

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street
 Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 September 16, 2007
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE
 CHORAL INTROIT
 "Yesterday, Today, Forever" —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth. Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #674
 "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

PRAYER OF THE CONFESSION

LEADER: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.
ALL: Almighty and merciful God, you created and are creating still. In your presence our limits lie stark before us. We confess our unclear lips, our cold hearts, our turning away from neighbors, our broken promises, and our unrepentant hours. Forgive us, O Holy One. We confess that we have squandered the gifts you have given. We have neglected the land. We have grasped for goods. We have used each other. We have loved power more than people. Forgive us, O Holy One. Cleanse from us the illusion of innocence. Come into our hearts, and make us new again. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

SILENCE
 ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LEADER: In Jesus Christ, God knows and receives us as we are. Listen, give thanks, and live.

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: Let us show the peace of forgiveness by passing the "Peace of Christ" to each other. The peace of Christ be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

Prayer List
 September 16, 2007

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.

*Sahara Aldridge; 09-07	Betty Metcalfe; 07-07	Ratliff Nursing Home
Leo Amelunke; 03-07	Stephen Miller; 04-07	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Loyd Bollinger; 07-07	Esther Nussbaum; 05-07	Bonnie Wilcox
Tom Boston; 07-07	*Irene Amos; 09-07	Fountainbleau Lodge
S.G. Coy	*Tonya Pobst; 09-07	Alta Proffer
Michael "Benji" Doerhoff	Paul Propst; 08-07	Connie Gibson
[In Iraq]; 08-07	Dave Schaffner, Sr.; 08-07	Lutheran Home
Bob Dolle; 08-07	Kaylyn Sneathen; 08-07	Dorothy Cole
Ruby Doughty; 05-07	Harold Stahlman; 05-07	Lillian Kies
Darlene Dow; 04-07	Karen Stephens; 05-07	Frank Maevers, Sr.
*Danny Emmert; 09-07	Marjorie Thompson; 05-07	Leonard Moore
Carl Fledderman; 04-07	*LaDonna Wells; 09-07	Andora Peetz
Joan Hope; 04-07		House Bound
Ernest & Ida Mae Jordan		Ruby Doughty
Robert Juergens; 08-07	Please Remember	Esther Nussbaum
Frank Maevers; 07-07	Our Shut-Ins	
Kenny Mehrle		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
9-2-07	\$2,007.00	---	\$35.00	---
9-9-07	\$1,287.50	---	---	\$224.00
9-16-07				
9-23-07				
9-30-07				
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
9-2-07	48		9-5-07	\$2,127.00
9-9-07	64		9-12-07	\$1,511.50
9-16-07			9-19-07	
9-23-07			9-26-07	
9-30-07				

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
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Rhonda Bolton
Greeters	Kaye Lee & Susan Spinks
Reader	Rhonda Bolton
Ushers: Paul Propst, Bill Bolton, Jeff Sneathen & Alvin Spencer	

Open House

Kaye Lee retired after 34 years at the Lutheran Home!
It is a time for Celebration!
Please join us on Sunday, September 30th any time from 2:00 — 6:00 PM here at Evangelical UCC

Fall Picnic

All Congregation Fall Picnic after church at Pastor Dan's Big Hill Farm outside Jackson on Sunday, Oct 21st. Do you need free firewood? Then bring your chainsaw. We will have a bonfire, hot dog and marshmallow roast.

On the Calendar

Sept 16 Jamaican Medical Mission Meeting, 3:00 PM
Sept 17 Council, 7:30 PM
Sept 18 Diaconate, 7:00 PM
Sept 19 Open Gym, 6:30 PM
Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Sept 20 Choir Practice, 7:00 PM
Sept 30 Retirement Open House for Kaye Lee, 2:00—6:00 PM
Oct 7 Communion Sunday
Oct 21 **Fall Picnic @ Pastor Dan's house**
Oct 27 Hay Ride @ Best Farm, 6:00 PM
Oct 28 Quarterly Congregational Meeting, immediately after church

*SONG OF PRAISE #575 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

PSALMS 14

Read responsively by half verse.
The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.
The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.
Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.
Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the LORD?
See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.
Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but the LORD is their refuge.
Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

*GLORIA

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: O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

READING of SCRIPTURE

Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Page 1176

Epistle Lesson

I Timothy 1:12-17 Page 1845

*Gospel Lesson—Please Stand

Luke 15:1-10 Page 1623

SERMON

“Into the Woods” —Pastor Daniel Johnson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

ALL: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Christ all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities—all things were created through Christ and for Christ. Christ is before all things, and in Christ all things hold together. Christ is the head of the body, the church; Christ is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything Christ might be preeminent. For in Christ all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Christ all things are reconciled to God, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of Christ's cross. [Colossians 1:15-20]

ANTHEM —Choir

“Showers of Blessings”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 and ever. Amen.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Minute for Mission — “Martino”

Announcements

OFFERTORY

OFFERING INVITATION —Pastor Dan Johnson

LEADER: Rejoice! The lost are found. May we find it in our hearts to give, So that, through our actions, God's welcome will be extended, so all are found.

*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.*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL: God of grace and truth, you touch our lives with extravagant mercy and we offer these gifts in response to such generosity. We pray that we may be bearers of a like mercy and grace in all our dealings with people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN OF PARTING #771

“We'll Understand It Better By and By”

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING

LEADER: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT

“Thank You Lord”

POSTLUDE