

A newsletter for Emerson Unitarian Universalist Chapel
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MY FALL SLUMP

My RE class may be a good barometer for the mood of the church. My class of first- and second-graders will arrive for Sunday RE hour and they are enthusiastic and ready to play (and learn, too, these kids are the best!). The first weeks we had ten attending but by late October we were down to our regulars Sarah, Ketti, Sophia and Zoe, still enthusiastic and fully participating. But the others?

They may be like my own attendance at my covenant group. Hopeful and enthusiastic, I even showed up a week too early for our first meeting. But the October distractions at home and my own inattentiveness led me to miss the next two sessions. (Sorry guys, I plan on 100% here on.) But those that showed are fully engaged, committed, and I am told had a fruitful discussion, maybe about me since I wasn't there.

This newsletter is dedicated to the members and friends of Emerson that keep the energy going for their covenant group, their RE class, their own personal involvement in the Emerson Community. Of note are the meetings of UU Roots (page 5), Welcoming Congregation (page 6), Elizabethan Evening (page 7) and RE offerings (page 8). And don't forget this weekend is Tea Party Cabaret and Fall Festival!

Tom Kibby



Phyllis MacLaren's photos continue on display in the sanctuary through November

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KRISTA'S CORNER

MINISTER'S NOTES FROM REV. KRISTA TAVES



For the last five years we have been giving away half of our collection plate to local, national and international non-profit organizations that do work which reflects our religious values. We chose a different charity for every month and have been sending each group in the range of \$200. Last year our long range planning team, Focusing the Beacon, made the recommendation that we move from supporting 12 groups a year to four so that we make a larger difference for the organizations we support. It also recommended that we give all of our collection away, not half of it.

This fall the Board of Trustees and our social justice committee, Love First, began working on making these recommendations real.

Love First chose three social justice organizations. PROMO (Personal Rights of Missourians www.promoonline.org) is a state advocacy organization that works for equal rights for sexual minorities. Faith Aloud (www.faithaloud.org) is a religious pro-choice organization that advocates for reproductive rights at the state level and works with abortion

clinics around the country to provide non-judgmental compassionate free pastoral care for women and their families who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (www.uusc.org) is our denominational mission agency. This organization works for human rights and economic development in North America and around the world. Love First wanted to involve our children in choosing the fourth charity and asked the Religious Education Committee to make the fourth recommendation. The children have chosen animal rights and wish to partner with K9, a national animal rescue organization that has a St. Louis branch.

The Board of Trustees voted at its September meeting to accept these charities and to donate the entire collection plate. Each charity will receive the plate three months of the year. Of course, any donations identified as pledge donations will be directed in their entirety to our operating budget. We are now tracking all donations to the best of our ability and any funds you donate for our charities will be tax deductible so long as you identify your gift. There are small yellow envelopes on the shelf to your right when you enter the vestibule doors so that you can identify any cash donations.

We will continue to collect food for Circle of Concern, our local food bank, and hope to fill the wheelbarrow every Sunday. This recession has dramatically increased the demand on food banks and we want to do our

part to address the reality that people in our communities go hungry. Please make it a part of your weekly shopping to add a few items for the wheelbarrow.

There has undoubtedly been some anxiety about this decision. Will we shortchange ourselves in the desire to help others? We very intentionally do not build the offertory into our operating budget. We do not rely on undesignated funds in our offertory to meet regular expenses like the mortgage, utilities, supplies, or payroll. These expenses are completely met through the pledges made in our annual canvass which takes place in March and April. Our members' and friends' generosity in pledging has made it possible for us to serve our world in a bigger way and to live our mission and vision more faithfully. We will begin giving our entire collection away on November 21, which is Bread Communion.

*In faith and service,
Rev. Krista*

Minister's November Schedule

Nov 1-7: Tu, We, Th
Nov 8-14: We, Th, Sa
Nov 15-21: We, Th, Sa
Nov 22-28: We, Th, Sa
Nov 29-Dec 5: We, Th, Sa

Pastoral Care

Rev. Taves is available for non-emergency pastoral care on the days of her office hours. She is available for emergency pastoral care 24/7.

