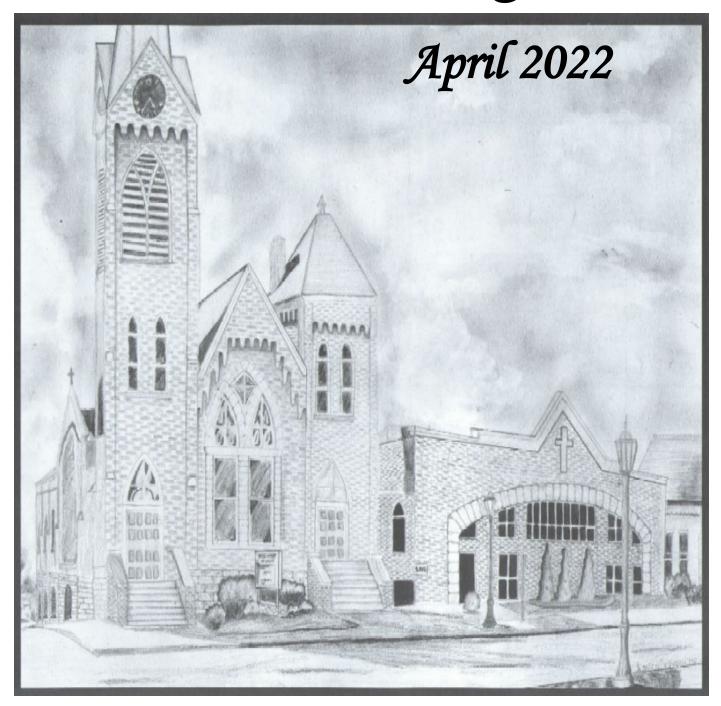
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The Name of Jesus...

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Names are important. When Betty and I named each one of our girls, we took a lot of time to find a name we both agreed on. Back when you didn't know the gender of the baby ahead of time, we actually had a boy's name and a girl's name. I think we picked David Daniel, Dallas Daniel, and Charles Allen as the three boy names for our girls. We see Jesus' name was specifically picked for him by God. Joseph was told that he would name Mary's baby, Jesus (Matthew 1:21), which means the Lord saves.

We are told in Romans 10:9 "If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." In Philippians 2:9-11 it says "Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." The name of Jesus is the most important name to each one of us. More important than our kids' names, our spouse's name, our parents' names, and the names of our friends. The question to each one of us is, "Have you confessed that Jesus is the Lord of your life and believed in his resurrection?" His name is above all names and his name gives life.

We are getting ready for all the activities that surround Easter. We will celebrate confirmation Sunday on Palm Sunday followed by Maundy Thursday with communion for all that attend. Then of course our services on Easter. Maybe you have seen the ad on the digital billboard at the stoplight. We want as many as possible to celebrate and worship with us on April 17th. We will have a special gift for everyone that attends that day. We are handing out special Easter cards that we can use to invite our friends and neighbors to church on Easter. Pick yours up in the back of the sanctuary.

Also in April we will have a special family night on Sunday April 24th at 6:00 in the Friendship Hall. It is being sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood. There will be food, musical entertainment by our very own God Singers and then bingo for everyone with some great prizes to be awarded. It will be a great time of fellowship and fun. Much like our fall church party, I see this as our spring church party. Please mark it on your calendar.

The Living Lord's Supper is April 8 & 9 at 7:00 at the Finke Theater. I am Simon the Zealot again but I'm also one of the Pharisees this year. New scenes have been added. It is a great way to focus on the events surrounding the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We have been blessed with great crowds in March and many new families. Make sure if you see anyone you don't know to introduce yourself and invite them to sit with you. Help them find the restroom or classrooms if needed. God is richly blessing our congregation right now and it's because we have a friendly, welcoming church family that loves the Lord and his word.

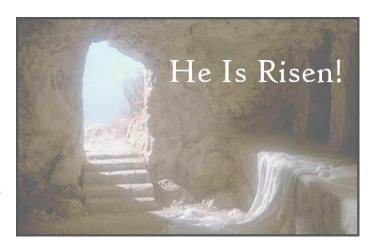
I pray God blesses you with opportunities to share his goodness with those around you.

