

THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN
United Church of Christ
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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
after PENTECOST
August 10, 2008

Congregational Church of Austin



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**Welcome to the Congregational Church of Austin,
United Church of Christ!**

If you are visiting with us, and you're looking for a small, friendly church where everyone will quickly know your name....where you'll be loved and accepted regardless of your age, class, race, ethnicity, or sexual orientation....where you'll be challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith....where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, and justice is preached....where you're given the opportunity to put your faith into action through effective outreach ministries....then we hope to get to know you as a new friend. No matter who you are, or where you are on your journey, you are welcome here.

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GATHERING

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

A Moment for Reflection and Prayer

Musical Centering

Chiarina

Schumann

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the love that pours from the heart of God
meets, intermingles with, and becomes one
with the faith that rises from the hearts of God's people,
then peace abounds, and joy flourishes
in heaven and on earth.

**From the depths of God's heart,
God's love is pouring out upon us now.
From the depths of our hearts,
our faith is rising up to God.**

In the union of God's love and our faith,
may peace abound in this place,

**In this meeting of heaven and earth,
may joy flourish here and now.**

*OPENING HYMN "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

#51 (black)

THE SERENITY PRAYER

Reinhold Neibuhr

God, grant me the serenity

to accept the things I cannot change;

courage to change the things I can;

and wisdom to know the difference.

Living one day at a time;

enjoying one moment at a time;

accepting hardships as the pathways to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is,

not as I would have it;

trusting that He will make all things right,

if I surrender to His will;

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF AUSTIN, UCC NEWS

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Window Series The Fine Arts Committee is sponsoring a series on our sanctuary windows. Our meetings take place after worship on the second Sunday of each month. Our third meeting takes place today, after the worship service; Cecile Adam will be leading us. Come and See!

Roof Discussion. On Sunday, August 17, the Trustees will be available after worship to discuss the options for the new roof over our building. If you would like to participate in this discussion, join the Trustees in the sanctuary after worship.

Micah 6 Food Pantry Campaign. If you would like to support the Micah 6 Capital Campaign, please see George Hetrick for details. When you contribute, specify you are from the Congregational Church. Our contributions will be matched up to \$1,500 by a generous anonymous donor.

More volunteers are needed at **the Micah 6 Food Pantry** for the summer. Several shifts at the pantry lately have been very short of help and new volunteers are becoming a necessity. We must have more help to make the pantry run smoothly, especially now that we are giving out reusable bags and the July 1 re-registration date is fast approaching. If you yourself do not work in the pantry, I urge you to pick up a shift this summer. You will be blessed and we can certainly use your help. Times are: Thursday 5:30-7:30 pm and Saturday 10-noon. Thank you. Contact Mary F. Bowles (512) 338-0105

"Another Congregation of Strings," a concert of selected chamber music, will be presented in our sanctuary Thursday, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. featuring the members of our piano trio. It will be one of the last times we will hear them playing together, and will contain music not performed in previous concerts here. There will be original works and additional artists, such as our own Amy Harris, contributing to the celebration. If you need transportation, please call or e-mail Nodie (see above).

Our choir reconvenes Sunday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the choir room in the basement of the Tower wing. If you would like to sing with us, please see Nodie Murphy, or call her at 255-4602, e-mail her at nodie@austin.rr.com--or show up and sing!

UPCOMING BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Christian Education: Tuesday, August 12, 7:30 at church

EYES WIDE OPEN

September 12 to 14, 2008

Auditorium Shores

Austin, Texas

Eyes Wide Open, the American Friends Service Committee's widely acclaimed exhibition on the human cost of the Iraq War, returns to Austin on September 12 at Auditorium Shores. When Austin hosted the exhibit in February 2005, this powerful event drew 3000 visitors and every major news station. We expect far more visitors this year.

The exhibit features a pair of boots honoring each Texas military casualty, a field of shoes to memorialize the Iraqis killed in the conflict, and a display exploring the history, cost, and consequences of the war.

To view past Eyes Wide Open exhibits, visit the website
<http://www.afsc.org/eyes/>

For more information, go to <http://eyeswideopenaustin2008.org/>

See the volunteer information sheet in Fellowship Hall.

that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
and supremely happy with Him,
forever in the next.
Amen.

PRAYING AND REFLECTING

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
SILENT MEDITATION
COMMUNITY IN PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*debts/debtors*)
WORSHIP GIFT
READING FROM SCRIPTURE
 Psalm 85
 Matthew 14: 22-33
REFLECTION

Pat Oakes
Linda Berard

OFFERING

OFFERING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS IN SERVICE TO GOD
 Musical Offering *Coincidence Frequency* Carter-Cohn
*OFFERING OUR PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all
 creatures here below. Praise God for all that love has done.
 Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen
*DEDICATING OUR LIVES AND GIFTS TO GOD

DEPARTING TO MINISTER

*CLOSING HYMN "My Shepherd Is the Living God" #247 (black)
*WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT
*TAKING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD
 *Sending Song "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" #61 (red)
 *Parting Music "God the Spirit"

*you are invited to stand

PARTICIPATING TODAY: USHERS:
SCRIPTURE READER:
HOSTS FOR FELLOWSHIP HOUR:

Whit & Betty Bodman
Linda Berard
Vic Appel & Don Miles

Elementary-age **Sunday School** is held during the 11:00 service, beginning after the "time with children." Children will be escorted to the second floor (exterior stairway) Christian Education room and can be picked up from there after the service is over. Infant and toddler child care is available throughout the service, and children's bulletins and crayons are available during the service on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

Middle School and High School students will remain in the service on the first Sunday of each month. Otherwise, their Sunday School will begin after "Joys and Concerns."

The Adult Christian Education Group meets at 10:00 am on the second floor.

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