MY TURN

OBSERVATIONS FROM BOARD LEADERS

Tip The Scales For Justice

Recently, Shawna and I experienced a few things that made a lasting impression. A few weeks ago, the worship service focused on the importance of the Welcoming Congregation classes. Krista had asked me to stand and provide my testimony about why I believed it was important. I agreed, but then Shawna and I had to leave town for work (and a little pleasure). So, I sent the testimony that Shawna and I had prepared to Krista so Andrew Dickson could read it during the service. I was feeling good about my contribution to the service, even if I could not be there. Then I received an email from Krista informing us that the transcript from the service would be included on the Emerson website. So, she asked if it would be acceptable to include my names on the transcript since it would be visible to the public.

As some of you know, Shawna and I work for our own consulting firm, providing assistance in areas such as executive coaching and succession planning. It will probably shock you to know that many of our clients are conservative, in terms of religious, social and political beliefs. So, it was suddenly clear that we would be making our position on several issues very clear to any client who decided to search for us on the internet. We currently have clients who would probably fire us if they read the transcript from the service. In fact, while our political views are probably

quite clear to most of you, we tend to shy away from these conversations when interacting with clients. So, once we made our decision, it occurred to me that the conflict we faced was only a tiny example of the decisions that someone in the LGBTQ community has to make on a daily basis. So, while it was only a small taste, it was still quite bitter.

The same weekend, we were walking across the campus of a very large state university and Shawna saw two young women holding hands as they walked. It did not catch her attention until some young men began yelling derogatory comments. The two young women pulled in their shoulders and let go of each others' hands. It was heartbreaking.

Near the end of the weekend, we received an email from a member of the chapel. It detailed a program on the internet to support LGBTQ youth. Apparently the suicide rate for teens in the LGBTQ community is 4 TIMES greater than the rate among heterosexual teens. Given the recent publicized teen suicides, people, particularly those from the LGBTQ community, are being encouraged to create their own videos to put online. The videos communicate to teens that while being a teen and being LGBTQ can be very difficult and lonely, things generally are much better once you make it out of high school.

Last year the Focusing the Beacon (strategic planning)

Committee conducted interviews with the majority of the members of Emerson chapel. Increasing the chapel's presence in the community was clearly very important. That is why Krista started the Love First effort that has focused on LGBTQ issues and on Reproductive Rights.

On the LGBTQ side of the effort, members from Emerson, as well as other UU churches in the area, participated in the Pride Parade this summer. They also staffed a UU booth at Tower Grove Park during the celebration. They gathered several people to attend a musical, *The State of Marriage*. The play was wonderful and also opened our eyes to some of the struggles of the LGBTQ community. They also planned and delivered the *Weaving the Fabric of Diversity* classes. Now, they are leading the Welcoming Congregation classes.

Eventually, we will be asking the congregation to vote to be a "Welcoming Congregation." Some would say that UUs are already open to people from this community. However, even the most open of us can be unaware of the challenges our brothers and sisters face. Despite being psychologists, Shawna and I have learned so much from the Welcoming Congregation classes. The Welcoming Congregation certification also requires us to review our by-laws to ensure they are not biased.

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A MONTH OF SERVICES

All Sunday Services begin at 10:00 AM

November 7

"Christianity IS a UU Value"

Speaker: Susan Stafford

Can UU's view Christianity as simply something to reject? Susan, a life-long UU, finds understanding in recognizing that we have Christian roots and we should learn to use these in communicating with new UU's.

Special Guest Music: The Worship Band

Pianist: Todd Painter

Adult RE I (in the Hearth Room): Susan Stafford hosts discussion of the sermon.

Adult RE II (in the sanctuary): Religion and Homosexuality (Sam Faith and Linda Gidday)

November 14

"How We Belong"

New Member Sunday

Speaker: Rev. Krista Taves (Youth Pew)

What does it really mean to belong? We all search for places that feel like home. How do we make sure that our safe places aren't just about us, but are always ready to welcome someone new who is looking for the same thing we did?

Special Guest Music: Todd Painter

Pianist: Todd Painter

Adult RE I (in the Hearth Room): Unitarianism -Christian in an old/new way

Adult RE II (in the sanctuary): Experiences of BGLTs (panel discussion by Nancy Belt, Sam Faith, Lisa Parnell, and David Renaud—facilitated by Linda Gidday and Jim Lyonfields)

November 21

"Bread for the World"

Speaker: Rev. Krista Taves

Join us for our Intergenerational Bread Communion. Our focus will be hunger and a faithful response to it. Please bring some of your favorite baking for a special social hour to follow.

