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of Christ**

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Worship - 10:30 AM

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Our Mission Statement:

**St. John's Chapel UCC
is called to love uncondi-
tionally, 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

My soul aligns with the light of Epiphany as I write. In two days I will be leaving to see my two grandsons. The eldest's adoption is final. The second, I will meet for the first time. As I reflect on this, I realize how blessed we are that Jonathan, my first grandson, was not taken from my daughter and her husband— and that they are now blessed with two sons— and I with two grandsons.

The light also shines through this day because God put this woman in my path, a woman I worked with through Senior Services. She had been without utilities for four weeks. Due to an anonymous donor who keeps a pastor's discretionary fund available, her utilities are back on.

There is nothing quite like knowing you have helped make someone's life a little better to set the light of Epiphany shooting through your soul. Just Sunday, (1-15-12), I preached on the true light, which enlightens everyone coming into the world. John tells us Jesus is not the light and yet, he is the light. He is the transparency through whom we see the light. The same light that pulsed through Jesus, can thump our souls to life. Helping a woman get her utilities turned on sure did it for me this week.

She tells me she will come visit St John's Chapel one Sunday. Not this Sunday, (1-22-12), because she has a lot of cleaning after being without water, electricity, and gas for 4 weeks. She said she would be here on January 29th. Keep an eye peeled for her, and make her feel welcome. She may never show. I can only keep her in my prayers and hope that she noticed God's light as well.

The Funds that make this type of help possible are almost depleted. This is the second person we've helped this year. The other was a woman who had been evicted from her home. Would you like to make a donation to this account? It will do wonders for your soul.

Love and blessings,
Pastor Becky

"While you have the light, believe in it so that you may become children of the light." (John 12:36) A verse worthy of memorizing before we walk into the darkness of Lent. Lent comes early this year with **Ash Wednesday** falling on **February 22, 2012**. Plan now to attend one of the more meaningful and touching services of the church. Also sign up to take an hour of the **Prayer Vigil** that starts at 6:00 A.M. and ends at 6:00 P.M. on Ash Wednesday. The service of the **Imposition of the Ashes** and communion is at 7:30 P.M.



COUNCIL MINUTES

December 10, 2011

Members present: Dennis Gromer, Jim May, Shirley Datema, Elaine Tebbenkamp, Steve Fortner and Pastor Becky

The December meeting was opened with prayer; November Council Minutes had been reviewed and revised via e-mail. Motion was made to approve the November minutes as read; motion was seconded and approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice President: Jim May will complete staff evaluations.

Financial Secretary: Shirley Datema reported that total offering for November was \$9,610.00; weekly average offering was \$2,402.50, which was down from this time last year by \$3,113.00. Average Sunday school attendance for November was 12, down by 3 from last year at this time, and average worship attendance was 70, down by 17 from this time last year. Various pass-through amounts were given for OCWM, Camp Aurora and housekeeping/custodial supplies. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for November.

Treasurer: Steve Fortner reported that as of November 31, 2011, there was \$16,065.20 in checking and savings. The offerings have been good through November. Profit and Loss Statement indicates that we will still have a little money at the end of December. Treasurer's reports were approved as reviewed.

A proposal was brought up that an unnamed member would underwrite \$700 toward missions if it was put into the budget showing that the church was giving to the seven missions. The council voted to bring this issue up to the congregation at the next congregational meeting, with the announcement on the following Sunday, as it would require a change to the budget that had already been approved by the congregation.

Board of Service Ministries: Elaine Tebbenkamp reported that we still need greeters on Sunday mornings, and we would appreciate any volunteers. Caroling will happen on Sunday Dec. 18. There is still some concern regarding

an ATT bill for a Yellow Pages listing.

Board of Christian Education: The Board met for December, but no business was addressed.

The Adult Sunday School class will be studying the series of "Unbinding the Gospel."

Worship and Music: Becky reported that worship has been planned through Easter and includes at least one Jazz service and one Taize' service.

Library: Louise Eggleston is now the representative

Building and Grounds: Corneil Datema has placed foam board and caulking in the windows in the office areas and Fellowship Hall to reduce the cold. It is working quite well. The squeak in the air vent has been taken care of, at least temporarily.

Stewardship: No update on pledges. Pledges can be turned in any time and are appreciated.

Pastor's rather lengthy Report:

The Day Care has a current enrollment of 82.

