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Worship - 10:30 AM

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Vice President
Linda Marshak

Board of Christian
Education Chair
Joyce Burton

Board of Service
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Elaine Tebbenkamp

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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We are entering the season of stewardship. Now there are those who say we should focus all the time on the fact that we are stewards of God's property. And this is true. It is very, very true. For when we lose our focus on stewardship and think we are in charge, we usually make a mess of things. You would think we would take better care of what we see as ours. Usually we do, but the problem is we do so in isolation from how our care of our small, little part of the world effects our stewardship of everything. Or something is out of joint, for the beautiful garden of creation, left in our hands, we've made into a jungle of discontent: war, terror, ecological disaster, families in disarray, children dying of hunger, confusion, fear everywhere, and twisted values resulting in abuse and murder.

We quickly say, "But that has nothing to do with me. I've done nothing to cause these problems." Well, that may well be the problem. We've done nothing. Now that's not a fair statement, we have done many things. We participate in the CROP walk every year. We did an Offering of Letters through Bread for the World. We started a local chapter of Bread for the World. We give food to Crosslines' food pantry. Hopefully we will continue to serve food monthly at The Kitchen. (I have not heard whether more of you have signed up to serve.) We have now gone out into the world twice to do mission work. Many of you recycle a heck of a lot better than I—but I'm wondering this morning whether we would do better if we really claimed the reality that we are all called to be God's stewards.

What do you think, during this season of stewardship focus could we let our imagination become creatively active in owning the responsibility of being God's stewards—and not just stewards of our little corner of the world here on Fremont Avenue? Let's not get so wrapped up in a survivor theology that we forget the big picture of God's call for us to be God's stewards of the world.

Good stewardship does include taking care of our little corner of the world. It involves giving of our money to take care of our building, pay salaries, and utility bills, buy curriculum, get the word out about our ministries, etc. It also involves being faithful in attending Sunday School and Worship, in participating in fellowship/service groups, serving on a committee, and mission.

Let us all remember the promise we made when we joined this church, "To participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world." Are you allowing someone else to do your fair share?

Blessing, Shalom and Love,
Pastor Becky



COUNCIL MINUTES September 22, 2008

Roll Call: Members present: Tona Griggs, Nancy Anderson, Clo Ella Leverenz, Mike Berger, Rita Allen, Mary Lou Datema, Vanessa Gonzenbach, Linda Marshak. Absent: Dennis Gromer. Guest Bob Eggleston was also present.

Pastor Becky opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:45 p.m.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

Vice-president: (Linda Marshak) no report.

Financial Secretary: (Mike Berger) Mike reported total deposits of \$14,110.42 for the month of August. This includes \$10,859.45 in offering and pass-throughs of \$2,726.47. Average weekly offering for the month was \$2,171.89. Average Sunday attendance was 73, down some from this time last year.

Treasurer's Report: (Vanessa Gonzenbach) Total income for the month of August was \$14,110.42. The checking account balance for the end of August was \$5,664.52. Total spending for the month was \$12,599.08. The balance on the building fund CD was \$3,467.58. The CD balance was \$44,296.60. Total assets were listed as \$121,136.81.

Strategic Planning: (Vanessa Gonzenbach) no report.

Board of Service Ministries: (Clo Ella Leverenz) no report.

Board of Christian Education: (Tona Griggs) A bonfire and hayride at the Datemas is set for October 11 and a Bunco and game night for Nov. 15.

Worship and Music: (Rita Allen) The worship committee met on August 31. The meeting was attended by Chris Trumbull, Tom Richards and Rita Allen. The committee went through the church calendar and tentatively scheduled special days to be observed or commemorated through Ash Wednesday. Pastor Becky has the list and will make any suggestions.

Rita gave Pastor Becky a copy of the Communion Procedure for her approval and changes so it can be added to new council members' notebooks.

Butch Stillman agreed to replace Christy Graham who has resigned. Since this is Rita's last year on church council, she recommends Nancy Anderson as the council representative for the next two years.

