports.

Your Friend in Christ,
Pastor Dan

The Mission

Shelter of Hope aims to be a hand up to those in crisis, who are homeless or in danger of becoming homeless in a matter of days. The Shelter of Hope has use of a building rent-free for a year, thanks to Alliance Bank. The Shelter of Hope is in a

good location on Sprigg Street across from the Salvation Army. The building is in good condition, but the space needs to be subdivided to provide room for a resale/free-sale shop, a fellowship room with a small kitchen capability, and two small dorms, one for men, and one for women. The shelter is neither a halfway house nor a transitional housing facility.

The Shelter of Hope aims to work collaboratively with other churches, charities, and service providers. A Board of Directors that includes community leaders and pastors oversees the Shelter. The Shelter is being organized as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, nonprofit charity. The Shelter is committed to operating on a sound basis with strong oversight and good financial management.

The Shelter of Hope is not affiliated with Larry Rice or the New Life Evangelistic Center. According to the Southeast Missourian Newspaper, Rice continues to pursue his application to obtain the federal building at 339 Broadway to use as an emergency homeless shelter and transitional housing center. The application is pending before the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

As reported by KFVS Channel 12, at a press conference on February 10th, Mayor Jay Knudtson and city manager Scott Meyer stated that the Shelter has "the complete support" of the city. At the same meeting, Nancy Jernigan with the United Way says it was "easy" to rally against Larry Rice's shelter last year, but they did not want to pretend a homeless problem didn't exist. "What we always left the room saying was, this does not mean we don't have a homeless need of some sort," Jernigan says. "No, we don't need a federal building. No, we don't have 2000 people. But, there is a need because we hear stories every day."



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Chaplain Terry Wildman

Chaplain Terry Wildman leads the Shelter of Hope. Chaplain Terry raised his family in Cape County. He enjoyed a steady job and a nice home. Then in 1998, a bad cervical spine accident led to unemployment and they lost their home. Explaining his call to ministry, Wildman remembers when he had to turn to the kindness of strangers to keep his family off the street. It was touch and go, and he often had to turn to God for courage and strength to persevere.

Although grateful, Wildman was still half-lost and could not see what purpose was left for his life. Surely, there was more than sitting in a recliner, collecting a disability pension. His answer came clearly and powerfully: you are now well suited, with humility, gratitude and life experience, to go out in God's Name to touch the lives of desperate homeless and nearly homeless people.

Wildman was fully trained and certified in 2005 for homeless chaplaincy through Chaplain Fellowship Ministries, based in Temple, Texas. He took further training in Bible and Bible Study leadership. Then it was time to put it to the test. He actively sought out the homeless in Cape County. For seven years, he has found the lost, offered them a listening ear, a hot meal, found them a bed, and advised them on their choices out of despair. Recently, for two months, Chaplain Wildman was principle minister at the New Life Evangelistic Center Homeless Outreach on Broadway. In mid January, he submitted his resignation in order to be free to start a locally based homeless ministry.

How to Help

Challenges and opportunities for individuals and groups are unfolding quickly. Many have asked how they can help with this work. Shelter of

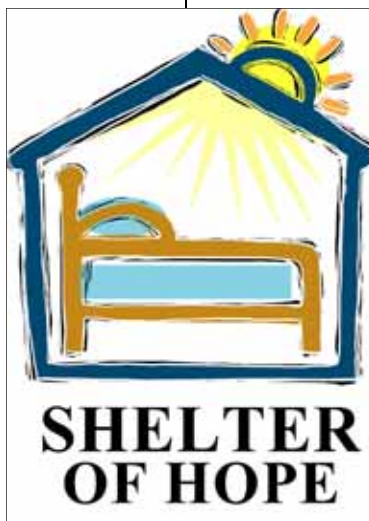
Hope will find some way that all interested people can help. Organizers say they already have a donated stove, other equipment, and a dozen beds, but the building itself still needs a lot of work.

The first round of help concerns opening the center at 320 S. Sprigg Street, and will enlist tradesmen and amateur "fix it uppers." The next round will be regular volunteers for the Shelter, both the dormitory and the resale/free-sale store. As soon as the doors are open, donated clothes and household items will be accepted at the Shelter. Gifts of Hope are pledges to donate \$25.00 per month for twelve months. These are being solicited now, from individuals and groups. More than a dozen churches and several individuals have already pledged to Gifts of Hope. Checks are to be sent to "Shelter of Hope"; P. O. Box 676; Cape Girardeau, MO 63702.

Matthew 22: 34 "Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me

something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' 37 "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' 40 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' AMEN.

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What's Going On?

Souper Bowl of Caring

The ASAP Youth Group would like to give everyone a big THANK YOU for their contribution to the Souper Bowl of Caring event held on February 7th. The youth were able to collect \$187.25 to be given to the local FISH food pantry.

