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Sunday School -
9:15 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

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Council President
Dennis Gromer

Council Vice President
Jim May

Board of Christian
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Eleanor Berger

Board of Service
Ministries Chair
Louise Eggleston

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

Pastoral Reflections

by Pastor Becky Hebert

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When you have waited for most of your life for something to happen, the fact that it is finally going to happen is hard to believe. In just three weeks my sabbatical will begin. This Sunday, June 5, 2011 will be my last sermon until September 25, 2011. On June 12th Reverend **Cliff Aerie** will preach. He will also design the service and the **Oikos Ensemble** will provide music both during worship and for the labyrinth walk following worship. I understand this musical group, Rev. Aerie's preaching and his creative worship services are something you will not want to miss.

All of this plus a catered meal just to send me off on my sabbatical. How exciting! The Lilly Endowment requires we celebrate my leave-taking and my return. I wonder, when I first read this, "Why?" Why would they insist we do this in order for us to even be considered for the grant? As the time approaches, I am so pleased they hold us to doing this. Marking this day in celebration suddenly seems so appropriate. Sabbaticals are meant to be renewals and hopefully transformative for both clergy and parishioners. Making the day when we begin a transformation process is sort like having a baby shower—for we are about to give birth to a new us. It is why we hold commemorations when we graduate to the next stage in our growth. In the religious world we call them liturgical rites of passage.

In reading *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity*, I had reinforced what separation and transformation have to do with each other. The whole of the book addresses a transformation process practiced by Jesus and Mary Magdalene. Cynthia refers to it as "the path of conscious love" that can bring us into a "further union and deeper communion" (to borrow T.S. Eliot words) with Jesus. Absence not only helps us appreciate each other again, it can move us "forward emotionally and create a deepening maturation of love's intensity"¹

You see, I desire to return to you a changed person—one who has grown from her pilgrimage into the heart of places that will touch me deeply, transform me, pull me into a deeper more intense love for you, my people, my Jesus and my God. So when you bid me farewell on June 12th, my hope is that you will be saying good-bye to that Becky forever. My hope is that you will also use this time wisely to take part in an "Unbinding" group, attend the Genealogical Workshop, learn from Rev. Martha Robertson and grow in your faith and love under the guidance of Pastor Stephan Scharf. When I return, may I meet a wiser, more mature St. John's Chapel UCC.

So until we meet again on a higher plane:

May God watch between me and thee,

While we are absent

One from the other. (Genesis 31:49)

Mizpah Benediction,
as used by the Friendship Circle

¹Cynthia Bourgeault, *The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity*. (Boston and London, 2010), p. 224.

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 12, 2011

May 10, 2011, Council Minutes

Members present:

Dennis Gromer, Steve Fortner,
Shirley Datema, Curt Bartell, Jeanne Kruger,
Stephan Scharf

May 10 meeting was opened with prayer;
April Council Minutes were approved via e-mail.

Council Reports.

Vice President. No Report.

Financial Secretary. Shirley Datema reported that we had a good report for the month of April. Total offering for the month was \$11,960.50, for an average weekly offering of \$2,891.38, showing an increase over this time last year of \$799.43. Sunday School attendance has been down, as well as worship attendance, but offerings are still increasing. Money has been coming in from Kids First rental income, and from pass-throughs such as Crosslines, and Mowing. Garden plot money is to off-set water costs. We collected \$105.00 during April for the Easter lilies. Motion was made to accept the Financial Report as given; motion was seconded and approved.

Treasurer. Steve Fortner gave the treasurer's report for the month of April 2011, as follows: Total income for April was \$12,913.91 and total expenses were \$11,787.94 for a balanced net income of \$1,125.97. Donations of \$50 toward garden plots are a credit to utilities expense since they are to cover water usage for the garden. Repairs to the copier, including a new drum, totaled approximately \$800. We paid \$400 at time of repair, and will be making monthly payments of \$100 for the remaining \$400. The monthly maintenance charge for the copier is around \$30. Office supplies expense and office equipment repair expense are higher this month due to payments for ink and toner from June—December 2010. The vendor had not billed us. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's financial report; motion was seconded; motion carried.

Board of Service Ministries. Elaine Tebbenkamp absent; no report.

