

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. Come to this table, to receive grace, and to know the glory of God.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God, Restorer of Promises!

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Holy Wisdom, Creator of heaven and earth, for from your endless stores of creativity you have shaped the universe— sun and moon and stars, planets spinning in exquisite rotation, galaxies ever-moving and ever-alive. You have created this planet and all that is needed to sustain life: rivers and oceans, mountains and plains, trees and plants and flowers, fire and oxygen and water. You have given us all that we need to be full of joy and hope: food and drink, your word and your love, creative powers and wisdom and insight to choose the good.

When we have fallen short of your intentions, gracious God, you have sent women and men to bring us back to the life to which you call us. In the fullness of time, you sent your very own Son, Jesus of Nazareth, child of your heart, child of your spirit, child of your Divine Presence, to dwell in our midst, and to be for us what we could not be for ourselves. In Christ's ministry we see the great company gathering in your midst. The sick, the broken, the lost are all your children, and we long to join them in the festival.

Through Christ's Spirit, the world is renewed as the prophets foretold, your church becomes a place from which your justice and peace flows, and we are made new in love.

Therefore, with all the saints in every time and place, we join in praising you, singing:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

As we remember his birth and we prepare to journey with him this year, send down your Spirit of hope upon all gathered around this Table. Bless these gifts of your abundant earth. As we share these gifts, may this bread and the fruit of this vine nourish us --body and soul -- to be a part of the "great company" of your reconciliation. We pray in Christ, who taught us to pray ...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Holy One of stars and sinners, for refreshing us at this table. As we leave may we travel by another road, to walk the way of Christ: bringing your light into the shadows of poverty and need; bringing your peace where injustice dwells; bringing your hope to those who have none, and bringing your grace to the brokenness of our world. In Christ we pray. Amen.

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

REMEMBERING THE PROMISES OF BAPTISM

Do you promise, by the grace of God,
to be a disciple, to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
to resist oppression,
to show love and justice,
and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ,
as best you are able?

(Moment of silence for reflection)

And do you promise, according to the grace given to you,
to grow in your faith and to be a faithful member of the church,
celebrating Christ's presence and furthering God's mission in all the
world?

(Moment of silence for reflection)

RITUAL OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

One: Turning to the east, let us pray:

Many: For children and youth, precious in God's sight, and reflections
of the growing Christ child.

One: Renewed by the water of life,

Many: May we raise them up in faith.

One: Turning to the south, let us pray:

Many: For all creation, precious in God's sight, and a living reflection of
new life in Christ.

One: Renewed by the water of life,

Many: May we continue to work towards earth's renewal.

One: Turning to the west, let us pray:

Many: For men and women, precious in God's sight and reflections of
God's widening embrace.

One: Renewed by the water of life

Many: May we seek and serve Christ in all peoples.

One: Turning to the north, let us pray:

Many: For elders and those who have gone before us, precious in God's sight and reflections of Christ's patience and wisdom.

One: Renewed by the water of life

Many: May we continue to be God's story of unending love in both word and deed.

PRAYER OF RECOMMITMENT

All: By your Spirit, Almighty God, Grant us

Love for others,

Joy in serving you,

Peace in disagreement,

Patience in suffering,

Kindness toward all people,

Goodness in evil times,

Faithfulness in temptation,

Gentleness in the face of opposition,

Self-control in all things.

Then strengthen us for ministry in your name. Amen.

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Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, the Shepherd of his people, and the Bread of Life. He invites us to come to this his table that we might know and experience the fullness of his grace and truth. So come, one and all, to the banquet of our Lord.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to praise you, surprising God. From the beginning of time, you have created and are creating still. You transform us and make us new each day. Through prophets and leaders young and old you have offered us covenants and new ways of living. Even when we turn away from you and think we know all there is to know, you do not give up on us. You wait. You try a new way to bring us back to you. And so we sign for joy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

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Most surprising of all, you came to live as one of us. Born in a stable, to humble parents, Jesus knew the highs and lows of life, experienced hopes and fears, wonderings and questionings. Jesus called many people; women and men, boys and girls, to share in the new life of the reign of God. Jesus welcomed all with open arms, and sends us out to proclaim the good news of your love for the whole

world. As the disciples came back filled with joy, so we come with joy to this table to share in the feast of new and endless life.

Gather us in, O God. Through your Holy Spirit, bless these gifts we offer here, bless all of us gathered here, and make us one: to love and serve you and proclaim your goodness for the rest of our days. Hear us now as we pray together:

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, we give you thanks that we have been fed and renewed by Christ's life in us and we go now to share that life with others. Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit to follow Jesus and to spread the message of his love and compassion to all whom we meet. Amen

THIS WEEK AT UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

	CS	SS	G	FH	UR	QR
Sun. 02/13	Worship 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Christian Education 9:15 a.m.				
Mon. 02/14		P.A.C.T. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.				
Tues 02/15		P.A.C.T. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.				Christian Education 6:30 p.m.
Wed 02/16						
Thurs. 02/17		P.A.C.T. 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Glee Baby Class 11:00 a.m.		Choir rehearsal 7:30 p.m.	
Fri. 02/18		Young Mothers' Co-Op 9:00-11:30 a.m.	Glee Baby Class 9:00 a.m.			
Sat. 02/19				Quarter Auction 5:15 p.m.		

Legend: CS - Church Sanctuary G - Gym FH - Fellowship Hall
 SS - Sunday School Building QR - Quiet Room UR - Upper Room

"May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, as the gentle rain upon the tender grass, and as the showers upon the herb."

DEUTERONOMY 32:2

Passing on the Mantle

The Kálvin Tér Reformed Church here in Hungary has long been known as "the Bishop's Church", so serving there in any capacity has been an honor. This Church is also where "our" Károli Gáspár University Theology students progress to doing their practice preaching in a Thursday evening worship service throughout the school year. We enjoyed a quiet but noteworthy worship service there this last Sunday.

