

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
January 10, 2010 “The Baptism of Christ”
 First Sunday After Epiphany
 [*Those who are able are invited to stand]

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** —Isaiah 43, Psalm 29

LEADER: Our God is a God of power and strength!

PEOPLE: God has created each of us with tender care.

LEADER: Our God is a God of majesty and awe!

PEOPLE: God walks with each of us every step of the way.

LEADER: Our God is a God of glory and wonder!

PEOPLE: God loves each of us with tenderness and passion.

LEADER: Our God calls us each by name.

PEOPLE: God calls each of us to unite in worship together!

ALL: AMEN!

***HYMN OF ADORATION**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” —21

INVOCATION

LEADER: God of mystery, in the darkness of our world your light shines with grace and truth. Open the eyes of our hearts to the glory of your love. Speak your word of truth and joy. May the mystery revealed in Jesus draw us closer to you. May the wonder of your love fill us with wisdom and peace. As we rejoice in your presence, teach us to seek justice and righteousness. Fill our hearts to overflowing with your joy, your glory, your hope.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

LEADER: Let us pray as Christ our Savior has taught us.

ALL: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Prayer List —January 10, 2010

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.**

Leo Amelunke; 12-09 Josh Amelunke; 12-09 Marvin Best, JR; 12-09 Ruth Bierschwal; 07-09 Connie Blattner; 11-09 Dora Briggs; 07-09 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; 12-09 Michael Juegens; 05-09 [Lisa Spencer's Brother] *Margie Kurre; 01-10 Carolyn Keese; 12-09 [Bolton Family Friend] David Kies; 01-10 Sally McMillan; 01-10	[Bill & Jane's sister-in-law] Mehrle Family; 06-09 Ester Nussbaum Marilyn Propst; 11-09 Jean Ratliff; 08-09 [Jamaican CMM] Bob Roloff; 09-09 Jacob Sandvos; 12-09 [Barbara Lynch's Grandson] Slaughter Family; 08-09 Chris Spivey; 08-09 [Michelle's Nephew] Tanner Stallins; 10-09 Margaret Tallent; 07-09 Marjorie Thompson; 07-09 J.D. Treadwell; 09-09 Norma Trickey; 12-09 Burnell Turner; 11-09 Winfield Family; 07-09	Ratliff Nursing Home Polly Wilmsmeyer Fountainbleau Lodge Alta Proffer Veteran's Home Frank Maevers, Sr. Kenny Mehrle Lutheran Home Dorothy Cole Leonard Moore Ester Nussbaum House Bound Loyd Bollinger S.G. Coy Mary Huckstep David Kies Helen Owens
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Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial Gen. Fund	Memorial Fund	Building Fund	Misc.
01-03-10	\$1,461.00	---	---	---	---
01-10-10					
01-17-10					
01-24-10					
01-31-10					
Worship Dates	# of People	Scholarship Fund	OCWM	Sunday School	Total Offering
01-03-10	48	---	\$20.00	\$22.43	\$1,503.43
01-10-10					
01-17-10					
01-24-10					
01-31-10					

Welcome first time guests! We're glad that you are here! We invite everyone to complete a Communication card [located on the Information Table] and place it in the offering plate. You are important to us and we want to know that you are here.

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Pastor: Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist: Beverly Reece
Sound System: Terry & Mindy Best

Diaconate

Barbara Oberbeck

Greeters

Gary & Clodine Metje

Reader

Linda Schild

Ushers: Gordon Walton,
Rhonda Bolton, Bill McMillan,
Barbara Oberbeck, and Van Sanders

On the Calendar

- Jan 10 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Taking Down of the Greens—after Church services — lunch included Of chili & hotdogs
- Jan 12 Diaconate, 7:00 PM
Friendship Circle-Dumplings, 4:30 PM
GYM rented for BB, 5:30-6:30 PM
- Jan 13 Confirmation @ Emanuel, 6:30 PM
GYM usage BB Elfrink, 5:30-6:30 PM
- Jan 17 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Jamaican C. M. M., 3:00 PM
UCC Group Planning Meeting,
@ 5:30 PM
- Jan 18 **Deadline for turning in the articles for the Annual Report.**
Council, 7:30 PM
- Jan 24 Annual Meeting & Dinner
Friendship Circle Hostesses

Taking Down of the Greens

Remember, after church today, a lunch of chili and hotdogs will be provided for all those who stay and help take down the greens through out the church. Thanks for all your help.

Dumpling Rolling

The Friendship Circle will be rolling dumplings on Tuesday, January 12th, at 4:30 PM. Please plan on coming to help with this money making project. Every ones help will be needed. Thanks to everyone who helps out.

Union of Concerned Christians

January 17, 2010 we plan to meet at the church for a planning meeting for the year. We will eat before the meeting at 5:30 PM. Velma plans to make chili and possibly potato soup. If any one would like to bring a dessert to share that would be great. Questions call Bob & Velma Roloff at 335-3867.

