



Compassion Above All

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

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Liturgist: Elaine Tebbenkamp

August 22, 2010

Thirteenth 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 how Sabbath laws and other religious observances cannot take precedence over releasing people from bondage. You might want to read and reflect on Luke 13: 10-17.

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

Acolyte: Karli Rowett

Ringling of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

The Rev. Becky Hebert

***Call to Celebration**

Leader: Come, all who love God and seek to know God.

People: **For each of us like sheep have gone astray, each in our own way.**

Leader: But Christ is our shepherd, who seeks us out when we are lost.

People: **And the love of God knows no bounds and bids us come play and celebrate in God's garden of freedom.**

***Hymn of Celebration** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 507

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

(After, children are invited to remain in worship.)

Sacrament of Baptism

***Congregational Assent**

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: **We promise our love, support, and care.**

***Blessing of Parents, Godparents, Grandparents and Congregation**

***Hymn**

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

Unison D7 G D G D G D

1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*
I was there when you were but a child, with a
Should you find some - one to share your time and you
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you
faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have
wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
al - ways been with just one more sur - prise.

Reading of Holy Scripture Deuteronomy 5: 13-15
Luke 13: 10-17

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Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

Beverly Graham: Is still in pain, but is doing much, much better.

Steve Dodge: "He's really doing so great—walking around, exercising and getting better daily! He's a happy man except for the pain from the incision. We'll go out for the first time on Wednesday to his office so he can say hi to everyone. We're very pleased with how well he's doing! Love, Margaret."

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.

Congratulations & Celebrating

The Baptism of

ISABELLA DAWN NELSON



Parents

Thadeas Lee Nelson & Kristy Dawn Nelson

Godparents

Benjamin & Samantha Nelson

Grandparents

Maternal

David & Debbie McDonald

Terry & Sylvia White

Paternal

David & Adina Nelson

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Our Deepest Sympathy to the Family of...

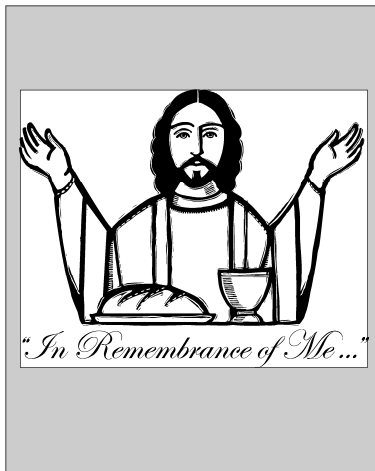
Mary Beth Huffman

~Our former organist ~

Whose father passed away on Saturday, August 14.

You will remember, they just lost Kevin's mother in May.

Our prayers are with you during this difficult time~



Every Sunday...

Beginning Sunday, September 12, Holy Communion will be blessed and served at the altar prior to worship during the meditative silence on all Sundays except first Sundays. What began as a request from parishioners now becomes a new St. John's tradition with the suggestion's recent approval by the Worship Committee and Council.

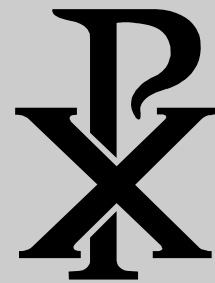
The additional altar communions will be ministered by Pastor Becky, and after September 27, also by newly licensed pastor, Stephan Scharf. As always, first Sunday communions and special observance communions will be served during service as a key part of worship.

Congratulations!

STEPHAN SCHARF

MINISTER IN TRAINING

***For delivering your first sermon at
St. John's Chapel UCC, Springfield, MO
August 22, 2010***



May we continue to Reach Out...

As a result of parishioner input at the Semi-Annual Meeting, a special offering basket will be placed in The Narthex each Sunday to accept outreach donations for the Council of Churches, the Missouri Mid-South Conference UCC, and the United Ministry on Higher Education. These organizations no longer receive a set monthly contribution from SJC as a result of budget cuts made at the July 18th congregational meeting. We hope that individuals will continue to help realize this church's commitment beyond our own walls despite these tough economic times. The outreach collection will rotate so that each organization may benefit from the special collections.

Please take a moment and sign up for "Liturgist Lite"

Welcome & Announcements + A Scripture Reading = Our new, lighter Liturgy duties

So sign up for September 5, 19 or 26 today!

Calendar of Events, Bulletins, Sermons & The Messenger

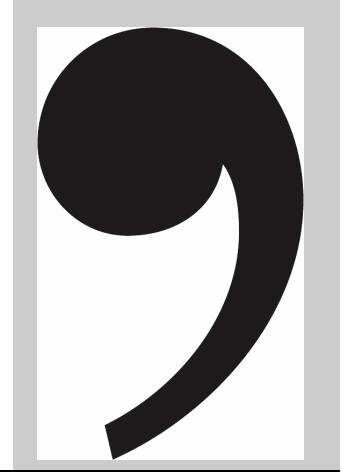
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On Sunday, August 29~

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**



All are invited to a....

“Budget-Eating” Fundraiser Dinner

On Sunday, August 29th immediately following worship, a delicious meal showcasing summer's bounty will be served by the talented ladies of St. John's Chapel, headed by Judith Bartell. That's right. The fellowship is free but this delicious homemade meal is not. So next Sunday, skip your usual post-church restaurant and help us eat away our budget deficit! And please add your extra contribution to the plate today if you won't be here next week. Together, we will eat our way to success!



FLO'S MOVING

On Wednesday, August 25. Flo Valentine is leaving her home since 1964, and taking up residence at Ravenwood, although I don't know which Ravenwood assisted living residence as of yet. The good news is that Flo will practically be next door to SJC. We will keep you posted and will provide Flo's new address soon.

Garden Notes~ On Fish Day, August 10, SJC proudly donated fresh produce to Crosslines in addition to our usual grocery items; and August 20, the Food Harvest picked up our ripe and ready tomatoes. These produce donations come at a particularly critical time as school begins and household budgets are stretched. Looking ahead...SJC gardeners are already thinking about late season sowing and possibly some over-winter crops. And you're invited to join us at Baker Creek Seeds in Mansfield, the source of our delicious heirloom varieties, **Sunday, October 3** after church. This local concern is changing the world and is a "must see" destination. (Baker Creek was featured in the NY Times magazine this month) So come help us grow.



Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

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

TODAY: Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am
Baptism of Isabella Nelson

Monday: Grace & Weight 5:30 pm

Tuesday: Board of Christian Education 6:30 pm

Wednesday: Ozark Cluster Meeting
Choir Practice 7:00 pm

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Special Guest: Jeffrey Whitman, Conference Minister
Fund raiser dinner immediately following worship

Our Stewardship for Sunday, August 15, 2010

Worship: 77

Offering: \$2,346.00

St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

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Organist - 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.