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United Church  
of Christ**

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Sunday School -  
9:15 AM

Worship - 10:30 AM

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Rev. Becky Hebert

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Council President  
Dennis Gromer

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Jim May

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Education Chair  
Eleanor Berger

Board of Service  
Ministries Chair  
Louise Eggleston

**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

## Pastoral Reflections

by Pastor Becky Hebert



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Getting back in the swing of things proves difficult after time off. It has proved extremely difficult after 3 months away, but I am getting there. The rhythm of things is coming back. Sermons are flowing. Hopefully, they are not as stale as they were before I left. Sabbaticals are meant to feed pastors with new insights and rejuvenate them spiritually. Mine did both. The problem resides with wanting to stay in that insightful, rejuvenating place.

I promised myself when I returned from sabbatical I would not get back on the treadmill. I was determined I would find a way to be a good pastor without draining myself. I would "make time" for myself. How am I doing? Better, but frustrated. Finding time to put together the "Spiritual Ancestry" program my sabbatical was to launch seems impossible. You are, more than likely, not waiting with baited breath for me to start the program—but I am.

A passion burns within me to share great insights and spiritual rejuvenation expanded beyond my wildest dreams. Finding the patience to let things unfold in their own time and in their own way is difficult for me. We all want others to be as excited about our passions as we are ourselves. Never seems to work that way, but we wish it any way.

My travel companions were not near as excited about all things spiritual as I was. They tried. God knows, they tried. I wanted them to do Centering Prayer with me every morning. I wanted to haul them off to a religious site at every turn of the road. They taught me as never before that I had to let go of the "I wants," to let go of controlling how I wanted things to turn out. Especially, since I was begging them to claim joint leadership.

The last thing I wanted on pilgrimage was to be the one in charge, figuring out how to get to where we were to go next. Being in charge drains. They agreed to help while I tried to relinquish. Hard work! A work still in process!

When I returned, the plan, or at least the plan drawn up in the Sabbatical grant, was that a high percentage of you would have been through *Unbinding the Gospel*. I was disappointed to hear this had not happened, until I remembered patience, letting go and embracing the flow. Then I rejoiced that one group did a complete *Unbinding*, staff a partial and plans are underway for an *Unbinding the Gospel* to be offered during adult Sunday School. Out of the one group has emerged a prayer group that I have been asked not to attend. Great! Go girl! Get me out of the way, take charge, help me determine where we go next.

In the meantime I satisfying myself with giving you bit and pieces of what will eventually go into "Spiritual Ancestry" in presentations to Women's Guild, Friendship Circle and in my sermons. Maybe, embracing the flow of things together helps God take us to a perpetual rejuvenating place filled with insights.

Love and blessings,  
Pastor Becky

## COUNCIL MINUTES

October 11, 2011

### ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL UCC

October 11, 2011, Council Minutes

Members present:

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

The October meeting was opened with prayer; corrected September Council Minutes were reviewed via e-mail. Motion was made to approve the September minutes as read and submit to Beth the corrected version; motion was seconded and approved.

### COUNCIL REPORTS

**Vice President:** No Report

**Financial Secretary:** Shirley Datema reported that total offering for September was \$8051; weekly average was \$2012.75, which was down from this time last year by \$260.50. Sunday school attendance was down by 12 and Worship attendance was down by 3 from this time last year. Average worship attendance during the month of September was 70. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for September.

**Treasurer:** Steve Fortner was absent, but he left the financial reports for Council to review and approve. Total income for September, which included rent from the Kid's First Pre-school, interest income, and weekly offerings, was \$9,054.15. Total expenses were \$11,606.59, indicating a net loss for September in the amount of \$2,552.44. Year to date profit & loss figures indicate that we are actually in good shape for the year, showing a positive amount of \$3591.16 in our net income for the year. Treasurer's reports were approved as reviewed.

**Board of Service Ministries:** Elaine Tebbenkamp reported that Steve gave the committee a telephone bill for advertising in the Yellow Pages, but no one on the BOSM Committee

had authorized this advertising to be done. Dennis will find out who gave the authorization and proceed from there. The committee would like to have greeters at each entrance to not only greet and meet, but also to get new people's names and find out a little about them. Anyone interested should contact Elaine.

