

St. John's
United
Church
Of Christ, Bem

The Scoop!

February, 2009

"...no matter who you
are or where you are
on life's journey, you
are welcome here in
the United Church
of Christ..."

From the Pastor's Keyboard...

"Lenten Journey"

It seems like Christmas has just past; but by the time this month is over, we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday and be deeply enmeshed in the season of Lent. As we begin our Lenten journey, the world changes around us. It starts out cold and barren, robed in winter and snow, and by the time the Resurrection Promises of Easter are upon us, the Earth is reborn once more with flowers, green grass, and life. Lent is a somber reflection on this passage, from death into life, from barrenness into the fullness that God alone provides.

For me, Ash Wednesday is a particularly introspective time. It was on Ash Wednesday fourteen years ago that my father died, after fighting cancer for two years. That particular Ash Wednesday was a seminal event in my life; and the journey of grief I experienced that Lent culminated in particular reassurances when Easter came and reminded me that, while gone from my life, my father was not gone. The promise of New Life was not confined to Easter morning, but lives on in him, and in each one of us, gifted to us by a gracious God.

The discovery is in the journey, however; and Easter cannot be without the Lenten journey that precludes it. This Lent, take time to be separate and apart from the usual; focus more intentionally on your journey with God; focus a bit on the path of devotion that takes you to Easter. Don't just stop and smell the roses, but also ponder them a while; focus on Christ's intensive ministry with us, and focus on your own ministry and being as well.

While you are preparing to ponder Christ's journey, passion, death and resurrection, we invite you to share your thoughts with us. We will be collecting your contemplations until February 22, then assembling them into a Lenten Booklet for distribution on Ash Wednesday. (Similar to our Advent Booklets, but focusing on the Lenten journey.) Turn in your submissions today! This Lent, focus your thoughts on what matters. I'll see you on the journey.

-Pastor Rick

St. John's United Church of Christ, Bem

1944 Bem Church Road; Owensville, MO 65066

Phone: 573.437.3698 Parsonage: 573.437.4776

Website: www.bemchurch.com

Pastor: Rev. Richard Oberle

email: rick@bemchurch.com

Secretary: Carole Dotson

email: carole@bemchurch.com

Organist: Jamie Schultz

Custodian: Nancy Kohrmann

Cemetery Sexton: Lee Kreter

Sunday School Coordinator: Suzan Wilson

EDEN SEMINARY! - FEBRUARY MONTHLY MISSION

Eden Theological Seminary has been designated at the “Mission of the Month” by the Mission Committee. Our monthly benevolence offerings will go to support this institution, which is of such great importance to the ministry of Bem Church. But what is Eden Seminary?

Eden Theological Seminary is a school of the church. It is a graduate school of theology, offering Masters and Doctorate degrees, as well as enrichment programs for the entire community. Eden is not an extension of any church body, it is simply a private institution; but its historic ties to the Evangelical Synod are what nurtures and supports it; and helps it maintain its relevancy in a much needed world. Eden is governed by a Board of Directors; and managed day to day by an administrative staff.

Eden has approximately 13-15 full time faculty, and several other part time, visiting, and guest faculty positions. This is comparable to Chicago and United Seminaries, which have 15-16 faculty positions. Eden recently called three new faculty to fill positions vacated in recent years; Christopher Grundy joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship; Leah Gunning-Francis joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Christian Education; and Mai-Anh Le Tran also joined the faculty as Assistant Professor of Christian Education. These three new faculty appointments have poised Eden to develop an even more intensive web of service with the community.

Eden has approximately 250 students in various programs. About 60 new students are received each year. Of these students, women outnumber the men 52-48%; they range in age from 21 years old to 60+; and they represent many countries from all over the world. Student Denominations include United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian Church (USA); Episcopal Church; Roman Catholic; Pentecostal, African Methodist Episcopal, Baptist, and Non-Denominational. United Church of Christ Students make up roughly 40% of the student population.

Eden Seminary has an annual budget of just under \$5,000,000. It costs Eden \$30,000 per year to educate one full time student. That student pays \$10,000 per year in tuition. The remaining \$20,000 is made up through contributions from churches like Bem Church, and private donors. Private donors also make scholarships available to offset some of the \$10,000/year tuition.

Eden Seminary is engrained in the heartland of the Evangelical Synod; its original home, in 1850, was Marthasville, MO; the site where Emmaus Homes now lies. Bem Church has always had a shared history with Eden Seminary. As we head into February and our Mission of the Month, let us keep Eden in mind- “Our Seminary”- and make Theological Education possible for the next generation of pastors to serve our churches.