Our nephew, young Balázs, was filling this rather august pulpit for the three months that the Sr. Minister, the Rev. Pál László, would be on sabbatical. We sat on each side of Balázs's young wife. Behind us was the Rev. László Kovacs, visiting from our Calvin Synod Conference of the United Church of Christ in the US.

Though Balázs was a bit nervous, he preached well, meaningfully, helpfully, with especially good exegesis, and the congregation listened, actively. And, he was wearing my 'palást' (clergy robe), as his sister wears one of Coralyn's every Sunday in "her" church. After the service the whole family gathered and we all shed a few tears of joy together. It's no small thing to launch a new young minister who is both our own nephew and one of our past students! It is a worthy thing to participate in the beginnings of a new Hungarian Reformed clergy, and it certainly shows us that we are passing on the mantle.

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Feasting on the Word Bible Study

February 27th 9:30 a.m. in the UEC Sanctuary

Read the following selections of scripture and respond to the questions on the back.

Isaiah 49:14-16

¹⁴But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me."

¹⁵Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶Behold, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands;

Matthew 6:24-24

²⁴"No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

³⁴"So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

1. What is the common theme between these two scriptures?

2. What does it mean to "strive first for the kingdom of God"?

3. What is the connection between Matthew 6:24 and the verses that follow?



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with Parables**

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COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, open your hearts to the One who feeds us with grace.

Our hearts tremble with delight for the feast which awaits us.

People of God, give thanks to the One who meets us on the mountaintops of glory and in the valleys of service.

We praise God's great and holy name.

It is our greatest joy to offer you our praise and thanksgiving, O God. All things in every place were created by you to rejoice in your radiant splendor. Created by you to live in your garden of hope and joy, we instead wandered into the valleys of death and sin. But you did not forsake us, but became one of us that we might be transformed into new life.

You gave us the Breath of life and the Word of grace so all the living could find voice to sing your glory. Therefore, we join with those of every time and place singing the ancient hymn of majesty and glory:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
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Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.***

Mighty God, on the mountain of holiness you proclaimed Jesus Christ as your Beloved, the hope of all your children. He descended the mountain of glory to climb up a garbage heap called Calvary. When he could have stayed with Moses and Elijah, he chose to be crucified between two thieves. When he could have

taken shelter within your love and hope, he endured the cross of pain and suffering.

In light of such powerful love we humbly offer you this prayer of thanksgiving and ask for the Holy Spirit to descend upon us, and on these gifts of the Bread and the Cup. As we share them with one another, may we be restored to wholeness through your grace that we may bring your love and joy more fully into this world. We pray in Christ, who taught us to pray ...

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Strengthened by the broken bread and nourished by the overflowing cup of grace, we give you thanks, O God. We rise now from the Table of the Lamb to join hands with our sisters and brothers to be lovers of justice so that none will remain oppressed; to feed the hungry and to shelter the homeless until the day we greet the Morning Star face to face. Amen.



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John 4:5-15

⁵So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers

will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

1. What is the “living water” that Jesus offers?

2. What does Jesus mean by saying those who drink this water will never be thirsty?

3. How do we worship God in spirit and truth?



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Welcome And Address

Questions of the Candidate

***Congregational Assent**

One: To all who are members of Christ's church, who witness to and celebrate this sacrament of baptism: Do you promise your love, support and care to this little one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ?

Many: We promise our love, support and care.

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

Second Page of Hymnal

Prayer of Baptism

Act of Baptism

Act of Praise

"Child of Blessing, Child of Promise"

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Prayer for the Baptized

Benediction





The Parables of Jesus

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Lily Order Form

Please use this form to order your Lilies to be used to beautify the altar for our Easter Worship Services. Return this form to the office.

Name _____

Phone _____

Number of Plants desired: _____ @ \$10.00 each

In memory, honor or celebration of whom or for what occasion:

Lilies will be available to be picked up after the 10:30 Easter service.

Deadline to order is April 10th!

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS With BAPTISM

INVITATION

QUESTIONS OF THE CANDIDATES

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

First page of Hymnal

PRAYER OF BAPTISM

ACT OF BAPTISM

ADDRESS

QUESTION ABOUT PARTICIPATION

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

(L) Let us, the members of United Evangelical Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

(P) We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

ACT OF PRAISE

"No Longer Strangers"

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GREETING OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

PRAYER

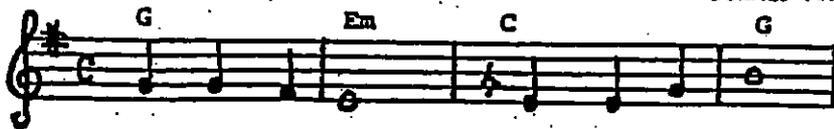
BENEDICTION



NO LONGER STRANGERS

For the Christians of San Antonio, Texas
Ephesians 2:13-19

RICHARD AVERY
DONALD MARSH



1. He turned to say: "Come fol-low me."
2. I walked a-lone. I heard your cry.
3. My world was small, my neigh-bors few,
4. No for-eign kind, no al-len race,



1. I joined his band to trav-el land and sea.
2. I came to you in--stead of pass--ing by.
3. But now God's love gives me a larg--er view:
4. In Christ we all have found a wel--come place.



1. And so we go to whom he sends,
2. We gave, we took; our sto-ry ends:
3. Be--fore the cross my world ex--tends...
4. The Spi--rit binds, our voic-es blend.



No long-er strang-ers, we're sis-ters, broth-ers,



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Feasting on the Word Bible Study

May 1st —9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Read the following scripture and respond to questions on the back.

John 20: 19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because

you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

1. What does Jesus mean when he says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you"?
2. Why has John written his Gospel?
3. Name three themes of this passage and relate them to your own faith life.

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

On the first Easter day, the Gospel of Luke tells us that when the Risen Christ was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. Come to this table with eyes and hearts open to know the Lord's risen presence.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Risen Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of Easter joy, lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the God of steadfast love.