Serving Christ Together,

Russ

But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said."

~ Matthew 28: 5-6



California United Church of Christ March 14, 2022 – Consistory Meeting Highlights

The California UCC Consistory met for its regular monthly meeting March 14, 2022. Pastor Cobb opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the February 2022 meeting, Treasurer's Report, Financial Secretary's Report, Stewardship Snapshot and Local Benevolence Report were reviewed and approved.

Reports and updates were given by committees and organizations. Evangelism, Memorial, Stewardship, and Schnuck Endowment have nothing to report. Building and grounds-front doors have been delayed because of weather, Rowles will be giving an update bid on plaster vs mold resistant drywall. Modern Interiors will also be giving a bid. Committee is waiting on quote for remaining AC units. Boiler update: H&D bid now at \$40,000; no other bids have been returned. Andy Burger meeting with a new company, Environmental Engineering to obtain a bid. Septagon will look at VCT tile in downstairs foyer for a bid.

Brotherhood and Women's Guild continue to meet with good discussions and studies. Sunday School planning the next section of The Story planned for this summer and VBS days have been decided on. Youth Group has 30 kids going to Silver Dollar City, hoping to plan semi regular meetings this spring/summer around sports schedules.

Rev. Cobb: Pastor's Report –March 2022 4/4 Worship Services (Salem/California). 1 Ministerial Alliance Grief Counseling Group session. 34 DVD Deliveries. 26 Days in office. 4 Prayer Cells. 2/2 Consistory installations Salem/UCC California. 1 UCC California Consistory Meeting. 4 Recordings of Time of Hope. 7 Office Visits. 4 Birthday Cards with Kathy Grant. 15 Home/work/nursing home visits. 1 Sunday School Meeting. 3 Confirmation Classes. 4 Cookie Deliveries. 1 family joined the church (Juuls). 2 Ministerial Alliance Meetings. 3 High School Sporting Events. 1 Men's Brotherhood Meeting. 1 Stewardship Meeting. 1 Children's Time. 1 Men's Brotherhood. 1 Living Lord Supper Practice at the Finke

Old Business:

Payroll bids reviewed and discussion is ongoing as we wait on transition in office staff. Floor Runners were researched by Andy Burger, he is getting finalized measurements to figure exact needs. The Consistory reviewed the Financial Review Committee's report, we have put in necessary changes and reviewed all suggestions. The Consistory greatly appreciates the time and commitment of this committee.

New Business:

Cabinet meeting format discussed; we look forward to hearing from each committee on March 27th.

There have been a couple of people interested in the manager position, a subcommittee has been formed to conduct interviews prior to the next meeting. We ask that all resumes be emailed to the consistory by April 4th.

A Budget was approved for marketing supplies to be used during Calendar Year 2022 matching 2021. There was also a discussion regarding the different Bibles being given. The younger kids' version available to pick up is more graphic with a short story, the 4th grade Bible is a more advanced/traditional Bible suitable for their age. Both are great resources for our church family.

The Consistory approved a motion to cover costs of the Easter Breakfast along with Bueker's Bid for lawn care.

Communion Dates – Maundy Thursday April 14th

Respectfully Submitted VanDee Miller 03/16/2022



Stewardship Snapshot

	Fel	bruary 2022	<u>I</u>	February 2021
General Fund		-		
Balance Brought Forward	\$	72,245.91	\$	76,090.73
Receipts	+	37,847.28	+	32,976.74
Disbursements		38,696.74	_ <u>-</u>	31,560.09
Balance – February 28, 2022	\$	71,396.45	\$	77,507.38
As of February 28, 2022				
Building Fund Balance	\$	90,692.92	\$	22,507.13
Local Benevolence Fund Balance	\$	8,558.78	\$	11,853.23
Memorial Fund Balance	\$	6,645.38	\$	10,401.95
Schnuck Endowment Fund	* \$	26,161.80	** \$	120,934.67
Scholarship Fund Balance	\$	10,101.44	\$	9,016.83
Youth Fellowship Fund Balance	\$	4,534.35	\$	3,722.74
Total OCWM Received	\$	847.00	\$	782.33
Other Benevolent Offerings	\$	3,399.00	\$	4,566.00

Note on 2021 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

**The Schnuck Endowment Checking balance is larger this month due to a \$100,000 CD that matured. The amount was not reinvested due to the low interest rate environment in July. The \$100,000 is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended

Note on 2022 Snapshot regarding Schnuck Endowment

*The C. Schnuck Endowment Checking Fund balance of \$ 26,161.80 includes \$1,166.49 that is part of the original restricted gift and is unable to be expended. \$ 24,995.31 of the fund balance may be expended.

