

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Twenty- Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 28, 2008
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT
 "Make Me A Servant" —Choir

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We are summoned here by our holy God, who calls us each by name and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

PEOPLE: *From classroom and kitchen and carpool, we are called into God's presence. Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken, we hear our names being called to join in worship.*

LEADER: **This house of worship is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:** unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts. Let us worship together!

*HYMN OF ADORATION #34
 "He Is Lord"

INVOCATION

LEADER: Christ is with us.

PEOPLE: *Christ is in our midst.*

LEADER: Let us pray.

ALL: *O almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, and who pours out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication, deliver us, when we draw nigh to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Prayer List

September 28, 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.

**Joyce Abernathy; 09-08 Leo Amelunke; 05-08 Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08 Linda Anderson; 05-08 Loyd Bollinger Ian Bolton; 06-08 Heather Cato; 07-08 Eldon Chasteen; 08-08 Phyllis Chasteen; 08-08 "Red" Clifton; 08-08 Trent Conrad; 08-08 Bettye Crockett; 06-08 Lexi Edwards; 05-08 *Aleene Ellinger; 09-08 Joan Hope Jane Juergens; 09-08 Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08 Tyler Lalumondiere; 04-08 *Anita MacDonald; 09-08	*Frank, Jr & Ame Maevers; 09-08 Kenny Mehrle Bill McMillan; 06-08 M.D. McMillan; 08-08 Ester Nussbaum Hannah Parks; 06-08 *Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08 Bob & Nora Lee Seabaugh; 09-08 *Kailey Spinks; 09-08 Aieral Steffens; 05-08 Brett/Cherie Stembel; 06-08 Karen Stephens; 06-08 Bonnie Stricker; 04-08 Evelyn Warrick; 04-08 Marshall Whitworth; 08-08 Please Remember Our Friends at Home	Ratliff Nursing Home Polly Wilmsmeyer Fountainbleau Lodge Alta Proffer Lutheran Home Dorothy Cole Viola Geiser Frank Maevers, Sr. Leonard Moore Andora Peetz Auburn Creek Irene Orlando House Bound S.G. Coy Mary Huckstep Helen Owens
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Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
9-07-08	\$2,637.00	---	---	\$42.00
9-14-08	\$1,127.00	\$10.00	---	\$78.00
9-21-08	\$1,083.98	---	---	\$339.00
9-28-08				
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
9-07-08	60		9-07-08	\$2,679.00
9-14-08	29		9-14-08	\$1,215.00
9-21-08	66		9-21-08	\$1,422.98
9-28-08			9-28-08	

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	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Michael Bodine
Greeters	Barbara Oberbeck
Reader	Shirley Harrison
Ushers: Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Bob Roloff, and Lori Siebert	

German Wurstmarkt

The 2009 Confirmation Class will be attending the 150 Anniversary of the **Evangelical Children's Home on Saturday, October 4th** from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for Children. Feel free to visit the campus too.

Marshall's Photography

Please call the church office to schedule your appointment to have your picture made for our new Pictorial Church Directory. The dates are Tuesday, October 7th and Wednesday, October 8th. The times will start at 3:00 PM and go to 9:00 PM if needed. We are scheduling sittings every 5 minutes. It will be very important for everyone to show up on time and ready, plan on being here at church for about one hour.

On the Calendar

Sept 28 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Oct 1 Acts Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:30 PM
Oct 2 Mary Martha, 1:30 PM
Oct 3 Jamaican Clothing Drive Starts
Oct 4 Confirmation Class to German Wurstmarkt—Contact Pastor Dan
Oct 5 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
*Neighbors In Need Offering
Oct 7 De-Bone Chicken, 9:30 AM
Oct 7-8 **Marshall's Photography, 3-9 PM**
Oct 11 Hay Ride @ Best Farm, 5:30 PM

Mary-Martha Circle

Marsha Clark will present the program for the circle meeting on Thursday, October 2nd at 1:30 pm. Hostesses will be Meta Siemers and Mary Ann Jordan.

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.

PSALM 78:1-4, 12-16

Hear my teaching, O my people;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,
and the wonderful works he has done.
He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
He split open the sea and let them pass through;
he made the waters stand up like walls.
He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers. . .
Hallelujah!

*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 FOR THE DAY

LEADER: O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 17:1-7 Page 114
Philippians 2:1-13 Page 1827
*Matthew 21:23-32 Page 1532

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson
“**Is That Your Final Answer?**”

ANTHEM

“*He Keeps Me Singing*” —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 God be with you.

PEOPLE: *And also with you.*

SONG OF PRAISE #406

“*Wonderful Words of Life*”

OFFERTORY

Call to Offering

LEADER: Let your light so shine before people, that they may see your good works and give glory to God who is in heaven.

*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: *Faithful God, we gratefully acknowledge that you are the giver of all things. You call us to share these gifts so that we may experience the joy and humility of giving to others. We pray that this very act of offering our gifts to you will enable us to be obedient disciples of your work. We are blessed to receive and to offer the message of salvation. Jesus Christ is Lord. Praise your holy name! Amen. (Based on Philippians 2:1-13.)*

*HYMN OF PARTING #479

“*Softly and Tenderly*”

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

LEADER: O Christ, our only Savior, so dwell within us that we may go forth with the light of hope in our eyes and the fire of inspiration on our lips, your word on our tongues, and your love in our hearts.

PEOPLE: *Amen.*

CHORAL EXTROIT

“*Yes, Lord, Yes*”

POSTLUDE

Neighbors In Need Special Offering—

The Neighbors in Need offering, which we will receive on Sunday, October 5th, supports the UCC’s ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries to fund a wide array of local and national justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Neighbors in Need also supports our American Indian neighbors in the UCC. One-third of the offering supports the UCC’s Council for American Indian Ministries [CAIM]. Historically, forebears of the UCC established churches and worked with Lakota, Dakota, Nakota, Mandan, Hidatsa, Arickara, and Hockak in North and South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Northern Nebraska.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Please give generously. And remember, contributions can be made online at www.ucc.org/nin.