**Board of Christian Education:** Pastor Becky reported that the only child age appropriate for Confirmation, according to the By-laws, is Sarah Graham. She asked BCE for recommendation. They recommended we wait one more year to offer a confirmation class. Pastor Becky reported great concern that there is no Sunday School for the children and seldom children's time in worship.

**Worship and Music:** The Search Committee for Music Director has reviewed the Human Resources Policy with Liz and given her a copy of the Job Description for Choir Director, which she has read, agreed to, and signed with two Council members present. A recommendation has been made to our Treasurer that Liz be paid her first check at the salary of \$100 weekly, with a starting date of August 24, when she had her first choir practice session. An outline for activities for the remainder of 2011 has been done. October 23<sup>rd</sup> will be Stewardship Sunday with a theme of "Count Yourself Blessed." October 30<sup>th</sup> is Reformation Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Service, and November 27<sup>th</sup> is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent with the Hanging of the Green. The set-up for the Hanging of the Green will be at 2:00 PM on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Building and Grounds:** Shirley Datema reported that repairs have not yet been done on the doors, as she and Corneil have had lots of company this month. Dennis will use his compressor to blow out the water lines for the watering system so that they are ready for winter. He will also mow the back and sides again and has turned in a bill for gas used. Dennis will explain to the Kids First that we did not have any money budgeted for the mulch they put on the playground and that if there is a need that they foresee during the year that they must present the request to the Council when they are working on the next year's budget (October/November).

Then, the budgeted request must be approved by the Council and the congregation during the January Congregational Meeting.

**Stewardship:** Curt reported that the committee met, devised a letter to the congregation, and Steve Fortner created a first draft for the 2012 church budget. These items will be mailed to the congregation by the end of this week. We will have Beth put in the bulletin that we will have a carry-in dinner on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and the congregation can turn in their pledges at that time. We will let Lee know so that tables can be set up. Jeanne Kruger will bring the bread and Shirley Datema will set up for tea and coffee; Jim May will bring the ice. Council will meet November 8 to review the budget, give their approval and then the budget will be voted on at the Congregational Meeting.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Becky is back into the swing of things and has given three sermons since her sabbatical. She has called and checked on all the people who had any health or personal issues, and also visited Earl Reed and Virginia Steury. Pastor Becky has been to the hospital to visit with Eleanor Lockhart during her radiation treatments and visited with Shirley Datema when she was hospitalized with severe head pain. Pastor has attended Stewardship Committee, Board of Service Ministry Committee, Worship Committee, and Bread for the World meetings. She has arranged for the offering of the Stewardship letter, and provided a service for the blessing of the animals. She has met with a potential new member, Mary Kirkpatrick, and made arrangements for a sponsor for Mary who says she will be joining this next Sunday. There is another young couple who are friends of Kyle's who are very interested in joining. Pastor Becky is also working on a program for the Women's Guild and Friendship Circle on the aspects of her sabbatical that deal with spiritual ancestry and harmonious death.

Pastor Becky requests that we give a party for Pastor Stephan as a more proper farewell, possibly on a Sunday afternoon. Dennis Gromer has offered to have the party at his house and will check with Cynthia on dates that are available. There should also be some

money for a new chair in the library from those funds. The Personnel Committee needs to talk with Kyle in reference to his salary, and make a recommendation to the Council for the salary to be submitted to the Budget Committee. Pastor Becky will be adding Dean to her dental plan; about \$30 per month will come out of her salary for this. The group interested in the Creative Faith Project will next meet November 12 in Columbia. Those now going are our choir director, Liz, our organist, Kyle, Chris Trumbull and Pastor Becky. Anyone else who wants to go and work with this creative worship team needs to let the Worship Committee know. There will be a Western Association Meeting, also on November 12, in Sedalia. If possible, Dennis Gromer will go since they will be discussing the disaster relief for Joplin.