Library (Rita Allen) The last meeting was held on August 20. Present were Louise Eggleston, Doris McMinn and Rita Allen. Cynthia Gromer was absent.

The committee finished all the unprocessed materials and tied up all loose ends in preparation for the inventory. This will be scheduled after it cools off, hopefully sometime before mid-October.

After the inventory is completed, Rita will turn the

reins over to the new team but will remain active until January 1, so she can continue as the council representative.

Rita talked to Jami Blackwell about the youth's lack of interest in using the library. She's tried to get them interested in the materials but they've told her there's nothing any good in there. As Jami's girls attended Christian Schools, she will check with the library there to find out what books and other materials are popular with the children. She will then make recommendations to our library staff for consideration.

Addenda: On September 11, the president of the Women's Guild, Evelyn Blumenstock, requested that the library be removed from the auspices of the Women's Guild and be moved to Church Ministries. Council agreed that the library would become an ad hoc committee, similar to Visioning Committee.

Bookkeeping: (John Allen) John presented his report for review. It's agreed that new software will help streamline and clarify the various financial reports. It was noted that building maintenance expenses will need to be taken into account for next year's budget, especially given the fact that most likely a new roof is needed.

Vanessa and John will continue to monitor the financial situation on a weekly basis. They may mention to various committees to watch spending.

Building and Grounds: Bob Eggleston may be interested in taking over the Building committee and was filled in tonight on the status of the current situation with the roof. It appears that although we are dealing with both hail and ice storm damage, given the age of the roof, it may need to be replaced. Bob will get back to Tona about his willingness to take on building maintenance and the roof project. He recommended that a roof committee may be needed. Paul Blackwell has also volunteered to help out with building maintenance items.

Bob has resigned as Grounds committee chairman. He has recommended we look at considering a lawn service for next year. This will be referred to the Budget committee.

Stewardship: (Dennis Gromer) Tona and Pastor Becky will meet with Dennis regarding Stewardship Sunday, which is set for November 23.

Department of Spirituality: (Nancy Anderson) No report.

Visioning Committee: (Nancy Anderson) No meeting is scheduled until October.

Pastor's Report: (Pastor Becky) Becky reported some changes to the labyrinth. Stepping stones will be added from the parking lot. More information on new signage for the labyrinth can be found under Old Business below.

A supply preacher, Ron Fleming, has been secured for October 19 when Pastor Becky will be at Conference.

Pastor Becky reported that the roof/ceiling leak has damaged some materials in the preschool office. We need

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2008

MONTH	2007 INCOME	2007 EXPENSES	2008 INCOME	2008 EXPENSES	2008 BUDGET
January	\$12,157.00	\$19,064.63	\$12,843.28	\$14,105.78	\$14,917.00
February	\$15,435.73	\$13,250.23	\$10,352.93	\$11,486.45	\$12,836.00
March	\$22,900.00	\$30,873.54	\$18,535.07	\$16,499.27	\$18,560.00
April	\$13,278.00	\$10,779.05	\$15,517.71	\$13,557.35	\$18,924.00
May	\$12,454.24	\$22,999.01	\$16,555.88	\$29,607.56	\$12,055.00
June	\$11,700.50	\$12,307.08	\$13,100.00	\$16,269.75	\$13,840.00
July	\$15,925.00	\$12,307.08	\$12,217.89	\$13,664.47	\$13,524.00
August	\$9,973.50	\$11,540.70	\$14,110.42	\$12,599.08	\$12,038.00
September	\$14,516.92	\$17,158.34	N/A	N/A	\$14,715.00

OTHER FUNDS

Money Market	\$67,708.11	
	+ 53.28	Interest
	\$67,761.39	
Building Fund CD	\$ 3,467.58	Matured 8/08
Other CD	\$44,127.20	
	165.20	Interest
	\$44,292.40	

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.



Tuesday,
November 4



On Saturday, November 29th, we will meet at 5 pm to prepare for the hanging of the green (Sunday, Nov. 30). At 6 pm, we will have Pizza.



We will be receiving new members on Sunday, November 9th and again on Sunday, November 16th. Please make our new members feel welcome.