Church Office Manager Position

The Consistory of the United Church of Christ of California sadly received a Letter of Retirement from Renée Clifford on February 15, 2022. Renée has given our Church family nearly 18 years of service as Office Manager. She has done so much, I could not begin to put it all in this message. Renée will be retiring on July 29, 2022. She is the glue that holds the Church office together and she will be difficult to replace.

That being said, we are looking for someone who will take over her position. She will remain on until her retirement date to assist with any and all training that is necessary for her replacement. Please see one of the Consistory members (Alan Chambers, Allan Mortenson, Andy Burger, Carole Barbour, Ellen Ash, Laura Burger, Ronnie Kissick, or VanDee Miller) if you are interested in this position, or if you know of someone who would be interested.

Allan Mortenson Consistory President



Camp Aurora **Summer 2022 Dates**

Junior Camp Primary Camp

Senior High Camp July 3rd—July 9th Junior High Camp July 10th—July 15th July 17th—July 22nd July 24th—July 27th

Bulletin Bloopers—Hymns

"I Love Thee My Ford" "Lord, I Want to be a Christina" "I am Thin, O Lord"

Special Benevolence— April

River City Habitat for Humanity

Our special stewardship offering for April is the River City Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Jefferson City, which is one of over forty affiliates in



Missouri. Funds and building materials are donated by individuals, churches, businesses and other organizations. Construction labor and support of the organization is provided by volunteers. Upon completion of a house, a percentage of the cost of each house is sent to Habitat for Humanity International as a tithe to be used to help build houses in another country. No government funds are used to build the houses. If you would like to contribute to this important mission, make checks payable to the UCC of California and write Habitat for Humanity on the memo line. Thank you for your support.

Salem United Church of Christ Shrimp and Chicken Dinner April 8, 2022 ~ 5:30-7:00 pm

Dine-in or Carry-out

(Pavilion available for outdoor dining)
Meal includes: shrimp or chicken, cheesy potatoes, slaw,
dessert and drink.

<u>Please RSVP by Monday, April 4</u> to Brenda Oesterly

Home: 573-796-3013 ~ Cell: 573-291-7165

email: <u>oesterlyb@yahoo.com</u>

Freewill donations for the meal.

Looking forward to seeing our friends and family on this special night.

Easter Envelope—Emmaus Homes

Emmaus Homes - Easter Sunday Benevolence

Emmaus Homes was founded in 1893 in Marthasville, Missouri, by our antecedent denomination (The Evangelical Synod) when they decided to use their vacated seminary buildings to serve individuals with developmental disabilities. As a reflection of their Christian faith, the founders of Emmaus attempted to care for those in need, while recognizing each person's worth and unique qualities and by creating a spirit of community. In 1901, Emmaus opened its St Charles campus to meet the vast need for services to people with developmental disabilities closer to St. Louis. Today, while some individuals still reside on the Emmaus campuses, many now live in homes in the community. Emmaus serves clients in nearly 50 homes throughout the St. Charles, St. Louis, Warren and Franklin counties and St. Louis City. Emmaus works with each client to help them live as independently as possible.

Arising from faith in Jesus Christ, the mission of Emmaus Homes is to enhance the quality of life for adults of all beliefs who have cognitive, intellectual, and other developmental disabilities. The individual's mental, physical, and social abilities are assessed to determine the living situation best suited to their needs, including on campus housing, group homes and individual supported living residences. Some homes have 24-hour supervision, while others provide part-time supervision and assistance.

At Emmaus, an individual's spiritual life is an important part of one's journey to fulfillment and independence. Emmaus takes pride in their faith-based heritage, and strives to help each of their clients participate in the faith community of their choice. Ordained ministers and seminary students help guide and encourage their clients of all beliefs in their spiritual pursuits. A variety of spiritual care services are provided to clients, family members, and staff.

