

Evangelical UCC CELEBRATION SUNDAY

...Imagine...

07 FEBRUARY 2010

8:30AM CENTERING WORSHIP

with Communion

9:45AM WORSHIPFUL MEETING

begins in the Sanctuary

*Reason can answer questions
but imagination has to ask them.*

- Ralph Gerard

Beginning with a Call to Worship, followed by a Call to Order, worship and meeting will be woven into one experience which will begin with our Education Hour (9:45am), *continue through our second worship hour*, and close at noon.

Church School classes (9:45am-11:00am) will be held for Preschool and Elementary ages followed by a story/play time (11:00am to noon). Nursery care will be provided throughout the morning.

12NOON POTLUCK

LUNCHEON

in the Fellowship Hall



Enough with science and art,
Close up these barren leaves,
Come forth,
and bring with you a heart
That watches and receives.

- William Wordsworth

"Imagine"
John Lennon

Imagine there's no Heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us only sky
Imagine all the people
Loving for today

Imagine there's no countries
It isn't head to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion too
Imagine all the people
Living life in peace

You may say that I'm dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will be as one

Imagine no possessions
I wonder if you can
No need for greed or hunger
A brotherhood of man
Imagine all the people
Sharing all the world

You may say that I'm a dreamer
But I'm not the only one
I hope someday you'll join us
And the world will live as one

Worshipful Meeting Begins at 9:45am

Gathering with Mission, Vision and Values

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

"Imagine"

John Lennon

Youth Band

Gathering Prayer

One: God of unity, God of love,
what we say with our lips, make strong in our hearts,
what we affirm with our minds, make vivid in our lives.
Send us your Spirit
to pray in us what we dare not pray,
to claim us beyond our own claims,
to bind us when we are tempted to go our own ways.
Lead us forward.
Lead us together.
Lead us to do your will, Amen.

World Council of Churches

CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2009 AND JULY 2009

*Hymn

"Wake Now My Senses"

tune: Slane
words: Mikelson

Wake, now my reason, reach out to the new;
Join with each pilgrim who quests for the true
Honor the beauty and wisdom of time;
Suffer thy limit, and praise the sublime.

Wake, now, compassion, give heed to the cry;
Voices of suffering fill the wide sky;
Take as your neighbor both stranger and friend,
Praying and striving their hardship to end.

Wake, now, my vision of ministry clear;
Brighten my pathway with radiance here;
Mingle my calling with all who will share;
Work toward a planet transformed by our care.

*Sharing our Mission , Values, and Vision

One: As a congregation, we have adopted a Mission :

Many: Following the God

made known in the life and teachings of Jesus,
we at Evangelical United Church of Christ gather
as an Open and Affirming community
to worship, learn and serve.

One: Celebrating the Values embodied in Jesus' ministry,
we name that for which we strive:

Many: Inclusiveness in our diversity,

Intentionality in our commitment to social justice,
Intimacy in our fellowship together,
Inspiration in our communal worship and
Inquisitiveness in our personal spiritual growth.



One: From our Mission and Values, our Vision emerges:

Many: We desire to be a leader
in helping the wider community affirm
that God is still speaking.

***Response** "Siyahamb" tune: S. African trad.
We sing the South African text, the English, and then return to the South African.
Phonetic text: See yah hahm—buh koo kahn yen kwen dohs,
See yah hahm—buh koo kahn yen kwen dohs,
See yah hahm—buh - Oo—
See yah hahm—buh koo kahn yen kwen dohs,

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, Oo, We are marching in the light of God.

Living our Vision

PRESENTATION OF 2009 PROGRAM	Laura Bardelmeier
SHARING OF OBJECTIVES FOR 2010	Governing Body
INTRODUCTION TO SHARED MINISTRY	Laura Bardelmeier
MINISTRY CIRCLES	
Introduction	Laura Bardelmeier
Circle Completion: 212	Laura Bardelmeier
Circle Beginning: Wellness Initiative	Marilyn Stavenger
SHARED SPACE—VALUES AND VISION	Katherine Hawker
SHARING BEYOND—OCWM	(video)
Anthem	"Order My Steps" Chancel Choir Burleigh
BYLAW REVISION	Laura Bardelmeier
ELECTION OF ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES	People Team
Candidates: Nick Gilham and Bob Karr	
PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF FINANCIAL PLAN	Ken Ulmer

God is Still Speaking!