Apple Butter
40 Quarts
\$6.00 per Qt

Dumplings
15 Bags
\$3.50 per bag

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD
all are crying, "Glory!"
The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
The LORD shall give strength to his people;
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

GLORIA —Act of Praise

ALL SING: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.
PEOPLE: AMEN.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:1-7 Page 1126
Acts 8:14-17 Page 1705
*Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 Page 1594

SERMON —Pastor Daniel Johnson
“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and Fire”

CHORAL ANTHEM

ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY

Please See Insert for Installation of Lay Leaders

[At the conclusion the participants may return to their places in the congregation.]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Invitation to Reaffirm Our Baptismal Covenant

LEADER: We gather today to worship and praise the God of awe and majesty. We come to encounter the God who knows us each by name and who walks with us in intimate love. We come to reaffirm the blessing we have received through our baptism. In baptism, we remember God’s saving actions throughout history, and we have the opportunity to answer yes as God whispers our names. As a community of God, we gather today at the waters of baptism to reaffirm our commitment to Christ and to experience anew the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.

PASTOR: Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ?

PEOPLE: I do.

PASTOR: Do you renounce the powers of evil and desire the freedom of new life in Christ?

PEOPLE: I do.

PASTOR: Do you profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

PEOPLE: I do.

PASTOR: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ’s disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

PEOPLE: I promise, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ’s presence and furthering Christ’s mission in all the world?

PEOPLE: I promise, with the help of God.

PASTOR: O God, we praise you for calling us to faith and for gathering us into the church, the body of Christ. We thank you for your people gathered in this local church. Together may we live in the Spirit, building one another up in love, sharing in the life and worship of the church, and serving the world for the sake of Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

LEADER: As you greet those around you, look at each person and offer these words from Isaiah: “You are precious in God’s sight.” The peace of the Lord be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Let us pass the peace of Christ to one another.

***SONG OF PRAISE**

“I Know Whom I Have Believed” —527

CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. [Hebrews 13:15-16]

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE “Doxology” —815**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav’n-ly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.

***OFFERING PRAYER [Psalm 29, Acts 8]**

LEADER: Gracious God, we come today with joy for your baptism; we come with praise for your glory; we come with gratitude for your love. As we offer these gifts to you, send your Spirit upon us, that our hands and our hearts may do your work in the world. As we offer our lives to you, bless us with your strength, that we may join with you to work for the blessing of peace throughout the world.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

***HYMN OF PARTING**

“Lead On, O King Eternal” —724

***COMMISSIONING & BLESSING [Isaiah 43]**

LEADER: You are each precious in God’s sight. We go from this place, claiming our identity as children of God. God has called you by name. We go into the world to answer God’s call. Alleluia!

CHORAL EXTROIT

POSTLUDE

ORDER FOR AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY

[Installation of Lay Leaders]

INTRODUCTION

LEADER: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of each person in the life of the church or in various settings in the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

PEOPLE: *There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.*

LEADER: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

PEOPLE: *The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.*

LEADER: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

PEOPLE: *It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.*

LEADER: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

PEOPLE: *All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.*

PRESENTATION

LEADER: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

[The names of the people and their respective offices or ministries may be read.]

COVENANT

LEADER: [addressing the people being affirmed] Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church. Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

INDIVIDUALS: *I am.*

LEADER: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

INDIVIDUALS: *I do, relying on God's grace.*

LEADER: [addressing the congregation] Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

[All who are able stand.]

PEOPLE: *We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

[The congregation may be seated.]

LAYING ON OF HANDS

PASTOR: The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry. We lay hands upon you, for the positions on council and diaconate.

[The candidates who are able may kneel. The pastor and other representatives of the local church may place hands upon the head of each candidate in silence. After hands have been laid upon all, the pastor may say these or similar words.]

PASTOR: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of deacon or council member in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of deacon or council member in the name of Christ.

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

[The newly installed may stand.]

PRAYER

LEADER: Let us pray. Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.

PEOPLE: Amen.

DECLARATION

LEADER: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Evangelical United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce: You are installed in your respective positions.

GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

[The congregation may show approval and support by applause.]

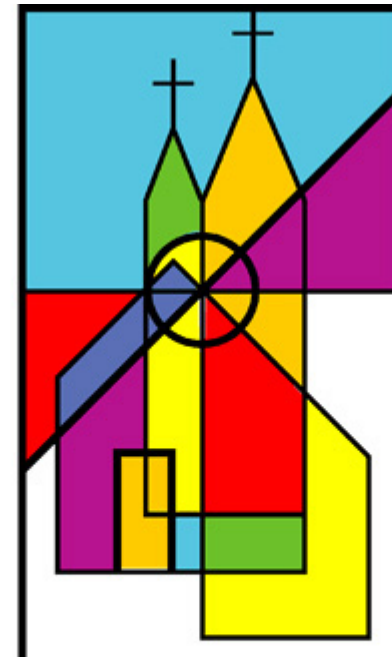
LEADER: In accordance with the faith and order of this church, I extend to you the hand of Christian love.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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