

St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

November 6, 2011

Twenty –first Sunday after Pentecost

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 our frustrations with the inactivity of God in our lives. You might want to read and reflect on Matthew 25: 1-13.

Space to write down your thoughts: _____

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.

Lighting of Candles

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements-

Nancy

Recognition of Veterans

Pastor

***Call to Celebration**

Nancy

Leader: Let us come as a maiden in the night carrying our lamps of light.

People: We wait. We tend our light while awaiting the bridegroom's arrival.

Leader: We wait in this Holy place for the healing Spirit that will bring good things to birth.

People: Here in this sanctuary we wait for the source of love, hope and peace to come.

Leader: We wait to be overcome with Wisdom from on high.

Unison: **Glory to God within and without, source of healing, birth, love, hope, peace and wisdom. To Thee, O God, we come.**

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Just As I Am”

No. 343

Prayer of Confession

Nancy

Leader: Eternal God, we seek You out in our joy and troubles, with our triumphs and our failures. As we search our hearts and lay bare our souls to You in silence we ask:

All: **Do not hide Your face from me. Do not turn Your servant away from You in anger, You have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation**

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: Though we forget to look for God well into the dark hours of life,

People: **God does not forget us or stop calling us to come into a love that will wash us clean.**

Pastor: Today and everyday God washes over us forgiveness.

***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 "In The Hands Of God" By Furler, Frankenstein & Taylor

Reading of Holy Scripture Thessalonians 4: 13-18, 5: 1-2 p.1077
Matthew 25: 1-13 p.903-904

Sermon "What's With Those Maidens?" The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn** "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee" No. 552

Prayers of the People

Choral Response

Offertory "Sonatine part I" by Henri Dutilleux
Nick Baker-flute, Kyle Aho-piano

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

Communion Hymn "Here at Thy Table Lord" vs. 1, No. 745

Service of Communion

Invitation-

Communion Prayer & Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution-

Sharing of Elements

(Please hold the cup and bread until all have been served. Note the center circle of the Communion cup receptacles contains grape juice.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

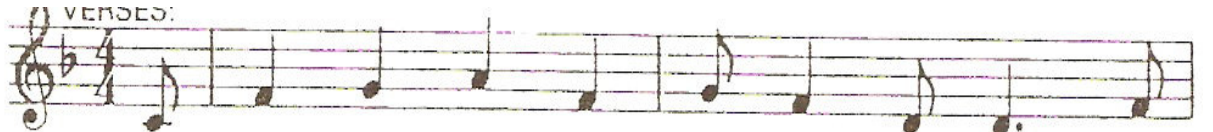
Leader: The light of Your love, Holy God, shone in Christ's incarnation and birth. In teaching and healing, Jesus brought the radiance of Your reign into our reach.

People: You have bound us to Yourself and to one another in Christ, in the eating of bread and in the drinking of wine. May this bond continue to grow.

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "How Can I Keep From Singing"

VERSES:



1. My life flows on in end-less song; — a -



1. bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. — I hear the real though



1. far - off hymn — that hails a new cre - a - tion. —



No storm can shake my in-most calm, — While to that Rock I'm



cling-ing. — Since Love is Lord of — heav-en and earth,



How can I keep — from sing-ing? —

Postlude

"Sonatine part II " by Henri Dutilleux
Nick Baker-flute, Kyle Aho-piano



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.

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Steve Dodge-He has cancer. They are watching it. Please pray that his future blood tests do not show an increase of PSI, and that his two brain tumors continue to be benign, and that one shrinks under medication.

Debbie Rahmoeller- She went home from the hospital on Tuesday. She was feeling good.

Earl Reed- Earl continues to get weaker.

Phil Scafe- Phil saw his oncologist and things are going well. He will probably get another MRI next month to check his progress.

Sgt. Matthew Gromer-Pray for him and his family. He is in Germany at this time.

Joyce Scroggs- She is still home bound and she is unable to stand without assistance.

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:

Diane Stephens- Jim & Ida Barry's niece. She is taking chemo treatments for liver cancer.

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- Katie is Jack & Karli Rowett's aunt on their mom's side. She is home now. While the pain management program at the Mayo Clinic was tough, it was successful.

