



Communigram

Community United Church of Christ

A Just Peace, Open and Affirming Congregation

"Cherishing.the.Past.Challenging.the.Future"... (1853-2004)

From the Desk of Rev. Michael Mulberry...

Scott Bush, our new moderator, used a phrase at our first Administrative Committee meeting to describe what we are to be about over the next two years in a new polity. He said we need to be about "watching our feet while we play tennis." That is, we need to be observant about what we are doing, how we are doing it, and how it is working.

At the end of two years, I hope we are in a place where we have learned what we need to keep from our old polity, what we need to keep from our interim polity, and what we need to leave behind from both, and what new chances we need to take to go forward. Basic spirituality and religious education ask us to live the examined life. Basic spirituality and religious education ask us for a reflection that has us "watching our feet while we play tennis." So a big part of what we will be doing through this two years is basic spirituality and religious education through our polity work.

To borrow another sport analogy, I think we also need to decide on "an approach." Teams or communities have "an approach." Teams or communities decide those things they want as an end result, the core values (sometimes the end results themselves) that will get them to that place, and then intentionally implement ways in line with those core values.

The recent World Series winner, Boston Red Sox, reflected on how the New York Yankees won their world championships through a "hitting approach" and decided that they wanted to develop a similar "hitting approach." The Red Sox had a collection of great players on offense but went through tremendous streaks of offensive failure. The Yankees had less talented hitters but always seemed to catch the breaks because their approach dictated taking more pitches (not swinging until they had one or two strikes), which led to getting more people on base, opposing team

pitchers throwing more pitches, and more mistake possibilities for the defensive team. You may remember that the Red Sox made their championship run after they traded their one great player who always seemed to swing at the first pitch—Nomar Garciaparra (sorry Cub fans).

All of these sports analogies are to say, I believe we need "an approach" (who we want to be, our core values, and then instituting those core values) and then "watch our feet while we play tennis" (intentional reflection which leads to future action). I promise not to do a sports analogy for a couple months now.....unless the Illini go all the way.

Shalom,
Mike





World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer: this annual Church Women United program will be **Friday, March 4, 2005 from 9:30 to 11:00 AM**. It will be held at Salem Baptist Church, 500 East Park Champaign. Parking available in lot accessible from Church St. There will be coffee and Polish style pastries.

The program is written by an ecumenical group of Polish women. It is one of three

annual CWU celebrations and is always well done and of interest.

Join women from many CU churches to join the women of Poland in prayer and song and to support women's ecumenical ministries toward peace and justice.

An offering will be taken, partly designated toward women's project international and in US. It will also help sup-

port the ongoing work of the World Day of Prayer International Committee which works with women around the world to prepare worship materials and resources.

For more information, contact the church office (344-5091).

Sunrise Cluster Women

SUNRISE CLUSTER WOMEN will meet **Monday April 4** at United Church of Atwood. The program will be given by the brand new minister at the Atwood church, Pastor Veronica Walsh-Don. She has worked at the UCC sponsored group home, Emmaus, in Marthasville, MO, first as a caregiver and later as pastor. She should have an interesting point of view on the home. It is one that we do not know a great deal about and this will be a chance to find out and ask questions. Becky Hanson will have programs to hand out. I will be driving and can give rides, but we will just barely be home so I cannot answer questions.

Jan Wilson

Altar Flowers February 27



The flowers on the altar on February 27, 2005 will be presented by the Women's Fellowship in memory of former members Upson Garrigus, who died on March 31, 2004; and Charlotte Chilton, who died on July 18, 2004; and of Brett Martin, a member of the UCC Campus Ministry, who died on June 30, 2004. We miss their presence and their care and concern for the members and the mission of Community United Church of Christ.

Church Women United

Church Women United is having their State Assembly in Champaign on **Tuesday, April 12** at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 808 East Bradley, Champaign. The National President of CWU, Gail Mengel, will be the featured speaker.

Registration is at 8:30, program runs 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Cost is \$25 including lunch. This is a rare opportunity to hear a national officer and find out more about CWU.

For both these events see posters on bulletin board in parlor. There may be some extra registration forms for the April 12 meeting. I am going to be gone Feb. 24- April 1. I will not be at the March meeting, but will go to April one and would be glad to give rides to anyone wanting to go.

