

CHRONICLER

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“Evanagelical United Church of Christ, a Global Mission Church?”

Since my first visit to Evangelical UCC, I have thought of us as the, “church of the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission.” Our church founded the biannual Medical Mission to Carron Hall church in St. Mary, Jamaica, a mission now in its 10th year of service. The Mission has grown into a vital ecumenical group involving people from more than a dozen local churches. The Mission has a life of its own, but the group still needs and appreciates the support it gets from EUCC. It has been one of my top priorities to support the Medical Mission in every way that I can and God blessed me with being able to attend this year’s trip to Jamaica. Our mission was a great success and we served 897 people in our medical, dental, eye, and hearing clinics.

I recently had the opportunity to give an update on the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission at a meeting of the Jamaican Partnership of the Missouri Mid South Conference of the UCC. The Partnership was formed in 1992. It established a bond between the North Middlesex Area Council of the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands and our own Missouri Mid-South Conference of the United Church of Christ. The Carron Hall church is part of the North Middlesex Area Council. The United Church of Jamaica combines the historic Presbyterian, Congregational, and Disciples of Christ churches. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if we could achieve the same unity here in the United States!

My vision is that EUCC can continue to support of the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission, while developing a stronger relationship with our sister denomination, the United Church of Jamaica,

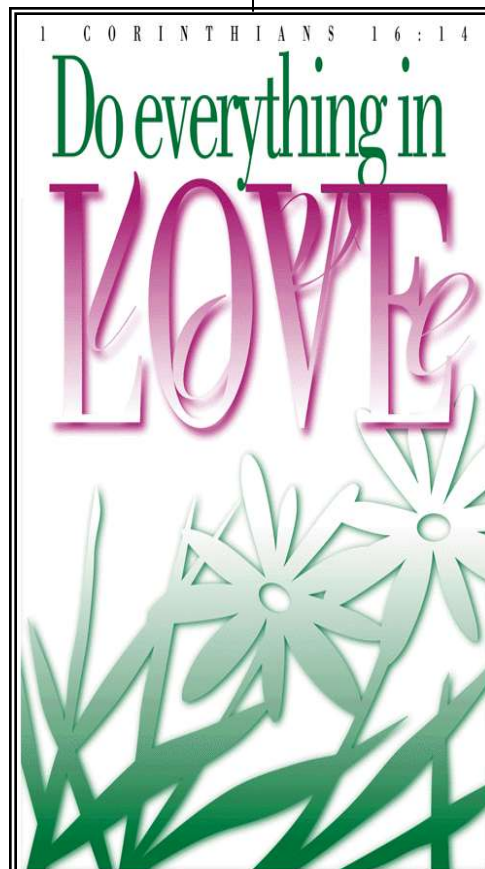
and the Carron Hall church through the Jamaican Partnership. The Carron Hall church needs help in many ways and I believe the best way to get that help to them is by working through the Jamaican Partnership.

The Jamaican Partnership has arranged for groups to travel to Jamaica for worship and work and has brought groups of Jamaicans here to Missouri. I am hoping that, in the future, visitors from Jamaica can add a visit to Cape Girardeau and EUCC to their schedules. The Partnership has sponsored visits to the Pringle Home for Children at Carron Hall and is working to provide educational resources to the orphanage.

Pringle Hall is also receiving support from the joint UCC and Disciples Global Ministries Child Sponsorship program. For \$25 a month, you can sponsor a child at the Pringle Home. One hundred percent of the money donated goes to the Pringle Home, because the Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM) offering pays the administrative expenses of the program. The EUCC Diaconate voted at its last meeting to start sponsoring a child at the Pringle Home.

I was especially pleased that Reverend Adrian McLean attended the Partnership meeting. Adrian was formerly the pastor of Carron Hall church in Jamaica. His name is on a

plaque in the back of the Carron Hall church, commemorating his work to help the church recover from hurricane damage. He is currently the pastor of St Martin UCC of High Ridge, MO. Adrian was very excited to hear about our mission and see pictures of his old church. I had met Adrian at our Persons In Ministry retreats and always enjoyed his



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outgoing and positive personality. I believe that Adrian can help us develop a closer relationship with church folks in Jamaica.