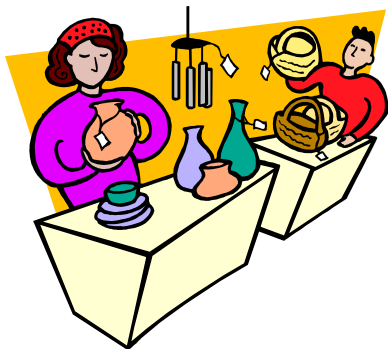
Our Stewardship for Sunday, October 30, 2011

Worship: 63 Offering: \$1,525.10

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



Thanks to all who contributed candy, decorated their trunks, and gave their time to make our first St. John's Chapel Trunk-or-Treat a success!



Thank you to all who baked, crafted, set up, tore down, made lunch, and sorted through their closets for donations, and did anything else to make our Annual Fall Bazaar a hit.

You are invited!



United Ministries in Higher Education is turning **50!** 😊

You are invited to help celebrate our campus ministry and its history of Christian ministry.

November 15, 2011

- ❑ **Open house @ The Monroe**
(1141 East Monroe), 5:00 to 6:00 PM
Park in the MSU lot # 29 East of The Monroe.
- ❑ **Meet and greet at National Avenue Christian Church** (1515 S. National), 6:00 to 6:30 PM
- ❑ **Dinner* and Program at National Avenue**, 6:30 PM

*The program will include remembrances of previous years along with the annual Carter Award. We are pleased to announce that this year's Carter Award recipient is **Mrs. Julie Kays**. It is a surprise, so please don't tell her.*

We hope you can attend!

Please RSVP by November 9th.
Call or text 417-425-7276 or
HowardCavner@MissouriState.edu

*There is no charge for the dinner.
However, gifts to our Campus Ministry will be gratefully received.

All are invited to the Farewell Party for Pastor Stephan on November 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. The party is being at Dennis and Cynthia Gromer's home. Their address is 4727 S. Forest Avenue, 65810.

FAREWELL
party for
Pastor Stephan



Please make plans to attend the Congregational meeting to approve the budget on November 13th after Worship. We will also be reporting on the progress of our Stewardship Drive.

• Have you always wanted to cook just like the ladies of St. John's Chapel. I know I have. The ladies have generously offered their best recipes to make up the **2011 Friendship Circle Cookbook.**

- Buy One Today!
- \$10.00 each



Mark Your Calendars The Holidays are fast approaching so mark your calendars with these important dates.

Sunday November 13	The Congregational Meeting To approve the Budget
Sunday, November 20	Thanksgiving Memorial Service at 10:30 A.M.
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving—Chapel Office closed
Saturday, November 26	Set up for Hanging of the Green
Sunday, November 27	Hanging of the Green Service at 10:30 A.M
Thursday, December 8	Women's Guild Covered Dish Luncheon 12:00 P.M
Saturday, December 10	Board of Christian Education Christmas Party
Sunday, December 11	Christmas Cantata at 10:30 A.M.
Sunday, December 18	Christmas Pageant at 10:30 A.M.
Tuesday, December 20	The Friendship Circle's Christmas Party and Caroling
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 P.M.
Sunday, December 25	Favorite Hymns Christmas Service at 10:30 A.M.

November 6, 2011

Shirley Datema will open the church in November
Honoring Veterans Today

TODAY:	Worship.....	10:30 am
	Bring Donations for Crosslines	
	BCE meets after Worship	
Monday	Grace & Weight.....	5:30 pm
	Board of Service Ministries.....	6:00pm
Tuesday	Fish Day—Processing Crosslines Donations for Distribution	
	The Brotherhood	8:00am
	Stewardship Committee Meeting.....	5:30 pm
	Council.....	6:30 pm
Wednesday	Choir Practice.....	7:00 pm
Thursday	Prayer Group sponsored by BOSM-All Are Invited.....	9-10 am
	Women's Guild	1:00pm
Saturday	Bread For The World– Special Speaker at the Library Center.....	9:00am
	Western Association Meeting in Sedalia. MO.	
	The Creative Faith Project in Columbia ,MO.	
Next Sunday, November 13th:		
	Congregational Meeting To Approve the 2012 Budget	
	Independent Women meet at 1:00pm	