UCC Women's Guild Meeting ~ March 16, 2022

Opening Procedures

President Pamela Hill opened the meeting with prayer. Judy Burger presented the Thought for the Day, and Carole Barbour presented the first session of the Bible study from Lamentations: The Heart of Lament.

Members were given opportunity to relay progress on their Blessing Journals.

Guild members were reminded of the opportunities for contributions to benevolent organizations: World Day of Prayer, UCC Scholarship Fund, Ministerial Alliance for the Ivan Dameron Scholarship Fund, and Moniteau Christian Ministries Center. The offering was taken.

Business Meeting

Motion by Linda S., second by Lexi H. to accept the minutes as presented by Clarice N. with one notation. Mary B. explained that the Best Choice Label count reported last month was in error and would be corrected later in the meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Brenda O., second by Carole B. to accept the financial report as presented by Judy B. Motion carried. Members received a copy and a detailed report is attached to the secretary's minutes.

Committee #1 will serve the next Celebration of Life Dinner (possibly the one scheduled for Charles Gabert in March 26.) Committee #2 reported that the dinner for Carole Bowlin had quite a few leftovers, but Letha P. made use of the vegetables and some of the dessert for Wednesday night supper. Brenda O. delivered some of the dessert to Valley Park where it was much appreciated. Approximately 60 people were in attendance at the dinner.

Mary B. reported the current Best Choice labels count is 3255, a figure met with a spontaneous round of applause! Judy B. reported sending 31 cards this month for the card ministry, and members signed another 31 at the meeting for use next month. Pamela H. reported a thank you note from Every Child's Hope for the contribution from UCC Women's Guild.

Old Business

Members discussed the recent World Day of Prayer event on March 4. Approximately 50 were in attendance. Many thanks to Linda S. for the beautiful decorations and to Clarice N. and the members for delicious refreshments.

The new table arrangement was so successful members recommend we stick to it for future events and Celebration of Life dinners:

- Tables radiate from the center of the stage area outwards in a fan formation. This keeps congestion down at the buffet table and enables the committee to add more seating to the ends of the rays as needed.
- A serving/buffet table was set up in front of the kitchen windows.
- A drinks table was located to the west side of the window.
- A dessert table was located under the basketball goal at the west end of the room.

Ideas were brainstormed to encourage attendance next year:

- Article in the Democrat (not just mentioned on the upcoming calendar)
- Request that the Ministerial Alliance push the event in services prior to the date
- Contact key people in each church to help advertise
- Ask Crossroads to make a large sign to put out in front of our church during February to advertise the event – something like "First Friday in March – World Day of Prayer – Sponsored by UCC Women's Guild."

New Business

Pamela H. organized Women's Guild information relating to the Church Cabinet meeting on March 27th. Organizations had been asked to explain how our current activities and future plans fit with the mission of the church. Members reviewed Pamela's excellent information and suggested more activities to include.

Members discussed our plans for the Confirmation Reception on April 6th after Lenten Services.

- Each member attending will bring one dozen cookies.
- Linda S. will take care of decorations and name cards.
- Pamela H. will bring punch ingredients and make certain information regarding the reception is put in the bulletins and Tidings.
- Mary Ann K. will bring napkins.

The reception is open to all church members to allow them to congratulate and celebrate with the confirmands.

Barbara W. was honored for the birthday on March 13th, and Peggy Liebi and Juanita Meisenheimer remembered for upcoming birthdays.

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Women's Guild—Continued

Expressing joys and concerns gave members a chance to be informed about the needs for prayers and opportunities for action in our community and the world. Clarice N. presented a rather nostalgic poem by Maryann Corbett from The Christian Century publication entitled, "For the Funeral Lunch Ladies."

Linda S. closed with prayer, and the group enjoyed beautiful table decorations and refreshments provided by Mary Ann Kueffer and Carmen Ferris. As always, this time of fellowship and laughter brightens the day and lifts, for a while, some of the dark news of the world.

Clarice Nelson, Secretary

Death

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of **Carole Beth Bowlin**, who passed away February 28 2022.



May God bless those who mourn in these days.