The new caulking and weather stripping in the office area is complete and much appreciated.

Sabbatical: There is a \$2,824.43 balance in the fund. Council voted to pay Pastor Stephan \$300 for his support of our congregation during that time. Upon further investigation, additional funds that will be voted on will be a computer and furnishings for an area of the library for ancestry research and meditation and/or resources for the continuing study of Unbinding the Gospel as a guide for spiritual development. All funding from the Sabbatical grant must be requested by December, 2012.

Further clarification was requested of the council regarding the Choir director's contract. Due to the way the budget is set up, funds for janitorial supplies will be separate from building and grounds supplies. We discussed Christmas services arrangements. The next Creative Faith Project will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2012. Volunteers to attend this meeting are most welcome. It was approved to accept a request from Countryside Community Church for

us to host a concert in June, 2012. About 40 people will need housing for one night.

Becky will be on vacation from Dec. 26 – Jan. 2, 2012. Liz Stafford will preach January 1, 2012.

Updates and Concerns:

Earl Reed, Steve Dodge, Virginia Steury, Flo Valentine,

Joyce Scroggs, Megan Flatbush, Liz Jordan, Rosemary Witt, Jamie Gromer and others.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Saturday, January 28, will be the Creative Faith Project meeting in Columbia, Missouri. Attending will be Pastor Becky, members of the worship committee and anyone else interested.

OLD BUSINESS: choir director and organist agreements, as previously reported; Joplin relief.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Christmas programs and consequent council duties were discussed. Elaine and Shirley will open and close the church on Christmas Day.

The January Semi-Annual meeting will be held January 15, 2012.

The meeting was closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Elaine Tebbenkamp

COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10, 2012

Members present:

Dennis Gromer, Jim May, Shirley Datema, Curt Bartell, Jeanne Kruger, Elaine Tebbenkamp, Steve Fortner and Pastor Becky

The January 2012 meeting was opened with prayer; the December Council Minutes were read and reviewed. Motion was made to approve the December minutes with corrections; motion was seconded and approved.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice President: Jim May has done some of the staff evaluations and all have done well. There were no complaints voiced; He would recommend them all for a raise if there were the funds with which to do it. The proposed changes to

the Constitution of St. John's Chapel will be typed and copied for the Annual meeting, January 15. Two weeks after the meeting, there will be another short Congregational meeting to vote on these changes. After that meeting, the Council members will meet and select officers for 2012. Installation of the new Council officers will be January 29.

Financial Secretary: Shirley Datema reported that total offering for December, (including Christmas Eve service) was \$11,425, down by \$714 from last year; weekly average offering was \$2,856.25, an increase of \$44 from this time last year. Average worship attendance for December was 87, up by 13 from last year at this time, and Christmas Eve attendance was 132 as compared with attendance of only 84 last year. Average Sunday School attendance in December was 13, up by 3 from last year. Offering for Christmas Eve service was \$1,672. A total deposit was made of \$12,571, which included various pass throughs. Shirley provided a list of all the pass throughs for the year of 2011, which indicates that we have several donations that were made to Missions of the church as well as OCWM. Our church members gave a total of \$21,515.33 to various causes and Mission needs throughout 2011. Review of the Annual Report that would be shared at the Congregational Meeting was explained. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial secretary's report for December.

Treasurer: Steve Fortner reported that as of December 31, 2011, there was \$15,749.73 in checking, petty cash, and savings, and after reviewing the profit and loss statement, we had a net ordinary income of \$567.29 for the month of December. Steve then reviewed with the Council members the documents for the Congregational Meeting. An anonymous gift of \$700 will be divided among the different mission ventures that St. John's Chapel is involved with. After 2011 income and expenses were calculated, the Annual report (January 2011 through December 2011) indicates that had a yearly net income of \$5781.54, which is \$10,853.96 better than the budgeted loss of \$5072.42. Steve reported that this is the first time in several years that we have come out better than budget

by having a net profit for 2011. The Mowing fund is \$660 "in the red", and the issue will be brought before the congregation as to continue with the mowing service for 2012. The Treasurer's reports were approved as reviewed.

Board of Service Ministries: Elaine Tebbenkamp reported that they had not met yet, but that all was functioning well.

Board of Christian Education: The Board of Christian Education had a Christmas Party in December and not a business meeting. They have not yet met for the month of January.