Jan Wilson

Preliminary Results from the Church Building Questionnaire

Remember those building questionnaires that you filled out last fall? Well thanks to the tabulating efforts of Tei Barnhart and some analysis by the Schnuer team, we presented a full report to the Church Council in November. We want to share some of the preliminary results with the congregation now but expect to make a full report at the Annual meeting.

46 people completed the questionnaire. 19 areas of the church were noted as needing some type of work. Areas most mentioned for improvement were our entryways, the downstairs kitchen, the sanctuary, and the parlor.

Almost everyone who responded to the questionnaire agreed that our entryways need major improvement. Given the nature of our congregation, we were amazed at the consensus of opinions. The appearance of our entryways was described as boring, unwelcoming and unappealing, while their functioning as points to navigate to other parts of the church was described as confusing. On a related note, inside and outside signage were also mentioned as problem areas.

The appearance and functioning of the sanctuary and parlor were generally rated fair. However, access to the parlor and

around the coffee table is considered poor, while the sanctuary radiators require painting (or covering) and plaster requires repair. Many respondents provided input on other areas of the church were discussed, but there was no clear agreement on how to improve the areas, except for the downstairs kitchen. Everyone agrees that it needs renovation, including people who do not use it frequently.

A full report was given at the Annual Meeting.

Building Questionnaire Team –
Richard and Susan Schnuer

SPECIAL GIVING FOR WINTER AND SPRING, 2005

The Special Giving Task Force recommends two special offerings for Church World Service (CWS). CWS is a cooperative ministry of 36 Christian denominations, providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief, and refugee assistance in some 80 countries. As we learned on a trip to India, CWS works through partner programs in India, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Indonesia to stock warehouses with disaster relief essentials. Thus these materials were ready at hand when the tsunami struck. Your Special Offerings help CWS to be there for those who need help. Some of the money this year will go for direct tsunami relief work. In addition, CWS will be supporting development work as the victims in those countries rebuild their lives.

On March 6, we will join UCC churches nationwide in the One Great Hour of Sharing for CWS. On April 17 we will join over twenty other Champaign-Urbana churches in the ecumenical CROP WALK. CROP WALKS raise more money for CWS than any other program. It also gives us a unique chance to meet members of other local congregations. We'd like to hear from members who will join us in this fun walk.

Blanket Sunday is another spring program which raises money for CWS, but we would like to emphasize only OGHS and the CROP WALK this year.

Jan and Curt Wilson, Special Offerings Task Force

I, Too, Sing America

Annette Chavis has written and will direct a play celebrating Black History Month, entitled, "I, Too, Sing America," on **Satur-**

day, February 19, at 6:00 p.m. This salute to African Americans will be a salute to Black Americans through

drama, poetry, song, and dance.



Holy Week Schedule

Holy Week is only a month away so mark your calendars for these meaningful services. On **Sunday, March 20**, we will begin our **Palm Sunday** service with the "Trial of Christ" outside, across from the church and our palm processional to the altar. The service

continues with our choir cantata! On **Thursday, March 24**, we make a change to the location and the beginning of our **Maundy Thursday** service. We will begin with a potluck in Fellowship Hall at **6:00 p.m.** Please bring a dish to share and **your own tableware**. We will clean up the tables and begin the service at **7:00 p.m.** **Good Friday** will once again be in the parlor on **Friday, March 25, at 7:00 p.m.** **Easter Day, March 27**, begins with the Easter breakfast at **9:00 a.m.** and culminates with our Sunday worship.

Some Offerings in February on WILL



Friday, Feb 18 at 10:00 PM

INDEPENDENT LENS: "On a Roll: Disability and the America Dream"

Greg Smith and his family bare all in this unflinching portrait of a 65-pound man striving for the American dream. Fueled by discrimination, Smith created "On a Roll" talk radio from his wheelchair in 1992.

Monday, Feb 21 at 8:00 PM

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: "Malcolm X - Make It Plain"

This portrait reflects the intellectual journey of a complex man whose ideas continue to resonate.

Tuesday, Feb 22 at 8:00 PM

A COMPANY OF SOLDIERS

Shot in the weeks following the U.S.

presidential election, the film tracks the day-to-day challenges facing the 8th Cavalry's Dog Company as it suddenly has to cope with a dramatic increase in attacks by the insurgents.

