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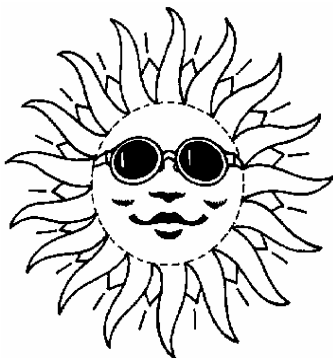
## Ready, Set, Grow

Adult Bible Class  
9:30 AM

Sunday School  
9:30 AM

Sunday Worship  
10:35 AM

“We have waited for  
Him, so that He  
might save us.”  
Isaiah 25:9



**Vitality, according to Webster:**  
**1 a: the peculiarity distinguishing the living from the nonliving b: capacity to live and develop; also: physical or mental vigor especially when highly developed 2 a: power of enduring b: lively and animated character**

In the 50<sup>th</sup> year of our denomination, the United Church of Christ has launched a church vitality initiative. According to the project website, [www.uccvitality.org](http://www.uccvitality.org), congregational vitality is a gift of Jesus' abundant life from God. Receiving and responding to the gift of vitality calls on us as God's people to become engaged in discerning, studying, and acting upon Christ's call to life and mission.

This project has three phases:

Ready: Vital Churches Discern  
God's Mission

Set: Vital Churches Know Their  
Community and Today's Culture

Grow: Vital Churches Foster  
Discipleship

To assist our churches, the Missouri Mid-South Conference is holding a series of quarterly church vitality conferences where participating churches will work together to develop an individualized church vitality strategy. Participating churches will send a team of 4 to 5 individuals including the pastor and pay a \$100

materials fee. The first conference will be held in September 2007. Please contact Pastor Dan or a church council member for more information on this project. We need to prayerfully discern as a congregation whether Evangelical UCC should participate in the Ready, Set, Grow project.

*I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are equal, and each shall receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. I Corinthians 3:6-9*

### Sheldon Culver moving to Illinois Conference

Sheldon Culver, our Eastern Associate Conference Minister is leaving us to become Conference Minister for the Illinois South Conference. We are excited for Sheldon and the Illinois South Conference, while we also grieve her departure from Missouri Mid-South. Sheldon was very helpful to EUCC during our difficult time of transition. Please send your good wishes to Sheldon at [sheldon@mmsucc.org](mailto:sheldon@mmsucc.org).

Blessings,  
Pastor Dan Johnson

*“Steeped in Tradition, Stirred by the Spirit, Sweetened  
with Love”*

# Spiritual Fellowship

## Always Say A Prayer

The ASAP Youth Group will be meeting here at Evangelical church at 2:30 PM on Sunday,



Going Caroling

July 15th to go Christmas Caroling at area nursing homes. Bring your singing voices and join the youth for a fun afternoon.

## Recognition Service

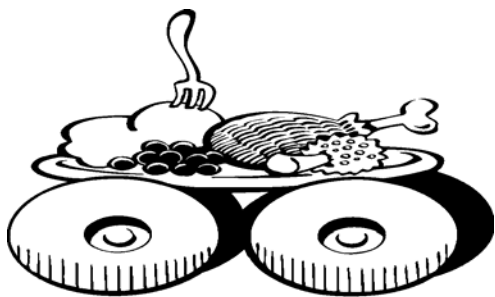
There will be a Recognition Service for Daniel Johnson on Sunday, July 8th. Rev. Sheldon Culver will be here to participate in the service. Following the church service there will be a meal in the lower auditorium. Ham and chicken will be served. Members of the church are asked to please bring a covered dish to accompany the meat. Please plan on staying for



## Union of Concerned Christians

Calling all drivers, calling all drivers! Yes, it is that time of year again. It is our week to deliver Meals On Wheels to folks in our community that are in need of a good, nutritious, hot meal. There are seven routes. So, we need 7 drivers and 7 runners. You know, those folk that carry the trays to the houses and bring back the empty trays from the day before. That is a total of 14 people.

Our week for Meals On Wheels is August 13th thru the 17th. If you can work this week into your schedule and would be able to be a driver or



MEALS  
ON  
WHEELS

## Mary Martha Circle

On June 7, 2007, twenty-three ladies came to share the 110th Anniversary of the Mary-Martha Circle. Five members were recognized for many years of service to the circle and to the church:

45 Years Fern Schlimme  
Meta Siemers

39 Years Ida Mae Jordan

38 Years Verna Best

30 Years Mary Huckstep  
Carolyn Best

Maxine Hale has prepared a bulletin board displaying pictures of the ladies in the circle over the 110 years. Drop by the multipurpose room and enjoy this bit of church history.