Let us give thanks to the One who is our salvation.

We offer our hallelujahs to the One who gives us new life.

We lift our praise to you, God of Creation. On the first day, your Light split the shadows of chaos, and all goodness flowed forth. Gently and tenderly, you gathered up the dust of the earth and shaped us into your image. But the day came when we chose to run away from you, preferring our petty ways to your dreams for us. You spoke to us through the prophets, hoping we would rejoin you. But in stubbornness we dug in our heels, refusing to follow you, and so you became one of us that you might lead us back to you.

Therefore we join our glad songs of Easter with those in every time and in every place, who sing to you their praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

You alone are holy, Steadfast God, and blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. He wandered the shadows of hell to bring us out; he endured our sin,

to heal us forever; he went into the grave, that we might enter the gates of righteousness. As we remember you raising him from the dead and giving us life, we are humbled by your love and our hearts are filled with gratitude.

Resurrecting God, pour out your Spirit upon the bread and the cup. Fill them, and us, with the grace of Jesus. That nourished by your steadfast love our lives, and the lives of all your saints gathered about your Table, may be united in praise of you. With our voices united now as one, we pray...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of hope and promise, we give you thanks for the restoration we have received at this table. As we have been raised to new life, may we reach out to those who have fallen; as we have been fed, may we feed the hungry of the world; as we have seen the empty tomb, may we bear witness to the presence of the Risen Lord in our lives. Amen.

Feasting on the Word Bible Study

May 29th —9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Read the following scripture and respond to questions.

John 14: 15-21

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. 18 "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. 19 In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. 20 On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. 21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

1. What do we learn about the Spirit in verses 16-17?

2. To what day is verse 20 referring? And how are we to know what verse 20 tells us we will know?

50TH CONFIRMATION REUNION CLASS OF 1961

The 50th Confirmation Reunion, Class of 1961, will be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 12, 2011. United Evangelical Church is searching for the address of the following Class members. If you can help, please call the church office at 410-276-0393.

1961 CONFIRMATION CLASS		
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
Lois	Florence	Bell
Beverly	Frances	Blake
Rebecca	Lee	Bridges
Roberta	May	Bridges/Moore
Joan	Marie	Deegan
Mary	Ellen	Falkenstein/Hillelman
Beverly	Alice	Mohr/Moore
Charles	Melvin	Langdon
Eleanor	Ruth	Sellers
Philip	Valiant	George
William	Ronald	Benser
Sharon	Lee	Watts
Catherine	Anna	Stumpf
Linda	Lee	Laukeman
Lillian	Susan	Rampmeyer
George		Rode
Faye		Rode
William	Frederick	Oberlander
Jane	Sandra	Bulko
George	Calvin	Schoenberger
Leona	C	Martin
Colleen	Margaret	Kolb/Masaitis

CONFIRMATION RENEWAL LITANY

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord.

Many: Give thanks for the goodness of the Lord.

One Who is your Lord and Savior?

Many: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

One Who has accompanied you on your life's journey?

Many: Christ has brought us to this time and place. Since we reaffirmed our baptismal vows, God has empowered us with God's Holy Spirit, Christ has filled and sustained us, Christ has shown us grace. Even now, the risen Christ is with us and continues to renew our faith.

One Who is it that stands with you?

Many: Christ has given us to be in loving fellowship with one another. In thanksgiving and joy, we come to share our story and ourselves with Christ's Church.

One Do you promise to continue to be a faithful servant through joy and sorrow?

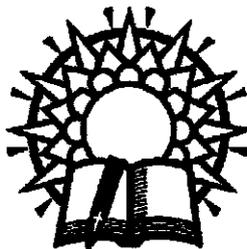
Many: I do, with the help of God.

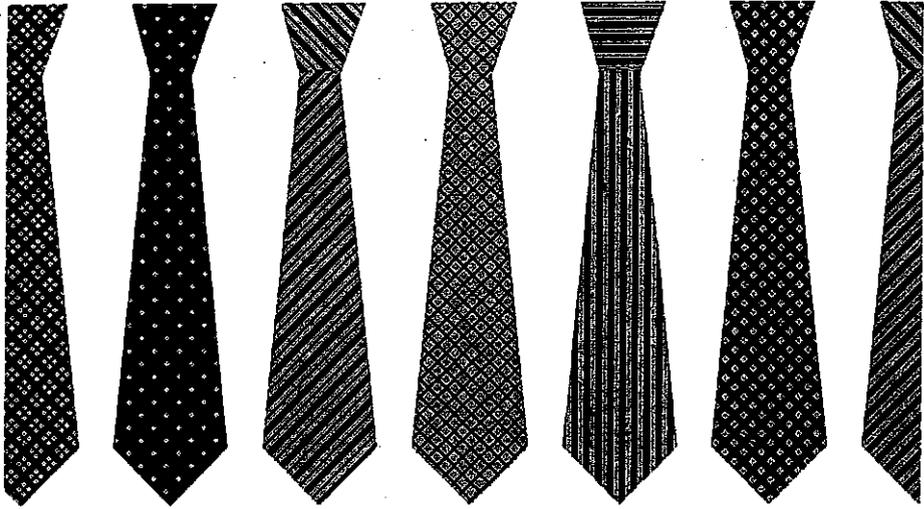
One Let us pray.

Many: O God, renew us with your Holy Spirit, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds and use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of all.

One Praise the Lord forevermore.

Many: Let us praise the name of the Lord!





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Feasting on the Word Bible Study – June 26th 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

Read the following scripture and respond to the following questions.

Matthew 10:40-42

⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Be aware that these verses are connected with the rest of chapter 10

1. What is a prophet’s reward? What is a righteous person’s reward?
2. What is this passage saying about welcoming?
3. Why would offering a cup of cold water be a risk of losing a reward?

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Jesus said, "Come to me all who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." So come all who will. Come to this table to receive the gifts of the One who offers peace for our souls.