Board of Christian Education. Pastor Stephan reported that the junior youth group are planning a lock-in and want to continue to meet on a regular basis. Plans for the YAHOO group this month were canceled because too many other things were going on for the date selected; they will schedule another get-together on a different date

Worship and Music. Curt Bartell reported that our temporary choir director, Liz, has successfully found a teaching job for the fall and will be leaving our choir at the end of May. Therefore, we will need a lead person in the choir to determine the summer schedule and report to Curt any special music for the summer. Curt will meet with the choir Wednesday, May 25, to determine who that lead person will be. We expect to have hired a new choir director by the first part of August.

Library. No report.

Building/Grounds. Shirley Datema reported that council members responsible for opening and closing the church during the summer months will need to talk with Lee and Corneil about which doors to leave open and which doors to have closed because of the cooling zones.

A list of items that need to be addressed and repaired are as follows:

- the powered louvers over the kitchen stove;
- any rain leak damage and repair;
- and some cooling units may need to be replaced.

The boiler connection has been changed, and the inspection done.

Stewardship. No report.

Department of Spirituality. No Report.

Visioning Committee. No report.

Associate Pastor Stephan's. Pastor Stephan preached at West Plains on April 17

and has met with the junior youth and the YA-HOO group in planning their events. During June, Martha Robertson will come on June 25, and her mileage will be paid. Pastor Becky will be gone after the 14th of June. She plans to attend the June 14th council meeting, but there will be no pastoral services the week of June 19 through June 25. In the case of a funeral, Pastor Becky could cover during that week but would ask to have days added on to her sabbatical.

Pastor Stephan wants to know exactly what his expectations are as a Supply Minister and what his compensation will be during Pastor Becky's sabbatical. Dennis will contact the Sabbatical Committee for clarification on duties and compensation. The recommendations for Stephan's salary needs to be communicated to the Treasurer, Steve Fortner and Council needs to be aware of those recommendations and suggestions in writing.

We need an updated e-mail list to send notification that the new Messenger has been posted on the web site and/or announcements. Pastor Stephan will ask Beth to call members for correct e-mail addresses.

Old Business. Jim May was absent, but next month, he will update us on the sexual misconduct procedural policy and putting monitors (cameras) in Sunday School.

No action has been taken on acquiring a loan and/or line of credit at this time.

Preparations have been made for Pastor Becky's going away party for her sabbatical.

New Business. Lee Bartell will be on vacation June 17 through July 4 and we will need volunteers to help with cleaning the church. Thanks to all who contributed toward our secretary, Deb's, going away gift. We wish her the best in her new job.

Some editing needs to be done on the front page of the Messenger in regard to the chairpersons for the Board of Christian Education (Eleanor Berger) and the Board of Service Ministries (Louise Eggleston). Council meeting ended with the reciting of the Lord's Prayer. Church opener for the month of June is Jeanne Kruger and for the month of July, Curt Bartell. The next Council meeting will be Tuesday,

June 14.

Happenings of Congregation

Curt Bartell, as the next step in the group studying "Unbinding the Gospel," will offer a six-week Church Leadership course for Council members to learn and formulate the reasons that make involvement in church important for oneself; possibly these sessions will be held during the Sunday School time.

Keith Burton, not Clint Burton, is having some testing done in regard to his medical issues. We apologize for the error in names.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanne Kruger, Council Secretary

Board of Christian Education May 24, 2011

The Board of Christian Education met Tuesday, May 24. Members present were Butch Stillman, Chuck Andrews, Stephan Scharf, Eleanor Berger, Joyce Burton, and Helen Keeton.

The secretary's report was approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$696.76.

Stephan reported that the Youth will meet Saturday, May 28th, at 4:00 P.M. at the Datema's for a hay ride. He will schedule Sunday School after reviewing what has been done before.

Seven children have registered for Camp Aurora, and one of them is a guest. They have collected \$404.91 for the Camp Aurora fund.

Eleanor will order pens to be given to the dads on Father's Day.

The dates for Vacation Bible School were reconfirmed as August 1-5, 2011. Snacks were discussed.

