

# UNION CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CHURCH OFFICE 748-6329

PASTOR BROWN 748-1358

April 27, 2008

8:30 AM

PRELUDE:

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**PRAYER CHORUS:** “He Knows My Name”

**OFFERTORY VERSE:** “The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by man, nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all men life and breath and everything. And He made from one every nation of men to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their habitation that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel after Him and find Him. Yet He is not far from each one of us, for `In Him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your poets have said, `For we are indeed His offspring.” **Acts 17:24-28 RSV**

**OFFERTORY CHORUS:**

CD Special

**Presentations of Tithes and Offerings**

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In His Service,  
Deborah Eckhardt  
Silent Auction Chairperson

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** "There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

**ADULT CHOIR**

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

**WEEK of April 27, 2008**

**TODAY: 8:30 AM First Worship Service**

**9:50 AM Sunday School**

**11:00 AM Second Worship Service**

**9:30 AM Wesley United Methodist Church Service**

**WED: 6:00 PM Soup/Supper**

**6:30 PM Bible Study**

**FRI: 7:00 PM TV Ministry – Cable Channel 4**

**PRAISE THE LORD FOR:** Our Nation and for the Church of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."

**Lamentation 3:22-24 RSV**

**CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** Wilbur Wesner (May appt. for a pacemaker), Alan VanWormer (Donna Shultz's brother), Michelle Rucker (cancer, going through chemo), Ray Fowler, Bill Jubin( he is at home recovering from a stroke), Katherine Collins (in rehabilitation at Hilltop), Baby Liam Ewing, Harry Phillips (prostrate cancer), Guil Woodward (back at Hilltop), Lamani (Pastor Brown's sister-in-law in India), Mr. DiGal (Prasant's father in India), Paulette (colon cancer, going through heavy chemo), Karen Raponi, Bud Lee, Gary McFadden (cancer, going through chemo), Sarah Deuel, Ethel Hower, Jane Loeffler, Kathleen Budnovitch (Millie Rood's friend), George Cameron, Irving Rosenbarker, Pamela Jean (Jack and Alice Black's niece), Jack Black, Jonathan (Nate Young's grandson), Orin White, Jeffery Sibley, Diane Ryans, Ralph Kocik, June Smith, Dorothy Sedlacek, Ruth Ross, Alana Otis, Don Eckler, Andy & Ann, Mahlon Tewksbury, Paul Carpenter, Alex Madison, Kim Soundararaj and her son Gabriel (upcoming surgery for both) and Jack Hoppes.

**THOSE SERVING IN IRAQ:** Ryan Warner (Jean Warfield's granddaughter's husband), Alan Votakpa, Frank Simser, Kyle Chanitz, Scott McPherson (back in US), Christopher Simser Jr.(back in US), Adam Tatusko and Nicholas Tokos. **Please pray for the upcoming Elections and continue to pray for our Nation.**

**PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:** Doug/Karen (Frisch) Lehman (Africa), Jim /Shawn Ramsay (Georgia/Mission Society), Peter/Esther Pereira (India), Dave/Jean Coles (Indonesia), Neal/Mari Hicks (Japan), Guido/Kim (Warren) Orellana (Ecuador), Dr. Jeff/Marilyn Lester (Medics International), Dr.Terry/Renee Wortz, Elizabeth Salisbury(USA), Gary/Rebecca Mink (Africa), Leroy/Peg Jones (USA), Larry/Marian Byrnes (Indiana/OMS), Christopher/Rashaell Jones (Ecuador).

One of the great days in the history of the church was the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. The importance of this conversion is indicated by the fact that it is mentioned three times in the book of Acts--chapters 9, 22, and 26.

### **A. The Best of Saul's Personality**

It is fitting that Saul's conversion was very unique because he was such a unique person--by birth, a Jew; by citizenship, a Roman; by education, a Greek; and by grace, a Christian. He was missionary, theologian, evangelist, pastor, organizer, leader, thinker, statesman, fighter for truth, and at the same time, lover of souls. He was everything that a Christian could and should be short of being like Jesus Christ. As far as I'm concerned, there never was another man like him.

### **B. The Basis of Saul's Conversion**

Prior to the occasion of his conversion, the one great, dramatic event that must have plagued Saul was the execution of Stephen. The first time we meet Saul in the Bible is as he stands at the place where Stephen is being stoned (Ac. 7:58). Apparently Saul was leading the stoning because those men who stoned Stephen laid their cloaks at his feet when they picked up the stones.

### **C. The Background of Saul's Life**

#### **HIS HOME**

Saul's home was in a town called Tarsus. Tarsus was located at the corner where Asia Minor met Syria north of Israel. Saul's father was a Roman citizen. And Saul inherited from him that right of Roman citizenship which helped him in later years. His father was also a Jew and a Pharisee, so Saul could zealously match his credentials with any Jew.

#### **HIS TRADE**

In keeping with Jewish tradition, every boy had to learn a trade. One of the very large industries in the city of Tarsus was tent making. The young Saul learned this trade. He was able to weave cloth from the black hair of goats into strips, and then tie the strips together to make tents.

