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United Church
of Christ**

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Worship - 10:30 AM

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Vice President
Dennis Gromer

Board of Christian
Education Chair
Joyce Burton

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Ministries Chair
Elaine Tebbenkamp

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.



THE MESSENGER

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Pastoral Reflections

by Pastor Becky Hebert

Holy Week and Easter fast approach. Joanne, our secretary, made the cards I handed out to you on Sunday, March 29th. They cover all the activities available during Holy Week and Easter. I ask that all of you give, at least, one card to someone who does not come to church at St. John's Chapel UCC. If you were not in worship on March 29th or want additional cards, they will be available on the Welcome Table. Every training session on evangelism or church growth I've ever taken says a church will not grow unless every active member is committed to its growth. Here's a way for you to invite others to join us.

A few things will be different this year if our labyrinth is complete. At this time it is looking more and more like it may be. If so, immediately following the Maundy Thursday Communion Worship Service, we will walk the labyrinth lighted by luminaries and with battery operated candles. I've written and Tona is condensing basic labyrinth walking instructions that will be laminated and put in a drop box. Since it will be dark and hard to read on Maundy Thursday, I offer you the 1st of my articles on:

"How to Use the Labyrinth"

One of the most comforting things about the use of the labyrinth is that there are no "should," no "rights or wrongs" about it. It's a simple practice that involves following a path until you reach the center; and then turning around and following that very same path back out again. That's it. It really is that simple. Yet, we are so accustomed to someone giving us instructions that we feel lost without them. Let me give you a few rules for the road to make it more welcoming. There are really only three things to remember: follow the path; go at your own pace; and be respectful of others on the path. Since the labyrinth is such a beautiful metaphor for the path of life, or the path to God, or the path to the center of our being, each of these three instructions may well reflect the essence of our faith about how we are to live.

Following the path of the labyrinth is, in itself, an almost instant relief to us as we step onto it because it requires absolutely no decision-making, no choices at all. It is very well-marked, with a smooth flow that takes us through all the quadrants, in a random way, until we reach the center. After we begin our walk, we can notice a quiet rhythm to the path that is calming. Neuroscientists believe this results from the many turns balancing the body and calming the central nervous system.

It may take a few steps along the path, or a few of the turns, but we soon settle into our own pace. It can be helpful to take a few slow deep breaths, (maybe as you walk down the sidewalk to the labyrinth), consider your intention for walking the path this day, or sink into a quiet peacefulness ("Be still and know that I Am God.") There may be noise all around you. Do not fight it. Just note what you are hearing and the rhythm of the sounds. How the sounds feel. Become aware of the sights around you. Occasionally, it may seem right to pause in the walk, stopping along the path to experience more deeply a thought, a prayer, or an understanding at a deeper level. Some are even inspired to sit or lay down on the path or at the center. This is completely appropriate; others can step around them.

Be respectful of the other pilgrims involves allowing others to go at their own pace. If someone is moving slower than you just quietly pass them. Observe the quiet and meditative mood of other participants. If this is a day when you want to run the labyrinth and shout for joy, allow the other participants to finish. You may be with a groups that has decided to dance the labyrinth or to sing the labyrinth. Since there is only one path going into the center and returning, we will meet other people on the path. Again, just stepping around them is simple, easy, and appropriate.

This is your walk, the path that you are on—make the most of it, experiment, find your way to God.

May God bless you with the joy of an Easter resurrection,
Pastor Becky

COUNCIL MINUTES

March 12, 2009

Roll Call: Members present: Dennis Gromer, Steve Fortner, Nancy Anderson, Shirley Datema, Judith Bartell, Jim May, Christy Graham, Mary Lou Datema, Tona Griggs.

Pastor Becky opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:35.

Secretary's Minutes: (Mary Lou Datema) Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved.

Vice President :(Dennis Gromer) Dennis reported that the new labyrinth pavers were to be shipped today (3/12) and the new projected completion date is March 27. Engraving will have to be completed after that, once the pavers are placed. The lawn will be completely re-done as well. Payment of \$13,385 will be made to Wickmans with the rest due upon completion of the project. Dennis continues to meet with Chris from Wickmans on a regular basis.

Financial Secretary: (Shirley Datema) Shirley reported total deposits of \$13,243.09 for the month of February. This includes \$8392.50 in offering, including Ash Wednesday, and pass-throughs of \$4675.59. Average weekly offering was \$2098.12 and average Sunday attendance was 87.