We should put in the next bulletin that we are losing three Council members this year, and anyone interested on serving on the Nominating Committee Council is invited to the meeting on Wednesday, November 2 at 5:30.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No further inquiries have been made as to the acquisition of a loan or a line of credit. More discussion will be needed at the congregational meeting about the repairs to the parking lot. Shirley Datema reported that the Koinonia group has made the offer to pay the \$600 for Pastor Stephan's testing expenses. We are still working on getting bids for the pest control service, and Dennis is still working on the Simplex contract.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We will have a more thorough update on the Joplin Relief effort after the Western Association meeting. Liz Stafford has agreed to our offer of \$100 weekly and has met with the negotiation group for the choir. Dennis will complete his work with the fire alarm inspection group. The nominating committee for new Council members will be the three retiring members, Steve Fortner, our Treasurer, Shirley Datema, our Financial Secretary, and Jim May, our Vice President and anyone else who would like to serve on this committee. They will meet on November 2 at 5:30.

**The church opener for October is Elaine**

**Tebbenkamp; November, Shirley Datema.**

The meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Jeanne Kruger

**Board of Service Ministries  
October 3, 2011**

The Board of Service Ministries meeting was held on Monday, Oct 3, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. and opened with the group reciting St. John's Chapel UCC Mission Statement. Members in attendance were Pastor Becky Hebert, Louise Eggleston, CloElla Leverenz, Tona Rowett, Elaine Tebbenkamp, and Johna Steinhauer. The Sept. minutes were approved as written. Treasurer's report given by Louise stated our only change in balance was \$11 expense for the AT&T Yellow Pages ad. Emphasis was made again that we do not want to renew this for next year.

We reviewed who some of the recent visitors to our worship services have been and discussed follow-up. Pastor Becky reminded us all we have to do is leave her a note & she will make additional contact with interested visitors.

Under old business the Pictorial Directory is complete and is ready to be distributed. We still need to check with Council about handing out the bulletins at both doors on Sundays while greeting members & visitors. Tona volunteered to help Beverly produce a flier about the upcoming events at the Chapel to hand out at the Bazaar and Trunk or Treat.

Beth has made us a sign-up sheet to be posted for Trunk or Treat participation. We are planning to hold it Sunday, Oct. 30 from 5-7 pm contingent upon there being enough participation & candy donations to make it feasible. We will make a deadline of Oct. 23 to sign up for "hosting a trunk" and/or candy donations. We decided if we get at least 5 cars to participate we will go ahead. Tona will prepare a press release, Clo Ella will see about distributing flyers – possibly some to Disney Elementary. Johna

will make a sign to be placed outside to advertise and Sarah Graham has volunteered to be a "sign waver" the night of the event.

Louise reported that she and Beverly are heading a prayer group on Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. The first gathering will be to discuss how members want to structure the prayer group sessions.

Submitted by  
Johna Steinhauer, Secretary

**WOMEN'S GUILD  
October 13, 2011**

The Women's Guild met October 13 with 15 members in attendance. Rev. Becky presented a very interesting program "Family and Ancestry". We traveled with her to Houston, TX., to parts of Louisiana, took a trip down the bayou, and enjoyed highlights of her trip to France.

CloElla Leverenz gave the devotional "Halloween, its History, Lore, and Legend"

The September minutes were read and the Treasurer's report given. The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$326.24. We have collected 1750 Best Choice labels. CloElla Loy, and Lois will be in charge of our bake sale table at the bazaar on November 5th. Our Benevolent Giving will be decided at the November meeting. The meeting closed by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

Rita Allen and Judy Bartell served delicious refreshments. Judy showed us a copy of the new cookbook which will be on sale at the bazaar.

Esther Steinhauer  
secretary

**Board of Christian Education  
October, 2011**

BCE postponed their October meeting until November 6th following worship

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE**

**October 18 2011**

Friendship Circle met Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 7:00 pm at the Chapel with 12 members present. Nancy Anderson gave a devotional relating to bringing out the best in others. Pastor Becky showed "Family and Ancestry" pictures from her sabbatical trips to Texas, Louisiana, and France.

President Judy Bartell led the meeting. The secretary's, treasurer's and Crosslines reports were given. Beverly Graham reported on cards she sent this last month. Judy read the upcoming anniversaries and birthdays.

Old Business

The cookbooks arrived and turned out really well. They sell for \$10 each. A BIG THANK YOU to Margaret Dodge and Beverly Graham for all their hard work in compiling the cookbook.