It was approved for Eleanor to shred old bank statements. She will keep those statements from the required number of years. She will also ask Chris Trumbull if he would like to join our committee.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 28th, at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Keeton, secretary

Board of Service Ministries May 2, 2011

May 2, 2011 BOSM MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Service Ministries meeting was held on Monday, May 2, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the group reciting St. John's Chapel UCC Mission Statement. Members in attendance were Louise Eggleston, CloElla Leverenz, Pastor Becky Hebert, Pastor Stephan Scarf, Elaine Tebbenkamp, Tona Griggs, Beverly Graham and Johna Steinhauer. The April minutes were approved as written. Beverly reported that we have \$626.00 in our pass-thru account—no changes since last month.

Pastor Becky shared with us that Pastor Stephan will be attending the BOSM meetings in her absence while she is on sabbatical. She reported that the group studying "Unbinding the Gospel" has completed their session. Members from this group will form & lead classes during the sabbatical time so that everyone in the congregation will have a chance to participate. Jim May is coordinating the genealogy workshop which will be led by Stephen Buffet, professor of genealogy. Tona will be writing a press release about the workshop. She is also in charge of setting up a workstation with a computer & resources for genealogy research, most likely in the library area, for members to use. Council is to decide if church committee meetings can be suspended during a 6 week period this summer so that we may concentrate on the Unbinding the Gospel & Genealogy project.

Recent visitors were discussed and some phone calls are to be made to contact them. Johna is going to see if we can get some help with the computer attendance software we are using and we can set up a time to train all the members of the BOSM to use it.

Johna reported she is working with Beth on gathering pictures to complete the pictorial directory. The goal is to get it finished by the end of May. Linda Leicht of the News Leader ran an article about Pastor Becky's sabbatical and we are hoping she can give us some publicity prior to June 12th when we have the Sending Off Dinner for Pastor Becky.

A few members of the jazz/worship group

"Oikos" have been obtained to lead the worship on June 12th and they will also provide music for the afternoon labyrinth gathering. Tona will write a press release announcing this. Tona reported on the two catering services she has contacted for the June 12th meal. She is still waiting on some details and will e-mail the BOSM members so that we can make the final decision prior to our next meeting. Tona will also get the invitations ordered for the June 12th meal and the BOSM committee plans to meet on Monday, May 16th to address the invitations.

Beverly has contacted Judy Bartell about the community garden sign and they would like to have one displayed in front of the church. Beverly reported we can get a two-sided 3'x6' vinyl sign from Fast Signs for \$169. BOSM will pay for it out of our account and possibly there will be some sabbatical money available to help cover a portion of it.

We have enough empty ink cartridges on hand to send a shipment to eCycle. Johna & Louise will meet to take care of this.

The meeting was adjourned with a prayer led by Pastor Becky.

Submitted by
Johna Steinhauer, Secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD May 12, 2011

The Women's Guild met on May 12 with 11 members present. The minutes were read and the treasurer's report was given. The balance was \$298.24. Sue Bos shared some correspondence from Gert Klobucher. The special program was classical guitar music by Sharon Haislip's nephew, Jason Kopsian. The beautiful music was enjoyed by all. Two short devotionals were read by Evelyn Blumenstock.

The Guild birthday luncheon will be at Café Roswitha in the Brentwood center.

There was some discussion regarding our Outreach program. A motion was made by Esther Steinhauer that we bring baby items for the Bailey Alternative School to our September and October meetings. It was seconded by Sharon Haislip. We will continue some financial support each month for the Chapel's Crosslines participation.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. Thanks to our May hostesses, Evelyn Edwards and Sharon Haislip, for serving the delicious refreshments.

Esther Steinhauer
secretary

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE May 17, 2011

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE MINUTES

Friendship Circle met at the Chapel Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with 10 members present.

Judy Bartell led the meeting which began with a devotional from "A Few Hallelujahs for Your Ho Hums" by Mary Hollingsworth. Last month's meeting minutes were read and approved and the treasurer's report was given. Beverly Graham reported on birthday, anniversary, thinking of you, and graduation cards she sent this past month. Circle members' upcoming birthdays and anniversaries were read.

Joyce Scroggs recently broke her leg and will recuperate in a care center. Visitors would be appreciated.

The Crosslines report was given. The new system of the persons in need picking out their food from the shelves with the assistance of volunteers worked out well. Volunteers and people receiving food both seemed pleased. Items such as soap, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and shampoo may also be donated as these items are not routinely given out by Crosslines. Our monthly cost for food in addition to grocery donations is about \$250. Many thanks to those who donate to our Crosslines pantry fund so we can continue to minister to those in need.