*We will be collecting for Eden Seminary all month long;
But on February 22, Seminary Sunday, we will have a special guest-
Eden student Kris Schondelmeyer will be here to lead worship along with Pastor Rick!*

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2009

The following Council Positions were elected at our organizational Council Meeting on January 18, 2009: Vicky Huebner, President; Doug Shockley, Vice President; Jackie Mitchell, Treasurer; Dee Ruegge, Secretary; Curtis Aytes and Keith Glaser, Trustees; and Diana Halmick, Pastor Parish Relations Committee Representative. Congratulations to all!

OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION IN 2008/2009

- Our Church's Wider Mission is the name we give to the covenantal support we share as a United Church of Christ Congregation, working in union with our brothers and sisters all over the world to do God's work with each other.
- Our Church's Wider Mission is what makes Camp Mo-Val and Shannondale operational.
- Our Church's Wider Mission is what makes churches who are searching for a pastor able to participate in the Search and Call process.
- Our Church's Wider Mission is what makes it possible for pastors who are searching to find just the right congregation.
- Our Church's Wider Mission is what supplies us with worship resources every Sunday, Sunday School materials, clergy screening and education, financial development resources, and support when we are going through rough times as a congregation
- Our Church's Wider Mission also feeds the hungry, quenches the thirsty, clothes the naked, lifts up the oppressed, and fights for justice for the least of us when we are hurting.

With all of these amazing qualities, Our Church's Wider Mission is one of the most transformative ways that we as Christians can support each other and God's work in our world. Of course, like anything else in this world, Our Church's Wider Mission needs an important **tool** to do its work- financial support from UCC congregations. You would think that Our Church's Wider Mission, with all of this great work, would not have to worry about funding; but sadly, that is not the case; and has not been so for quite some time.

In October 2007, we as a Conference passed a deficit budget, promising that we as a Conference would improve our giving to Our Church's Wider Mission in 2008; however, preliminary reports show that giving to Our Church's Wider Mission was actually **down \$24,000 in 2008!** Giving to Our Church's Wider Mission (from Missouri Mid South Conference Churches) was approximately \$850,000. Our Conference Budget for 2008 was close to \$1.2 million. Just to put things in perspective: In 1993 giving to Our Churches Wider Mission from Missouri Mid South Conference Churches was \$968,725. In 15 years, giving has **decreased** \$118,000.

The good news is that Bem Church's giving to Our Church's Wider Mission was up from 2007 to 2008- by \$200, or around 3%. The bad news is that with deficits of close to \$300,000 for the past several years, the Missouri Mid South Conference will be looking at ways to cut ministry programs. The most obvious expense to our Conference are the only two "things" the Conference actually "owns"- Camps Mo-Val and Shannondale. These two ministries together cost the Conference \$250,000/year to operate. If trends do not improve, the sad implications of our deficit spending are going to hit us sooner or later.

Bem Church is fighting this trend, though. You just passed a budget that included a Mission Fund goal for 2009 of \$8,000. If we meet this goal, 85%, or \$6800 of that goes to Our Church's Wider Mission to continue the ministries we enjoy so gratefully. If all of our UCC friends reached for an increase as we continue to do, our ministries as a Conference would be safe. As Bem Church, we can be a shining example to others to increase their giving as well- and though us, miracles can happen.

Keep that in mind as we reach for our Mission Fund goal in 2009- We are setting an example; we are making a miracle happen. We are enabling Our Church's Wider Mission to continue to minister with us in God's world. **We are** Our Church's Wider Mission.

SCRIPTURES FOR FEBRUARY, 2009

These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of February. Read ahead! It is always beneficial if you read these before Sunday morning; you will get much more out of worship that way!