Special Guest Music: Emerson Drummers with Worship Band

Pianist: Todd Painter

No Adult RE, instead Social Justice project

Adult RE II: no session

November 28

"We're Bound for Iowa!"

Speaker: Rev. Krista Taves, Ed Reggi and Scott Emanuel

Since Iowa began legalizing same sex marriage, Ed and Scott have been taking busloads of Missouri same sex couples to Iowa City to be married. Their destination?

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Iowa City.

Pianist: Todd Painter

This Sunday there will be no Adult RE in the Hearth Room. Instead join Krista and our pulpit guests in the sanctuary.

Adult RE II (in the sanctuary):

Marriage Equality (Guests Scott Emanuel and Ed Reggi to present Heartland Transport video of same-sex couples traveling on Show Me Marriage Equality bus to be legally married in Iowa; session facilitated by Logan Gidday, Shawna Lyonfields, and David Renaud)

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Finally, some have said that we should avoid becoming a "single issue" church. I certainly understand the concerns. However, there are times in history when it is important to stand up for particular issues, worker's rights, women's rights, and civil rights. We are at a point where our support can help tip the scales for justice. I personally remain committed.

Jim Lyonfields

Our Unitarian Universalist Roots – An Introduction to Unitarian Universalism **Nov 14, Nov 21 and Nov 28** **(11:30-1:00pm)**

Rev. Krista Taves will be offering another round of "UU Roots", an introduction to Unitarian Universalism and Emerson Chapel, starting late October and running into November, after the service. This 3-part class is open to everyone, but we are extending a special invitation to recent visitors to Emerson - this is an excellent way to learn more about our denomination, and our church, as well as meet others who are also new to Emerson Chapel.

The three-session series will be held at Emerson after the regular Sunday services on November 14th, November 21st and November 28th from 11:30am-1:00pm. The first session covers the history of Unitarian Universalism; the second explores UU theology; and the third and final session covers Emerson Chapel's 25-year history as well as its structure, governance, and programming.

We urge you to attend all three sessions to get the most out of the experience, but you're still welcome to participate in one or more if you cannot make all of them.

Please call the church office or email office@emersonuuchapel.org

by October 25th if you plan to attend (and if you'll be needing child care).

There will be a one-time, free-will donation of \$10 (per couple) to cover expenses, including child care.

We hope you'll be able to join us!!

Jeff Gidday
Chair, Welcome Committee

Unitarian Universalist Wings Continues in November.

UU WINGS, an adult religious education course offered by Rev. Krista Taves, begins in September. If you have recently begun attending Emerson Chapel, have completed our introductory series UU Roots, or are a longer term member seeking intentional spiritual exploration, this is an excellent group for you. You may join the class at any time during the year.

In this religious education class, participants:

- Become familiar with a broad and inclusive definition of spirituality—one that includes those who do and don't affirm the existence of spirit or deity
- Evaluate their experiences of the spiritual during turning points in their lives and during day-to-day living

- Learn methods for being attentive to their spirituality
- Consider the value of spiritual practice, in any variety of forms, as a means to deepen faith and enhance the quality of everyday living
- Participate in the spiritual practices of speaking and listening with respect
- Explore a vocabulary of reverence drawn from the Unitarian Universalist hymnbook *Singing the Living Tradition* and its supplement, *Singing the Journey*
- Articulate thoughts, feelings, and longings in authentic ways, and develop their understanding of the spiritually healing value of such authenticity
- Explore possibilities for deepening experiences of spirituality for themselves and for others in the context of their Unitarian Universalist congregation

To register please contact Randy Whitman, Office Administrator at office@emersonuuchapel.org. Please indicate if you will be needing childcare. There is a suggested freewill offering of \$10 per family to cover the cost of childcare.

Dates:

Wednesdays. 7-9 p.m. Nov. 17, Dec. 15, Jan, 19, Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20, May 18.

You may join this class at any time.