COMMUNION PRAYER

May God be with you

And also with you.

Lift your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the God we love.

We freely give God thanks and praise.

It is right and fitting that we should, with joy, give our thanks and praise to you, Holy and Merciful God. Divine Creator we thank you for the gift of life, for the beauty of nature, for the structure of the law and your steadfast loving kindness. You are the source of all that is: From the dawning of creation to the redemption of the world, you grant us freedom in love.

We thank you for sharing our human existence. From birth through death to everlasting life you have shown us a way worth emulating, bringing healing and hope to those most in need.

And so with all the voices that praise you, with the church around us and the heavenly host we praise you, joining the ceaseless hymn:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
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And so we remember. We remember who we were born to be. We remember who we were born to serve. We remember the One who was born and served so that the world would never be the same, so that the world could live in freedom.

And so we pray. We pray for the day when healing and love reign without interruption, when freedom is real for all, when liberty touches everyone, when joy is complete.

Holy God, descend your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon us so that we might taken, blessed, broken and distributed so that others might know the blessings of living in communion with you and one another. Draw us together as one with your church, one with your creation, one in you, as we lift our voices as one praying...

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

For these gifts, O God, we thank you. For your grace, O God, we praise you. Thank you for the vision to see beyond the immediate; the strength to build an ever expanding community and the courage to bring about any change necessary within our lives. Send us now to be channels of your mission in the world, to build your community on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH TRIP LITURGY

Address

The participants come forward.

To the congregation:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this church to this work trip ministry to which they are called.

Scripture

Isaiah 6:1-8

Commissioning

To the congregation:

I present to you these persons to be ambassadors for Christ on behalf of this congregation.

Fran Foster
Brandon Hovermill
Claire Hovermill
Steven Jankiewicz

Rev. Cathy Oatman
Diane Pachilis
Carl Price
Roger Russell

Jessica Siegmann
Amber Sumuel
Shantaya Thomas

They have been preparing to go on a mission trip to Hiram, Ohio, to form friendships and to take part in the ministry of Hiram Farm Living and Learning Community.

To those called:

You have been called on behalf of your congregation to go out as witnesses to the Risen Christ, as His ambassadors, to uphold and seek to serve Christ in all persons and places. Through Christ and with Him, you will share in a ministry of reconciliation and encouragement, to build up the body of Christ and to care for all who come to Him. Will you faithfully and reverently carry out this ministry to the honor of God and the benefit of this community and all whom you serve?

Candidates:

I will

Congregation:

In the Name of God and of this congregation, we commission you, as ambassadors and missionaries. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God. We commend you to this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement and support.

Prayer

Let us pray:

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

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Benediction

May the almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you. Amen.

Feasting on the Word Bible Study – July 31st 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary

Read the following scripture and respond to questions on the back.

Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip. ³²Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the thigh muscle that is on the hip socket, because he struck Jacob on the hip socket at the thigh muscle.

1. Jacob is about to be reunited with his brother Esau, what does this wrestling match represent?

2. What is the result of this wrestling match?

3. Have you ever experienced your own wrestling match with God?
What was the result?

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Before we come to this table, God is already here. God bids us come, daring to dream that brokenness will become the path of wholeness; that love poured out will fill deep places of emptiness. Come then to the table as dreamers that we may leave as bearers of God's blessing.

COMMUNION PRAYER

God be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God.

Give thanks to God who lifts us up.

Sing praise to God; tell of all God's wonderful works!

Since the dawn of creation you have lifted humanity from the dust of the earth to life and fullness. Through dreams and their interpretation you lifted Joseph from slavery to leadership. Through Joseph you lifted the children of Israel from famine to a feast of reconciliation. Through Jesus you lifted Peter from the waters of Galilee to a ministry of inviting others to leave the comfort of their boats and walk faithfully with you.

When he had been crucified, dead and buried, you lifted Jesus from the grave to a resurrected life. Through Christ you extend that gift to all. With the sound of the rush of a mighty wind you lifted the first apostles from fear and despair to boldly proclaim a message of hope and build a community of purpose. You have lifted your children gathered here through the waters of baptism to new life in Christ and through us you extend the invitation of life, community and purpose to others. And so with all others you have lifted up, in every time and place, we join in the unending hymn of praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

We gather at this table and remember how on the night when Jesus was handed over, he gathered with his disciples in the upper room and together they shared in an ordinary meal that had extraordinary implications. For at this table, Jesus broke

bread and shared wine with the one who betrayed him. At this table, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with the one who denied him. At this table, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with those who fled from him in his time of need. At this table, Jesus broke bread and shared wine with people from all walks of life. And so whenever we gather at this table to share the bread and the wine in this community of faith, we proclaim Jesus' life, which affirms there is a place at this table for all people.

Holy God, pour out your Spirit upon these gifts of grain and grape that they might be for us the presence of the living Christ. Pour out your Spirit upon us so that we might be empowered in our ministry to lift the lost and lonely, invite others to walk faithfully with Christ in the resurrected life, to share in our community of purpose, and to join in the feast of reconciliation. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours Almighty God, now and forever. In the unity of the body we pray together...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(AGNUS DEI)

O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; O Christ the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Holy God, thank you for refreshing us at this table. Thank you for your love which lifts us, your presence which fills us and your life which empowers us to be your people. Amen.

Feasting on the Word Bible Study – August 28th 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Matthew 16:21-28

²⁴From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

²⁷“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

1. Why do you think Peter got upset when Jesus talked about his suffering? What does Jesus’ response to Peter teach us?

2. What does it mean when Jesus says “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”?

3. What does it mean when Jesus says “For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”?

A story from your Global Ministries

"By this God is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples."

JOHN 15:8

Bearing Good Fruits

When school is in session there is a church service on Sunday mornings for the boarding students. About once a month or so students lead the service and this month our Scripture Union group led the order of worship and hymn-singing, offered prayers, read the scripture, received the offering, and shared a message during the sermon time.



