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All Saints Day

Following the God
made known in the life
and teachings of Jesus...

*When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words
unsaid, promised walks never taken...*

*And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.*

*Maya Angelou,
from "Ailey, Baldwin, Floyd, Killens and Mayfield",
Imaging the Word, Volume 3*



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

***Ringing of the Bells**

Holy God, meet us here in this place
as we mourn those who have died this year...
sons and daughters, mothers and fathers
siblings and grandparents, partners and friends
at the same time celebrating new birth among us...
children and grandchildren, siblings and friends.

We celebrate children born to us this year,
marked by the ringing of a chime.
We honor the memory of those who have died this year,
marked by the ringing of a bell.

***Hymn 299**

"For All the Saints"

tune: Sine Nomine
text: Hebrew 12:1

**For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
Your name, O Jesus*, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Still may your people, faithful, true and bold,
live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and share with them a glorious crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Ringed by this cloud of witnesses divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet in your love our faithful lives entwine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
then hearts are brave again , and faith grows strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

***Prayer Litany**

Deborah
McBride

One: O Living God, God of the Ages past, God of our days, God of our hope
Today we honor and remember the ones who have gone before us.

Many: **Today we thank you as we
open our hearts and remember
lives shared, hands held, faces kissed, babies birthed.**

One: Today we thank you as we open our minds and remember

Many: **Times lived in wonder and hope**

* Your name, O God...

As we sing "For All the Saints," we sing the familiar phrase:

Your name, O Jesus, be forever blessed
which expresses our particular faith experiences. Consider how this verse
might sound and feel if we substituted one of these lines:

Your name, O Allah, be forever blessed.

Your name, O Yahweh, be forever blessed.

* We apologize in advance if names have inadvertently been omitted.

Welcome!

A word about diversity:

We strive to be a safe place for all people to worship regardless of race, creed, age, cultural background, sexual orientation or gender identity.

A word about children:

We love children, babies, and teens and we welcome all ages to share worship with us. Professional childcare is available throughout the morning for those who prefer. Activity folders (available in the Narthex) allow children of all ages to respond creatively to worship. A playtime for preschool age children is offered after the Chancel Steps at the 11:00 a.m. service.

A word about special needs:

We offer sign language interpreting at our 11am worship service as requested. Special seating is available as needed. We are happy to provide transportation to worship and special activities. Please let us know how we can help make this worship experience more accessible.

Welcome Center

New to our community? Please stop by the Welcome Center in center of the Narthex (outside the sanctuary) to learn more about our community, our facility, and our programs.

Live as if you were
to die tomorrow...

Learn as if you were
to live forever....

Mahatma Ghandi

*An asterisk next to a section means that we stand for this part of the service as we are able.

the days of work and worry, the joy of hearts united the pain of loss and loneliness

One: Today we thank you as we remember all the minutes and hours,
all the days and years that make up our lives together
and amidst our sadness may we also recognize
the joy of knowing that love never dies;

Many: **Be with us today and bring us comfort,
Bring us hope and courage**

One: We celebrate lives lived in strength and faith

Many: **We treasure the memories that remain**

One: We ask your blessing and we offer heartfelt prayers
for those who have gone before us

Many: **Help us find our way, keep us from fear and doubt**

One: Although we cannot see the path that lies ahead
We know that you will lead us and we will follow with grace and love

Many: **Thank you for all the love we have shared in our lives**

One: Thank you for the cloud of witnesses who await us

Many: **Thank you for the mystery and wonder of our world**

One: Thank you for your everlasting love.

Many: **Amen.**

*Response

"Heleluyan"
(Alleluia)

Native American
(Muscogee)
John 11 (selected)

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. ... Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' ... And Jesus ... cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'



* May be sung as a round.

Sacred Text

Isaiah 60:19-20

The sun shall no longer be your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon
give light to you by night;
but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory.
Your sun shall no more go down,
or your moon withdraw itself;
for the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your days of mourning shall be ended.

Chancel Steps

Children are invited to come to the Chancel Steps to share a story.
Following the story, young children may choose to go to the nursery (both services)
or to Shepherds (11:00am—a play time in the Red Room downstairs).

