

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 October 26, 2008
 (*Those who are able are invited to stand)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

CHORAL INTROIT & CONGREGATION

"Behold the Lamb" #304

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God knows us and our hungers. God loves us like a father and nurtures us like a mother. God draws us to each other and claims us as the people of God. Knowing this, let us worship God.

*INVOCATION

ALL: O God of the morning and of the evening hours, let your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, joining heart and voice in thanksgiving and praise to your name. Amen.

*HYMN OF ADORATION

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" #271

SENTENCES OF PRAISE

LEADER: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17

Lord, you have been our refuge *from one generation to another.*
 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."
 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.
 You sweep us away like a dream;

Prayer List

October 26, 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; 10-08	Kenny Mehrle	Ratliff Nursing Home
Leo Amelunke; 05-08	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Marilyn Amelunke; 05-08	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	Fountainbleau Lodge
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Ester Nussbaum	Alta Proffer
Loyd Bollinger	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Lutheran Home
Ian Bolton; 10-08	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Dorothy Cole
Heather Cato; 07-08	Bob & Nora Lee	Viola Geiser
*Eldon Chasteen; 08-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Phyllis Chasteen; 08-08	Kailey Spinks; 10-08	Leonard Moore
"Red" Clifton; 08-08	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Andora Peetz
Betty Crockett; 06-08	Brett/Cherie Stembel; 06-08	Auburn Creek
Lexi Edwards; 05-08	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Irene Orlando
Aleene Ellinger; 09-08	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	House Bound
Joan Hope		S.G. Coy
Jane Juergens; 09-08	Please Remember	Mary Huckstep
Jed & Jon Jones; 05-08	Our Friends at Home	Helen Owens
Anita MacDonald; 09-08		
Frank, Jr & Ame		
Maevers; 09-08		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
10-05-08	\$2,610.00	\$10.00	\$165.00	\$565.00
10-12-08	\$1,283.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$32.00
10-19-08	\$1,142.00	---	---	\$66.13
10-26-08				
Worship	Attendance	Cornerstone	Total	Offering
10-05-08	66	\$830.14	10-05-08	\$4,180.14
10-12-08	56		10-12-08	\$1,335.00
10-19-08			10-19-08	\$1,208.13
10-26-08			10-26-08	

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
Email Address	eucc-cape@sbcglobal.net
Web Site	www.evangelicalucc-cape.org
Pastor	Pastor Daniel Johnson
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Michael Bodine
Greeters	Gary & Clodine Metje
Reader	Roxie Lindsay
Ushers: Randy Coy, Michael Bodine, Bob Roloff, & Lori Siebert	

Quarterly Giving Statements & Quarterly Meeting

The quarterly giving statements are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick yours up today.

Today is the Quarterly Congregational Meeting. Remember lunch will be ham sandwiches, side dishes, desserts and drinks.

Jamaican Christian Medical Mission

The Jamaican Christian Medical **Mission's Dinner—Dance—Auction** will be held on Saturday, November 15th at the Arena Building in Cape Girardeau. Doors will open at 5:00 PM. A single ticket is \$18.00 and a table for eight is \$120.00. If you wish to purchase tickets, call Susan at the church office — 335-5611.

On the Calendar

- Oct 26 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Quarterly Congregational Meeting
- Oct 29 Acts Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:30 PM
- Oct 31—Nov 2 Shannondale Mission Trip
- Nov 1 **All Saints' Day**
- Nov 2 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
- Nov 6 Mary-Martha Meeting, 1:30 PM
- Nov 11 Friendship Circle Auction, 6:30 PM
Veterans' Day
- Nov 15 Jamaican Christian Medical Mission
Dinner-Dance-Auction, 5:00 PM
- Nov 16 Dinner & A Show, 5:00 PM

Dinner & A Dance

Sunday, November 16th will be the ASAP Talent Show and the UCC groups Appreciation Dinner. Please put this date on your calendar.

*we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
be gracious to your servants.*

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works
and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.
Hallelujah.

*GLORIA

[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!

READING OF SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

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I Thessalonians 2:1-8

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*Matthew 22:34-46

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING INVITATION

LEADER: All the rules and laws of our faith can be summed up in the law of **love for God and one another**. Everything “hangs” on that – the law of love. We **don’t just talk about love here at Evangelical United Church of Christ; we bring it to life in ministry**: we offer hospitality, we build community, we act in compassion, we do justice work, and in all these things we worship and love God, and we offer our love to our neighbor. That is what this ministry, and our gifts, are about, and all of it hangs on love.

ALL: Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise.

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

“We Give Thee But Thine Own” #816

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

ALL: Lord, you have entrusted us with the awe-inspiring task of sharing the message of the gospel. We acknowledge that we cannot simply give money and expect your message to be spread. We must consistently give ourselves by offering our time, talents, gifts, witness, and service. Stir within us the courage to be Christian stewards in our daily living. Accept these gifts as a symbol of our love and commitment to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

[Based on I Thessalonians 2:1-8.]

SONG OF PRAISE

“On Jordan’s Stormy banks” #777

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson

“Hung Up on the Law”

ANTHEM

“In This Very Room” —Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Thanks be to you, O God, for from the beginning you have entrusted us with your word and have called us to give heart, mind, voice, and love to serving its truth, even as Jesus Christ brought it to life among us. 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

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” #139

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: Let us go and meet the world which God loves and for which Christ died. Let us proclaim that God is worthy of our trust and Christ of our discipleship. Let us live as heirs of Christ and as the people of God in the midst of **God’s world. Amen.**

CHORAL EXTROIT & CONGREGATION

“Yes, Lord, Yes” #601

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are In Honor of S.G. Coy’s 88th Birthday
Congratulations Coy!

Bill & Jane McMillan’s 50th Anniversary

Please Join Us If You Are Able On

Sunday, November 9th, 4:00 PM

Dinner @ 5:00 PM

UCC Lower Auditorium

RSVP Rhonda Bolton @ 334-9955 By Sunday, November 2nd