Also attending the meeting was Jeff Whitman, our Conference Minister. Jeff brought to the group's attention a resolution being presented at the UCC General Synod. This resolution would provide for UCC churches and conferences to **identify themselves as "Global Mission" churches and conferences.** At the time of the Jamaican Partnership meeting, Jeff anticipated that the resolution would pass. The resolution suggests seven ways in which a church can show its commitment to **Global Mission. "Local churches as well as UCC conferences seeking the designation, "Global Mission Church" (or "Global Mission Conference")** will be encouraged and guided in study, exploration, dedication, and growth in order to live out that commitment by:

- praying regularly for partners, missionaries and the world,
- educating its members about global issues from preschool to adult,
- **seeking justice for the "least of these" in the international community,**
- receiving the gifts of the worldwide Church,
- giving to the work of global mission,
- sending its members into the world to share the Good News, and
- **growing in sharing the story of God's mission with others."**

We are already doing most of these things through our support of the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission. Add in the Diaconate's sponsoring a Pringle Home resident, and my participation in the Jamaican Partnership, and we have demonstrated a very strong commitment to Global Mission. However, there is still room to grow. I think we should consider the suggestion that we pray regularly for Jamaica, the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission, the Jamaican Partnership, the United Church of Jamaica, the Pringle Home, and

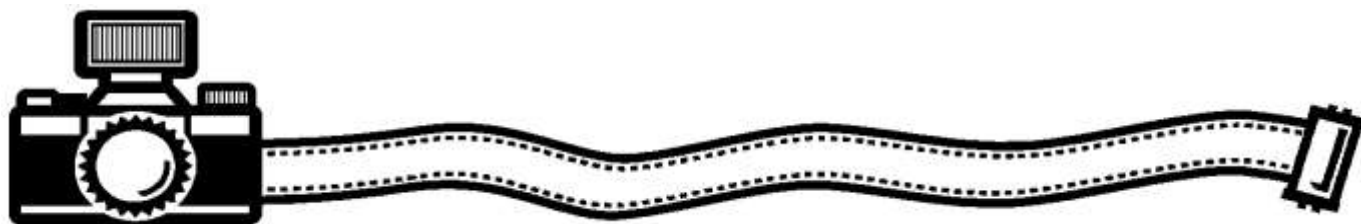
the Carron Hall church. I know that I have a lot more to learn about Jamaica and a lot more to learn from Jamaican Christians.

God has blessed those of us who have been privileged to go on the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission with abundant gifts of love and fellowship from the people of Jamaica. I hope that as time goes by, more church members can become involved in our relationship with Jamaica by participating in Jamaican Christian Medical Mission fund raisers (they are on the Chronicler calendar), attending meetings of the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission and the Jamaican Partnership, welcoming visitors from Jamaica, and traveling to Jamaica on the Medical Mission.

It probably is not important whether we decide to join the UCC congregations who publicly **identify themselves as "Global Mission Churches."** There are always problems, as well as opportunities, with joining a group. One question is whether our mission emphasis should be UCC focused or primarily ecumenical. Regardless of whether we **are labeled, the "Evangelical United Church of Christ, a Global Mission Church," I hope that EUCC continues to see itself as the church of the Jamaican Christian Medical Mission.** It has been proven again and again that mission is a key ingredient for a vital congregation. We have been given a tremendous opportunity to work for God in the unfolding of his Kingdom through our relationship **with Jamaica. Let's make the most of that opportunity!**

Your Friend in Christ,
—Pastor Dan

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



What's Going On?

Mary-Martha Circle



Thursday, July 2nd at 1:30 PM the Mary-Martha Circle will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room. Maxine Hale will have the devotions. Kaye Lee and Maxine Hale will provide the refreshments and be our hostesses for the afternoon.

Union of Concerned Christians

Apple Butter time is fast approaching, if you have any pint jars to donate to our apple butter cooking, please bring them to the church office.



ASAP Youth Group

Mark your calendar for our trip to the Farmington Water park on Sunday, July 12th. We will leave right after church services are over. Lunch will be on your own. Be sure to bring your towels and sun-screen.



Friendship Circle

Tuesday, July 14th will be the next Friendship Circle meeting at 7:00 PM. Ramona Brinkopf will have the Devotions. Pastor Daniel Johnson will provide the program. Lisa Elfrink and Barbara Oberbeck will provide the refreshments and be our hostesses for the evening.



Church Directories



New church phone directories will be available for pickup in the sanctuary the first part of July. If you have moved, changed phone numbers, and or have a new email address, please call the church office with the new information. Thanks.

Pictorial Directory

Yeah, the directories are here! Please pick up your church pictorial directory in the back of the Sanctuary. They are labeled and in alphabetical order.

Pictorial Church Directory

If you did not have your photo taken or submit a photo for the directory, but would like to have a copy, there will be a sheet to sign requesting a copy.