The Annual Bazaar will be held Saturday, November 5. So far almost all the space is rented. Sign-up sheets for kitchen helpers, food and card tables were passed around. Judy will chair the kitchen committee. Circle members are asked to bring the non-perishable food for which you signed up a few days ahead and leave it by the microwave in the kitchen. Trash 'n' treasures, nuts, books, and cookbooks will be sold.

There was no new business.

November hostesses are Christy Graham and Cynthia Gromer.

The meeting was adjourned with the Mizpah benediction. Delicious fall desserts were served by Nancy Anderson and Beverly Graham.

Jan Rund,  
Secretary



Please make plans to attend to Congregational meeting to approve the budget on the 13th after Worship. We will also be reporting on the progress of our Stewardship Drive.

**DON'T FORGET TO**



**Fall Back**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
NOVEMBER 6TH**



# November

## Birthdays

1 Amy Thompson	13 Scott Purse
3 Nick Brown	<b>Rosemary Witt,</b>
<b>Rev. Robert Richter,</b>	<b>90yrs.</b>
<b>85 yrs.</b>	14 Gerry Duillo
4 Drew Zay	Kent Lockhart
5 <b>Flo Valentine, 92 yrs</b>	Gary Tebbenkamp
7 Ed Anderson	15 Jami Blackwell
Lorinda Rehagen	16 Ethan Williamson
<b>Loy Swanson,</b>	17 Louise Eggleston
<b>81 yrs.</b>	<b>Harold Rucker,</b>
8 Kelly Tanner	<b>90 yrs</b>
9 <b>Esther Steinhauer,</b>	Taylor Zay
<b>82 yrs.</b>	19 Drew Graham
10 Nathan Brunner	20 Pam Anderson
11 Jack Gozenbach	Lois Rahmoeller
	21 Andrew Tebbenkamp
	26 Tracy Hillhouse

## Anniversaries

- 4 Ben & LeaAnn Kruger
- 5 Chris & Christina Dunham
- 7 Dennis & Nancy Schlueter
- 9 Nathan & Krista Adams
- 23 Paul & Rhonda Spence
- 24 Sam & Frankie Crable
- 28 **Don & Helen Keeton, 42 yrs.**
- 29 Chris & Chris Bartell
- Matthew & Jamie Gromer
- Phil & Darcy King
- 30 Mark & Traci Zay
- Jason & Theresa Blackburn



SERVICES THIS MONTH

### **Sunday, November 6**

Communion

Laity Sunday

Daylight Savings Time Ends

### **Sunday, November 13**

### **Sunday, November 20**

Thanksgiving Service

### **Sunday, November 27**

Hanging of the Green



**Johna Steinhauer** for helping me place add on Craig's List .

**Loy Swanson** for helping me with the Stewardship letters.

**CloElla Leverenz** for helping with the Stewardship letters and helping me find church history information.

Thanks for **all** who donate to Crosslines.

Thank you to the **Senior and Retirees** for including us in their group at their monthly luncheon. It is a delicious and welcome break to the workday. The fellowship is fabulous.

Thanks to **Kyle Aho** for continuing to bring in wonderful musicians during worship.

Thanks to **Deb Hall & Steve Fortner** for their guidance on the Stewardship process.

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*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.*

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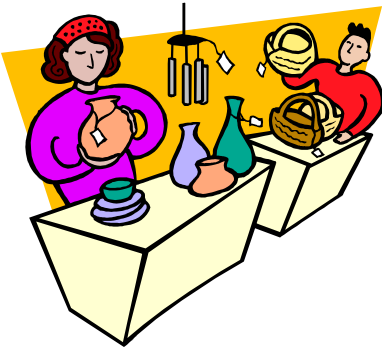


On our October 11th Crosslines Day, groceries and milk were given to **80 families for a total of 174 people.**

In addition to food donations brought by church members, the amount spent from our pantry fund for groceries and milk was \$252.65. Thank you for the food and monetary donations in honor of birthdays, etc. It is very much appreciated! Please bring food donations by **Sunday, November 6th** as our next Crosslines Day is **Tuesday, November 8th**. Much appreciation to all who help and provide for our monthly Crosslines Day!



The church will be opened in the month of November by:  
Shirley Datema.



# THE Annual Fall Bazaar

November 5, 2011

8:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Continental Style Breakfast at 8:00 A.M.