Anthem 8:30am

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11:00am

“ Ose Shalom”
(The One Who Makes Peace)

Hebrew Text/Leavitt

Sermon

Deborah McBride

***Hymn 554**

“Out of the Depths”

tune: Fenneville
words: Ruth Duck

Joys and Concerns

Believing that each joy and/or concern expressed is indeed a prayer,
After each expression, the worship leader will say: Lord in your Mercy.
And the people may respond: **Hear our prayer.**

Our Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, above us and all around us,
May your unspeakable Name be revered.**

Here to earth, may your kingdom come.

Here on earth, may your will be done as it is in heaven.



Out of the depths, O God, we call to you.
Out of the depths of fear, O God, we speak.
God of the lov - ing heart, we praise your name.



Wounds of the past re - main, af - fect - ing all we do.
Break - ing the si - lenc - es, the sear - ing truth we seek.
Dance through our lives and loves; a - noint with Spir - it flame.



Fac - ing our lives, we need your love so much.
Safe a - mong friends, our grief and rage we share.
Your light il - lu - mines each fa - mil - iar face.



Here in this com - mu - ni - ty,
Here in this com - mu - ni - ty,
Here in this com - mu - ni - ty, _____



heal us by your touch.
hold us in your care.

meet us with your grace.

The Raising of Lazarus
by Lucille Clifton

The dead shall rise again
Whoever say
Dust must be dust
Don't see the trees
Smell rain
Remember Africa
Everything that goes
Can come
Stand up
Even the dead shall rise



“Before All Saints Day”
by Wlodek Juszczak

Ose Shalom
(The One Who Makes Peace)

Ose shalom bimromav
*The One who makes peace in
the heavens,*

Hu ya'ase shalom aleynu
(*may*) He make peace for us,

Veh'al kol Yisrael
And for all Israel,

Veh'imru, imru amen.
And let us say, let us say Amen.

Totenfest is a word used by the Evangelical church when it was formed in 19th century Prussia. The word refers to the liturgical remembrance of those who have died in the preceding year. While the celebration parallels the more common All Saints Day tradition, Totenfest was traditionally celebrated on the final Sunday of the church year. In our local church, we have retained the image of "Totenfest" while moving the celebration to the more ecumenical All Saints Sunday. We have also added the names of those born in our community during the preceding year, thus celebrating the full cycle of birth and death.

Sharing our Gifts

During our Procession to the Table (8:30am) and Celebration of Giving (11:00am), we are invited to consider our offerings. The easiest way to make a financial offering is to drop check or money, marked clearly for EUCC or for special offerings, in the basket during worship. You can also set up electronic giving, which saves paper—and you never need your checkbook. Please contact the church office for more information.

We are honored to share this time of worship with you.

Please take a moment to sign the gray attendance folder at the aisle end of the pew.

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**Give us today our bread for today.
And forgive us our wrongs
as we forgive those who wrong us.**

**Lead us away from the time of trial.
But liberate us from the evil.**

**For the kingdom is yours and yours alone,
And the power is yours and yours alone,
And the glory is yours and yours alone. Amen.**

Brian McLaren, <http://www.brianmclaren.net>

Table Fellowship

Invitation

Remembrance and Blessing

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine.
Bless all of us in our eating and drinking
that our eyes might be opened,
that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst
indeed, in one another. Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle... partaking of the bread and cup. We are also invited to respond to God's goodness as we place an offering in the plates beside the table, and/or light a prayer candle. After returning to the pews, please take a moment to sign the ritual of friendship pads.

***Communion Hymn** "When the Saints Go Marching In" Traditional
additional verses from Louis Armstrong

**Oh, when the saints go marching in, [Repeat]
Oh Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.**

**And when the sun refuse to shine, [Repeat]
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the sun refuse to shine.**

**Oh, when the new world is revealed, [Repeat]
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the new world is revealed.**

**Oh, when we all have food to eat, [Repeat]
Oh, lord I want to be in that number
When we all have food to eat.**

**Oh, when our leaders learn to cry, [Repeat]
Oh, lord I want to be in that number
When our leaders learn to cry.**

[Repeat the first verse]

*Dedication of Memorials and Bequests

As the seasons change we pause, O Gracious God, giving thanks for those who have gone before us and taught us the ways of faith.

For their continued witness, we give you thanks, O God.

We are grateful for an opportunity to remember dear friends for whom memorial gifts were given this year: Alice Hardt, Virginia Lehmann, Wallace Rohlfing, Dick Spiering, and Susan Stalling.

We are grateful for gifts given by the estates of Elsa Englemann, Edith Fauth, and Wilhelmine Miller for the EUCC Foundation and the Memorial Funds.

For their continued witness, we give you thanks, O God.



