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Dennis Gromer

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**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

As most of you noticed on Sunday, we are finally getting a new roof. Another deadline for the labyrinth's completion, **April 3, 2009**, has also been set with Wickman's. This deadline will make possible a special ending to our Maundy Thursday service, an advertised Good Friday Labyrinth Walk, a wonderful addition to our Easter Sunrise service and a distinctive ending to our regular Easter service. Let's pray Wickman's makes it this time.

One of the reasons for the delay on the labyrinth was defective pavers. ACME brick has finally agreed to replace the pavers and pay for new memorial bricks to be etched. This time around the memorial bricks will not be laid until the labyrinth design is in place. You will then be asked to place your memorial bricks in your desired location.

Another reason to have our labyrinth completed soon is because the **Wellspring Mission Group of The Church of the Savior**, mentioned in the sermon series I'm doing, has asked to hold a workshop at our church—*because we have a labyrinth*. This event is being planned for **May 1-2, 2009** and I'm excited that the famous Church of the Savior's Wellspring Mission Group is coming to Springfield, MO and holding its workshop at our church. Plan to be a part of this rare opportunity! Green brochures with more information and registration forms are on the small table in the narthex, next to the Lenten material. Wellspring will bring to us an experience of "the church being the church" that has "inspired new life" in churches throughout the world. According to Wellspring, "If two or more members discern a call and others confirm that call, a mission group comes into existence."

In some ways we are already living this model of doing church. A number of us who journeyed together through spiritual development heard a call to make available a full spiritual development program here at St. John's Chapel UCC. We formed the Department of Spirituality, which is basically the name of our mission group. We drew up a list of the offerings we envisioned in St. John's Spiritual Development Program. The one that surfaced at the top was a Meditation Garden with Labyrinth. We took our idea to the Board of Service Ministries, Strategic Planning, the Visioning Committee and Council. These groups got excited with us about the prospects this ministry would not only offer our members, our neighborhood, our city and even beyond Springfield (a UCC youth ministry pastor is going to bring a youth group for a walk on our labyrinth once finished). Finally the congregation saw fit to endorse this endeavor. Now, even with the labyrinth not complete, we have been asked to host an event coming to Springfield specifically because of our labyrinth.

I realize enthusiasm here at home waned with the project dragging on too long. Many of you still feel in the dark about how walking around in a circle can benefit anyone. The benefit of a labyrinth is best understood in the experience of walking it. The fact that thousands have sprung up all over the world attests to the fact that many are discovering the rewards of labyrinth walking—but it does require an open mind, heart and soul. Developing and fostering negative preconceived notions about this ancient practice of prayerful meditations and contemplation only cultivates fruitless barriers.

Once everything is in place I will offer and advertise classes for walking a labyrinth. Even though there is not a "right way" to walk a labyrinth, most people feel more comfortable trying it after some instruction. I will also offer "How to Use the Labyrinth" articles in the *Messenger* for those with no time for classes—and put laminated instructions in a drop box at the labyrinth's entrance. I think you will soon see, in the beauty of the Holy Week Services and in the many services to come, how this prayer instrument is going to enrich and transform our congregation. I ask you to open your minds, hearts and souls and reserve judgment until you've taken a walk inward and outward again.

Blessings and love,  
Pastor Becky

## COUNCIL MINUTES February 12, 2009

**Roll. Call:** Members present: Dennis Gromer, Steve Fortner, Nancy Anderson, Shirley Datema, Judith Bartell, Jim May, Christy Graham and Pastor Becky. Members absent: Mary Lou Datema and Tona Griggs. Guests: Paul Blackwell

In Tona's absence, Vice President Dennis Gromer called the meeting to order at 6:30. Pastor Becky opened with a brief devotion and then led the Council in a session of Centering Prayer.

Before committee reports began, guest Paul Blackwell gave an update on Building and Grounds. He reported that the dry powder extinguisher in the kitchen stove hood has been installed with a final price of \$1200. Two fire extinguishers are 25 years old and need to be replaced. Also, several emergency lights are burnt out or are not in working condition. The bulbs could be replaced, however, Paul is recommending that new, energy efficient lights using LED bulbs be purchased to replace all outside light fixtures. The cost of these is approximately \$33 each. As approved by the congregation at the Annual Meeting, the cost of these items will be built into the loan along with the cost of the roof.

Council asked Paul to work with Lee Bartell to compile a list of prioritized items that need to be addressed in the church. These include areas damaged by the leaks, other safety items, and additional maintenance and repair that may need to be done. Council will then address what items need to be done now and what items can be put on a maintenance schedule to repair/replace at a later time.