Lunch 11:00 AM– 1:00 P.M.

Vendors Galore- Nuts- New Cookbooks now on sale - Trash & Treasure Sale  
& Book Sale

**Mark your calendars and make plans to attend.**

## Women's Guild Bake Sale at the FALL BAZAAR

November 5, 2011—8:00 am - 2:00 pm

The **WOMEN'S GUILD** will once again hold their annual bake sale as a part of the 2011 Fall Bazaar, on Nov. 5th. All baked good contributions are welcome. Any one who wishes to add their delicious cakes, pies, cookies and breads to the sale may drop off their goodies at 4:00 pm, Friday, November 4. Or, if your goods won't hold well overnight, we will accept those items on the day of sale.

Your baked good contributions are very welcome!

THANK YOU!



## TRASH & TREASURES and BOOK SALE FOR THE FALL BAZAAR

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE** will have a **TRASH AND TREASURES** table for those items you have around the house that are too good to dispose of but you no longer have a need. (Knick-knacks, candles, kitchen items, etc). Please price them before bringing the week of Nov. 1. These proceeds will be used to help fund our outreach such as Crosslines, etc.

**The Friendship Circle is also having a used book sale on Nov. 5th at the Bazaar.** Please bring your unwanted books and videos before Nov. 2nd so we can prepare them for sale. All paperbacks, hard cover, craft, knitting and crochet books and cookbooks are welcome. VHS, DVD and CDs are also welcome, i.e. all audio/video, and printed material is welcome. Media does not have to be church/faith related.

If you would like us to price any item for either sale, we will be glad to do so.

# Chapel News



All are invited to the Farewell Party for Pastor Stephan. on November 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. The party is being at Dennis and Cynthia Gromer's home.

Their address is 4727 S. Forest Avenue, 65810.

## The Directories Are Here !

If you would like a directory, and did not have your picture made by Olan Mills, you may purchase one for \$5.00. The directories will be in the Narthex. There will be a drop box for your payment on the table.

Please submit any corrections for the directory to the Chapel office. If you have questions contact Johna Steinhauer or Beth in the office.

Save the date for the Senior & Retirees luncheon on November 16th at noon. We would like to invite all who are able to come that day. You don't have to be retired to attend.



Senior & Retirees  
*Luncheon*

It is almost time for the Hanging of the Green here at St. John's Chapel. The set up for Hanging of the Green will be Saturday, November 26th, at 2:00

P.M. The Hanging of the Green Service is on November 27th at 10:30 A.M.



Crop Walk Report  
The Springfield area Crop Walk 2011 raised \$8090.00 total. St John's Chapel raised \$832.00 and we had 8 volunteers. Thanks to all who participated.

**Correction For the Directory**  
Richard & MM Thompson  
Address: 852 E. Turnbridge St.  
Springfield, MO. 65810  
Phone # 882-3740

The Board Of Service Ministries is hosting a prayer group. The November meeting is on the 10th. It will be held here at the Chapel from 9-10:00 A.M. All are invited.



**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2011**

	2010	2010	2011	2011	2011
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	BUDGETED
MONTH	INCOME	EXPENSES	INCOME	EXPENSES	EXPENSES
January	\$11,542.07	\$15,118.43	\$13,379.19	\$11,665.88	\$12,703.99
February	\$12,173.28	\$12,995.21	\$11,593.82	\$8,690.71	\$10,302.04
March	\$10,102.13	\$13,221.46	\$11,714.84	\$10,598.56	\$11,194.50
April	\$8,999.18	\$13,287.33	\$12,913.91	\$11,787.94	\$12,054.00
May	\$12,792.05	\$12,406.72	\$12,359.52	\$9,327.38	\$10,040.99
June	\$8,793.29	\$12,779.75	\$7,124.69	\$11,278.04	\$11,684.84
July	\$9,994.52	\$12,398.81	\$11,420.26	\$9,573.43	\$12,249.99
August	\$13,907.77	\$10,157.08	\$8,749.71	\$10,190.40	\$10,463.04
September	\$10,095.71	\$11,579.50	\$9,054.15	\$11,606.59	\$11,355.50
October	\$11,035.66	\$12,001.42			\$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	\$98,310.09	\$94,718.93	\$137,346.42

9/30/2011

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

Money Market	\$10,009.36
Petty Cash	\$115.00
Regular Checking	\$3,699.53
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>	<b>\$13,823.89</b>

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

**Mark Your Calendars**

The Holidays are fast approaching so mark your calendars with these important dates.

