



**WORLD COMMUNION AND PEACEMAKING OFFERING:** On Sunday, October 4, we will celebrate World Communion and receive the Peacemaking Offering. Gifts to the Peacemaking Offering will be used to promote peacemaking and peacebuilding efforts locally, nationally, and internationally. Special offering envelopes will be in the bulletin on Sunday morning or you may mark “Peacemaking” on the envelope or memo line of your check and turn your contribution into the Church Office.

### Worship

**Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time, October 4**  
8:15 a.m. Worship - Communion  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship - Communion

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time, October 11**  
8:15 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes  
10:30 a.m. Worship

**USHERS** (contact the Church Office if you would like to be an Usher)

**October 4:** Ken F., Captain, Stan C., Dick E., Byron G., Kay M., and Lew T.  
**October 11:** Bob R. & Bill E., Co-Captains; Betsy & Gerard L., and Jerry & Shirley C.

Attendance	8:15 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
September 13	17	117
September 20	19	110

#### OCTOBER MEAL-A-MONTH MENU FOR FISH

Canned Salmon, Canned Broth, Cookies (store-bought), Muffin Mix, Tuna Helper, Dish Liquid, and Paper Grocery Bags. Collection bins are in the Narthex and Parlor Level corridor. Contact the Church Office for more information.

**THE SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION** is extended to the family of George G. upon his death on 11 September 2009.

**FALL BAZAAR:** The Presbyterian Women will be hosting their Annual Bazaar on October 17<sup>th</sup>. A delicious lunch of soup and homemade breads and desserts will be served. There will be many baked goods and craft items available for purchase. We will also have a silent auction for our homemade quilts and baskets. The Congregation is invited to be a part of this event in many ways. First—please come and enjoy the wonderful lunch. You are also invited to donate baked goods, craft items, or a basket for the Bazaar. Tickets went on sale September 20<sup>th</sup>. Please talk to any Circle member or contact the Church Office for more information. Mark your calendar for October 17<sup>th</sup>!



**FLU SHOTS:** We are hosting a flu shot clinic with BeFit Health Services 9-11am on Saturday, October 17, in the Parlor. The cost is \$27 cash; \$30 check. The H1N1 shot will not be available but seniors do not appear to be in the high risk category. For more information, please contact Carolyn Newcomb.

**PRESCHOOL/STAY N’ PLAY ENROLLMENT:** If you have not registered your child for Preschool or Stay n’ Play, please call the EDC Office, (636) 947-8778, for more information and availability.

**ALLERGY ISSUES:** Many of our incoming and returning students have severe food allergies to “common” foods (peanuts, milk, etc.) and “uncommon” foods (bananas, ranch dip, etc.). Look for signs outside classrooms or contact the EDC Office for more information.

## **SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS:**

♣ **RECYCLING:** Don't forget to bring your newspapers, magazines, empty envelopes, and junk mail to the recycling bins located on the upper lot.

♣ **PIZZA NIGHTS:** On the first Tuesday of every month during the school year, Papa John's will donate a portion of your bill when you order from the St. Charles or St. Peters locations. Be sure to mention our school's name and look for special coupons in the Information Center and Narthex.

**PER CAPITA 2009:** We met our budget's goal of \$5,000.00 for Per Capita in 2009! We received a grand total **\$5,131.80** from **112** giving units covering **223.5** of our members. Some families heeded the call and not only rounded up but also contributed a Per Capita for a fellow member. While we've met our goal, our work is not yet finished; Presbytery had hoped for a total of \$12,513.20 (\$22.96 x 545 members on 12/31/07). For 2009, the budget was able to provide Presbytery with only the funds that were actually collected from our members. Our goal of \$5,000 was based on historical giving; so the fact that we met and BEAT that goal is one for celebration. Additional monies collected through the end of the year will be used to offset the gap between our goal and Presbytery's assessment. If you have contributed your Per Capita, **THANK YOU!** If you have not yet contributed, please prayerfully consider doing so with \$22.96 (or even \$23 or \$25) so that the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly can continue their work.

**NURSERY:** The CE Committee is committed to offering a Nursery Program at both the Sunday School and 10:30 Worship hours so that parents are able to attend Sunday School and 10:30 Worship. Contact Carolyn Newcomb for more information.

**CHOIR NEWS:** The Chancel Choir has resumed practices on Wednesdays in the Choir Room at 7pm; for more information, contact the Church Office.

**RACE FOR THE CROSS:** The Youth are conducting an on-going fund raiser for the *UPholding Our Vision* campaign. You may have noticed jars throughout the building with pictures of "coins" on them. The Youth are trying to collect enough coins of each denomination to reach a distance, when stacked on top of each other, from the lower level parking lot all the way to the top of the cross on our steeple, all 100 feet! To reach that distance will take 21,600 pennies (216/foot), 16,800 nickels (168/foot), 24,000 dimes (240/foot), and 18,000 quarters (180/foot). So far they have collected \$12.50 in pennies (5.79 feet), \$8.00 in nickels (0.95 feet), \$30.00 in dimes (1.25 feet), and \$80.00 in quarters (1.78 feet). So Honest Abe is in the lead while George Washington and FDR are neck and neck in the middle with Thomas Jefferson bringing up the rear. Keep the coins coming and the Youth will keep us up-to-date on the race!



