



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
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Liturgist: Loy Swanson

May 30, 2010

Trinity Sunday

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 preparing ourselves to receive the Spirit of truth—wisdom. You might want to read and reflect on Proverbs 8: 1-7 and John 16: 12-15.

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 you may wish to reflect on this where you are on your faith journey today, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Karli Rowett

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: When the Holy Spirit speaks to us,

People: When we take the time to listen,

Leader: Great truths unfold.

People: Come let us enter into a dialogue with the Spirit of truth.

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "Peace Be Unto the Congregation"



Peace be un - to this con - gre - ga - tion. Peace to ev - 'ry
soul here - in. Peace, which flows - from Christ's sal - va - tion. This He
gave, our souls to save. Peace, re - deem - ing all our sin.

Postlude

played by Kyle Aho



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:

Flo Valentine: moved to Quail Creek on Monday, May 17th following her recent hospitalization. "I am happy to tell you that she is improving daily. She has a positive outlook and enjoys the company of other Q.C. residents. She has enjoyed and appreciated all the cards from friends at St. John's UCC and send a thank you for your prayers and cards." Thank you, Suzanne (Grammer) for this wonderful update on your mom. And from Pastor Becky, "Flo looks great!", referring to her visit on Thursday.

Rosemary Witt: reports that her foot is still a little sore following surgery, but the doctor is thrilled with her progress.

Family and Friends:

Don Hollar: (*Loy Swanson's brother in Wichita, Kansas*) is miraculously off dialysis and his kidneys are functioning on their own.

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.

THE CAMP AURORA WEEKEND, 2010!

June 25, 26, and 27, Sponsored by Koinonia

Schedule of Events:

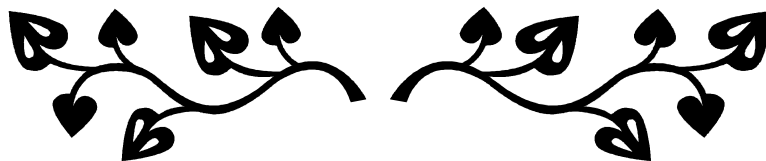
FRI: Arrive & relax. SAT: Sing thanks to the Lord. Eat breakfast. Sing thanks. Eat lunch. Sing thanks. Eat dinner. Eat desserts. SUN: Sing thanks. Eat Brunch.

*Hiking & camping are optional, however marathon eating is required~
If you think you can handle this extreme experience, make reservations now by completing the forms in the Narthex and Chapel Office.*

Questions? Please ask Ida Barry (862-9486) or Jan Rund (881-2558).

Don't put a question mark where God puts a period.

From the Hospice Herald of St. John's Hospital



Come Worship at
Stone Chapel,
Sunday, June 13, 10:00 am
Drury University



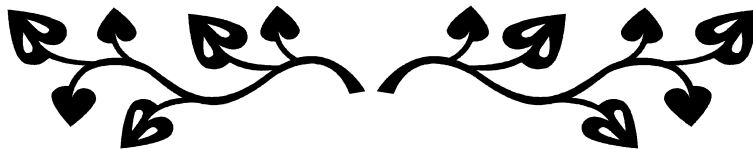
Join the leadership and delegates of the
Missouri Mid-South Conference
Missouri • Arkansas • Memphis TN
In Song, Worship and Prayer~



*Need a ride from St. John's-Drury or wish to caravan?
Contact our Chapel Office at 881-5175 to coordinate.*

*NOTE: Worship will not be held at St. John's Chapel on that
Sunday, June 13.*

See you at Stone Chapel!



Like a lost sock in the clothes dryer...

...the final lines of two Father's Day stories appearing in the June Messenger were lost in cyber space. After reading, some may say the hand of God mercifully intervened, but here are the complete stories just the same.

After the church service, a little boy told the pastor, "When I grow up, I'm going to give you some money."

"Well, thank you," the pastor replied, "but why?"

"Because my daddy says you're one of the poorest preachers we've ever had."

The little girl was sitting in her grandfather's lap as he read her a story. From time to time, she would take her eye's off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. By and by she was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again.

Finally she spoke, "Granddaddy, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart" he answered, "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh she said," then "Granddaddy, did God make me too?"

"Yes, indeed honey" he assured her. "God made you just a little while ago."

"Oh" she said. Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it now isn't he?"

**And there's more where this came from in your
June Messenger...**



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Memorial Day: Wikipedia.com Quick Facts...

Following the end of the Civil War, many communities set aside a day to mark the end of the war or as a memorial to those who had died. Some of the places creating an early memorial day include Sharpsburg, Maryland, located near Antietam Battlefield; Charleston, South Carolina; Boalsburg, Pennsylvania; Petersburg, Virginia; Carbondale, Illinois; Columbus, Mississippi; many communities in Vermont; and some two dozen other cities and towns. These observances coalesced around Decoration Day, honoring the Confederate dead, and the several Confederate Memorial Days.

According to Professor David Blight of the Yale University History Department, the first memorial day was observed by formerly enslaved black people at the Washington Race Course (today the location of Hampton Park) in Charleston, South Carolina. The race course had been used as a temporary Confederate prison camp for captured Union soldiers in 1865, as well as a mass grave for Union soldiers who died there. Immediately after the cessation of hostilities, formerly enslaved people exhumed the bodies from the mass grave and reinterred them properly with individual graves. They built a fence around the graveyard with an entry arch and declared it a Union graveyard. The work was completed in only ten days. On May 1, 1865, the Charleston newspaper reported that a crowd of up to ten thousand, mainly black residents, including 2800 children, proceeded to the location for included sermons, singing, and a picnic on the grounds, thereby creating the first Decoration Day.

The first observance was in Waterloo, New York on May 5, 1866, and each year thereafter. The friendship between General John Murray, a distinguished citizen of Waterloo, and General John A. Logan, who helped bring attention to the event nationwide, was likely a factor in the holiday's growth. On May 5, 1868, in his capacity as commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, a veterans' organization, Logan issued a proclamation that "Decoration Day" be observed nationwide.^[3] It was observed for the first time on May 30 of the same year; the date was chosen because it was *not* the anniversary of a battle. The tombs of fallen Union soldiers were decorated in remembrance.

The alternative name of "Memorial Day" was first used in 1882. It did not become more common until after World War II, and was not declared the official name by Federal law until 1967. On June 28, 1968, the United States Congress passed the Uniform Holidays Bill, which moved three holidays from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a convenient three-day weekend. The holidays included Washington's Birthday, now celebrated as Presidents' Day; Veterans Day and Memorial Day. The change moved Memorial Day from its traditional May 30 date to the last Monday in May. The law took effect at the federal level in 1971.



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

May 30, 2010

Nancy Anderson will open the church for the month of June

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| TODAY: | The Sunday after Pentecost | 10:30 am |
| Wednesday: | Spiritual Development..... | 4:30 pm |
| Saturday: | Bread for the World..... | 9:00 am |
| Sunday: | Second Sunday After Pentecost..... | 10:30 am |
| | Communion | |



Our Stewardship for Sunday, May 23, 2010

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| Worship: 80 | Offering: \$1,163.00 |
| Sunday School: 23 | Offering: \$25.75 |

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.