

2008 ANNUAL REPORTS



CHRIST CHURCH United Church of Christ

200 South White Oak Street
Annville, Pennsylvania 17003

Congregational Meeting and Luncheon

Sunday, 18 January 2009

11:30 AM - Luncheon with Meeting to follow

~ Please bring this report to the meeting ~

AGENDA

Christ Church 2009 Annual Congregational Meeting
18 January 2009
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Old Business

New Business

- Adoption of the Nominating Committee's Report
- Adoption of the 2009 Budget

ADJOURNMENT

***Reports of Committee's and Financial Reports not included here
will be handed out at the meeting.***

**CHRIST CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
20 JANUARY 2008**

The Annual Congregational Meeting of Christ Church was called to order at 12:15 p.m. in the undercroft by President Douglas Snyder, who expressed thanks to the kitchen staff for preparing the luncheon.

SECRETARY MINUTES:

There were some corrections to last year's meeting. All motions were carried. David Troxell is a member of the Lebanon Association and not a delegate to the Penn Central Committee. Diane Miller and John Sheetz are members of the Property Committee. A motion was made by Thomas Wolf to accept the report with the changes and Judy Feather seconded. Motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Don thanked everyone for making 2007 a great year. The Annual Report was not received by everyone through the mail but was available at the meeting. Anyone who is in need of Pastor Don's assistance is welcome to call him at work, at home, or by cell phone. Carl Graybill made a motion to accept the report with Dennis Haak seconding. Motion carried.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:

Kevin Biddle was given applause for the fine job he has done.

PROPERTY:

There is nothing more to report except that there is a tenant in the rental property.

PERSONNEL:

The new secretary is doing well. Nothing more to report.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Debbie Smith reported that memorials to Christ Church are as follows: David Horn-39, Jean Gagliano-3, Michael Fasnacht-5, William Horn-1, Karl Lockwood-4, Doris Sweeney-29, Evelyn Unger-1, and Mary Matz-10. There is also a yearly memorial presented by Larry Smith for Lester and Fern Smith. Nothing further to report.

STEIN BEE CLASS:

No report.

WOMEN'S GUILD:

No report.

NOMINATING:

Marie Leshar has agreed to serve as Congregational Care Chair. All others appointed have agreed to serve. A motion was made by Pastor Don that these people with the addition of Marie, be placed in nomination with Carl Graybill seconding. It was stated that the delegate to LCCM is not an elected position. Judy Noll is filling this position along with Debbie Smith. There were no nominations from the floor. Shirley Wolfe made a motion to close the nomination with Judy Feather seconding. Motion carried.

CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT:

Nothing more to report. Kelly Mason has been doing a good job on the bulletin boards.

STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH:

An addition of outreach funds is as follows: \$500 for tornado relief; \$150 for the Lebanon Day Camp; \$500 for Flamingo fund for youth; and \$500 to Hartman Center, making a total of \$1650. 39 time and talent forms have been returned and given to department heads. If anyone has not filled out a form, they are still available and people should see Sharon Riganati for them.

FINANCE:

Nothing to add. A motion was made by Richard Fernsler to accept this report with David Troxell seconding. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A discussion was held about trying to fill offices on consistory. The present system may not be the most effective way. The present policy states that all personnel on consistory must serve as an officer or chairperson of a committee. Consistory has approved that this will not be necessary during the next year. There will be no constitutional change until we can figure out what will be the most efficient operation.

A discussion was held on receiving two bids for construction work. Funks will not permit drawings of theirs to go out. A price has not been received on our upcoming projects. If it is out of line, we need to get more drawings etc. We need to change the motion that we go with Funks as a sole source. Doris Horn made a motion from last year's minutes to add the word "may" go with Funks as a sole source. Harold Killinger seconded. Motion carried.

It was further suggested that when we get a bid from Funks, we copy it and submit it to the congregation for their input and then submit it for bids or get other bids.