Wednesday, Feb 23 at 8:00PM

DIRTY WAR

This original motion picture asks the question "How prepared are we if terrorists were to attack with a 'dirty bomb' in a major urban city?"

This dramatized scenario plays-out in London and provides insight on how the terrorism threat is dealt with currently in the United Kingdom. Following the film a panel of experts and laypeople will discuss the circumstances of the film as they might apply to an American city.

Calendar

2/17 ~ Thursday

- 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline
- 9:30 am Preschool Play Group
- 8:00 pm AA (FH)
- 8:00 pm Alanon (CR)

2/19 ~ Saturday

- 9:00 am Women's Book Club at *Espresso Royale*
- 6:00 pm "I, Too, Sing America"

2/20 ~ Sunday ~ Second Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 am Sunday School (R1-5, FH, CR)
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 10:15 am Worship Service (S)
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
- 6:00 pm Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group (TR)
- 7:00 pm Administrative Committee

2/21 ~ Monday

- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)

2/23 ~ Wednesday

- Noon Prayer Protest
- 6:00 pm Chime Rehearsal (S)
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (P)

2/24 ~ Thursday

- 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline
- 9:30 am Preschool Play Group
- 8:00 pm AA (FH)
- 8:00 pm Alanon (CR)

2/26 ~ Saturday

- 9:00 am Women's Book Club at *Espresso Royale*

2/27 ~ Sunday ~ Third Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 am Sunday School (R1-5, FH, CR)
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 10:15 am Worship Service
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
- 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group (TR)

2/28 ~ Monday

- 10:00 am *Communigram* Deadline
- 10:00 am Staff Meeting (L)

3/2 ~ Wednesday

- Noon Prayer Protest
- 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal (P)

3/03~ Thursday

- 7:00 am Men's Breakfast at *Original Pancake House*
- 9:00 am Bulletin Deadline
- 9:30 am Preschool Play Group
- 8:00 pm AA (FH)
- 8:00 pm Alanon (CR)

3/05 ~ Saturday

- 9:00 am Women's Book Club at *Espresso Royale*

3/06 ~ Sunday ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 9:00 am Sunday School (R1-5, FH, CR)
- 9:30 am Choir Rehearsal (S)
- 10:15 am Worship Service
- Blood Pressure Checks after Worship (L)
- 11:30 am Coffee Fellowship (P)
- 11:30 am Pancake Brunch (FH)
- 6:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group (TR)

Key: FH=Fellowship Hall, CR=Conference Room, S=Sanctuary, P=Parlor, L=Library,
T=Tower Room, R1...5=Lower Level Classrooms

2005 Communigram Deadlines

The 2005 Communigram deadline dates are as follows: February 28, March 14, 28, April 11, 25, May 9, 31 (note Tuesday because of Memorial Day), June 20, July 25, August 8, 22, September 6 (note Tuesday because of Labor Day), 19. The dates have not been set yet for October, November and December. Articles should be sent via email (info@community-ucc.org) or placed on the church office desk by 10 am. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Thank you.

The Prayer Protest Continues

The Prayer Protest continues each Wednesday at noon. Bring your sack lunch and we will sit out on the northeast front stoop of the church. If you are interested in providing "gorp" or "trail mix" please drop it off in the church office. We

will be providing campus ministry folk "food for thought". "Gorp" or "trail mix" will be offered to those passing by the church. These goodies will contain words of compassion for those suffering in Iraq.



Men's Breakfast

The Men's Breakfast Group will get together 7am Thursday March 3 at the Original Pancake House, which is roughly at the corner of Mattis and Springfield in Champaign.

Community Cares

Our Sympathy is extended to:

- ⇒ Diana Carothers following the death of her husband, Zane.
- ⇒ Tracy Heilman and family following the death of her aunt.

Thank you

Dear David and all other committee members,
We at Project Goodstart were so blessed to receive your generous gift. Our program has been struggling and your donation has helped to revive it! Many school children

will benefit from the food that will be provided to them thanks to you all.

You are wonderful!
Sincerely,
Amy Rappaport-Le
Project Goodstart



PRAIRIELAND COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE

A big thank you to Rev. Mike Mulberry and Community United Church which renewed its 3 shares for its mission/outreach program today, bringing us to just 7 left to meet our goal of 125. If you know of any individuals or any organizations (church, nonprofit, etc.) that would like to purchase a share for their household or as part of a mission/direct service program for low-income individuals, please have them go to www.prairielandcsa.org or call 355-6279 so they don't miss out.