Worship and Music: Curt Bartell reported that events are being planned through Easter, and there was nothing new to report at this time.

Library: Louise Eggleston; no report.

Building and Grounds: Shirley Datema's husband Corneil has agreed to serve again on Building and Grounds. He has cleaned and re-arranged the garage as things were brought to him after the un-decorating of the church. He needs someone younger and steadier to take down the wreath on the bell tower. Since he has run into some problems with the weather stripping on the broken door on the north side leading to the courtyard, that endeavor is still not complete. Dennis agreed to help Corneil find the materials he needs to complete the job.

Stewardship: Curt had no report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Becky will be gone on January 22 to visit her new baby grandson and his brother who is now officially adopted. Rev. Dr. John White will be preaching in her absence. Charles Dunham has agreed to take care of pastoral calls on anyone hospitalized and be with any family in case of a death. She will be taking sick leave sometime during the week of February 6 for cataract surgery. Jim Kellet will be preaching February 12 and Charles may need to cover for some of her pastoral calls.

There is \$1,862 left in the Sabbatical Funds for Congregational expenses after the \$300 paid to Pastor Stephan. The remainder will be spent providing a Spiritual Ancestry Work and Meditation Station in the library, and some funds to cover expenses for the "Unbinding the

Gospel" supplies.

Jerry Cook had to cancel his session with the GLBT Group. He had just found out his mother has cancer.

Pastor Becky has not heard back from the Faith Singers. She will not be able to attend the Creative Faith Project on January 28, but she will try to find replacements. We had such good attendance Christmas Eve and the service was beautiful. Pastor reviewed the communion serving. Everything seemed to go well.

Prayer Concerns

Please continue to offer your prayers for the following people:

Irene Reed

Liz Jordan (back at Walnut Lawn), She is pain free and can receive visitors.

Rosemary Witt

Tona Rowett is looking for work

Flo Valentine

Jamie Gromer

Joyce Scroggs

John and Perdy Scafe

OLD BUSINESS:

Pastor Becky has reviewed and discussed the Choir Director's contract with Liz. Kyle has agreed to continue with the same salary for 2012, and the volunteer work for the Joplin Relief Cause will not begin until spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

We still need Council members and will give the congregation a list of nominees for Council, as well as for other groups at the Annual Congregational meeting on Sunday. Dennis has spoken with the Day Care representatives and they have agreed to the \$100 monthly increase in rent and the \$400 toward the mulch for the playground. They are considering a summer school that would begin the last week of June and finish the end of July. If they decide to do the extra day care, that would result in an additional \$1,250 income for St. John's for the 5 weeks of summer school.

The next Council Meeting will be Monday, February 13.

The church opens for January are Elaine Tebbenkamp and Jim May.

The church opens for February are Curt Bartell and Dennis Gromer.

The meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by
Jeanne Kruger,
Council Secretary

Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2012

The meeting was opened with prayer and copies of the July 31, 2011 Semi-Annual Meeting minutes were given to the congregation to read and review; motion was made to accept the minutes as read, seconded, and approved. The following reports were given.

Financial Secretary. Shirley Datema, the 2011 Financial Secretary, reviewed the financial giving for the year 2011, as well as various pass-thrus. Total deposited for the year was \$144,987.99. This amount included offerings, pass-thru amounts, *Kids First* rental income and other monies collected through the year. Pass Thru amounts totaled \$21,515.33. Please see the insert in your paperwork explaining the pass-thru amounts given to designated funds. The 2011 pledges received were 31, amounting to \$83,048.00 at this time; there are still \$3,838.00 in pledges that have not yet been received. Pledges made for 2012 are \$81,876.00. The amount collected from those who did not pledge was \$38,668.00, and the amount of unidentified offerings was \$2,107.66. Total offering for 2011 was \$123,472.66. Total attendance for 2011 was 3951, indicating an increase of 35. Motion was made to accept the Financial Secretary's Report as given; motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer. Steve Fortner, the 2011 Treasurer, reviewed and explained to the congregation the financial statements (Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss) of St. John's Chapel as of December 31, 2011. The main liability we have is the Mowing Fund. We are \$660 in the red for this expense. The congregation will need to discuss if this is still an option that we want for next spring and summer. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as given; motion was seconded and approved. Steve then pre-

sented the 2012 budget to be voted on. Income from *Kids First* Preschool indicates the increase in rent that we have presented to their representatives and their agreement to pay. Giving amounts A1 through A8 indicate the anonymous donor's gift of \$700 to be split among the various mission areas. The request from *Kids First* that we share in the playground upgrade is indicated in the expense column under Playground Mulch--\$400 is our half of the expense. Motion was made that we accept the 2012 proposed budget as presented; motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Board of Service Ministries. Dennis Gromer, Council President, reviewed the Board of Service Ministries Report and expressed his heartfelt gratitude for the Christmas basket that was sent to his son, Matt stationed in Germany.