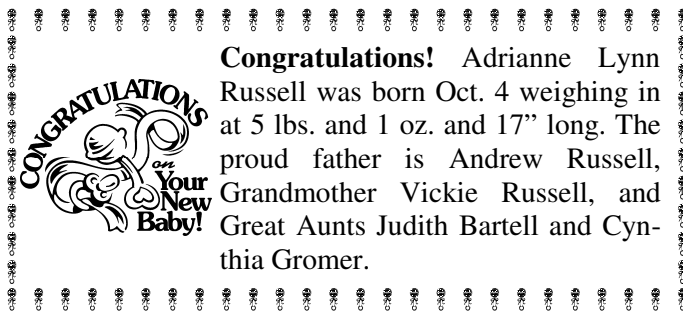
TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 11



Special Prayer Requests

UPDATE ON SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

David Rahmoeller: The kidney donor is not eligible to continue to be a donor for David. It is back to square one. If you know of anyone who would like to be a donor, please let us know, and we will give you the name and number of our coordinator. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. David and Debbie



Congratulations! Adrienne Lynn Russell was born Oct. 4 weighing in at 5 lbs. and 1 oz. and 17" long. The proud father is Andrew Russell, Grandmother Vickie Russell, and Great Aunts Judith Bartell and Cynthia Gromer.

The Women's Guild will have Bake Sale items and a "Trash and Treasure" table at the November 1 Bazaar. Visit us in the Fellowship Hall.



Saturday, November 1, 2008
8:30 am - 2:30 pm
Lunch 11 am — 1:30 pm

FOOD
"TRASH & TREASURES"
CRAFTS AND LOTS OF FUN!

Be sure to come and browse.
Set-up on Friday evening
October 31st 5:30—7:30 pm



EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
The church has new email and website addresses.

Send email to Pastor Becky at:
pastor@stjohnschapel.org
Send email to our secretary, Martha Gray, at:
sec@stjohnschapel.org
Check out the new updated website at :
www.stjohnschapel.org.



FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Please note: Price Cutter Floral can provide a pair of two altar arrangements for \$40, including delivery to the church. **This is a new price.** 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".

YOU ARE INVITED!

The House United Ministries in Higher Education invites you to an evening of celebration and thanksgiving! Please join us for dinner and the 47th Anniversary of our Campus Ministry (no charge for dinner; however, gifts to our Campus Ministry and our UMHE Endowment Fund will be gratefully received).

It will be on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 6:30 pm at National Ave. Christian Church (1515 S. National Ave.). The highlight of our evening will be the announcement of the 2008 Carter Award Recipient. This year, we are pleased to honor Mr. Leon Beachler for his commitment to our Campus Ministry.

Please RSVP by noon on Nov. 5th. Call 417-865-8711, ext. 12, or email:
HowardCavner@MissouriState.edu
I hope you can attend!
Howard Cavner

The Messenger
Items are due
Thursday, Nov. 20th.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night.

<p>November 2 Communion Ozark Cluster Meeting 4 pm Carry-in Dinner 6 pm Special Council Meeting 7 pm</p>	
<p>November 9 Recognition of Veterans Receiving New Members</p>	
<p>November 16 Stewardship Drive Begins Receiving New Members</p>	
<p>November 23 Stewardship Sunday Thanksgiving Service</p>	
<p>November 30 1st Sunday of Advent—Communion Hanging of the Greens Memorial Service</p>	

to remember that, as landlords, we are responsible for that damage. Pastor Becky has also asked the preschool to turn in any requests for building-related items they may need in the future so those requests may be considered by the budget committee.

Lee has asked that funds budgeted for carpet cleaning be used to clean the pews.

Becky, Vanessa, and Tona will pursue what is involved to put Dean on Pastor Becky's health insurance, which will reduce her salary by that amount. They will also look into what needs to be done so that Pastor Becky can qualify for Medicare when the time comes.

The communion schedule was approved for 2008-09.

Old Business: The pastoral relations committee met at the end of August. They reviewed many changes to Pastor Becky's call agreement that will go before the congregation in January.