NEW BUSINESS:

We still need another officer for Sunday School duties. See Robert Fasnacht if you can help.

Financial Statements: No questions on finance. Betty Heisey was thanked for being Financial Secretary.

The church had a lower income for 2007 and some money that was in trusts was used to pay bills. Raises were given to employees at 3% with the exception of Kevin Biddle. His 3% went to Jodi Loose because she is taking over some of the duties that Kevin held last year. A motion was made by Kevin Biddle to increase the organ budget to \$1250. It was seconded by Rick Graybill. Motion carried.

Shirley Wolfe explained that we count differently than before, as there was a question as to how we know if we're not making our budget. It was recommended that it be posted in the Wake Tree stating what the financial status is. Pastor Don agreed with this but stated it will probably be a month or two behind in the Wake Tree. Pastor Bucher noted the difference in the OCWM budget. Shirley Wolfe made a motion that the difference between the amount received be made up to LCCM. Carl Graybill seconded. Motion carried.

A question was raised by Pastor Bucher about the boiler problems because it is in bad shape and questioned where the money will come from to repair it. Money can be used from the building fund to repair it as this problem was discussed and passed during Consistory a few months ago. Carl Graybill made a motion to accept the above with Doris Horn seconding. Motion carried.

Doug Snyder made a motion that all above reports that were not previously listed as "motion carried" are listed as carried. Donald Yeagley made a motion to accept the 2008 budget with Ruth Fernsler seconding. Motion carried.

The meeting ended at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Bernardo
Consistory Secretary

PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT – 2008

I would like to begin my report by thanking everyone in Christ Church for their kindness and generosity, faithfulness and leadership over the past year. I have a great staff to work with, Kevin Biddle, Jodi Loose, Charlotte Claypool and Dale Good, and I am grateful that this professional team has made my job as pastor easier because they all do their jobs so well. In the same vein, I am thankful for the Consistory and each member of it. Your leadership and willingness to accomplish the duties of your offices is essential for the health and vitality of Christ Church.

Looking back on 2008, I am amazed that all we have done can fit into just one year. We have completed renovations to our lounge and office areas, including another new Accessible bathroom, and not only are the alterations beautiful and well crafted, they are very functional. The new lounge has already seen a variety of new uses, including worship space for Odd Sundays, fellowship time before and after worship, set-up and clean up space for communion, gathering parlor for funeral viewings, refuge from rainstorms for wedding receiving lines, and meeting space for various committees and groups. Our new office areas allow privacy and convenience that streamline our workspace, and allow for more storage and ease of use.

Also in 2008 we began exploring alternate times and forms of worship. Our summer evening worship led to a commitment to “Odd Sunday” early worship, and we have had between 7 and 13 worshipers over the 9 Sundays the service has been held. I look forward to this continuing and perhaps even expanding during 2009.

We hosted Rev. Traugott Kuhnt, from Altrupp, Germany, and his infectious spirit and good natured manner won all our hearts. I am thankful for our willingness to take a chance and invite him into our community and our homes. We were indeed blessed by his presence with us this past spring. It was such a great opportunity, I would gladly repeat it.

Odd Sunday worship added 9 services to our worship in 2008 and thus celebration of the sacraments, included 11 worship services with communion and three baptisms. Our special worship throughout the year included Bell Sunday, Soup-er Soul Sunday, Youth Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday in the Undercroft, Good Friday Tenebrae, Easter Sunrise, Pulpit Exchange, Compassion Sunday, Intergenerational Sunday, Children’s Sunday, Choir Music Sunday, Church Picnic Outdoor Worship, Rally Day, World Wide Communion, Christmas Cantata, Children’s Christmas Program, and two worship services on Christmas Eve.

We also hosted the Eastern Mennonite College Chamber Singers and the Lebanon County Senior Centers Joint Choirs for concerts in 2008.