Board of Christian Education. The Board of Christian Education Report was reviewed and approved. A new policy regarding the Camp Aurora campers' funding defined the active member of the church someone that has attended a minimum of 10 church sponsored activities during the year. Someone from the Board of Christian Education will track this attendance. The same camping fundraiser as last year will be used during 2012—offering refreshments before and after services for donation.

United Ministries in Higher Education. Gary Tebbenkamp reported that we serve 120 students with the new Monroe housing project through campus ministries. Their new location is on Florence Street and Monroe Street. The old rental property is still available. Campus Ministries celebrated their 50th anniversary at the annual dinner. Some members of St. John's congregation were there. Howard Cavner faces challenges every day in dealing with students from all across the globe. Additional volunteers are needed. Thanks was given to the following volunteers from our congregation:

Greeters – Loy Swanson and Tona Rowett,
Vice President – Liz Stafford, and Gary Tebbenkamp representing the Mid-South conference.

Endowment Fund. Bob Lockhart gave the report on the Endowment Fund. Total contributions over the past 12 years are close to \$200,000. Interest and gains of \$47,905 have been distributed to the Church Council in sup-

port of the church's needs. Total contributions for 2011 were \$2,625, which included 3 memorials and a total of 6 gifts. Investments were indicated and explained on the report, and if anyone has questions, please see John Allen for further information. The trustees want to thank everyone who has or will contribute to the support of the St. John's Endowment Fund. Motion was made to accept the Endowment Fund Report as presented; motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor's Report. Pastor Becky gave recognition and thanks to our Council Board members that are rotating off the Board. She then gave her annual report and explained the importance of providing a Sabbatical as part of a pastoral package due to the high stress of this profession and that we as a congregation should begin soon to put aside funds for this purpose so we will have a fund for the next pastor we hire. Pastor explained how pastors will research the denomination's yearbook in regard to membership, Sunday school programs, OCWM donations, and explanations of church expenses. In the paperwork of her report, she also showed the information contained on the St. John's Chapel Website. Noteworthy accomplishments for 2012 included the community garden venture, study of the "Unbinding the Gospel" series, and developing the Spiritual Ancestry program, which will launch citywide. The *Newsleader* has promised to give us major coverage, and the plans will be presented at a public setting, possibly the Campbell Library. Plans in process for 2012 are to reactivate the Spiritual Development Program, helping to build a house in the Joplin Relief effort, and providing additional Taize and Jazz worship services throughout the year. We also still have to finish the final program and financial reports to give to the Lilly Endowment.

President's Report. No formal written report was given.

Old Business. The Joplin Relief housing project will begin sometime this spring, March or April. The remainder of the Sabbatical funds will be spent on providing a Meditation Room to do Spiritual Ancestry work, and providing a water line to the garden area. Chris Bartell will donate his time and equipment to dig the line under the parking lot.

New Business. The Day Care contract will be renewed with an increase in the rent and funds to improve the playground. The financial status of St. John's Chapel was reviewed through the presentation of the new budget. The changes in the bylaws were presented to the congregation and a short meeting in two weeks will be held after worship service to have the vote. The nominees for 2012 Council are Butch Stillman and Larry Pittman. We still need one more person. The nominees for the Board of Trustees are Dean Rund and Carolyn Wolfe; nominees for Board of Christian Education are Eleanor Berger, Chris Trumbull, Joyce Burton, and Chuck Andrews—we still need two more people. Nominees for Board of Service Ministries are Johna Steinhauer and Mary Margaret (MM) Thompson—four are still needed. Representatives for the Western Association Meeting in April are Karl and Jeanne Kruger, and we still need representatives for the Missouri Mid-South Conference Meeting in October.

Other appointed positions are presented in the paperwork provided the congregation. Motion was made to accept all nominees and appointments by acclamation; motion was seconded and approved.