The job description committee has met and will meet again after Oct 1.

Sexual misconduct procedure/policies will be taken as recommendations to the Board of Christian Education. We need to complete background checks on all volunteers who work with children as soon as possible.

Tona and Martha continue to review church software and will take their recommendations to council when completed.

A total of \$986 is still owed for the playground mulch, after the \$114 raised at the fellowship dinner. Our share of half, or \$493, will be paid from pass-through monies and from the unused cherub robe fund. Thanks to Nancy Anderson, Rita Allen and Shirley Datema for helping with the meal.

The church workday on September 6 drew 17 hard-working church members. It has been suggested that more regular workdays be scheduled, possibly quarterly. Thanks to Tona for providing lunch for all who attended.

We are still working on getting a permanent church sign. Dennis Gromer was able to get a sign bid from Garage Graphics for the same sign that Missouri Neon originally bid on. The Garage Graphics bid was \$2,800, considerably less than the Missouri Neon bid. It has been suggested that the savings be used for two signs for the bell tower, one pointing out the labyrinth entrance saying "Be still and know that I am God," and one thanking Tom and Mary Smith for their funds that provided the labyrinth. After some discussion, it was decided to give the several design possibilities to the Department of Spirituality for that group to pursue and then share with the congregation. All of this will still keep the cost under the original \$7,500 amount that council first allotted for a new sign.

New Business: A budget committee has been formed that will consist of Vanessa Gonzenbach, John Allen, Mike Berger, Pastor Becky and Tona Griggs. They will schedule a meeting. A timeline will be established for an audit with the committee that has done the auditing in the

past. Pastor Becky informed us that Jeanne Loveless has left a \$5,000 gift to the church. It was suggested that we may want to use this to begin a roof fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Mary Lou Datema, Secretary

NOTE: There was no Council meeting in October; therefore, there will be no October minutes.

WOMEN'S GUILD
Minutes of October 9, 2008

The Women's Guild met Oct. 9 with 15 in attendance. The program "Reducing the Risks of Falling" was given by Jami Blackwell who works in Trauma Services at Cox Health. She does Education of Nurses and Education in the Community.

The devotional was "Hymns for the Worship Service". The September minutes were read and the treasurer reported a balance of \$446.89.

The Library Committee will do an inventory next Wednesday.

A card was sent to Perdy Scafe.

Rev. Becky reported the death of Rev. Ava Cudworth.

Irene Reed will be in charge of the bake sale at the upcoming bazaar and Rosemary Witt will take care of the "Trash and Treasure" table.

Rev. Becky spoke about compiling heritage stories of the senior members of our congregation and perhaps putting them in book form. She plans to contact people to visit with them.

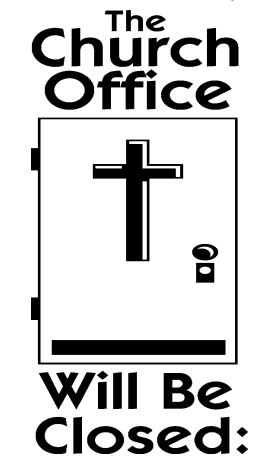
She asked that if programs, such as Spiritual Development, were offered in the daytime, would we be interested?

New offices to be filled for next year are President and Secretary. The Nominating Committee is Evelyn Blumenstock and Esther Steinhauer.

The November outreach is canned food for the Salvation Army.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Rita Allen and Judy Bartell served refreshments.



THURSDAY
AND FRIDAY
NOVEMBER
27 AND 28

**BOARD OF SERVICE
MINISTRIES MEETING
Minutes of October 7, 2008**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Service Ministries (BOSM) was called to order by Chairperson Elaine Tebbenkamp at the Chapel 7:10 p.m. Those in attendance were Pastor Becky, Beverly Graham, Clo Ella Leverenz, Johna Steinhauer, Elaine and Gary Tebbenkamp. Pastor Becky opened the meeting with a prayer

Minutes from the September meeting were approved. Johna's treasurers report noted that August expenses for the brochures was \$202, pens and fliers \$279, and a monthly News-Leader expense of \$40 leaving a balance of \$597.76. The balance as of early September was \$676.86 and the total mission and endowment balance is \$1,274.62. Elaine noted that our budget request for next year would remain the same as the current year.

