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United Church
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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

The choir on Sunday, April 26th, was spectacular. Anyone not here to hear FUSION missed a really moving performance. A number of you, on the way out of worship, asked me if I knew more about them. I did not. So I called Chris Brammer, our choir director, this morning. He tells me that a common practice for people going into the music profession is to devise ways to hone their skills while in college. Joshua Chism, the director of FUSION, plans to be a conductor and composer. Hence, he started a choir about a year ago in order to practice conducting. All of the people in his choir at this time are Missouri State University students. Most of their performances are done at churches but they also do jazz performances. They do not consider themselves a professional choir; therefore, they only charge enough to cover basic expenses. Someone said as they left worship on Sunday, "Let's have them back." I could not agree more.

I will be having my first staff meeting with Chris, Milly Petterson and Joanne Bourbon soon, and will pass this on. Yes, this is my first staff meeting with all these new employees. Things got crazy around here for awhile. Christmas flowed right into Easter, and it was all we could do to keep our heads above water. We have had more than our fair share of staff changes in a very short span of time. And we have not had a chance to polish our flow of communication with each other—or our expectations of each other. Considering that our new staff has stepped up to the plate and has done the quality of work they are doing, with little or no assistance or supervision, is nothing short of miraculous. How about making it a point to let them know what a good job they are doing. Joanne Bourbon, our new secretary and husband Ted, will be worshipping with us on May 17th and will be introduced to the congregation.

The labyrinth is finally finished, sort of! After the etching was done, there was concern that the etching did not create a distinct enough change in the pavers color so it was decided if we stained the etched area, it would stand out. Unfortunately, the stain ran under the taped off area and resulted in the lines not being as sharp as they should be. Wickman's has worked diligently to try and correct this problem. The lines are looking much cleaner now. Chris, from Wickman's, tell me that they used indoor stain so that eventually it will all wear off, and that the etching will become more distinct with age. As of today, April 27th, I forwarded this information to Tona Griggs to see if we are ready to accept the job as complete.

Whether we accept it or not, the labyrinth is very walkable. There are labyrinth walking instructions in a drop box at the entrance to the labyrinth. I will soon be offering classes on the labyrinth that will be open to the public. Low voltage light will hopefully, if weather permits, be installed before Friday, May 1st. The labyrinth will then be walkable 24/7.

Since we began our labyrinth endeavor, many of you have passed on articles you have come across.. Cynthia Gromer gave me one from *O* (I think that's Oprah magazine) entitled "Charmed Circles" written by Sally Quinn. Here's are some quotes from that article.

I don't want to think. I want to be still. I want to be at peace. Walking the labyrinth is different for everyone. For me it is a form of meditation. It is also a path to the sacred.

On this warm, cloudless day in mid-September, I lie in the [center of my labyrinth] with my eyes closed. I absorb the sounds of the birds and the rustling of leaves. I take another breath. I wait for the tears but they do not come. I have an odd sensation of being totally embraced, totally filled with love.

I have just buried a vial of my mother's ashes beneath the river stones at the entrance to the labyrinth. My mother died only a few day ago. Now that the funeral is over, I am here alone, grieving for her in my own way. [to be continued in June]

Blessings and Love,
Pastor Becky

COUNCIL MINUTES

April 2, 2009

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

Secretary's Minutes: (Mary Lou Datema) The following corrections were made to the minutes of the March meeting: Under Treasurer's Report, total spending for the month of February was \$11,840.50.

Total income for February was \$13,107.84. Checking account balance was corrected to read \$2930.45 rather than \$2390.45. After corrections were made, the report was approved.

Vice-President: (Dennis Gromer) no report.

Financial Secretary: (Shirley Datema) Shirley reported total deposits of \$10,748.57 for the month of March. This includes \$9734.50 in offering. Average weekly offering for March was \$1946.90, as compared to an average weekly offering of \$2626.20 for the month of March last year, a decrease of \$679.30. Average Sunday attendance for March 2009 was 79, down from an average March attendance for last year of 105. It was noted that Easter was in March of 2008, but this doesn't account for the total attendance decrease.

