

Evangelical United Church of Christ
33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

January 24, 2010

Third Sunday After Epiphany

[*Those who are able are invited to stand]

PRELUDE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP** —*Nehemiah 8, Psalm 19*

LEADER: Come! Hear the word of the Lord. The Law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

PEOPLE: We hear but do not understand. Who will teach us, that our hearts may rejoice?

LEADER: Listen to the heavens, for they are telling the glory of God. Day pours forth speech and night declares knowledge.

PEOPLE: Who can hear these voices—voices that speak without words or speech?

LEADER: Listen with your heart and you will hear. Pray in the Spirit and you will perceive.

ALL: Amen, amen!

***HYMN OF ADORATION**

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” —21

INVOCATION —*Luke 4*

LEADER: God of wisdom, we have come to sit at Jesus’ feet—to hear as he brings good news to the poor; to rejoice as he proclaims release to the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed; to marvel as he declares the year of your favor. Help us hear beyond the surface meaning of your decrees, precepts, and teachings to the spiritual depths they contain. Teach us the music of the heavens—the whispering of the land and the roar of the seas, that we may truly understand the fullness of life you have in store for us.

PEOPLE: AMEN.

Prayer List —January 24, 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	Ester Nussbaum	Fountainbleau Lodge Alta Proffer
Josh Amelunke; 12-09	Marilyn Propst; 11-09	
Marvin Best, JR; 12-09	Jean Ratliff; 08-09	
Ruth Bierschwal; 07-09	[Jamaican CMM]	
Connie Blattner; 11-09	Bob Roloff; 09-09	
Dora Briggs; 07-09	Jacob Sandvos; 12-09	
*Jim Caughlin; 01-10	[Barbara Lynch’s Grandson]	
Aleene Ellinger; 08-09	Slaughter Family; 08-09	
[Jane McMillan’s Mother]	Chris Spivey; 08-09	
Lillian Graden; 09-09	[Michelle’s Nephew]	
Virginia Heise; 08-09	Tanner Stallins; 10-09	Veteran’s Home Frank Maevers, Sr. Kenny Mehrle
Joan Hope	Margaret Tallent; 07-09	
Ernie Jordan; 10-09	Marjorie Thompson; 07-09	
Ida Mae Jordan; 12-09	J.D. Treadwell; 09-09	Lutheran Home Dorothy Cole Leonard Moore Ester Nussbaum
Margie Kurre; 01-10	Norma Trickey; 12-09	
Carolyn Keese; 12-09	Burnell Turner; 11-09	
[Bolton Family Friend]	Winfield Family; 07-09	House Bound Loyd Bollinger S.G. Coy Mary Huckstep David Kies Helen Owens
David Kies; 01-10		
Sally McMillan; 01-10		
[Bill & Jane’s sister-in-law]	Ratliff Nursing Home Polly Wilmsmeyer	

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial Gen. Fund	Memorial Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School	Misc.
01-03-10	\$1,461.00	---	---	---	\$22.43	---
01-10-10	\$833.00	---	---	\$6.00	\$7.00	---
01-17-10	\$1,295.00	---	---	---	\$26.00	\$20.00
01-24-10						
01-31-10						
Worship Dates	# of People	Scholarship Fund	OCWM	JCMM	Cornerstone	Total Offering
01-03-10	48	---	\$20.00	---	---	\$1,503.43
01-10-10	54	---	---	\$100.00	\$670.88	\$1,616.88
01-17-10	51	---	---	---	---	\$1,341.00
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

Frank Maevers, Jr.

Greeters

Dorothy Klein

Reader

Bill Bolton

Ushers: Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Cayleigh Bolton, Bob Roloff, and Lori Siebert

On the Calendar

- Jan 24 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Annual Meeting & Dinner
Friendship Circle Hostesses
- Jan 27 Confirmation @ Emanuel, 6:30 PM
LOVE, INC Quarterly Partner Meeting
@ St. Andrew's Church, 8:30 AM
- Jan 28 GYM usage BB Elfrink, 4:30-6:30 PM
- Jan 31 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
- Feb 1 Lower Auditorium rented, 3 PM-10 PM
Jacquie Maxton-Lia Sophia Mega Show
- Feb 2 Jamaican Christian Medical Mission
Dumpling Rolling, 4:00 PM
- Feb 7 ASAP Souper Bowl of Caring Special
Mission Offering
- Feb 9 Diaconate meeting, 7:00 PM
- Feb 12 Safe House for Women, 5:00 PM
"Love Yourself Valentine Banquet"
- Feb 13 MO Mentoring, 10 AM-1 PM
Lower Auditorium
- Feb 15 Presidents' Day

Union of Concerned Christians

We would like to sell the remaining quarts of apple butter. We have reduced the price from \$6.00 to \$5.00 per quart. Please contact someone on the apple butter committee today!

Lenten Meals

The Diaconate will host the first Lenten meal on February 17th, Ash Wednesday. Communion will be served.

Here are the dates:

February 17 — Diaconate

February 24 — Council

March 3 —

March 10 —

March 17 — Union of Concerned
Christians

March 24 — Mary-Martha Circle

April 1 —

Please call Susan in the church office to reserve your date. Thanks.

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.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,

and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,

and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens

and runs about to the end of it again;

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure

and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear

and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever;

the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,

and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?

cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

ACT OF PRAISE —*Gloria*

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.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION —*Psalm 19:14*

LEADER: “Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.”

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 56, 8-10	Page 761
1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Page 1785
*Luke 4:14-21	Page 1596

RESPONSE TO THE WORD —*Psalm 19:7-10*

LEADER: With the psalmist, we proclaim: “The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.”

SERMON —**Pastor Daniel Johnson**

“Reading, Interpreting, Hearing, and Understanding”

CHORAL ANTHEM

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** —*1 Corinthians 12:27*

LEADER: “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” None of us is more important or more valued by God than another. Let us rejoice in our place in the body of Christ by turning to one another and passing the peace of Christ. The Peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

***SONG OF PRAISE**
“The Solid Rock” —526

***CALL TO OFFERING**

LEADER: “Sacrifice thank offerings to God, and fulfill your vows to the Most High.” [Psalm 50:14]

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** —816

*We give Thee but Thine own, What-e’re the gift may be.
All that we have is Thine a-lone— A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive,
And gladly as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first-fruits give. A-men.*

***OFFERING PRAYER** —*Luke 4*

LEADER: O Lord, our God, may the gifts we bring before you be outward and visible signs of the inward and spiritual grace you have blessed us with today; may they reflect our commitment to continue Jesus’ mission: to bring good news to the poor, release to the captives, sight to the blind, and freedom to the oppressed.

***HYMN OF PARTING**

“How Great Thou Art” —147

***BENEDICTION** —*1 Corinthians 12*

LEADER: In one Spirit, we have all been baptized.

PEOPLE: *Spirit, make us one!*

LEADER: In one faith, we have all been nurtured.

PEOPLE: *Christ, make us one!*

LEADER: In one great love, we have all been saved.

PEOPLE: *God, make us one!*

LEADER: Go with the blessing of God, that we might all be one.

ALL: AMEN!

***CHORAL EXTROIT**

***POSTLUDE**