Meals - On - Wheels

August 31st to September 4th is our week for Meals On Wheels. Please pencil this in on your calendar and call Velma Roloff at 335-3867 if you are able to be a driver or a runner for all of that week or just part of the week. All help is appreciated.



Memorials



With Deepest Sympathy

Memorial Fund

In Memory of Betty Mehrle

- Bob & Velma Roloff
- Donna Magwitz
- Margie Kurre
- Fern Schlimme
- Leonard & Lillian Graden
- Gary & Clodine Metje
- Friendship Circle

Memorial-General Fund

In Memory of Betty Mehrle

- Louis Geldmacher
- Bob Dolle
- Helen Owens

Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Betty Mehrle

- S. G. & Grace Coy
- Paul & Marilyn Propst
- Marvin & Carolyn Best, Jr.
- Calvin & Verla Sailer

Carpet Fund

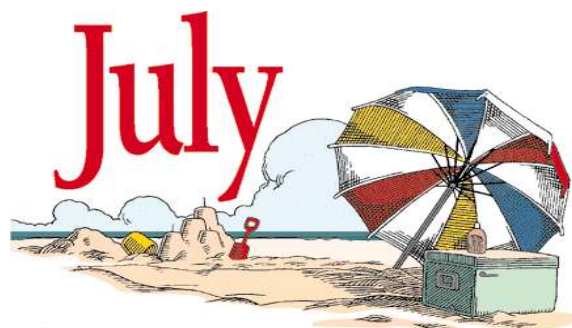
In Memory of Betty Mehrle

- Daniel Johnson
- Meta Siemers

Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 Norma Trickey	11 Kaye Lee
3 Cayleigh Bolton	13 Margie Kurre
Kaylyn Sneathen	18 Joshua Sailer
4 Dorothy Cole	19 Robert Lewis
6 Dave Hale	22 Tom Schild
Curt Johns	25 Jeanie Troy
Nicholas Lindsay	Travis Eckelmann
7 Polly Wilmsmeyer	26 Caden Lantz
8 Veronica Spencer	27 Becky Mc Cormack
Lex Spencer	28 Denise Izaguirre
9 Scott Lindsay	31 Brendan Lindsay
10 Vanessa Ayers	Wesley Spinks

1 Pat & Paula Suzuki
2 Brian & Bonnie Stahlman
3 David & Kandi Sailer
5 Bob & Janice Simpher
14 Calvin & Vernell Poinsett
19 Terry & Dorinda Abbott



Council Financial Report

Beginning Check Book	Balance 5-1-09	\$18,208.38
Deposits	May	\$5,742.25
	Interest	\$0.15
	Transfer Edward Jones	---
Total Deposits for May		\$5,742.40
Disbursements	May	\$8,776.98
Ending Check Book	Balance 5-31-09	\$15,173.80
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Wachovia Securities/ A.G. Edwards {Memorial Fund}	Balance 5-1-09	\$11,194.52
	Interest	\$0.09
	Deposits	---
	Disbursements:	---
Ending Balance	1/2 Memorial Plaque As of 5-31-09	\$11,194.61
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Check Book Balance	As of 6-15-09	\$13,369.86

Calendar Information

2009	July 5th	July 12th	July 19th	July 26th
DIACONATE	Gary Metje	Michael Bodine	Bill & Rhonda Bolton	Kaye Lee
GREETERS	Dorothy Klein	Bill & Jane McMillan	Mary Ann Jordan	Jobyna Daume
LITURGISTS	Dorothy Klein	Maxine Hale	Bill Bolton	Beverly Reece
COMMUNION PREP TEAM	Louis Geldmacher Tom Schild	-----	-----	-----
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 Michael Juegens; 05-09 [Lisa Spencer's brother] Vergie Kies; 04-09 *Dana McClard; 06-09 Bettie Mehrle Family; 06-09 David Metcalfe; 02-09</p>	<p>Ester Nussbaum Willa Dean Propst; 04-09 Vernon Robert; 04-09 *Bob Roloff; 06-09 *David Sailer; 06-09 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</p>
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NURSING HOME & HOUSE BOUND

