

St. John's, Bem
United Church
Of Christ

The Scoop!

February, 2010

*"...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...

"Is God in Haiti?"

As we prepare to begin our Lenten journey and investigate even more closely the life and ministry of Jesus, we also prepare ourselves to experience anew the emotional passion of Holy Week. Perhaps no more moving a passage arises than when Jesus utters, "Eli, Eli, Lema Sabachthani?" which we translate as, "My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)

Did God forsake Jesus in his final minutes of life? Did Jesus, briefly, lose his faith? No; in reality he was expressing his faith. Jesus is quoting the opening words of Psalm 22; a Psalm of lament that begins with the author questioning God's presence, then realizing that God is there, rescuing him from "the horns of wild oxen". The Psalmist then goes on to praise God's name to all who would hear it, realizing that God did not cause the Psalmist's suffering; rather, only God can provide him the strength enough to endure it. By quoting this Psalm, Jesus is expressing his faith to the crowds, telling them that God is rescuing him, too.

This literary style of many of the Psalms is one that may be familiar as we contemplate the tragic events in Haiti. As we watch the devastation unfold on our TV screens, our heart goes out to those whose lives have been forever altered by those few minutes of upheaval on January 12. Like the Psalmist, we may even ask, Eli, Eli, Lema Sabachthani?

But God has not forsaken Haiti. God has been and always will be in Haiti empowering the rescue workers, encouraging the destitute, comforting the broken hearted. God did not cause the Earthquake; God does not go around causing Earthquakes! But God is very active in the response. God empowers us to provide assistance; God empowers those with talents that can be of service to share their talents as well. God is weeping with those who are hurting; and in the end, God is welcoming nearly 200,000 Haitians home. Indeed, God is active in Haiti; and in each one of us as well.

-Pastor Rick

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THE UCC IS IN HAITI- BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER THE QUAKE

Our media outlets are filled with information about the tragic earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010. Reports are still coming in of survivors found, even 14 days after the event; even more reports are coming in of the death toll rising ever closer to the 200,000 mark.

We at Bem Church have been in Christian solidarity with the residents of Haiti and the rescue workers; before, during and after the quake. The United Church of Christ has missionaries in Haiti, who have been serving the Haitian people for many years. **Kim and Patrick Bentrott** are two of these missionaries; and their ministry with the Haitian people placed them in the middle of the earthquake that day. That proximity gave them the unique opportunity to be of service where they were desperately needed; in the middle of the community that needed them the most.

The United Church of Christ website reported the following information a few days after the earthquake struck:

"Kim Bentrott, who oversees the clinic at the National Spiritual Council of Churches of Haiti (CONASPEH), reported grim conditions at the center."The CONASPEH building has been flattened," she said. "All my nursing students were inside. Yesterday we helped pull bodies out of the wreckage and heard some voices within the rubble. Efforts continued frantically all day to reach them."

As their mission continues, Patrick reports generosity and compassion among the Haitian people: *"Since the earthquake 10 days ago, I have not seen one instance of looting or violence. This is not to say that neither of these things has not taken place, but only that they are the exception and not the norm. What Kim and I have witnessed are people reaching out to help their neighbors in need. Carrying the injured and bleeding through the streets to hospitals, trying to unbury those trapped beneath the wreckage, and sharing whatever few material things they may have with others. This is the Haiti I am seeing. When Kim, Solomon, and I have been reunited with friends here they have all expressed their great joy at our survival and given thanks for our safety. These sentiments have always been expressed before any rendering of their own difficult situation or experiences of destruction. One friend who works at Solomon's orphanage told me how happy she was that we were ok. She asked about our friends, neighbors, and even our house. It was only afterwards that she told me that both of her parents and all of her siblings had died in the earthquake.*

There have also been a few times when Kim and I have found medicine and water to distribute to people. Although nearly everyone is in need we are always lead to those who are more desperate. No one has ever attempted to steal the medicines or the water. We have also been fortunate to give money a few times to friends. They have always used it to help not just their immediate families, but also their neighbors in need as well. This type of generosity and compassion is what we see here everyday."

This is one very important aspect of being part of a faith community like the **United Church of Christ**. Through all of our churches joined together, we are able to support missionaries in 83 countries around the world; and when disaster strike, we are already there, and able to help immediately. Kim and Patrick's ministry is possible because Bem Church faithfully supports **One Great Hour of Sharing** and **Our Church's Wider Mission**. These two offerings of the **United Church of Christ** spread God's love all over the world; and make it possible for Bem Church to love those in dire straits, like God's Children in Haiti.