February 1st-

“Amazing Authority”

Hebrew Scripture: Deut. 18:15-20
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 111
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:21-28

February 15th

“Cleanliness- Next to Godliness”

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 30
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:40-45

February 8th- Boy Scout Sunday

“Time Alone With God”

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 10:21-31
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 147:1-11
Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:29-39

February 22nd- Transfiguration

“Next Things”

Hebrew Scripture: 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 50:1-6
Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:2-9

February 25th- Ash Wednesday

“Contrite Hearts”

Hebrew Scripture: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 51:1-17
Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

2/1- Fern Kramme, Jodi Layman; 2/3- Payton Adams, Jordan Heying;
2/4- Vicky Huebner; 2/6- TJ Whelan, Sharon Bacon, Brenda Lewis, Jan Yamnitz;
2/7- Joey Oberle; 2/8- Bryon Baker; 2/9- Garret Baker; 2/10- Bobbie Corzine, Gerry Corzine;
2/12- Willis Howard; 2/13- Jordan Ruffner, Tiffani Youtzy;
2/15- Alyssa LaValle, Leann Smith, Gary Peanick; Gary Spurgeon; 2/17- Tony Hansel;
2/18- Jo Smith, Mary Ota, Dalten Chapman, June Steinman; 2/20- John Behrens;
2/21- Darren Wilson; 2/24- Bob Landwehr, Becky Dotson;
2/25- Cindy Mercer, Armin Enke, Sadie Kohrman;
2/27- Dennis Jenkins; 2/28- Madilyn Carpenter

...**Happy Birthday!**

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH

2/5- John & Tracy Behrens; 2/9- Lois & Roger Altemeyer; 2/23- Gerry & Bobbie Corzine;
2/25- Ginny & Darrel Amsden, Anita & Ray Oldfather

...**Happy Anniversary!**

ATTENDANCE

Date:	Worship/Sun. School:	Date:	Worship/Sunday School:
Sunday, December 7	129/38	Sunday, January 4	128/39
Sunday, December 14	166/45	Sunday, January 11	154/51
Sunday, December 21	161/45	Sunday, January 18	137/36
Wednesday, December 24	201(63+138)	Sunday, January 25	119/36
Sunday, December 28	115/27		
Total:	772/155	Total:	538/162
Average:	154/39	Average:	135/41

CHOIR NOTES

Come to Choir Practice! The Bem Church Choir will be rehearsing during the week- one Monday night a month! They will meet at 6:30 on February 2; March 2; April 6; and May 4. At this time, they will choose and practice the anthems for the upcoming month, and rehearse any special music that is coming up in worship. Weekly practices are hard to make, but once a month works well. Mark your calendars for the year now, and Praise the Lord in song!

THANK YOU!

(Some thank you notes may be edited due to space limitations)

Dear Church Family,

As you read this I will hopefully be on my way to Kenya! I want everyone to know how special you all are to me and how grateful I am for your spiritual, emotional and financial support.

To the quilters: You are dear to my heart!! It is unbelievable that you could sell so many raffle tickets and raise so much money for my trip. Thank you also to Mary for sewing the beautiful quilt top and to Barb Robertson for donating the machine quilting.

Thanks to the Christian Ed. Committee for designating the Christmas offering for the Kenya trip. It was very moving for me and I thank everyone for giving that evening.

To the Mission Committee who first told me they wanted to do something to help with the finances and who carried that idea through so successfully with the delicious meal. To everyone that donated for the silent auction, again it is so wonderful that so many brought in items and so many generous bids. Thank you!

Thank you too Pastor Rick, for all your encouragement and keeping everyone informed of fundraising efforts and helping me to learn to receive gifts.

I feel so blessed to be a part of this trip and to be able to actually see many areas where Church World Service has programs that help the people of Kenya. (And yes Glenn, I'm going to try to bring back a small bottle of water from 'the well'. I'm so happy that you thought of that idea!)

Now I ask for your continued thoughts and prayers that I might build a small bridge of love and caring to the people I meet in Kenya, and that I might return to bring back for you, all of the love and caring I receive from them. **-With love to each one of you, Laura Shore**

Dear Church Family,

In loving memory of our dear Mother, Grandmother, and Great-grandmother Lois Elizabeth Kreter, we wish to express our gratitude to our church family for all your thoughts and prayers for Mom and our family. Thank you to all who have called, visited, sent cards, food, memorials, flowers, and showed their respect at the visitation and service.

For all those who offered to help our family, and have visited with Mom at Gasconade Manor, we offer our thanks. Thank you to Pastor Rick for his friendship and many visits with Mom. Thank you to the ladies of the Hospitality Committee for serving the wonderful lunch; and to Jamie for the lovely music.

Most of all, we thank you for your love and friendship shown to Mom and to our entire family throughout the years and now. All these acts of kindness will never be forgotten.