Karl Kruger spoke about the Mowing Expenses for next spring. The cost is \$65 weekly and continues for about 24 weeks. This year we were short donations for about 10 weeks. Does the congregation want to continue with the service in the spring and summer with the donation process? Discussion concluded that they were doing a good job and the cost was reasonable. Motion was made to continue with the Mowing service in the spring and summer; motion was seconded and approved.

The meeting was concluded with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kruger, Council Secretary

Presenting the 2012 Council

Dennis Gromer, Council President
Elaine Tebbenkamp, Council Vice President
Jeanne Kruger, Council Secretary
Butch Stillman, Council Treasurer
Bob Eggleston, Financial Secretary
Curt Bartell & Larry Pittman
Thank you all

February Birthdays



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|------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Brin Datema | 14 Maya Welde |
| 2 Ben Datema | Tracy Zay |
| Ted Hillhouse | 17 Jonathan Scully |
| Nancy Schlueter | Christopher Scully |
| 4 Charles Schatz | 18 Hillary Dempsey |
| Zach Rehagen | 19 Anthony Hunt |
| 5 Diane Kicher | 20 Gert Klobuchar |
| 6 Jan Hale | 21 Aileen Dohm, 86 |
| 8 Stephen Graham | 22 Curt Bartell |
| Linda Hines | 23 Ken Swanson, 84 |
| 12 Rita Allen | 26 Mason Cunningham |
| Bill Brazeale | 27 Jeremy Cannady |
| Emily Russell | John Scafe, 84 |
| | Kent Weber |

There are so many angels to thank. We are grateful to all who worked so hard throughout the Christmas Season here at the Chapel. Our Choir, Liz, Kyle, Tona and Dave Rowett, and Chuck Andrews. Have you ever seen more amazing costumes in your life? Thanks to all the children who gave us their best in the pageant this year. Thank you for the participation of our Advent families, and our liturgists all year long. The services would not go as smoothly without you. To Pastor Becky for making the Christmas day service unique, and to Liz Stafford for bringing in the New Year with a wonderful service as well.

This month, we also bid adieu to three of our council members. Thank you to Steve Fortner, Shirley Datema, and Jim May. for completing their outstanding service on Council this January.

Anniversaries

- 1 **Ed & Nancy Anderson, 53 years**
Steve & Annette Barry
- 2 **Pete & Beverly Graham, 48 years**
- 10 Jack & Vanessa Gonzenbach
- 11 Stephen & Lori Graham
- 14 **John & Judy Wood, 42 years**
David & Debbie Rahmoeller
Bob & Louise Eggleston
- 15 **Gary & Elaine Tebbenkamp, 36 years**
- 23 Scott & Shari McKinney

There are many unmentioned Angels who silently perform acts of kindness every day. You can tell others about the Angels Among Us at St. John's Chapel by dropping a note by the office.



On our Tuesday, January 11th Crosslines Day, groceries and milk were given to **104 families for a total of 265 people.**



SERVICES THIS MONTH

Thank you to everyone for all the hard work and donations of food and cash in 2011 to facilitate this community mission! Thank you to all who donated money to Friendship Circle Crosslines in lieu of poinsettias at Christmas. Each donation is certainly appreciated! Our January 2012 Crosslines day was a record for Crosslines for the largest amount of people given food in one day! Food was given to 104 families for a total of 265 people. Needless to say, it takes lots of food and donations to feed this many people. You have helped out so much with all the contributions!

Sunday, February 5

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
Communion

Sunday, February 12

Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, February 19

Last Sunday after Epiphany/Transfiguration

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday in Lent

Please bring food items by **Sunday, February 12th** as our next Crosslines Day is **February 14.** Much appreciation to all who help and provide for our monthly Crosslines Day!



The church will be opened in the month of FEBRUARY by:
Curt Bartell & Dennis Gromer

Board of Christian Education January 24, 2012

The Board of Christian Education met Tuesday, January 22. Those present were Eleanor Berger, Shirley Datema, and Chris Trumbull.

The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were not available due to our office computer not working. The Pastor's input was not presented due to pastor's vacation.

Members discussed more ways to offer a safer environment for children attending church events. It was decided to have parents to sign their children in and out, and to be handed a note explaining the time frames involved.

The 2012 events were discussed and it was decided to table them until we had more members in attendance. Some fundraiser ideas were discussed and will be reviewed at the next meeting. Eleanor will e-mail Tona regarding the G.N.O.M. E.S. involvement in future fundraisers. She will also e-mail parents regarding their children's availability to help at those fundraisers.

