



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 A.M.	700 Poyntz Avenue
Sunday Worship at 10:45 A.M.	Manhattan, Kansas 66502
Second Helping Dinner at 5:15 P.M.	telephone 785-537-7006
Thursday Evening Taizé at 7:00 P.M.	www.uccmanhattan.org

Youth and Sunday School Fall Weenie Roast & S'more Cookout October 27



You are invited to the Youth and Sunday School Fall Weenie Roast and S'mores cookout. We will gather at 5:30 P.M. at Jim Flak's Goat Farm in St. George. We will tour the farm and introduce the goats to our church family.

Dinner will consist of hot dogs that we will cook over an open fire pit, potato chips, lemonade and s'mores.

If you would like to RSVP by phone please call Mary Ray at 537-7006 and leave a message no later than Friday Oct. 26, 6 P.M. Please leave your name and how many will be attending. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on. You are welcome to bring a side dish but it is not required. Sponsored by the Board of Christian Education

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Sharing and Caring

Prayers and Concerns

These items are not viewable on this website. Please call the church office for further information.

Thank You

- Thank you for the gift in the amount of \$400 that we received from you in support of the theological education at Chicago, United and/ or Eden Seminaries. Each of our seminaries is filled with dedicated faculty and staff, and energetic, faith-filled students. Thank you for your financial support for their work, and please continue to hold them all in your prayers. Ann S. Moyer, Executive Director, Chicago United Eden Cue Seminaries of the United Church of Christ

Helping

- **Need a ride to church?** Contact one of our transportation volunteers: Jim Hodgson & Carolyn Schwab, Mike & Martha Miller, Bill Pallett, and Jeff Keller

Announcements

- **The First Congregational Fall Rummage Sale** will take place October 19th and 20th.
- **The Deacons' All Church Potluck and Evaluation** will be held after worship on October 21st.

Congratulations

- **Congratulations to Tim and Debbie Baer**, proud parents of Sarah Jane, born October 5. Sarah weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 19 inches long. Tim was able to be home from Iraq for 2 weeks to welcome Sarah.

Notice of Congregational Meeting

The Annual Budget and Election meeting will be held on **Sunday, November 11**, following morning worship. Agenda items will include presentation of the proposed 2008 operating budget and the election of officers, cabinet members, and board members for 2008. Copies of the proposed budget will be available for review on Sunday October 28.



THE EIGHTH ANNUAL PLANT SALE—

was yet again a big success—even the weather was wonderful! We raised \$830 for the 2nd Helping and the Shepherd's Crossing, which is really good considering that all seven previous plant sales have been in the spring. We are deeply grateful to Ann Scott of Lee Creek Gardens for the donation of over 100 shrubs and other plants, and also to all others who contributed plants. Many thanks also to the crew who made it happen:

- Sue Allen, who designed the posters
- Lauren Ritterbush, Marlin Bates, and Dave Smit who trucked the shrubs from Lee Creek the evening before the sale
- Joy Schell, Gretchen Lewis, Christi Crenshaw, Lauren Ritterbush, Jim Hodgson, Dave Smit, and Marlin and Erica Bates who got up early to set up and stayed to help during the sale
- Linda Richter and Joy Schell who handled cashier duties,
- Sharyl Reynard, Martha Miller, and Ann Gleason who helped customers and got their questions answered.

We also thank all of the people who bought plants and who helped us to find homes for the remaining items.

Ann Smit, Plant Sale Chair

Fall Meeting of the North Central Association Kansas-Oklahoma

October 28 at the Peace United Church of Christ Alma, KS

We're looking forward to seeing you at the fall association meeting. While the focus of the fall meeting will, as usual, be on the program, there is one important item of business with which we need to deal: the updating of the association constitution and bylaws.

As you may remember, a task force was appointed at the spring meeting to work on bringing our bylaws into conformity with the practice of our association and the new structure of the denomination and of the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference.

A time period of a half hour has been set aside at the meeting for discussion and a vote on the proposed amendments. We hope you will have the opportunity to review these at a meeting of your church council or consistory, and that you will bring any questions or concerns to one of the committee members, or to the meeting.

Fall Gathering of the
North Central Association Kansas Oklahoma Conference
United Church of Christ

Sunday, October 28, 2007

Peace United Church of Christ

4th and Grand Alma, KS

Registration: 2:30-3:00

Business Meeting/ Bylaws & Constitution: 3:00-3:30

Program: 3:45-4:30 "Lectio Davina" meaning "Holy Reading"

Rev. Lewis Hinshaw, Participants are encouraged to bring a
Bible to the meeting

Worship: 4:30 Dinner Served: 5:00

\$5.00 per person attending dinner

Please RSVP by October 21st to Peace UCC Phone: 785-765-3818

Email: peacechurchalma@embarqmail.com

Rev. John H. Thomas and Rev. Linda Jaramillo arrested at White House while attempting to deliver anti-war petitions

Written by J. Bennett Guess

October 10, 2007

After ignoring three warnings from police, the Rev. John H. Thomas and the Rev. Linda Jaramillo were arrested at 12:58 P.M. (ET) on Wednesday, Oct. 10, for refusing to leave a no-protest zone near the White House gate.

The two national UCC officers were attempting to deliver a Pastoral Letter on the Iraq War, along with 60,000 endorsing signatures.



Both faced the White House and held up thick stacks of the petitions, before being asked by police to step back from the White House fence. After refusing to do so, Thomas and Jaramillo were handcuffed and led to a police van.