-Sincerely, Elizabeth, John, Mary, Lee and families

MORE THANK YOUS

Dear Bem Church Family,

Thank you all again for supporting me through producing my first play. I couldn't have done any of it without you there! I would like to put out a special thanks to my actors: Brianna, Morgan, Shelby, Beth, Drew, Jamie, Glen, Mike, Jessie, Emily, Abby, Gracie, Sable, Aimee, Courtney, Dorathea, Dee, Pastor Rick, Paula S, and Leann. I would also like to express my gratitude to my set and props department: Judene, Terry, Jodi, Nancy C, Nancy J, Brenda, Pam, and Jane.

Many of you didn't know but we had a sick actor the night of the performance. Morgan, Shelby, and Beth learned his 18 lines that same day and performed them well despite missing an important piece in the play. We missed you Drew!

Thank you all! You all did a wonderful job and I would be proud to work with you all again.

-Lindsey Mercer

P.S. I might have a play in time for a summer drama. Stay tuned! ;)

Dear Friends at Bem Church,

Thank you for the many cards after my recent surgery, your prayers, your offers to help, your visits, especially Pastor Rick. They all gave Hero and me great comfort.

Hero and I also want to thank the Youth Group for the food basket; and we don't want to forget to give a big "Thank You" to the Christmas Carolers who came by our door. What a pleasant surprise! Thank you so much!

-Margo Schmidt

NEW CENTURY HYMNAL FUND

At our 2009 Congregational Meeting, Jamie Schultz introduced an idea whose time she feels has come— **adding** the New Century Hymnal to our pews, enhancing our worship opportunities and opening us up to even more possibilities. (Most of the bulletin inserts we use every week come from the New Century Hymnal.) ***If we pursue this, the new hymnal would be added to our pews, and used in conjunction with our 1974 red UCC hymnal. Just because we sing new songs does not mean we can't continue singing "the classics", too!*** We will also continue to use our 1966 Green Elmhurst hymnal on occasion as well.

The cost of purchasing enough hymnals for our pews would be about \$4000; and several people have already expressed interest in contributing towards this goal, ***over and above their regular Sunday offering.*** If you wish to contribute to this fund, you can do so using the white envelopes in your pews, marking "New Century Hymnal" on it; or by simply writing "New Century Hymnal" on the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, or would like to see a copy of this hymnal, talk to Jamie Schultz or Pastor Rick.

PAIRS AND SPARES NEWS

Pairs and Spares held their elections for officers at the January meeting. Officers remained the same as last year. They are: Hulda Eisenhauer, President; Betty Fletcher, Vice President; Nancy Kohrmann, Treasurer; and Sadie Kohrmann, Secretary. We also voted to send monies collected to Heifer Project, our Christmas Project for 2008. Thank you to all who donated!

The Pairs and Spares monthly carry in meal will be Sunday, February 1. Bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to stick around. This is a fun group- we would love to have you!

TIME PASSAGES...

Funerals...

God's promises of New Life and Resurrection were fulfilled in the life of Lois Kreter, who died on December 30, 2008 at the age of 92 years. Lois was a long time member of St. John's, Bem; and at one time a leader in the Bem Community, caring for the many family and friends who would drop by her door every day. Funeral services for Lois were held at St. John's, Bem, United Church of Christ on January 3, 2009 with Pastor Rick Oberle officiating.

We also celebrated Resurrection promises fulfilled in the life of Edna Morgan, who died on December 30, 2008 at the age of 98 years. Edna lived in the Red Bird area most of her life, was a member of the Eastern Star, and a long time member of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ. Edna was one of our Quilters for many, many years. Funeral services for Edna were held at Gottenstroeter Funeral Home on January 2, 2009 with Pastor Rick Oberle officiating.

As Christians, we are confident that God's Promises of New Life, Eternal Salvation and Grace are real; they can be trusted. These promises were revealed to us once more in the life of Don Ruffner, who died on January 4, 2009 at the age of 75 years. Don was a long time member of St. John's, Bem; and one of the pillars of both Bem Church and the entire Bem Community. Don was lovingly referred to as "the mayor of Bem;" and he took the care and compassion of his mayoral duties to heart, shepherding his community well. Funeral services for Don were held at St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ with Pastor Rick Oberle officiating.

Baptisms...

Westin Travis Kramme was baptized into the Christian Faith on Sunday, January 11, 2009 in the Sanctuary of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ. Westin is the son of Stephanie and Travis Kramme, brother to Wyatt Kramme and Dawson Clark. Westin's sponsors are Tanner Kramme and Tyler Kramme. Welcome, Westin!