Adult RE II: Welcoming Congregation Workshops Continue in November

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., in the
Sanctuary

This UUA series, which began Sept. 26 and is offered by Love First, Emerson's social justice committee, is designed to increase understanding and acceptance among persons of different sexual orientations. It promotes consciousness-raising and critical thinking about attitudes toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, and/or transgender people. Participants should feel free to bring their own snacks. Childcare, which will include snacks and a creative activity, will be provided from 12:15 p.m., when RE classes end, to 1:00 p.m. at no charge. The schedule for November, including names of facilitators, is:

- Nov. 7: Religion and Homosexuality (Sam Faith and Linda Giddy)
- Nov. 14: Experiences of BGLTs (panel discussion by Nancy Belt, Sam Faith, Lisa Parnell, and David Renaud—facilitated by Linda Giddy and Jim Lyonfields)
- Nov. 21: no session
- Nov. 28: Marriage Equality (Guests Scott Emanuel and Ed Reggi to present Heartland Transport video of same-sex couples traveling on Show Me Marriage Equality bus to be legally married in Iowa; session facilitated by Logan Giddy, Shawna Lyonfields, and David Renaud)

This series of 12 workshops continues through Dec. 19.

UU Christian Fellowship Potluck: Sat, Nov 7th, 6 p.m. at Emerson.

Meat is provided, please bring a side to share.

This event is for anyone interested in exploring Christian spirituality as a UU, or who wants to come hang out and socialize with fellow Emersonians. :)

Childcare is provided.

Contact Claudia Hall for more information
volunteer@emersonuuchapel.org

9th Annual Emerson Elizabethan Evening (a.k.a. Madrigal Dinner)

Friday, December 10th
Saturday, December 11th

Tickets

\$40/person (same as last year)
\$300/Table of 8
Tickets go on sale Sunday, Nov. 7th
Ticket order form included in Newsletter and available on our website ([or follow this link](#))
All seats are reserved – limited seating – get your tickets early

Menu

~ Wassail
~ Roasted Wilde Boar
~ Swete Potato baked with spyces
~ Grenes Benes with Almonds
~ Her Majesty's Salade
~ Fresh Brede and Byttr
~ Flaming Plomme Puddyng
~ Fruites and Cheeses
~ Wyne, Coffee, Tea

This is one of Emerson's largest fund raisers outside of canvass. It is a great opportunity to bring in outside money through tickets sold to non-members. Please pass the word along to your friends. Look for a flyer attached

to the Nov. 4th This Week at Emerson to pass along to all your friends.

As always, part of what makes these dinners so successful is the participation of Emerson members and friends as cooks, servers, entertainers, kitchen helpers, set-up/clean-up crews. I urge everyone to attend one night to enjoy the food & fun and work the other night to provide food and fun for others. A worker sign-up sheet will be available on Nov. 7. Youth age 13 and up are invited to help serve on the same night as their parents are working. All workers are fed. If you would like to help with ticket sales, PR, or anything else please contact Madrigal@emersonuuchapel.org ASAP. Last year's Lords & Ladies were Steve & Katie Jones and Mark & Nancy Fish. This year's will be announced soon.

If you can sew, and would like to make some hats and aprons for our servers, please contact Madrigal@emersonuuchapel.org Camille Herman, Production Director

It's Poinsettia Time Again!

Orders will be taken during the month of November. Forms will be available in the vestibule and on our website ([or follow this link](#)). Plants will be delivered on Dec. 9th and can be picked up anytime after the service on Dec. 12 (no later than Christmas Eve). Cost \$10/plant including foil cover. This is a small fundraiser for Emerson. \$2.00 of this cost is used to purchase the greenery for decorating the sanctuary.

Program Council Meeting Highlights September 18, 2010

Coffee Hour --The hospitality committee, consisting of Carol Jose and Amanda Ozersky, plan to try serving coffee and healthy snacks in the vestibule for awhile to free up the hearth room for an Adult RE meeting room. In order to make this plan work, the last Adult RE class finished will clean up the vestibule and the Aesthetics Committee will look into ways to alleviate the noise during coffee hour. People are encouraged to enjoy their coffee and conversation in the sanctuary and/or hearth room.

Space Use Policy – When 2 or more Adults RE classes are held concurrently, the latest running class meets in the sanctuary; if the classes end at the same time, the largest class uses the sanctuary.

Activity Fair – Several suggestions for next year's Activity Fair came out of the review of this year's Fair, including: ensure coffee is in the sanctuary during setup; better use of space; more helpers for setup/cleanup; intersperse social groups and committees.

Tea Party Cabaret – Jeff Giddy announced that he and Linda are working with the producer to bring the production to Emerson on Friday, October 29.