There is another CSA located nearby at Mahomet, Illinois called Tomahnous Farm. It is the only certified organic CSA in Champaign County. If you are interested in purchasing shares from Tomahnous Farm or for more information contact Lisa and Eric at (271) 586-5632. The church office also has a brochure with detailed information and an order form that can be duplicated for your use.

Thank You ~ Courage is fear that has said its prayers.

To: The generous congregation at the Community United Church
From: Greater Community AIDS Project

Dear Folks,

Upon receiving your generous (and much needed) dona-

tions of \$802.50 one thought sprung to mind: "Hope Springs Eternal".

It never ceases to amaze how huge people's capacity for giving is.

I recently heard the saying "Service is the rent you pay for living," again, what a wonder-

ful thought and one your congregation has truly taken to heart.

Rest assured the dollars will be well spent to help house, feed and comfort those in need. Thank you so much!

Warm Regards,

Teri McCarthy
GCAP Director

Meals On Wheels Update For 2005

We are going to do MOW differently this year, we have four different weeks to deliver but have only one or two routes each time, rather than the three we did previously in two sessions. The total is six routes, same as before.

- First week of delivery is April 18-22, Red and Purple routes.
- Third is August 15-19, Red

and Purple routes Fourth is October 24-28, Green route

This does seem like a lot of dates, but we have tried to stay away from cold weather deliveries and this is the result.

Anyone who is able and willing to deliver on any of these dates please let me know. We have had a faithful few (very few) who have delivered in recent years. For those available dur-

ing the 10:30-12:30 noon time, it is a great thing to do, often takes less than 2 hours, and gives you a chance to feel useful and meet some very nice folk. Hope to hear from YOU.

Thanks.

Contact the church office (344-5091).

Sunday School News

Ark Banks

Don't forget to read your calendar each day as you collect change to be sent to the Heifer Project in Africa!



Creativity Abounds!

We continue to learn about the stories of baptism through the month of February. As we learn about Jesus' baptism and our own, we will be working with our hands. David Robertson has designed beautiful banners that the children are making into their own. These will be unveiled later in the month. The children are also making their own wilderness to promised land landscapes. These landscapes can help them tell the story of John the Baptist.



Fellowship Cups

The children can also eliminate the amount of waste that we produce. We have purchased plastic cups that they can decorate. These cups will be stored with the adult coffee mugs, and can be used during the Fellowship time. The cups are available on the children's table at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Youth Group Happenings

The Junior/Senior High Youth Service Project will be in Texas. We will be traveling to Texas to participate in "Service and Learning in San Antonio" (SALSA for short)! While there, we will be gathering with other youth to work in soup kitchens, summer camps, day care centers, or home renovations. Our tentative plans are to leave on Saturday, June 10th at 8:00 am and return late in the evening on June 18th. All youth are invited to participate!

Whether or not you participate in the Work Trip, you are invited to come to our Sunday evening gathering, 6-8 pm, usually in the Tower Room.

Upcoming Fundraisers

March 6

Pancake Brunch

The whole church family is invited to stay after church on Sunday, March 6th for a pancake brunch. We'll have delicious sausage, mouth-watering pancakes, and beverages. Tickets will be on sale on Feb. 20 and 27th. Please plan to enjoy a wonderful meal, great conversations, and help the youth raise the needed money for their Service Project.

April 9



Mexican Fiesta and Service Auction

The brand new Personnel Task Force is up and running

Mike Mulberry, our minister, has been with us for longer than a year and his first year review is long overdue. The review work is well underway and we hope to share the results of the review with all of you in April. Here are our plans. We are putting the finishing touches on a review instrument that will be mailed by Monday, February 21. Since we wanted to fast-track this review we have decided to select a random sample of congregation members. Dawn Smith and David Gerstenecker came up with some fancy statistical techniques to use on our membership list and

we have a list of 50 members that will receive the review instrument. The statistical techniques generated two lists, we used one list as our main sample and reviewed it to eliminate non-active members. We then replaced those names with members on the second list. We intend to use the results of the survey to enter into a conversation with Mike about the highlights and challenges of the last year and to set goals for 2005. This is an important milestone in the life of our congregation and we hope that you will keep us in your prayers as we work with Mike to support his

ministry at CUCC.

