

**Evangelical United Church of Christ**

33 South Ellis Street,  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri

**May 9, 2010**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter & Mothers' Day**

[\*Those who are able are invited to stand]

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

**PRELUDE**

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION**

*"O Jesus, I Have Promised" —676*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Today is a celebration of families—from the smallest one-person family to the largest families.

**PEOPLE: Thanks be to God for the family of faith in which we worship!**

LEADER: God has gathered us together to appreciate each other.

**PEOPLE: God has gathered us together to love and support each other.**

LEADER: Praise be to God who seeks each of us to be God's family of faith.

**PEOPLE: Let us worship God who calls us into community. AMEN.**

**\*INVOCATION**

LEADER: Let us pray.

**ALL: We gather on this day of celebration, to honor the family of God.**

**We are reminded by God that the love God poured upon us is also meant for others. We are called by Christ to love one another as he loved each of us. Today we hear these words anew. May our hearts and spirits be filled with God's love and compassion. AMEN.**

**Prayer List —May 2, 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.**

<p><b>On the Prayer List</b> Leo Amelunke; 12-09 Josh Amelunke; 12-09 Irene Amos; 01-10 Marvin Best, Jr; 02-10 Verna Best; 02-10 Connie Blattner; 11-09 Caughlin family; 04-10 Darline Dow; 04-10 Aleene Ellinger; 08-09 [Jane McMillan's Mother] Joan Hope; 04-10 Dylan Hottes; 04-10 Mary Kate Johnson; 03-10 Ernie Jordan; 03-10 Ida Mae Jordan; 04-10 Carolyn Keese; 12-09 [Bolton Family Friend] David Kies; 01-10 Sally McMillan; 01-10</p>	<p>Nussbaum Family; 04-10 Becky [Helen Owens daughter]; 04-10 Justin Pashia; 02-10 Marilyn Propst; 11-09 Van Sanders Family; 04-10 Jacob Sandvos; 03-10 Mary Ann Smith; 03-10 Treadwell Family; 02-10 Norma Trickey; 02-10 Burnell Turner; 11-09 Terry Wildman; 03-10 Larry Winfield; 02-10 Gavin Zyduck; 04-10 [4 months old]</p> <p><b>In Hospital</b> Darline Dow; 03-10 [SE Hospital]</p>	<p><b>Ratliff Nursing Home</b> Polly Wilmsmeyer</p> <p><b>Fountainbleau Lodge</b> Alta Proffer</p> <p><b>Veteran's Home</b> Frank Maevers, Sr. Kenny Mehrle</p> <p><b>Lutheran Home</b> Dorothy Cole S.G. Coy Leonard Moore</p> <p><b>House Bound</b> Loyd Bollinger Mary Huckstep David Kies Helen Owens</p>
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Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial Gen Fund	Memorial Fund	Building Fund	Sunday School	Misc.
05-02-10	\$1,798.00	---	---	\$55.00	\$26.00	\$5.00
05-09-10						
05-16-10						
05-23-10						
05-30-10						
Worship Dates	# of People	Scholarship Fund	OCWM	Shannon-dale		Total Offering
05-02-10	59	---	\$20.00	\$10.00	---	\$1,914.00
05-09-10						
05-16-10						
05-23-10						
05-30-10						

**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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Kaye Lee

**Greeters**

Bill & Rhonda Bolton

**Reader**

Barbara Oberbeck

**Ushers**

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

**On the Calendar**

May 9 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM

**Happy Mother's Day**

May 11 Friendship Circle, 6:30 PM

Mother-Daughter Banquet

May 12 Video Series Bible Study, 6:30 PM

May 13 Ascension Day

May 16 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM

Sunday School, 9:30 AM

Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM

**Guest Speaker MO Mid-South  
Minister Jeff Whitman w/ lunch**

**Hosted by the Diaconate**

JCMM, 3:00 PM

*UCC Group Winery Trip, 3:00 PM*

May 17 Council, 7:30 PM

May 18 Diaconate, 7:00 PM

May 23 Strengthen the Church Special Offering

May 29 Teen Challenge Strawberry Festival

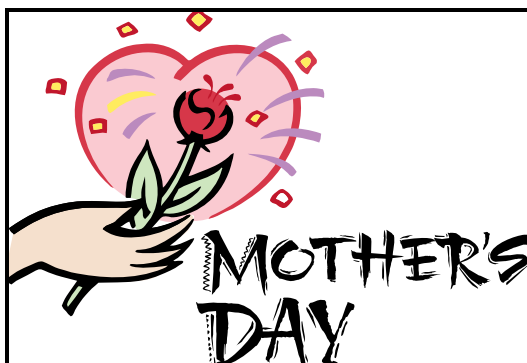
May 30 Memorial Day Sunday

May 31 Memorial Day—Office Closed

**Mother—Daughter Banquet**

The Friendship Circle will have their annual Mother-Daughter Banquet on Tuesday, May 11th, at 6:30 PM. Verla Sailer and Maxine Hale will provide the evenings entertainment. It is sure to be very enjoyable.