Pastor Becky's report noted health concerns of members and friends as well as funeral arrangements for Rev. Ava Cudworth. She also noted that new members will be joining the Chapel in early November and some of them still need sponsors. The question was about considering having sermons broadcast on radio. The cost of this activity was unknown at the time of the meeting.

The Focus Group report regarding Evangelism noted that consideration should be given for gift ideas for children, in addition to adult visitors. A review of the attendance report for September was given. Concerns regarding fluctuation in attendance were expressed and suggestions for how to best communicate with the congregation were shared. One suggestion included distributing a brief letter to all members asking that any problems, solutions or suggestions be communicated to the Board of Service Ministries.

The Membership Care report from Beverly included a suggestion that a table be set up at the annual bazaar describing all the programs and groups at the Chapel. A raffle could also be sponsored by the church at the bazaar, to be applied toward the mission trip.

The Mission/Outreach report included a request to poll the congregation regarding their interest in continuing with the monthly assistance at the Kitchen. Information about a possible mission trip to the Denver area in the summer of 2009 will not be available until January.

The Publicity report noted that an Advent flyer will be put in *The Messenger*. Clo Ella will resume the regular member spotlight feature for *The Messenger*.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 4, at the Chapel, 7 p.m.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by
Gary Tebbenkamp, Secretary

**FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
Minutes of October 21, 2008**

Friendship Circle met on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 with 10 members present.

The meeting was called to order by President Beverly Graham.

Our devotion was presented by Carolyn Wolfe reading excerpts from "Chicken Soup for the Recovering Soul". Minutes from the September meeting were read and approved.

Committee Reports: Treasurer Margaret Dodge gave her report: after expenses of \$41.61 for postage and kitchen supplies and deposits of \$162.30 from the McDonald wedding and Festival of Sharing, we had a balance on hand as of October 21, 2008 of \$1,041.85.

Jeanne Helfrect gave the Crosslines Report: 40 families were served with a total of 94 people given food October 14, 2008. Total expenses for the month were \$243.11. After deposits of \$39.00 the balance on hand is \$984.91.

Cynthia Gromer reported that there was an inventory taken at the church library last week.

New Business: Jeanne Helfrect announced that she is resigning from the Circle. We want to thank Jeanne for all of her help and friendship and especially for the orange rolls that she always provided for the Bazaar.

Judy Bartell and Cynthia Gromer reported that approximately 20 vendors have responded to be in the Bazaar on November 1. Nancy Anderson is heading the food committee for the Bazaar and passed a sign-up sheet. Also, reminding everyone to bring a dessert.

Our offering was collected for Crosslines Fund.

The program was presented by Alice Shoemaker reading and discussing books written by Don Piper, "90 Minutes in Heaven", "Daily Devotions" and "Heaven is Real". These books all pertain to his experience of having died for approximately 90 minutes and what he reports as having seen and experienced.

It was announced the St. John's Church at Main Street will not be having their annual Turkey Dinner this year. They will have a Mission Sunday on November 2.

The meeting ended with everyone saying the Mizpah and delicious refreshments were served by hostesses Carolyn Wolfe and Alice Shoemaker.

Our next meeting will be November 18 with the election of officers.

