

Evangelical United Church of Christ

33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri

May 3, 2009

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday

[*Those who are able are invited to stand]

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT #304
"Behold the Lamb"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: The Suffering Servant

PEOPLE: *becomes the healing source.*

LEADER: The stone rejected

PEOPLE: *becomes hope's cornerstone.*

LEADER: The Crucified One

PEOPLE: *is raised to new life.*

LEADER: The God of healing, hope, and life is in our midst:

ALL: *Let us celebrate and worship our good God!*

*HYMN OF ADORATION #118
"His Name is Wonderful"

*INVOCATION

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *O Good Shepherd, You desire to guide all into safety, refreshment, and peace. Meet us here today and Fill us with your love, that we may look into your world with your loving knowledge, welcome our sisters and brothers with your joy and offer our lives with your generosity as members of your beloved community: in your name we pray, Amen.*

*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 List —May 3, 2009

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; 11-08	David Metcalfe; 02-09	Fountainbleau Lodge
Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08	Ester Nussbaum	Alta Proffer
Jerry Baker; 03-09	Willa Dean Propst; 04-09	
Ruby Bock; 01-09	Andora Peetz Family; 01-09	Lutheran Home
Michael Bodine; 03-09	*Vernon Robert; 04-09	Dorothy Cole
Loyd Bollinger	*Irene Sievers; 04-09	Viola Geiser
Darline Dow; 01-09	Meta Siemers; 03-09	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Lexi Edwards; 11-08	*Jeff Stricker; 04-09	Leonard Moore
Dean & Carolena Galloway; 11-08	Bonnie Wilkening; 01-09	Ester Nussbaum
Joan Hope		Auburn Creek
*Dr. Bill Johnson [JCMM]; 04-09		Irene Orlando
Ernie Jordan; 11-08	Please Remember	
Ida Mae Jordan; 11-08	Our Friends at Home	House Bound
Wavis Jordan; 03-09		S.G. Coy
Vergie Kies; 04-09		Mary Huckstep
*Frank Maevers, Sr.; 03-09	Ratliff Nursing Home	Kenny Mehrle
Dana McClard; 12-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer	Helen Owens

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
4-05-09	\$2,318.00	---	---	\$177.00
4-12-09	\$1,428.84	---	\$50.00	\$271.25
4-19-09	\$275.00	---	---	\$120.00
4-26-09	\$1,186.00	---	---	\$34.00
Worship	Attendance	Shannondale Sunday	Total	Offering
4-05-09	75		4-05-09	\$2,510.00
4-12-09	101		4-12-09	\$2,563.78
4-19-09	38		4-19-09	\$424.00
4-26-09	65	\$9.00	4-26-09	\$1,229.00

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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Ham Supper

The Diaconate would like to thank everyone who helped in any way with the Ham Supper. Everyone's help was greatly appreciated.



National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 7th at Crossroads Fellowship Church, 4400 E. Jackson Blvd., Jackson, MO. Evangelical and Emmanuel churches will have a joint table of breakfast foods at the National Day of Prayer. The Breakfast Food Court opens at 6 AM and the Prayer Service begins at 7 AM. This years theme is "Prayer . . . America's Hope". . . . More Information will be in the May Chronicler . . .

On the Calendar

- May 3 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Communion Sunday
- May 7 National Day of Prayer @
Crossroads Fellowship Church
4400 E. Jackson Blvd, 6:00 AM
Mary-Martha Circle,
1:30 PM
- May 10 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Happy Mother's Day
- May 12 **Friendship Circle's** Mother-Daughter Banquet, 6:30 PM
- May 18 Deadline for June Chronicler
- May 31 Strengthen the Church
Special Mission Offering



COLLECT OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people; Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
 ALL: Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:5-12 Page 1696

PSALM 23 — A Psalm of David

ALL: *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

I John 3:16-24 Page 1901
 *John 10:11-18 Page 1666

SERMON — Pastor Daniel Johnson
"Good and Bad Shepherds"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

ALL: *I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

ANTHEM
“Come To The Table” —Choir

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR LILLIAN KIES MEMORIAL PLAQUE

LEADER: Over the years this congregation has been blessed with some many generous people. The generosity of Lillian Kies came at a time that it was greatly needed by this congregation. We thank God for Lillian and everyone who has been generous in their support of time, money, and prayer for God's Church. To remind us of this generosity we are placing this plaque by the entrance of the church office. Please join in a prayer of dedication.