The program for the July 5th meeting will be given by Barbara Yallaly. She will explore the topic of patriotism. Hostesses will be Fern Schlimme and Irene Amos. Guests are welcome at our meetings and you'll enjoy Barbara's program.

## Camp MO-VAL



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Please remember all of our campers as they leave to spend a week at Camp MO-VAL.

June 24-30

Sara Elfrink, Lex & Veronica Spencer  
Brittney Spencer—Camp Tambo

July 22-28

Cayleigh Bolton, Kailey Spinks,  
Jennifer & Ashley Stahlman

## News from Shannondale

We ask your prayers today for the family of Jeff Fulk, Minister/Manager at Shannondale. Jeff's wife, Laurie has not been feeling well and test results have disclosed that she is suffering from Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. She is on medication and responding well, but could use your prayers for a speedy recovery.

Late last week Jeff's son, Brody swerved to miss a deer while driving the family truck on Highway 19 near where the highway crosses the Current River. Dad had given Brody the "deers destroy cars" speech. Brody and the truck went over the embankment, tumbling end-over-end down to the river about 150 feet below. Brody and the truck landed just 100 yards from the Current River. There was a couple in a canoe on the Current River in that very spot that witnessed the wreck. The first person out of that canoe was a doctor. He checked Brody out, put him in his canoe and took him to a phone where he was able to call his Dad. Praise God that Brody was wearing his seat belt, his airbag deployed, he was shaken, and only had a scratch on his elbow. Jeff and his family ask for prayers of Thanksgiving and healing. You can send prayers to the Fulk Family at HC 62 Box 340, Salem, MO 65560.

Everyone had a great time at Shannondale this weekend. The weather was fabulous and the food couldn't be beat. Even though Shannondale is a little out of the way, it is clean and well taken care of. There is a fully loaded bunk house, that sleeps about 40 people and 2 cabins with beds, bathrooms & cooking appliances. The group enjoyed the weekend so much, that thoughts of coming back in the fall for a work weekend have been mentioned.

Now, as far as the actual 10.5 mile canoe trip down the Current River . . . Well, it was eventful. Kailey & Susan Spinks were ready to quit within 30 minutes of being on the water. If it hadn't been for Brian Stahlman & Alvin Spencer giving them instructions on how to make the canoe work they would still be turning circles in the middle of the river. This was Carolyn Best's first time ever in a canoe. She asked for Eagle Scout Wesley Spinks to be her canoe buddy. One of his Merit Badges is Canoeing. Carolyn was quite the trooper, she listened to Wesley's instructions (He can be bossy) and only squealed when they would hit underwater branches or rocks. Wesley got dehydrated about 2/3 of the way down the river. He then became a passenger in the canoe first with Kristopher Metje and then with Gary Metje. And then with about 30 minutes left on the water, Kailey & Susan Spinks got sucked into a current that they couldn't paddle out of. So, the current put their canoe in a forked tree along the steep left bank of the river. All day long Susan had been telling Kailey, "If the canoe turns over, don't panic because your life jacket will take care of you." Susan got out of the boat and Kailey panicked a little, but finally got out of the boat and swam to shore. Luckily, a group of college kids in inner tubes stopped and helped Brian and Alvin get the boat out of the tree. Marvin Best, Jr., Bonnie Stahlman, Mark & Kimberley Spinks stayed on dry ground back at camp.

All in all, everyone had a great weekend.

## Prayer List & Shut-Ins

### 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.*

Sahara Aldridge; 04-07

Allen Family; 02-07

[Brett, Elisha, Brayden,  
and Jaden Allen]

Leo Amelunke; 03-07

Loyd Bollinger

S.G. Coy

Minister Sheldon Culver; 05-07

Michael "Benji" Doerhoff [In Iraq]; 2-07

Ruby Doughty; 05-07

Darline Dow; 04-07

Bob Feldmeier; 03-07

Carl Fledderman; 04-07

Joan Hope; 04-07

Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan; 01-07

Sharon Lindsay; 04-07

Frank Maevers; 04-07

Lillian Maevers; 04-07

Kenny Mehrle

Stephen Miller; 04-07

Ester Nussbaum; 05-07

\*Marilyn Propst; 06-07

\*Linda Schild; 06-07

Harold Stahlman; 05-07

Karen Stephens—cancer; 05-07

Taylor & Family; 3-07

[Taylor is a 9 year old little girl diagnosed with stage 4 Acute Lymphocyte Leukemia]

\*Marjorie Thompson-cancer; 05-07

\*Bonnie Wilcox

### Shut-Ins

#### Ratliff Nursing Home

717 N. Sprigg Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Polly Wilmsmeyer

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#### Fountainbleau Lodge

2001 N. Kingshighway  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701

Alta Proffer  
Connie Gibson  
\*Bonnie Wilcox

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#### Lutheran Home

2825 Bloomfield Road  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Dorothy Cole  
Bob Feldmeier  
Lillian Kies  
Frank Maevers  
Lillian Maevers  
Leonard Moore  
Andora Peetz

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#### House Bound

Ruby Doughty  
711 South Pacific Street  
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703-7836

Esther Nussbaum  
181 Gopher Lane  
Gordonville, MO 63701-9506

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

## Council Financial Report

Distributions	May	\$4,724.17
Deposits	May	\$5,095.31
	Interest	\$2.18
Total Deposits for May		\$5,097.49
A.G. Edwards Account {Memorial Fund}		
Ending Balance	As of 5/30/07	\$9,603.02
Check Book		
Ending Balance	As of 5-30-07	\$18,558.21

## General Synod Live Feed

The UCC is providing extensive web coverage of General Synod 26, June 22-26, in Hartford, Conn., where the denomination will celebrate its 50th anniversary. "We will once again provide gavel-to-gavel webstreaming at [ucc.org](http://ucc.org)," says the Rev. Robert Chase, the UCC's communications director. "The world is coming to Hartford, even if that means online viewing from your personal computer."

Each session will be streamed live, then archived for later viewing. To see an overview of some General Synod webstreaming highlights to help plan your online viewing please visit the Missouri Mid-South Conference website at [www.mmsucc.org](http://www.mmsucc.org). All times are Eastern. Learn more about the General Synod 26 live webcast! <http://ga3.org/ct/ypeKUJ11LXFB/>

## Odds & Ends



Dried Beans  
 Dry Cereal  
 Apple Sauce  
 Canned Fruit Juice  
 Spaghetti O's / Ravioli  
 Spaghetti  
 Single Bars of Soap

### Friendship Circle

Please make these changes on your calendar. There will be NO JULY meeting. August's meeting has been moved to Tuesday the 21st.

## Thank You

On Saturday, June 16th, a group of approximately 24 people stayed the night here at Evangelical church. The group were on their way back home to Iowa after spending one week in Louisiana.

Many Thanks  
from the  
Greater Dubuque Area United Church of Christ  
Katrina Relief Mission Coalition.  
&  
1st Congregational UCC  
Summit Congregational UCC  
Immanuel Congregational UCC  
Sherrill UCC



Bert & Jobyna Daume along with their family celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary here at the church on Saturday, May 12th. A wonderful time was had by all.

Bert & Jobyna would like to thank everyone that helped them prepare for this wonderful event, the Friendship Circle, the Mary Martha Ladies, Bob Roloff and Pastor Dan Johnson for his special prayer at the party. So many special people helped us get ready for the celebration, please know how much we love you and just how special you all are to us.

In God's Love,  
Bert & Jobyna Daume



## Baby Shower

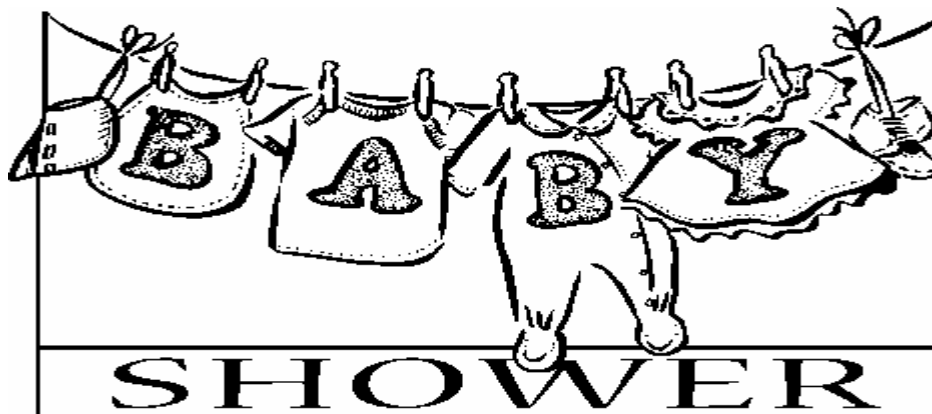
You Are Invited to a Baby Shower for  
Jamie Popp  
On Saturday, June 30, 2007 at 1:00 PM  
The shower will be at Joanne Shaw's home.  
149 Kaskaskia, Jackson