Treasurer's Report: (Steve Fortner) Total income for the month of March was \$10,678. Checking account balance for the end of March was \$714.22. Total spending for the month of March was \$58,964.80. \$46,000 has been taken out of the money market fund to pay for the roof and labyrinth. One labyrinth payment of \$13,385 has been made, leaving a balance of about \$31,615 that will be due.

Steve expressed concern about the low checking account balance. A suggestion was made that we look into borrowing an amount of about \$50,000 to pay for the roof and other necessary building repair expenses so that we could be left some cushion in the money market. Congregational approval was previously given for this at the Dec. 21, 2008 meeting. A motion was made and seconded for Tona to secure a loan application form from the United Church of Christ and also to investigate a line of credit at a local bank that can be used as it is needed. A council moment will be built into the service on April 19 to explain some of the financial concerns council has right now.

Strategic Planning: (no report)

Board of Service Ministries: (Jim May) A meeting is set for Monday, April 6.

Board of Christian Education: (Tona) A new Sunday School superintendent will be needed for this fall. Plans are set to combine our Vacation Bible School with that of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The location has not yet been chosen. The youth will be providing the Easter breakfast, and an egg hunt will follow.

Worship and Music: (Judith Bartell) It was reported that the garage has been cleaned out and the flowers moved to a more accessible location.

Library: no report

Bookkeeping: no report

Building/Grounds: no report

Stewardship: no report

Department of Spirituality: no report

Visioning: (Tona) A meeting will be scheduled for sometime in April.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Becky reported that some leakage is still occurring in the work room and the pre-school office. Bob Eggleston will contact Allied Roofing and follow up on that. On the labyrinth, Chris from Wickmans will draw the design for etching in to be checked before the actual work is done. Flyers have been printed up to inform others about the labyrinth as well as some printed instructions for its use. Some work is scheduled to be done on flower beds and around the flagpole as well. The Department of Spiritual Development has purchased new flowers for planting. The fountain in the rear garden will be replaced using Ellie Datema's memorial money. We are in need of new flags for the flagpole and Jim May will look into purchasing those. We do have money in the flag fund. Mowing volunteers continue to be needed, as well as securing liturgists on a regular basis. A sign-up will be passed around in church.

It has been suggested that we may want to raise our wedding rates for non-members, and that we need to clarify guidelines for the church use by non-members.

Joanne expressed concern about not getting information to the office in a timely fashion. It is important that committee information, etc is given to her to be shared with the congregation monthly. Adam Cunningham is also in need of updated information for the web site.

Pastor Becky will be taking off April 19 and is working to secure a replacement.

Old Business: Council reviewed the personnel policies for clergy and employees that the personnel committee has been working on. Dennis will take council suggestions back to that committee. A priority will be working on the music director's job description. Pastor Becky will check with Mike Berger to see where his work on the sexual misconduct policy stands. Mary Lou will pursue where we are on background checks for volunteers.

A pastor/parish relations committee meeting will be scheduled for May. Mary Lou has been added to this committee.

It was agreed that Shirley will send one an additional financial statement mid-year.

New business: July 12 was set as the date for the semi-annual meeting. Another all-church work day will be scheduled for May 16.

Mary Lou will be attending the "Making a Difference in God's Creation" workshop in Columbia on April 25, sponsored by Community United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 9:00 pm.

Mary Lou Datema, secretary

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Friendship Circle met on Tuesday, April 21, 2009. The meeting was called to order by President Eleanor Berger.

The program was presented by Casey Lindsey the House Manager at Isabel's House, the crisis nursery of the Ozarks. She gave a presentation on the many opportunities offered by Isabel's House and its purpose in Greene County as a refuge for children in crisis and the support, education and training it offers to parents.

Our devotion was presented by Ida Barry-Plsam 46 verses 8-11 "Be Still & Know that I am God". Minutes from the March meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports:

Treasurer Margaret Dodge was not in attendance so there was no report.

Ida Barry gave the Crosslines Report: 75 families were served with a total of 193 people given food April 17, 2009. Total expenses for the month were \$289.42. After deposits of \$92.50, we had a balance on hand of \$1,108.36.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: Wellspring, "Becoming the Gospel" will be conducting their workshop at St John's Chapel on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd. They have requested the Circle to provide the luncheon for which we will be reimbursed. Ida Barry, Cynthia Gromer and Carolyn Wolfe volunteered to provide food.

