

***Call to Confession**

Leader: The sin that kept God's people from worshipping together in ancient times, is the sin that divides us

People: East from west, north from south, young from old, women from men.

Leader: Let us drink of the water of life, confident of God's purpose and power to lift us above our judgmental ways.

***Prayer of Confession**

All: Tattered memories and frayed hopes divide us from ourselves, and one another, God of Reconciliation. Bad memories turn us from the past. We pretend not to have done, what we have done. We try to hide ourselves from our past, and hide our past from others. Embellished memories foster resentment of the present and fears of the future. Dreadful anticipations rewrite the past in tones of regret and keep us from enjoying the present. False hopes tempt us to ignore present needs. Foolish hopes lead us to believe we can simply walk away from yesterday's shabby deeds. Help us, O God, to accept the true hope of living water which Christ offers; to restore us to our authentic selves. Amen.

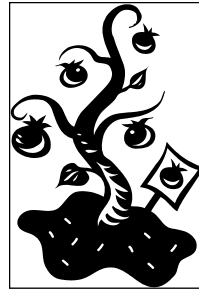
Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

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**

Pastor: God's love for us was brought to light through Christ.

People: Rejoice in God because of Jesus Christ, through whom we receive our reconciliation.



Community Garden Time

The time for you to participate in the Community Garden is fast approaching. We received \$1000.00 grant from the Ely Lilley company to establish a Community Garden. A 10 x 18 plot is available for all chapel members who wish to grow their own produce.

This is good way to help save some money, and to help feed the areas' needy by donating your surplus to Crosslines or another organization that feeds the hungry.

There is a \$25.00 fee to offset the cost of water usage. Your plot will be tilled and ready to plant. Plots will also be offered to the neighbors in our area as part of our Outreach program.

So whether you have a green thumb, or are a first time gardener, sign up today. We need to know how many plots to prepare. If you have questions, contact Judith Bartell, a committee member or attend the Community Garden planning meeting on April 12 at 10:00am. You may also call the church office.

Committee Members are:

Judith Bartell, Lean Kruger, Gary Tebbenkamp, Kathy Pittman, and Deb Hall

Correction for Grace & Weight Meetings

Grace and Weight will continue to meet on Mondays at 5:30 pm. EXCEPT on the week Council meets. Then Grace and Weight is moved to that Tuesday, at 5:30 pm.

YAHOO Fellowship Meeting Changed

The YAHOO's changed their Bonfire and Trivia Night, to Saturday, April 9th, at 6:30 P.M. . Maps and information are on the bulletin board.

Please bring:

- • Your meat **or** a dessert
 - • Bring your beverage of choice.
- (Buns, condiments, tea, soda, and blenders will be provided.)

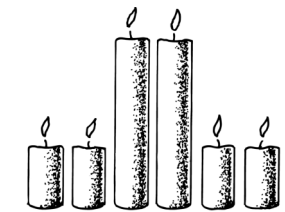
- **When: Saturday 4/9 at 6:30 pm**
- **Where Curt and Sheri Bartell's House**
- • **1811 Cody Ave, Nixa, MO.65714**

Please RSVP to 714-4124

ALL ARE INVITED!



There will be a Bonfire and Trivia night. They are a having a cookout with hamburgers and hot dogs. This is a fund raiser for the church, so bring \$6.00 to "gamble" with. Who knows, you may make a little money while having a great time of fellowship.



We Need White Candles for our Taize' Service on April 10th.

Please bring white candles, of any shape or size, to the church to help illumine our Taize' Service on April 10th. Bring the candles in before the 10th, so that we may set up for the service.

Thank you for your help.

Taize' Service

Operation Hope Tote



The Friendship Circle is taking part in the Springfield Victory Mission's Operation Hope Tote. Operation Hope Tote provides basic hygiene items to our city's poorest residents, as well as individuals, schools, churches, and other organizations. We are collecting these items in a tote in the Narthex. You will find a list of the needed items on display with the tote. The hygiene items will be distributed on Easter. Please support this outreach with your donation of these items. See a Friendship Circle member for more information.



Dedication Lilies for Easter

Please make your check payable to St. John's Chapel UCC noting "Easter Lily" on the memo line.

The deadline to order is April 17th.

Lilies are \$7.00 each.

Please turn in the following form and your check to Beth in the Chapel Office.



Name of Donor _____

Given in Honor Of _____

Given in Memory Of _____

Our Altar Guild thanks you~

Pastor: Receive God's reconciliation and forgiveness that we may be restored to tell the story of the one who knows us so intimately.

*Gloria Patri

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

Children's Time

Joyce Burton

(Children may exit for Sunday School)

Anthem

"River In Judea"

Arr. John Leavitt

Reading of Holy Scripture

Exodus 17: 1-7

p.63

John 4: 5-42

p.969

Sermon

"Life Giving Water"

The Rev. Becky Hebert

*Hymn

"Love Lifted Me"

No.395

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

Choral Response

Offertory

"In the Garden "

By Miles

*Doxology and Dedication Prayer

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

*Closing Hymn

"The Crystal Fountain"

No. 382

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

"Fill My Cup, Lord"

Refrain Only, p. 458

Postlude

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

by Runyan

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.



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

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:00 PM
Monday-Friday

This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for~ Council of Churches

St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

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Organist - Kyle Aho	Custodian - Lee Bartell

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.



Our Stewardship for Sunday, March 20, 2011

Worship: 79 Offering: \$2,002.00
Sunday School: 15 Offering: \$12.00

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

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Jan Hale She is recovering nicely from surgery

Family and Friends:

Linda: A friend of Tona Rowett, Surgeons were able to remove her tumor, and she is awaiting biopsy results.

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs & friend & colleague of Melissa Burnett is struggling with her medication, and is undergoing frequent testing to ensure her breast cancer is under control.

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

BCE Meeting Change

The March Meeting of the BCE has been changed from the 22nd to this Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 PM.

Feinstein \$1 Million Challenge

The annual Feinstein Fund, which matches funds for Crosslines ,and other non profits, is going on now. Funds and in kind food donations will be matched from March 1st through April 30, 2011. Please see a Friendship Circle member or read the letter on the bulletin board to see how you can help

Trip To Western Association Meeting

Don't forget to sign up for the Western Association Meeting on April 2, in California , MO. .We are going to support the Church we sponsor in West Plains, as they are being received into the denomination. We would like a big group to attend. We will be leaving the Church at 8:00 A.M. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board and in the Narthex.