


Lessons &



CAROLS

St. John's Chapel United Church of Christ

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December 12, 2010

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**Third Sunday of Advent
Favorite Christmas Carols Service**

10:30 A.M.

(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 the Messiah you hope to see birthed this Christmas. You might want to reflect on your response to this focus.

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 if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter. Or you may wish to receive communion at the altar.

Lighting of Altar Candles

Acolyte: Gracie Harper

Ringling of Bells

Hymn of Celebration

“Joy to the World”

No. 173

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle

Richard & MM Thompson
and Pat Barnes

This year we are recognizing individuals and families who have recently joined our church. Today, Richard, MM and Pat will light our 1st, 2nd and 3rd Advent candles.

Pastor: On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Joy.
Our excitement increases: Christ is coming!
Those desert places in our lives, like wilting flowers, will bloom again. We will be made strong. We will not be fearful.
In a world of pride and greed, compassion is our greatest need.
Sorrow and sighs will end; Joy and gladness blossoms.

People: **May this candle we light remind us
that our journey toward the promise continues:
Come, Lord Jesus!**

Welcome

Prayer of Confession

Silent Meditation and Personal Confession

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

***Christmas Carols**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain”
“The First Noel”

No. 181
No. 167, vs. 1 & 2

The Spirit of Song—Joy!

Pastor Becky Hebert

Carol

“I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day”

No. 195

Joys and Concerns

Morning Prayer

Lord's Prayer

sung by Chris Brammer

Carol Prayer

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

No. 190

Offertory

"Instrumental Interlude"

played by Kyle Aho

*Doxology and Dedication Prayer

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

*Favorite Hymns

"There's a Song In the Air"	No. 196, vs. 1 & 2
"Once in Royal David's City"	No. 170, vs. 1 & 2
"What Child Is This?"	No. 179, vs. 1 & 2
"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"	No. 174, vs. 1 & 2

Reading of Holy Scripture

Matthew 11: 2-11

p. 887

Sermon

"Are You the One?"

The Rev. Becky Hebert

*Carol

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

No. 168

Announcements

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

No. 184, vs. 1

Organ Postlude

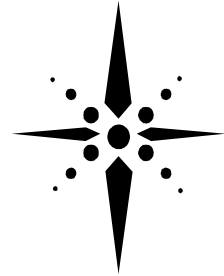
"Recessional Music"

played by Kyle Aho



Congregational Budget
Meeting and Vote
TODAY
following worship~

2011 Advent Calendar



Sunday, December 12: Third Sunday of Advent

Favorite Hymn Sunday

The Thompsons and Pat Barnes

Sunday, December 19: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Children's Pageant

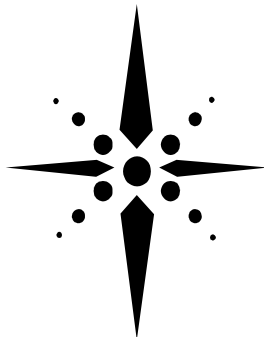
Christy & Hillary Dempsey, Larry and Karen Pittman

Friday, December 24: Candlelight & Holy Communion Service, 7:30 pm

Curt & Sheri Bartell (for newly confirmed member, Brady Bartell)

Friday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service at the North Church, 11:00 pm

Merry Christmas



Please join us for

*christmas eve at
the north church*

1110 North Main

11:00 pm



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.



**Toys are
due
Today**

Crosslines Toy "Store" 2010

Donate a gift for a 0-18 month old

*FYI, stuffed animals are the **least** chosen toys.*

*Leave toys as purchased in manufacturers'
packaging with the price tag intact.*

**Our 2010 Crosslines Toy Store Coordinator
is Eleanor Lockhart, 881-3811.**

TODAY IS OUR LAST DAY FOR MEMORIAL *POINSETTIAS*

A donation of everlasting, permanent poinsettias has been made to our Chapel. In addition to remaining perfectly lovely through the Christmas season, these already purchased poinsettias enable **100% of your donation** to go towards feeding families via Friendship Circle's Food Pantry/Crosslines in this year of tremendous need.

- 1) Fill out the form below.
- 2) Include your check for the desired amount made out to Friendship Circle, noting "Crosslines" on the memo line.
- 3) Prior to **Sunday, December 12**, turn in your check and completed form in an envelope clearly marked POINSETTIAS to the Chapel Office.

And we would love to have your independently purchased live poinsettias beautify our altar. Just remember to make a donation to the Poinsettia Fund, too!

POINSETTIA DONATION FORM

Please Print

Donor's Name _____

Circle one:

Given in Memory Of _____

Given in Honor Of _____

Today's Date _____

Thank you for caring





All are welcome...

Anyone who finds themselves without plans, family or available friends for Christmas Dinner is invited to join
Lee & Judith Bartell & Family

Christmas Dinner
Christmas Day
1:00 pm

Depending on the number of guests, dinner will either be served at the Bartell Home or here at the Chapel. Please be in touch with Judith for details. Advance reservations are a must~

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Esther Steinhauer: was released from the hospital on Tuesday, and is tired but doing well.

Family and Friends:

Phil Scafe: (youngest son of John & Perdy)...will begin radiation soon. John and Perdy are just back after visiting him in Florida.

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 Magnolia Square, Room 228.

Our Stewardship for Sunday, December 5, 2010

Worship: 91 Offering: \$2,117.00

Sunday School: 13 Offering: \$48.00

The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,704.00



Dear Santa...

Churches sometimes need gifts, too...so here's our list.

Simplex Grinnell for various fire-control inspections through the year:
\$544.00 per year.

*Federal Protection Company for required fire alarm inspection, \$312.00. **PAID!***

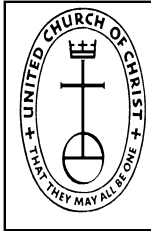
*Annual lawn sprinkler shutdown in the fall, \$60.00 **PAID!***

Janitor supplies—very specific paper towels and toilet paper for dispensers, so your monetary donation is appreciated! And monetary donations for any of the following will also be greatly appreciated:

Christian Education (books, VBS, etc)*	Stewardship*	Kitchen Supplies*
Board of Service Ministries*	2011 Organ & Piano Maintenance, approx. \$330	
Snow Removal, estimating \$450	Library*	News-Leader weekly listing, \$499
Thur, Sat, Sun New-Leader subscription, approx \$105		

On December 9, the Women's Guild made a donation towards Snow Removal in the name of Pastor Becky.

Thank you!



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~
 CAMP AURORA**

December 12 2010

Jim May will open the church in December

- TODAY: Third Sunday of Advent
 Favorite Hymn Sunday
 Bring Crosslines Food
 Congregational Budget Meeting Following Worship
 Independent Women..... 1:00 pm
- Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
 Council..... 6:30 pm
- Tuesday:: Brotherhood 8:00 am
 Friendship Circle Christmas Party 6:00 pm
- Wednesday: Ozark Cluster Christmas Luncheon 12:00 n
 Bells Practice 6:30 pm
 Choir Practice 7:40 pm
- Friday: Spiritual Development Course 6:00 pm
- Saturday: Children's Pageant Rehearsal 10:00 am—12:00 n
- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Children's Pageant
 Serve at The Kitchen 4:15 pm



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.