



**St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ**

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On the fifth and sixth days of creation, You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all animals his brothers and sisters.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

October 9, 2011
Liturgist:

10:30 A.M.
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost

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

Gathering

Meditative Music

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 what we can learn from Jesus' compassion healing and the healing compassion of our animal companions. Reflect this morning on how the animals of God's kingdom enrich us our lives and heal us.

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. Communion will also be served during this time at the altar..

Lighting of Candles

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

***Hymn of Celebration**

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

No. 77

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: We have come together to rejoice with God, the Creator of the all that surrounds us.

O God, You love all things that exist, and despise no living thing, for You have made nothing You didn't love.

People: The Logos extends its power everywhere

Leader: Illuminating, giving sight to all things, that they may see how to use the power of love to heal.

People: Let us marvel at the healing power of our animal companions.

Leader: Let us extol God's handiwork in all it's complexity.

Unison: Let us rejoice in the sublime and mysterious world that God has made. Let us see how everything, everywhere can be creating and healing in exquisite harmony.

***Call to Confession**

Leader: Through Christ we are wed to God and to one another.

People: Let us confess our separation from God, from one another, and from God's creation,

Leader: Confident that God holds us in an unbreakable covenant.

***Prayer of Confession**-All, lead by Pastor

Our loving God, we are often too proud to see You in each other, and especially in those creatures we deem beneath us. We often forget that Your goodness lies in "all creatures great and small", for we deem many as lesser wanting only to benefit from their strength and slaughter. We have lost sight of the integrity of Your creation: the value of all creatures in and of themselves, and our interconnectedness in Your universe as parts of the infinite, diverse whole. We have lost sight of Your intent for us to be stewards of Your creation, and instead have become devouring consumers. Help us turn the tide and learn from nature the art of healing. Amen.

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

***Assurance of Forgiveness**-Pastor

Pastor: God made us relational creatures meant for a shared life. Christ cleanses, purifies and opens our eyes to the things that separate us from God, each other, and from the universe teeming with life.

People: It is in the mingling of our lives that we know the power of God's love to forgive and heal.

***Gloria Patri**

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

Franciscan Animal Blessing

The Rev. Becky Hebert

Children’s Time

Joyce Burton

(Children will remain in the Sanctuary).

Anthem

“As the Deer”

by Nystrom

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

Choral Response

Offertory

“The Twenty-Third Psalm”

by Malotte

Loy Swanson –Soprano and Kyle Aho– piano

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

***Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

No. 776

Reading of Holy Scripture

Psalm 104: 1-4, 24

p.543-544

Matthew 20: 29-34

p.898

Sermon

“The Healing Power of Dogs”

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn**

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

No. 737

***Apostles’ Creed**

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***Benediction**



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***Congregational Response**

“Ours the Journey”

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead - ing where the ea - gles soar,
we, thy peo - ple, ours the jour - ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er,
now and ev - er - more. Now and for - ev - er - more!

The image shows a three-line musical score in 4/4 time. The first line contains the melody for the first phrase. The second line contains the melody for the second phrase. The third line contains the melody for the third phrase, which ends with a double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

Postlude

“There Shall Be Showers of Blessings”

by McGranahan



St. Francis
TODAY...

**The Feast of St. Francis
Blessing of Animals**

WELL BEHAVED PETS, PLEASE
BRING
YOUR HUMAN FRIENDS FORWARD
WHEN SUMMONED
DURING THIS MORNING'S
SERVICE~



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:

Earl Reed– Earl is doing well.

Phil Scafe– A recent report said Phil is doing great.

Sgt. Matthew Gromer-Pray for him and his family. He is overseas now.

Joyce Scroggs– She is doing better. She is at home. Visitors are appreciated.

Eleanor Lockhart– She is still undergoing treatments.

Please Contact our members who find it difficult to attend:

Virginia Shean–Ozark Nursing Care , 1486 N. Riverside Road Ozark, Mo. 65721

Virginia Steury– 1820 Plaza Drive, Nixa, Mo. 65714-9437

Flo Valentine–Ravenwood Asst. Living,1950 E. Republic Road #16,Spfd.,MO 07

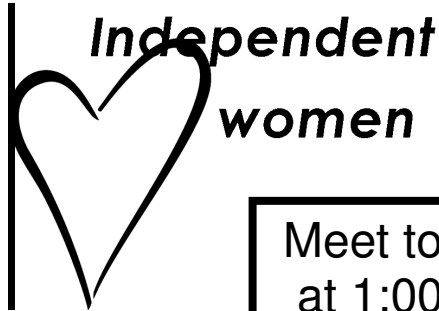
Family and Friends:

Bailee Wenniham– Granddaughter of a friend of Nancy Anderson's. She is 15 yrs. old. She is doing much better. She is in speech and learning rehab. She needs prayers to help her through.