Thank You

Dear UCC Family~ You know how much you've meant to Mom—and Dad—over the decades; it was great to get to interact with at least some of you over the past week. Thank you for both the flowers provided for Mom's service and the preparation and hosting of the family meal (by, as Rev. Cobb said, the #2 Group!).

We thank each of you that prayed for her, and for those who attended her visitation and / or her Celebration of Life. We also want to thank Rev. Cobb for all he did for our family.

Our family was so blessed by your support! In Christ's Love— Jack, Tom, Lou & Nan

Confirmation Reception

April 6, 2022 ~ following the Lent service All are welcome!

Holy Week Schedule

April 10—Palm Sunday

Worship 10:30 a.m.—Rite of Confirmation Holy Communion

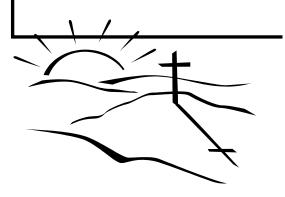
April 14—Maundy Thursday

Worship 7 p.m.—Holy Communion

April 15—Good Friday—Office Closed

April 17—Easter

Worship 7 a.m.—Holy Communion Worship 10:30 a.m.—Holy Communion



John 11:25: "Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live."

Death

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family & friends of **Mary Lee Brizendine**, who passed away March 21, 2022.



May God bless those who mourn in these days.

United Church of Christ
Monday Tuesday

Sunday

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9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	7:00 PM Sunday School Teachers & Officers	9:00 AM Prayer Cell 1:00 PM Women's Bible Class
Palm Sunday - Rite of Confirmation during Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	11 6:00 PM Consistory	9:00 AM Prayer Cell 1:00 PM Women's Bible Class
17 Easter 7:00 AM Worship - Holy Communion (Breakfast following early Worship) 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Holy Communion	18	9:00 AM Prayer Cell 1:00 PM Women's Bible Class
9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Family Night	25 7:00 PM Men's Brotherhood	2 6 9:00 AM Prayer Cell 1:00 PM Women's Bible Class

April 2022

April 2022								
Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
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5:45 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM God's Singers, Bell Choir 7:00 PM Worship - followed by Confirmation reception & Sr. Choir	7	8	9					
No Fellowship Meal, Bell Choir, or God's Singers rehearsal 6:30 PM Sr. Choir / Tenebrae Practice	7:00 PM Worship- Holy Communion & Tenebrae Maundy Thursday	15 Good Friday - Office Closed	16					
2 0 1:00 PM Women's Guild 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM God's Singers, Bell Choir 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	21	22	23					
27 6:00 PM Fellowship Meal 6:30 PM God's Singers, Bell Choir 7:30 PM Sr. Choir	28	29	30					



Rite of Confirmation April 10, 2022

Confirmation Class

Ashton Bolinger

Daughter of Aaron & Stacey Bolinger

Addison Carr

Daughter of Mollie Wolford

Heston Gatlin

Son of Jason & Kristy Gatlin

Adler Koestner

Son of Travis Koestner & Christine Huffman



Daughter of Damon & Lisa Motley

Chase Trimble

Son of Amanda Trimble & the late Justin Trimble

Cody Schneider

Son of John & Becky Schneider

Margaret Heimericks

Daughter of Lucas & Christy Heimericks





2022 R.O.K. / GOD'S SINGERS SPRING SCHEDULE 6:30 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

April 6th: God's Singers

April 10th: Sing in Worship - Palm Sunday

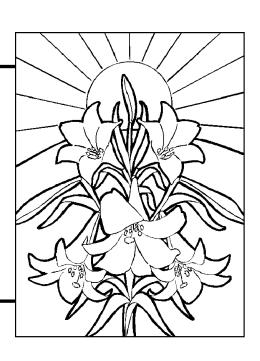
April 13th: Holy Week—NO God's Singers Practice

April 20th: God's Singers April 27th: God's Singers May 4th: God's Singers May 11th: God's Singers

May 15th: Sing in Worship

NOTE: NO WEDNESDAY SCHOOL—NO GOD'S SINGERS

"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and Hallelujah is our song." Pope John Paul II



March 7, 2022 Teachers & Officers meeting

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Judy Burger called meeting to order at 6:58 PM with Rev. Russell Cobb opening with a prayer. Those in attendance were Cressida Gattermeir, Steven Burger, Larry Rohrbach, Beth Chambers, Judy Burger, Ronda Mortenson, Carole Barbour, Courtney Cassil, Mollie Wolford, Rev. Russell Cobb, and Carla Clennin.