MARK BEHLE

The scripture the students chose was the story of the birth of Jesus in Matthew 1:18-25. Mphonyana and Bokang both spoke on these verses. Their names are quite appropriate for the text as they mean "Small Gift" and "Praise! Give thanks!" respectively. As God was with both Joseph and Mary during their difficult time, so God is with us even today in the problems we face.

Mphonyana, in particular, could testify to this as she was hospitalized after falling and suffering burns from hot water she was carrying. She has made a full recovery and although small in stature, she has a big heart for Jesus!

Later that afternoon our SU meeting was blessed by the presence of Mr. Waza. Ntate Waza is the high school coordinator for Scripture Union in Lesotho and he was spending a week visiting schools in the southern part of the country. He organized and led the SU Camp in December and is greatly loved by the SU kids. The group members were delighted to see him again and he will be leading a training session here for student leaders at the end of the month. He has borne much fruit through his labors in reaching out to the young people of Lesotho.

Jesus says in the remaining words of John 15:8 that by bearing fruit you will be "showing yourselves to be my disciples." While telling others we are disciples is well and good, I'm always mindful of that old adage, "Actions speak louder than words." Even better, we could remember that old grade school tradition of "Show and Tell"!

Mark Behle is a missionary with the Lesotho Evangelical Church. He is a mathematics teacher at Masitise High School, Lesotho, Africa.



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ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Jesus told us that "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." Come then to this table to feast with the Risen Christ.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Up with your hearts!

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, you created a planet full of life. You created humans in your image. You taught our ancestors how to live in your world by giving them challenges as well as hope. You brought our forebears out of captivity in Egypt into fullness of life. You sent prophets to teach us. Most of all, you sent to us your child Jesus, who showed us through his loving example how you love us. You call us to follow in the path of Jesus, carrying your message of hope and justice to the world.

Creating us in your image, you offered to us the challenges of living in your complex world. And so we join with all creation to praise you:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Throughout his life, Jesus revealed your love, hating what was evil and holding fast to what was good. Through his death and resurrection, he overcame evil with good and empowered us to do likewise.

And now, O God, breathe your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that through them, we may be nourished by the life of Christ and strengthened to make that life visible through our faithful witness in the world. Bless us all, O God, as we offer our praise and our worship in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love by bringing us to this meal. We go from here renewed in faith, renewed in courage, and strengthened by your presence. Thank you for loving us so tenderly. Thank you for challenging us to know you better and to receive you more fully. In Christ we pray. Amen.



Join us for 9/11 + 10

Today, Sunday, September 11, 2011, from 12:00-12:30 on O'Donnell Square in Canton.

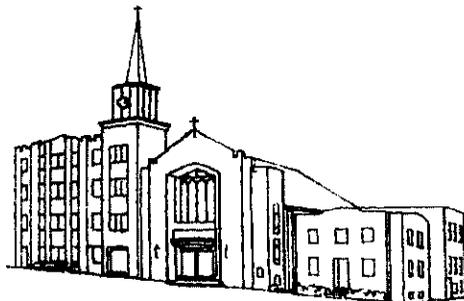
The Faith Communities in Southeast Baltimore will gather together to hold a public observance commemorating the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

Sponsoring communities include the Ahmadiyya Islamic Community, Messiah Lutheran, United

Evangelical, and the St. Brigid, Sacred Heart, St. Elizabeth, and Our Lady of Pompei Roman Catholic communities.

Volunteers Wanted...

If you have some time to spare, the UEC office would welcome your help with various projects, including...



- Printing, folding and collating the weekly bulletin and announcements, Thursday afternoons, and Friday mornings. These tasks take a few hours every week in preparation for Sunday Worship.
- Logging in the weekly Welcome Cards. This task involves using the office computer and the Church Windows database program (which is very easy to learn!). This task can be done Mondays during the day or one evening a week and will take about an hour or less each week.
- There will be other upcoming projects that need office volunteers. If you'd like to be on a list of folks to contact when projects come up, give the office a call. This is also a great way to learn new office and computer skills!

Give Abby a call in the UEC office (Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am-4:30 pm) to find out more about putting your time and skills to use in the UEC office...410-276-0393.

Mighty To Save

Chorus 1

Saviour

He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever
Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 1

Everyone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Verse 2

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Misc 1

(BRIDGE)

Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory Of the risen
King Jesus
Shine your light
And let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory
Of the risen King

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Feasting on the Word Bible Study

September 25th, 9:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Matthew 21:23-32

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Questions:

1. Why were the leaders of the temple concerned about Jesus' authority?
2. What did Jesus' question succeed in doing? What do you think, did the baptism of John come from heaven or was it of human origin?
3. Who represents the first son and who represents the second son in the parable? Which son are you most like?

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Jesus sets the table where we dine today. Jesus' welcome extends to all of humanity. People of all ages, of all genders, of all cultures and cultures, of all economic conditions are welcome here.

COMMUNION PRAYER

May God be with you

And also with you!

Lift your hearts

We lift them up to God!

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

Creating God, we give thanks that you brought this world and all of humanity into being, breathing life into us. You show yourself in each face we encounter, each and all created in your image.

We thank you for your covenants. You taught us how to serve you, and how to honor each other. To bring us into relationship with you, you sent us prophets and teachers. We offer thanks that when we ignored your embrace, you persisted in reaching out to us. We thank you most for the life and ministry of Jesus. The death and resurrection of Christ taught us that nothing, not even death, can separate us from you. Called into oneness-of-being through Christ, we honor you with many tongues, yet with one voice, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

We bless you for your love, made known to us through Jesus, which reassures and reconciles us to you, to ourselves and to one another. Through your Holy Spirit,

breathe through us, gathering us as your church. Breathe through this bread and wine that we may be more closely connected with you and with our neighbors near and far. United in the One Body of Christ we pray with one voice...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we thank you for this meal and for all of the ways you nourish us. Grow in us that we may nourish others. Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Feasting on the Word Bible Study

October 30th, 9:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary

John 8:31-36

³¹Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

Questions:

1. In the passage there is confusion about the freedom to which Jesus is referring. What do you think Jesus means when he says the truth will make you free?
2. What is Jesus talking about when he refers to the household?
3. How is it that sin enslaves us?