Treasurer's Report: (Steve Fortner) Total income for the month of February was \$13,122.09. Checking account balance for the end of February was \$2390.45. Total spending for the month of February was \$11,840.50.

Steve asked for a list of current committees so he will know who to contact when invoices come in to be paid to verify that items have actually been received. Steve suggested a checking account be established for \$300 kept in the account to expedite the process for purchasing office and maintenance items at Sam's Club. A motion was made and approved to do so.

Safety deposit box access will be updated to include Steve and Tona.

A roofing bill was received for \$31,762. This is less than initially expected since no underlying damage was found.

Steve has asked for a list of prioritized items of needed repairs so he can know what to expect coming in as far as bills. Paul Blackwell and Lee Bartell are working on this.

Strategic Planning: has not been called to service.

Board of Service Ministries: (Jim May) Subcommittees may be formed for membership care and mission outreach

Board of Christian Education: (Christy Graham) Bunco night is scheduled for March 15

Worship and Music: (Judith Bartell) no report.

Library : no report

Bookkeeping: no report

Building and Grounds: Paul has begun to make some of the top priority repairs. He will be getting a list of prioritized items to Tona.

Stewardship: (Nancy Anderson) no report

Department of Spirituality: (Nancy) no report. Everyone is invited to centering prayer every other Tuesday.

Visioning: (Nancy) A meeting is scheduled for next month and a possible mission trip to Denver in June is being researched.

Pastor's Report: (Pastor Becky) Council approved a motion to look into selling the Risograph machine at Pastor Becky's suggestion. Pastor Becky reminded us about the First and Calvary group visiting on May 31.

As head of staff, Pastor Becky recommends offering Chris Brammer the permanent position of choir director, as opposed to his current status of interim. Council recommended a starting salary of \$8,000 and that new personnel policies be reviewed with him. Pastor Becky asked that we look into the legality of hourly vs salaried, part-time positions. Tona to secure information. Our new secretary Joanne, will be taking over the bookkeeping role at the beginning of May.

Charles Dunham and Judith Bartell will be attending the Western Association meeting as delegates. Pastor Becky requested some sort of forum for delegates to report back to the congregation and it was suggested that this be made part of the church service.

Pastor Becky recommended that all council members consider attending the "Becoming the Gospel" workshop being offered by the Wellspring Mission Group of the Church of the Savior out of Washington DC. This is a model of doing church that I would like for us to, at least, consider. While sitting in Center Prayer, twice monthly with our Discernment group and on my own, the main thing that surfaces, in trying to discern where our congregation is being called, I keep feeling lead in the direction of this model of church.

I might be all wrong-but I would like for us to, at least, consider this as an option. The registration deadline is April 1, 2009. The registration form is in the bright green Wellspring brochures.

Old Business:

Personnel Committee: Council members have been asked to review personnel policy updates and suggest any changes by April 9. A recommendation has also been made to change the name of the committee from Personnel to the Human Resources committee.

Council is looking for someone in the congregation who would be knowledgeable and comfortable in helping with the monitors in the Sunday School rooms process. Eleanor Berger has gotten some monitor prices.

Mike Berger continues to review other sexual miscon-

duct policies to formulate one of our own.

Mary Lou will see where we stand on the process of getting back ground checks done on volunteers.

Since the change in secretaries, software review has been put on hold.

New business: A pastor/parish relations meeting will be scheduled in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

BOARD OF SERVICE MINISTRIES

Minutes from March 3, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Board of Service Ministries (BOSM) was called to order by Chair Beverly Graham at 7:10 pm at the Chapel. Other members in attendance were Pastor Becky, CloElla Leverenz, Jim May (Council representative) and Gary Tebbenkamp. The meeting opened with the unison reading of the Chapel mission statement.

Minutes from the February meeting were approved. In Louise's absence Beverly summarized the treasurer's report. Clarification of a \$100 expense for a reservation will be communicated with the bookkeeper. The BOSM budgeted balance stands at \$2868, and the endowment balance is \$597.76, both unchanged from last month. Louise plans to open a free account at Great Southern for the BOSM funds.

Pastor Becky's report highlighted a workshop offered by the Wellspring Mission Group entitled "Becoming The Gospel" which will be held May 1-2 at the Chapel and co-sponsored by Brentwood Christian Church. For those attending the focus will be to hear the story of some of the members of The Church of the Savior in Washington, DC (and how they have engaged in being the church) and to discern a personal call to task in serving the church. Pastor Becky encouraged all who are interested to register for this event. A general update was given on the health status of members with health concerns. A discussion of attendance patterns of members also occurred.