I want to thank the congregation for providing me the opportunity to spend a week as a camp counselor at our Conference camp, Hartman Center. We spent a week making a video about the Creation story in Genesis, “Genesis 2028: Eco-Ninos”. In 2009, I hope to spend a week on my bicycle raising money for Hartman Center instead of directing a camp.

I would like to conclude my narrative by looking ahead to 2009 and beyond. Although the pace has been full-steam ahead over the past year, with the outstanding effort of your property committee, particularly Ernie Heisey and Jerry Wolfe, and with the plans in place for further renovations, which include an elevator, I think we must not overextend ourselves in 2009. The opportunity to spend this year enjoying the fruit of our hard work in the renovated spaces, exploring the new parameters of worship, focusing on strengthening our use of the resources

we already have, developing skills to use new technology now available to us will help us gear up for the future and look not just one year at a time, but several years ahead to discover what God has in store for Christ Church.

I continue to thank God for all that I am as your pastor and all that we are together as a congregation, for through us, God is still speaking words of encouragement to a world hungry for good news.

Pastor Don

PASTORAL STATISTICS FOR 2008

Funerals/Memorials

	<u>Service</u>
*Adam Leshner	4 January 2008
*Chuck Miller	14 January 2008
German Speck	20 February 2008
*Grace O'Donel	7 March 2008
*John Haucke	28 March 2008
*Deborah McLain	14 April 2008
Bob Kreamer	16 April 2008
*Jack Reich	26 June 2008
Catherine Hershey	27 June 2008
*Leon Zimmerman	28 July 2008
*Margaret Shipp	12 September 2008
Elizabeth Fernsler	17 September 2008
Dorothy Sheetz	29 December 2008

Weddings

Shay DeAntonio & J.D. Long	19 July 2008
*Elizabeth Santiago & Angel Velas	19 July 2008
Beth Brough & Richard Renner	11 October 2008
Amy Batz & Brad Brandt	15 November 2008

Baptisms

Sydnee Leann & Lucas Jaxon Huffman (Parents Julie & Brian Huffman)	27 January 2008
Lucy Irene Hoffman (Parents Ed and Jaime Hoffman)	29 June 2008
Austin Fastrich (Parents Paula & Jeff Fastrich)	28 December 2008

New Members

Shay DeAntonio & J.D. Long	13 January 2008
Dawn, Michael & Jeremy Yeagley	13 January 2008
Holly & Scot Soloman	9 November 2008

*Not Members

MINISTRY OF MUSIC ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008

Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Ephesians 5:19-20

In 2008, the Music Ministry program of Christ Church continued to offer opportunities for children, youth, and adults to use their musical talents to play and sing God's praise. Jodi Loose took over all of the children's ensembles this year and has done a great job. Working with our very energetic children and youth can be very challenging, but Jodi has harnessed that energy and worked very hard to give our children and youth opportunities to participate in worship in the Cherub choir, Children's Choir and the Junior Ringers. Our Christmas pageant was a joy to see this year! Our children did a great job presenting the Christmas story.

The adult ensembles- the Praise Team, Senior Ringers and Senior Choir continue to be very active and participated in many extra services and concerts during 2008. Some of our special music programs included:

February 3	Soup-er Soul Sunday featuring the LVC "Voices of Soul" Choir
April 6	Sponsoring the <i>Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers</i> in concert
May 7	Performing the program, <i>The Simple Life</i> at our Mother/Daughter Banquet
June 1	Music Sunday featuring all of our ensembles and the Senior Choir Cantata - <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>
November 8	Homecoming service featuring all of our ensembles and the Sunday School Orchestra and the Reunion Choir
November 28	Annual Peanut/Cashew sale
December 7 & 14	Combined choir cantata with Grace UCC- <i>Rejoice in His Coming!</i>
December 21	Children's Christmas Pageant
December 24	Christmas Eve recital and worship featuring the adult ensembles

The Music Ministry program, especially our adult ensembles, would not be as effective without the dedication and talents of our volunteers, especially those who offered to sing or play on special Sundays, or during our summer worship services. I am thankful to each and everyone for their service to our congregation and to God. I would like to thank our Senior Choir officers- Ed Fernsler, Weez Bixler, Mandi Smith, and Debbie Smith for their leadership. We are especially thankful to Ed Fernsler, who after many, many years has decided to step down as our choir president. We are grateful to Ed for his leadership over the years.

