

St. John's Chapel  
 United Church of Christ  
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**Liturgist: Glenda Wiese**

December 27, 2009

First Sunday after Christmas

10:30 A.M.

*\* Denotes when all who are able to please stand.*

**Gathering**

"Irby"  
 "Quem Pastores"  
 "Von Himmel Loch"

Farlee  
 Walsh  
 Pelz

*As we gather for worship, we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.*

*The theme of today's worship will focus on preparing ourselves for the Biblical unfolding of a new year, and the wisdom needed to assist us in putting what we uncover into practice.*

*Space to write down your thoughts:* \_\_\_\_\_  
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*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 you may wish to reflect on this where you are seated today. Or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.*

**Lighting of Candles**

Acolyte: Sadie Harper

**Meditative Hymn**

"Be Thou My Vision"

No 460

*Please remain seated for this hymn as it concludes our time of prayer and meditation.*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **\*Call to Celebration**

Liturgist: Come, all who are faithful, and all who seek truth.  
**People: It is the season to sing and rejoice!**  
Liturgist: The symbol of new hope and spirit shine...the spirit of Wisdom.  
**People: And we would follow and find that wisdom.**  
Liturgist: We now have a promise fulfilled by God.  
**People: That the Christ, who is born to us, will call us to wisdom filled with action.**

**\*Hymn of Celebration** "How Great Our Joy!" No. 197

### **Call to Confession**

#### **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**

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

#### **Children's Time**

*(Children may exit after for Children's Choir)*

### **Morning Prayer, Lord's Prayer (Using debts and debtors) & Choral Response**

**Reading of Holy Scripture** I Samuel 2:18-20, 26 p. 243  
Luke 2: 41-52 p. 934

**Sermon** "To Grow in Wisdom" The Rev. Becky Hebert

\*Hymn

"Restless Weaver"

Harrison and White

1. Rest - less Weav - er, ev - er spin - ning threads of jus - tice  
2. Where earth's frag - ile web is rav - eling help us mend each  
3. When our vio - lent lust for pow - er ends in lives a -  
4. Rest - less Weav - er, still con - ceiv - ing new life now and

and sha - lom; dream - ing pat - terns of cre - a - tion  
bro - ken strand. Bless our ur - gent, bold en - deav - ors  
bused and torn, from com - pass - ion's stur - dy fab - ric  
yet to be - bind - ing all your vast cre - a - tion

where all crea - tures find a home; gath - ering up life's var - ied  
cleans - ing wa - ter, air, and land. Through the Spir - it's in - spi -  
fash - ion hope and trust re - born. Where in - jus - tice rules as  
in one liv - ing tap - es - try: you have called us to be

fi - bers - ev - ery tex - ture, ev - ery hue; grant us your cre -  
ra - tion - of - fering health where once was pain - strength - en us to  
ty - rant, give us cour - age, God, to dare live our dreams of  
weav - ers. Let your love guide all we do. With your Reign of

a - tive vis - ion. With us weave your world a - new.  
be the stew - ards of your world knit whole a - gain.  
trans - for - ma - tion. Make our lives in - car - nate prayer.  
Peace our pat - tern, we will weave your world a - new.

**Offertory**

“Variation I on ‘Adeste Fidelis’ ”

Dupré

**\*Doxology**

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

**Apostles’ Creed**

(*Worship Resources*, p. 2 in pew pockets)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the One Holy Universal Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**\*Benediction**

**\*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!

**Postlude**

“Good King Wenceslas”

Gawthrop

**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.

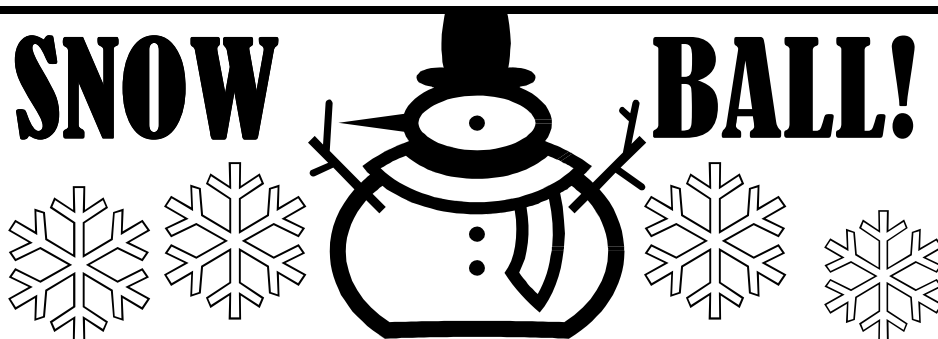


*You are Invited to the  
60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration of  
Perdy & John Scafe*

**TODAY** from 2:00 to 4:00

*We would be honored if you, our fellow church friends, would come help  
celebrate with us. No gifts, please, Perdy & John*