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All Church Rummage Sale

Evangelical United Church of Christ
33 South Ellis



Saturday,
March 6, 2010
8:00 AM to
12:00 PM

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

Friendship Circle

Our first scheduled meeting of 2010 will be on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 PM. Grace Coy will have the devotions. Our hostesses for the evening will be Dorothy Klein and Grace Coy.

The Friendship Circle will be joining the Mary Martha Circle on Friday, March 12th here at Evangelical UCC for the World Day of Prayer with the Church Women United.

Union of Concerned Christians

The Union of Concerned Christians will serve the March 17th Lenten Meal. Bert and Jobyna Daume will be in charge of the meal.



Mary-Martha Circle

Mary Martha Circle will NOT meet on March 4th. Instead, they will co-host with the Friendship Circle for the World Day of Prayer luncheon for the Church Women United.

Church Women United will celebrate World Day of Prayer at Evangelical UCC on Friday, March 12th. Hostesses will be the two circles, and all ladies of the church are encouraged to attend. Hostesses are Joyce Treadwell, Grace Coy, Roxie Lindsay, Phyllis Garstang, and Meta Siemers. Registration starts at 11:30 AM.

A light lunch will be served at 11:45 AM. The program, "Let Everything that Has Breath



Praise God" will be presented following the meal. Questions? Call Joyce Treadwell or Meta Siemers.

Lent Schedule



**Wednesday
Nigh Schedule**
5:30 PM Light
Lenten Meal
6:30 PM Lenten
Program

Meal Schedule

- 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

Salem Cemetery

I'm sending a note to inform everyone of our status with the Salem Cemetery. With our investment over the past several years, selling a few plots, and memorials, we have been able to take care of the mowing and actually increase our fund every year. The problem will start this year with our CD interest dropping from 4.40% to ???

The cemetery portion of each mowing is \$24.00; this is from the county road back to the fence, including all the tombstones. The average year, [as has been the last two years], requires 13 mowings, or \$312.00. If we increase the CD to \$13,000.00 and could get 2.5% interest we would be about at the breakeven point.

However, as many of you know I have had some health problems and if we had to hire someone else to mow, the rate will definitely go up. Marvin Sr. still helps with the mowing but has resigned his position on the board. Thanks for his time and effort in helping get the perpetual care fund started.

We are very pleased to welcome Billy Brinkopf as the new chairman of the Board. I will remain on as Secretary / Treasurer. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact Billy or me. We appreciate hearing from you.

In Christian Love,
Marvin Best, Jr.

Salem Evangelical Cemetery Fund

Balance checking account:	\$988.07
Balance CD maturing 3/22/10	\$12,500.00

Income 2009:

EUCC share of mowing	\$143.00
Total year's interest	\$550.98

Expenses 2009:

Marvin Best Jr. 13 mowings	\$455.00
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What's Going On? Continued...

Don't Be Late!

On Saturday, March 13th, be sure to set your clocks ahead by one hour or you will be late to church on Sunday, March 14th.



Change of Address

Irene Orlando
3364 Westford Circle SW
Vero Beach, FL 32968
1-772-492-8371 [After 5:00 PM]

Jeopardy

Randy and Judy McLain's son Colin McLain will appear on the Jeopardy game show on Tuesday March 23rd. Jeopardy appears here locally on Channel 6 at 4:00 PM.

Church Secretary

The Council has approved the appointment of Lori Siebert to be the direct supervisor for the church secretarial position. Any concerns or issues regarding the church secretary need to be submitted directly of Lorie from now forward.

Home Phone: 573-335-4516
Cell Phone: 573-275-4124
E-Mail: loriesiebert@att.net

Council Financial Report

Beginning Check Book	Balance 01-01-10	\$9,722.92
Deposits	January	\$6,389.31
	Interest	\$0.09
	Transfer Edward Jones	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Deposits for January		\$6,389.40
Disbursements	January	\$10,750.90
Ending Check Book	Balance 01-31-10	\$5,361.42
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Memorial Fund	Balance 01-01-10	\$10,698.57
	Interest	\$0.12
	Deposits	\$20.00
	Disbursements	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance	As of 01-31-10	\$10,718.69
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Check Book Balance	As of 02-15-10	\$4,236.94