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

As the Father was in him, and he was in the Father, we are one in Christ. Come to this table to find yourselves one with God's hunger and hope. Come in holy silence to experience what words cannot. Come to encounter the One who invites us to this feast.

COMMUNION PRAYER

May the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One whose faithfulness never ends.

People of God, give thanks to the Lord.

We offer our praise and thanks to the One whose love is eternal.

How good and right it is to praise you, O God, who gathers us around this Table! You opened your mouth, and creation's glory sprang forth; you appointed the stars to shine in the night; you established the waters to nourish the earth. You shaped us in your image, calling us to be your children, to live with you in harmony and joy. But we chose to serve sin, crossing death's river back into chaos, our false gods clutched tight to our hearts.

Yet, you did not give up on us, sending us the prophets to get our attention with words of challenge, as well as words of comfort. When we turned our backs on your love, following the ways of sin and death, you came to us in Jesus, to lead us home.

Therefore, we join our voices with those who await in heaven, as well as witnesses here on earth, forever singing your joyous praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

You alone are holy, God of all time, and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Lord: your Word of hope who walked among us, to be your love in our midst.

As we come to this table and remember his death and resurrection, pour out your Spirit upon the cup and the bread, and on us your people you have gathered. As we open our hands for the Bread which, broken, can make us whole once more, may we offer our lives for others. As we drink from the cup of forgiveness may we love as we have been loved. We pray in the name of the One who offered his life for us, teaching us to pray saying...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Thank you, Gracious God, for nurturing and refreshing us at this table. Let us go from here no longer ignorant, but with open eyes and embracing hearts, that we may welcome all you send our way. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING FOR MISSION: 1

One: O God, who meets all our hungers, as we are united in the work that we share in these eleven days we share the common hope that this work will help to end hunger in our time.

All: God of the hungry, help us not to lose heart.

One: O God of the vineyard, you have given us this work. You have shown us what must change and dared us to imagine the hungry and poor could be full.

All: God of the hungry, give us strength.

One: O God of the harvest, be in our hearts and in our hands in gathering healthy food, stocking shelves, feeding hungry souls, writing letters to political powers.

All: God of the hungry, show us your glory.

One: O God of unfailing love, you make us one. You remind us that we are not alone. You give us companions on the journey. You build us up through their love when we are ready to give up.

All: God of the hungry, you are our Sustaining God: make us one.

One: Sustaining God, shine your love within us.

All: Seed Planting God, let the world know your love.

One: Nurturing God, strengthen us in this mission.

All: Harvest God, let the world reap your love. Amen.

MISSION:1

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That they may all be 1

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Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome and Address

Questions of the Candidate

*Congregational Assent

One: To all who are members of Christ's church, who witness to and celebrate this sacrament of baptism: Do you promise your love, support and care to this little one about to be baptized as he lives and grows in Christ?

Many: We promise our love, support and care.

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

2nd page of Hymnal

Act of Praise

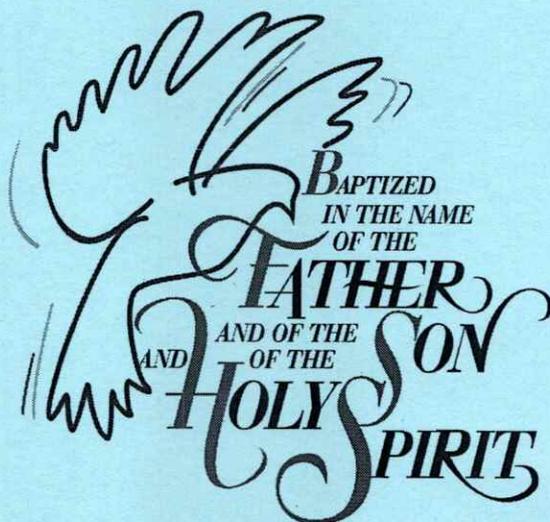
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Child of Promise"*

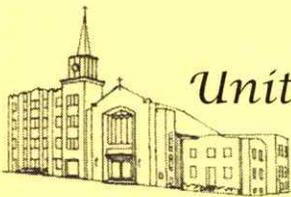
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Act of Baptism

Prayer for the Baptized

Benediction





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2011 Poinsettia Order Form

Deadline to order is December 11th!

Please use this form to order your Poinsettias to be used to beautify the altar for our Christmas Worship Services.

Return this form to the office.

Name:	
Phone:	Email:

The cost for each plant is \$10.00. For each plant, please fill in the message as you would like it to appear in the Christmas Book. If you wish to order more than 3 plants, please use an additional order form. Poinsettias will be available to be picked up after the 7:30 Christmas Eve service.

Thank-you!

# of plants		Total
	X \$10	

	How would you like the message to read in the Christmas Book:
Plant #1	
Plant #2	
Plant #3	



2011 Christmas Book Memorials

Submission deadline is December 11th!

Please use this form if you would like to add or change any of the memorials you had listed in the 2010 Christmas Book.

If you would like the memorials to read the same as last year, you don't need to fill this out.

Return this form to the office. Thank-you!

Name:	
Phone:	Email:

	How would you like the memorial to read in the Christmas Book:
#1	
#2	
#3	
#4	
#5	



COMMUNITY

Thanksgiving

WORSHIP SERVICE

Come celebrate with us...

