

*WELCOME TO
ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST*



Luke 13:1-9

“A Church Where God is Doing a New Thing”

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Third Sunday in Lent

COMMUNION SUNDAY

March 7, 2010

10:15 a.m.

*Large print Bulletins, Music are located in the Narthex.
Nursery attendant is available during Worship in Room M-11.*

ENTER TO WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE FOR PRIVATE MEDITATION

(Let us prepare our hearts, minds and spirits to praise and worship our Lord.)

“Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?” (Ecclesiastes 5:10-11, New Revised Standard Version)

CENTERING WITH THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL

(At the bell's ringing, let us concentrate on Jesus and His promise of salvation.)

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CHURCH CANDLES

***CELEBRATION HYMN**

“Revive Us Again” (Green Hymnal) **#295**

BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the Ritual of Friendship Pad located at the end of each pew.

***GREETING** (Responsively)

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: The power of the Holy Spirit moves among us!

People: **Praise the Lord!**

***SONG OF PRAISE**

“Jesus Is Lord of All”

(Green Hymnal)

#359

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (Responsively)

Leader: We stand in the need of the presence of God.

Pastor: Our lives can so easily become corrupted by our own greed.

Leader: But the Lord has heard our cries and calls us forward on this journey.

People: Lord, guide our steps.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

**People: Let us open our hearts to the healing, restoring love of God.
AMEN.**

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (In unison)

God, Your design is that we would live a life of generosity and trust in You. Our enemy wants us to believe otherwise, fearing for our finances and clinging to material things. We confess that in days of economic turmoil, we don't always hear the words of scripture that call us to place our hopes beyond stock markets, unemployment checks, and paydays. Remind us, Lord, that no matter how bad the economic news sounds, we remain an abundantly, often indulgently wealthy nation in the midst of a world full of desperate poverty. And yet, Lord, recent economic events put a very real strain on us, our lives at work, our relationships at home, as the ache of uncertainty gnaws at our hearts. Comfort us, strengthen us, and, as You did with Job, release us from our illusions of self-reliance, and remind us that our only future lies in Your promises. Amen

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE IN OUR FELLOWSHIP**

(Let us stand and welcome one another.)

***"Gloria Patri"**

(Green Hymnal)

#623

ANTHEM

"I Feel Like Going On"

The Rev. James McAllister, Director

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 55:1-9 (Old Testament p. 685)

Luke 13:1-9 (New Testament p. 76)

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

“Were You There?”

(Green Hymnal)

#181

SERMON

“Ya’ll Come”

Pastor Don Morgan

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

PRAYERS

**Pastoral Prayer, Prayers of the People,
The Lord’s Prayer (Debts, Debtors)**

PRESENTATION OF OUR TIME, TALENT AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

****Doxology***

(Green Hymnal)

#625

****OFFERING PRAYER***

Pastor Don Morgan

****THE APOSTLES’ CREED*** (Inside Hymnal Cover)

****COMMUNION HYMN***

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

(Green Hymnal)

#274

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to Holy Communion

(Everyone is welcome to join us in Holy Communion.)

COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

People: **We lift them to God.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to Most High.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Prayer continues.....

**UNISON: HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, GOD OF LOVE AND MAJESTY,
THE WHOLE UNIVERSE SPEAKS OF YOUR GLORY,
O GOD MOST HIGH. BLESSED IS THE ONE WHO
COMES IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD!
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!**

BREAKING BREAD AND POURING DRINK

(Outer ring is grape juice)

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (In unison)

Mighty God, we thank You for touching our lives with the grace that fills Your creation with joy and hope. We thank You that in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the power of Your love to overcome all things is revealed. Inspire us now with the vision of that Holy love filling our whole lives so that we live each day as a sign of how all of creation can be re-made into the realm of Your peace. Amen.

****CLOSING HYMN***

“Peace Like a River”

(Green Hymnal)

#498

****BENEDICTION***

Leader: We have been blessed by the love and grace of God.

People: That blessing will enable us to be a blessing to those around us.

Leader: We have been fed by the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

People: That food will strengthen us to carry Christ into the world.