I feel so blessed to be able to work with such great people at Christ Church. Pastor Don Mason and his wife Kelly are such great supporters of our program. I am so thankful for their work at Christ Church and their friendship, too! I often joke with people that Jodi Loose and I are a "package deal" when it comes to leading music at Christ Church, but it is true. I would never want to be in this position without her friendship and dedication to our program. Thanks also needs to be extended to our sexton Dale Good and our secretary, Charlotte. I appreciate working with each of them at Christ Church.

Johann Sebastian Bach said, "The aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul". It is with that in mind that the Ministry of Music program constantly strives not to "perform" music for our church, but to refresh each worshipper and give glory to God in every note that is sung or played. May we continue to joyfully play and sing God's praises in 2009!

In Christ's Love,
Kevin L. Biddle
Director of Music Ministry

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 2008 REPORT

The Personnel Committee conducted performance evaluations for all staff. The committee met as a committee and with staff members to address concerns. Members of the congregation are asked to contact any member of the Personnel Committee with any concerns they may have.

Judy Feather, Chair
Shirley Wolfe
Willie Bixler
Carl Graybill

WORSHIP AND WITNESS 2008 REPORT

Thank you to my committee once again for being so efficient, they are Pastor Don, Kevin Biddle, Jody Loose, Earlene Bohr, Joan Bernado, and Willie Bixler.

Thanks also to Diane Miller for helping with Holiday decorations, and to Phyllis Kohr for doing the extra flowers.

A special thanks to Jodi and all others who helped with the Children's Christmas program

Debbie Smith
Chairman

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE 2008 REPORT

Here are the following memorials for 2008:

Memorial In Memory of Robert Kreamer:

Stein bee Class	Robert & Dorothy Groh
Phoebe Fernsler	Rodger S & C. Susan Berkheimer
M/M Delmar Cook	Sharon Duda
Doris Horn	Gladys Sonnon
M/M Charles Miller	KFH Employees, Russell White, Mary Graybill,
M/M Thomas Svirsko	Greg Buck, Brian Duda
Annvil Youth League	Kwanis of A-C
RBC Wealth Management	Randy & Linda Leonard
Mrs. Jessie Shank	Roxanne Cherry
Barbara Zimmerman	Kevin Young
Ron Gerlach and Sevens Oliver	Lorrain Bentz
Mindy & Corey Langer	Kenneth Dourte
Nancy Sanger	Debbie Smith
M/M John Yourty	Constance Dohner
Dr. & Mrs. Warren Brubaker Smith	Dick and Jean Rhine
Nancy Sanger	Joseph M. Mohr
Constance Dohner	
Joseph M. Mohr	
Ann & Gary Young	
Marcia Rhodes & Steven Garcia	
Gloria Wentling	
M/M Ernie Heisey	

Memorials In Memory of Elizabeth Fernsler:

Judith Barchet	Marie Leshner
Jayne Fernsler	Mary Jane Heisy
Allan & Shirley Holm	M/M James Unger
Carolyn Stoner	M/M John Fernsler
Mrs. Ruth Somerville	M/M Dick Fernsler
Mary Ann (Fernsler) Wood & Family	Althea Hemperly
Sevens Oliver & Ron Gerlach	M/M Jay Light
M/M Dennis Soliday	M/M Ernie Heisey
Gale Reich	Debbie Smith
Brenda Gallagher	M/M Fred Kreider
Linda Hardick	
Stein bee Class	

Memorials In Memory of Jack Reich:

Stein Bee Class
Phoebe Fernsler
M/M Ernie Heisey
Althea Hemperly

Memorials In Memory of Catherine Hershey:

Stein Bee Class
Althea Hemperly
Phoebe Fernsler

If I have inadvertently missed any names, I apologize. Please let me know if I have missed your name or you did not get a thank you note.