February meeting minutes were reviewed, and accepted. Motion carried. February Treasurer's Report was reviewed, and accepted. Motion carried.

Our March benevolence is Moniteau Christian Ministries. MCM follows the teachings of Jesus by providing charitable assistance with basic needs.

Old business:

VBS – Dates for VBS 2022 are July 24-28 (Sunday through Thursday) Youth Program Survey – Form was completed but was deemed not necessary as programs are well attended. A special thank you to those who continue to teach and contribute in any way to the success of our programs.

New Member Letter – Carole will send out a welcome letter to all new members to invite them to Sunday school and provide information on classes and other youth programs.

Sunday school Highlight – Pastor Russ suggested that a member of the board or a teacher give a quarterly highlight over happenings in Sunday school

New/other Business:

Confirmation Class Celebration – The Women's Guild would like to sponsor a Confirmation Class celebration. Carla will check with Becky Schneider, she has been helping organize Confirmation Class functions. Easter Breakfast – The Sunday school will check with Connie & Jay Bestgen, Lanny & Ellen Ash, and Kendra & Brett Hall to see what they need help to facilitate Easter breakfast.

Digital Billboard – Easter services and Easter Breakfast will be advertised on the large digital billboard at the corner of Buchanan and Oak St. A special thank you to Mark Elliott with the Bowlin-Cantriel Funeral Home for donating the ad space to the church.

Summer Curriculum – We will continue The Story in adult classrooms from 6-5-2022 to 08-21-2022. Then return to Wesley curriculum in the fall. Preschool, child and adolescent ages will remain with current curriculum.

Hallway Banners – Ronda asked for approval of funds for new hallway banners that can be rotated every quarter. A set amount of funds was approved and passed for the purchase.

Preschool teachers - Welcome Cressida Gattermeir! Cressida will now join Ronda as co-teacher for our preschool class.

Rock Solid Finances – Steven Burger suggested offering Rock Solid finances to our high school seniors and college students. Dates are being explored.

Donuts – Courtney suggested we increase our Sunday donut hole order due to running out very quickly on Sunday mornings. Increasing the order was unanimously passed and Courtney will call and increase the order amount for Sundays. Thank you Courtney for handling the orders, and thank you to Brett and Courtney for alternating to pick them up every Sunday.

Motion to adjourn at 7:52 pm. Next meeting will be Monday, April 4th, 2022, at 7 PM Respectfully submitted, Mollie Wolford

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS IN THE MINISTRY OF TRANSFORMING LIVES!



UCC Brotherhood Minutes – February 28, 2022

The UCC Brotherhood met for its regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 28, 2022 with 20 members and guests in attendance.

Refreshments – Great refreshments were provided by Betty and Russell Cobb.

Program – The program was provided by Cher Caudel, Moniteau County Public Administrator. The public administrator is an elected position, elected every four years. Her office is now located in an area of Ann Perry's law office. The public administrator serves as guardian and sometimes conservator for persons assigned by the court that are unable to make decisions for themselves. Assignments are usually made by the Moniteau County Probate Court. Referrals are often made by doctors or hospitals who feel the person needs someone to help making good personal decisions concerning their health and welfare. This sometimes means managing their money and property as well as their personal needs. The administrator is responsible for finding the least restrictive environment for a client to reside in. Over time, the situation has changed greatly, from years ago mostly older clients living in nursing homes, to now mostly younger clients in other types of placements. Her average client now is under 30 years old, many with mental health issues that prevent them from caring for themselves. Cher and her assistant currently serve a caseload of more than 40 clients. She tries to make personal contact with her clients every 4 to 6 weeks at a minimum. Cher and her husband, Jeremy have 5 children. Jeremy is employed as a hospice chaplain centered at Lake Ozark. They have a "home church" on Wednesday evenings, i.e. a group that meets in their home for church.