*Canton Community
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service*

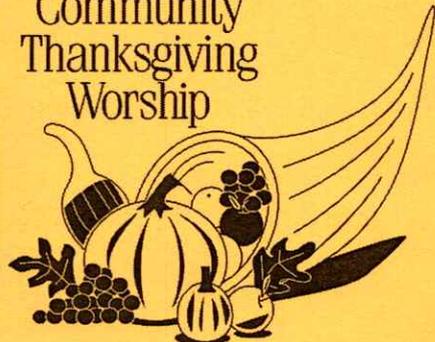
Wednesday, November 23, 2011, 7:00 pm

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Earl's Place

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The United Church of Christ is the root of our beginnings.

Thank you!

You should be very proud of what continues to be accomplished here at Earl's Place.

The first Wednesday of every month you can find several of us from Earl's Place in the kitchen and dining room cooking and serving at The Supper Club.

I have never had to eat at a soup kitchen and probably most of you have not either, but most of the men have and they can relate and provide inspiration to the guests in a way I cannot.

It is always a powerful experience for all of us and just one of the many ways that your donations allow the men to grow and develop into positive and productive citizens.

Today, we are asking you to make a donation to United Ministries/Earl's Place.

The support of congregations is critical to our success in providing services and as a mission agency of the United Church of Christ. We appreciate your continued support.

So thank you again. Your gifts combined with others make a real difference!



Totenfest Litany Prayer



One: We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah, to Paul and Phoebe:

Many: Ancestors of the faith, we remember you. (moment of silence)

One: We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the way of God:

Many: Teachers of the faith, we remember you. (moment of silence)

One: We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our lifetime:

Many: Family of our faith, we remember you. (moment of silence)

One: We lift up the memories of children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon:

Many: Those close in our heart, we remember you. (moment of silence)

One: As we read the names of this year's Totenfest remembrance, a family representative is invited to come forward and light a candle and receive a rose in honor of your loved one.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those we have lost in this past year from our lives, knowing that they are with Your heart forever. We give thanks for:



William Hurd
Stanley Huber
Mildred Wirsing
Margaret Schultz
Margaret Lang
John Strong
Beverly Marski
Elisha Graddy
Harry Rosenberger, Sr.
Dolores Canoles
Dolores Wilson
Gertrude Hamer



One: We celebrate the lives of those we have named, O God, and lift up many more names in our hearts.

Many: Saints of God, we remember you, and we honor you. We know you are with us in the spirit of worship, and you will not be forgotten. (moment of silence)

One: We give thanks O God for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray.

All: Amen.



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Youth Christmas Cookie Bake Sale Order Form 2011

Take something off your holiday to do list and let our youth bake your Christmas Cookies for you! Cookies are \$4.00/dozen and can be paid for when they are picked up.

Place your order for cookies through the UEC office—you can call, email, or drop your order form off at the office or with the offerings. Orders will be taken November 6th through the 27th. All money raised will be used to send our youth to the UCC National Youth Event at Purdue University

The cookies can be picked up and paid for, by cash or check, at UEC on
Sunday, December 4, 9:00-11:30 am.

Name:	Phone:
Street Address:	
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ORDER FORM:

Type of Cookie	# of dozen	\$4.00/dozen	Subtotal
Chocolate Chip Cookies		X \$4.00	
Oatmeal Cookies		X \$4.00	
Sugar Cookies		X \$4.00	
Peanut Butter Bars		X \$4.00	
Variety Pack (3 of each kind)		X \$4.00	
TOTALS:			

ORDER FOR SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

Waiting. Hoping. Wondering. Anticipating. Come to this table and find the presence of Christ in the bread, come and find God's forgiveness in the cup. Come and experience the presence of Love.

COMMUNION PRAYER

The God of glory be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts in thanksgiving.

We lift them towards God.

Let us offer our thanks to God.

It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

It is right that we give you our thanks and praise, O God, creator of all things, visible and invisible. You revealed your glory in the wonders of your creation and in the way you lovingly formed us in your image and entrusted us with the ongoing task of revealing your glory in the world.

When we failed and turned from your ways you did not abandon us but spoke tenderly through the prophets such as Isaiah. You spoke words of peace to the crushed and broken of the world that they were invited to shelter close to your heart and be comforted, like lambs by a shepherd. You spoke words of promise that the oppressed of the world would be liberated by your gracious and loving acts towards them.

You revealed to Isaiah the vision of a light penetrating every nook and cranny of the world until no more darkness was left A light which shaped itself into a star. A light which startled shepherds and led the wise to a child lying in the straw of a manger and warmed by the breath of wondering animals. The child in whom the light of your glory is eternally revealed. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we praise your holy name saying:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, are full of the majesty of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

Blessed are you O God, and forever blessed are the people of this world since you chose to break into our history in the person of Jesus Christ. He made your extravagant love so visible in and through all he said and did, especially on the night when he washed his disciples' feet and sat down at a table to share this meal with them.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the life of Christ and that we may make that life visible through serving as he served, comforting as he comforted, and loving as he loved. This we pray in his name, and we pray also the prayer he gave us...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(AGNUS DEI)

*O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;
O Christ, the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us;
O Christ the Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.*

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious God, we give you thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with Jesus, your Son, our Lord. Strengthened and refreshed, we go from here prepared to live revealing your image in the world so that love and faithfulness meet together, and righteousness and peace kiss. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Tinsel Sunday at UEC

Sunday, December 11, 2011

Dinner Tickets \$7.00, under 18 free



Children's Christmas Program

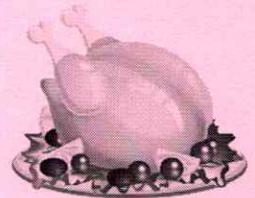
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10:30 am Service

Roast Chicken Dinner

12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall

Roast chicken, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, kielbasa and sauerkraut, soft drinks, coffee, and more! Adults \$7.00, children under 18 are free. Tickets are available from Ursula Jacob, Pam Sartori, and Cass Young.

