

CHRONICLER

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

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Let's Go To Some Meetings!

Habakkuk 2:2-3 Then the LORD replied: **“Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.”**

On Saturday, June 27th, from 10:00 am - 12:30pm, the Habakkuk Project Regional Meeting will be held at Evangelical UCC in Cape Girardeau. The Habakkuk Project Task Force has arranged a series of regional meetings to provide an opportunity to present the proposals and receive feedback from the members of the conference. The task force is charged to evaluate conference structure and staffing. It was established in response to the conference's serious and continuing budget deficit.

As we all know, Evangelical UCC is part of a denomination, the United Church of Christ. Our denominational identity is a valued part of the history of our congregation. We continue to support our denomination at the regional and national levels through our giving to Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM). In fact, our giving compares favorably with other congregations of similar size. Of the money we donated to OCWM, 75%

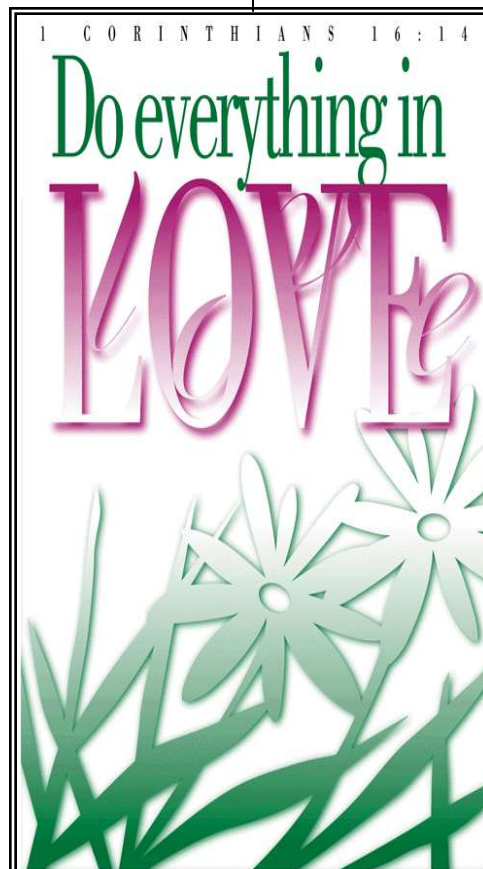
is used to support the Missouri Mid-South Conference and 25% goes to support the national denomination.

The UCC claims to have 5,320 churches with 1.1 million members. Roughly speaking, our national denomination consists of the General Synod, our representative body [which is meeting June 26-30, 2009 in Grand Rapids, Michigan]; our national office in Cleveland,

Ohio; and our Covenanted Ministries such as Local Church Ministries, Wider Church Ministries, and Justice and Witness Ministries.

Our Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ is the regional office for 163 local congregations located in communities in Missouri, Arkansas, and Memphis, Tennessee. Within these congregations, there are over 48,500 members. Within the Missouri Mid-South Conference, our congregation belongs to the Eastern Association, a group of 56 churches serving rural and suburban communities of eastern Missouri.

Although we have financially supported our denomination, in the last several years. Our congregation has not actively participated in the business of denomination at the national, conference, or association levels. In other words, we have chosen not to attend the dozens of meetings and conferences at which we could be represented. This means we have not spoken up in debates and discussions and have not



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voted on the numerous resolutions adopted at these meetings. We have also missed hundreds of meals, coffee hours, and worship opportunities.

There are many reasons for our lack of involvement. Each of us who is a member of our congregation is also a member of the UCC and we each choose whether to be denominationally involved. However, distance from other UCC congregations is probably a major factor in our lack of involvement. Most of the other Eastern Association churches are west of St. Louis. If we choose to attend a meeting, we usually have to drive 2, 3, or 4 hours to attend. It is similarly inconvenient for others to come meet with us. I was therefore greatly pleased to have our Conference Minister, Rev. Jeff Whitman, and our Acting Associate Conference Minister, Krista Betz, visited Cape Girardeau in the last week of May to meet with local UCC clergy and tour our building.

There may also be a perception that a politically and theologically moderate congregation from a small town does not fit in with the urban and progressive congregations that tend to dominate conference and national events. However, my recent attendance at an event for licensed ministers at UCC headquarters gave me a strong indication that moderate congregations such as our own account for a large share of rural and small town UCC congregations. Moderate congregations probably account for a minority of UCC members nationwide, but I suspect they are underrepresented at association, conference, and national meetings. **This is a typical “chicken and egg” scenario. We do not attend because we do not “fit in.” However, our failure to attend assures that we will never “fit in.”**

Ideally, our congregation should be represented at the association and conference levels. Ideally, we should have at least two

congregation members willing to serve as delegates representing our congregation to the association and conference. Ideally they should be outspoken but polite folks who do not mind driving across Missouri, like to eat with other church folks, and can tolerate lengthy meetings where they may disagree with many of the opinions expressed. Our Eastern Association Fall Meeting is scheduled for September 27. Our next Conference meeting is October 30 to November 1st the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, Missouri. I plan to attend these meetings, but just sending the pastor does not adequately represent the congregation.

