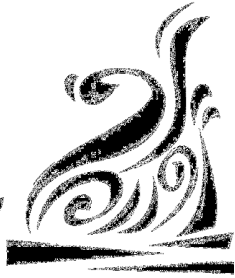




They are
a-burning!



Liturgist: Nancy Anderson

**St. John's Chapel
United Church of
Christ**

4344 S. Fremont Ave.
Springfield, MO 65804-7306

August 15, 2010

Twelfth 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 discerning the signs of God's Realm surrounding us that calls us into action. You might want to read and reflect on Luke 7:18-23 and Luke 12:49-56.

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, or if you reflect better walking, please walk around the sanctuary and reflect upon images you encounter.

Lighting of Candles, Ringing of Bells

Acolyte: Ashley Blackwell

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Celebration: Psalm**

Lay Pastor: God, You are holy and just. In Your presence, righteousness and peace will kiss each other. We worship You and proclaim:

All: **You are king! Clouds and thick darkness are all around God; righteousness and justice are the foundation of God's throne.**

Lay Pastor: Fire goes before You, and consumes Your adversaries on every side. Your lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

All: The mountains melt like wax before You, before the ruler of all the earth. The heavens proclaim Your righteousness, and all the people behold Your glory

Lay Pastor: You love those who hate evil; You guard the lives of the faithful; You rescue them from the hand of the wicked.

**All: Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in God, and give thanks to God's holy name!**

***Hymn of Celebration**

“Revive Us Again”

No. 719

***Call to Confession**

Lay Pastor: Risen Christ, as your followers and as your church, you called us to be the light of the world, a beacon of God's Kingdom that is already taking hold in this world.

Yet we are in constant danger to make an easy peace with our own shortcomings and the inequities of our world.

All: Christ, have mercy on us.

Lay Pastor: We often tame the fire of Your love into a soothing flame of piety that makes us blind to the signs of your presence, afraid to take up the fire for people who need our support and slow to offer a helping hand to people in need.

**All: Christ have mercy on us
In silence, give us the strength to lay before You what moved us this past week. Help us acknowledge and perfect the good, and accept your forgiveness to transform the bad.**

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 re-

ceived 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 please remain in the Sanctuary after Children’s Time.)

Anthem “His Eye Is on the Sparrow” Gabriel
Performed by Loy Swanson

Reading of Holy Scripture Luke 7: 18-23 p. 940
Luke 12: 49-56 p. 950

Sermon “Fires of Discernment” The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Hymn** “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove” No. 303

Prayers of the People, Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Offertory Instrumental Interlude played by Kyle Aho

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

***Offering Prayer in Unison**

All: Bless O God, these our gifts, and bless our desire to participate in the building of Your realm among us, for we are baptized in Your name with the Spirit of love, renewal, and hope. Accept these gifts as a sign of our love for You and our neighbors.

Hymn “He Leadeth Me” No. 99

Apostles’ Creed (page 2 of worship Resources in pew rack)

***Benediction**

***Congregational Response** "Song of Hope"



May the God of hope go with us ev - ery day, Fill - ing all our
lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of jus - tice speed us
on our way, Bring - ing light and hope to ev - ery land and race.
Pray - ing, let us work for peace, Sing - ing, share our joy with all,
Work - ing for a world that's new, Faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude "Instrumental Postlude" played by Kyle Aho

"I endorse the good works of The Gideons International."
Pastor Becky

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:

Beverly Graham: (Pete Graham e-mailed), Thursday, August 12th) “Very good news. The cancer was small & had not spread. No sign in the lymph nodes. Eating solid food today. If I promise to feed her she may get to come home tomorrow. She’s still trying to decide on that one. Love, Pete.” Then Beverly confirmed the great news again when she called us herself on Thursday. Then Pastor Becky reconfirmed the wonderful news after her visit with Beverly on Thursday. I know you’ll agree that this kind of good news can’t be repeated too many times!

Steve Dodge: was resting and doing fine after hip surgery when Pastor Becky caught up with him on Thursday at St. John’s Hospital. At this writing, it was Steve’s call on whether he felt ready to leave the hospital today (August 12) or tomorrow (August 13). Either way, by the time you read this, Steve Dodge will be home again.

Dwayne Blumenstock: is feeling good after receiving the word that he is practically in remission but for one spot that they want to view again in a few weeks via PETscan, but things look very good. The other good news that Dwayne received is that there will be no more chemotherapy treatments until after the scan.

Family and Friends:

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, August 8, 2010

Worship: 71

Offering: \$2,357.00

Available now in the Narthex~

A Current 2010 List of Officers and Organizations

(updated August 4—please tell the office about any additions or errors)

Also available •Spiritual Development Course Applications

•Town Hall Meeting Recaps

•The Lilly Foundation Grant Proposal submitted by St. John’s Chapel UCC

•and Special request Letters from your Council regarding church finances

STAY INFORMED & STAY CONNECTED!

SJC is in possession of a wheelchair that is not operational due to a missing (no longer available) part. But as a “spare parts” wheelchair, this might be exactly what someone needs. Please contact Lee Bartell if you are that someone.

The “New” Messenger is Part of St. John’s Chapel’s Future Success Story



Looking toward the future, the Council has carefully weighed the pros and cons of changing The Messenger to a primarily on-line newsletter, and the advantages are many. Not only will our church save up to \$865.60 per year, but church members will enjoy colorful content and photos now lacking in the printed version.

Launching the “new” Messenger is a process, and the September issue will be printed and mailed per usual. But beginning in October, printed Messengers will be available via advance reservation in the Chapel Office to anyone without internet access (form below).

Our goal is to deliver a better Messenger to every single member, *and to save money*. Rest assured that plans are being made to provide Messengers to those unable to attend church on a regular basis. And if you have internet access but need a few tips on how to view the Messenger on your computer, we need to know that too.

We do realize that Advent and Easter are special times when non-regular attendees visit us. We need your ideas on how to best provide special schedules to our infrequent visitors.

Thank you for helping with this important transition, and remember to reserve your printed Messenger today if you do not have internet access.

Our future looks very colorful...*with your help!* Thank you.

Please place in the Offering Plate or Submit to the Office~

Name: _____ PHONE _____

(CIRCLE YOUR REQUEST)

YES, Please print a Messenger for me that I will pick up at church.

HELP, I have internet but would like assistance in accessing The Messenger easily.

My thoughts and ideas regarding the “new” Messenger are: _____

We need YOUR help getting the Messenger to our dear ones who are no longer able to attend church on a regular basis. Please speak with Deb in the office. With your help, we can make certain that everyone receives their Messenger. Thank you!



Announcing...
The Baptism of
ISABELLA DAWN NELSON
Sunday, August 22nd, 2010
St. John's Chapel UCC



On Sunday, August 22~

STEPHAN SCHARF
MINISTER IN TRAINING

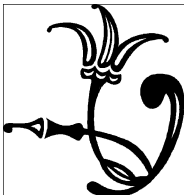
Will take the pulpit at St. John's Chapel UCC
*We look forward to your first sermon
& congratulations on this important milestone~*

On Sunday, August 29~

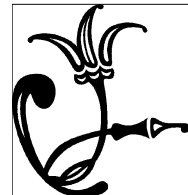
JEFF WHITMAN
CONFERENCE MINISTER

Will fill the pulpit as a special guest of St. John's Chapel UCC~
After which, all are invited to gather for a Fund Raiser Dinner,
Chaired by Judith Bartell
Don't miss this very special Sunday~

With Deepest Sympathy to the Family of...



JANICE STANNAUS
~Mother of Sheri Bartell~
who passed away suddenly on
Sunday, August 8



Our prayers are with you...



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

Secretary's Office Hours: 8:30 AM — 1:30

Coming Soon...
A Facebook page worth following! More news!
More photos!
More FUN!

August 15, 2010

Christy Graham will open the church for the month of August~

- TODAY: Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Camp Aurora Family Weekend Concludes
Serve at The Kitchen 4:15 pm
- Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm
- Wednesday: Choir Practice
- Friday: Messenger Items Due
- Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Baptism of Isabella Nelson

For The Messenger, This Week at the Chapel, & Sermon archives, Go To...

www.stjohnschapel.org

St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

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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.