

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 October 12, 2008
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

PRELUDE
 CHORAL INTROIT
 “Behold the Lamb” —Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Let us praise God whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.

PEOPLE: With joy, we praise God’s wonderful deeds.

LEADER: Happy are those who act justly and whose lives reflect God’s righteousness at all times;

PEOPLE: *so look on us with favor O God, for we rejoice in all your faithful dealings with those who have gone before us.*

LEADER: Like them, we have sinned; we fall far short of your goodness.

PEOPLE: *Like them, we forget you and replace you with idols of our own making.*

LEADER: Yet, as you heard Moses’ prayer for his people and delivered them from certain death and destruction,

PEOPLE: so you hear Jesus’ prayers for us, and graciously grant us the gift of salvation.

ALL: Let us together praise God whose goodness and steadfast love are everlasting.

*HYMN OF ADORATION #170
 “Give Thanks”

*INTROIT

ALL: We praise you, O God, with words of thanksgiving in our mouths and in our hearts - words that can never really do justice to the depth of your care for us. We rejoice in your blessings, yet we so often fail to live up to them. Like your people of old, we often desire to fashion you in our image or in ways that we can control. Knowing these failings of ours as you do, you still invite us to share your life of grace and abundant love by being united with Jesus Christ through the power of your Spirit. We do not deserve such gifts. We can only receive them and respond because Jesus intercedes for us in our weakness. May this time of worship and our daily living proclaim our thanksgiving for these undeserved and lavish gifts of grace. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Prayer List

October 12, 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 Bettye Crockett; 06-08 Lexi Edwards; 05-08 Aleene Ellinger; 09-08 Joan Hope Jane Juergens; 09-08 Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08 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 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.
10-05-08 10-12-08 10-19-08 10-26-08	\$2,610.00	\$10.00	\$165.00	\$565.00
Worship	Attendance	Cornerstone	Total	Offering
10-05-08 10-12-08 10-19-08 10-26-08	66	\$830.14	10-05-08 10-12-08 10-19-08 10-26-08	\$4,180.14

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 Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
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Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Tammy Popp
Greeters	Leonard & Lillian Graden
Reader	Linda Schild
Ushers: Gordon Walton, Rhonda Bolton, Barbara Oberbeck, and Van Sander	

Chicken & Dumpling Dinner

The Chicken & Dumpling dinner is Sunday, October 19th. Please check the work schedule and call your Chairperson for when to be here to work.

Please bring the desserts to the lower auditorium no later than 3:00 PM.

Sunday's Flowers

The Altar and Piano Flowers are

In Honor Of

Mary Huckstep's 94th Birthday

In Memory Of

Willmond & Opal Wachter

From Paul & Marilyn Propst

On the Calendar

- Oct 12 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Communion Sunday
- Oct 13 Jamaican Clothing Trailer leaves
- Oct 14 Friendship Circle, 7:00 PM
- Oct 15 Acts Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:30 PM
- Oct 18 Confirmation Class, 2-4 PM
- Oct 19 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Chicken & Dumpling Dinner, 4 PM
- Oct 20 Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
- Oct 21 Diaconate, 7:00 PM
- Oct 25 St. James UCC @ Tilsit, 4—7 PM
Chili Supper
- Oct 26 Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Friendship Circle

Our meeting on Tuesday, Oct 14th at 7:00 PM will consist of setting up the dining room for the Chicken & Dumpling dinner.

PRAYER OF 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 unclean 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 we have loved 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.

PEOPLE: Amen. Thanks be to God.

*PASSING THE PEACE

LEADER: So if you are about to offer your gift to God at the altar and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift in front of the altar, go at once and make peace with your brother or sister, and then come back and offer your gift.

PEOPLE: In response to Christ's command, we reach out to each other in love.

SONG OF PRAISE #343 "Amazing Grace"

PSALM 106:1-6, 19-23

LEADER: Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
PEOPLE: for his mercy endures for ever.

LEADER: Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD

PEOPLE: or show forth all his praise?

LEADER: Happy are those who act with justice

PEOPLE: and always do what is right!

LEADER: Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people,

PEOPLE: and visit me with your saving help;

LEADER: That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people,

PEOPLE: that I may glory with your inheritance.

LEADER: We have sinned as our forebears did;
 PEOPLE: *we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.*
 LEADER: Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb
 PEOPLE: *and worshiped a molten image;*
 LEADER: And so they exchanged their Glory
 PEOPLE: *for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.*
 LEADER: They forgot God their Savior,
 PEOPLE: *who had done great things in Egypt,*
 LEADER: Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham,
 PEOPLE: *and fearful things at the Red Sea.*
 LEADER: So he would have destroyed them,
 had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach,
 PEOPLE: *to turn away his wrath from consuming them. Amen.*

*ACT OF PRAISE (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

ALL SING: *From all that dwell below the skies*

***Let the Creator's praise arise; Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung.***

*Let God the spirit free each tongue! Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Eternal is your glory, God.
 Eternal Word we give you laud; Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Eternal Spirit we adore,
 Your praise shall sound from shore to shore!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

LEADER: Let us pray. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 32:1-14	Page 137
Philippians 4:1-9	Page 1829
*Matthew 22:1-14	Page 1534

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson
“Wedding Crashers”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the

Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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

“Take My Hand, Precious Lord” —Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

LEADER: Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given each of us.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE #816

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL: *God of extravagant love, you have reached out to us and blessed us in so many ways - especially through your most extravagant gift of all – Jesus Christ. We rejoice in your invitation to share our lives with him. Bless us as we respond by offering these gifts and by dedicating ourselves anew as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

*HYMN OF PARTING #630

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

*COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING

LEADER: Go into this week filled with the peace of God that passes all human understanding, the mind of Jesus Christ that surpasses all human thinking, the power of the Holy Spirit that outlasts all human strength. Amen.

CHORAL EXTROIT

“Yes, Lord, Yes”

POSTLUDE