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The Bem Church Scholarship Committee has been meeting and discussing policies and procedures regarding their operations, in order to best serve the Bem Church community. We have been examining our established guidelines, developing an investment strategy, and pondering how we can be even more effective in ministry. Great things are happening, and we will keep you informed as our work progresses!

As noted in our Annual Report, our Scholarship Fund had a very successful fiscal year in 2008, despite the trauma of the financial markets. One scholarship was awarded, to Kolby Baker. Scholarship money applications will be accepted this spring for fall classes; if you are an interested student, talk to a committee member for guidelines and an application. Scholarship Committee members are: Paula Copeland, Jan Yamnitz, and Tammy Baxter.

CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS DINNER

Come one and all to our big Chicken and Dumplings Dinner! The Fundraising Committee is organizing this fantastic fellowship opportunity, and it would not be the same without you. The event is on ***Saturday, February 21st from 5:00-7:00pm.*** Menu includes Homemade Chicken and Dumplings; Delicious Side items; Homemade Bread; and Bem's Finest Homemade Desserts. Come join us as we gather together for great food and great times at Bem Church!

FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Flowers: Fran Huebner

Nursery Workers: 2/1: Paula Copeland & Andrea Glaser	Greeters: Rick Goodman & Dennis Jenkins Families	Lay Reader: Jacob Kohrmann	Acolytes: Nicole Petty & Tanner Goodman
2/8: Vicky Huebner & Dana Goodman	Erin West & Mark Thornton Families	Alicia Kreter	Kelsey Baxter & Andrew Carey
2/15: Stephanie Kramme & Laurie McFalls	Diana Halmick & Dee Ruegge Families	Brenda Sieckmann	Sable Huebner & Andrew Carey
2/22: Tina Wnuk & Jan McQueen	Curts Aytes Family	Francis Huebner	Sable Huebner & Nicole Petty

BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

General Fund		Quilters	
Balance as of 1-1-09	\$1936.	Balance as of 1-1-09	\$1387
Income:		Income:	\$70
Offering	\$7524	Balance as of 1-25-09	\$1457
Interest	\$82	Special Offering Fund	
Other	<u>\$11</u>	Balance as of 1-1-09	\$632.
Total Income	\$7617.	Income:	
Expense: Budgeted Items	(\$8390.)	Mission Fund	\$365.
Balance as of 1-25-09	\$1163	Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$40.
Cemetery Fund		Neighbors in Need	<u>\$354</u>
Balance as of 1-1-09	\$1888	Total Income	\$759.
Income:		Balance as of 1-25-09	\$1391.
Contributions	\$725	Memorial/Gift Fund	
Interest	<u>\$110.</u>	Balance as of 1-1-09	\$7554.
Total Income	\$835.	Income:	\$505
Balance as of 1-25-09	\$2723	Balance as of 1-25-09	\$8059
Building Fund		Youth Fellowship Account	
Balance as of 1-1-09	\$2574.	Balance as of 1-1-09	\$441.
Income: Envelope	\$68.	Income: Caroling donation	\$20.
Balance as of 1-25-09	\$2642.	CYE Deposits	\$150
Etta Licklider VBS Fund		Total Income:	\$170
Balance as of 1-1-09:	\$903	Balance as of 1-25-09	\$611.
Income: Gift	\$600		
Balance as of 1-25-09:	\$1503		
CD Balance:	\$9891.		

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: HOW ARE WE DOING IN 2009?

As is often the case, January has been a very slow month for maintaining the financial aspect of our General Fund Stewardship. With four weeks over already, we should have received \$11,000 income (\$2750/week). As of January 25, we have received \$7619 in General Fund income. On paper, this puts us **\$3300 behind in General Fund income for the year so far**; however we are sure that our giving as a congregation will pick up as the year balances out. Our Budget for this year, passed at our Annual Meeting on January 18th is \$135,538.

ST. JOHN'S UCC PRAYER LIST

...as of 1/26/09

Please keep in your prayers this week...

Prayer Joys and Concerns...

- The Family of David Sassman...** on their loss
- The Family of Dave Voss...** on their loss
- The Family of Loretta Spurgeon...** on their loss
- Don and Mary Baker...** facing health challenges (Mary is a faithful Bem Church Quilter)
- Patty Kempf** (Danny Baxter's secretary) Cancer is in remission. Rejoice!
- Victor Medlock...** recovering from surgery 1/23 (Tina Medlock's father in law)
- Willard Tayloe...** recovering from surgery

Recovering from surgeries & other procedures...

