



All Are Invited to!
Bonfire and Trivia Night
YAHOOs
 (Young At Heart Only Older)

- **What: A Bonfire and Barbecue**
 (We will grill hamburgers and hot dogs)
 - **When: Saturday 3/26 at 6:30 pm**
 - **Where: Curt and Sheri Bartell's House**
 - **1811 Cody Ave, Nixa, MO.65714**
- Please RSVP to 714-4124.**

- **Please Bring:**
 - **Your meat and a dessert**
 - **Bring your beverage of choice**
- We will have tea, soda, and blenders available, as well as the buns and “fixens”**

This is a fund raiser so bring \$6.00 to “gamble” with.



St. John's Chapel
United Church of Christ
 4344 S. Fremont Ave.
 Springfield, MO 65804-7306
www.stjohnschapel.org

March 13, 2011

First Sunday in Lent

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 what we need to do to prepare ourselves for Lent; prepare ourselves to enter our desert of temptation. You might want to read and reflect on Isaiah 61:1-4 and/ or Matthew 4:1-11.

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.. Communion is also available at this time at the altar.

Lighting of Candles

Acolyte: Karlie Rowett

Ringing of Bells

Welcome and Announcements

Words of welcome

Rev Becky Hébert

March 13, 2011

Shirley Datema will open the church in January

TODAY:	First Sunday in Lent.....	10:30 am
	Bring Crosslines Food	
	Independent Women	1:00 pm
Monday:	Unbinding the Gospel meeting	4:30 pm
	Grace & Weight	5:30 pm
	Board of Service Ministries.....	6:00 pm
Tuesday:	Ozark Cluster meeting.....	10:00 am
	Friendship Circle.....	7:00 pm
Wednesday:	Seniors & Retirees Luncheon.....	12:00 pm
	Choir Practice.....	7:30 pm
Friday:	MESSENGER ITEMS ARE DUE	
Saturday:	Youth Group meets	4:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Sunday:	First Sunday in Lent.....	10:30 am
Monday:	Serve at The Kitchen	4:15 pm

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.

*Call to Celebration

Pastor: Come all to worship our God; the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

People: We come to celebrate the goodness and kindness of God.

Pastor: Mighty is our God. God can turn the powers of the oppressors to dust and their riches to ruin.

People: Compassionate is our God. God provides for the needy, lightens the burden of the oppressed and gives peace to restless souls.

Rejoice in the coming of our God and God's kingdom amongst us.

*Hymn of Celebration

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

No. 20

Invocation

All: O God, our Redeemer, guide us to act, live and pray as the times determine. Make our faith grow to accommodate the needs of all your people and the fulfillment of your kingdom in the midst of the world. Amen.

Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Pastor: We give voice to our prayer with the words of the Psalmist:

All: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice! O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading.

Pastor: If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive? But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you.

All: My soul is waiting for the Lord. I count on God's word. My soul is longing for the Lord more than those who watch for daybreak.

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 re-

Keep the following people in your thoughts and prayers:

Members:

John & Perdy Scafe have gone to Florida to visit their son Phil. They left last week. Pray for their safe trip, a wonderful visit and for Phil's continued healing.

Family and Friends:

Linda: A Friend of Tona Rowett, who has been diagnosed with a brain tumor.

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 Manor Square, Room 612.

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.

St. John's Chapel UCC Staff

Pastor — Rev. Becky Hebert

Pastor's Home - 882-0415

Associate Pastor — Stephan Scharf

Pastor's Cell - 773-6702

Secretary — Beth Shane-Clark

Pastor's E-mail - pastor@stjohnschapel.org

Church Office - 881-5175

FAX - 881-1647

Church E-mail - sec@stjohnschapel.org

Interim Choir Director - Liz Stafford

Nursery Attendant - Lea Ann Kruger

Organist - Kyle Aho

Custodian - Lee Bartell



Sunday School — 9:15 AM

Worship — 10:30 AM

Pastor's Day Off — Friday

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

This week's "special offering basket" in the Narthex is for~ Crosslines

***Congregational Response** “Peace Be Unto This 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 “Nearer ,My God, To Thee” (Adams, Mason)

viewed 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

Tona Rowett

(Children may exit for Sunday School)

Anthem “Near The Cross” Arr. by Benjamin Harlan

Reading of Holy Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4 p.678
Matthew 4:1-11 p.879

***Sermon** “Jubilee” The Rev. Becky Hébert

Lent



Our Stewardship for Sunday, March 6, 2011

Worship: 70 Offering: \$4,457.00
Sunday School:14 Offering: \$12.00

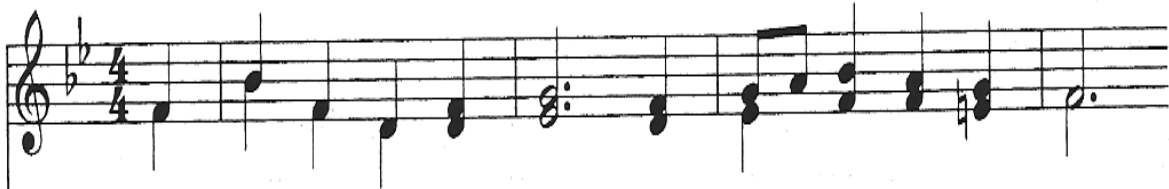
The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,423.00

Hymn

“Arise Your Light is Come”

Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21

Ruth Duck, 1973



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 Bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.



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

Pastor Becky

Choral Response

Offering Statement

Offertory

“This Is Thy Will, I know”

(Wesley, Jackson)

***Doxology and Dedication Prayer**

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

***Offering Prayer**

All: Faithful God, let these gifts be like food and drink in the wilderness for those who have suffered and longed for your presence. Accept these offerings as an expression of our longing for You as we struggle against our own temptation. Grant all who seek comfort and rest, Your healing touch. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our example and savior. Amen.

Hymn

“Let Your Heart Be Broken”

No. 543

***Commissioning**

***Benediction**