Devotion – Steven Burger shared a devotion from Crown Financial entitled, "Leaving a Legacy", based on Proverbs 13:22. People should strive to leave an inheritance to their children and grandchildren as follows:

- 1. a legacy of righteousness 2. a legacy of love 3. a legacy of grace
- 4. a legacy of faithfulness 5. a legacy of joy 6. a legacy of generosity
- 7. a legacy of character 8. a legacy of servanthood These are all way more important than money.

Business Meeting – President Abe Rohrbach called the meeting to order. The minutes of the January meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was approved with a balance of \$1207.17. Tony also reported that a check for \$120 from Associated Grocers (Best Choice Labels) passed through the Brotherhood account to the MCMC food pantry. The group discussed several future program ideas. After some discussion, a motion was approved that the Brotherhood sponsor a church family night, carry-in dinner on Sunday evening, April 24 pending consistory approval. Larry Rohrbach volunteered for the devotion for the March meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully, Norman Rohrbach, Secretary

UCC Brotherhood Minutes - March 28, 2022

Refreshments – The meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with delicious refreshments provided by Lashley and Joyce Rohrbach.

Devotion – Larry Rohrbach presented a devotion about the power of death. He noted that even the most powerful people on the planet would someday die just the same as all of us and that only through the resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ do we all have the hope of eternity – and it is equally offered to each of us regardless of our standing in this life on Earth. The devotion concluded with the singing of the hymn, Crown Him With Many Crowns.

Program - Robert Sumner, who works for Martin Energy headquartered at Tipton, Missouri presented a program about the company and what it produces and services it provides. The company was formed in 1976 in Pennsylvania to produce and install small generators, used to power machines primarily in the Mennonite community there. The company moved to Latham, Missouri in 1986 and gradually manufactured larger and larger generators, providing backup power for many different companies and farms. In 2000, the company started manufacturing and installing biogas scrubbers. In 2017, the company built a new manufacturing facility at the east edge of Tipton, creating larger generation systems and biogas collection systems to produce methane and other salable gases from large lagoons and landfills. These systems produce RNG/Renewable Natural Gas that can then be used to power electric generators or can be sold to pipeline companies. The process simplified as on a large dairy farm is -- the cows expel waste→manure goes to lagoon→lagoon material is pumped in the digester-material is heated to 101 degrees-bacteria breaks down organic matter in the mixture→gas rises in a domed structure→RNG/Renewable Natural Gas is separated and pressurized to get utilized in power generation or sale to natural gas suppliers. These systems are being sold and installed in many states in the U.S. and numerous countries around the world. Robert works in the biogas energy side of the company.

Robert graduated from CHS and then University of Central Missouri. His family moved to California when he was a freshman in high school.

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Men's Brotherhood—Continued

Business Meeting – Jerry Wolfrum called the meeting to order with 24 members and guests in attendance. The minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was approved with a balance of \$1,356.17. Bob Kueffer volunteered to provide refreshments for the April meeting. Steve Burger asked for volunteers to help with the church parking lot cleanup on an upcoming Saturday. He will get it scheduled soon. Tony Barry then discussed the upcoming church family night and carry-in dinner scheduled for Sunday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Assignments were made as follows:

Tables and chair set-up – Norman, Dave and Lanny

Drinks – Bob, Dean and Larry R.

Food Table/dessert bar – Tony

Paperware – Alan

Entertainment – God's Singers

Bingo and Prizes – Tony and Lanny and Dale

Clean Up – Everyone

The Brotherhood decided to provide a grand prize of \$50 for the final bingo game.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Norman Rohrbach, Secretary



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Acolytes

- 03 Jess Medlin & Logan Milligan
- 10 Brenyn Robertson & Hunter Hall
- 17 Hazel & Meredith Wolford
- 24 Rylan Robertson & Lena Bieri

Lay Readers

- 03 Alan Chambers
- 10 Judy Burger
- 17 David Gattermeir
- 24 Beth Dampf



April Choirs

- 03 Bell Choir
- 06 Special Music
- 10 Palm Sunday—God's Singers
- 14 Maundy Thursday—Sr. Choir
- 17 Easter

(7:00 AM)—Special Music

(10:30 AM)—Sr. Choir

24 Sr. Choir



Children's Time

- 03 Carla Clennin
- 10 Puppets
- 17 Holly Bieri
- 24 Ginnie Medlin

Nursery Volunteers

- 03 Courtney Cassil
- 10 Holly Bieri
- 17 Sue Tuttle
- 24 Amy Howard

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Notes & News

A Time of Hope

8:15 a.m. Sunday KRLL Radio ~1420 AM

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Women's Bible Study
Led by Kathy Grant
Every Tuesday
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Meeting Room - Join us!