It will take many years of ministry before the people of Haiti are recovered from this event; and the United Church of Christ will be there throughout; all because **you** support **Our Church's Wider Mission**. For more information about how we are in ministry in Haiti, visit www.ucc.org.

EDEN SEMINARY! - FEBRUARY MISSION OF THE MONTH

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. Other vacant faculty positions are poised to be filled this year.

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 \$36,000 per year to educate one full time student. That student pays \$12,000 per year in tuition. The remaining \$24,000 is made up through contributions from churches like Bem Church, and private donors. Private donors also make scholarships available to offset some of the \$12,000/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 28, Seminary Sunday, we will have a special guest-
Eden Development Director Doni Driemeier-Showers will be our guest in worship that day!*

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2010

The following Council Positions were elected at our organizational Council Meeting on January 24, 2010: Vicky Huebner, President; Keith Glaser, Vice President; Pat Branson, Treasurer; Dee Ruegge, Secretary; Debbie Adams and Willis Howard, Trustees; and Diana Halmick, Pastor Parish Relations Committee Representative. ***Congratulations to all!***

SCRIPTURES FOR FEBRUARY

During the month of February, we finish the season of Epiphany and transition into Lent. These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of February. Read ahead!

February 7th- Communion Sunday “Called by God”

Hebrew Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 138
Gospel Lesson: Luke 5:1-11

February 14- Transfiguration Sunday “Transformed by God”

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 34:29-35
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 99
Gospel Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

February 21st- 1st Sunday of Lent “...mind-stayed on God”

Hebrew Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
Gospel Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

February 28th- 2nd Sunday of Lent “Be Now My Vision”

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 27
Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:31-35

ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENT

February 17th is Ash Wednesday, and Bem Church will observe this journey into Lent with a worship service at 7:00pm that evening. This service will usher in the 40 days of Lent, which is traditionally a time when Christians concentrate an even more focused contemplation on Jesus' ministry, and their role in continuing that ministry. Our service that Wednesday evening will feature communion and the traditional imposition of ashes, reminding ourselves not only of our own mortality, but the spiritual reality that lies beyond this physical interlude.

SPECIAL GUEST WEDNESDAY EVENINGS DURING LENT!

We will gather for worship each Wednesday during Lent as we focus on the final week of Jesus' life. Each Wednesday will highlight a different day, and the significant event that distilled Jesus' ministry in such a rich way that final week. Our special guest in worship each Wednesday will be Peter, the Apostle as he relates that day's events to us. Prior to worship at 7:00pm, we will have supper together at 6:00pm, hosted by our church groups. Come for table fellowship at 6:00, and stay for worship at 7:00. *This is an important part of our journey to Easter- be here!*

Wednesday evening worship schedule 2010:

Wednesday, February 17th- Ash Wednesday; Worship at 7:00

Wednesday, February 24th- Supper at 6:00; Worship at 7:00

Wednesday, March 3, 10, 17, 24- Supper at 6:00; Worship at 7:00

HOSANNA: AN EVENING BIBLE STUDY DURING LENT

“Hosanna: A Spiritual Journey through Holy Week” is a five part Kerygma series that invites participants to explore the main texts in all four Gospels and in Paul's writings that deal specifically with the last week of Jesus' life, and the Resurrection. Each of the Gospel writers has a reason for relating these events in their particular way. Each wants his audience to come to see who Jesus is, and what God is doing through him. For this study, Paul is crucial as well.

We will be gathering Tuesday, February 23; Monday, March 1; Then the next three Tuesdays; March 9, 16, & 23 at 6:30pm each day. For more information, talk to Pastor Rick.

ELECTRONIC GIVING POSSIBLE AT ST. JOHN'S, BEM?

“But just as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us – see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” 2 Cor. 8:7 (NIV)

The Church Council of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ is investigating the possibility of offering you the *option* to give electronically (eGiving). This is a convenient new tool that can help you grow in your walk of faith. With electronic giving you would be able give your faith promise amount, give to the building fund, give to a mission of your choice, or give an offering at the convenience and privacy of your home computer. You would be able to choose to give one-time, weekly, semi-monthly (bi-monthly), monthly or in any way the Lord leads you.

Many of our members enjoy the convenience of making utility or other payments electronically and now, if we choose, we could give to the Church electronically. This can help us in our giving when we miss a Sunday and ***help us to prioritize the Church in our finances and be good stewards of what God has entrusted us.*** It will also help us in being consistent and obedient in keeping commitments that we have made to God, both in our tithes and our offerings.