*At this point our children will be invited to rejoin us in the sanctuary
for the close of worship, sharing in prayers and table fellowship.*

Anthem "Lord, We Are Your People" Mark Patterson
Children's Choir

Living in Lent With the Other Evangelical

Beginning with Ash Wednesday (February 17), we enter 40 days (plus 6 Sundays) of prayerful preparation for the journey of Holy Week. Holy Week, the culmination of our Lenten trek, begins with Palm Sunday on March 28 and ends with Easter on April 4. The season of Lent is sometimes observed by midweek worship and learning, by personal 'sacrifices', and by intentional prayer routines which enable us to spiritually, 'clean house'.

Ash Wednesday Worship:

We are gifted to share this journey with our sisters and brothers at Sts. Clare and Francis ECC who will share Ash Wednesday worship with us on February 17 at 7pm.

Taize Worship: With our ECC friends, we are invited to Wednesday evening Taize services (February 24-March 24). Taize is a style of worship that is based on quiet repetitive music in a candlelight space, an incredible soothing experience.

E-devotions: To include those who would prefer support for private and/or family reflections, we are offering "Lenten Journey", a daily email which will include information, reflection, ad suggested activity. You can sign up for this by contacting the Church Office or by adding "Lenten Journey" to your email subscription settings.

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. See Leslie in the office for details.

A Note of Thanks

Thank you to all of our friends at Evangelical for your heartfelt support. The outpouring of thoughts and prayers has been greatly appreciated. We are blessed to be part of such an amazing community.

Paul and Brenda Detrick

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.

Lord's Prayer

**Loving Presence, luminous in all creation,
hallowed be your name. Thy kin-dom come.
May we reflect on earth the yielding perfection of the heavens**

**Help us to receive an illumed measure from the earth this day
Forgive us when we trespass against others,
human and other than human,
as we forgive others who trespass against us.**

**Keep us on the path of wisdom
when we are tempted to take the selfish path.
May it be your rule we follow,
your power we exercise, and your radiance that allures.**

**May this be the truth that guides our lives,
the ground from which our future will grow,
until we meet again.**

paraphrase by Bruce Sanguin,
"Darwin, Divinity, and the Dance of the Cosmos: An Ecological Christianity"

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.

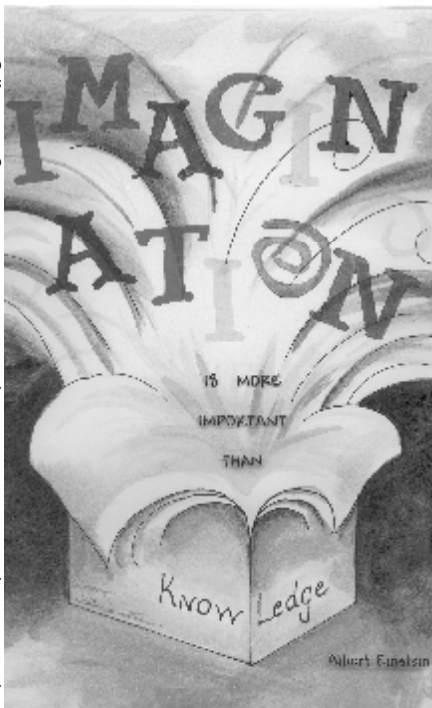
*The Congregation is invited to come forward by the center aisle...
partaking of the bread and cup,
placing an offering in the plates beside the table,
lighting a prayer candle on the altar...*

Communion Song

"Woyaya"

words/tune: Osibisa

We are go - ing, We will get there, where we are go - ing, how we will get there, We'll know we're there. We know we will. It will be hard we





know, and the road will be mud-dy and rough,
 but we'll get there hea - ven knows how we will
 get there, We know we will. Repeat

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn** "Blessed Be The Tie That Binds"
 Traditional words and tune adapted for EUCC. Verses 2 and 4 reflect our Vision-Mission-Values and the tempo embodies our spirit.