Old Business

For next year it was suggested that our church deadline for donations to Crosslines Feinstein Matching Fund be set a week or so

before the end of April. This would facilitate the donations getting to Crosslines by the April 30th deadline.

New Business

Circle members agreed to take on making an all-church recipe book. Beverly Graham will put an article in the newsletter and be in charge of collecting recipes. Margaret Dodge will check the time frame needed for printing the cookbook and will report back at the next meeting.

The meeting closed with the Mizpah benediction.

Jan Hale presented a very interesting and informative program on cameos. She had many varieties on hand for members to experience.

Delicious refreshments were provided by Judy Bartell and Jan Hale.

Jan Rund
Secretary

The Oïkos Ensemble

Music and Stories to Change the World

The Reverend Cliff Aerie will be here June 12th, to preach and to perform in a jazz trio during our worship service. They will also take part in Pastor Becky's farewell party. Rev. Aerie has been doing jazz worship for more than 30 years. Please make plans to attend the farewell service and party as Pastor Becky prepares to take her sabbatical leave on the 19th

Oïkos is the Greek New Testament word translated as "dwelling place," "house," "abode" -- essentially a spiritual dwelling place where all humanity can live together in peace.

Transcending stylistic musical boundaries, [The Oïkos Ensemble](#) paints vibrant soundscapes with the brush stroke of jazz improvisation affirming the human family as one global ensemble.

June Birthdays



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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Ralph Bos | 18 Gene Anderson |
| 2 George Scroggs, Jr. | 19 Sam Rehagen |
| 3 Butch Stillman | 20 Thelma Hurshman |
| 5 Sheri Zay | 22 Dwayne Blumenstock, 84 yrs. |
| 9 Isabella Nelson | 23 CloElla Leverenz |
| 10 Vi Graham | 24 John Wood |
| 13 Matthew Gromer | 28 George Helfrecht, 81 yrs. |
| 14 Justin Long | 29 Brady Bartell |
| 15 Dorothy Spencer | 30 Dean Rund |
| 16 Drew Hutchinson | Ava Welde |

Anniversaries

- 2 Colby & Kelly Tanner
- 4 Ben & Jennifer Ruddell
- 9 Richard & Mia Datema
- 14 Adam & Kim Cunningham
- 17 Jason & Chris Kruse
- 19 Dr. Tom & Martha Davis, III. 29 yrs.
- 25 Mark & Jacki Riffie, 28 yrs.
- 27 Gary & Patsy Summers, 47 yrs.
- 28 Robert & Eleanor Lockhart, 53 yrs.
- 30 John & Rita Allen, 39 yrs.
- Brian & Suzanne Welde

A big thank you to the people who faithfully assist in the Narthex on Sunday mornings. They greet visitors, and members alike, help people find their seats, pass out bulletins, and open doors for our congregation.

Thank you again to all who are helping me, and being patient with me, while I learn "the ropes" here in the office-Beth

Thanks to all who faithfully serve on our many committees, give of time and supply funding, and just plain support the many ministries of our Church. Thanks to Alice Shoemaker, proofreader of the Messenger.

Thanks to the Mowers who volunteer to keep the back lot nice.

Thanks to Liz and Kyle for our wonderful music

Thanks to Jim May for spearheading the genealogy workshop.

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



SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday, June 5, 2011
Communion/Paver Dedication

Sunday, June 12, 2011- Pentecost
Drury Conference
Pastor Becky's Farewell Party

Sunday, June 19, 2011
Trinity Sunday
Father's Day
Pastor Becky's Sabbatical begins

Sunday, June, 26, 2011

A Praise: Eleanor Lockhart had a good report from her Doctor. They got all of her cancer.



A Project of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks

On our May 10th Crosslines Day, groceries and milk were given to **71 families for a total of 195 people.**

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



The church will be opened in the month of June by:
Jeanne Kruger.