Basement drainage -- The Building Committee (Sally Armontrout, interim chair) has selected Art Stout Landscaping to dig a trench to reroute runoff water away from the building

and install a drain near the youth room door to route runoff to the trench. This is the first step toward eliminating the dampness and mold problems in the basement of the hearth room.

Classroom Expansion (Nancy Fish) -- Closets have been removed from 3 classrooms to increase the usable space by an all-volunteer construction team.

Future of building and grounds – Rev. Krista Taves suggested forming a task force to study our options for long-term building use (whether to stay on current property or sell it and move). She would like to have this work done in time for a May congregational vote.

New committees/teams—Plans are underway to create 3 new committees at this time: Pastoral Care, Greeter Team, and a Building Committee.

Other
Four charities were selected by our social action committee (Love First) to receive cash plate contributions during this church year. The 4 charities selected are PROMO, Faith Aloud, UUSC, and K-9 Rescue. Circle of Concern will remain the recipient of wheelbarrow food donations. Representatives from each of these organizations will be asked to speak on their behalf during the church year.

Anyone with questions about any of these items is welcome to contact Marilyn Ortinau, Vice President of Emerson's Board of Trustees.

Report from PR Committee

Emerson's Communications This Week at Emerson ("TWAE") brings you timely updates to everything going on at our Chapel. The Order of Service (OOS) inserts are meant to help you know on Sunday morning everything coming up. We have posted a vestibule wall sign with a brief listing of events for the week, and significant upcoming events. We have begun a new publication, ETC., which will provide additional information for anyone wishing to pick that up. Most of our information continues to appear in TWAE, which will continue to be posted on our website should you have deleted it on Thursday only to arrive Sunday morning and realize you needed something in it. However, feel free to pick up any copy of ETC which you need for additional information. These are on the ledge in the vestibule with a sign, Information for you.

Take time to browse not only our website, but also our bulletin board. Both are updated at least weekly, and we hope with information that keeps you "in the know".

Barb Brown



It's November. That signals something distinct in our American culture. As we edge into the true onset of autumn, and, at least here in Missouri, the colder weather sets upon us, so do thoughts of the coming Thanksgiving holiday. For me this means morphing into a mindset of thankfulness (which I do try to manage all the months of the year, but it seems November really brings it to focus). In our home, November brings a tradition of hanging a paper turkey on the wall in the kitchen alongside a full sheet of paper for our thankful thoughts. Each day, every member of the Taylor clan writes something they are feeling thankful for on the paper and then adds a feather to the turkey's backside. The idea is, of course, that come Thanksgiving day, our paper turkey's bottom will be bursting with feathers and the hearts of the Taylor family will be bursting with gratitude for our gifts and blessings.

It's an exercise in noticing that life is good.

Years ago, I was part of a volunteer service where I was

paired with a partner to do our work. The situation called for us to spend all of our time together. Meaning, mornings, afternoons, evenings, nights—we spent all our hours alongside one another. My partner was another young woman who had volunteered her time and energy for this service. That's about the place our similarities stopped and our perspective of life diverged. She didn't seem to possess a positive outlook on herself, her life, our work, or the world. Where I saw fun and fulfillment, she saw drudgery and draining. If there was something to pick apart in a situation, or criticize, or even rant about, she found it. Every. Time. Simply put, she was a downer and being around her began to take its toll on my idealistic-happy-Pollyanna perspective. And I got tired. One beautiful day as we were driving in sunny Los Angeles, on a perfect-weather-no-smog-in-the-air day, I commented on the day and the good things happening for us in our work. I was smiling. She noted that there were clouds rolling in and it was most likely going to rain soon. Her face held a grimace.

I lost it.

I slammed the brakes of that Toyota Corolla and pulled over to the side of the road where I turned in my seat to face her and fired a barrage of questions upon her: "Why are you always so negative? Do you know how hard it is to be happy for two people at once? What do you really want from this world? Where is your winning attitude? WHAT ARE YOU GRATEFUL FOR???"

