

Expecting the Unexpected ~ Advent 2009 *National Avenue Christian Church*



Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dec. 20	8:15 & 10:45 am 7:00pm	Expecting Love Christmas at Stone Chapel
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24	7:00 pm 11:00pm	Traditional Service Candlelight Communion Service



Christmas at Stone Chapel: A Celebration in Song **Sunday, December 20th at 7:00 p.m.**

This will be a benefit for the 40th anniversary of The Council of Churches. Music will be provided by Rev. Emily Bowen, Mezzo-Soprano; Edward Christiansen, Tenor; and Sarah Hover, Soprano. There will be combined adult and children's choirs from Brentwood Christian Church and National Avenue Christian Church. Accompaniment will be provided by professional musicians from the area conducted by our own Kevin Williams. There will also be featured readings by Dr. Phil Snider, Rev. Mark Struckoff, and NACC's pastor Rev. Laura Fregin. For more information, you can go to www.christmasatstone2009.com.

Disciples on the Edge Adult Sunday School Class Spirituality Series Has Begun

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| December 20 | The Catholic Contemplative
Spiritual Tradition |
| December 27 | Spiritual Transformation at National Avenue Christian Church |

All are welcome to this class which meets in the parlor every Sunday from 9:40 - 10:30 a.m. Peter Browning normally facilitates the discussion.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

To vote on the 2010 Church Budget
Sunday, December 20
After Each Worship Service

Reminder About Year End Contributions in 2009

For those of you who make contributions at the end of the year, please remember that **all contributions must be received by December 31, 2009** to be included on your record of contribution for this year. If mailed, your gift must be **postmarked** by December 31. If you prefer to bring a check to the church office, please be aware that the **office be closing at noon** on the 31. All other items will be recorded on 2010's records. To ensure that all your contributions are correct, please do not file your 2009 income tax return until you receive your written acknowledgment of your contribution from the church in early January.

This year there will be two Christmas Eve services – a Traditional Family Service at 7:00 p.m., and a Candlelight Communion Service at 11:00 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. service will have a Children's Sermon and will remind us of the joyous celebration of the birth of Christ through the festival of lessons and carols. The 11:00 p.m. service will ask us to remember the mystery of the Incarnation as it unfolds in the beauty of candlelight, music, scripture and meditations. We will, as is our custom, close both services with the lighting of our individual candles as the reminder that we take the light of Christ with us into our worlds on this most holy of nights. The Chancel Choir will be singing at the 11:00 p.m. service and you are encouraged to bring your children with you to either service. [Childcare will not be available at these services which will allow families to worship together.]



Welcome New Member

Ruthie Russell joined our church on Dec. 13, transferring from St. Andrew Christian Church in Kansas City. She is an attorney and lives at 1634 S. Marion #B305, 65807 (816/522-8969).

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Your next Ave-News will be sent on January 13, 2010.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19
CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL
at Stone Chapel from 9:00 - Noon.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24
The church office will only be open from
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
Worship services at 8:15 a.m. and
10:45 a.m. Sunday School is at 9:30
a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES will take place at
7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. **There will be no nursery.**

There will be **CONGREGATIONAL
MEETINGS** after each worship service to
approve the 2010 church budget.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25
CHRISTMAS DAY - Church office closed

There will be **NO YOUTH GROUPS** tonight.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31
The church office will only be open from 8:00 a.m. -
12:00 noon.

“CHRISTMAS AT STONE CHAPEL” will begin
at 7:00 p.m. on the Drury University campus.