The Focus Group report from Evangelism noted that it is the responsibility of each organization to give in a timely manner current information about their group to webmaster Adam Cunningham for the Chapel website.

The Membership Care Focus Group will be composed of CloElla, Adam and Kim Cunningham and Johna. A change from the current model will be considered. One possibility is the Stephen's Ministry model.

The Mission/Outreach Focus Group report noted that plans are underway for summer mission trip to the Denver, Colorado area in June. Kristy Nelson is getting updated information about Habitat For Humanity projects in this area. Nancy Anderson is helping to organize this mission trip.

The Publicity Focus Group is composed of Cynthia Gromer and Gary. For the coming year there will be no radio ads. Only newspaper and phone book advertisement space will be purchased.

Because of the inability of some members to attend BOSM meetings on Tuesday evenings, Beverly will contact members about their preferences for a change in meeting time. We will consider the first Monday of the month. Beverly will pick up the attendance sheets in March. A tentative date for the next Fellowship Dinner will be Rally Day, September 13, 2009.

Next meeting will be April 6 at the Chapel, 7 pm.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:12 pm.

Gary Tebbenkamp, secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD

Minutes of March 12, 2009

The Women's Guild met March 12, 2009 with 17 members present. President Patsy Summers introduced our speaker, Linda Jones, from Bailey Alternative High School. The School is for new teenage mothers that want to graduate from high school. Part of their studies are parenting classes where they learn to take care of their babies. They learn good nutrition and are required to bring one meal a day for the baby. There is a nursery at the school for children up to 3 years of age. We all brought items for the Nursery. Partial funding is provided by United Way

A devotion, titled "Woman and the Fork", was given by Loy Swanson.

The February minutes were read and Judy Bartell gave the treasurer's report. Our balance is \$474.79.

Sunshine report: no cards were sent this month..

Next month we will bring some items from our homes that are from our church, to talk about.

Our out-reach next month is snack items for the "House" at MSU.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Delicious refreshments were served and the tables were decorated for St. Patrick's Day. Our hostesses were Irene Reed and Perdy Scafe.

Virginia Blumenstock
Secretary



Bailey's Nursery

Women's Guild would like to invite everyone at St. John's to bring diapers, wipes, clothes, blankets, food, toys, etc. for Bailey Nursery.

Bailey is an alternative high school. Many of the students are young, single parents striving to obtain a high school education. The Nursery at Bailey makes it possible for them to attend school while their babies receive quality care. This is a "win-win" situation and we can help. There is a wicker basket next to the Crosslines basket to collect your baby items. Please join us in this opportunity to care and share.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

You've Been F.R.O.G.'d!

The F.R.O.G.s have been busy this winter with school activities – football, cheerleading, orchestra, basketball, debate, college classes. We are now gearing up for the summer and a mission trip to Galveston, Tx for hurricane rebuilding. Our trip is scheduled July 5-11. The cost will be \$269 per F.R.O.G. We have 6 F.R.O.G.'s planning on attending, so the goal is to raise \$1,614.

We will be working on fundraising activities in the upcoming months, so watch for these to begin after Easter. One of our activities will be "Frogging". At some point during the end of April, May and June, a frog may appear in your yard with simple instructions. In order to have the frog removed, you simply need to place your donation in the bag provided. We are asking for a \$15 donation for frog removal. If you wish to purchase "frog insurance", the cost is \$10. This will assure you will have a "frog-free" yard. Donations are not limited to \$15. If you wish to sponsor a F.R.O.G on this trip, please let Paul or Jami know. If the frog appears and you do not wish to participate, simply call the number on the letter and it will be removed immediately.

Be watching for more activities during the next few months and beware – you may be "F.R.O.G.'d".



Thank You Notes

2-4 Thank all of you for the prayers and hospital visits after Butch's s accident the last Sunday of November.

Also, I appreciate all the help so many of you gave Butch when he wasn't supposed to drive—by picking him up for Wednesday choir practice and Sunday services, and all the other acts of kindness you're shown him.

Thanks from the bottom of my heart. I'm so thankful for al the progress Butch is making. God Bless you all,
Butch's Mom

3-2 Thank you for your congregation's recent gift of \$83.33 to our campus ministry at The House. Especially in these uncertain financial days, we appreciate your belief in what we do today and for tomorrow.

Best wishes,
Rev. Howard C. Cavner
Campus Minister

3-16 I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for inviting me to speak to the Women's Guild at your church. I thoroughly enjoyed the interactions I had with the group. Also, on behalf of our nursery, we want to extend our warmest, most sincere "Thank You" for your generous donations. They are so much appreciated! You are an awesome group!