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in
 To find a sa - cred peace, in Je - sus'
 We share each oth - ers's woes, our mut - ual
 To lead, we pray for grace; but not for
 Chris - tian love; The fel - low - ship of
 life ob - served; We gath - er in com -
 bur - dens bear; And of - ten for each
 our own fame. May our em - brace ex -
 kin - dred minds is like to
 mun - i - ty to wor - ship,
 oth - er flows the sym - pa -
 ceed this space; Still speak - ing
 that a - bove.
 learn, and serve.
 thiz - ing tear.
 God pro - claim.

***ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

***Blessing**

***Postlude**

NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRY CIRCLES...

EUCC Mom's Group will meet Friday 12th 9:30am-11:00am...

We will gather in the Sr. High Classroom for a discussion on making time as a couple. If you wish to bring a photo album displaying a special time (i.e. wedding/commitment album, a vacation for just the two you, etc.) please feel free to do so. Come join the fun!! If you need child care, please call Dee Ban @ 314-965-1192.

EUCC TRIVIA NIGHT Saturday, February 27th



**Details available on the table
in the Narthex!!!**

Circle of Care Opportunity...

> Giving and receiving...receiving and giving is what the Circle of Care is all about. EUCC has a long history of member to member ministry. Life runs in circles, too. Sometimes we are in a good space and can take a meal to a family. Other times we are the ones who need that pot of soup brought in so we can get through one more day. If you would like to be on the list of Circle of Care helpers who get called upon occasionally to help, please call Dee Ban at 965-1191.

WOMEN'S RETREAT SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 12TH & 13TH. DETAILS TO FOLLOW!!!!

Dear Friends,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful book donation. Our students are very appreciative of your generosity. The books go to replenishing our cafeteria library. Each student can choose a book to read during breakfast and lunch. Thanks to you, our students are reading more and their reading skills are improving. Every student gets to choose two books to take home in hopes of building a home library. A special thanks to all of the wonderful staff and students at Bristol Elementary, the Servant Team at Evangelical United Church [of Christ], St. Cronan Church and Laurel Hayes and family.

The Walbridge School

P.S. Evangelical UCC contributed roughly 300 of the 1,784 books delivered around the holidays.

CoffeeHaus

Friday, February 19
7pm
@

Evangelical UCC



Music & Readings

Coffee, Tea & Popcorn provided.

Feel free to bring snacks to share
&/or beverages of choice.

Sign-up in the Narthex
if you would like to perform.

Drumming Circle meets this Wednesday, February 10th...

Please join us this Wednesday, February 10th at 7pm as we gather for our monthly Drumming Circle.

Winter Yoga Class is HERE!!

We continue our yoga tradition with a new Yoga session. We started yesterday—but it's not too late to join us! Amy Soell leads on Saturday mornings @ 7:30am. Please bring a yoga mat and blanket.

Circle of Healing for Body, Mind and Spirit Saturday, February 20th from 2-3pm and 3-4pm Information available on the Narthex table.

New Member Classes starting soon...

If you are interested in becoming a member of Evangelical UCC, please contact Kathy Cormack @ (314) 387-2759 or k_cormac@charter.net

VALENTINE FAIR TODAY!!!

Please visit our Servant Team's Valentine Fair in the Narthex TODAY!! For a donation of \$5.00, you may purchase a handmade **Valentine**, or make one of your own with our big selection of craft supplies. All the money we collect will go to Church World Service, which is the relief and development agency that the United Church of Christ and 34 other Christian denominations work with to meet needs around the world. Our Valentine outreach could not be more timely, given the current crisis in Haiti. Church World Service has been in Haiti since 1964. They work with a number of local partners there, and they are now supplying material needs to Haiti from a hub in the Dominican Republic. For more information, contact Gail Saxton.

Closer to home is Lydia's House, a St. Louis agency which provides long term housing and social services for survivors of domestic violence and their children. UCC clergy were instrumental in starting Lydia's House back in 1994, and our church has a long history of volunteer ministry there. All proceeds of the **Bake Sale** will go to Lydia's House. We encourage all the cooks in our congregation to bring goodies for the bake sale! There's a sign up sheet on the table in the narthex, or you can contact Joli Baker.

A Lenten Opportunity...

Lent begins in a couple of weeks. While this has traditionally been a time of penitence, many people are taking this time to focus on doing something positive. This is a good time to increase our intentions to help make the world a better place for all of us. I am inviting anyone who is interested in joining me this year in practicing "random acts of kindness" during the Lenten season. The goal of this process is to try to do at least two random acts of kindness for others each week. We will touch base with each other frequently by email or quick gatherings before the 11:00 service to share the inventive ways that we have come up with during the process (not to pat ourselves on the back-but to share ideas). If you are interested, please contact me at: aschon@eden.edu or by phone at 314-832-3745.

Pastor's Sabbatical Time

In lieu of a 10 week sabbatical, Katy reserves the two weeks each year following the congregational meeting for writing and reading. She will be out of the office until February 22nd Our incredible staff team will cover needs as they may arise.

Tax Preparation at EUCC...

AARP Tax Preparation is available for those over 50 years of age on Thursday morning here at EUCC. To make a reservations, please call: (314) 525-1660.



From our Phase 1 Building Committee...

Thank you to EUCC's congregation for your vote of approval to move forward with our Phase 1 Building Plan involving the construction of three elements of the Master Plan: Replacement of the South Wall, Replacement of Narthex and Education Building roof, and Relocation and update of the electric service. Your support and encouragement during this process has been appreciate.

THIS WEEK AT EUCC

Sunday, February 7yh

- 8:30am—Worship
- 9:45am—Worshipful Congregational Meeting
- 12:00—Celebration Potluck
- 5:00pm—Woodcarvers

Monday, February 8th

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 5:00pm—Hixson MS Talent Show Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00pm—YMCA Training (Orange Room)

Tuesday, February 9th

- 10:00am—Orchard House Bible Study
- 12:15pm—Al-Anon Meeting (Adult Lounge)
- 7:00pm—Phase 1 Building Committee Meeting (Adult Lounge)

Wednesday, February 10th

- 5:00pm—Hixson MS Talent Show Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:00pm—YMCA Training (Orange Room)
- 6:30pm—Children's Choir
- 7:00pm—Drumming Circle (Sanctuary)

Thursday, February 11th

- 8:00am—AARP Tax Preparation (Fireside Room)
- 9:30am—Minister's Spouses Group (Adult Lounge)
- 7:00pm—Girl Scout Leaders (Green Room)
- 7:00pm—Spiritual Direction Group (Sr. High Classroom)
- 7:30pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, February 12th

- 9:30am—EUCC Moms' Group
- 10:00am—LaLeche League (Fireside Room)
- 5:00pm—YMCA Training (Orange Room)

Saturday, February 13th

- 7:30am—Yoga (Narthex)

Sunday Morning Shared Ministry Opportunities — Signups are in the Narthex

Ministry		Today	Next Week
Liturgists	Read the Morning Scripture and Prayers	OPEN	OPEN
Shepherds	Help Carolyn play with our preschoolers	N/A	Stacey and Jeff Morris
Crib Room Assistants	Help Carole play with our babies (two shifts)	Marie Keath	Brenda Detrick
Ushers	Greet worshipers and (at 11:00am) collect offering	Sandy Bowe David Faulkner Geno and Lola Contestabile	Edna Huitt & Gladys Bradley Gigi and Bob Hill Bob and Jean Karr
Coffee Hour	Provide finger foods and greet community between services	Darcy Swanson	Love-Bryant Family
Money Counters	Count the weekly offerings and enter into database	Norma Leuthauser Sandy Bowe	Bob Risk Ray Mulligan
Welcome Table	Greet visitors and members		

Pastoral Team
Katherine Hawker,
Marilyn Stavenger, Al Schon

Pastoral Assistant, Sue Schindel

Music Team
Donita Bauer,
Jill Thompson, Darcy Swanson

Field Ed Student, Deborah McBride

Parish Nurse, Lisa Von Stamwitz

Sunday AM, Carolyn Held

Nursery, Carole Janssen

Campus Minister at Webster, Laurel Hayes

President, Laura Bardelmeier

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People, Debbie Gregg

Community, Patty Pelikan, Janet Rundquist

Servant, Lori Winter, Laura Evans

Learning, Ruth Panhorst

Worship, Lil Lau

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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