

Evangelical United Church of Christ  
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 July 20, 2008  
 (\*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL INTROIT  
 "Yes, Lord, Yes" —Choir

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: O God, you know us inside and out, through and through.

PEOPLE: *You search us out and lay your hand upon us.*

LEADER: You know what we are going to say even before we speak.

PEOPLE: *We praise you, O God, for the wonderful knowledge*

LEADER: that whoever we are and wherever we go, you are with us.

\*HYMN OF ADORATION #747  
 "Sunshine in My Soul"

INVOCATION

LEADER: God of all generations, as the author of the psalm acknowledged your creative presence in such an intimate and personal way, so we affirm your presence with us in an even more wonderful and personal way - in the relationship established through Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit. We praise and thank you, O God, for reaching out to us and touching our lives in this way. We turn towards you in gratitude seeking to love as we have been loved and pray that this time of worship will be a worthy offering of praise and thanksgiving for the way you lay your guiding hand on our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray.

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

Prayer List  
 July 20, 2008

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; 05-08	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Ratliff Nursing Home
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	Ester Nussbaum	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Cheryl Olson; 01-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Michael Bodine; 06-08	Helen Owens; 04-08	Alta Proffer
Loyd Bollinger	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Lutheran Home
Ian Bolton; 06-08	Sharon Reif; 03-08	Dorothy Cole
S.G. Coy	Kaylyn Sneathen; 03-08	Viola Geiser
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	*Doug Stacy; 07-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Family of Reece Dgson	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Leonard Moore
M. Benji Doerhoff; 01-08	Brett & Cherie Stembel; 06-08	Andora Peetz
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Auburn Creek
Joan Hope	Bonnie Stricker; 04-08	Irene Orlando
Carol Huebert, 02-08	Evelyn Warrick	House Bound
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08	Please Remember	Mary Huckstep
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan	Our Friends at Home	Helen Owens
Mary Ann Jordan		
Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08		
Kenny Mehrle		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
7-06-08	\$2,471.00	---	\$25.00	\$100.00
7-13-08	\$990.00	---	---	\$27.61
7-20-08				
7-27-08				
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
7-06-08	51		7-06-08	\$2,596.00
7-13-08	?		7-13-08	\$1,017.61
7-20-08			7-20-08	
7-27-08			7-27-08	

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.

Evangelical United Church of Christ	(573) 335-5611
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Pastor	Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Tammy Popp
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Rhonda Bolton
Greeters	Dorothy Klein
Reader	Rhonda Bolton
Ushers: Paul Propst, Bill Bolton, Jeff Sneathen & Alvin Spencer	

Church Portrait Sessions

Fri, Aug. 1st  
2:30 PM—8:40 PM

Sat, Aug. 2nd  
10:00 AM—4:40 PM

Dates & times are filling up fast, so call Susan or Rhonda to schedule your appointment.

—The Diaconate

Meals On Wheels

Remember our will be responsible for Meals-On-Wheels the week of August 25-29th. If you can furnish **and drive a car or be the "runner"** please contact Bob & Velma Roloff at 335-3867 who are the coordinators for our church. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the Secretary's office.

—Bob & Velma Roloff

On the Calendar

July 20 Jamaican MM meeting, 3:00 PM  
**"Church Expansion Fund"**  
Letters are due.

July 21 Council Meeting, 7:30 PM

Aug 1-2 Church Portrait Sessions

Aug 3 Quarterly Congregational Meeting  
Following conclusion of church.  
Communion Sunday

Aug 7 Mary-Martha meeting, 1:30 PM

Aug 9 MO-Mentoring, 10 AM—1 PM

Aug 12 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM

Aug 13 September Chronicler Deadline

Aug 17 Jamaican MM meeting, 3:00 PM

Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Sunday, August 3rd will be the date for our Quarterly Congregational Meeting. Please put this date on your calendar and plan on staying for the business meeting.

—The Church Council

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, forever. Amen."**

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23

LORD, you have searched me out and known me;  
*you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.*  
You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
*and are acquainted with all my ways.*  
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
*but you, O LORD, know it altogether.*  
You press upon me behind and before  
*and lay your hand upon me.*  
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
*it is so high that I cannot attain to it.*  
Where can I go then from your Spirit?  
*where can I flee from your presence?*  
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;  
*if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.*  
If I take the wings of the morning  
*and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,*  
Even there your hand will lead me  
*and your right hand hold me fast.*  
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,  
*and the light around me turn to night,"*  
Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day;  
*darkness and light to you are both alike.*  
Search me out, O God, and know my heart;  
*try me and know my restless thoughts.*  
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me  
*and lead me in the way that is everlasting.*

\*GLORIA #813

LEADER: Let us sing praise to God.

*ALL: We will continually praise God's holy name.*

*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 OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking; Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Genesis 28:10-19a	Page 43
Romans 8:12-25	Page 1757
*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	Page 1518

SERMON

“Letting God Sort It Out” — Pastor Dan Johnson

ANTHEM

“*It Is Well With My Soul*” —Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: **Let us celebrate God's grace of forgiveness by offering to one another a sign of Christ's peace. The peace of Christ be with you.**

*ALL: And also with you.*

\*SONG OF PRAISE #779

“*T'll Fly Away*”

CALL TO OFFERING — Pastor Dan

LEADER: We are seeds and yeast, yet there are times when even we come to what we see as the end of just about everything: time, strength, dollars, patience, abilities. Many have so little they are already in that place of loss, anger, or grief. However we have come, we are received in love, and so we are able to give. We give these gifts, knowing the Spirit is wise enough to balance it all out.

\*PRAISE RESPONSE #815

*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.*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*ALL: Lord Jesus Christ, you have grown your life in us through the gift of your Spirit. Accept these gifts and the service of our lives as we dedicate ourselves to spread the seeds of your life wherever we go and through whatever we do. In your name we pray. Amen.*

\*HYMN OF PARTING #670

“*Make Me a Blessing*”

\*BENEDICTION

LEADER: **Go into this week knowing God's hand is upon you, blessing you and nurturing the life of Jesus within you through the energy and power of the Holy Spirit.**

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

CHORAL EXTROIT

“*Adoration*”