After she recovered from the shock of the onslaught, she looked at me and answered my last question matter-of-factly "nothing, I guess". Without hesitation, I told her we'd definitely see about that. We took a walk and after a mile or so of walking in silence we sat down together on the curb of a suburban L.A. street. I pulled out a pamphlet from my bag and flipped it to the backside where there was some space to write, took out my pen and asked her to begin listing her gratitude. In the beginning her thoughts were general and wide sweeping in nature. She listed: Being alive, having food to eat, living safely in a home... but after a time as we pushed together, the list became specific and unique to her experiences and her ideas. Still we pushed until the list seemed exhaustive and included things like "I am grateful that my eyelids have lashes which help protect my eyes" and "I am grateful for bull-headed companions who make me sit down and list all the things I am grateful for". At the end of that experience, I folded the pamphlet and tucked it into her pocket with an encouragement to remember ALL THAT WE HAVE and ALL THAT WE ARE and to walk forward from that moment engaging in an ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE.

She kept the pamphlet.
I keep the memory.

Life is good.

Jenn Taylor

Religious Education Hour for Children and Youth: November

3-5's

The Chalice Children class will be making cookies, creating a flannel board story, participating in a social justice project, and exploring the ideas behind the Thanksgiving holiday this month! Join us for the fun and exploration.

6-7's

Our Super Heroes I continues their study of our Unitarian Universalist Super Heroes with a look at the lives of Christopher Reeve, Joseph Priestly, and Vilhalmur Stefannson. This class will also participate in the all-church social justice project in November.

8-10's

The Super Heroes II are exploring the stories of Solomon and Elijah, two more bible super heroes they are meeting along the way! Social justice project will bring these children joy as they participate together in an intergenerational experience.

11-13's

Our Compass Points class delves into the bigger questions of faith, belief and diversity this month with lessons which explore our ideas of god and our own religious traditions. Our middle-school youth will bring their skills to the table for our social justice project this month.

SPECIAL NOTES:

21 November

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT
Immediately following coffee/social time on Sunday morning, our hearth room will be transformed into a sandwich making factory. All hands participate and work together to

pack lunches for distribution to Salvation Army.

Youth Interface

November Events:

20th November, YOUTH may choose to participate in a workshop day at Mizzou. Missouri Safe Schools Coalition Presents: Youth Empowerment Summit - 10:00am - 4:00pm - University of Missouri campus; In honor of National Transgender Day of Remembrance, both youth and adults will gather at this Summit to empower the youth of Missouri to teach them how to be true leaders in their communities and schools and put a stop to bullying. People of all ages and from all across the state are invited to attend. Later in the evening, YOUTH meet at EMERSON CHAPEL for a Lock-In. Among other bits of fun, we'll be baking bread for Sunday morning's bread communion service.

Curricula Sundays:

7 November- From The Gospel According to The Simpsons: The Joy of Sects (study of cults and

other religious entities), Vicki Martin, teacher.

28 November- From the Gospel According to The Simpsons: Personal Prayer, Vicki Martin, teacher.

Youth Pew Sunday

14 November- Youth participate in leading worship service. Deep discussion follows the sermon in the youth room. Rommel Villagomez, teacher.

Social Justice Sunday

21 November- Intergenerational social justice project in the Hearth Room: Sandwich making for delivery to Salvation Army.



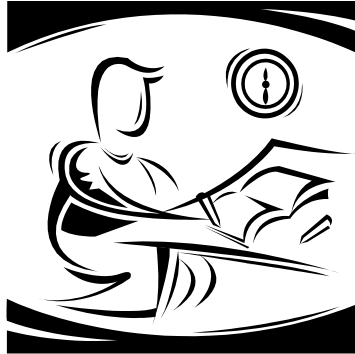
Administration

| MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010 | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| FINANCIAL SUMMARY | | | |
| SEPTEMBER 2010 | Actual | Budget | Variance |
| Pledge Income | \$ 17,504 | \$ 13,324 | \$ 4,181 |
| Other Income (inc. Grocery Cert.) | \$ 699 | \$ 486 | \$ 212 |
| Expenses* | \$ 21,920 | \$ 14,193 | \$ 7,726 |
| Fiscal Year-to-Date | | | |
| Pledge Income | \$ 51,916 | \$ 39,971 | \$ 11,945 |
| Other Income | \$ 1,759 | \$ 1,459 | \$ 300 |
| Expenses* | \$ 51,878 | \$ 44,954 | \$ 6,924 |
| | SEPT | YTD | |
| Hymnal Dedication Income | \$ 1,525 | \$ 1,525 | |

*Actuals include \$5900 being paid from refinancing cash for building improvements (not included in operating budget). This was the drainage project completed in September. Targeted budget for all projects is \$9500.

