

St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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January 16, 2010

Second Sunday after Epiphany

10:30 A.M.

(* Denotes when all who are able to please stand.)

Gathering

Meditative Prelude played by Kyle Aho

As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.

The theme of today's worship will focus on BEING BORN OF THE SPIRIT. You might want to read and reflect on Isaiah 6: 1-8 and John 3: 1-17.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

Or you may wish to light a candle at the Communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind. Or you may wish to reflect on this where you are on your faith journey, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Gracie Harper

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Pastor: I waited patiently for God who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a

rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

All: We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.

Pastor: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

All: We sing of all Your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.

Pastor: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but our ears You have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

All: We sing, "Here I am, I have come—I desire to do your will, O my God; Your law is in my heart."

***Hymn of Celebration**

"Holy, Holy, Holy!"

No. 2

Call to Confession

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

During this time of inward reflection and repentance, you may want to use "Examen," which simply means an examining of our lives in a prayerful way. It is different from a prayer of confession in that it reviews both the good and the bad of our lives. You pause to look back over your week, or as many days as you wish to examine, and notice where you have partnered with God. In other words, when were you trying to do it alone and when did you ask God to assist you? You can also remember the events, encounters or insights that felt like gifts from God and those that did not. Or remember the times in the day when you gave and received love, and when you did not give or receive love. Once your days are reviewed and examined, you may journal what you have uncovered, or simply imagine offering your insight up to God to let God love you just as you are.

***Words of Assurance**

***Gloria Patri**

("Glory Be to the Father" No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

**Children's Time
Joyce Burton**

Anthem

"A Prayer for Humility"

Patterson

Reading of Holy Scripture

Isaiah 6: 1-8
John 3: 1-17

p. 622
p. 968

Sermon

“Knowing”

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

No. 298

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Choral Response

Offertory

Instrumental Interlude

played by Kyle Aho

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

(“Praise God” No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

Hymn

“In The Garden”

No. 606

***Benediction**

Pastors Becky and Stephan

***Congregational Response**

“Song of Hope”

May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, Fill - ing all our
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
on our way, Bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.

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Postlude

“Instrumental Postlude”

played by Kyle Aho

TODAY
YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT~
THE CONGREGATIONAL ANNUAL MEETING

Immediately following Worship~
There will be no Carry In Dinner following per the
Vote taken at the July Semi-Annual Meeting~

St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

Pastor — Rev. Becky Hebert

Associate Pastor — Stephan Scharf

Secretary — Debra Hall

Interim Choir Director - Liz Stafford

Pastor's Home - 882-0415

Pastor's Cell - 773-6702

Pastor's E-mail - pastor@stjohnschapel.org

Church Office - 881-5175

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Nursery Attendant - Lea Ann Kruger

You, whether a member or guest, are an important and valuable part of this St. John's Chapel Community. Your participation in this worship service is a blessing. May you always know God's gift of unending love.

A nursery is available during worship for children up through three years of age. If you need help locating the nursery, please ask an usher.

Hearing-assistance devices are available for use during worship. If you would like to use one, please ask an usher to get one for you.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

As we begin this new year, let us remember our friends, Flo Valentine and Virginia Shean, who are in assisted living and who so appreciate our cards and visits.

Family and Friends:

Phil Scafe: (son of John & Perdy) requires our ongoing prayers as he battles brain cancer.

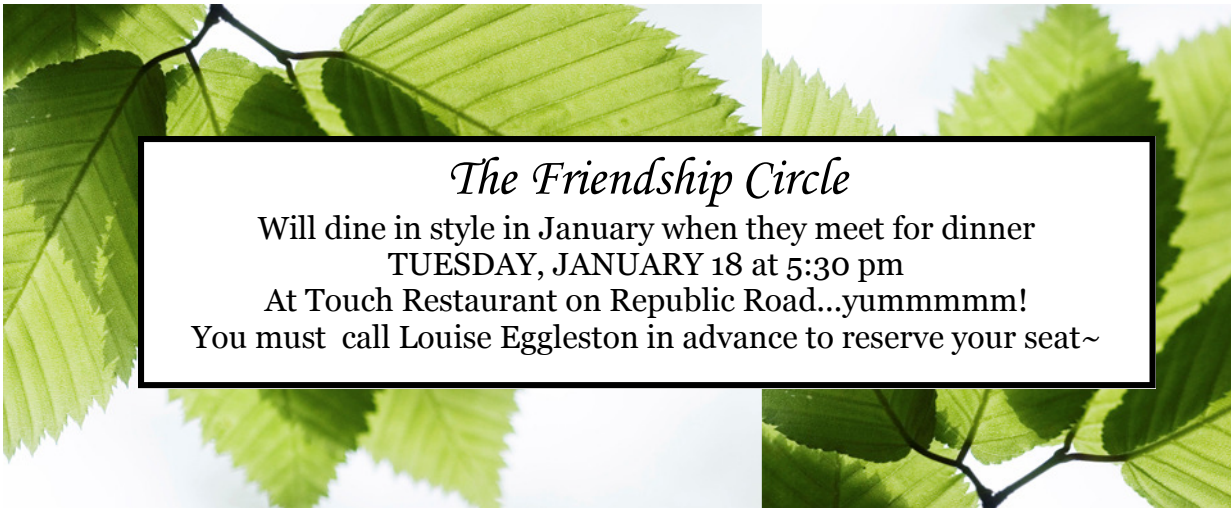
Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett) thanks the congregation for our continued prayers as she takes oral chemotherapy during remission of her breast cancer.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is in Manor Square of Springfield, Room 612.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 9, 2011

Worship: 69	Offering: \$2,997.00
Sunday School: 13	Offering: \$14.00

The average weekly offering needed to meet the 2011 budget is \$2,423.00



The Friendship Circle

Will dine in style in January when they meet for dinner

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18 at 5:30 pm

At Touch Restaurant on Republic Road...yummmmm!

You must call Louise Eggleston in advance to reserve your seat~

**...IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER,
AND OF THE SON,
AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**



JOSEPHINE WALKER

Has been moved from
Magnolia Square to
MANOR CARE OF SPRINGFIELD
On Fremont
Room 612
(417) 883-4022



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE KITCHEN! TODAY we will serve at The Kitchen, 424 E. Commercial (Sunday, January 16th) at 4:15 PM.

Four people are needed. The sign-up sheet is on "the wall" in the Narthex. For more information, please contact Johna Steinhauer, 877-7658.

Sunday, January 23
Installation
Of Officers



**There are different ways of serving,
but the same Lord is served.**



Sunday School — 9:15 AM
 Worship — 10:30 AM
 Pastor's Day Off — Friday

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:30 PM
 Monday-Friday

This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for~ CUE Seminary Support

January 16, 2011

Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in January

TODAY: Second Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 am
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday
 Congregational Annual Meeting Following Worship
 Serve at The Kitchen 4:15 pm

Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm

Tuesday: Ozark Cluster Meeting 10:00 am
 Visioning Committee Meeting 5:30 pm
 Friendship Circle 6:00 pm

Wednesday: Seniors & Retirees 12 noon
 Bells Practice (please check) 6:30 pm
 Choir Practice (please check time) 7:40 pm

Thursday: Messenger items are due today

Friday: Spiritual Development Course 6:00 pm

Saturday: Youth Group Meets 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Sunday: Third Sunday after Epiphany 10:30 am
 Installation
 Election of Council Officers following worship



Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday
January 17
2011

Our Mission Statement

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.