Four benefits to Electronic Giving:

1. ***You are taking a step of faith*** – When you sign up to eGive you are deciding in advance to faithfully give. Your stewardship is not subject to weekly whims; you are taking a leap of faith!
2. ***You will simplify your life*** – You won't have to remember whether you gave this month or need to send in an offering by mail when you are on a trip.
3. ***You will be helping the church*** – Every person who gives through eGive makes our record keeping much easier and the consistency eases the monthly payments of the bills of the church. You will help the Church keep up its cash flow during the summer vacation months, and when the quarterly insurance bills are due.
4. ***You can focus on worship during the offering at church*** – You can focus on God while the offering is being taken.

The Church Council is continuing to discuss this possibility of providing this option. If the idea of electronic giving intrigues you, talk to a Council Member, Pastor Rick or Carole in the church office and let us know what your thoughts are!

TRIVIA NIGHT FEBRUARY 20TH TO BENEFIT CAMP MO-VAL

Plan now to attend the first Camp Mo-Val Trivia night, February 20th at St. Peter's UCC in Washington, MO. The funds raised at this Trivia Night will help fund the operations of Camp Mo-Val this coming year, and make this Conference Mission possible for our youth. Tickets for this event are \$15/person, or a table of eight for \$96 (\$12 per person if you buy a whole table!) If you are interested in attending, see Pastor Rick. Let's get a few Bem Church tables together!

HYGIENE ITEM FOR HELPING HANDS- DEODORANT!

The Mission Committee has been collecting hygiene items for Helping Hands Outreach Center. Over the past year, we have collected shampoo, soap and toothpaste. The next item we will be requesting is- deodorant! Next time you are at the store, please pick up some extra stick deodorant (not the spray kind, please!) and bring it to church for our hygiene collection. Boxes are on the chancel in front of the pulpit. We have set a goal of 300 sticks of deodorant, reflecting the 300 families served monthly by Helping Hands. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU! *(Some thank you notes may be edited)*

Dear Friends at St. John's UCC (Bem)

Greetings from Eden Seminary! Thank you for your recent gift on 12/22/09!

At Eden, we ask for prayers this January Term for our student group led by Professors Mai-Anh Tran and Damayanthi Niles, as they travel to India to learn more about the church, and mission and peace efforts in this part of the world. Thank you for partnering with Eden in this important ministry- that of preparing faithful women and men to serve Christ's church. They will be gifts that together we return to the church, and indeed the world.

With Thanksgiving, Doni Driemeier-Showers, Director of Development

St. John's UCC

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Helping Hands Outreach Center, I wish to thank the members of your congregation for their continuing very generous support of our food pantry operation, and for your December donations. The need continues to mount. From July to December, 2009 we served an average of 324 households (920 individuals) each month. The need continues into 2010. We are grateful for every donation, large and small!

-Sincerely, Andrew J. Michel, President; Helping Hands Outreach Center

To the Congregation of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ:

On January 18, 2010 I met with Carole Dotson to review the financial statements of the church and its many different organizations. The new direction in which the church has taken with their financial records implemented in 2009 have paid off big and is such a positive contribution to its members. All bank statements and financials are well organized in ledgers, file folders, and in a computer program known as Quicken in the church office; while each organization still has control of their income and expenses. Receipts are being presented and kept for all expenses in the church office. The communication between the office and each organization appears to be working.

Carole has done an exceptional job in maintaining the financial records. They are easy for anyone to review and to understand what is being done within the church. Great Job, Carole!

-Sincerely, Anita Oldfather (auditor)

STAY CONNECTED

From the Missouri Mid-South Conference Office:

Last year, the Missouri Mid-South Conference discontinued our long-running newspaper *The Courier*. In its place, we now publish a weekly email newsletter called *The eCourier*. We invite you to join our mailing list by emailing a request to mms@mmsucc.org. If you are unable to receive email, then you can still stay in touch—each church office and pastor receives our weekly newsletter which they may distribute to you. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie Evans in the MMS office at (314) 918-2605.

(Also— Pastor Rick sends out emails weekly. If you want to receive these emails and are not currently receiving them, send an email to Pastor Rick— rick@bemchurch.com!)

What is going on in the United Church of Christ? Check it out at www.ucc.org!

SAVE YOUR INKJET CARTRIDGES!