<p>Ratliff Nursing Home 717 N. Sprigg Street Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Polly Wilmsmeyer Fountainbleau Lodge 2001 N. Kingshighway Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Alta Proffer 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 Auburn Creek 2910 Beaver Creek Drive Cape Girardeau, MO 63701 Irene Orlando Home Bound S. G. Coy Mary Huckstep Helen Owens</p>
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Mary Martha Circle, 1:30 PM	3	4 Independence Day JCMM Fundraiser @ Jackson City Park 10 AM—4 PM
5 Communion & 4th of July Sunday JCMM Fundraiser CiCi's Pizza all day	6 JCMM Fundraiser McAllister's Deli 4—8 PM	7	8	9 Susan & Girls @ Branson, MO	10 Susan & Girls @ Branson, MO	11 MO Mentoring 10 AM—1 PM Overnight Mission Group — Sauk City,
12 ASAP Youth Farmington Water Park	13	14 Friendship Circle 7:00 PM	15	16	17	18 Overnight Mission Group — Sauk City, Wisconsin
19 JCMM, 3:00 PM	20 Council 7:30 PM	21 Diaconate 7:00 PM	22	23	24	25
26 QUARTERLY CONGREGATION MEETING	27	28	29	30	31	

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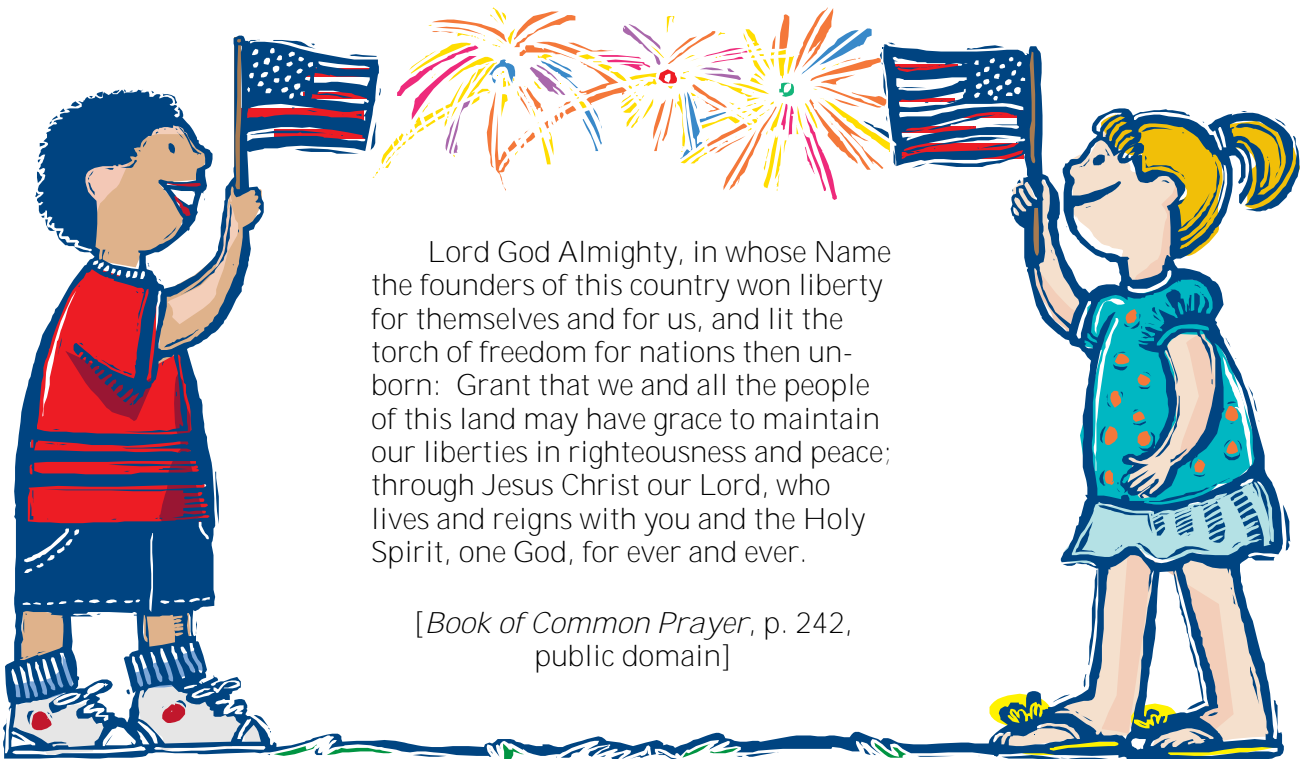
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Church Times
Fellowship 9:00 AM
Children's Sunday School 9:30 AM
Adult Bible Study 9:30 AM
Worship Service 10:35 AM

ADDRESS CORRECTION SERVICES

Independence Day Prayer



Lord God Almighty, in whose Name
the founders of this country won liberty
for themselves and for us, and lit the
torch of freedom for nations then un-
born: Grant that we and all the people
of this land may have grace to maintain
our liberties in righteousness and peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

[*Book of Common Prayer*, p. 242,
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