If you are one of the lucky ones and you receive the review instrument, please do complete and return it by March 11. Since we using a random sample of our members, each person represents the voices of many and we need all the input we can get.

Personnel Task Force members: David Gerstenecker, Denise Oligney-Estill, Dawn Smith, Susan Schnuer, Deb Townsend.

Prospective New Members' Meetings

If you are interested in becoming a member of Community United Church of Christ, we will begin classes at the end of February. We had originally planned a short informational meeting this week after this Sunday's worship, but will move that meeting to next Sunday, February 20, so that all interested may have a chance to respond. We will discuss best

days and times for our regular meetings at the informational meeting. If you cannot attend, please let Rev. Mulberry know what days and times will work best for you and your family and pick up the two handouts Rev. Mulberry will distribute. Attendance at four regular meetings is required for membership. Those meetings will include information and discus-

sion about participation in church life, about the United Church of Christ denomination, and about the history and polity of Community United Church of Christ. All meetings are designed to give prospective new members information and direction to help them fully participate in the work and life of Community United Church of Christ.



February 18-20, 2005, C-U Citizens for Peace and Justice will host a mini-conference entitled "Forgiveness Weekend: Double Jeopardy...or A New Beginning?" at Salem Baptist Church, 500 E. Park St. Champaign. We're inviting people with felony convictions, religious leaders, activities, and academics to recognize the various forms of disenfranchisement that "felons" face as they carry the dead weight of their criminal record for their entire lives. We're asking: if a young man takes 5 minutes to commit a "felony," and society responds by limiting his freedom for 50 years — who is the criminal? For more information about the Peace and Justice mini-conference look for the brochures that are available on the credenza in the back of the sanctuary.

Twenty Questions: Social Justice Quiz by Bill Quigley

1. In 1968 the minimum wage was \$1.60 per hour. How much would the minimum wage be today if it had kept pace with inflation?
2. In 1965, CEOs in major companies made 24 times more than the average worker. In 2003, CEOs earned how many times more than the average worker?
3. The US is composed of 3,066 counties. In how many of the nation's 3,066 counties can someone who works full-time and earns the federal minimum wage afford to pay rent and utilities on a one-bedroom apartment?
4. How much must the typical US worker earn per hour if they dedicate 30% of their income to housing costs.
5. How many million workers in the US earn poverty-level wages of less than \$8.20 an hour?
6. What are Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Tennessee?
7. What are Delaware, Hawaii, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia?
8. In 2001, the average financial wealth for black households was about what % of the average for white households?
9. The median financial wealth for blacks is how much of the corresponding figure for whites?
10. Over the entire 28 year history of the Berlin Wall, 287 people perished trying to cross it. In the ten years since the Clinton administration implemented the current U.S. border strategy with Mexico, how many people have died trying to cross?
11. Where does the US rank worldwide in the imprisonment of its citizens?
12. In 2004, the direct reported US military budget was how much for each second of the year?
13. In 2003, the US military budget was how many times larger than the Chinese budget, the second largest spender?
14. In 2003, the US military budget was how many times as large as the combined spending of the seven so-called "rogue" states (Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria)?
15. The difference in income per head between the richest nation and the poorest nation in 1750 was about 5 to 1. Today the difference between the richest nation and the poorest nation is what?
16. Of the 6.2 billion people in the world today, how many live on less than \$1 per day, and how many live on less than \$2 per day?
17. The richest 1% in the world receive as much income as what percentage of the poorest?
18. The Congress under President Bush has been more generous in helping poor countries than under President Clinton. In 2003, the US increased official development assistance to poor countries by one-fifth. Where does the US contribution rank in the top 22 countries in proportion to our economy?
19. Americans give how much per day in government assistance to poor countries?
20. Americans spend how much on soft drinks each day?