ALL: O God of all creation, we give thanks for the calling to be your church and for the power you give us to fulfill our calling. We are a people with a past full of assurance and a future full of hope. Today we dedicate this plaque commemorating Lillian Kies' gift to you. May the meaning we see in this plaque live on in us so that each time we see it, we may be reminded of your holy presence. May we pass on to our children and our children's children the significance of this plaque so that their journey of faith may be enhanced. To you be the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEADER: With all the signs of new life in Christ around us, we still cling to our old ways. Let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

LEADER: When we do not accept as our sisters and brothers in Christ those who are different from us,

ALL: forgive us, O God.

LEADER: When we oppose you by opposing those who disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions,

ALL: forgive us, O God.

LEADER: When we willfully disobey you and lose faith in your future,

ALL: forgive us, O God.

LEADER: God, in your mercy, restore us to newness of life. Bind together your church universal through the coming of your Holy Spirit. Empower us to witness with courage to the presence of Jesus Christ among us.

ALL: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: Take heart: God's Spirit empowers us to move from the ways of death to the ways of new life. Our sins are forgiven. Let us forgive one another and give ourselves to one another in the joyful community of the risen Christ.

ALL: Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: The peace of Christ be with you.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

*SONG OF PRAISE #688

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

INVITATION TO OFFERING

LEADER: Generosity is one of the signs of God's abiding love. God's grace overflows, God's table is designed to welcome all in safety and peace. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude, heartfelt commitment, and praise.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #815

ALL SING: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*BLESSING OVER THE GIFTS

LEADER: Let us pray. Guide and Protector of our lives, take these gifts and bless them and distribute them among your beloved ones; may they further your mission in our church and our world, through Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

*HYMN OF PARTING #552

“I Am Thine, O Lord”

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: May our Loving Shepherd send us forth into the world fed, protected, and **strengthened to set tables of justice and joy: in Jesus' name.**

ALL: Amen

CHORAL EXTROIT #583

“You Are My All in All”

POSTLUDE

HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical United Church of Christ
May 3, 2009

*INVITATION

LEADER: Hear the invitation of Jesus: **"I am standing at the door,** knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you **and eat with you, and you with me."** [Revelation 3:20]

*COMMUNION PRAYER

LEADER: Give thanks for the presence of the risen Lord Jesus with us: We give thanks with joyful hearts. Jesus, dispeller of doubts, source of our faith, we praise you with wonder for caring for us so deeply. We praise you, O God, for raising Jesus from the dead, and for this great assurance of your love for us. With joy over prophecies fulfilled, and promises carried out, we join with faithful people of every time and place to give glory to you:

*ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

[Please be seated.]

LEADER: We waved our palms and cried "Hosanna" on Palm Sunday; we held our breath and fear clutched our hearts once more with the words "crucify him" on Good Friday; so our relief on Easter Day was evident in our eagerness to join in the acclamation that Christ is risen. With Thomas, we identified with the disciples looking for proof that Jesus is indeed risen. With them, we receive words of peace from the risen Christ. What further proof do we need, that he was prepared to

die for us and to share his risen life with us. For Jesus, on the night he was betrayed was still thinking of others as he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body broken for you. **Do this in remembrance of me.**" **In the same way, he took** the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And now, O God, breathe your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that through them, we may be nourished by the life of Christ and strengthened to make that life visible through our faithful witness in the world. Bless us all, O God, as we offer our praise and our worship in the name of Jesus Christ our risen Lord and Savior.

ALL: Amen.

BREAKING BREAD & POURING WINE

PASTOR: [while taking the bread and breaking it]

Through the broken bread we participate in the body of Christ.

PASTOR: [while pouring the wine and raising the cup]

Through the cup of blessing we participate in the new life Christ gives.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

PASTOR: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

PEOPLE: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

SHARING THE ELEMENTS

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

[while giving the bread]

PASTOR: The body of Christ, the living bread.

PEOPLE: Amen!

[while giving the cup]

PASTOR: The blood of Christ, the saving cup.

PEOPLE: Amen!

HOLY COMMUNION

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*Prayer of Thanksgiving

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: Gracious God, we have been reminded of Jesus' sacrificial love for us as we have shared this meal together, and through the power of the Holy Spirit we have received his life in us. May we make our thanks visible by serving you and one another. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**TAKE
EAT, IN
REMEMBRANCE
OF ME.**