

A Growing  
Compassion

St. John's Chapel  
United Church of Christ  
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**Liturgist: Beverly Graham**

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June 6, 2010

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 A.M.

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

**Gathering**

Meditative Prelude

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

*The theme of today's worship will focus on how compassion restores life. You might want to read and reflect on Luke 7: 11-17.*

*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 on your faith journey, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.*

**Lighting of Candles**

Acolyte: Carsen Glaser

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Celebration**

Leader: With the creation of love, God made the world with word and breath, and made us stewards of its care.

People: **At Pentecost, God came down like a mighty rushing wind and filled the flesh with the breath of creation.**

Leader: With the creation of love, God created the Church, the Body of Christ, and called us to nurture it into being.

**People: If God should take back the Spirit, and suck up all the life-giving breath, all flesh would perish and return to dust.**

Leader: But God says, "I will pour out my Spirit. I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh."<sup>\*</sup>

**People: Strengthened and unafraid, we feel God's presence and hear God's call.**

*\*Job 34: 14-15; Joel 2: 38*

### **\*Hymn of Celebration**

"To God Be the Glory"

No. 36

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to burn away our sins.

**People: Let us call upon the Holy Spirit to blow into us new life.**

Leader: Let us let the Spirit of truth reveal to us our sins that we may become a healing community of love.

### **\*Prayer of Confession**

We come to You, O God, yet we are distracted by our other callings: the unmade bed, the paper work at the office, the bicycle's flat tire, and the unmown lawn—trivial things really that we allow to keep us from You. Forgive us merciful God, for we really do not want to hear Your call. It may require more of us than we are ready to give. Help us return to being the church You intended. Free us to not miss the rushing wind or Your still small voice beckoning us and breathing in us the breath of life. Amen.

### **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: God gives us new opportunities every day to start afresh and now.

**People: Through God's Spirit we are empowered to celebrate life fully and to appreciate all the gifts of life.**

Pastor: God in this moment says, "You are forgiven to begin again and to be filled with hope."

**\*Gloria Patri**

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

**Children's Time**

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

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

I Kings 17: 17-24

p. 320

Luke 7: 11-17

p. 940

**Sermon**

"A Life Restoring Ministry

The Rev. Becky Hebert

**\*Hymn**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

No. 625

**Prayers of the People**

O great God of faithful compassion, help us hear Your word spoken here today—and take it with us into reflection to discern how we can make Your word take life in us as an individual and as a community. Assist us in unleashing Your love in its fullness.

Silence

Warm and loving God, feeling all the strains of human living, yet caring and forgiving us into wholeness, we lift our desire to follow in Your ways. Strong working God, planning night and day the infinite wonders of creation, setting each equation in the universe into play; we come to take refuge under the shadow of Your wings. Old aching God, grey with endless care, yet newborn in your piercing of evil's new disguises, we humbly come to learn the wisdom of the ages.

Silence

In all Your many faces, dear God, we see the grace of Your divine presence and know without a doubt that we can submit our weak, broken selves to Thy care. On the days when we are strong, we will make ourselves available to be Your instrument, and to walk into the burning, whirling wind of Your breath to be molded into the divine fullness of Your compassion.

We lift up to You the names of those we know who need healing, who need the life restoring touch of Your empathy. There are others of whom we have no knowledge—yet we know that You are ever present to be with all of us. We can only ask

that those known and unknown will be granted the courage needed to take down whatever separates them from You.

Silence

O God, the power of Your presence in the Body of Christ, the Church, is great. What a wonder You have created for us to spend an hour together each week—forever growing, and forever being healed by Your grace.

**Offertory**

Instrumental Interlude

**\*Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

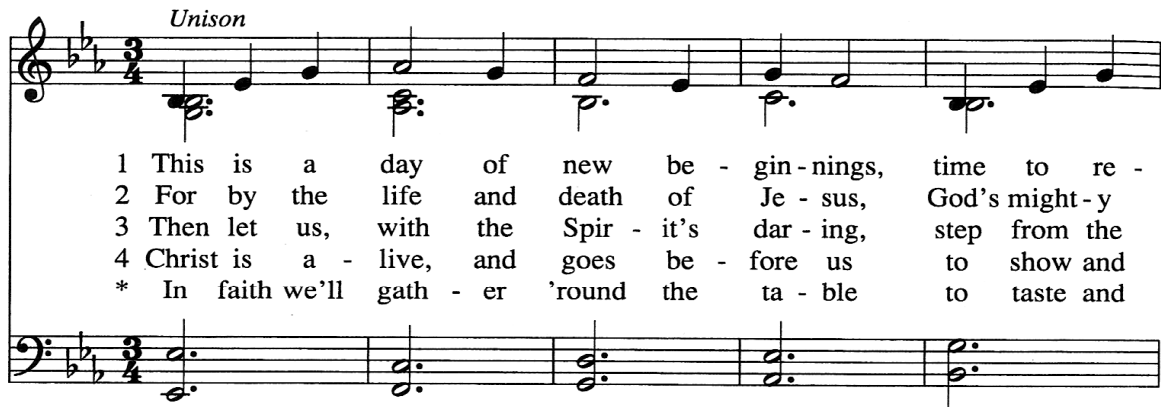
(“Praise God” No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