Debbie Smith
Memorial Committee

STEIN BEE CLASS 2008 YEAR-END REPORT

The Stein Bee Class along with the Charles Shearer class meets every Sunday morning for lesson study. Since the renovation of the Lounge, we now meet in the Pastor's old office. Frances Burney and Dolores Wolfe alternate as teacher; every member is grateful for all the time and effort they put into the preparation of the lessons. New members are welcome any time.

The class meets periodically on the second Monday of the month for devotions and business meeting. This year we had a Christmas luncheon at the home of Janet and Norm Bucher. Each member gave a special offering for L.C.C.M. Through out the year a class offering is taken the first Sunday of every month for L.C.C.M. and is designated for prescriptions.

The Stein Bee gives a memorial for any member of the church who passes away during the year.

The sale of Van Winkle's Opera Fudge at Easter and Christmas enables the class to donate to many causes during the year.

Following is a list of donations for 2008:

Memorials	\$ 60.00
L.C.C.M.	209.00
Altar Guild	50.00
Staff Gifts	75.00
Emergency-Disaster	600.00

Respectfully submitted,
Phoebe Fernsler, Secretary/Treasurer
Frances Burney, President

WOMEN'S GUILD 2008 ANNUAL REPORT

The Women's Guild meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm. We hold meetings every month except July and August. Officers for the year include Marie Leshner, President; Earlene Bohr, Vice-President; Marilyn Bollinger, Secretary; Grace Karsnitz, Assistant Secretary; and Althea Hemperly, Treasurer. Eleanor Brooksher did a wonderful job providing us with programs throughout the year.

The programs included: Bingo at the Church Home, a book review on "A Thousand Shall Fall" about World War II, A.J. Haak did a program about Silver Point Drawings, Kelly Mason enlightened us about autism, David Althouse talked about dealing with problems and hypnotism. The youth and adults that went on a mission trip to Overlook Farms shared their experiences with us, Powel Adams told us about the different crosses and their meanings. We had our annual picnic and a Christmas Party.

We had numerous projects that we were involved in this year. We hosted the World Day of Prayer Service; we made and filled 40 school kits to be sent to Penn Central Conference for the Indians. There were 40 Christmas stockings made for Church Women United to be distributed to area nursing homes, we had 2 soup and bake sales during the year, we packed about 200 bags of cookies for the Truck Stop Ministries, Phyllis also made up little bags of doggie treats. We held a Mother-Daughter Banquet and an '80's Friendship luncheon. Helping hands served several luncheons, wedding, and funeral receptions, including the retired Ministers. We were going to serve the youth breakfast on Thanksgiving, but Kevin Biddle, bless his heart, decided to give our ladies the day off and he took over for us.

Monetary contributions will be listed in the Women's Guild Treasurer's Report.

Frances Burney, our Cheer Chairman, sent out 47 cards during the year.

Pete the Pig is an ongoing mission of the Guild raising money for leprosy through Church Women United.

The Women's Guild is a very hard working group of dedicated individuals that are a very valuable part of Christ Church. All members of the church are welcome to attend our meetings and functions. We would not be able to accomplish all that we do if it weren't for the time, talent, faith, and prayers of these hard workers who give of themselves. Because of our ventures, we were able to purchase a new refrigerator for the kitchen in the undercroft. The new refrigerator and furniture for the new lounge and the collapsible coat racks for the Narthexes. We donated monies to both the Caring Foundation to keep a woman in dire need as well as money to the Pastors Aid Fund to keep people in our own church.