#### **HIS TEACHER**

At the age of approximately thirteen, Saul was packed off to Jerusalem. His Jewish heritage was motivation enough for him to have good Jewish training. In Jerusalem he sat under a great teacher by the name of Gamaliel.

#### **HIS CONFRONTATION**

Since it is never mentioned in the Bible that Saul met Jesus, it is likely that after having studied in Jerusalem he went back to Tarsus, and perhaps became the master teacher in the synagogue there. But later on he did return to Jerusalem. Jesus had already disappeared from the scene when he confronted Stephen. Now, Stephen was dynamic, bold, dramatic, and powerful, and Saul couldn't handle him. The only thing he could do was get rid of him, so Stephen was killed. But I think the death of Stephen planted a time bomb in the mind of Saul that finally exploded on the Damascus road in conjunction with God's invasion of his life.

#### **HIS PERSECUTION**

From the time of Stephen's death, Saul became the leader of a persecution movement. Years later, in Acts 26:9-11, he acknowledged this: "I myself was convinced that I ought to do many things in opposing the name of Jesus of Nazareth. And I did so in Jerusalem; I not only shut up many of the saints in prison, by authority from the chief priests, but when they were put to death I cast my vote against them. And I punished them often in all the synagogues and tried to make them blaspheme;

and in raging fury against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities" (RSV). Jerusalem wasn't enough; he chased them all over the land. According to Acts 8:3, "...he made havoc of the church." He laid waste to the church. The Greek word describes a wild boar rampaging through a garden or an army devastating a city.

**The Results of the Persecution**--Meanwhile, Philip and the Hellenistic Christians who have been scattered by a ravaging Saul, have gone everywhere preaching Christ (Ac. 8:4-5). Saul's persecution led to preaching which led to salvation for many.

**The Relentlessness of the Persecution**--Meanwhile, back at Jerusalem Saul is still furiously pursuing Christians to incarcerate and kill. Eventually he accomplished something of what he set out to do in the city of Jerusalem because he is now intent on leaving to seek out little pockets of Christians. He is really zealous--it is not just a lark or a game with him. In his mind Christianity is heresy--the defamation of the character of God and the traditions of Judaism--so he seeks out Christians with a certain amount of personal honesty. Apparently he hears that there is a group of Christians in Damascus, so he decides to go there and take care of that group. It is here that we pick up our first point:

**FAITH IN THE SAVIOR** (vv. 1-9)

**THE SIN OF SAUL'S CAMPAGIN** (vv. 1-2)

**HIS DESTRUCTION OF CHRISTIANS** (v. 1)

"And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest"

**Consuming Every Passion**--The phrase "breathing out" is literally "breathing in" in the Greek. The idea is not that he's expelling air, but that he's inhaling it--he lives in an aura of threat and slaughter,

b. **Chasing Every Disciple**

**HIS DESIRE FOR APPROVAL** (v. 2a)--"And desired of him letters..."

Saul wanted permits to go to Damascus and get the Christians. He had to have these permits because he couldn't operate on his own. The entire country was under Roman rule, and the Romans recognized the rights of the high priest within the Jewish state. So Saul had letters from the high priest to perform this as a religious function in the framework of Judaism. He couldn't perform this function apart from the high priest's authority under the Roman jurisdiction.

**HIS DESIGNS FOR DAMASCUS** (v. 2b)

"...to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem."

**The Steps Of Saul's Conversion** (vv. 3-9)

Verse 3 begins the conversion of Saul of Tarsus. There are five simple, key words to help you follow his conversion: The Contact, The Conviction, The Conversion, The Consecration, and The Communion.

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**CHERUBS:** “Behold, Behold”

**JUNIORS:** “These Are The Days of Elijah”

**BAPTISMAL SERVICE:** Joseph Guy Meilunas, Brian Lee Mathews, Jr., and Jesse James Williams

**PASTOR:** “Brethren of the household of faith, I commend to your love and care these children whom we this day welcome into the family of God. Will you endeavor so to live that they may grow in the knowledge and love of God the Father through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior?”

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord, that Joseph Guy Meilunas, Brian Lee Mathews, Jr., and Jesse James Williams, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

## A TIME OF PRAYER

## A TIME OF WORSHIPPING WITH OUR TITHES, OFFERINGS AND

## SPECIAL MUSIC

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“Here Is Love”  
“Spirit Fall On Us”

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## **\*ALLELUIA \*BENEDICTION \*POSTLUDE**

**Altar is open for prayer. You are welcome to come to the Altar, praying for someone or praying for self with commitment to Christ for the first time or for rededication of your life to Him. Someone will join you at the Altar to pray with you.**

## RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS & STEWARDSHIP FOR April 20, 2008

**ATTENDANCE:**(71,44/115)

**TOTAL OFFERING:**\$6,200.98

**GENERAL:**\$2,683.30

**DESIGNATED:**\$3,517.68

**THOSE WHO ARE SERVING TODAY:**

**11:00 AM**

## WORSHIP LEADER:

**GREETERS:** Al and Evvie Binder

**NURSERY:** Sandhya Naik

**USHER:** Rich Henry

**AUDIO:** Jim Cogswell

**JR. CHURCH:** Sue Bongiorno

**We praise the Lord for the following children who are baptized today. May the Lord keep them in the hollow of His hand. They are the lambs of His keeping. Amen.**

**Joseph Guy Meilunas, 12/09/2007**

**Parents Michael and Shannan Meilunas and Grandparents Harold and Penny Mathews and Michael and Sandra Meilunas**

**Brian Lee Mathews, Jr., 09/23/07**

**Parents Brian and Ashley Mathews, Grandparents Harold and Penny Mathews and Malcom and Lulu Davis**

**Jesse James Williams, 8/26/05**

**Parents Michael Williams and Erin Stevens, Grandparents Dale and Rosemarie Stevens.**

**PRAYER OF INVITATION:**

God, our Heavenly Father, by Your grace and power, fill us with faith and the Holy Spirit. God, our Eternal Home, by Your grace and power, equip us to live and die without fear. By Your grace and power, equip us to forgive, truly forgive. By Your grace and power, equip us to keep our eyes focused squarely on Jesus. By Your grace and power, equip us to live and breathe scripture, so that we view the world through the lens of Scripture, and not Scripture through the lens of the world. By Your grace and power, fill us with faith and the Holy Spirit. Prepare us for a good death, that we might live a full life. We ask this in the Name Jesus our Lord, who conquered death and lives for evermore. He is the Alpha and Omega. In His Name Amen.

**SPRING CLEANING TIME !**—On Saturday, May 3, 2008 we will have Spring cleaning day at the Church. Please plan to come and make our Church beautiful. We will be providing lunch.

**HEALING SERVICE**-April 27, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. **Acts 3:16:** “Through faith in the name of Jesus, this man was healed—and you know how crippled he was before. Faith in Jesus’ name has healed him before your very eyes.”

**WOMEN’S BANQUET**-Saturday, May 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Jane Divine, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

**MEN’S BANQUET**-Saturday, June 7, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Guest speaker will be Bishop Larry Simpson.

**ALUMNI CHOIR**-Will be sharing a special worship service on Sunday, June 16, 2008 during both services. Those who have sang in the choir in the past and those who sing at present are invited to join us for a special rehearsal. Please contact Aric Phinney at 786-8812 for more information.

**THE CONTINENTALS**- Will be in concert on July 11 and November 14, 2008.

**VBS**-July 25-August 1, 2008. Shannan Meilunas is the coordinating this VBS program.

**CHICKEN BBQ-CRAFT FAIR-BAKE SALE-GARAGE SALE**—August 9, 2008, Time: TBD--Proceeds to the Building Fund

Looking for Energetic Committee Members to coordinate, sell advance tickets and just plain help when & where needed. We would like to make this a fun-day for everyone while adding to the Building Fund! Our first meeting will be Monday, May 12th at 7:00. Thanks to all! For more information, contact Robin Bartholomew at 349-9221.

**CHURCH WOMEN UNITED**—Will meet on Friday, May 2, 2008. “May Fellowship Day-Plant a seed of hospitality, reap bouquets of friendships,” for a Luncheon at 1:00 P.M. at St. Ambrose Church, Washington Avenue, Endicott. Lunch reservations are required by Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>!! Please call Millie Rood at 862-9947 or Jean Warfield at 785-1167.

Thanks! Come & bring a friend or more than one!

**UPCOMING 2008 WEDDINGS:**

May 10, Dusty and Sarah

May 24, Robby and Ashley

July 12, LeAnna and Billy

July 19, Mike and Amber

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## Welcoming Each Other into the House of the Lord

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## MORNING PRAYER

**SPECIAL MUSIC:**

Grant, Mary and Ruth

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**\*BENEDICTION**

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**It is wonderful that you came to worship today at the Wesley UMC. We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we serve as our Lord. We pray and trust that you received the rich blessings of the Lord today. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you go into the world to live, serve, and witness. Please plan to join in a time of fellowship and sharing soon after the Worship Service. Please join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM for worship and praise. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us.**

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**The Relay For Life of Western Broome is coming soon, June 14 and 15 at Sammon Field, Vestal. Please help us to promote the Relay in our Western Broome community by including the following announcement (or facsimile) in your church bulletin in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your support! Relay For Life of Western Broome will be held June 14 and 15 at Sammon Field, Vestal. Relay For Life is an overnight celebration of life and cancer survivorship. Teams of people from the community have fun while raising much needed funds to fight cancer. Contributions to the Relay For Life help the American Cancer Society fight cancer in four ways: research, education, advocacy and patient services. If you are interested in joining a team, volunteering your time or making a donation to support the Relay For Life of Western Broome, contact Gina Chapman, (607) 766-6907 or call 1-800-ACS-2345.**