**Communion Hymn**

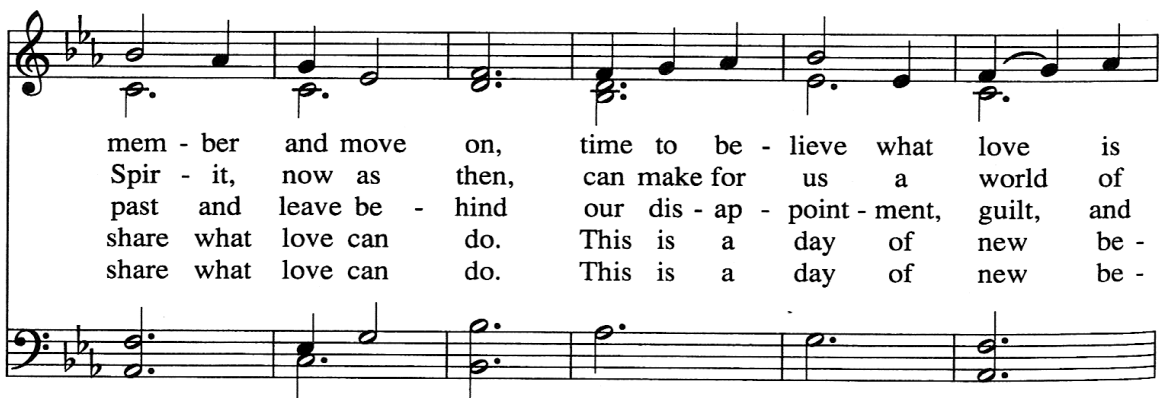
“This Is a Day of New Beginnings”

vs. 1-4 and \*

*Unison*



1 This is a day of new be - gin - nings, time to re -  
2 For by the life and death of Je - sus, God's might - y  
3 Then let us, with the Spir - it's dar - ing, step from the  
4 Christ is a - live, and goes be - fore us to show and  
\* In faith we'll gath - er 'round the ta - ble to taste and



mem - ber and move on, time to be - lieve what love is  
Spir - it, now as then, can make for us a world of  
past and leave be - hind our dis - ap - point - ment, guilt, and  
share what love can do. This is a day of new be -  
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bring-ing, lay - ing to rest the pain that's gone.  
 dif-ference, as faith and hope are born a - gain.  
 griev-ing, seek - ing new paths, and sure to find.  
 gin-nings— our God is mak - ing all things new.  
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**\*Service of Communion** (*Worship Resources*, p.5-6)

**Prayer of Thanksgiving in Unison**

Almighty God, we give You thanks for the gift of our Savior's presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ's body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the Good News of Your love and that Your Universal Church may be a rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

**\*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**

Instrumental Postlude

played by Kyle Aho

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

**Members:**

**Flo Valentine:** “is having a ball at Quail Creek”, according to Pastor Becky. Becky caught up with Flo during occupational therapy, just one activity in her now busy schedule.

**Rosemary Witt:** had another positive visit to the doctor’s this week for a check-up on her foot. Said Rosemary, “Did you know that the foot is one of the slowest areas on the body to heal?”

**Dwayne Blumenstock:** nearly lost his voice—an adverse effect from this last infusion of chemotherapy, but he’s whispering now and plans to speak by Saturday when his granddaughter is wed. Although weak, he’s attending if at all possible. “Just the wedding, not the rehearsal”, said Dwayne showing both his determination and good Missouri sense.

**Family and Friends:**

**Matthew:** (*Glenda Wiese’s nephew*) is improving as of this writing (Thursday afternoon). The severity of his injuries from the car wreck were such that his wounds could not be closed after operating, but with the swelling now down, the hope was that Matthew’s critical wounds might be closed on Friday...which is considerable progress since being rushed to the emergency room in critical condition over the holiday weekend.