Thanks again,
Linda Jones

3-29 Thanks to everyone for the cards you have sent Norman—both birthday cards and those cards expressing your care and concern. They are all greatly appreciated.

Lois Rahmoeller
David Rahmoeller & Family

ADDRESS CHANGES

Norman & Lois Rahmoeller
2900 S Jefferson, Apt 304
Springfield, MO 65807

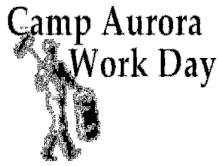


DIRECTORY ADDRESS CHANGES

Each time the post office notifies us of an address change, it costs 50¢. Please help the church save money by notifying the office of any address changes before the Post Office does. Thank you!



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



A WORKDAY AT CAMP AURORA

Camp Aurora Work Day This Saturday, April 4th, starting at 8:00 am, is the Camp Aurora Workday. Plan to spend the day getting the camp in shape for this year's campers.

Camp Aurora Registration forms are on the small table in the Narthex. In order to receive the half paid registration fee from St. John's Chapel, your child's registration form and half payment have to be in the office **no later than Sunday, April 26.**



BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Will meet on Saturday, April 4 at 9 AM. at Kaldi's Coffee House.

THE KOINONIA GROUP

Is hosting a Food, Fun & Fellowship night Saturday, April 4th at 6:00 pm. We will play cards, dominoes and board games. Chili and soups will be served.

THE BOARD OF SERVICE MINISTRIES

Our meeting time has been permanently changed to the first Monday of the month, starting with our next meeting, which will be Monday, April 6th at 7:00 pm.

WOMEN'S GUILD



Women's
Guild

Will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 1 PM. The program will be a "Show and Tell" event. All are invited to bring a picture, story, or special memento to share. Each person who wishes to share will be given an egg. The eggs will be placed in our basket as each shares their special memory. Parts of our program may "quack" us up with joy. Please join us for good refreshments and fellowship. Our outreach will be collecting "goodies" for finals survival kits for students at "The House". (United Campus Ministries) Our outreach for Bailey Nursery will be ongoing throughout the year. We invite everyone to help us with this project. Thanks so

much!

Independent



Women's Group

INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S GROUP

Will meet on Sunday, April 12 at 1 PM.



Gathering of Seniors
and Retirees

GATHERING OF SENIORS AND RETIREES

Will meet at noon for a potluck carry-in lunch on Wednesday, April 15th.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Service Ministries will meet on Monday, April 6th at 7 PM.

Council will meet on Thursday, April 2nd at 6: 00 PM.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION MEETING

The Western Association Meeting is being held at Bethel UCC in Concordia, MO the weekend of April 18. St. John's will be represented by Charles Dunham and Judith Bartell.

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD



MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Will meet at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, April 21 at Scrambler's on E. Republic Rd. All men are in-

THE VISIONING COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21st at 6 PM.

VISIONING COMMITTEE

FRIENDSHIP



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, April 21st 7 PM.

DISCERNMENT PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH.



You are invited to come to the church to pray for discernment on where God is calling us as a congregation. The group is presently learning about and doing Centering Prayer as its means of discerning the call of our congregation. We will have prayer time on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at noon. The prayer meeting times for this

LITURGISTS NEEDED!

The sign-up sheet is on the easel in the narthex.

Wellspring Mission Group will be holding a workshop titled "Becoming the Gospel" on Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2, 2009. It will be held here at St. John's in conjunction with Brentwood Christian Church. The purpose is to help you find where you are on your spiritual journey. For more details, pick up one of the green brochures, call 471-881-0144 or e-mail Brentwood Christian Church at office@brentwoodchristianchurch.com.