Want to know about Grocery Certificates?

Why do the Grocery Certificate Ladies sit in the Hearth Room? What compels them to sit week after week? Why do people walk over there and write a check? These and other questions answered... You purchase certificates to purchase food at Dierbergs, Whole Foods or Shop 'n Save in the amount you might normally spend. As part of the grocers' community giving, they contribute 5% to Emerson. Schnucks uses a slightly different process, and their giving varies by the amount you spend, but they also participate. Want to know more? Stop by and talk with one of our knowledgeable women who give their time each Sunday to make this happen. See them at the card table in the Hearth Room.



For Care & Concern

If you know of someone in need of food, transportation, a visit, or a phone call – please notify Administrator Randy Whitman in the church office – 636.256.7393.

RANDY'S DESK

Chapel Administrator's Notes – Randy Whitman

New Office Hours-
M: 9 - 3; Th & F: 9 - 2

In September we welcomed twelve visitors.

Our directory can be accessed through our website
www.emersonuuchapel.org

“Events & Community Life” – then “Members & Friends”. Call Randy for the password

Please keep the office updated with current phone, address and e-mail. The directory can now be accessed on our web site (password protected).

Randy can be contacted by calling the chapel office at: 636-256-7393 or by e-mail at: office@emersonuuchapel.org

Bulletin Board

Womyn's Web

Womyn's Web will be held at THE CHURCH on Monday, November 1st at 7 p.m. Please bring a snack, treat and/or beverage to share. If you are not currently on the email list for Womyn's Web but would like more information, please contact Susan Gottlieb womynsweb@emersonuuchapel.org.

Don't Forget! A Tea Party Cabaret

"A liberal, progressive, satirical response to the madness going on all around us"
Friday, October 29 7:30 PM \$10.00 donation

Also Don't Forget! Annual Fall Festival

A fun celebration for children of all ages - Saturday, October 30th 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Activities include pumpkin decorating, bobbing for donuts, balloon art, chili cookoff, hot dogs, s'mores, beer tasting for the adults and more.

Sign up on the bulletin board in the Hearth Room or by emailing Susan Bell if you plan to attend.

Kudos to...

- **Les and Sally Armontrout** for attending to the basement leaks.
- Welcoming Congregation facilitators in October—**Nancy Belt, Sam Faith, Jeff Gidday, Logan Gidday, Kathleen Nigro, David Renaud, and Susan Stafford**
- **Tea Party Cabaret crew** for a great show!
- To the **RE Committee** for the FALL FESTIVAL fun for children of all ages at Emerson!
- **Emerson Worship Band** for helping to uplift our services!

**TUESDAY, NOV. 2ND IS
ELECTION DAY.
REMEMBER TO GO TO
THE POLLS & VOTE!**

NOVEMBER

| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
|--|------------------------|------|---------------------------|------------------------|-----|---|
| | 1 Womyns Web 7PM | 2 | 3 Movie Matinee 12N | 4 Daytimers 11AM | 5 | 6 |
| 7 Service 10AM | 8 | 9 | 10 EUUC Board 7PM | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Service 10AM 7PM Drum Circle | 15 | 16 | 17 UU Wings 7PM | 18 | 19 | 20 Program Council 10AM Youth Lock-In 7PM |
| 21 Service 10AM | 22 | 23 | 24 Love First 7PM | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Service 10AM | 29 | 30 | 1 Movie Matinee 12N | 2 Daytimers 11AM | 3 | 4 |

Upcoming events:

- Elizabethan Evening Dec. 10-11

All events occur at Emerson unless noted with an *
 Child care may be provided to any Emerson Sponsored event, please call the Chapel office.
 Confirm with Covenant Group (CG) leader for meeting location and time.

Emerson Covenant Groups Invite New Members.

Emerson's Covenant Groups, our program of small group ministry, welcomes new members. Groups of up to ten people meet once or twice a month with a focus on deep listening and sharing personal experiences. Prepared session plans are used to guide each session, with topics such as forgiveness, gratitude, or saying good bye. Groups also do service projects for the church and community. Participants find that they get to know themselves, and often others, more deeply in these small groups. For more information about specific covenant groups, please see the church [website](#) or pick up a copy of the Emerson Program Guide at the visitor table. If you are interested in joining a covenant group, please email office@emersonuuchapel.org and we will be in touch with you.



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