June 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:30 Finance Committee Meeting	2	3	4 9:00AM Bread for the World @ St. John's Chapel
5 Paver Dedication ceremony before Service @ 10:15	6 5:30 PM Grace & Weight 6:00PM. BOSM	7	8	9 Women's Guild Luncheon @ Café Roswitha @ noon- Conf Banquet @ 6	10 2011 Mid South Conference @ Drury	11 Conference Continues 4:30 PM Closing Worship
12 Farewell Party for Pastor Becky Rev. Cliff Acete preaching Bring Crosslines Food Independent Women @ 1pm	13	14 Fish Day 5:30 PM Grace & Weight 6:30 PM Council	15	16 Pastor Stephan on Vacation	17	18
19 Dale Parson preaching/ Father's Day/ Becky's Sabbatical begins 4:15 The Kitchen	20 5:30 PM Grace & Weight	21 Friendship Circle meets at Grant's Restaurant In Ozark @ 6 PM	22 Messenger Items are due today	23	24	25 Jr. Youth Swim Party @ the Dalema's
26 Martha Robertson Preaching	27 5:30 PM Grace & Weight	28 6:30 PM BCE	29	30		

Conference Annual Gathering

The Conference Annual Gathering (CAG) of the Missouri Mid-South Conference will be held June 10-11, 2011, at Drury University in Springfield, Missouri. Plans are underway for an exciting and inspiring time together.

There are informational sheets and registration forms in the Chapel office and online.



Father's Day is June 19th.

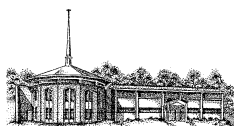
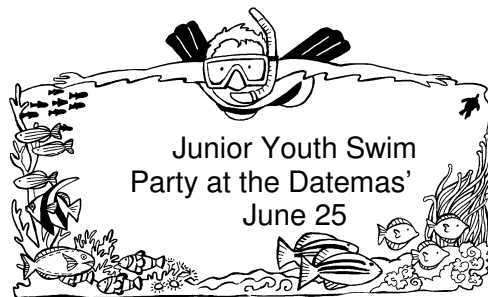
A Perfect Time & Place to Remember Our Loved Ones



We are going to have a Paver Dedication Ceremony at 10:15 A.M. in our Labyrinth, June 5th, 2011. All are invited. We encourage anyone who has been considering the purchase of a Memorial Paver to please speak with Judith Bartell. It is never to late to add a paver to our labyrinth.

Engraved pavers are \$125.00 each, and Judith would be happy to work with you on the details.

Contact: Judith Bartell,
881-8007



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May 6, 2011

Pastors, Youth Leaders, and Senior High Sunday School Teachers of the Missouri Mid-South Conference

Greetings from your sisters and brothers at Columbia UCC! We are pleased to announce the establishment of the UCC Student Fellowship.

While there are many student religious organizations here in Columbia, there has not been a UCC-related campus ministry for some time. Our new UCC Student Fellowship has been meeting since February and will soon receive official recognition from the University of Missouri.

Meetings take place Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7:00 and include fellowship, brief Bible study and discussion – and a free meal. The program is student-led but supported by our congregation through the generosity of the Marilyn Martin Youth Fund.

We want to invite all UCC students at Columbia colleges – new and returning – to participate in the UCC Student Fellowship. This includes not only University of Missouri, but Columbia College, Stephens College, and Moberly Area Community College.

Please make this information available to your church's college students, invite them to look us up on Facebook ("UCC Student Fellowship, University of Missouri") – and if you are able, please share their names and contact information with us.

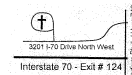
Columbia UCC began as a student-initiated ministry on the MU campus and was supported by the Evangelical & Reformed Synod before becoming a full congregation. We feel a deep connection with the academic life of Columbia and want to support UCC students attending our city's colleges.

UCC Student Fellowship programs will resume with the beginning of the fall semester, and we will contact you again in August with more details. We are also planning an alternative worship service for Saturday evenings from 5:00-6:00, to begin in mid-September.

We look forward to hearing from you, and meeting your church's college students. Please hold this ministry in your prayers, as together we seek to support and strengthen the faith of our teens and young adults!

In hope,

Rev. Steven E. Swope



No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!

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			\$10,040.99
June	\$8,793.29	\$12,779.75			\$11,684.84
July	\$9,994.52	\$12,398.81			\$12,249.99
August	\$13,907.77	\$10,157.08			\$10,463.04
September	\$10,095.71	\$11,579.50			\$11,355.50
October	\$11,035.66	\$12,001.42			\$13,478.99
November	\$13,723.82	\$11,403.51			\$10,463.04
December	\$13,125.51	\$12,256.29			\$11,355.50
YTD Totals	\$136,284.99	\$149,605.51	\$49,601.76	\$42,743.09	\$137,346.42

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

4/30/2011

Money Market	\$16,391.28
Regular Checking	\$1,860.73
Petty Cash	\$115.00
TOTAL CASH	\$18,367.01

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

Pastor Becky has made a contribution to Crosslines in honor of:

- Jan Hale
- Nancy Anderson
- Sharon Haislip

APPRECIATION

Thanks to Liz Stafford for her hard work and dedication as Interim Choir Director. We wish her good luck as she has taken a job on Cabool.

THANK YOU!

The many calls, cards, prayers, and concerns during recovery from my recent surgery were greatly appreciated. I thank all of you for your support and kindness

Jan Hale



Thank You from the Women's Guild

The Women's Guild would like to thank everyone that saves Best Choice Labels. We received a check for \$90.00 from the company in 2010. We encourage all to participate by placing your labels in the jar in the Narthex.

Becky Starts Her Sabbatical....

And we're going to wish her a Bon Voyage on June 12 at noon here at the Chapel. All are welcome. Please RSVP to the office with your headcount by June 5th. A catered meal will be provided.



JUNE: PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

- 1st** **Finance Committee Meeting** at 5:30 pm.
- 4th** **Bread for the World** at St. John's Chapel, UCC, 9:00 am.
- 5th** **Communion/Paver Dedication Ceremony** at 10:15 am.
- 6th** **Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.
Board of Service Ministries will meet Monday at 6:00 pm.
- 9th** **Women's Guild Luncheon** at Café Roswitha at noon
UCC Conference Banquet at 6pm.
- 10th** **Missouri Mid-South Conference @ Drury**
- 11th** **Missouri Mid-South Conference continues @ Drury**—
Closing Worship at 4:30 pm.
- 12th** **Farewell Party for Pastor Becky**—Worship at 10:30 with Rev
Aerie & Oikos Trio. Luncheon at noon, Labyrinth walk
Bring Crosslines food donations today.
Independent Women will meet on Sunday at 1:00 pm.
- 14th** **Crosslines Fish Day.**
Grace & Weight is Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
Council meets Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
- 16th** **Pastor Stephan's vacation begins**
- 19th** **Dale Parson preaching, Father's Day, Becky's sabbatical
begins**
The Kitchen, serve on Sunday at 4:15 pm.
- 20th** **Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.
- 21st** **Friendship Circle** meets at Grant's Restaurant in Ozark at 6:00 pm.
- 22nd** **Messenger items** are due today.
- 25th** **Junior Youth Swim Party** at the Datema's
- 26th** **Martha Robertson preaching**
- 27th** **Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.
- 28th** **Board of Christian Education** meets Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY UPDATES...

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

**The Women's
Guild Luncheon
will be at Café
Roswitha June
9th @ 12:00PM**



The June meeting is here at St John's Chapel

Joplin Recovery Group at St. John's Chapel, UCC

A group met following worship on May 29th to discuss what we would like to do as a congregation to help Joplin recover. The group, which has now grown to 19, decided to go with securing one family we will help from the beginning to the end of their recovery. This will include clean-up, the rebuilding of their home and helping to move back into their home. We are presently in the process of trying to secure a family through Habitat for Humanity through whom we will work on this endeavor.

The group also agreed that St. John's will function as a drop off point for needed supplies. Habitat will pick up and deliver these for us. We are not trying to replace the drop-off points already established. Habitat just wants to assure that needed supplies keep coming after this is no longer foremost on people's minds. In church setting pastor will be asked to function as reminders.

Our volunteers for this St. John's Chapel UCC mission:

Dennis Gromer, Elaine Tebbenkamp, Kathy and Larry Pittman, Beverly Graham, Ken and Loy Swanson, Clo Ella Levenenz, Carolyn Wolfe, Jennifer Peaco, Nancy Anderson, Johna and Esther Steinhauer, Judith Bartell, Tona and Dave Rowett, Margaret Dodge, and Stephan Scharf. The response to this ambitious undertaking is overwhelming. My hope is that even more of you will join us.

Billings

Valedictorian 2011

Michael Datema

FAMILY:

Parents: Richard and Mia Datema (Mia teaches Spanish and English at Billings High School)
Brother Josh
Sisters Emma and Mariah

TIME AT BILLINGS:

Since fourth grade

FAVORITE SUBJECT:

Math

FAVORITE TEACHER:

I like all my teachers.