April Birthdays

- 01 Jason Gatlin
- 01 Andrew Graves
- 01 Drew Robertson
- 02 Melissa Draffen
- 02 Michelle Sedgwick
- 03 Walter Bieri
- 03 Christopher Draffen
- 04 Amy Howard
- 05 Tammy Kilmer
- 05 Abigail Kiesling
- 05 Charles Goode
- 06 Adam Burger
- 06 Leslie Peck
- 07 David Stock
- 09 Jane Robertson
- 09 Devon Bueker
- 09 Cooper Brandes
- 10 Stacey Bolinger
- 11 Christopher Cassil
- 11 Kueffer Koestner
- 11 Alexandria Larson
- 11 Hunter Hall
- 11 Richard Meisenheimer
- 12 Brittany Kendrick
- 12 Jess Medlin
- 13 Kristen Ashley
- 13 Elizabeth Ash
- 13 Walker Cary

- 14 Kimberly Keil
- 14 Ally Meisenheimer
- 15 Carole Barbour
- 15 Adley Baker
- 16 Mary Burger
- 16 Scott Robertson
- 17 Jon Roberts
- 20 Janette Moore
- 20 Sonja Nelson
- 22 John Kiesling
- 22 Aaron Chambers
- 23 Ann Fletcher
- 23 Preston Peters
- 23 August Chambers
- 24 Rhonda Meyer
- 25 Kaitlyn Adams



- 26 Cynthia Hall
- 26 Chase Ramsdell
- 27 Alex Tuttle
- 28 Joan Scrivner
- 29 Norris Gerhart
- 29 Kati Pugh
- 29 Allan Burger
- 30 Linda Schnieders
- 30 Leah Meyer
- 30 Russell Cobb



You're not old! You're chronologically gifted!

April Baptisms

Sean Ajtaji—April 13, 2014 Aidan Bolinger—April 10, 2005 Walker Borghardt—April 17, 2011 Bobby Bryant—April 30, 2000 Kenny Bryant—April 22, 1979 Wilma Bryant—April 26, 1970 Kevin Bueker—April 14, 1984 Steven Burger—April 15, 1962 Jo Ann Cantriel—April 7, 1968 Harold Cashion-April 23, 1995 Jerry Coale—April 7, 1946 Doug Dampf—April 17, 1966 Lois Daniel—April 14, 1935 Aubrey Davis—April 25, 2010 Betty Dummermuth—April 7, 1954 Clyde Dummermuth—April 12, 1936 Elmer Gates—April 25, 1943 Jeffery Hammonds—April 15, 1956 PJ Hanauer—April 18, 1993 Brooke Hickman—April 25, 1999 Blake Howard—April 10, 1994 Harold Howard—April 1951 Jackie Howard—April 19, 1987 Dyan Ingram—April, 2017 Martin Kilmer—April 3, 2005 Ronnie Kissick—April 14, 1991 Suzanne Latham—April 27, 2003 Evan Martin—April 28, 1985 Olivia Meisenheimer—April 6, 2008 McKenzie Lohse—April, 2011

John Overbey—April 1961 Roberta Pate—April 10, 1966 Alberta Rich—April 12, 1936 Renee Roberts—April 1, 2012 Kelly Sedgwick—April 11, 1982 Justin Selk—April 23, 1988 Michelle Sontag—April 14, 1968 Abby Spieler—April 10, 1993 Ann Spillars—April 12, 1992 Cara Stassel—April 28, 1985 Amanda Trimble—April 29, 2001 Chase Trimble—April 20, 2008 Macie Trimble—April 2, 2006 Barbara Weis—April 30, 1944 Katie Young—April 27, 2003 Terry Yu—April 12, 2000 Robert Zuidervaart—April, 1963 Rebecca Zuidervaart—April, 1965



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