

Evangelical United Church of Christ
 33 South Ellis Street, Cape Girardeau, Missouri
 Thirtieth-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 November 16, 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: We look to God as the creator and sustainer of the universe.

PEOPLE: In our weakness, we depend on God’s mercy;

LEADER: for we live among people whom so often seem without mercy, who treat our faithfulness with contempt.

PEOPLE: *We live with our eyes fixed on you, O God, as the creator and sustainer of our lives.*

*INVOCATION

*ALL: Great and glorious God, we praise and adore you as the one who creates life and speaks mercy. The people of old discerned your presence and your mercy as you led them to freedom in the land promised to them. They perceived your glory in the wonders of creation, but you chose to widen our vision forever when you entered our world and our history in person. Eyes were opened to see your glory in the most unimaginable way - in a vulnerable baby. Throughout his life, Jesus brought your love into sharper focus by emptying himself of power and filling himself with the needs of others. Our lives have been blessed forever through his sacrificial love and we humbly and gratefully offer our worship and praise for **such evidence of your glory. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.***

Prayer List

November 16, 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	Bill McMillan; 06-08	Ratliff Nursing Home
Leo Amelunke; 11-08	M.D. McMillan; 08-08	Polly Wilmsmeyer
Marilyn Amelunke; 11-08	Ester Nussbaum	Fountainbleau Lodge
Linda Anderson; 05-08	Hannah Parks; 06-08	Alta Proffer
Loyd Bollinger	Travis Rister—Iraq; 09-08	Lutheran Home
Ian Bolton; 10-08	Bob & Nora Lee	Dorothy Cole
Heather Cato; 07-08	Seabaugh; 09-08	Viola Geiser
Eldon Chasteen; 08-08	Aieral Steffens; 05-08	Frank Maevers, Sr.
Phyllis Chasteen; 08-08	Brett/Cherie Stembel; 06-08	Leonard Moore
“Red” Clifton; 08-08	Karen Stephens; 06-08	Andora Peetz
Bettye Crockett; 06-08	Marshall Whitworth; 08-08	Auburn Creek
Lexi Edwards; 11-08		Irene Orlando
Aleene Ellinger; 09-08		House Bound
Joan Hope	Please Remember	S.G. Coy
Jane Juergens; 09-08	Our Friends at Home	Mary Huckstep
Frank, Jr & Ame		Helen Owens
Maevers; 09-08		
*Dana McClard; 11-08		
Kenny Mehrle		

Financial Report	General Fund	Memorial General Fund	Memorial Fund	Misc.
11-02-08	\$1,815.00	---	---	\$43.00
11-09-08	\$1,674.00	---	---	\$238.00
11-16-08				
11-23-08				
11-30-08				
Worship	Attendance		Total	Offering
11-02-08	46		11-02-08	\$1,858.00
11-09-08	68		11-09-08	\$1,912.00
11-16-08			11-16-08	
11-23-08			11-23-08	
11-30-08			11-30-08	

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.

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Guest Pastor	Pastor Carol Dean
Pastor Emeritus	Rev. Ernest Jordan
Organist	Beverly Reece
Sound System	Terry & Mindy Best
Hospitality & Diaconate Visitor	Bonnie Wilkening
Greeters	Paul & Marilyn Propst
Reader	Sandra Sneathen
Ushers: Paul Propst, Bill Bolton, Jeff Sneathen, and Alvin Spencer	

Dinner & A Show

Today, November 16th, at 5:00 PM, in the lower auditorium, the Union of Concerned Christians will host a **"Fried Chicken Appreciation Dinner"** with entertainment in the form of a **"Talent Show" for your viewing pleasure.** The meal will be furnished **by the UCC Group and all its members,** just come, eat, and enjoy the evening. We welcome all to attend. We are grateful for the success of our apple butter making this year.

—Bob & Velma Roloff

December Chronicler

Please have any articles for the December Chronicler turned into the office by Tuesday, November 18th.

On the Calendar

Nov 16 Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Multi Purpose Room—Grace Coy
Jamaican Team Meeting, 3:00 PM
Dinner & A Show, 5:00 PM
Nov 17 Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
Nov 18 Diaconate Meeting, 7:00 PM
Nov 19 Acts Bible Study, 6:30 PM
Open Gym, 7:30 PM
Nov 22 Confirmation Class, 2-4 PM
Nov 23 Fellowship Time, 9:00 AM
Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Sunday School, 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship, 10:35 AM
Nov 23 Community Thanksgiving Service
Evangelical UCC Host Church, 7 PM
Nov 26 NO Bible Study
Nov 27-28 Office Closed
Nov 29 Decorating Inside & Outside, 9 AM
Nov 30 Hanging of the Greens
During Church Services

*HYMN OF ADORATION "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #45

*SENTENCES OF PRAISE

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

*PSALM 123

ALL: *To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the LORD our God,
until he shows us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.*

*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
Judges 4:1-7 Page 376
I Thessalonians 5:1-11 Page 1840
*Matthew 25:14-30 Page 1541

PRAYER FOR VETERAN'S DAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING INVITATION

LEADER: God's wisdom turns the wisdom of the world upside down. God calls us to unexpected and extravagant opportunities to grow in our gifts and in our faith. Holding things close in fear distracts us from the path of **discipleship, but trusting in God and in God's future leads us to great generosity and joy.**

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: Beloved Lord, you offer us a precious gift. Your invitation to salvation through Jesus Christ frees us from so many unnecessary fears. As children of your light, we present these gifts so that others may share in the timeless message of your love. Encourage us to reflect your love to others, today and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen. (Based on I Thessalonians 5:1-11.)

*SONG OF PRAISE
"Battle Hymn of the Republic" #804

SERMON — Pastor Dan Johnson
"Buried Treasure"

ANTHEM
"It Is Well with My Soul" —Choir

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LEADER: Let us pray. 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. *ALL: 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
"I Know Whom I Have Believed" #527

*BENEDICTION

LEADER: Go into this week, enfolded in the rich mercy of God, nourished by the abundant love of Jesus Christ, and energized by the limitless power of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

CHORAL EXTRACT & CONGREGATION
"Yes, Lord, Yes" #601

POSTLUDE