**Kyong Hui Weirich:** (Mia Datema’s mother) is now home in Gerald, Missouri, and Mia is there with her helping, as she continues to recover from a heart attack and surgery inserting a pacemaker.

**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.



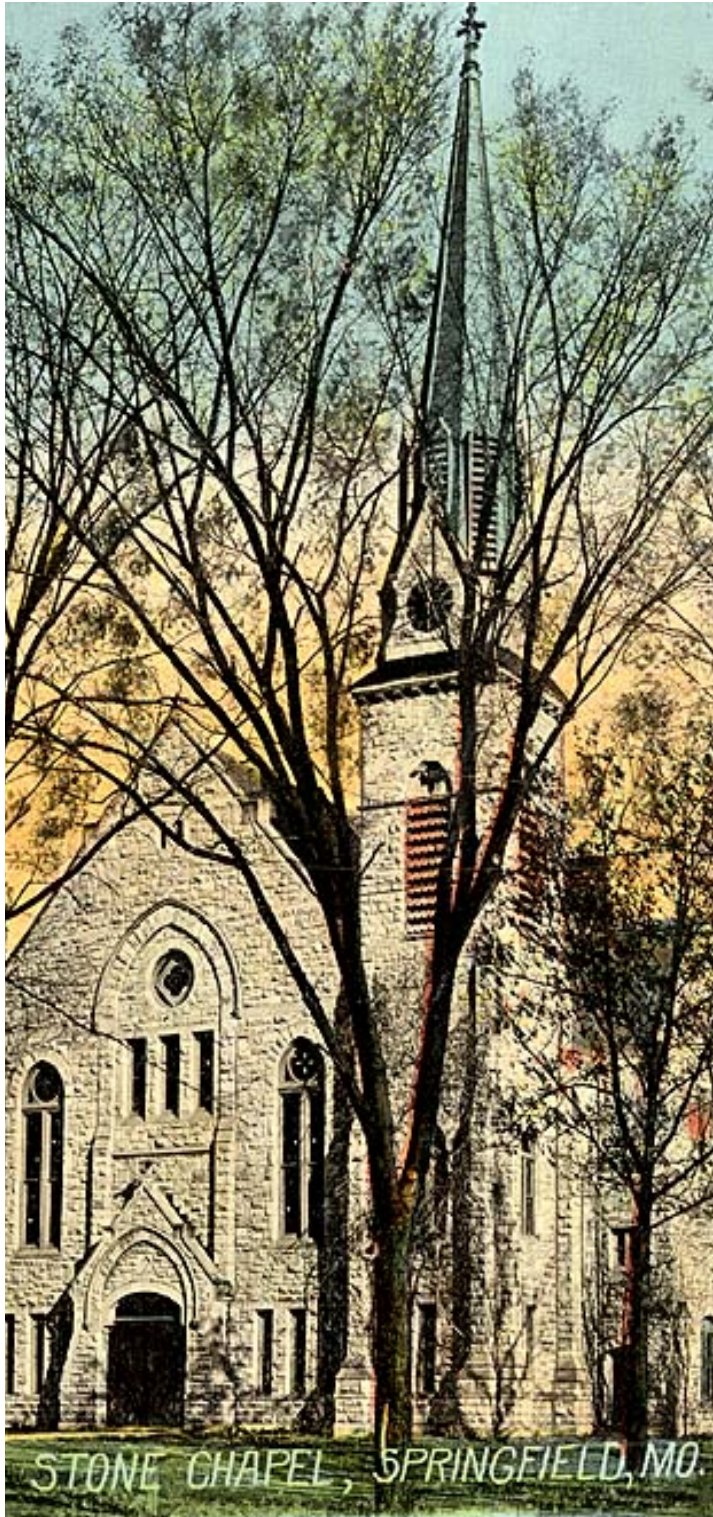
**Our Prayers & Condolences go to the  
Family of Kevin & Mary Beth Huffman.  
Kevin’s mother, BILLIE JEAN HUFFMAN,  
passed away Saturday, May 29~**



**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, you are hard of hearing.

**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.



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



Join the Missouri  
Mid-South Conference



In Song,  
Worship and  
Prayer~

Please contact the Chapel Office prior  
to Wednesday, June 9, to caravan or  
carpool from St. John's to Drury~

**SERVICES WILL NOT BE HELD AT ST.  
JOHN'S CHAPEL ON JUNE 13**

# 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).



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## Our Stewardship for Sunday, May 30, 2010