Leader: We have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

People: That transformation will re-create us in the image of Christ.

UNISON: THANKS BE TO GOD! AMEN!

****RECESSIONAL***

“God Be with You”

(Green Hymnal)

#602

****POSTLUDE***

DEPART TO SERVE

***All who can comfortably stand, please do so.**

Altar Flowers

The beautiful flowers on the Altar this morning are given by Tanya Heathman in memory of her mother Kaye Combs' birthday.

March's Second Mile Mission

"One Great Hour of Sharing"

Thank you for supporting this worthwhile mission.

Food Pantry Support

Volunteers from Church Community Services pick up donations on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. You may bring cans and packaged food anytime each month for the pantry at Church Community Services. *Thank you very much for your support!*

ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS AND NOTES, MARCH 7, 2010

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| Today: | Welcome! Greenleaf Living Center Worship | 2:00 PM |
| Monday: | Scouts | 6:30 PM |
| Tuesday: | Choir Practice | 7:30 PM |
| Wednesday: | Bible Study | 10:30 AM |
| | Fellowship Meal – Wii Wednesdays | 5:00 PM |
| Thursday: | Men's Breakfast & Bible Study Room M-3 | 6:00 AM |
| | Bible Study | 6:45 PM |
| Saturday: | <i>Youth Nelson's Chicken Barbecue Fundraiser</i> | 10:00 AM |
| | Pastor Don's Radio Broadcast – WHME 103.1 | 10:15 AM |

Next Sunday

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| Sunday School classes – all ages | 9:00 AM |
| Coffee & Donuts Room M -1 | 9:50 AM |
| Worship | 10:15 AM |
| Eastlake Atria Worship | 2:00 PM |

Nelson's Chicken Barbecue!!!!

The Youth Group, along with the Downtown Youth Group, is sponsoring a Chicken Barbecue **next Saturday, March 13th, 10:00 a.m.** at Cassopolis & Bristol Streets to raise funds for their mission trip. The cost is \$5.00.

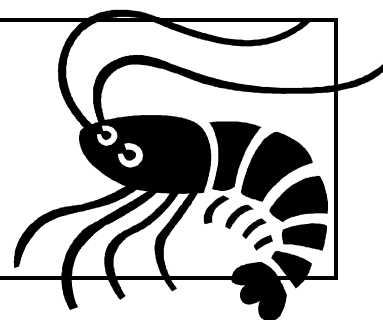
Pastor Don's Shrimp Boil

Pastor Don's Shrimp Boil will be Saturday, March 20th.

4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50 Children under 12: \$4.50

More information will be coming soon.



Extra Week's Giving Envelopes

The extra week's giving program is continuing. The new envelopes are on the table in the Narthex for you to pick up.



Coming Soon.....St. John's Eggstravaganza!!!

Saturday, April 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast, story & egg hunt.

If you would like to donate items or know someone who would like to hunt eggs, there are signup sheets in the Narthex.

Signup for Easter Lilies

We will be ordering Easter Lilies from Varners to decorate the Sanctuary for Easter; cost is \$10.25. Signup sheets are in the Narthex. Thank you!

We wish a Happy Birthday to:

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| Andrew Brown | 03/07 | Caitlin Nicholson | 03/10 |
| Kevin Prah | 03/07 | Johnny Bachman | 03/13 |
| Miranda Chris | 03/08 | Waneta Straw | 03/13 |
| Stacy Lankford | 03/09 | | |

There are no Anniversaries this week.

Those on Duty to Assist You Today

Consistory: Dan Brown **Liturgist:** Nate Martin
Ushers: Keith Beber, Roger Niccum
Greeters: Donn & Billie Horein **Acolytes:** Youth
Communion Elder: Sidney Dew

Our Church Staff

Rev. Donald Morgan.....**Pastor** Jan Adamson.....**Secretary**
Debbie Hoover.....**Organist** Carol Ann Torres.....**Custodian**
James McAllister.....**Minister of Music**

Consistory

Frank Hughes.....**President** Linda Couch.....**Secretary &**
George Freese**Vice President** **Financial Secretary**
Sidney Dew.....**Treasurer**

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