# A SNOW BALL!



**Saturday, January 16**

St. John's Chapel UCC Fellowship Hall

6 pm—10 pm

Music & Light Snacks

Come dance to Tunes from 1950 'til **NOW!**

\*Advance tickets, Adults \$5.00, 12 & under, \$3.00

\*Includes a 5X7 photo

At the Door, Adults \$8.00, Children \$5.00

See any SJC Youth member to

**BUY** your advance tickets **NOW!**

**Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:**

**Members:**

**Sharon Haislip:** is now home for the holidays, recuperating.

**Tona Griggs:** returned to work on Monday, December 21...and is sounding better every day.

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**Family and Friends:**

**Peggy Gilbert:** (Friend of Tona Griggs) is battling aggressive breast cancer.

**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.

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*Liturgists*, It's a New Year! Sign up now for January in the Narthex~

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***A Deadline...***

Documents and reports for the January 17  
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting due by  
Monday, January 11

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***2010 Directories...***

Are now available in the Chapel  
Office. Did you get your copy yet?



**You'll want to make note of these addresses...**

After December 20, send mail to **Betty Huneke** at 1669 Timberlake Run SE,  
Cedar Rapids, IA, 52403.

Our congregation will want to stay in touch with **Jack & Vanessa Gonzenbach** by  
writing them at 12906 122nd Street, Overland Park, KS 66213. Or you may call 913-  
735-5052 (home), or 417-844-6917 (Vanessa's cell). The Gonzenbachs promise to  
visit the Chapel when next in town.

Longtime friends of **Robert Richter** will wish to note his new, permanent address:  
2145 Creeden Way, Mountain View, CA, 94040.

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Please join us as Discernment Prayers begins a new year of Centering Prayers  
Tuesday, January 12 & Tuesday, January 26 at 12 noon

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***And don't forget your Food Pantry Shopping List...***

Spaghetti sauce & Spaghetti Noodles, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Soup,  
Ramen Noodles, Crackers, Jello, Pudding, Dried Beans, Cornbread Mix,  
Canned Luncheon Loaf, Tuna, Pork 'n' Beans, Canned Fruits & Vegetables,  
Soap & Shampoo, Toilet Paper, & Plastic Trash Bags

## ~Poinsettia Dedications, 2009~

Corneil & Shirley Datema, In Memory of **Parents & Loved Ones**  
Mary Lou Datema & Family, In Memory of **JoAnne Datema**  
Margaret E. K. Dodge, In Memory of her Grandmother, **Elizabeth Hawksworth**  
Stephen T. Dodge, In Memory of his Mother, **Barbara R. Brook**  
Charles & Jane Dunham, In Memory of **Our Parents & Loved Ones**  
Evelyn Edwards, In Memory of **my son, John, & husband, William**  
Sharon Haislip, In Memory of **Family & Loved Ones**  
Lois Rahmoeller, the David Rahmoeller Family & the Kenneth Rahmoeller Family,  
In Memory of **Norman Rahmoeller**  
Marsha G Schatz, In Honor of **Gerald Willoughby** by his Daughters  
Virginia Shean & Family, In Memory of **Wes Shean, & Hubie & Maledia Chranford**  
Ken & Loy Swanson, In Memory of **Andy & Lorene Bain, & Jeanne Loveless**  
Kent & Betty Weber, In Memory of **William Morehouse**  
Suzanne Grammer, Nancy & Denny Schlueter & Bob & Barb Valentine,  
In Memory of **Bill Valentine**  
Carolyn Wolfe & Family, In Memory of **Kirk Wolfe, & Ed & Anita Hoffman.**

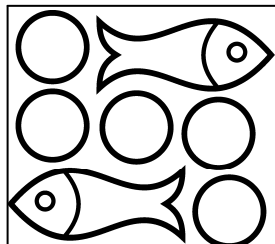
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Poinsettia Dedications will help to fund our Friendship Circle's food bank donations in this year, and in this season of tremendous need.

**Thanks for Caring**



**The Friendship Circle**



The first Crosslines Fish Day of the new year is  
Tuesday, January 12  
Bring your Crosslines food donations by January 10  
Thank you!



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**December 27, 2009**

Jim May will open the church in December

Today: The First Sunday After Christmas ..... 10:30 am  
 No Confirmation Class today  
 60th Anniversary Celebration of John & Perdy Scafe..... 2:00 pm

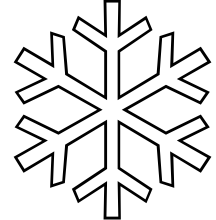
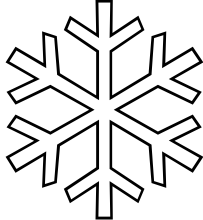
Monday: Grace & Weight ..... 5:30 pm

Wednesday: Spiritual Development today ..... 4:30 pm

**Thursday: New Year's Eve Midnight Labyrinth Walk ..... 11:30 pm**

**Friday: New Year's Day**

Next Sunday: Second Sunday After Christmas Service ..... 10:30 pm  
 Communion  
 Baptism of Alison Dodge  
 Confirmation Class.....5:00 PM



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**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.