Worship: 46

Offering: \$465.00

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### **St. John's Chapel UCC Staff**

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Music Director - Chris Brammer

Nursery Attendant - Lea Ann Kruger

Custodian—Lee "Aloha" Bartell



**Independent Women  
will meet at  
HERITAGE CAFETERIA  
Sunday, June 13 at 1 pm**



**In June...  
The Friendship Circle  
Is Dining Out!**

**At Grant's in Ozark,  
Tuesday, June 15~**



Grant W. Dodge  
Executive Chef, Owner

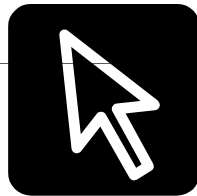
**Grant's**

American Family Dining

*Serving the food America loves to eat... "Oh, it's good!"*

Straight across from Lambert's in Ozark ☎ 417.581.6770  
[www.grantsrestaurant.com](http://www.grantsrestaurant.com) ✉ [grantsrestaurant@gmail.com](mailto:grantsrestaurant@gmail.com)

**NOTE the DATE!  
JUNE 15!**



**The Friendship Circle is dining at  
Grant's on the 15th, (not the 22nd).**



*Missed a Sunday...*



*Missed a Key Point...*



*Inspired & would love to  
revisit these words?*

**Printed Sunday Sermons are available on  
the Narthex table or in your Chapel Office~**

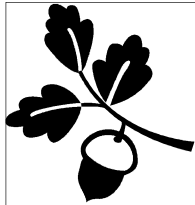


**Now is the Perfect Time & Place  
to Remember Loved Ones~**

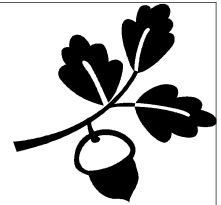
As we prepare to add three additional pavers to our Labyrinth, we invite everyone who has been considering the purchase of an engraved paver to please speak with Judith Bartell.

Engraved pavers are \$125.00 each, and Judith will be happy to help you with the particulars. To our contributors, thank you for adding a lasting remembrance to our special place of prayer.

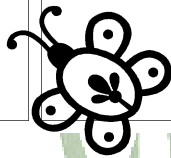
Judith Bartell, 881-8007



**The Women's Guild will meet  
Thursday, June 10  
12 Noon at  
TWIN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB**



*The last gathering of the  
2009-2010 Spiritual  
Development Class is  
Wednesday, June 9*



*Spiritual Development  
Renewal Time  
Will gather Tuesday,  
June 8 at 6:30 pm*

Thank you everyone for your stewardship of our summer lawn, which looks perfect every week thanks to Danny Kruger & Joe's Lawn Service, and YOU!



*Wishing Pastor Becky  
a wonderful & relaxing vacation!*

Please welcome to the Pulpit~  
The Rev. John Steinberg  
June 20

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June 27

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Kate Foster, Student of Philosophy & Religion  
under the guidance of Howard Cavner  
July 4

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The Rev. Dr. John White  
July 11

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The Rev. Becky Hebert  
July 18, Communion,  
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting,  
& Carry-in Fellowship Dinner



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

**June 6, 2010**

Nancy Anderson will open the church for the month of June

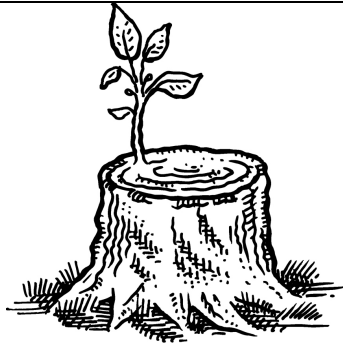
- TODAY: Second Sunday after Pentecost ..... 10:30 am  
Communion
- Monday: Grace & Weight ..... 5:30 pm  
Board of Service Ministries ..... 6:00 pm
- Tuesday: Spiritual Development Renewal Time ..... 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Spiritual Development..... 4:30 pm
- Thursday: Women's Guild at Twin Oaks..... 12:00 noon
- Friday: MMSC Annual Meeting
- Saturday: MMSC Annual Meeting
- Sunday: **Worship will be at Stone Chapel, Drury University..... 10:00 am**  
**Communion**

**Note: There will be NO worship service at St. John's Chapel UCC on the morning of Sunday, June 13.**

For New Orleans

For the Entire Gulf Coast Region

For the Immigrants of Arizona



A Growing Compassion

For the People of Haiti

For the Conflict in Gaza

For the Victims of the China & Chile Earthquakes, 2010

**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.