COLLEGE PLANS:

MSU, undecided major, possibly criminology

CAREER PLANS:

Possibly law enforcement

WHAT'S BEEN THE BEST EXPERIENCE YOU'VE HAD AT BILLINGS SCHOOL:

Doing plays. I've been in all the school plays since seventh grade

WHAT DOES GRADUATION MEAN TO YOU:

Moving on; a new chapter in my life. High school was great, but now just moving forward.

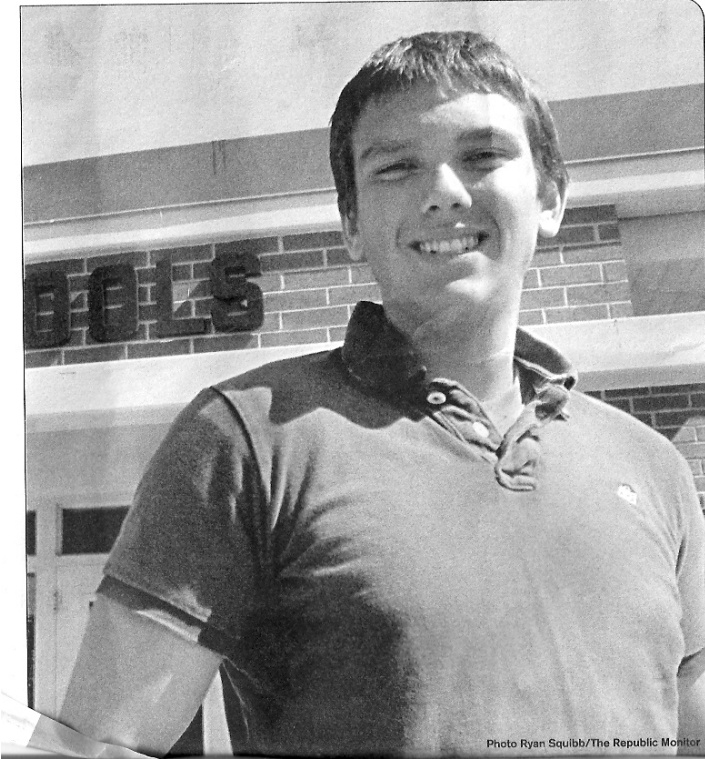
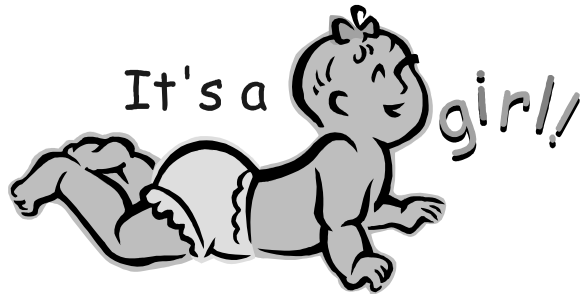


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Great Job Michael!



Congratulations to Brianna Rahmoeller and Dylan Whorton on the birth of Aubrey Jane, on May 25, 2011 at 1:35 P.M. She weighed 6lbs, and 10ozs, and she is 20 inches long. Proud family members are grandparents David & Debbie Rahmoeller, Great Grand parents Lois Rahmoeller, and John & Karen Masters, and Aunt Shanee Rahmoeller. All are doing well.

Items Needed for Joplin Relief in Partnership with Habitat For Humanity

Clean up items such as **tarps, rope, contractor bags, lawn and garden bags, and wheel barrows.** Water, and ready to eat foods will be an ongoing need. (Protein Bars, beef jerky, individually portioned foods, baby food, and diabetic foods are also needed.) Please bring these items to the Narthex to be picked up by Habitat. (Also needed: diabetic supplies, gauze, syringes). There are sheets with tips for making clean up kits in the office.



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Toute a l'heure! **À bientôt**

Vaya Con Dios Adiós

Pirkano paye yan-
(go well in Japanese)

Do-nv-da-go-hv-l
(Cherokee- until we meet)

Khoda hafaz- Farsi (Iran)

Shalom- Hebrew

Do svidanja- Russian

Kwaheri- Swahili

**We will miss you Pastor Becky.
Have a safe and blessed journey.
Until we meet again, farewell!**