Saturday, November 5	Annual Bazaar
Sunday, November 20	Thanksgiving Service at 10:30 A.M.
Thursday, November 24	Thanksgiving—Chapel Office closed
Saturday, November 26	Set up for Hanging of the Green
Sunday, November 27	Hanging of the Green Service at 10:30 A.M
Thursday, December 8	Women's Guild Covered Dish Luncheon 12:00 P.M
Saturday, December 10	Board of Christian Education Christmas Party
Sunday, December 11	Christmas Cantata at 10:30 A.M.
Sunday, December 18	Christmas Pageant at 10:30 A.M.
Saturday, December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 P.M.
Sunday, December 25	Favorite Hymns Christmas Service at 10:30 A.M.

**The Creative Faith Project**

We are involved in the Creative Faith Project through the Missouri Mid South Conference UCC. This program is designed to connect the arts community and the faith community through imagination, artistic expression, and to empower new forms of ministry. All members of St. John's Chapel are encouraged to join in. Currently Liz Stafford, Kyle Aho, Chris Trumbull, and Pastor Becky are signed up. Please let any of them know if you are interested in participating. They are going to attend a meeting in Columbia, November 12th from 10 am to 4pm.

## NOVEMBER: PROGRAMS & MEETINGS

- 2nd Nominating Committee @ 5:30 pm**  
**Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.**
- 5th Annual Fall Bazaar**
- 6th Communion Sunday**  
**Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
**Board of Christian Education** meets after Worship.  
**Bring Donations for Crosslines**
- 7th Board of Service Ministries** will meet Monday at 6:00 pm.
- 8th Crosslines Fish Day.**  
**Men's Brotherhood** meets Tuesday at 8 am.  
**Grace & Weight** at 5:30 pm.  
**Council** meets Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
- 9th Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.**
- 10th BOSM Prayer Group**-meets at the Chapel  
 from 9-10:00 am ALL ARE INVITED.  
**Women's Guild** will meet Thursday at 1:00 pm
- 12th Western Association Meeting**  
**Bread for the World** at The Library Center @ 9:00 am.
- 13th Congregational meeting to approve Budget**  
**Independent Women** will convene on Sunday at 1:00 pm.
- 14th Grace & Weight** meets Tuesday at 5:30 pm.
- 15th Friendship Circle** will meet Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- 16th Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.**  
**Ozark Cluster** meets today at 10:00 am.  
**Seniors & Retirees Luncheon**, 12 noon– All Are Invited
- 18th Pastor Stephan's Farewell Party** at 6-8p. At Cynthia & Dennis  
 Gromer's home– All are invited
- 20th Thanksgiving Memorial Service at 10:30 am**
- 21st Grace & Weight** is Monday at 5:30 pm.
- 22nd Messenger items** are due today.
- 23rd Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.**
- 24th Thanksgiving Day**
- 26th Set up for Hanging of the Green** at 2:00pm
- 27th Hanging of the Green Service** at 10:30 am.
- 28th Grace & Weight** meets Mondays at 5:30 pm
- 28th Board of Christian Education** at 6:30 P.M.
- 30th Choir Practice @ 7:00 pm.**



**MEMBER-  
SHIP  
DIRECTORY  
UPDATES...**  
*Membership Di-  
rectories are  
available in the  
office. Inform  
Beth of errors,  
changes and up-  
dates.  
THANK YOU!*

**New Prayer Group  
on  
11-10-2011.  
9-10 A.M.  
All Are Invited.  
Sponsored by the  
Board of Service  
Ministries**

**PLEASE  
ATTEND OUR  
ANNUAL  
FALL  
BAZAAR ON  
NOVEMBER  
5th**

**11-26-11  
Set up  
at 2:00 P.M.  
11-27-11  
Service at  
10:30 A.M.**



**The Next MESSENGER Deadline is...  
November 22nd, Thank you!**



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**O' God, Thank You For The Bounty**