

**Evangelical United Church of Christ**  
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri  
**November 1, 2009**

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost  
 [\*Those who are able are invited to stand]

**PRELUDE**

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*“O How He Loves You and Me” —349*

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*HYMN OF ADORATION**

*“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” —90*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

LEADER: Throughout all our lives God is with us.

**PEOPLE: Praise be to God for God’s mercy and love.**

LEADER: Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God’s presence is near.

**PEOPLE: When we don’t know which way to go,  
 God will guide and lead us.**

LEADER: Open your hearts today to God’s gently leading.

**PEOPLE: We open our lives to God,  
 that we may faithfully serve God all our days. AMEN.**

**INVOCATION**

LEADER: Let us pray.

**ALL: Lord, we gather here this day in praise and thanksgiving for all  
 the wonderful things you have done for us. Help us to be faithful disci-  
 ples in all that we think, do and say, that your great love may be re-  
 vealed and offer healing to all people. AMEN.**

**SENTENCES OF PRAISE**

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

**Prayer List —November 1, 2009**

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.**

Marvin Best, JR; 09-09	[Rhonda’s Cousin]; 08-09	<b>Fountainbleau Lodge</b>
Ruth Bierschwal; 07-09	Ester Nussbaum	Alta Proffer
*Connie Blattner; 10-09	Jean Ratliff; 08-09	<b>Veteran’s Home</b>
Dora Briggs; 07-09	[Jamaican CMM]	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Aleene Ellinger; 08-09	Bob Roloff; 09-09	Kenny Mehrle
[Jane McMillan’s Mother]	Slaughter Family; 08-09	<b>Lutheran Home</b>
Lillian Graden; 09-09	Chris Spivey; 05-09	Dorothy Cole
Virginia Heise; 08-09	[Michelle’s Nephew]	David Kies
Howard Huffman; 10-09	*Tanner Stallins; 10-09	Leonard Moore
[Carolyn Best’s Dad]	Margaret Tallent; 07-09	Ester Nussbaum
Joan Hope	Marjorie Thompson; 07-09	<b>House Bound</b>
Dr. Bill Johnson; 04-09	J.D. Treadwell; 09-09	Loyd Bollinger
*Ernie Jordan; 10-09	Norma Trickey; 05-09	S.G. Coy
Ida Mae Jordan; 07-09	Winfield Family; 07-09	Mary Huckstep
Michael Juegens; 05-09		Helen Owens
[Lisa Spencer’s Brother]		
Vergie Kies; 04-09	<b>Ratliff Nursing Home</b>	
Mehrle Family; 06-09	Polly Wilmsmeyer	
Cindy McMillan Morris		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial Gen. Fund	Memorial Fund	Building Fund	Misc.
10-04-09	\$1,723.00	---	---	\$10.00	\$708.83
10-11-09	\$1,426.00	---	\$90.00	---	\$66.00
10-18-09	\$1,131.00	---	\$70.00	---	\$5.00
10-25-09	\$612.00	---	---	\$100.00	---
Worship Dates	# of People	Scholarship Fund	OCWM	Sunday School	Total Offering
10-04-09	58	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$27.00	\$2,493.83
10-11-09	50	\$195.00	\$10.00	\$60.50	\$1,847.50
10-18-09	61	\$10.00	---	\$20.00	\$1,236.00
10-25-09		\$30.00	---	\$11.00	\$753.00

**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**

**Email Address**

**Web Site**

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**Pastor Emeritus**

**Organist**

**Sound System**

**Diaconate**

**Greeters**

**Reader**

**Ushers:** All Members of the Diaconate

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Jim & Marilyn Garner  
Grace Coy

**Board of Christian Education**

The B. C. Ed. will meet on Monday, November 9th at 5:00 PM. All members are asked to attend. We will be finalizing our plans for the upcoming Christmas holidays.

**Mary-Martha Circle**

Join the ladies on Thursday, November 5th at 1:30 PM. Fern Schlimme will have devotions. Fern and Irene Amos will be the hostesses for the afternoon.

**On the Calendar**

Nov 1 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
Nov 4 Confirmation Class, 6:30 PM  
@ St. John's UCC  
Wednesday Bible Study, 6:30 PM  
Nov 5 Mary-Martha Circle, 1:30 PM  
Nov 8 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM  
Sunday School, 9:30 AM  
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM  
**Communion Sunday**  
Nov 9 Board of Christian Ed., 5:00 PM  
Nov 10 Friendship C. Auction, 6:30  
Nov 14 MO Mentoring, 10 AM—1 PM  
*Jackson High School Choir,*  
*11 AM—12:30 PM—Gym Use*  
Confirmation Trip—Emmaus

**It's Auction Time Again!**

Thanks right Tuesday, November 10th, is the time for the Friendship Circle's annual action. Auctioneer Dave is back again and sure to keep the fun flowing. The evening will start at 6:30 PM with the sharing of snacks brought by the members. Everyone is invited to attend. Please remember to bring your auction items, snacks to share, and your check-book. The monies collected will be divided evenly between the 10 different charities the Friendship Circle supports. Invite your friends!

**PSALM 146**

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

***I will praise the Lord as long as I live;***

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,

***for there is no help in them.***

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

***and in that day their thoughts perish.***

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

***whose hope is in the Lord their God;***

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

***who keeps his promise for ever;***

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

***and food to those who hunger.***

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

***the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;***

The Lord loves the righteous;

the Lord cares for the stranger;

***he sustains the orphan and widow,***

but frustrates the way of the wicked. The Lord shall reign for ever,

***your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!***

**\*ACT OF PRAISE** —“Glory Be to the Father”

***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 and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through 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**

Ruth 1:1-18	Page 411
Hebrews 9:11-14	Page 1871
*Mark 12:28-34	Page 1575

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: Let us pray. Lord, we have a tendency to wander in wildernesses of our own creating. When opportunities to serve you and to make commitments to your service are given, we consult our calendars to see if there is anything else we have to do. We place our needs and our schedules before our service to you. Help us to re-order our priorities. Help us to look again at the wonderful opportunities you give us to be of service to you by working with others; reaching out to heal and help. Bring us to the light of your love once again. Heal our wounded souls. Let us love you truly with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. Give us courage and persistence as disciples that your great love and glory may shine through our deeds of loving kindness. In Jesus' Name, we pray.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

### CALL TO OFFERING

LEADER: "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' ." [from Acts 20:35 ESV]

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** "*Doxology*" —815

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above, ye heav'n-ly host.*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

LEADER: This offering of money and the service of our lives, express our love for you, O God. A love offered with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind and all our strength. May these gifts be used to reveal that love in all we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

### \*SONG OF PRAISE

*"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"* —16

**SERMON — Guest Speaker, Michael Hester**

*"Grace of God"*

### 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.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

### 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.***

### \*HYMN OF PARTING

*"Change My Heart, O God"* —654

### \*BENEDICTION

LEADER: The pathway is open before you this day. It is a path of peace and hope, brought to others by God's mighty love and wondrous blessings. Go in peace, bringing hope to all that you meet. Go, blessed ones, to serve God all your days.

**PEOPLE: AMEN.**

### \*CHORAL EXTROIT

*"God So Loved the World"*

### \*POSTLUDE

### MEMORIALS

We are pleased to announce the Memorials for Viola Geiser, given at the funeral home, have been located. Ford & Sons mailed the memorials, by accident, to Viola's daughter Jo Snead. Jo has since mailed them back to us.