Katie Kobberman– **UPDATE** Katie is Jack & Karli Rowett's aunt on their mom's side. She is in the pain management program at the Mayo Clinic. She will return to Springfield in late October. Pray for healing and for safe travel for Katie and her mother Rose when they return.

Jennie Sauer– Friend of Nancy Anderson. This is a praise. Her kidneys are functioning again on their own.

REMINDER: **Brotherhood** meets on Tuesday at Scramblers on Republic rd.8:00 A.M.
Women's Guild meets on Thursday at 1:00 P.M. Pastor Becky will be speaking



Meet today,
at 1:00PM


 19th Annual Springfield Area
CROP HUNGER WALK
(Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty)
 Sunday, October 9, 2011
 2:00 p.m.
(Registration Begins 1:00 p.m.)
 2-mile Walk Beginning and Ending at
Phelps Grove Park
(Bennett St., West of National Ave.)
Come. Walk with the World!
 Helping Hungry People through:
 Church World Service
 Crosslines
 Least of These
(More information at www.springfieldcropwalk.com)

Crop Walk is
Today
Meet at
Phelps's Grove
Park,
between 1:00
and 1:30PM

Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 2, 2011
 Worship: 58 Offering: \$4756.00
The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,423.00

**The Annual October All
Church Hay Ride,
sponsored by the Board
of Christian
Education, will be on
Saturday, October 22,
2011 at 5:00 P.M.
The hay ride will be at
the Datema farm.**

RAIN OR SHINE

Christian Educa-
tion will provide
Hot Dogs, Hot
Dog Buns, Chili,
and all paper
products. Please
bring one item or
more: Chips, des-
serts, or drinks to
share.

RAIN OR SHINE

Sign up in the
Narthex



Board of Service Ministries will
sponsor a **Trunk or Treat** on
October 30 from 5-7 P.M.
Candy donations and volunteers to help
are most welcome. A sign up sheet
is in the Narthex



Help is needed to stretch the custodial budget.

**Please help us with donations
for janitorial supplies.**

**We love our Chapel and to keep it looking good,
we need to rely on assistance from the
congregation. We are most grateful for
your support.**

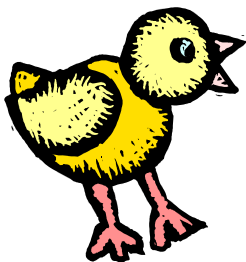
The Directories Are In!

**Members who were photographed by Olan Mills may pick
up their marked copy today in the Narthex.**

**Please see Johna Steinhauer if you would like
to purchase one for \$5.00 *and* you did not have your
picture taken by Olan Mills.**

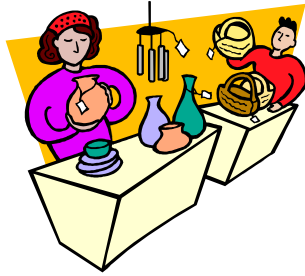


**Make plans for Stewardship
Sunday & the Carry in Lunch.
It is October 23**



**Reformation Sunday Is
October 30th**





Annual Fall Bazaar November 5, 2011 8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Continental Style Breakfast at 8:00 A.M.
Lunch 11:00 AM– 1:00 P.M.

Vendors Galore- Nuts- New Cookbooks- Trash & Treasure Sale

Mark your calendars and make plans to attend

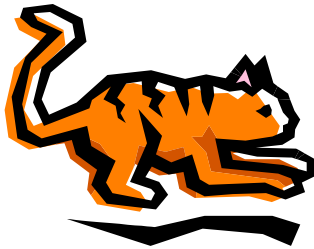


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Elaine Tebbenkamp will open the church in October

BRING DONATIONS FOR CROSSLINES

TODAY:	Feast of St. Francis/Blessings of Animals Sunday	10:30 am
	Independent Women.....	1:00 pm
	Crop Walk @ Phelp's Grove Park.....	2:00 pm
Tuesday	FISH DAY	
	Brotherhood	8:00 am
	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
	Council.....	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm
Thursday	Women's Guild.....	1:00 pm
Next Sunday, October 16th:		
	World Food Day	



To ALL:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE OF ANIMALS, AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO BROUGHT THEIR PETS TO SERVICE TODAY~