Acting Secretary, Cynthia Gromer



Building and Grounds Committee

New Building and Grounds Committee

Paul Blackwell has agreed to chair the Building and Grounds Committee. Bob Eggleston is also serving on the committee. If you would like to serve on this committee, please let Pastor Becky know.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Amy Brunner
Ellie Datema
Pauline King
- 3 Nick Brown
Rev. Robert Richter **82**
Chris Trumbull
- 4 Drew Zay
- 5 Flo Valentine **89**
- 7 Loy Swanson
Ed Anderson
Lorinda Rehagen
- 8 Kelly Tanner
- 9 Esther Steinhauer **79**
- 10 Nathan Brunner
- 11 Jack Gonzenbach
- 13 Scott Purse
Rosemary Witt **87**

- 14 Gerry Diullo
Kent Lockhart
Gary Tebbenkamp
- 15 Jami Blackwell
- 16 Ethan Williamson
- 17 Harold Rucker **87**
Taylor Zay
Louise Eggleston
- 18 Margaret Berger **88**
- 19 Drew Graham
- 20 Pam Anderson
Lois Rahmoeller
- 21 Andrew Tebbenkamp
- 26 Tracy Hillhouse

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Ben & Lea Ann Kruger
- 5 Chris & Christina Dunham
- 7 M/M Dennis Schlueter
- 9 Nathan & Krista Adams
- 23 Ronda & Paul Spence
- 24 Sam & Frankie Crable

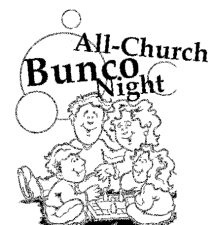
- 28 M/M Don Keeton **39**
- 29 M/M Chris Bartell
Matthew & Jamie Gromer
Phil & Darcy King
- 30 M/M Mark Zay
Jason & Theresa Blackburn



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



The church will be opened in The month of **November** by: **Tona Griggs or Mike Berger**



ALL-CHURCH BUNCO NIGHT

Everyone is invited to Bunco night on Saturday, November 15th. Join us for a chili supper at 5:30 pm followed by a fun-filled game of Bunco. The Board of Christian Education will supply the chili and fixins and everyone else is asked to bring a drink and a dessert item. The theme for the Bunco prizes is "Christmas" so everyone is asked to bring a decoration or ornament.



Sunday, November 2 Meeting after the morning Worship service.

Sunday, November 16 Begin Thanksgiving Basket

Sunday, November 23 Deliver Thanksgiving Basket



THANKSGIVING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27



Thank you for your recent gift in support of the Council of Churches.

We are grateful for your trust and confidence in us to deliver the love of Christ in a practical and effective "package." Through ministries like Cross-lines, Ambassadors for Children, Connections Handyman Service, and the other six operating agencies of the Council, we are working hard every day to earn your continued trust as we make the priorities of Jesus Christ our top priority: serving people in need.

Sincerely,
Mark Struckhoff, Dir. of Advancement



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE AT THE KITCHEN

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 2008 is on the church activities' bulletin board between the secretary's office and the confirmation pictures. 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.

The Women's Guild wishes to thank those who have been saving Best Choice Bar Code labels for us. Flo Valentine has counted and mailed these labels to the AG company, and the money we receive each year is used to do the work of the church. We are below our normal count for this time of year. With the baking season ahead, we hope you consider making Best Choice your first choice.

Thank you for your congregations recent gift for our Campus Ministry @ The House. Christian ministry with college students matters.

It matters because the "campus":

- * has such great influence on our culture.
- * is where tomorrow's leaders are being formed and influenced.
- * is where innovation and new ideas that benefit our world are hatched.
- * is populated by gifted people who are responding to God's call to lend a helping hand to those in need.
- * is often a lonely place where people need the saving grace of a loving God.

For these reasons and more, we are grateful that you believe in what we do at Missouri State University in Christ's name.

Best Wishes,
Rev. Howard C. Cavner, Campus Minister

We want to thank Becky Young for her hard work and wonderful organ music. November 9 will be her last Sunday with us. We will miss you, Becky.

CROP WALK — A total of \$945 was collected by 8 people this year. Out of that total, \$239 was from the Pasta Dinner on Sept. 29. Thanks for your support.



CROPWALK

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.)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Minutes of October 28, 2008

The Board of Christian Education met on October 28, 2008. Members present included Joyce Burton, Christy Graham, Mia Datema, Butch Stillman and Pastor Becky. Members absent included Eleanor Berger, Tona Griggs, and Liz Stafford.