***Hymn 597**

“Shall We Gather”

source: Robert Lowry

**Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?**

Refrain

**Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.**

**Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown.**

Refrain

**Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.**

Refrain

***Blessing**

Bless us God
with saints to tell us stories
with angels to surprise us
with friends along the way.

Bless us God
with strength and joy and courage
all the length and breadth
of our nights and days.

Rex A. Hunt

***Postlude**

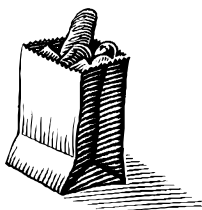


Sunday Morning at 9:45 for adults:

- every week—**Bible Workbench** bible study class in the Adult Lounge using the Bible Workbench curriculum (based on the Lectionary).
- **TODAY**—*Finance 101-Understanding the Flow of Money in our Community* with Ken Ulmer
- **Nov 8 & Nov 15**—*Funding our Vision*—Join us on Nov 8 for a presentation of the vision and opportunities before us as a community. On Nov 15 we'll share round table discussions as we seek to fund and implement our vision.
- **Nov 22**—*Thanksgiving UCC Style* (an intergenerational experience)
- **Nov 29 & Dec 6**—New Member Classes begin!

for children:

Our preschool and elementary children shift gears to take a brief look at the stories that Abraham's family might have shared. We will have a brief (one week) introduction to three ancient stories found in Genesis; the Tower of Babel, the Garden of Eden, and Noah.



Yellow Bags

The yellow bag ministry (shopping cart in Narthex) is happy to accept food donations of any kind if you are able. You may also check the menu, changed monthly, to see what food items are being re-

Quilters to Meet Nov. 4

The EUCC quilters will meet on Wednesday, November 4 from 7-9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We are glad to have anyone join us, to help with simple hand sewing on our church's prayer quilts or bring your own project. For more information, contact Gail Saxton at acsaxtonjr@aol.com or 314-821-7917.

Women's Drumming Circle will meet November 4th

Join other women to explore what drumming can do for you and for an evening of fellowship. Our first gathering will be Wednesday, November 4th at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Please contact Lil Lau 314 481-2600 if you have any questions.

CELEBRATE EDEN!

Top of the Town Eden Seminary will hold their 2009 annual dinner on Friday, November 13, 2009 at Kemoll's "Top of the Met". Reception begins at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm...an evening of fellowship and musical entertainment. Tickets are \$135 and available by contactin Pat Garnett @ Eden:

IN OUR FAMILY Exhibit at Christ Church UCC

An exhibition of **IN OUR FAMILY: Portraits of All Kinds of Families**, a touring photo-text display created by the award-winning Family Diversity Projects of Amherst, Massachusetts is scheduled to be featured at Christ Church UCC located at 7136 Bruno Avenue, Maplewood, MO. The display will be available for viewing beginning Monday, November 2nd thru Thursday, November 26th. Sundays from 9am to 1pm and Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm.

IN OUR FAMILY, with photographs by Gigi Kaeser and Interviews Edited by Peggy Gillespie and Rebekah Boyd, celebrates the diversity of family life in 21st century America, introducing the viewers to single-parent families, families living with physical or mental challenges, immigrant families, adoptive families, foster families, divorced families, gay and lesbian-parented families, step-families, multiracial families, multi-generational families, and many others in the family circle. For more information on Family Diversity Projects go to www.familydiv.org

Advent Fair planning underway...

Please start thinking now if you are interested in hosting a table at either the Mission Advent Fair or Artists' Advent Fair. The fairs will be December 6 and December 13. The Mission Advent Fair is designed for groups who use the funds generated by sales to truly help others, such as Plowsharing Crafts (a perennial favorite). The Artists' Advent Fair is designed to spotlight our own community's artists and help them to share their work with us. There is no cost to having a table at the fair, and tables can be shared. Please contact Laura Evans or Lori Winter if you are interested. Thanks!

Laura Evans (314) 394-0453 or lk.evans@charter.net; Lori Winter (314) 849-0389 or jimloriwin-

EMMAUS HOME'S CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Sunday, November 8th, 2009 1190 Emmaus Drive Marthasville, MO 63357

Campus Tours at 1pm
Celebration Service at 3pm in the Chapel with Guest Speaker: Rev. Donald Sabbert
Reception immediately following.

Who Are We . . . in the UCC?

Recently Katy preached a sermon on our name, Evangelical United Church of Christ. While we are an evangelical church in the dictionary and biblical meaning of the word evangelical, we most often do not stand for the beliefs that most people refer to when they use phrases like “evangelical movement” or “American evangelicals.”

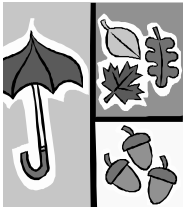
So how about the rest of our name? Where did the United and the Church of Christ parts come from? Over the next few months the Servant Team will offer some education in the form of bulletin and newsletter announcements on who we are as part of the UCC and what exactly the UCC is.

First, a brief history of the four denominations that united in 1957 to become the United Church of Christ. These traditions arose from the protestant reformation and were brought to North America by those fleeing persecution in Europe.

The German Reformed Church followed Calvinist beliefs and traditions, establishing churches on this continent as early as 1725. In 1793, the Synod of the German Reformed Church in the United States was formed. In 1867, the name “German” was dropped from the Synod title.

A second denomination, the Evangelical Synod, followed Lutheran, Reformed, and other beliefs. In the 1800s German immigrants established churches in the Midwest. In 1872, churches organized into the German Evangelical Synod of North America.

In 1934, these two denominations joined, stressing liberty of conscience, authority of the Scriptures, and their common liberal German Protestant heritage. They formed the Evangelical and Reformed Church.



SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE IN NOVEMBER...

Thursday, November 5th *Dinner & Theater...A Step Back in Time* 5:30 Dinner at Dr. Jazz Soda Fountain and Grille followed by The Wizard of Oz at VGHS Auditorium Sign up in narthex or contact Sue Schindel at (314) 968-1727 or email at churchoffice@evangelicalucc.org.

Saturday, November 14th *Chili and Bingo!* 6:00pm Chili Supper followed by Bingo! EUCC Fellowship Hall Sign up in the narthex or contact the Church Office at churchoffice@evangelicalucc.org or (314) 968-1727.

Friday, November 20th *Open Stage Coffee House* 7:00pm-10:00pm EUCC Fellowship Hall Musicians and Poets are encouraged to share their talents. All are welcome to enjoy a relaxing evening. For further information contact Deborah McBride at (314) 918-2797 or email at rubyluna228@yahoo.com

Sunday, November 22nd *Intergenerational Thanksgiving Event* 9:45am in EUCC Fellowship Hall exploring our UCC Pilgrim History. For further information contact the Church Office at churchoffice@evangelicalucc.org or (314) 968-727.

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, November 1st

8:30am—Worship
9:30am—Folk Choir
9:45—Coffee Fellowship
9:45-10:45—Education Hour
11:00am —Worship
4:00pm—Youth in Motion Circle

Monday, November 2nd

9:15am—Job Jar Gang
12:15pm—Staff Meeting

Tuesday, November 3rd

12:15pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Adult Lounge)
7:00pm—Orchard House Bible Study
7:00pm—Phase 1 Building Committee Meeting (Adult Lounge)

Wednesday, November 4th

6:30pm—Children's Choir
7:00pm—Quilters (Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm—Women's Drumming Circle (Sanctuary)

Thursday, November 5th

9:00am—WG Mom's Connection (Fellowship Hall)
5:30pm—Dinner and Theater (Dr. Jazz and WGHS)
6:30pm—Sts Clare & Francis Music Team
7:00pm—EUCC Moms' Group (Sr. High Room)
7:30pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, November 6th

Saturday, November 7th

YOUTH RETREAT AT CAMP MO-VAL
9:00am—Yoga (Narthex)
12:00PM—WG Mom's Connection Infant CPR Class (Green Rm)

Sunday Morning

Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	TBD	TBD
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	Loretta Haggard	Melinda Love Sean Bryant Elaine Branding
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Amy Soell	Kate Barbier
Ushers	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	David Faulkner Earl Brown Geno and Lola Contestabile	Bob and Linda Brandeweide Bob and Gigi Hill Bob and Jean Karr
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Sue Schindel	Zach and Lily Tesch
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Ken Ulmer Norma Leuthauser	Brenda Detrick Don Hubatka
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members	Marilyn Stavenger	Marilyn Stavenger

Pastoral Team
Katherine Hawker,
Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon
Pastoral Assistant, Sue Schindel

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Endeavoring to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace, we are open to and affirming of each child of God, recognizing that we are called to be as one reconciled Body with members of every race, gender identity, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, class, age and physical or mental health and ability.

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