## FINANCIAL UPDATE...

### AUGUST 2009 REPORT

(NEITHER APPROVED BY THE SESSION NOR AUDITED)

INCOME	Current	Year-to-Date	Target
Budget Pledge	\$20,476.90	\$163,853.41	\$250,423.00
Actual Pledge	\$20,645.50	\$164,351.08	
Total Bud. Inc.	\$22,581.69	\$22,585.67	\$280,973.00
Total Act. Inc.	\$184,702.72	\$193,982.49	
EXPENSES	Current	Year-to-Date	Target
Budgeted	\$21,378.60	\$194,797.27	\$280,973.00
Actual	\$19,128.78	\$186,606.94	

#### Notes on August:

✦ **PLEGGED INCOME:** Traditionally giving has tapered off in the summer with summer vacations and other seasonal considerations. This year is unique in that we are **STILL** ahead of budgeted projections in overall pledged income in August! This is a **VERY** rare occurrence and a testament to the faithful stewardship of our members, **THANK YOU!**

#### ✦ **MORTGAGE UPDATE:**

✦ Our stewardship account at Church Development Corporation (CDC), our loan provider, totaled \$57,299.57 at the end of August. All gifts posted to the *Building Our Vision/UPholding Our Vision* campaigns and to the building fund (memorials, fundraising, and other special gifts) since January 1, 2009, have been sent to this account; all future gifts will be sent directly to the CDC account monthly.

✦ We have made two mortgage payments (July and August) of \$15,728.70 each with total principle payments of \$6,251.26 and interest payments of \$25,206.14. We will make regular payments of \$15,728.70 every month under the terms of our loan.

✦ We are in good shape at meeting our mortgage payments for the remainder of 2009. The contributions to the *UPholding Our Vision* campaign are needed to meet our obligations for 2010 and beyond. Thank you for your steadfast support!

✦ **GIFTS OF STOCK/MUTUAL FUNDS:** If you would like to make a gift of stock or mutual funds to fulfill your regular pledge or the *UPholding Our Vision* campaign, please contact the Church Office for more information. A gift of shares that have appreciated in value might offer attractive tax benefits through such a donation. On the other hand, shares that have depreciated in value might have a greater tax benefit if you sell them first and then donate the proceeds. Be sure to check with your financial advisor and tax preparer for more information about these gifts, potential tax ramifications, and what option works best for your personal situation.

✦ **CHURCH DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:** Our loan provider also offers several investment opportunities for personal investors. If you would like to learn more about how CDC can help you meet your financial goals, please visit [www.churchdevcorp.org](http://www.churchdevcorp.org) or call (800) 711-6643.

## CHURCH OFFICE UPDATE...

Ronnie and the Personnel Committee are pleased to announce that Maryanne B. will be joining our Church Staff on Thursday, October 1. Maryanne brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from her previous Church position to ours and we look forward to getting to know our new friend and colleague. Look for an "introduction bio" from Maryanne in the next issue of *The Visitor*. Welcome, Maryanne!

With the arrival of Maryanne B. we bid farewell to the departing Kevin B. While he will be "on-call" for the first few weeks of Maryanne's arrival, Kevin's final official day is September 30. He is looking forward to some personal time for reflection on the future. We wish Kevin the best in his future endeavors.

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP – GRAFTON FERRY



**EXCURSION:** The youth will be leaving church Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. to take the ferry to Calhoun

County, Illinois, where we will head to Eckert Farms to pick apples and enjoy their expanded entertainment area. Cost for the farm's fun site and dinner on the way home will be \$10 plus whatever extra the youth needs for snacks and the apples they might pick. Our goal is to return at 6:00 p.m.



**MISSION UPDATES:** For more information, please contact Carolyn Newcomb at (636) 946-4070, ext. 231 or [carolyn.newcomb@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyn.newcomb@yahoo.com)

✦ **LAUNDRY LOADS OF LOVE:** So far we have collected a total of \$212.81 for this Presbytery mission. Funds are used to provide refugee immigrants from Africa with laundry products and quarters so they can do their own laundry. A collection jug is in the Information Center.

✦ **DEACON'S LAST SUNDAY COLLECTIONS:** The Deacons will be collecting money for various local mission organizations on the last Sunday of every month. The children will pass around baskets during Time for Young Disciples; tuna cans will be forwarded to FISH for distribution through their food bank. So, don't forget to bring your tuna or a donation for the last Sunday of next month!

✦ **CENTSABILITY:** This collection is received anytime we have a Congregation-wide dinner or event. Donations will be sent to Presbytery to help low-income families with infant formula.