- Margo Schmidt** (Margo was in church yesterday!); **Diana Halmick; John Kreter;**
- Esther Hollander; Doris Barnhouse; Clara Decker**

Health Issues...

- Jim Honse** (Dee Ruegge's friend); **Remi Bruning** (Paula Shockley's friend);
- Norman Blankenship; Betty Raack; Vi Miller; Joe Smith** (Carole Dotson's nephew);
- Andrea Schotz** (Connie Koepke's cousin); **Steve Aberle** (Connie Koepke's friend);
- Til Knobbe** (Kim Oberle's grandmother); **Butch Rice** (Diana Halmick's father);
- Don Koepke** (knee problems); **Lawrence Pankey** (Courtney Shockley's grandfather)

Challenges in Life... Fran & Dan Graham; Ken Wittich

Living with Cancer...

- Mary Ackermann; Mary Spurgeon; Sue Sassman; Casey Lamb** (Darin Layman's cousin)
- Joyce Elsperman** (Lori Adams' friend); **Dustin Quirouet** (C. Blankenship's friend)
- Karen Willimann** (Armin Enke's daughter); **Cecelia** (JoAnn Glaser's sister);
- Eddie Tayloe; Joy Schneider** (Nancy Carl's Friend); **Diane Hughes** (Judene's friend);

Our family members and friends in care facilities...

- Blanche Lewis & Geneva Schaefferkoetter** at Gasconade Manor;
- Ira Lickliger** at Sunset Health Care in Union; **Bernice Lickliger** at Frene Valley

*Serving us in the Military... Tommy Creedon, Landon Freeman, Page Neville, Jason West
Brendan O'Very, Erik Laudahal & JR Lackey*

Pregnancies in our church family...

- Kristen & Cody Echols**
- Renee & Brandon Shaw & Ashlee**
- Brandi & Chris Lauth & Will**
- Tina & George Wnuk & Molly**
- Jessica & Chad Mittelhauser**
- Kristie & Tom Zaccagnino (Oldfather)**
- Paula & Rick Copeland; Jay and Drew**
- Ashley & Matt Spurgeon**
- Michelle Huellinghoff & Jeremy Bay**
- Layne Kreter & Megan Volker**

(Tommy is Suzan's friend, in Afghanistan; Landon is Paula Shockley's friend, now home from Iraq; Page is Fran Huebner's friend, now home from Iraq; Brendan is Kim Oberle's cousin, now home from Iraq; Erik is Nancy Carl's nephew, in the National Guard, serving in Iraq; JR is Judene's nephew, now home from Afghanistan; Jason West is Erin West's brother in law, now home from Iraq)

This year's confirmation class...

- Kelsey Baxter, Andrew Carey, Tanner Goodman, Sable Huebner & Nicole Petty**

ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- FEBRUARY 2009 CALENDAR

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES- 10:00am SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am

February 2 nd -	Choir Practice	6:30pm
February 3 rd -	<i>Laura Shore leaves for Kenya Mission Trip</i>	
	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
February 4 th -	Christian Education Committee Meeting	5:00pm
February 7 th -	Confirmation	9:00am
February 8 th -	<i>Carlee Ann Mehrhoff Baptism</i>	10:00am
	Youth Group Meeting	11:15am
February 9 th -	Council Meeting	6:30pm
February 10 th -	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
February 11 th -	Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC	10:30am
February 14-16	Conference Youth Event (7 from Bem attending!)	
February 17 th -	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
February 19 th -	Pastor Rick at Helping Hands Food Pantry	11:00am
	Grape Country Cluster Meeting at St. Peter's	7:00pm
February 21 st -	Confirmation	9:00am
	<i>Chicken & Dumplings Dinner at Church</i>	5:00pm-7:00pm
February 22 nd -	Seminary Sunday- Guest Student from Eden in Worship	
February 23 rd -	Mission Committee Meeting	6:30pm
February 24 th -	Book Study- "Unbinding the Gospel"	6:30pm
February 25th-	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	
	<i>Worship</i>	7:00pm
	<i>Confirmation</i>	5:00-6:30

QUILTING EVERY TUESDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM: BRING SACK LUNCH
YOGA EVERY MONDAY: 6:00-7:30pm

St. John's United Church of Christ
1944 Bem Church Road
Owensville, MO 65066

NONPROFIT
AUTOCR
U.S.POSTAGE
PAID
OWENSVILLE, MO
PERMIT NO. 59

To everyone in the home of:

