



January 10, 2010

Epiphany Sunday

10:30 A.M.

Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

Acolyte: Gracie Harper

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

THE COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER TO HEAR GOD'S CALL TO JERUSALEM

All who are able are invited to gather in the Narthex to prepare for the journey to Jerusalem. We ask that the doors to the sanctuary be kept closed (except for those who are unable to join the procession.)

Welcome and Announcements

Members and guests, please sign the friendship pad and pass it down to the end of the pew, once seated in the sanctuary.

Words to Gather Us

Pastor: Today we begin our new year together as a community on a pilgrimage. Our service begins this morning by ceremonially retracing the steps of the Magi. Each of you are invited to follow the Magi who will lead us on a processional to Jerusalem. The journey to Bethlehem will come later.

People: **In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea...**

Voice 1: Magi: Star-gazing astrologers, a priestly occult, and Gentile pagans from the East, saw a star at its rising.

(The Magi come forward toward the sanctuary door as this is being read.)

And since they believed the birth of a new ruler was associated with astronomical phenomena, they said:

Magi: "Come, let us go to Jerusalem to see this newborn king of the Jews."

People: **Come let us follow the Magi, that we too can behold the birth of Christ our King.**

***Processional Hymn**

"We Three Kings" vs. 1, No. 202 & see next page

Magi: "Hark, see yonder mountain range we must cross."

"We Three Kings"

vs. 2, see next page

Magi: "Oh no, see the Arabian Desert we must cross."

"We Three Kings"

vs. 3, see next page

Magi: "Watch out, there are snakes and all sorts of desert creatures lurking in the shadows."

"We Three Kings" vs. 4, No. 202

Magi: "How will we cross the River of Jordan? Will we swim, find a boat or is it shallow enough for our camels to cross?"

"We Three Kings" vs. 5, No. 202

Magi: "We are here! Will all please be seated."



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; Bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a - far -
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him a - gain -
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; In - cense owns a De - i - ty nigh.
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume Breathes a life of gath - 'ring gloom -
5. Glo - rious now be - hold Him a - rise - King and God and Sac - ri - fice.



Field and foun - tain, moor and moun - tain - Fol - low - ing yon - der star.
King for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, O - ver us all to reign.
Prayer and prais - ing, all men rais - ing - Wor - ship Him, God on high.
Sor - r'wing, sigh - ing, bleed - ing, dy - ing, Sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Earth to heav'n re - plies.

Refrain



O star of won - der, star of night, Star with roy - al beau - ty bright,



West - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, Guide us to thy per - fect light.

***Ring of the Bell & Lighting of Candles**

***Prayer of Confession**

Why are we so afraid, dear God? You have told us many times through this season to fear not. Yet, we are afraid to seek help, afraid to give of ourselves too much, afraid to love too deeply and intimately, afraid to tell others who we really are, afraid to acknowledge another's worth, afraid of the poor, the dirty, the dying and maybe even a little fearful of letting You get too close. O God, forgive our fearful way, our heartless ways, and show us what it means to live freed of fear and trusting in Your promises. Amen.

***Silent Meditation and Personal Confession**

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Pastor: Christ is not imprisoned by the limitations of our fears.

People: When invited God passes into all souls and hearts.

Pastor: My sisters and brothers, I tell you the truth: In God's tender mercy is our liberation from all that limits us, and keeps us from living with hearts wide open.

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

Offertory "Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam" " Bach

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer** ("Praise God" No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

***Hymn** "Lord's Prayer" p .622
(*This replaces the Lord's Prayer during Communion.*)

***Service of Holy Communion** (pages 9-10 of *Worship Resources in pew rack*)

Call to The Supper Matthew 2:11-12 p. 878

(Seraphic Hymn will be sung by the choir. Congregation is invited to come forward to offer their gifts to the Christ child—symbolic of their journey to Bethlehem. The gifts for Crosslines are to be placed on the alter rail and Communion received there. The choir will be served first. Then the congregation will follow. Please hold the bread and wine until all are served. Note, the center circle of the Communion cup receptacle contains grape juice.)

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "Song of Hope" Schutmaat

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.
 Pray-ing, let us work for peace, Sing-ing, share our joy with all,
 Work-ing for a world that's new, Faith-ful when we hear Christ's call.

***Moment of Silence**

Organ Postlude

“Wie Schön leuchtet der Morgenstern”

Pachelbel

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.

A Deadline...

Documents and reports for the January 17 Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
 Are due by Monday, January 11. Thank you!

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Sharon Haislip's surgical incision is now healing much better, and she is on the mend.

Family and Friends:

Dorothy Cottrell: (Ken Swanson's sister), passed away at the age of 93 on January 3rd, in St. Joseph, Michigan.

Naomi "Deane" Rupert: (a Women's Guild friend) is in Rm. 4259 at St. John's (admitted before Christmas). She was unable to breathe, and since, the fluid surrounding her lungs has been removed.

Gail Garton: (Grace & Weight member and friend of Jeanne Kruger) is in Cox South, Rm. 305. Gail underwent surgery on January 28 for a special lung biopsy, and the prognosis is uncertain.

Peggy Gilbert: (Friend of Tona Griggs) is battling aggressive breast cancer. Tona just reported that Peggy's cancer continues to be described as "aggressive", and asks that we continue our prayers on Peggy's behalf.

Josephine Walker: (Jeanne Kruger's mother) is at Magnolia Square, Room 228.

Joyce Johnson: (Friend of Glenda Weise), Her breast cancer has returned.