ANSWERS to Twenty Questions:

1. The minimum wage would be \$8.70 today if it had kept pace with inflation. Brennan Center, NYU Law School, November 3, 2004.
2. In 1965, CEOs in major companies made 24 times more than the average worker. In 2003, CEOs earned 185 times more than the average worker. "Wages" in State of Working America 2004-2005, Economic Policy Institute, www.epinet.org
3. In four of the nation's 3,066 counties can someone who works full-time and earns the federal minimum wage afford to pay rent and utilities on a one-bedroom apartment. New York Times, "Study Finds Gap in Wages and Housing Costs," December 25, 2004.
4. In fact, the typical US worker must earn \$15.37 an hour if they dedicate 30% of their income to housing costs. New York Times, "Study Finds Gap in Wages and Housing Costs," December 24, 2004.
5. How many people in the US earn poverty-level wages of less than \$8.20 an hour? More than 30 million workers. William Quigley, ENDING POVERTY AS WE KNOW IT: Guaranteeing A Right to A Job at a Living Wage 24 (Temple 2003).

6. What are Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Tennessee? The total population of these states represents the number of people in the US living below the official poverty line. William Quigley, ENDING POVERTY AS WE KNOW IT: Guaranteeing A Right to A Job at a Living Wage 23-24 (Temple 2003).

7. What are Delaware, Hawaii, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Vermont, and West Virginia? The total populations of these state populations must be added to the states above if you count all the people below 125% of the official poverty line, a total of 22 states. William Quigley, ENDING POVERTY AS WE KNOW IT: Guaranteeing A Right to A Job at a Living Wage 23-24 (Temple 2003).

8. In 2001, the average financial wealth for black householders was about 12% of the average for white households. "Minorities," in State of Working America 2004-2005, Economic Policy Institute, www.epinet.org

9. The median financial wealth for blacks was \$1,100, less than 3% of the corresponding figure for whites. "Minorities," in State of Working America 2004-2005, Economic Policy Institute, www.epinet.org

10. Over the entire 28 year history of the Berlin Wall, 287 people perished trying to cross it. In the ten years since the Clinton administration implemented the current U.S. border strategy with Mexico, more than 2,500 people have died trying to cross. Wayne Cornelius, director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies at UC San Diego. Marc Cooper, "On the Border of Hypocrisy," December 5, 2003, LA Weekly.

11. Where does the US rank worldwide in the imprisonment of its citizens? First. The US imprisons over 700 persons per 100,000. Russia is second with 584. Sentencing Project, Facts About Prisons and Prisoners. www.sentencingproject.org

12. In 2004, the direct reported US military budget was over \$399 billion, \$12,000 a second. www.globalissues.org

13. In 2003, the US military budget was more than 8 times larger than the Chinese budget, the second largest spender. www.globalissues.org

14. The US military budget was more than 29 times as large as the combined spending of the seven "rogue" states (Cuba, Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea, Sudan and Syria). Even if you add China and Russia's military spending to that of the seven potential enemies, all nine nations together spent \$116.2 bil-

lion, 27% of the U.S. military budget. The US military budget is more than the combined spending of the next twenty three nations. www.globalissues.org

15. The difference in income per head between the richest nation and the poorest nation in 1750 was about 5 to 1. Today the difference between the richest nation, Switzerland, and the poorest nation, Mozambique, is about 400 to 1. (David S. Landes, THE WEALTH AND POVERTY OF NATIONS, xx, W.W. Norton 1998).

16. Of the 6.2 billion people in the world today, 1.2 billion live on less than \$1 per day, 2.8 billion live on less than \$2 per day. 2002 UN Human Development Report.

17. The richest 1% in the world receive as much income as the poorest 57%. 2002 UN Human Development Report.

18. The Congress under President Bush has been more generous in helping poor countries than under President Clinton. In 2003, the US increased official development assistance to poor countries by one-fifth. Where does the US contribution rank in the top 22 countries in proportion to our economy? Last. Nicholas D. Kristof, "Land of Penny Pinchers," New York Times, January 5, 2005.

19. Americans on average give how much per day in government assistance to poor countries? 15 cents. Nicholas D. Kristof, "Land of Penny Pinchers," New York Times, January 5, 2005.

20. Americans spend how much on soft drinks each day? 60 cents. Nicholas D. Kristof, "Land of Penny Pinchers," New York Times, January 5, 2005.

"I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a "thing" oriented society to a "person-oriented" society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered. A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies."

--Martin Luther King, Jr., "A Time to Break Silence," April 4, 1967.

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Sunday Schedule

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Worship ~ 10:15 am
Coffee Fellowship ~ 11:30 am
Jr & Sr High Youth Group ~ 6 pm

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