March Calendar Information

2010	7th	14th	21st	28th
DIACONATE	Tammy Popp	Bill & Rhonda Bolton	Gary Metje	Frank Maevers, Jr.
GREETERS	Diaconate	Ernie & Ida Mae Jordan	Paul & Marilyn Propst	Margie Eakins
LITURGISTS	Michelle Schrock	Rhonda Bolton	Michael Bodine	Bill Bolton
COMMUNION PREP TEAM	Michael Bodine Maxine Hale Tammy Popp	_____	_____	_____
USHERS	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
 Irene Amos; 01-10
 *Marvin Best, Jr; 02-10
 *Verna Best; 02-10
 Connie Blattner; 11-09
 Jim Caughlin; 01-10
 *Darline Dow; 02-10
 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; 01-10
 Carolyn Keese; 12-09
 [Bolton Family Friend]
 David Kies; 01-10
 Sally McMillan; 01-10
 [Bill & Jane's sister-in-law]
 *Esther Nussbaum
 *Justin Pashia; 02-10
 Marilyn Propst; 11-09
 Jean Ratliff; 08-09 [Jamaican CMM]

*Jacob Sandvos; 02-10
 [Barbara Lynch's Grandson]
 Tanner Stallins; 10-09
 *J.D. Treadwell & the Treadwell
 Family; 02-10
 *Norma Trickey; 02-10
 Burnell Turner; 11-09
 *Larry Winfield; 02-10
 [Mary Slaughter's Brother]



NURSING HOME & HOUSE BOUND

<p>Ratliff Nursing Home 717 N. Sprigg Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Polly Wilmsmeyer</p>	<p>Fountainbleau Lodge 2001 N. Kingshighway Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Alta Proffer</p>	<p>Life Care Center 2852 Independence Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Darline Dow</p>
<p>Veteran's Home 2400 Veterans Memorial Dr Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Frank Maevers, Sr. Kenny Mehrle</p>	<p>Lutheran Home 2825 Bloomfield Road Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Dorothy Cole Leonard Moore *Esther Nussbaum</p>	<p>House Bound Loyd Bollinger S. G. Coy Mary Huckstep David Kies Helen Owens</p>

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission [OCWM], is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God's message of love and hope to people in more than eighty countries. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water and food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, emergency relief, and advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. OGHS is a Lenten Offering. The OGHS offering will be received the fourth Sunday of Lent, March 14, 2010.

SHARING RESOURCES, CHANGING LIVES

Do you love me? . . . Feed my Sheep. John 21:15-17

In his last moments with his disciples, three times, Jesus passionately repeated his instructions to them: If you love me, take care of the people I so deeply love. Live your love for me by actively tending these for whom I have sacrificed everything. We are called to show our love by doing the following: give food to the hungry, clean water to the thirsty, clothing to the naked, healthcare to the sick; welcome the refugee and the stranger [Matthew 25:34-40]. Share strength and refuge with the fearful [Psalm 28:8-9], rescue those in danger [Ezekiel 34:10], and bring justice to the oppressed [Ezekiel 34:16]. When we share the resources we have, lives change.



Hurricane ravaged communities along the **U.S.** Gulf Coast continue to rebuild. Nancy Pettus and her church group helped Marilyn Gibson of New Orleans rebuild her home. One person, one house at a time, volunteers and your donations are helping uprooted families finally return home.
Photo: Ronda Hughes/CWS

Thank You

Safe House for Women

Dear Evangelical UCC,

Thank you so much for the warm welcome and hospitality you extended at our second annual, "Love Yourself Banquet." The food was delicious and served with loving hands and plenty of smiles and generosity. I heard several positive comments about the hospitality and the willingness of your church to make available your fellowship hall.

Please share this note of thanks with the members of your congregation and pass along our special words of appreciation and gratefulness to those members who prepare and served the food.

Sincerely,
Linda Garner, Executive Director

Love Gift

To Evangelical Members,

We certainly want to express our thanks and appreciation for the "Love Gift" check we received. It certainly helped with some Dr. bills, etc. We keep hoping the stock market improves so our retirement monthly income quits going down. We appreciate your friendship over these past 40 + years and look forward to worshipping with you in our remaining years.

In Christian Love,
Ernie & Ida Mae Jordan

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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

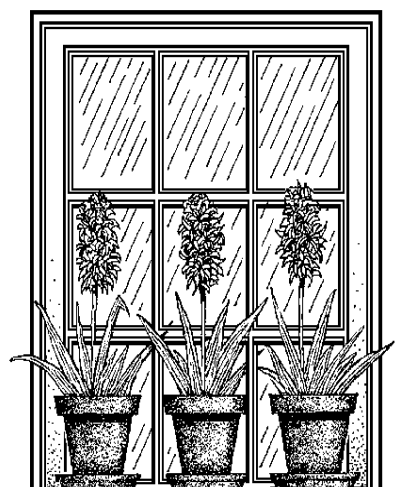
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Birthdays and Anniversaries

2	Tyler Brinkopf
5	Dorothy Klein
7	Esther Nussbaum
8	Shirley Harrison
9	Marsha Clark
11	David Kies
12	Grace Coy
17	Pat Suzuki
18	Vernell Poinsett
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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