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

**Vice President** (Dennis Gromer: No report.

**Financial Secretary** (Shirley Datema): Shirley reported total deposits of \$8721.00 for the month of January. This includes \$8,046.50 in offering and pass-throughs of \$674.50. Average weekly offering for the month was \$2011.63 and average attendance was 85.

**Treasurer's Report** (Steve Fortner): Total income for the month of January was \$8,721.00 and the checking account balance for the end of January was \$1,527.86. A CD was closed out and \$45,161.58 was deposited in the Money Market Account. This will be used as an emergency fund to pay for the roof in case the loan is not yet finalized

Total spending for the month of January was \$12,589.53 which was \$2,340.75 over our income.

**Strategic Planning** (Dennis Gromer): There is a standing committee for Strategic Planning and if needed, a meeting will be called.

**Board of Service Ministries** (Jim May): No report.

**Board of Christian Education** (Christy Graham): Christy reported that at the January Board meeting, officers were elected for the coming year. Also, we are not planning to have VBS at St John's this year. We may be working with Prince of Peace Lutheran to combine with them on VBS.

**Worship and Music** (Judith Bartell): Judy reported the Esther Steinhauer has taken over for Jan Hale and will be responsible for changing the parameters and making sure that flowers are in place for worship.

**Library:** No report.

**Bookkeeping:** No report.

**Building and Grounds** (Pastor Becky): Pastor Becky reported that the electric company laid a new line to the sign but it still was not working. They have found the problem and it should be fixed soon. The dishwasher has been fixed and it was determined that the problem was a sensor probe.

**Stewardship** (Nancy Anderson): Pastor Becky reported that Melissa Burnett has volunteered to be chair of Stewardship Committee for this year. Nancy will be the Council representative on the committee and will give reports as needed.

**Department of Spirituality** (Nancy Anderson): Nancy reported that a prayer group is now meeting bi-weekly to do discernment prayers for the direction of the church. Everyone is invited to attend.

**Visioning Committee** (Nancy Anderson): The Committee will meet Tuesday, February 17.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Becky reported that a new secretary, Joanne Bourbon, has been hired pending final approval of the Council. A motion was made by Judy Bartell and seconded by Shirley Datema to confirm the hire. Motion unanimously passed. Joanne will serve as secretary and bookkeeper.

The group from Grace Community Church in West Plains that worshiped with us in January has asked us to enter into a Covenant Agreement with them as they move to officially join the United Church of Christ. In a covenantal relationship, we would work with Grace Community Church as partners to act as a resource and a support community.

Dennis Gromer moved that we agree to enter into this Covenant Agreement with Grace Community Church. The motion was seconded by Nancy Anderson and was unanimously approved.

Chris Brammer, interim choir director, asked for permission for the youth group from First and Calvary to do the worship service on May 31. They have a traveling group that routinely conducts worship services at other churches. Council approved this request. This is Pentecost Sunday and if the group does not have communion built into their service we will forgo communion on that day and have it the next Sunday as the first Sunday of the month.

Pastor Becky reported that during the time span of late November through early December, when our church was somewhat in crisis with the incidents surrounding Tom's disappearance and Butch's accident, as well as other illnesses and events, she was forced to use her cell phone much more than she normally does. Her plan is for minimum usage of minutes and she went well over her allotted minutes. She received a bill for \$275 for this time frame. She asked for some reimbursement from the church because of the unusual circumstances that caused her bill to be so high. The Council agreed to give her \$200 from the Professional Expenses line of the budget. Becky is aware that this will leave very little in this budget line for the remainder of the year.

Pastor Becky reported that she continues to try and work with Chris from Wickman Gardens to finish the Labyrinth. She read a series of e-mail correspondences with Chris. In January she sent him a detailed list of all that still needed to be done. After receiving no response, she contacted him again in early February. Chris has agreed to yet another completion date of April 3, 2009. Tona and Dennis will be meeting with Chris in the next week to work out a payment schedule. We are willing to pay for the portions of the project that have been completed (sidewalk and irrigation system) but will not pay for the remainder of the project until it is completed to our satisfaction.

In final announcement, Becky reported that she will be using Continuing Education time on March 20-23 to travel to Nebraska for a seminar given by Marcus Borg and Dominic Crossen. She has secured a supply minister for Sunday, March 22. Also, the regular first Sunday communion in November will be moved to the second Sunday because Becky will be gone to the Mid-South Conference meeting. In closing, Becky announced that she will call a special

congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, February 15, to give the congregation an update on the situation with Tom.

**Old Business:** As Vice President, Dennis will take over as chair of the Personnel Committee.

Power Church Software Review: Tona will work with the new secretary, Joanne Bourbon, on a software package for her to use as bookkeeper.

Becky reported that Jack Gonzenbach will handle the video inventory of church property.

All items concerning fire alarm and inspection issues have been reviewed and repaired/replaced as needed.

**New Business:** A new secretary has been hired. A discussion was held regarding the music director position. Christy will meet with Chris Brammer to get some additional information from him before any decisions are made.

Judy reported that the storage section of the garage is completely full and very disorganized. You cannot get into the area at all. Judy will let Paul Blackwell know that a workday needs to be scheduled to address this issue. Shirley stated that Corneil is going to replace the latches on the garage doors. The current latches allow/cause the doors to bulge and warp. The new latches will allow the doors to lay flat and not cause further damage.

The following schedule was given for Church Opener/Closer:

March-Christy	September-Mary Lou
April-Tona	October-
May-Steve	November-Shirley
June-Dennis	December
July-Nancy	January
August—Jim	

The open months will be decided later.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Christy Graham.

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## **Visioning Committee Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2009**

The committee meeting, attended by Nancy Anderson, Eleanor Berger, Tona Griggs and Pastor Becky, began by reviewing the 5 year programming planning chart. The pulpit exchange planned for January 2009 occurred with Pastor Gloria Jones from Pitts Chapel. This quarter, it was also planned to begin taking a Spiritual approach to Council and other committee meetings. This "vision" is coming to life.

In three ways: 1. Discernment prayer meetings every other Tuesday; 2. Discussed importance of "living the Chapel Mission Statement" at annual congregational meeting; 3. February '09 council meeting was opened with a Centering Prayer.

Although the community garden was originally planned for Summer 2010, we can get a head start on it this year by partnering with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. They are planning to do the same thing this summer and have invited us to share in their garden with hopes of expanding in 2010. Pastor Becky will take this recommendation to the Board of Service Ministries.

This summer we need to begin a search to find a pastor to fill in during Pastor Becky's planned sabbatical June-September, 2010. John Sellers will be finished with his petition in Billings by then and might be a candidate. Tona will e-mail Dale Parsons about the process for finding a short-term pastor and will bring this topic to Council.

A new bulletin style, in which announcements are organized to coordinate with the Chapel Mission Statement, was discussed. Tona presented a sample and Pastor Becky will take the idea to the Worship Committee and Board of Service Ministries.

The Visioning Committee has agreed to meet on a quarterly basis, so the next meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, at 6 p.m. in the Chapel Workroom. We need one more member, so please come see what the Visioning Committee is all about.

Tona Griggs, Acting Secretary

## **BOARD OF SERVICE MINISTRIES**

### **Minutes from February 3, 2009**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Service Ministries (BOSM) was called to order by Beverly Graham at 7:05 pm. Other members in attendance were Louise Eggleston, Johna Steinhauer and Gary Tebbenkamp. Beverly opened the meeting with prayer. The first order of business was selection of officers. Beverly agreed to a one-year term as chair, Louise will take the position of treasurer and Gary will be recording secretary. The position of vice chair will be decided at the next meeting. The minutes from the January meeting were approved with the addition of noting that Johna agreed to serve a one year term on BOSM for 2009.

The treasurer's report noted that we started the year with a budget allowance of \$3,000 for 2009. For

the month of January expenses included \$32 for the News Leader and \$100 for room reservation at Pasta House for the West Plains group meeting on January 25. Balance is \$2868. Endowment pass through balance is \$597.76. A no-charge small business checking account will be opened for BOSM usage in the near future.

No pastor's report since Becky was on vacation with her family.

The Focus Group report from Evangelism was given by Beverly. Two ladies who have attended recently are potential members. A brief discussion regarding continued use of the friendship pads ended with a decision to table further action until the next meeting. Johna will collect the friendship sheets for the month of February.

Membership Care: The idea of having Sunday morning greeters at all entrances into the narthex prior to worship was discussed. Further planning for organizing this service will be needed. It was noted that enough volunteers from the Chapel have signed up for serving at the Kitchen to fill the quota for each month in 2009. Devotional books will be ordered for Chapel families for the upcoming Lenten season. A Lenten calendar may be forthcoming with Ash Wednesday on February 25, 2009.

Publicity: The Chapel ad for the Yellow Pages has been renewed for 2009. Consideration will also be given to advertising in the Names and Numbers directory. No radio ads are planned for the coming year, but News-Leader ads will be continued. Adam Cunningham is continuing as webmaster for the Chapel web page.

Beverly requested that the Chapel's mission statement be read at each BOSM meeting in order to reinforce our purpose for being a Christian congregation. The next meeting will be March 3, 2009 at the Chapel, 7 pm. A reminder will be sent to each BOSM member regarding the next monthly meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm by praying the Lord's Prayer.

## **WOMEN'S GUILD**

### **Minutes of February 12, 2009**

The Women's Guild met February 12, 2009 with 16 members present. President Patsy Summers introduced the program. Kate Foster, a MSU student told us about the "House", a Christian ministry for college students at MSU. She will be attending seminary upon her graduation. Clo Ella Leverens gave the devotion, "Abraham Lincoln", a poem she

memorized in high school. The December minutes were read and the treasurer reported we have a balance of \$342.79 for February 1, 2009.

Correspondence was read and there was no old business.

New business was our Outreach for 2009. After much discussion we agreed on the different programs. In March it will be Bailey school. Bring baby items up to 3 years of age.

Rita will print the 2009 yearbooks. We still need a program chairman for this year. Any suggestions are welcome. Louis Rahmoeller is unable to continue as our devotional chairman so the members will fill in each month.

We welcomed a new member, Deane Ruppert. She is a friend of Louis and lives in the same apartment complex. She is a member of a St. Louis area UCC.

Jan Hale and Virginia Steury were our hostesses and served delicious, Valentine themed refreshments. Virginia Blumenstock  
Secretary

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## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Minutes of February 24, 2009

The Board of Christian Education met on January 29, 2009. Members present included Joyce Burton, Christy Graham, Mia Datema, and Tona Griggs. Members absent included Eleanor Berger, Liz Stafford, Chuck Andrews, Butch Stillman and Pastor Becky.

The election was held for 2009 officers. The following slate of offices was unanimously approved:

Chairperson – Eleanor Berger  
Secretary – Christy Graham  
Treasurer – Tona Griggs

### Standing reports:

Treasurer's report: Eleanor Berger

No report.

Superintendent's report: Eleanor Berger

In Eleanor's absence, Joyce reported that Eleanor will resign as Superintendent at the end of the spring Sunday School term (May or June) and a replacement is needed. The new Superintendent would begin their duties in August when fall Sunday School resumes.

Youth: Liz Stafford

No report.

### Old Business:

None.

### New Business:

Bunco Night: Everyone is invited to Baked Potato Supper/Bunco night on Saturday, March 14 beginning at 5:30. The Board of Christian Education will supply the potatoes and all the toppers and everyone else is asked to bring a drink and a dessert item. The theme for the Bunco prizes is "St. Patrick's Day" so everyone is asked to bring a GREEN gift item.

2009 VBS: Prince of Peace Lutheran church has inquired about the possibility of having a joint VBS next summer. A decision has not yet been made on this.

The next meeting of the Board of Christian Education will be on Tuesday, February 24.

Christy Graham  
Secretary

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**Women's Guild** invites everyone at St. John's to bring diapers, wipes, clothes, blankets, food, toys, etc for Bailey's Nursery. Bailey is an alternative high school for students who are also young, single parents. The Nursery makes it possible for them to attend school while their children receive quality day care. There is a box next to the Crosslines basket in the narthex where you may leave your baby gifts until March 11. Please join us in this opportunity to care and share.





We want to thank the Friendship Circle, Judith Bartell and our children for making our 50th wedding anniversary so special and you, our church family, for the cards and attending our special day celebration. Eddie & Nancy Anderson

2-9 Thank you for your recent gift to the Council of Churches of the Ozarks Annual Fund. I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your special gift to support the work of Crosslines. Your gift is greatly needed and will be put to work immediately.

Kindest regards,  
Mark Struckhoff,  
Director of Advancement.

1-27 Thank you for taking a recent call from Sybil Dovener, on behalf of CUE, (Chicago United Eden Seminaries) and for making a commitment for your church's support for Chicago, United and Eden seminaries for 2009.

Your church's support is vital to your seminaries! Faculty, staff and students alike benefit from the gifts that come through CUE, and our church will be stronger because of the work each seminary carries out on our behalf.

Yours in Christ,  
Ann S. Moyer  
Executive Director

2-9 Grace to you and peace in the name of Jesus Christ. I am writing to express my gratitude for your support of our ministry and missions that we do together as the Missouri Mid-South Conference and the United Church of Christ.

I want to thank you for your generous support of our ministry. Your local church's gifts to Our Church's Wider Mission and the other Special Offerings of the United Church of Christ, change lives, strengthen churches, and proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

May God continue to bless your mission and ministry!

Jeffery Whitman  
Conference Minister

## ADDRESS CHANGES

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### 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!



Kim and Adam Cunningham are proud to announce the arrival February 26, 2009, of Mason James Cunningham. He weighed it at 8 lb., 2 oz. Welcome to the St. John's family, Mason.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



Hitched & Happy Workshop

### HITCHED AND HAPPY WORKSHOP

Will meet the next two Mondays at 5:30 PM. The last class is March 9th..



### BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Will meet on Saturday, March 7 at 9 AM. At Kaldi's Coffee House.

Independent



### INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S GROUP

Will meet on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM.

Women's Group



Women's Guild

### WOMEN'S GUILD

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### MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Will meet at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Scrambler's on E. Republic Rd. All men are invited.



### THE VISIONING COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM.

FRIENDSHIP



### FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.



### GATHERING OF SENIORS AND RETIREES

Will meet at noon for a potluck carry-in lunch on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Board of Service Ministries** will meet on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM.

**Council** will meet on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

**Board of Christian Education** will meet on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 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 month are Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.



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**CROSSLINES REPORT**


During 2008, Crosslines helped **10,294 families** for a total of **26,987 people.** A sincere

*thank you for all the generous donations of food and cash gifts so that on our 11 monthly Crosslines Days in 2008, we were able to help **518 families** for a total of **1,314 people.***

On our Tuesday, February 10, 2009 Crosslines Day, food was provided to 58 families for a total of 132 people.

Please remember to bring food donations by **Sunday, March 8**, 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.*

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



**DEADLINE:**  
**The Messenger**  
**Items Due**

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**



The church will be opened in The month of **March** by: Christy Graham

**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, March 1**

First Sunday in Lent  
Communion

**Sunday, March 22**

John Steinberg-Guest Speaker  
One Great Hour of Sharing



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE KITCHEN**

As part of our church's outreach project, four people are needed to serve on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## March Anniversaries



- 8 Matt & Susan Long
- 9 Charles & Jane Dunham 37
- 22 Mike & Debbie Warkins 34



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

## March Birthdays

- 1 Karl Kruger
- 2 Amanda Peacher
- 3 Laurel McKean
- 4 Nicholas Hutchison
- 5 Chris Keeton
- 6 Dalton Golding
- 7 Elizabeth Brazeale  
David Dunham
- 8 Gene Summers
- 9 **Bob Davis, Sr. 84**
- 10 Liz Stafford  
Marlene Saylor
- 11 **Sue Bos 81**
- 16 Landon Jordan  
Debbie Warkins
- 17 Jim May  
Mike Shean
- 18 Brianna Blackwell  
Emma Datema  
**Virginia Shean 93**
- 19 Linda Marshak
- 20 Lee Golding  
Helen Keeton  
Dr. John Kaicher
- 21 Mary Lou Datema  
Tori Gromer
- 23 Richard Rehagen  
Herb Shoemaker
- 25 Marsha Schatz
- 26 Nathan Adams  
Kara Farley  
Megan Flatbush  
**Rev. Norman Rahmoeller 81**
- 27 **Evelyn Blumenstock 80**
- 28 Mrs. Chris Bartell  
Rev. Becky Hebert
- 29 Alex Riffey  
Daniel Datema
- 30 Michael Kaicher  
Katie Long



**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			\$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	100,615.07
Building Fund CD	\$ 3,467.58
Other CD	\$0.00 (transferred to money market)
<b>TOTAL CASH:</b>	<b>\$105,610.50</b>

**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



**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 Thursday, May 21. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, David and Debbie

# March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion	2 5:30 pm Hitched & Happy; Dinner provided	3 7 pm Bd. of Service Ministries	4 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	5	6	7 9 am Bread for the World @ Kaldi's Coffee House
8 Bring Crosslines Food 1 pm Independent Women's Group	9 5:30 pm Hitched & Happy; Dinner provided	10 Crosslines Fish Day Noon—Discernment Prayers	11 10:00 am Children's Chapel 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells	12 1 pm Women's Guild 6:30 pm Council	13	14 5:30 pm St. Patrick's Day Christian Ed Bunco/Baked Potato Supper Night
15 4:15 pm The Kitchen	16	17 7:30 am Men's Brotherhood @ Scrabblers 7 pm Friendship Circle	18 Noon Sr. & Retirees 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	19	20 <i>The Messenger</i> Items Due	21
22	23	24 Noon—Discernment Prayers 6:30 pm Bd. of Christian Ed.	25 10:00 am Ozark Cluster 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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