WE WILL BE RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS

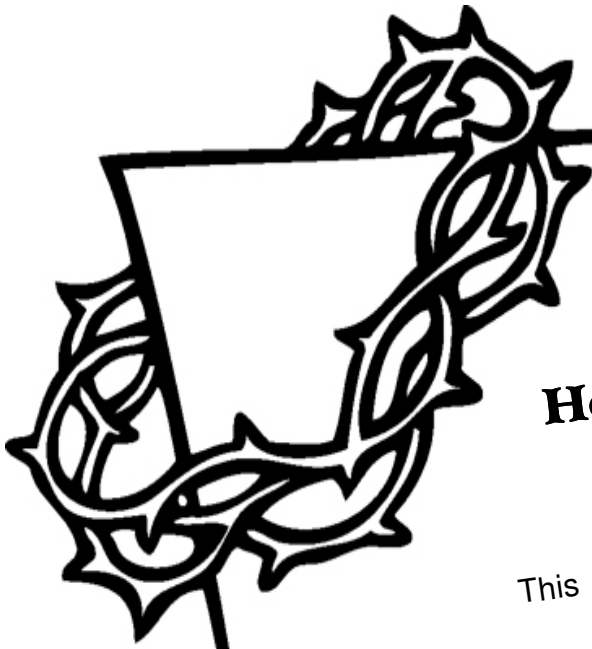
We will be receiving new members on Sunday, April 26. Anyone wanting to join needs to contact Pastor Becky.

DANCE RECITAL

Karen Dodge will be performing in the Springfield School of Dance recital on Friday, May 1 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, May 2 at 2:30 pm and 7:30 pm; Sunday, May 3 at 2:30 pm. The recital will be held at the Springfield Catholic High School auditorium, 2340 S Eastgate. Tickets go on sale April 6 at Springfield School of Dance, 3833 S Campbell (\$10.00).

Sign-up sheet is on the easel in the narthex next to the sheet for liturgists; convenient to sign-up for both at the same time! We also need acolytes.





Holy Week Activities

	This Sunday Palm/Passion Sunday	10:30 am
	Kid's Choir Practice	10:15am
	Kid's Choir Sings	10:30 am
Thursday	Maundy Thursday Communion	7:30 pm
	Labyrinth Walk Following Maundy Thursday Service	
Friday	Good Friday Self-Guided Labyrinth walks all day	
Saturday	Holy Saturday	
Sunday	EASTER SUNDAY	7:30 am
	Sunrise Service	8:15 am
	All Church Breakfast	9:00 am
	Crafts for Kids	9:30am
	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	10:30 am
	Worship	



CROSSLINES REPORT


On our March 10th Crosslines Fish Day, food was provided to 68 families for a total of 164 people.

A Project of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks

Please remember to bring food donations by **Easter Sunday, April 12**, for our next Crosslines Day. Some of the items needed are *spaghetti sauce and spaghetti, peanut butter, jelly, soup, Ramen noodles, crackers, jello and pudding, dried beans, cornbread mix, canned luncheon loaf, tuna, pork 'n' beans, canned vegetables and fruit, soap, shampoo, toilet paper, and bags.*

Thank you for all the generous donations which allow us to continue helping those in need. "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40

"Do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Luke 6:31



DEADLINE:
The Messenger
Items Due

Wednesday, April 22



The church will be opened in
The month of **April** by:
Tona Griggs

YOU CAN HELP BY SAVING the following items for various worthwhile causes. Collection containers are on the narthex tables. Best Choice UPC bar codes, Campbell Soup labels, General Mills Box Tops for Education, and printer cartridges. (Board of Service Ministries earns money for publicity.)



SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday, April 5

Sixth Sunday in Lent—Palm/Passion Sunday

Thursday, April 9

Maundy Thursday

Friday, April 10

Good Friday

Sunday, April 12

Easter (see next page for Holy Week Schedule)

Sunday, April 19

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 26

Third Sunday of Easter



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE KITCHEN

Kitchen Volunteers

As part of our church's outreach project, four people are needed to serve on the 3rd Sunday of each month at The Kitchen, 424 E. Commercial. The sign-up sheet through 2009 is on the church activities' bulletin board between the secretary's office and the confirmation pictures. Thank you to those people who have already signed up. There is still room for others. Volunteers should arrive at The Kitchen at 4:15 PM and will be finished by 6 PM. For more information, please contact Nancy Anderson 863-7309.

CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

If you wish your memorial to go to the Endowment Fund, please make sure to write your wish in the memo line of your check. If you do not specify, the funds will be placed in the general memorial fund.

Fund List — Memorial, Endowment, Christian Education, Evangelism, Music Scholarship, Building and Grounds, and Unrestricted.