The Diaconate has agreed to provide refreshments at the Habakkuk Project Regional Meeting. Wouldn't it be wonderful if some members of the congregation attended the meeting and participated? After all, they will discuss how to spend the OCWM money that we put in the collection plate. You can prepare for the meeting by taking a look at the project report at <http://www.mmsucc.org/> or ask Susan Spinks to print out a copy for you. At the very least, you can take a break from a busy Saturday and enjoy some of the Diaconate's treats! Seriously, being part of a denomination is not much different from being a citizen of our nation. Just as a responsible citizen continues to vote and speak out even when their candidate loses the election, a responsible congregation will continue to exercise its rights to be represented at the Association and Conference, even if we do not always agree **with the majority on the way in which, “God is still speaking.”**

Your friend in Christ,
—Pastor Dan



What's Going On?

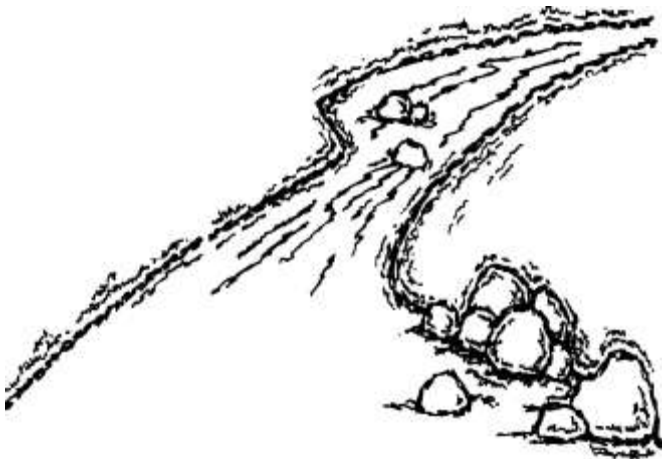
Mary-Martha Circle

Wednesday, June 10th, the women from the four area **United Church of Christ's** will meet at **St. John's UCC in Fruitland, MO** at **1:30 PM** for the **Annual Women's Retreat**. Bring all your lady friends.



ASAP Youth Group

The Meramac Caverns trip on Saturday, May 30th, was a lot of fun and educational. The natural beauty of this earth is absolutely amazing. If you have never been to Meramac Caverns, please put this on your "bucket-list" of things to do.



The group also took a 30 minute historical boat ride on the Meramac River. It was very informative, the river is spring feed, with water temperature around 40 degrees year round. The water that runs through the caverns has been routed to run out into the Meramac River. The Meramac River is a river to be respected, with swift currents and serious undertows.

Eighteen people went on the trip: Marvin, Jr. & Carolyn Best, Kris Caldwell, Brian, Bonnie, Jennifer & Ashley Stahlman with 1 friend, Barbara Oberbeck Lisa, Lex & Veronica Spencer, Kaye Lee, Kevin Wright [Kaye's Grandson], Susan, Kailey, & Kimberley Spinks, and Pastor Dan Johnson.

Union of Concerned Christians

Pastor Dan has once again, invited the Union of Concerned Christians and all the other Evangelical church members to his home at 2246 State HWY PP, Jackson, MO for the UCC's Annual Ice Cream Social.

On Sunday, June 28th, we will meet at Pastor Dan's home starting at 4:30 PM for brats, hot-dogs and top off the evening with homemade ice cream. Please remember, everyone needs to bring a dish of food to go with the brats, hot-dogs, and ice cream. The UCC will furnish the brats, hot dogs, buns, plates, bowls, plastic ware, napkins, mustard, ketchup, etc.

Tom and Linda Schild have volunteered to be in charge of the ice cream social this year. Everyone had a very good time there last summer and look forward to another good time this year.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas.

- *Ice Cream freezers — at least 5 freezers
- *Someone to make and transport the drinks: ice tea, lemonade, & coffee
- *Need a couple tables

Everyone else will need to bring their lawn chairs and remember to bring your bug spray. Please call Tom & Linda at home 334-8804 or Linda's cell 450-8614 to volunteer to help.

Bob and Velma Roloff want to thank Tom & Linda Schild for taking over the Ice Cream Social this year. We greatly appreciate your help.




Friendship Circle

The members of the Friendship Circle will meet on, Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 PM. Marsha Clark will present—Women of the Bible. Clodine Metje and Kaye Lee will be the Hostesses and Jo Daume will have the devotions. Please come and fellowship with us.




Women of the Bible

In Honor Of



Memorial Fund

In Honor of Gary & Clodine Metje
Wedding Anniversary
 Randy & Kim Metje



Love INC Information Sessions Scheduled

Evangelical United Church of Christ is a partner church with Love In the Name of Christ [INC], would you like to find out more about Love, INC & what they do? Plan now to attend one of the information **Sessions on Tuesday, June 16th at 1:00 PM or 6:30 PM. Each session lasts one hour. You'll receive answers to the following questions:**

Who does Love INC serve? How does Love INC meet needs? What does it mean to be a Love INC partner church? What is a Gap Ministry? How can I help?