The Board's next meeting will be February 28, 2012 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Eleanor Berger
Chairperson

Friendship Circle January 17, 2012

Friendship Circle enjoyed dinner out Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:00 pm at the Ocean Zen with 15 members and 2 guests present. Beverly Graham was the hostess and provided a printed devotion and favor for each in attendance.

A short business meeting was held. Thank you letters from Jacki Riffey and Circle's Christmas donations were passed around.

Circle will have a table for selling cookbooks at the Sausage Supper.

Our next Circle meeting is Tuesday, February 21.

Jan Rund,
Secretary

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild did not meet in January

Board of Service Ministry January 9, 2012

The Board of Service Ministries met for dinner on January 9, 2012 at Zio's for their post-holiday get-together. Food and fellowship were greatly enjoyed. No business meeting was conducted but we were reminded that out-going members need to help recruit new members.

Thank You

We would like to thank everyone for all that has been done for us during our most difficult time with Earl's illness and passing.

Thank you for the prayers, visits, phone calls and many cards.

Many thanks to Pastor Becky for her prayers, visits, and all of her support.

Thank you to everyone from the Friendship Circle for all of the delicious food which they delivered to our home. Thank you to everyone for your acts of love and kindness given to our family. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

Irene Reed and family

A Thank You Card from Patsy Summers

Thank you to all who sent contributions to the Virginia Shear Memorial Scholarship or the St. John's Endowment fund in honor of my mother. The Church was an important part of my mother's life. We truly appreciate its members who were her loyal friends through the years. Words can not thank you enough for your kind, caring friendship.

During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us... Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered

*Sincerely,
Patsy Summers*

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2011

	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	INCOME	EXPENSES	EXPENSES
January	\$11,542.07	\$15,118.43	\$13,379.19	\$11,665.88	\$12,703.99
February	\$12,173.28	\$12,995.21	\$11,593.82	\$8,690.71	\$10,302.04
March	\$10,102.13	\$13,221.46	\$11,714.84	\$10,598.56	\$11,194.50
April	\$8,999.18	\$13,287.33	\$12,913.91	\$11,787.94	\$12,054.00
May	\$12,792.05	\$12,406.72	\$12,359.52	\$9,327.38	\$10,040.99
June	\$8,793.29	\$12,779.75	\$7,124.69	\$11,278.04	\$11,684.84
July	\$9,994.52	\$12,398.81	\$11,420.26	\$9,573.43	\$12,249.99
August	\$13,907.77	\$10,157.08	\$8,749.71	\$10,190.40	\$10,463.04
September	\$10,095.71	\$11,579.50	\$9,054.15	\$11,606.59	\$11,355.50
October	\$11,035.66	\$12,001.42	\$12,946.45	\$11,721.94	\$13,478.99
November	\$13,723.82	\$11,403.51	\$10,612.10	\$10,213.52	\$10,463.04
December	\$13,125.51	\$12,256.29	\$12,427.48	\$11,860.19	\$11,355.50
YTD Totals	\$136,284.99	\$149,605.51	\$134,296.12	\$128,514.58	\$137,346.42

12/31/2011

Money Market	\$15,116.48
Regular Checking	\$518.25
Petty Cash	\$115.00
TOTAL CASH	\$15,749.73

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

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

Due to space issues, the 2011 full year Crosslines Report will be in the March Messenger. It is currently published in the All Congregational meeting Report of January 15th 2012



Endowment Distributions For 2012

ENDOWMENT DISTRIBUTION FEBRUARY 2012

The Endowment Committee is please to announce the distribution of \$1300.00 to St. John's Chapel, UCC from the Regular Endowment Fund.

This distribution is as follows:

Christian Education	\$ 3.51
Evangelism	\$ 10.14
Music	\$ 54.73
Scholarship	\$ 79.69
Building & Grounds	\$307.32
Unrestricted	\$844.61

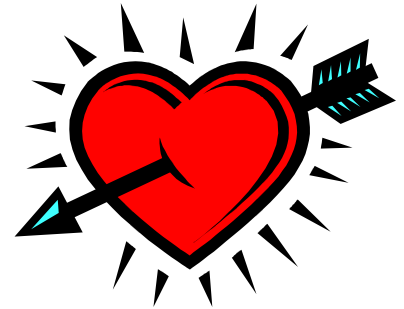
Bob Lockhart, Chairman
John Allen, Financial Sec.

