

## Revelations 2011

Sunday, October 23rd in Fellowship Hall  
Dinner 6:00 pm; Show 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of great food, fabulous music & lots of fun! A tradition for 23 years, "Revelations" reveals the incredible talent at UCC. Anyone can participate, if you're interested see Bob Scott. This is a fundraiser for Choir Scholarships \$20.00 per person. Signup in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.



### Useful Tidbits

**Be Included** submit news items by October, 19th to Cyndi Richter: [cyndi@ucchurch.org](mailto:cyndi@ucchurch.org)

**Go Green** if you prefer to receive an e-newsletter as a PDF each month, let us know: [cathy@ucchurch.org](mailto:cathy@ucchurch.org)



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# Steeple Notes

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## News from the Belfry

Change is in the air. I watched Night Hawks, about 60 of them, on their migration path. The Monarch Butterflies are drifting south. I wish I could say that the leaves are turning red, orange and purple. But they seem to be mostly brown or yellow because of the drought. The temperatures have dropped markedly and what a relief that has been.

Changes are being made at UCC as I transition out and you think about your future together. My prayer for you is that you will not imagine, "We can go back to the way things used to be." Everything is different: Bob Meyers retired, Gary Cox served and died all too soon, followed by a tumultuous year of "interim" ministry, and Gary Blaine's arrival.

Golf is the only game in life that allows a "mulligan." Some of the saddest people I know are people who spend their futures trying to reconstruct the past.

Now you have the opportunity to think about a new future. I truly hope you will take the time and engage the kind of processes that will allow you to do that constructively.

I am truly at peace with myself and I hope that we can enjoy the time that we have left to us. As I have said to you on several occasions, "God has brought me this far and I trust God will lead me into the future.

Yours in faith,

Gary



Dr. Brueggemann with Dr. Blaine  
Lectureship Weekend

# Another Successful Lecture Series at UCC

Our Weekend with Dr. Brueggemann was a great success and a fantastic event for our church. First of all, a big thank you to Dr. Blaine for suggesting Dr. Brueggemann as our lecturer for 2011, contacting him and making the arrangements to get him here plus planning the schedule with him. Dr. Brueggemann was a dynamic speaker and we were grateful to host his visit. So many people commented on our hospitality and their gratitude for the opportunity to hear Dr. Brueggemann speak in Wichita, Kansas so thank you Gary for giving us this great opportunity to expose our church to others in the community.



Thank you to Deacon members who helped collect and sell tickets - Marla Flentje, Sue Anderson, Burt and Sharon Tims; and our extra kitchen helpers - Diane Leisy, Judy and Frank Tremble, Larry Widmer, Connie Buckley and Ken McNutt.

Thank you very much to all our members who pitched in during the weekend by helping set-up and clean-up for each event, and by being such gracious hosts to Dr. Brueggemann and our guests. Last but not least, a big thank you to all of you who made all the delicious desserts! It took many of us to make this weekend the success it was! You are all appreciated!

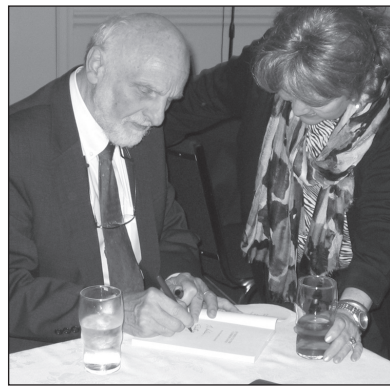
Many people are to thank for their hard work and dedication which made this weekend successful.

We thank Sharon Tims for assuming the task of Lecture Chair from the Board of Deacons and Michael Gaylor as President of the Board of Deacons for helping Sharon and the staff with marketing and preparing for the weekend. This weekend event takes many weeks of preparation and planning to pull off successfully.

We wish to thank Anita Jones for the beautiful decorations for Fellowship Hall. The color scheme was perfect and the flower arrangements were spectacular! Thanks to her "décor staff" which helped her prepare Fellowship Hall on Friday morning - Tom Oak, Kathryn Langhrer, Maxine Morrison, and Sharon Tims. We so appreciate Anita's creative energy.

We wish to thank Michael Gaylor, Elif Gaylor and Greg Erbert for all the hours they "put in" shopping for the food, working in the kitchen preparing and arranging the food, cleaning up after the events, and being such good hosts at the events. We thank Larry Anderson and Greg Erbert for being such competent bartenders on Friday night and keeping those wine glasses filled. Thank you as well to Michael Gaylor for making sure we had CDs recorded of all the lectures.

This year we had 175 participants for the Friday night lecture, 145 participants for the Saturday morning lecture, and 62 attendees for the Clergy lecture. Thank you again Gary for bringing us Dr. Brueggemann and making this happen! What tremendous exposure we received in the community! Hopefully, our Robert Meyers Lecture Series is a tradition we can keep up in the future years.



## Social Scene

### Men's Group Lunch

Meets the 3rd Thursday each month.

Thursday, October 20th at 11:30 am at Louie's Grill & Bar, 9747 East 21st St. North (Webb & 21st). Let us know if you need a ride. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the church office.

### Cook's Night Out

Wednesday, October 19th

Social Time 6:00pm; Buffet begins at 6:30pm

The program will be titled "Water Into the Future" presented by Debra Ary from the Wichita Water Dept. Adults \$15.00 per person Children (Ages 4-10) \$5.00



## Among Our Own

### Births

Congratulations to Becki and Jeff Herod on the birth of son Carter Jon, born on August 26th. Carter's proud grandparents are Debbi and Dwayne Green.

### In Memoriam

Our deepest condolences go out to Doug and Carla Walker on the death of their son, Michael. There will be a memorial service at Prairie Pines on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. with Dr. Blaine officiating.

## Spirit Quest

### Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome and the Kingdom of God

Join preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan on location in Turkey as they trace the Apostle Paul's footsteps throughout the Roman Empire. This 12 session DVD and web-based study explores fresh insights into Paul's message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman Imperial theology, and the apostle's radical relevance for today.

This class begins October 2nd at 9:00 A.M. and will be led by Dr. Phil Rhea. The class will meet in the movie room. Child care available.

### Adult Discussion Group

Gathers in the new conference room at 9:00 every Sunday morning. Join old friends and meet new friends for spirited conversations on a variety of topics.

# UCC Baby Shower

## WG Women's Guild

Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 11:00 am

At this meeting we assemble baby baskets for underprivileged mothers of newborns. We decorate the baskets and fill them with new baby clothes, bibs, sleepwear, diapers, lotions, wipes, and receiving blankets. Some of these items are donated or items that have been purchased or hand-made by the Guild ladies. Lunch will be served, and there is no charge for the lunch. The shower is always an enjoyable event, and if you have never attended, we hope that you will join us!