What are you doing with your inkjet cartridges when they are empty? Are you just throwing them away? If so, please put them in a plastic bag and bring them to church! We are able to get discounts on our office supply purchases based on inkjet cartridges returned for recycling; a win-win situation! We help the environment with less plastic in landfills, and we help our church budget as well. We are currently getting \$3 for every ink jet cartridge returned! If we get enough cartridges donated, we could cover the cost of our paper, ink and offices supplies this way; but we need your help. There is a box in the sofa room for collecting these. Thank you!

CHICKEN AND DUMPLINGS DINNER FEBRUARY 27TH

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 27th from 4:00-7:00pm*. 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! For more information, talk to Jane Peanick, Glenn Mercer, Debbie Adams, Betty Fletcher or Joann Glaser; the Bem Church Fundraising Committee!

SAVE YOUR BEST CHOICE LABELS

One of the many missions of the Pairs and Spares organization is to undergird the mission of Bem Church. They work towards this goal by accomplishing tasks around the church, lifting folks up spiritually, and aiding our financial goals. One way they aid us financially is through redemption of *Best Choice Labels*. Please continue to save the UPC Bar Codes from your *Best Choice Labels* and drop them off in the Mission Corner of the Sofa Room. Thank you!

PAIRS AND SPARES MEAL/MEETING SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

The St. John's, Bem Pairs and Spares will gather on Sunday, February 7 for our next meeting. This will be a carry-in meal right after worship. At this meeting, we will decide how to designate our Heifer Project offerings; what animals to "purchase". If you want to make a contribution to our Heifer Project mission, give it to a Pairs and Spares member this Sunday in church! Or better yet, come to our meal/meeting! All are always welcome!

STILLSPEAKING MAGAZINE DEBUT

The United Church of Christ is launching a subscription campaign for its new high-end-design StillSpeaking Magazine, an oversized, full-color publication that will debut in late April. The 88-page StillSpeaking Magazine will be published twice annually in Spring and Fall. An inaugural, three-year subscription is \$29 if purchased before July 1. After that date, subscriptions will be \$39 each. *Order online at ucc.org/magazine or talk to Pastor Rick.*

"StillSpeaking Magazine promises to be a full-sensory experience for readers, with compelling writing and expert photography that will communicate stories of inclusion, involvement, transformation and the best aspirations of the UCC, its members and its churches," said the Rev. J. Bennett Guess, the UCC's director of communications. "We're being very clear that this is not a newsmagazine. Instead, we want a quality feature publication that tells moving accounts of our people and the ways their lives have been impacted by the UCC."

For a copy of the St. John's, Bem prayer list email Pastor Rick or call the church office!

FEBRUARY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Flowers: Fran Huebner

Nursery Workers: 2/7: Dana Goodman & Vicky Huebner	Greeters: Erin West & Mark Thornton Families	Lay Reader: Willis Howard	Acolytes: Andrew Huellinghoff & Katie Havelka
2/14: Stephanie Kramme & Laurie McFalls	Tim Whelan & Dee Ruegge Families	Annette Burton	Joey Oberle & Bryan Aytes
2/21: Tina Wnuk & Jan McQueen	Curtis Aytes Family	Zach Morris	Devin Baxter & Nathan Lewis
2/28: Tammy Baxter & Dawn Kreter	Dean Kreter Family	Debbie Adams	Bryan Aytes & Katie Havelka
3/7: Allison Baker & Sara Whelan	Brooke Johnson & Dorris Henry Families		Devin Baxter & Katie Havelka

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, Nicholas Zaccagnino;
 2/7- Joey Oberle; 2/8- Bryon Baker; 2/9- Garret Baker; 2/10- 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;
 2/25- Ginny & Darrel Amsden, Anita & Ray Oldfather

...Happy Anniversary!

ATTENDANCE

Date:	Worship/Sunday School:	Date:	Worship/Sunday School:
Sunday, December 6	144/55	Sunday, January 3	115/51
Sunday, December 13	144/49	Sunday, January 10	90/53
Sunday, December 20	129/83	Sunday, January 17	141/53
Christmas Eve	200 (45 + 155)	Sunday, January 24	113/56
Sunday, December 27	70/	Sunday, January 31	
Total:	687/187	Total:	459/213
Average:	137/62	Average:	115/54

NEW ADULT CLASS- ALL ARE WELCOME!

A new Sunday School class for Adults is meeting in the Sofa Room at church every Sunday at 9:00am. Drop your kids off at Sunday School and come join us in the Sofa Room! The format is very casual and conversational; stress-free and informal. Paula Copeland has been coordinating the class, and the conversations have been very lively. Come check it out!