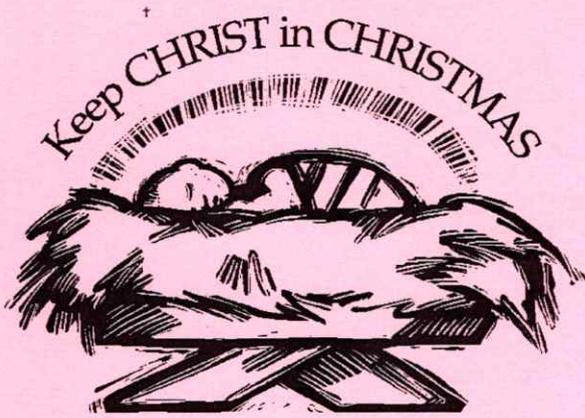


Christmas Crafting

After dinner, roll up your sleeves and get down to some fun Christmas crafting with the kids



Carol Singing and a Birthday Cake for Jesus...and, a special visitor from the North Pole...

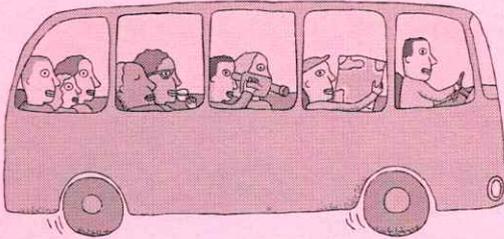


*Christian Education
Christmas Program*

Sunday, December 11, 2011

10:30 am service

Christ in Christmas



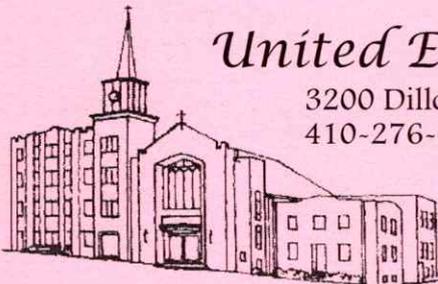
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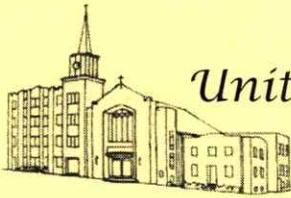
Can they find the real reason for the season?



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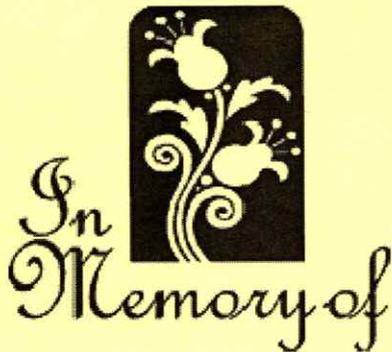
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The cost for each plant is \$10.00. For each plant, please fill in the message as you would like it to appear in the Christmas Book. If you wish to order more than 3 plants, please use an additional order form. Poinsettias will be available to be picked up after the 7:30 Christmas Eve service.

Thank-you!

# of plants		Total
	X \$10	

	How would you like the message to read in the Christmas Book:
Plant #1	
Plant #2	
Plant #3	



2011 Christmas Book Memorials

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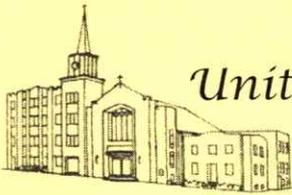
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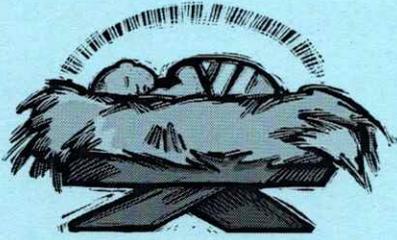
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JOSEPH

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STAR

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ANGELS

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Mariah Rothenhoefer

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Mason Watkins

Kayden Richardson

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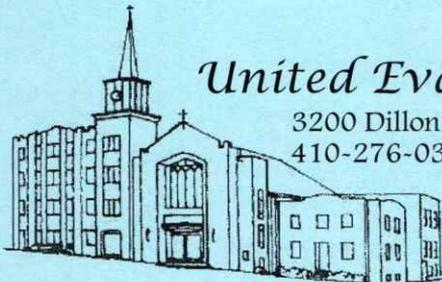
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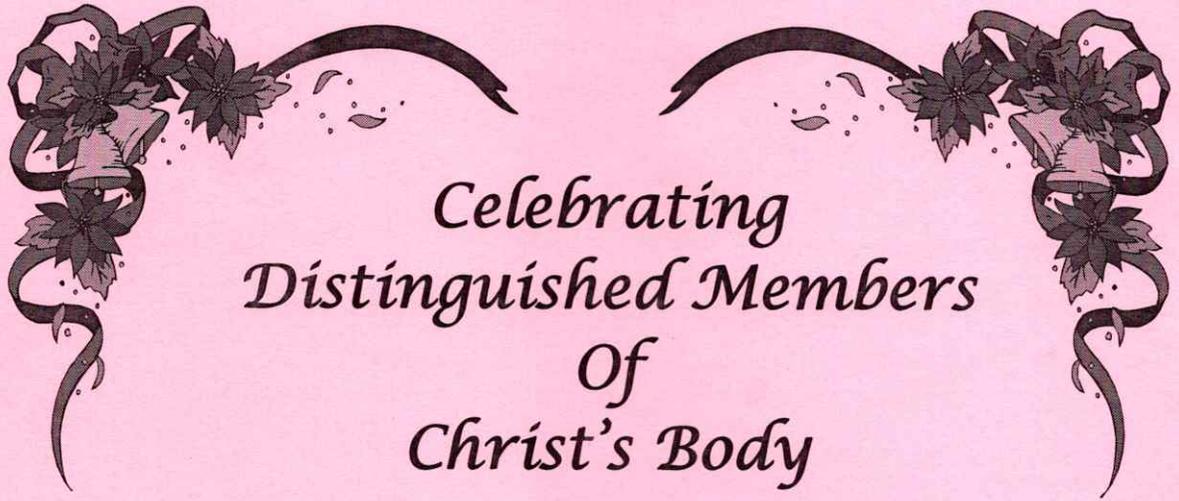
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