Thomas, the UCC's general minister and president, and Jaramillo, executive minister for Justice and Witness Ministries, had earlier sought a meeting with the White House's public liaison office, in order to hand-deliver the petitions, but their requests were not granted.

Before the arrest, Thomas and Jaramillo spoke to a group of about 50 clergy and laypersons who had gathered from the D.C. area to support them.

Thomas reminded the crowd of martyred theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who said, "The church has been a silent partner in evil

deeds." To which Thomas added, "We are breaking that silence today."

"This is a difficult time for people of faith who are opposed to the war," said Thomas, who named "a lack of will to change course" as an immobilizing frustration for both the American and Iraqi people. The UCC's summer anti-war petition drive, he said, was about "claiming hope and action again."

"This, for us, is a very meaningful witness of the whole church," said Thomas, who indicated that their peaceful demonstration at the White House gate was about "more than two officers of the church, but representing many, many across our denomination."



Jaramillo said, "As a church, we can no longer be silent."

After the two church leaders were arrested, supporters of the action joined in singing "Let there be peace on earth." The Rev. Bentley deBardelaben, communications minister for Justice and Witness Ministries, led the group in prayer.

Thomas and Jaramillo were charged with refusing to obey a police order and were taken to a District of Columbia police station for processing. They were released about two hours later, after each paid a \$100 fine.

Earlier, during morning meetings, Thomas and Jaramillo successfully delivered boxes of petitions to representatives of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, and House Minority Leader John A. Boehner.

(This article's content was edited by Chasity Seibert due to space restrictions. If you want the whole scoop please visit ucc.org)

The UCC at 50—General Synod Highs Adult Forum Sundays at 9:30 A.M.

October 21 Susan Brooks Thistlethwaite "Getting Ahead of the Curve" Peace activist and president of Chicago Theological Seminary, Thistlethwaite explores the necessity of moving from the biblical and theological defensive position to one in which we articulate our message in the public square with clarity.

October 28 John Hockenberry "What's It All About? Thoughts on Sideshows and Main Events" Award-winning Dateline NBC journalist Hockenberry will provoke you and have you laughing at the same time. A Unitarian who worships at Trinity Episcopal Church on Wall Street, he has some interesting things to say to the UCC.

Youth Corner

Workers-R-Us

The youth will once again be offering services to those who need odd jobs done. Please call Tracey Weston to coordinate at 537-7006. All donations will be used in the annual adopt-a-family program.

Thank you Leo and Joy Schell for offering up your items for a garage sale where the proceeds went to Adopt-a-Family. With the youth's help in organizing the garage sale, \$279.05 was made.



Worship & Church Volunteers

October 14, 2007

Sanctuary Flowers... Carol Chalmers
Greeters Duane Kiefer and Virginia Bigbee
Scripture Reader Judy Davis
Word for Children .. TBA
Fellowship Hour Atina & Jerry Hanna
Lawn Mowing Jerry Reynard (*through October 20*)

October 21, 2007

Sanctuary Flowers... Sharyl Reynard
Greeters Marla Bugbee and Brent Maner
Scripture Reader Jim Lewis
Word for Children .. TBA
Fellowship Hour Barbara Withee
Lawn Mowing Mike Miller (*through October 27*)

October 28, 2007

Sanctuary Flowers... Carolyn Schwab
Greeters Carolyn Schwab and Marsha Tannehill
Scripture Reader Craig Weston
Word for Children .. TBA
Fellowship Hour Carolyn Schwab
Lawn Mowing Jim Fuller (*through November 3*)

November 4, 2007

Sanctuary Flowers... Marsha Tannehill
Greeters Kathy Bleam
Scripture Reader Sue Zschoche
Word for Children .. TBA
Fellowship Hour Judy Davis and Sue Zschoche
Lawn Mowing *Volunteer Needed (through November 10)*

The Second Helping

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The Second Helping is a local mission of First Congregational UCC. It serves a hot meal every Sunday evening and provides sack breakfast and lunch items to each guest. To volunteer, contact Sandy O'Grady (537-7006).



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Chief Cook TBA
Volunteers Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Christine Davis, Ann Gleason
Dessert TBA

October 21, 2007

Chief Cook Paula Ford
Volunteers Ann Gleason
Dessert TBA

October 28, 2007

Chief Cook Ann Smit
Volunteers ESA Sorority
Dessert Ann Smit

I've Gone Green

Please call or join me to learn how one simple decision can save you time, money and your family's health and the environment! Informing moms about the hazards in even the safest homes and how to get rid of them!

Looking forward to hearing from you.
Grizelda MacDonald

<http://www.livetotalwellness.com/grizelda>

Community News



PFLAG Presents “If Truth Be Told” and “You Belong To Us” October 29, at the Manhattan City Library Auditorium

The Flint Hills Chapters of PFLAG will show its professionally produced DVD of

two plays, about the lives of local gay and lesbian young people, free of charge to the public. Each play is based on interviews of local families having lesbian or gay children. The showings will be at the Manhattan City Library Auditorium at Juliette and Poyntz. A post-show discussion will follow each production.

“If Truth Be Told” 5:30 P.M. *“You Belong To Us”* 7:00 P.M

Celebrate the Ordination of Josh Longbottom

**Sunday, October 21 at 4:00 P.M.,
Plymouth Congregational UCC**

The Eastern Association, Kansas-Oklahoma Conference, United Church of Christ, will ordain Josh Longbottom at Plymouth Church in Lawrence. Many of you remember Josh from the years when his father, Don Longbottom, served as our pastor. Josh, a graduate of Eden Seminary, now serves as Associate Pastor at Plymouth.

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