The Friendship Circle will provide the meat, drinks, and bread. Please bring 2 dishes, vegetable/salad, vegetable/dessert, or salad/dessert, to accompany the meal. Everyone is invited to attend. ***Even if you are not a Mom, you are still a daughter.***



**LITANY FOR MOTHERS' DAY**

LEADER: Mothers come in many different forms, and today we celebrate them all!

***ALL: Thank God for mothers!***

LEADER: Everyone here is either a son or a daughter.

***ALL: Thank God for my mother!***

LEADER: For those women who have joined God in Heaven and whom we miss dearly here on earth.

***ALL: Thank God for the mothers of the past.***

LEADER: For every woman who is working day and night to raise her children right now.

***ALL: Thank God for the mothers of today.***

LEADER: For all the women who are expecting, but aren't quite mothers yet!

***ALL: Thank God for the soon-to-be-mothers.***

LEADER: For the women who took in others' children through adoption and foster care.

***ALL: Thank God for the mothers with hearts so big.***

LEADER: For those women who have lost a child to death and must carry on.

***ALL: Thank God for the mothers who are so strong.***

LEADER: For all the women who have desperately wanted to have children of their own, but chose instead to mother everyone else.

***ALL: Thank God for the mothers in spirit. We thank you, Lord, for the women who have influenced our lives in so many ways. We pray that we will honor them in everything we do. Amen.***

**RESPONSIVE READING —Psalm 67**

May God be merciful to us and bless us,

***show us the light of his countenance and come to us.***

Let your ways be known upon earth,

***your saving health among all nations.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

***let all the peoples praise you.***

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

***for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.***

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

***let all the peoples praise you.***

The earth has brought forth her increase;

***may God, our own God, give us his blessing.***

May God give us his blessing,

***and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.***



**\*ACT OF PRAISE** —Gloria #812

*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.*

**READING OF SCRIPTURE**

Acts 16:9-15	Page 1720
Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	Page 1937
*John 14:23-29	Page 1676

**RECOGNITION OF MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

LEADER: Let us pray. Lord, we can only imagine the scene painted for us in Revelation in which we are given a glimpse of eternity. The light of your love pours over all the land, bathing it in healing warmth and hope. We have gathered this day to celebrate the gift of Jesus Christ. He said to the disciples, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Do not be afraid.” How many times we are troubled and fearful. We feel hopeless in the face of an uncertain future. Help us to place our trust in your love. Open our hearts to see the wonder of your eternity. Release us from our anger, loneliness, and despair. Bring us to the realization that in your love we may find peace and joy. For it is in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, that we offer this prayer. **AMEN.**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING** —John 14, Acts 16

LEADER: As Lydia opened her heart, her home, and even her purse, so may we open ourselves to God and to one another. Let us share our hearts and our gifts with God through Christ’s church.

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*“We Give Thee But Thine Own” —816*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER** —Revelation 21

LEADER: Let us pray.

**ALL: Receive these gifts, and bless them with the power of your Holy Spirit. Transform these gifts and our very lives, that through our giving, and through our living, we may shine like a city upon a hill, glowing with the light of your love. In Christ’s name, we pray. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

*“There’s Something About That Name” —83*

**SERMON** —Guest Speaker Michael Hester

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** —Revelation 21, John 14

LEADER: Let us pray. God of light and life, shine upon us with your wisdom and truth. Open our hearts to listen eagerly and to love generously. As you teach us, so may we live in your world as lights shining with your glory. May we be like trees of life, offering healing to a world in need. **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**

*“Trust and Obey” —571*

**\*BENEDICTION**

LEADER: As a family of God, go forth into this world, proclaiming the good news of God’s absolute love for all people. Bring joy and hope to those you meet. May the God of new life bless you and be gracious to you. May the face of Christ shine upon you. And may the Spirit of love flow within you and through you. **AMEN.**

**\*CHORAL EXTROIT**

**\*POSTLUDE**