Our meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the lounge. We encourage all to attend. Men are welcome also. We are in need of some younger women to get involved. Through God's Grace and Mercy, we will continue to do his work.

Let us rejoice!

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Bollinger
Secretary

WOMEN'S GUILD 2008 ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2007

\$364.74

INCOME:

Offering.....	\$311.50
Leprosy offering.....	115.40
Women's Guild Envelope Donations.....	955.00
Mother/Daughter Banquet.....	502.50
Soup/Bake Sale.....	6,586.30
Lenten Luncheon.....	00.00
Helping Hands.....	450.00
Transfers /Miscellaneous.....	5,460.00

Total Income.....14,380.70
14,745.44

EXPENSES:

Back Bay Mission.....	\$ 500.00
OCWM.....	500.00
Palms/Crowns.....	148.60
Mother/Daughter Banquet.....	301.60
Soup Supplies.....	1,630.41
These Days.....	99.00
Church Women United.....	50.00
Indian Mailing – cost of mailing clothing, etc.....	359.70
Cards/Postage.....	00.00
Program Speakers.....	125.00
80's Luncheon.....	134.47
Camera Maintenance.....	00.00
Kitchen Supplies.....	72.74
Compassion International.....	819.00
Indian School Supplies.....	00.00
Retreat Meal Subsidy.....	00.00
Leprosy Offering.....	108.64
Uncommitted Funds.....	2,446.92
Transfers.....	<u>5,261.82</u>

Total Expenses.....12,557.90

BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 2008.....\$ 2,187.54

Respectfully submitted,
Althea N. Hemperly
Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2008 REPORT

Nominated for 2009:

Officers

President (Elder)	Lee Keaton
VP (Elder)	Lawrence Noll
Secretary (Elder)	Joan Bernardo
Treasurer (Deacon)	Tom Wolf

Chairperson of:

Worship and Witness	Deb Smith
Property	Ernie Heisey
Pastor- Parish	Marlene Hinkle
Youth Representation	Alayna Snyder
Delegate to Penn Central Conf. Lebanon Assoc.	Sharon Riganati
Council of Churches	Richard Fernsler
Sunday School Sup.	Robert Fasnacht
Sunday School Asst. Sup.	Richard Fernsler
Sunday School Sec.	J.R. Hemperly
Sunday School Asst. Sec.	David Bollinger Marilyn Bollinger David Booth

Member of Nominating Committee	Patricia Chadwick
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Respectfully submitted,
Dolores Wolfe
Chairman

UCC KIDS 2008 REPORT

The year 2008 was divided in two for UCC Kids. January to April, Beth Keaton and I worked with children grades 1-5 and we used a program that the kids love, "Animals Teach us Lessons" from the Bible. In October and November Ruth Smith, Pat Chadwick, Beth Keaton, and I worked with a program about "The Fruits of the Spirit". Pat took over the crafts with really neat activities. Ruth brought us kids and was a wonderful helper. They plan to continue with UCC Kids, which now includes Kindergarten thru 5th grade. This fall we had six new kids, five were neighborhood kids. Jody Loose used the Wednesday time to practice for the Christmas Program. Kelly Mason, Pastor Don, and Doug Snyder worked with The UCC Youth on Wednesdays. Great Suppers each Wednesday were supplied By Elizabeth Kendall and other parents, Donna Billingham, the Masons, Adult Study #2, and other volunteers. The UCC Kids and Youth really appreciated these suppers. Thanks to them from all us.