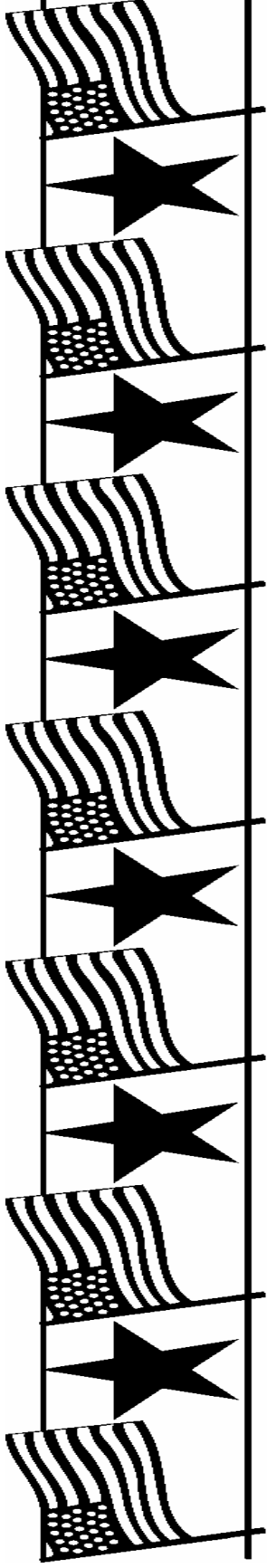
RSVP: Rhonda Bolton @ 334-9955  
204-7189  
204-7838

IT'S A GIRL

Jamie is registered @ Wal-Mart & Target.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE SHOWER**  
Take Lexington, turn onto Cape La Croix  
(Joanne's house is approx. 7 miles from this point)  
Stay on Rt. W. Kaskaskia will be on the right.  
Watch for the Balloons.





	July 1 <sup>st</sup>	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	July 15 <sup>th</sup>	July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	July 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>DIACONATE</b>	Joyce Treadwell	Bonnie Wilkening	Rhonda Bolton	Kaye Lee	Tammy Popp
<b>GREETERS</b>					
<b>LITURGISTS</b>			Rhonda Bolton		Tammy Popp
<b>COMMUNION PREP TEAM</b>	Tom & Linda Schild Rebecca Schild				
<b>USHERS</b>	CAPTAIN- Carolyn Best Rhonda Bolton Louis Geldmacher Maxine Hale Kaye Lee Gary Metje Helen Owens Tammy Popp Beverly Reece Calvin & Verla Sailer Rebecca Schild Tom & Linda Schild Brian Stahlman J.D. & Joyce Treadwell Bonnie Wilkening	CAPTAIN- GORDON WALTON Rhonda Bolton Bob Dolle Van Sander	CAPTAIN- PAUL PROPST Bill Bolton Jeff Sneathen Alvin Spencer	CAPTAIN- RANDY COY Michael Bodine Bob Roloff Lori Siebert	DIACONATE AND YOUTH

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## News of a New Graduate

Before you were even formed, God knew you. While in your Mother's womb, God named you. At your birth, God's breath filled you with life. Today we celebrate what you have become at this moment in time. And so we pray,

God of our beginnings, we thank you for the awesome wonder and curiosity, their open speech and encouraging words. Their contributions have blessed and challenged us, and we have become a richer and more diverse community because of them.

As they step forward into the world that awaits, comfort their fears with the full knowledge of your divine presence. Strengthen their resolve to walk in the footsteps of Jesus as modern-day disciples in a world that needs their spirit. Guide their feet as they move through life, protecting them from the pitfalls of darkness while they help to lead future generations into the warmth and promise of your light.

We ask this blessing upon each of them, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN!

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### **Colin McLain**

Son of Randy & Judy McLain, 2003 Graduated of Cape Central High School,  
Graduated, June 9, 2007, Magna Cum Laude from Carleton College in Northfield, MN  
With a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations with a concentration in political economy.