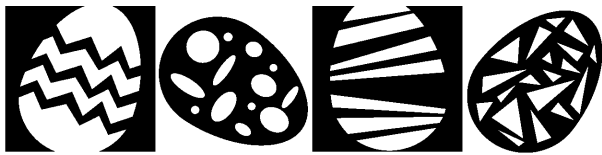
April Anniversaries

- Earl & Irene Reed 58**
- Steve & Kathie Daume
- Brian & Missy Gelner
- Mike & Eleanor Berger
- Elliot P & Kara Blosch



Congratulations to:

Steven & Margaret Dodge on the birth of Allison Jo Dodge on January 22, 2009. She weighed in at 8lb, 11 oz and was 22 inches long. Her proud parents are Phillip and Amanda Dodge of Springfield.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Christian Board of Education, will be April 12th. They are looking for donations to fill plastic eggs. Please put filled eggs back in their cartons and return to the church by Saturday, April 11. Contact Eleanor Berger at 833-8796 with any questions

April Birthdays

- 2 Danetta Cannady
- Taryn Datema
- Jennifer Ruddell
- 3 Mike Berger
- Robert Saylor
- 4 Georgia Gromer
- 7 Mark Brazeale
- 8 Debbie Golding
- 9 Corneil Datema
- Joel Tebbenkamp
- 13 Adam Garcia
- Steve Tillery
- 14 Kristin Fourie
- Ida Weber 82**
- 15 Phillip King
- Brian Gelner
- 19 Larry Kloppenborg
- 20 Gus Kruger
- 22 Kristy Nelson
- 24 Pete Datema
- Bob McMinn
- 25 Kenny Datema
- Ashlan Zay
- 26 Lori Graham
- Erin Shean
- 29 Jeri Shean
- 30 Mark Blumenstock
- Adam Gannon



Special recognition is noted for birthdays over 80 years and anniversaries over 25 years.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2009

	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009
MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	INCOME	EXPENSES	BUDGET
January	\$12,843.28	\$14,105.78	\$8,721.00	\$12,589.53	\$13,973.18
February	\$10,352.93	\$11,486.45	\$13,122.09	\$11,840.50	\$12,519.18
March	\$18,535.07	\$16,499.27			\$15,300.68
April	\$15,517.71	\$13,557.35			\$12,469.18
May	\$16,555.88	\$29,607.56			\$12,601.68
June	\$13,100.00	\$16,269.75			\$14,798.18
July	\$12,217.89	\$13,664.47			\$11,969.18
August	\$14,110.42	\$12,599.08			\$12,001.68
September	\$9,886.00	\$14,575.30			\$14,698.18
October	\$12,814.48	\$13,423.81			\$13,169.18
November	\$15,640.00	\$11,683.90			\$13,022.53
December	\$22,717.17	\$21,175.19			\$13,559.18

OTHER FUNDS

Money Market \$100,676.82
 Building Fund CD \$3,467.58
 Regular Checking \$2,930.45

TOTAL CASH: 107,074.85

NOTE: Income and Expenses include the total income and expenses for the month.

Please remember to bring your pledged giving up-to-date.

A review of the budget vs. actual may be obtained from the church office, if desired.



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Please note: Price Cutter Floral can provide a pair of two altar arrangements for \$40, including delivery to the church. The flower chart is on the easel in the narthex. When you sign up, please note whether you wish to order them through the church or get the flowers on your own. If you order flowers through the church, please make a check to the church and write "Flowers" on the memo line and enclose in an envelope marked "Flowers".



Special Prayer Requests

UPDATE ON SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

David Rahmoeller: We have been so blessed with prayer, friends, family and our church family. It has been a very trying 08 and God has answered our prayers. David has a new donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) and the surgery date is Tuesday, May 26. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, David and Debbie

April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	2 6:30 pm Council	3	4 8:00 Camp Work Day 6:00 Koinonia Fun Night 7:00 Bread for the World
5 Kid's Choir sings, practice at 10:15	6 7 pm Bd. of Service Ministries	7	8 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	9 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> Communion Labyrinth Walk 1 pm Women's Guild	10 Self-guided Labyrinth Walks all day.	11 <i>18 Western Assn Mtg</i> Bethel UCC Concordia, MO Charles Dunham & Judy Bartell delegates
12 <i>Easter Communion</i> 7:30 Sunrise Service 8:15 Breakfast 9:30 Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship Bring Crosslines Food	13	14 Crosslines Fish Day Noon—Discernment Prayers	15 Noon Sr. & Retirees 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	16	17 Rainbow Network Speaker at Brentwood Library at Noon. Phil Smith on Micro- Credit.	18 Bartell/Spinaus Wedding
19 4:15 pm The Kitchen	20 <i>The Messenger</i> Items Due	21 7:30 am Men's Brotherhood 6 pm Visioning Committee 7 pm Friendship Circle	22 10:00 OZ Cluster 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	23	24	25
26	27	28 Noon—Discernment Prayers 6:30 pm Bd. of Christian Ed.	29 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	30		

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