Gloria Wentling

CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT 2008 REPORT

Members of the committee for the Department of Enrichment met approximately every ten weeks during the past year. Currently the committee includes Marilyn Bollinger, Leslie Light, Barbara Beard, Bob Fasnacht, Lee Keaton, Kelly Mason, Pastor Mason, and Gloria Wentling. This Groups plans events, exchanges ideas, brainstorms and is open to anyone interested in meeting with this committee. Members work closely with the Christian Education Committee, the Care Calendar, Youth Fellowship, and the Nursery. During 2008 Christmas Enrichment planned an "all church" game night, the annual Celebration Event, a float for the Memorial day parade (done by Phyllis Kohr), help with the Community Bible School, the annual "all church" picnic, summer evening worship, Odd Sunday Worship, help with the Nursery, Rally Day Sunday with the Grace UCC puppets, the annual retreat (cancelled in 2008), Confirmation Coffee. In the planning stage for 2009 is A Women's Retreat in March, leadership in the Community Bible School and small group Bible Study.

Gloria Wentling
Chairperson

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL ANNUAL REPORT 2008

This report covers 42 weeks, offering, and attendance.
No Sunday School during July and August.

Attendance	Statistics
Total enrollment	98
Average attendance	50
Lowest Attendance	26 (December 7, 2008)
Highest Attendance	83 (March 16, 2008)
Total Attendance	1912 (2007)
Total Attendance	2032
Increase in Attendance	6% (2008)
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Average Offering	\$85.00
Lowest Offering	\$35.00 (December 7, 2008)
Highest Offering	\$128.00 (December 14, 2008)
Total Offering	\$3,673.46 (2007)
Total Offering	\$3,487.51
Decrease in Offering	4% (2008)

Respectfully submitted,
Robert E. Fasnacht
Sunday School Superintendent

We would like to begin the report about the Christian Education committee by thanking everyone who has been part of the educational ministries of the church. Everyone who has taught Sunday school, led Wee Worship, served as officers and committee members, and helped in the nursery. Thanks to everyone else for keeping the Educational ministries of Christ Church in your prayers.

Some of the highlights of the year were: Rally Day, Intergenerational Sunday, our children's Christmas program which included an ice cream social, Easter egg hunt, October hayride and picnic at the Hemperly's farm, Youth Sunday and Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We presented four Bibles to: Mckenzee Shaffer, Lucas Kendall, Hunter Kelley and Sarah Wolfe. Our five confirmation students, Alayna Snyder, Max Potocny, Sarah Sweeney, Adam Smith, and Lauren McCullough were each presented with a gift. This summer eight youth and four adults went on a mission trip to the Heifer Ranch in Massachusetts.

As we look ahead to 2009, our hope is to have an increase in participation in our programs. The CE Committee will be attending a workshop on March 7, at Colonial Park UCC on Growing Stronger Churches. We would like to encourage anyone who would like to help with the education programs to talk with Brenda Kreamer or Kelly Mason. We always need volunteers to be students and teachers and nursery helpers.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Kreamer and Kelly Mason, co-chairs

(This report was not received in time to be included in the mailing)

STEWARDSHIP AND OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2008 REPORT

The Committee's main project for 2008 was the reassigning of Offering Envelope numbers in order to save money by having to order less envelopes. Previous envelope numbers went up to #349. By assigning higher numbered envelopes to unused lower numbers, we were able to eliminate the ordering of 225 envelopes. This resulted in a substantial savings to the church.

Stewardship Sunday was observed on November 23, 2008. An opportunity was afforded every member of Christ Church UCC to pledge his or her estimate of giving for 2009. Giving units are equal to the number of offering envelopes. 221 envelopes were mailed. 44 "Giving Pledges for 2009" were returned. The Stewardship Committee's hope for next year is to emphasize the importance of estimate of giving, as it reflects on the Finance Committee's ability to budget for the church for the next year.

2009 Estimate of Giving Pledges

44 Giving Units--Total Weekly Pledge=\$2,625.25

Current Expenses-----= 2,002.75

OCWM-----= 169.75

Building Fund-----= 380.00

UCC Ministries-----= 102.75

The Stewardship Committee looks forward to 2009 as a year of giving, for we are truly blessed.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Riganati, Chairperson