2009 BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

This is a “snapshot” of the financial activities of Bem Church and our organizations in 2009. This is not meant to be a “detailed” report! For details on all of these accounts, please consult your Annual Meeting Packet, or ask Carole. Extra packets are available in the church office.

General Fund

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$1937.
Income:	
Offering	\$101,442
Picnic	\$14,749
Tower	\$6600
Quilters Donation	\$3700
Dinners	\$7570
Other	<u>\$7344</u>
Total Income	\$142,001
Expense: Budgeted Items	(\$142,410)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$1528

Building Fund

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$2575.
Income:	\$752
Expense:	
Repair, Maintenance	(\$2309)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$1018.

Cemetery Fund

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$1904
Income:	
Envelopes	\$1203
Lot Sales	\$1000
Memorials	\$945
Apple Butter	\$3224
Interest	\$1430
Other	<u>\$530</u>
Total Income	\$8332
Expenses	
Apple Butter	(\$1572)
CD Purchase	(\$4000)
Mowing	(\$3290)
Other	<u>(\$53)</u>
Total Expenses	(\$8915)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$1321

Special Offering Fund

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$650.
Income: Mission Fund	\$7145.
Other Mission	<u>\$8759</u>
Total Income:	\$15,904
Disbursements:	(\$15,874)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$680.

Memorial/Gift Fund

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$7554
Income:	\$3287
Disbursements:	
Projector, accessories;	
Video Camera;	
Youth Loft updates;	
Sofa Room Doors	(\$2105)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$8736

Quilters

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$1387
Income: Quilt Auctions	\$5005
Memorials	\$120
Other	<u>\$1118</u>
Total Income	\$6243
Expenses: Supplies	(\$1838)
Donations to Bem Church	(\$3700)
Donation to Kenya Mission	<u>(\$1000)</u>
Total Expenses	(\$6538)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$1092

Pairs and Spares

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$1376
Income:	\$2765
Expenses: Mission Work	(\$2327)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$1813

Mission & Social Concerns

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$637
Income:	\$3883
Expenses: Mission Work	(\$3209)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$1311

Youth Fellowship Account

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$441
Income	\$960
Expenses	(\$1079)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$322.

Hospitality Committee

Balance as of 1-1-09	\$283
Income:	\$2135
Expenses:	(\$1731)
Balance as of 1-1-10	\$687

Do you receive the UCC daily devotional each morning via email? If not, talk to Pastor Rick or visit www.ucc.org and click on the “Daily Devotional” tab!

ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- FEBRUARY 2010 CALENDAR

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

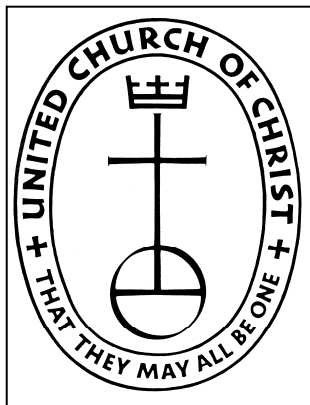
January 31-	Fellowship Luncheon	11:15am
	Christian Education Committee	11:15am
February 3-	Confirmation	5:00pm
February 7-	Communion Sunday	10:00am
	Pairs & Spares Carry in meal/meeting	11:15am
February 8-	Choir Practice	7:00pm
February 10-	Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC	10:30am
	Confirmation	5:00pm
February 13-15	Conference Youth Event at Mo-Val	
February 17-	Ash Wednesday	
	Confirmation/Worship	5:00pm/7:00pm
February 19-20	Youth Group Lock-In	7:00pm-7:00am
February 20	Trivia Night in Washington- Mo-Val Fundraiser	7:00pm
February 21-	Youth Group Bake Sale	
February 22-	Mission Committee	6:30pm
February 23-	Lenten Bible Study: The Last Week of Jesus' Life	6:30pm
February 24-	Confirmation/Fellowship Meal/Lenten Worship	5:00/6:00/7:00pm
February 25-	Grape Country Cluster Meeting	7:00pm
February 27-	Confirmation Field Trip to Washington, MO	8:00am-4:00pm
	Chicken & Dumplings Fundraiser Meal	4:00-7:00pm
February 28-	Council Members Gathering/Orientation/Meal	11:15am
March 1-	Lenten Bible Study: The Last Week of Jesus' Life	6:30pm
March 3-	Confirmation/Fellowship Meal/Lenten Worship	5:00/6:00/7:00pm

QUILTING EVERY TUESDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM: BRING SACK LUNCH

YOGA EVERY MONDAY: 6:00-7:30pm

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