We were reminded to send cards to Carl Kruger and Sheldon Smith. The birthdays in April were Nancy Anderson, May 5th and Anniversaries were Eleanor Berger, April 21 - 20 years. Our offering was collected for Crosslines Fund.

The meeting was adjourned with the Mizpah. Delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Ida Barry and Carolyn Wolfe.

Our next meeting will be May 19 with Helen Keeton and Jeanne Kruger as hostesses.

Acting Secretary
Cynthia Gromer

BOARD OSERVICE MINISTRIESF Minutes from March 3, 2009

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:12 pm.

Gary Tebbenkamp, secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD

Minutes of April 9, 2009

The Women's Guild met April 9, 2009 with 12 members present. President Patsy Summers called the meeting to order and Evelyn Blumenstock gave the devotional, "Rag Man".

The minutes were read and due to the absence of Treasurer Judy Bartell, Patsy gave a balance of \$436.79.

Thank you notes from the Salvation Army, Council of Churches, Crosslines and Bailey Nursery were read. We shared items connected to the church that we brought from home. It was interesting and informative. Loy Swanson showed a prayer shawl she was making and invited anyone to make one. She explained it could be crocheted or knitted. You can give it to someone and pray with them. There will be a notice in "The Messenger" and a box in the narthex for surplus yarn donations.

Next month we will have a show and tell time. Bring anything that means a lot to you. Clo Ella will give the devotional next month. Delicious refreshments were served by our hostesses, Clo Ella Leverenz and Evelyn Blumenstock. The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Secretary
Virginia Blumenstock



Bailey's Nursery

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

Youth



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

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

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

We will be working on fundraising activities in the upcoming months, so watch for these to begin after Easter. One of our activities will be "Frogging". At some point during the end of April, May and June, a frog may appear in your yard with simple instructions. In order to have the

frog removed, you simply need to place your donation in the bag provided. We are asking for a \$15 donation for frog removal. If you wish to purchase "frog insurance", the cost is \$10. This will assure you will have a "frog-free" yard. Donations are not limited to \$15. If you wish to sponsor a F.R.O.G on this trip, please let Paul or Jami know

If the frog appears and you do not wish to participate, simply call the number on the letter and it will be removed immediately.

Be watching for more activities during the next few months and beware – you may be "F.R.O.G.'d".
F.R.O.G.S meet Sunday, May 3 following church.

Board of Service Ministries Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Board of Service Ministries (BOSM) was called to order by Chairperson Beverly Graham at 7:09 pm. Those in attendance were: Pastor Becky, Beverly Graham, Louise Eggleston, CloElla Leverenz, Jim May, Kristy Nelson, Johna Steinhauer and Gary Tebbenkamp. The meeting opened by reading in unison the Chapel mission statement. The minutes were corrected regarding "pass thru" funds. Louise will check on the \$100 to be credited back to the BOSM.

The financial report from Louise noted a budget balance of \$2686.00. There is \$597.76 in the endowment portion of the treasury. Louise will open a bank account with \$631.45 for the BOSM funds. The chairperson and treasurer will have their signatures on file with the bank for approved access to this account.

Pastor Becky's report included members and friends of the Chapel who are on her prayer list for health or other concerns. She explained that our current webpage needs improvement. Gary will check with Howard Canner about the availability of a MSU student to take on this project, however there may need to be an administrative staff person to handle the job, rather than a volunteer. Kristy will check with Brentwood Christian and Campbell Methodist for ideas. The new webpage would need capability to accept photos, sermons, etc. It was recommended that the amount of funds used for radio advertising last year by earmarked for new webpage design and administration this year (approx \$1500 to \$1800).

Pastor Becky also noted that the flyer for the Chapel is ready and each member should post one. The laminated instructions for using the labyrinth are available in the box near the front door. A discussion followed concerning which local churches should receive a letter announcing the availability of our labyrinth

A bulk mailing will be considered. The BCE plans to send Eleanor Berger to the Wellspring workshop in May as their representative. Pastor Becky shared the idea of a "community of care" model to replace our current care group model. This plan would involve church members volunteering for different jobs to help families in need, for example, Pastor Becky would like to reach a level of 100 or greater for worship. BOSM members were assigned names of Chapel members to call in situations where their attendance pattern has been sparse.

Evangelism subcommittee report: CloElla is preparing the 2009 schedule for BOSM members to pick up pew pads after worship. CloElla will welcome Sunday worshipers from the West entry door. Membership subcommittee report: Sponsors are in place for new members who are joining in the near future.

Mission Outreach report: Kristy noted that the Habitat build in Colorado occurs on Wednesday through Saturday each week. Tentative plans are to schedule the trip for the second week in June. Kristy also noted that local Habitat builds also occur Tuesday through Saturday in Springfield from late May through the summer. Pastor Becky noted that the Chapel youth will have a mission trip to Galveston this summer.

Publicity report: Will forego radio ads for this year on KSMU.

Other concerns: Beverly will submit a request to Chapel members for volunteers to bake small loaves of bread to hand out to visitors when they are here for Sunday worship. Pastor reported that she is reading a book, "Christianity for the Rest of Us". According to its message, the Chapel is doing what is right as far as being a vital local church ministry.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 pm with a prayer from Pastor Becky. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 4 at 7 pm at the Chapel.

Submitted by Gary Tebbenkamp, secretary.



4-1 and 4-23 Thank you for your congregation's recent gift of \$83.33 to our campus ministry @ The House. Your continuing support is important and greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,
Rev. Howard C. Cavner
Campus Minister

4-1 Thank you for your participation last Sunday in the Community Hymn Sing benefiting Crosslines. The gathered community of nearly 300 people gave a total of \$2,792 to the work of Crosslines, and we are delighted with the response. We can't help but dream a little about this being an annual event. What do you think?

In Joyful Christian Service,
Dave Hockensmith
Executive Director
Council of Churches of the Ozarks

Our church's participation in this program was brought about by encouragement from Thelma Hurshman.

4-7 Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 in support of the Council of churches of the Ozarks. In accordance with your intentions, your gift will be put to work right away in support of Crosslines and will be eligible for added funds from the Feinstein \$1 Million Challenge.

Kindest regards,
The Rev. David W. Hockensmith, Jr. D. Min.
Executive Director

Thank You to the members of St. John's Chapel, UCC for being a 5 for 5 Congregation of the UCC in 2008. 5 for 5 Congregations support Our Church's Wider Mission Basic Support and the Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, Christmas Fund and Strengthen the Church Special Mission Offerings of the United Church of Christ.

ADDRESS CHANGES

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!



Women's Guild Prayer Shawl Ministry

Women's Guild has decided to participate in the Prayer Shawl ministry. We invite anyone who can knit or crochet to join us.

The shawls will be given, with a blessing, to church members who need our love and support. There is a basket on the Narthex floor for donations of new yarn and a sample shawl. Please call Loy Swanson at 881-8801 for simple instructions.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS

There will be a meeting of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee on Thursday, June 4 at 6:30 p.m. Should you have any questions or concerns that need to be raised at this meeting regarding the congregation and our relationship with Pastor Becky, please contact a member of the committee. Agenda topics and feedback are welcome. Committee members are: Nancy Anderson, Mary Lou Datema, Jack Gonzenbach, Tona Griggs, and Chris Trumbell.

KOINONIA

Will meet on Saturday, May 16th at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We will have an Italian themed dinner followed by dominoes, etc. Everyone is invited. Call Rita Allen at 888-2097 or Louise Eggleston at 887-7885 for details.



Women's
Guild

WOMEN'S GUILD

Will meet on Thursday, May 14 at 1 PM. The program will be a "Show and Tell" event. All are invited to bring a picture, story, or special memento to share. Please join us for good refreshments and fellowship. Our outreach for Bailey Nursery will be ongoing throughout the year. We invite everyone to help us with this project. Thanks so much!

Independent



Women's Group

INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S GROUP

Will meet on Sunday, May 17 at 1 PM.

MEN'S
BROTHERHOOD



MEN'S BROTHERHOOD

Will meet at 7:30 AM on Tuesday, May 19 at Scrambler's on E. Republic Rd. All men are invited.

FRIENDSHIP



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Will meet on Tuesday, May 19 7 PM.



Gathering of Seniors
and Retirees

GATHERING OF SENIORS AND RETIREES

Will meet at noon for a potluck carry-in lunch on Wednesday, May 20th.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD

Dr. John White will speak at the Brentwood Library, Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 pm. His topic is "Gospel as a Mandate for Feed the Poor". Please plan to attend it is open to the public.

LITURGISTS NEEDED!

The sign-up sheet is on the easel in the narthex. Available dates are May 31, July 5 & 19, Sept. 6 & 27, Oct. 4, Nov. 1, 22 & 29 and Dec. 6, 20, 27.



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, May 12th and 26th.



With Deepest Sympathy

We express our Christian sympathy to Rev. and Mrs. Bob Dohm for the death of Rev. Dohm's sister, Annette Folkerts, who died Thursday, April 16, at the age of 91. Funeral services were held Monday, April 20, at Mt. Olive, Illinois.



NEW MEMBERS



Sharon Haislip (on the right) joined St. John's Chapel last Sunday, April 26th. She comes to us from Kirk of the Hills Presbyterian Church in Fairfield Bay, AR. She and husband Bill have been married 50 years and have 3 grown children. Both Sharon and Bill are retired and Sharon enjoys crossword puzzles, reading, music, dancing, aerobics, travel, gardening and trying new recipes.

Evelyn Edwards (on the left) joined with Sharon. Be sure to give them both a warm St. John's welcome.

CHURCH WORKDAY

Saturday, May 16th at 8:00 am. Please bring your gardening tools so we can move the grape hyacinths to the flower beds and hopefully plant some trees. Tree donations would be greatly appreciated but each type needs to be approximately the same size. We especially need 3 Norway Spruce, 2 October Glory Maples, 4 White Dogwoods and 2 Yews (like the ones already planted). There are also plans for 4 Eastern Red Buds, 2 Autumn Blaze Maples, 4 Select Pears and 5 more yews. It would be great if someone could check around and get prices and sizes available.

NEIGHBORHOOD GARDEN—Green Thumbs Needed

There has been interest expressed in using part of the land in the back for a Neighborhood Garden. Please call the office if you would be interested in getting this ministry up and running.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Board of Service Ministries will meet on Monday, May 4th at 7 PM.

Council will meet on Thursday, May 14th at 6:30 PM.

GRADUATING SENIORS

We are compiling a list of this year's graduating seniors. If you are or know a church family member who will be a Grad, please call, e-mail or leave a note on the secretary's desk and we'll be sure to include it in the list that will come out in the June Messenger.

KID'S CHOIR

is singing on Mother's Day, May 10th. Practice will be at 10:15 am.

SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

Sunday, June 7 there will be no Sunday School and the kids will go to Children's Church



A Project of the Council of Churches of the Ozarks

CROSSLINES REPORT

On our April 14th Crosslines Fish Day, we provided food to 75 families for a total of 183 people. Thanks to all who help with Crosslines by bringing food for the pantry, giving cash donations, and helping to organize the food in the pantry, etc.

Please remember to bring food donations by Sunday, May 10, for our next Crosslines Day. Some of the needed items 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



SERVICES THIS MONTH

Sunday, May 3

Fourth Sunday of Easter—Communion

Sunday, May 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter—Mother's Day—Kid's Choir Sings

Sunday, May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 24

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 31

Pentecost Sunday—Communion
First & Calvary Youth in charge of service

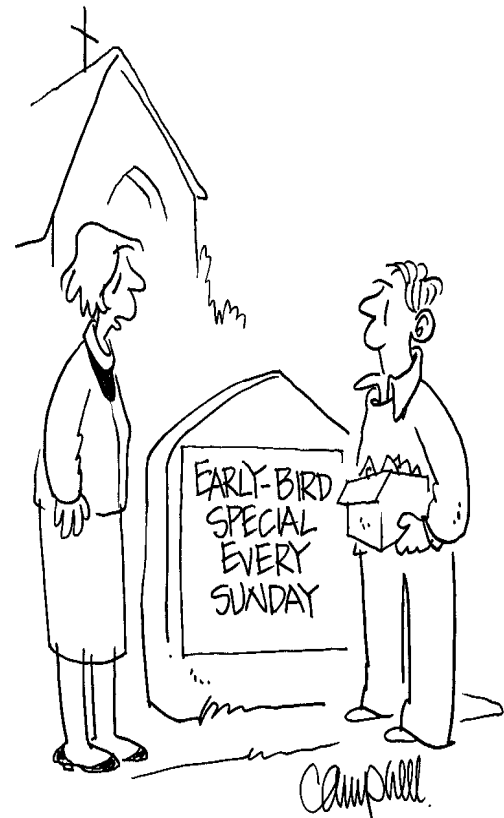


The church will be opened in The month of **May** by: Steve Fortner

DEADLINE:
The Messenger
Items Due

Friday, May 22

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.)



"Just 'Early Service' will suffice, Ed."

May Birthdays

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|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 David Hutchinson | 22 Steven Barry |
| 4 Kendall Hamm | Ben Kruger |
| 5 Nancy Anderson Steve Daume | 24 Eleanor Lockhart |
| 9 Elisa Williamson | 26 Jason King |
| 13 Rev. Robert Dohm 83 | 27 Troy Hendee |
| 14 Lee Bartell | 28 Tim Datema |
| Olivia Lockhart | Patty Humbert |
| 15 Jonathan Riffey | 30 Tom Davis |
| 18 Chrissy Stillman | 31 Annette Barry |
| 21 Paul Blackwell | Beth Williamson |



May Anniversaries

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| 4 Bill & Danetta Canady | 24 Ken & Loy Swanson 56 |
| 5 Randy & Shari Hamm 30 | 26 Dr Dean & Jan Rund 36 |
| 8 Tim & Karolyn Farley 27 | 28 Harry & Frances Klender 61 |
| 16 Rev. Norman & Louis Rahmoeller 55 | George & Joyce Scroggs, Jr. 38 |
| 21 Herb & Alice Shoemaker 54 | 29 Larry & Mary Kloppenbert 49 |
| 23 John & Shelisa Welde | 30 Deron & Kari Jones |
| Dr. Steve & Margaret Dodge | 31 Tim & Elisa Kruger |

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



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE KITCHEN

Kitchen Volunteers

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

CHAPEL ENDOWMENT FUND DONATIONS

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

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

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2009

	2008	2008	2009	2009	2009
MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	INCOME	EXPENSES	BUDGET
January	\$12,843.28	\$14,105.78	\$8,721.00	\$12,589.53	\$13,973.18
February	\$10,352.93	\$11,486.45	\$13,122.09	\$11,840.50	\$12,519.18
March	\$18,535.07	\$16,499.27	\$10,678.00	\$13,803.93	\$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 \$54,732.31
 Building Fund CD \$3,467.58
 Regular Checking \$ 714.22

TOTAL CASH: \$58,914.11

Non-Budgeted Expense Paid in March 2009

Wickman's Gardens \$13,385.00 partial payment on labyrinth
 Dale's Roofing \$31,762.00 new roof

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

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

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



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

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




UPDATE ON SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Special Prayer Requests

David Rahmoeller's surgery date is Tuesday, May 26. Please continue to keep us in your prayers, David and Debbie

May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Communion	4	5 7 pm Bd. of Service Ministries	6 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	7 National Day of Prayer	8 1 6:00 pm covered dish dinner Well- spring workshop. Workshop 7:00— 9:00 pm Fellowship	9 8:00 am Camp Aurora Work Day
10 Bring Crosslines Food MOTHER'S DAY Kid's Choir Sings	11	12 Crosslines Fish Day Noon—Discernment Prayers	13 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	14 1 pm Women's Guild 6:30 pm Council	15	16 8:00 am Church Yard Work Day 8:00 am Camp Aurora Work Day
17 1 pm Independent Women's Group 4-1:15 pm The Kitchen	18 6:00 pm Pre-School Graduation Fellowship Hall	19 7:30 am Men's Broth- erhood 7 pm Friendship Circle	20 <i>The Messenger</i> Items Due Noon Sr. & Retirees 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	21 Bread for the World John White, Speaker Brentwood Library 7:00 pm	22	23
24 OZ Cluster w layity in Pierce City 4:00 pm	25 	26 Noon—Discernment Prayers 6:30 pm Bd. of Chris- tian Ed.	27 5:30 pm Grace & Weight 6:30 pm Chapel Bells 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	28	29	30
31 Pentecost Sunday Communion First & Calvary Youth Lead the Service Last Sunday School						

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