Jenni Datema from Forrest Institute joined us to present information on workshops that they have to present. It was decided that our church would host an 8 week marriage seminar called "Hitched and Happy". The dates for this will be Jan. 12 – Mar. 2 from 5:30 – 8:00, and each week will consist of a meal provided by Forrest and the 2 hour workshop. The cost will be a minimal \$20 per couple for the entire 8 weeks. Childcare will be provided. More information will be available beginning in December.

Standing reports:

Treasurer's report: Eleanor Berger

In Eleanor's absence, Joyce reported a current balance of \$554.77.

Superintendent's report: Eleanor Berger

In Eleanor's absence, Joyce read the superintendent's report. Substitute teachers are still needed for the youth class. If anyone is interested please contact Eleanor. As part of the "Safe Church" process, applications for background checks have been collected from all necessary individuals and have been passed on to Pastor Becky for further processing. Eleanor and Joyce are looking into prices on cameras for the classrooms. No decisions were made regarding the purchase of camera equipment.

The November Board of Christian Education meeting will be on November 25 at Eleanor's house. This will be the Christmas party and all Sunday School Teachers and substitutes will be invited in addition to the Board members. Eleanor will be distributing invitations in the next couple of weeks.

Youth: Liz Stafford: No report.

Old Business:

Bunco Night: Everyone is invited to Chili supper/Bunco night on Saturday, November 15 beginning at 5:30. The Board of Christian Education will supply the chili and fixins and everyone else is asked to bring a drink and a dessert item. The theme for the Bunco prizes is "Christmas" so everyone is asked to bring a decoration or ornament.

New Business:

Christmas Pageant. Jami has announced that the Christmas pageant will be on Sunday, December 21. The children and the youth will participate in the pageant and will begin practicing every Sunday during children's choir time. The final practice and Christmas party will be planned for Saturday, December 20.

2009 VBS: Prince of Peace Lutheran church has inquired about the possibility of having a joint VBS next

summer. Joyce will contact the church and get more information.

Upcoming Activities/Events:

November 15 – Chili supper and Bunco night at the chapel beginning at 5:30. The theme for the Bunco gift is Christmas. Bring an ornament or decoration or anything "Christmasy".

November 25 - Board of Christian Education/Sunday School Teachers Christmas party at the home of Eleanor Berger. Everyone is asked to bring an appetizer and an ornament for the gift exchange.

December 20 - Pageant practice and children and youth Christmas party.

December 21 - Christmas pageant.

The next meeting of the Board of Christian Education will be on Tuesday, November 25.

Christy Graham, Secretary

UPDATE ON LABYRINTH

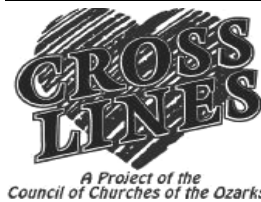
Chris from Wickman's promises the labyrinth and landscaping will be completed by the end of the first week in November. This is to include the landscape gravel around the labyrinth and other areas in landscape plan, and removal of weeds and new seeding for grass. The good news is that the total price for the labyrinth, gravel, sidewalk, lawn and irrigation system is coming in at \$45,000. The original estimate for this package was \$54,000. This being \$9,000 below estimate, the Department of Spirituality asked Wickman's to remove the two pines at the front of building (\$950) and to plant the 13 tree in the plan across the front of the building: 3 Norway Spruce in place of the pines, 3 Autumn Blaze Maples, 4 Dogwoods and 3 Redbuds (\$1,650). This all comes to \$47,600. Still \$6,735 under what the congregation approved.

Judith Bartell is going to look at the 50% off prices on plants at Dick Carson Nursery. These prices will be posted to see if we want to purchase additional plants. A donation for one yew has already been received.

Wickman's is also to give us a price on replacing the fountain in the courtyard. The Datema family has approved the use of Ellie's memorial funds for a new, working fountain. We will also get additional estimates.

UPDATE ON SIGNAGE

Garage Graphics says our new signs should be completed by October 31st. So hopefully they will be in place by the time you receive *The Messenger*.



On our October 14th Crosslines Fish Day, we helped provide food for 40 families for a total of 94 people.

Please remember to bring food donations by Sunday, November 9, 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.

All donations are very much appreciated!

Cash gifts are always welcome. Checks are made to "Friendship Circle Crosslines."

"If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:17-18

CROSSLINES HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE APPLICATION TAKERS

Dates Available:
THANKSGIVING

Nov. 3—14

CHRISTMAS

Nov. 24—Dec. 12, and Sat., Dec. 6

10 am—3 pm

Monday—Friday

1845-A E Kearney in the K-Mart Plaza
(SE corner of Glenstone and Kearney).

We will train you the day you work. Even if you can only come one day, you will make a difference in many families' lives this holiday season! For more information or to sign up, call Margaret Bastin at 886-2567.



FOR CROSSLINES

Share the Joy! Share a Toy!

Thousands of area children will awake to joy on Christmas morning because of Crosslines Toystore. You make this ministry possible by donating new toys and gifts that parents come and select for their children. Let's be sure no child is forgotten!

Please bring a new gift for a child aged 0-23 months to the church by December 14. Please leave the price tags on the gift (helps with sorting) and leave the gifts unwrapped.

Cash gifts are also welcome because they allow toys to be purchased where the need is the greatest.

Most requested gifts are as follows: Peek-A-Boo blocks; light up toys; noisy toys; 3 mo.—24 mo. clothing; socks and hats; bath toys; riding toys; musical toys; push and pull toys; crib toys; busy boards; stacking toys; activity centers; and mobiles. **The least chosen items** are stuffed animals.

This year's Toystore is scheduled for Saturday, December 20th.

CROSSLINES CHRISTMAS TOYSTORE

Set up:

December 15-19

Distribution:

December 20

at the National Guard Armory
1400 N. Fremont Ave.

Come share the joy of the holiday season with us! Parents who cannot provide for their children come to our Toystore and "shop" for gifts. You will be helping to provide Christmas for nearly 3,000 children! There are a large variety of jobs available. Your groups are welcome!

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST BE AGE 13 OR OLDER.

Call Ginny Westwick at 882 9476 to sign up for this wonderful, volunteer experience.

CROSSLINES ADOPTION PROGRAM

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching. Is this a time of joy for you or are you already beginning to wonder what to send those relatives that you haven't seen in years? Or maybe you are dreading the annual exchange of candles and coffee mugs at the office? Do any of us really need this? Maybe it's time for a change.

One way you can help is by sponsoring a family or families through Crosslines. If your Sunday School class or other group in your church, your family, or your place of work is looking for a special holiday project, this may be just the answer. For all the details, call Alice Dodd, Crosslines Adoption Coordinator, at 883-6378.

Bringing holiday joy to a family that is struggling is a tremendous way to share the love of Christ and make your holiday just that much brighter. Give it a try!

ADDRESS CHANGES

Clo Ella Leverenz: New email: cloella@att.net



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!

Dale Parson, Western Associate Conference Minister of the Missouri Mid-South Conference, will be here on Sun., Nov. 2nd. The meeting is for both the clergy and laity of the Ozarks Cluster of the Western Association. All are invited to attend. It will begin at 4 pm; there will be a carry-in dinner at 6 pm.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS



BREAD FOR THE WORLD
Will meet Saturday, November 8th at 9 am at Kaldi's Coffee House located at 900 E. Battlefield Rd.



INDEPENDENT WOMEN'S GROUP
Will meet on Sunday, November 9th at 1 pm.



WOMEN'S GUILD
Will meet Thursday, November 13th, in the Fellowship Hall at 1 pm. The November outreach is canned food for the Salvation Army.



FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE
Will meet on Tuesday, November 18th at 7 pm.



MEN'S BROTHERHOOD
Will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 18th at the Golden Corral on S. Glenstone. Ladies are guests this month. All men and women are invited.



GATHERING OF SENIORS AND RETIREES
Will be meeting at 12 noon for a potluck carry-in lunch on Wednesday, November 19th.



THE VISIONING COMMITTEE
The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20th at 6 pm.