Todd McClain: (Cousin of Melissa Burnett) is undergoing extensive medical tests.

Our Stewardship for Thursday, December 24, 2009

Worship 115 Offering \$ 3,043.00

Our Stewardship for Sunday, December 27, 2009

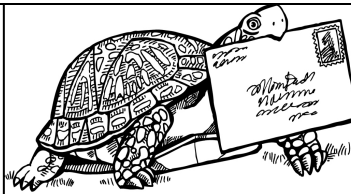
Worship 60 Offering \$ 1,012.00
Sunday School: 00 Offering Not Available

Our Stewardship for Sunday, January 3, 2010

Worship 39 Offering \$ 2,680.00
Sunday School: 13 Offering \$7.00

**For your garden, your walk,
or maybe for your patio?**

Anyone who wants their original, engraved pavers from the Labyrinth, come and get 'em. The pavers are in the south parking lot, and after January 18 will be discarded. A really big paper weight..



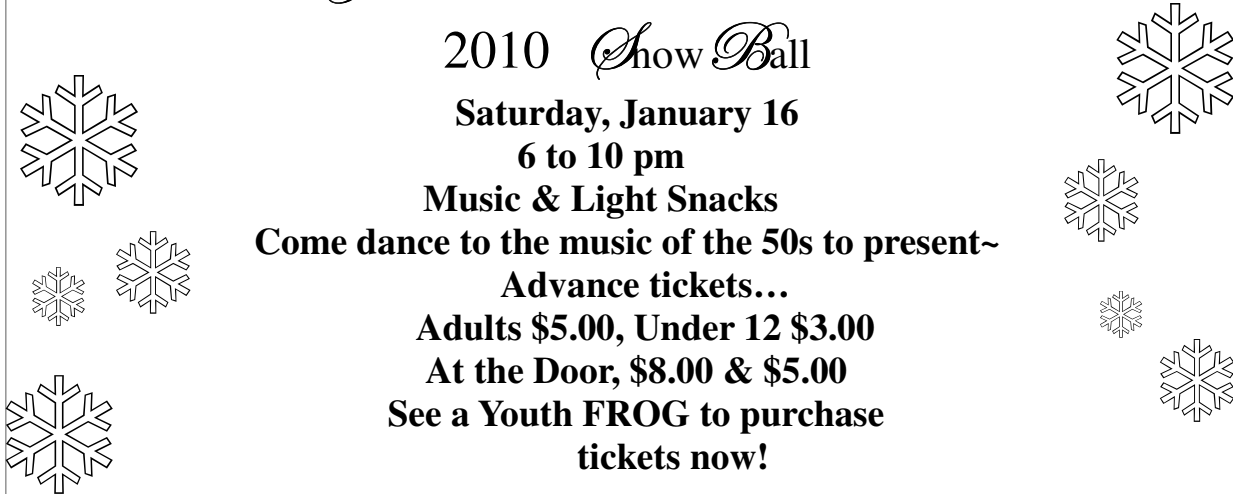
**Christmas Card
Exchange 2009**

Our Christmas Card exchange is drawing to a close, and after today, unclaimed cards will be available for pick-up in the Chapel Office. Check again for cards in the Narthex today.. Thanks!

Please join us for Discernment Prayers in the New Year
Tuesday, January 12 & Tuesday, January 26 at 12 noon

Plan to stay after worship **TODAY** & help take down and store our Christmas tree, Chrismons, garland and wreaths. Thank you, everyone!

You are invited to attend the
2010 Show Ball
Saturday, January 16
6 to 10 pm
Music & Light Snacks
Come dance to the music of the 50s to present~
Advance tickets...
Adults \$5.00, Under 12 \$3.00
At the Door, \$8.00 & \$5.00
See a Youth FROG to purchase
tickets now!



The titles for our prelude and meditation music are now listed in the Sunday bulletin. Vicky Claborn thoughtfully selects music with our meditation theme in mind, and hopes that the reflective music will add to this thoughtful moment that prepares us for worship every Sunday. *Thank you, Vicky~*

Only *amicable, auspicious, and convivial* liturgists are being accepted at this time For January and February services. Prospective liturgists should also be *procurable* and *unrecompensed*. If you think you are any of these things, ***Please sign up in the Narthex today!***

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Amicable, auspicious, or convivial? It's another way of saying you are friendly. Procurable? It means that you are available. And unrecompensed means that you will serve as liturgist...unpaid.



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

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Tona Griggs will open the church for the month of January.

Today.:	Epiphany Sunday	10:30 am
	Communion	
	Turn in Crosslines Food	
	Independent Women meet at Jimm's Steak House	1:00 pm
	Confirmation Class	5:00 pm
Monday:	Reports are due for the Semi-Annual Meeting (held this Sunday, January 17)	
	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
Tuesday:	Fish Day	
	Discernment Prayers	12:00 noon
	Council.....	6:30 pm
Wednesday:	Spiritual Development	4:30 pm
	Bells	6:30 pm
	Choir	7:40 pm
Thursday:	Women's Guild	1:00 pm
Saturday:	Youth FROGS Snow Ball	6:00 pm
Next Sun.:	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:30 am
	Welcome New Members	
	Allison Dodge Baptism	
	Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting	
	Carry-In Dinner	
	Serve at The Kitchen	4:15 pm
	Confirmation Class	5:00 pm

On Sunday, January 17, we welcome two new members into our congregation. We invite all who also wish to become members to join us on Sunday~

Indepent Women will meet today...

1:00 pm. JIMM'S STEAK HOUSE (formerly Steak & Ale on Glenstone)

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.