Sessions will be held at the Love INC office located in the multipurpose room at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 804 N. Cape Rock Drive. Enter through the door on the east side of the building, across from the Activities Center.

To register please leave a message at the Love INC office at 334-5055, or email loveinc_semo@yahoo.com

Birthdays and Anniversaries

June Birthdays

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| 4 Connie Blattner | 6 Benjamin Siebert |
| 13 Marjorie Thompson | 15 Sharon Collier |
| 18 Kenny Lindsay | 21 Marvin Best, Jr.
& Clodine Metje |
| 23 Vicki Lantz | 27 Doug Lindsay |
| 28 Marilyn Propst | 30 Marvin Best, Sr.
& Dennis Trickey |

June Anniversaries

- 9 Rick & Stephanie Vines
- 11 Larry & Tammy Popp
Van & Rosemary Sander
- 19 John & Liz Hale



Council Financial Report

Beginning Check Book	Balance 4-1-09	\$17,337.55
Deposits	April	\$9,031.33
	Interest	\$0.14
	Transfer Edward Jones	---
Total Deposits for April		\$9,031.47
Disbursements	April	\$8,160.64
Ending Check Book	Balance 4-30-09	\$18,208.38
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Wachovia Securities/ A.G. Edwards {Memorial Fund}	Balance 4-1-09	\$11,703.43
	Interest	\$0.09
	Deposits	\$160.00
	Disbursements: 1/2 Memorial Plaque	\$669.00
Ending Balance	As of 4-30-09	\$11,194.52
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Check Book Balance	As of 5-15-09	\$17,469.14

Calendar Information

2009	June 7th	June 14th	June 21st	June 28th
DIACONATE	Bill & Rhonda Bolton	Michael Bodine	Louis Geldmacher	Kaye Lee
GREETERS	Margie Eakins	Kaye Lee	Paul & Marilyn Propst	Bob & Velma Roloff
LITURGISTS	Bill Bolton	Grace Coy	Linda Schild	Shirley Harrison
COMMUNION PREP TEAM	-----	Kaye Lee & Tammy Popp	-----	-----
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

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.

<p>Jerry Baker; 03-09 Ruby Bock; 01-09 Loyd Bollinger Darlene Dow; 01-09 Joan Hope Dr. Bill Johnson [JCMM]; 04-09 Ernie & Ida Mae Jordan; 04-09 Wavis Jordan; 03-09 *Michael Juegens; 05-09 [Lisa Spencer's brother] Vergie Kies; 04-09 Dana McClard; 12-08 *Bettie Mehrle Family; 06-09</p>	<p>David Metcalfe; 02-09 Ester Nussbaum Andora Peetz Family; 01-09 Willa Dean Propst; 04-09 Vernon Robert; 04-09 Irene Sievers; 04-09 *Meta Siemers; 05-09 *Chris Spivey; 05-09 [Michelle's Nephew] Jeff Strickert; 04-09 *Norma Trickey; 05-09 Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09</p>
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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>Veteran's Home 2400 Veterans Memorial Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Frank Maevers, Sr. Kenny Mehrle</p>	<p>Lutheran Home 2825 Bloomfield Road Cape Girardeau, MO 63703 Dorothy Cole Viola Geiser Leonard Moore Esther Nussbaum</p> <p>Auburn Creek 2910 Beaver Creek Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Irene Orlando</p> <p>Home Bound S. G. Coy Mary Huckstep Helen Owens</p>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 JCOMM McAlister's Deli 4 PM-8 PM	2	3	4	5	6
7 Graduation Sunday & Reception Guest Speaker Carol Dean	8 Susan Spinks on Vacation this week.	9 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM	10 UCC Women's Retreat Mary Martha, 1:30 PM @ Fruitland	11	12	13 MO-Mentoring 10 AM—1 PM
14 Communion Sunday JCOMM, 3:00 PM	15 Council Meeting 7:30 PM Chronicler Articles Due	16 Diaconate 7:00 PM	17	18	19	20
21 Happy Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27 MO Mid-South Conference 10:00 AM—12:30 PM Regional Gathering Of the Habakkuk Task Force
28 UCC Annual Ice Cream Social At Pastor Dan's house	29	30				

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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

Reception for the 2009 Graduates

Following the service, the Christian Board of Education will have a reception in the back of the Sanctuary for all the graduates. Please join us on Sunday, June 7th, during our Sunday service to recognize the 2009 Graduates.

Central High School

Adam Lindsay = Going into the National Guard

Kurt & Diane Lindsay's Son and Kenny & Roxie Lindsay's Grandson

Emily Polen = Graduated from Central High School

Martha Polen's Daughter and Jane Bodine's Granddaughter

Courtney Slaughter = Going to Arkansas State University—Majoring in Journalism

Mary Slaughter's Daughter

Jackson High School

Brittney Spencer = Earned the Christian Board of Education Scholarship Award

Alvin & Lisa Spencer's Daughter

Ashley Hedrick = Graduated from Jackson High School = [Brittney Spencer's Friend]

Sikeston High School

Jamie Popp = Graduated from Sikeston High School

Larry & Tammy Popp's Daughter and Bob & Velma Roloff's Granddaughter