FEBRUARY: PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

- 1st** **Choir Practice** at 7:00 P.M.
2nd **Board of Service Ministries Prayer Group** at 9:00– 10:00 am.
5th **Communion**
6th **Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.
Board of Service Ministries at 6:00 pm
8th **Choir Practice** at 7:00 P.M.
9th **Western Association Meeting** at 10:00 am
Women's Guild meets at 1:00 pm.
12th **Bring Crosslines food donations today.**
Independent Women will convene on Sunday at 1:00 pm.
13th **Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.
Council meets at 6:30 pm.
14th **Valentine's Day**
Crosslines Fish Day
Men's Brotherhood meets Tuesday at 8 am.
15th **Seniors & Retirees**, 12 noon
Choir Practice at 7:00 P.M.
19th **Rev. James Kellett in the pulpit**
20th **Sausage Supper** 4:30—7:30 pm.
Grace & Weight is Monday at 5:30 pm.
21st **Friendship Circle Meeting** at 7:00 pm.
22nd **ASH WEDNESDAY**
Prayer Vigil from 6:00 am – 6:00 pm.
Choir Practice at 6:00 P.M.
Imposition of Ashes service at 7:30 pm
25th **Bread for the World** at The Library Center at 9:00 am.
28th **Board of Christian Education** meets Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
29th **Choir Practice** at 7:00 P.M.

**MEMBERSHIP
DIRECTORY
UPDATES...**

Membership Directories are available in the office. Inform Beth of errors, changes and updates. THANK YOU!

**Sausage
Supper**

February 20, 2012
4:30 to 7:00 P.M.
Make plans
to attend

**The Annual Sausage
Supper**

We need you to help make our annual Sausage Supper a success.

This is the largest fundraiser we have.

You can: Sell tickets
 Make desserts
 (pies, any sweets, and sugar free items are great)

Pass out Flyers

Cook and/ or serve at the Supper

Tickets are available from any Koinonia member, members of the Brotherhood or the Chapel office.

Make plans to attend and to help out our Church

**Christmas Cards Pick Up**



If you still have Christmas cards in the Narthex or you see cards for your friends on the table, please take a moment to pick them up or to deliver them. Thank you for helping keep the Narthex fresh as we approach the Lenten season.

**The Next
MESSENGER Deadline is...
Monday, February 20
Thank you!**



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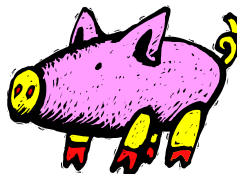
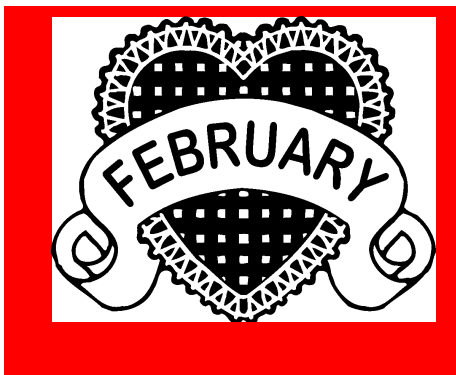


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm	2 Board of Service Ministries Prayer Group 9-10:00 am	3	4
2	3 Grace & Weight @ 5:30 pm BOSM @ 6:00 pm	7	8 Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm	9 Western Association Mtg. @ 10:00 A.M. Women's Guild @ 1:00	10	11
12 Bring Crosslines Donations Independent Women @ 1:00 pm	13 Grace & Weight @ 5:30 pm Council @ 6:30 P.M.	14 Fish Day The Brotherhood @ 8:00 am Valentine's Day	15 Senior & Retirees @ 12:00 noon Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm	16	17	18
19 Pastor Jim Kellett preaching	20 SAUSAGE SUPPER 4:30—7:30 pm Grace & Weight @ 5:30 pm	21 Friendship Circle @ 7:00 pm	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Prayer Vigil 6 am to 6 pm/ Choir Practice @ 6:00 pm/ Service @ 7:30 PM	23	24	25 Bread for the World @ 9:00 am at the Library Center
26	27 Grace & Weight @ 5:30 pm	28 Board of Christian Education @ 6:30 pm	29 Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Messenger Items Due 02-20-12 </div>		

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