

## Finance Committee Ad Council Feb. 2010

We finished 2009 with a big push to pay off the Debt Reduction and it is now down to \$34,000. The Trustees have a new estimate for the repair of the three large stained glass windows and I think we will be able to have them repaired with the money we have. The money from the Grace Sale almost cover the estimate.

We have started paying towards our apportionments again with a good start to the year. All of our bills have been paid and we have money left in our checking account. Yea!!!

Overall I think we are in for a good year. We should not have a problem paying off our Debt Reduction before year's end and will get the repairs done to our stained glass windows without taking on any new debt. We are getting closer to financial stability that we would like.

Respectfully

Co-Chairs Daryl Gilmore and Kevin Miller

## Hospitality

Due to the Acts 6 Ministry Program our Evangelism/Hospitality committee is splitting. We will be the Hospitality Ministry team or Cluster. In this Hospitality Ministry there will be 7 ministry teams and 5 Task Forces.

In January we hosted the Nebraska Wesleyan University Choir. Many of our Church families hosted at least 2 of the 50 choir members and we fed them a wonderful meal on Wednesday evening. The concert was outstanding!

A few of our ushers & greeters from the Hospitality teams have dropped out and we need people to replace them. If you would be willing to serve on Sunday mornings, please call Pam at the Church office.

More volunteers are also needed for the Coffee Ministry during fellowship time on Sunday mornings. Kathy Gilmore is in charge of this ministry so if you could help please see Kathy or call her at 496-5494.

Friendship Bread delivery is another one of our cluster's responsibilities. If you would like to bake bread for our visitors and would also deliver it please see me or give me a call at the church office.

We receive positive comments all the time from our visitors that we are a "welcoming church", so let's keep up the good work, and reach out to those who visit our Sunday morning services, Bible studies and special events.

Pam Vinson

## Youth & Children's Ministry Highlights:

### November 2009:

November 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> - Eleven junior high students attended a weekend "recharge" retreat in Okoboji.

### December 2009:

December 13<sup>th</sup> we enjoyed music Sunday and enjoyed hearing the elementary students sing.

December 21<sup>st</sup> the elementary students sang at the mall.

### January 2010:

We started meeting after Christmas break on January 6<sup>th</sup>. We now serve dinner every week for the 30-35 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders that attend youth group each week.

January 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Four student leaders attended the Ebenezer's Student Leader Retreat @ the Marshalltown Best Western. It was a great time of worship and discipleship.

January 23<sup>rd</sup> – Around 20 of our female students attended "The Total U" Girls' Conference, it was a great event that resulted in one of our youth giving her life to Christ and being baptized the following Sunday. Every girl who attended was touched and came forward to commit to purity in her life.

### Overall Highlights:

We continue to meet weekly for youth group – we have new students every week!

We have many great upcoming events, be watching the bulletin and newsletter for this!

Thanks for your support, please continue to lift us up in prayer!

Elizabeth Flickinger

## UMW Report for AD Council February 16, 2010

Acts 20:24 "The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work the Lord gave me."

### Theme for the 2010 Program Book – "Let's Get Together"

#### **Circles:**

1. Charity Circle – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 7 PM - Homes
2. Esther Circle – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9:30 AM - Embers
3. Naomi Circle – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1:30 PM – Fellowship Hall
4. Wesleyan Circle – 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 9:30 AM – Fellowship Hall

(We tried starting another circle, but that has not happened, but a book group formed and meets at Binford House the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. They feature a book each month and have fellowship.)

**UMW Board:** @ 12 noon the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of every month, except January and July.  
(This is a change from past.)

**Unit Meeting:** @ 2:00 PM following board meeting with a program and refreshments March, May, June, Sept., Oct., and Nov. (This is a change from past.) A unit meeting in April 1 @ 7 PM with refreshments and program. Programs are information on missions and other topics.

### **Events and Fundraisers for 2010**

- o Cherry Pie Project, Sunday, Feb. 7
- o Salad Luncheon, Thursday, April 29 (11:00-1:00) **Carrie Barr - Chairperson**
- o Rolls/Coffee Oktoberfest Parade (? Sat., Sept. 25)
- o Harvest Tea, Sunday, Oct. 3 (3:00-5:00)
- o Soup Supper/Cookie Walk (? Sat., Nov. 20) **Looking yet for chairpersons. Val Clark chairing Cookie Walk.**
- o Christmas Brunch, Sat., Dec.6 (10:00-11:30)

We hope to have Salad Luncheon/Cookie Walk cookbooks for sale and possibly another small fundraiser event this fall.

**Cherry Pie Project** – Was a popular project. We made 53 large pies and 27 small pies. The crusts were a donation. UMW board members donated the smaller ingredients and UMW donated the fresh cherries/pie tins. So far the project has brought in \$668 for the Stained Glass Window Project.

### **Goals to continue to work on:**

- o Education of UMW History, Purpose, and missions
- o Encourage and foster new members
- o Develop sisterhood to woman and support youth

Submitted by Co-Presidents, Bev Sloppy/Edie Hodges

## **Missions**

The committees stepped up last year and took responsibility for several soup kitchen dates. The Choir, Finance and Youth have already picked dates to help in 2010. I hope other groups will also want to help again this year.

Money was sent to the Foglemann's, Carroll's and Jill Paullus from the Christmas offering.

The toilet paper drive was a huge success and over whelmed the HOC.

The Angel Tree families were very thankful for your generosity at Christmas.

We are working at changing our committee over to an Acts 6 Ministry team.

We donated \$400 to the Girls' Purity Conference.

Donated \$100 to the Haiti earthquake victims

Donated \$150 to Salvation Army, \$500 to HOC and \$550 to Ebenezer's.

A huge box of mittens, hats and scarves was taken to the local schools from the Mitten Tub. We have now turned it into and Undies Tub for the children.

Ingathering was a success with 124 kits and \$523 sent.

## Trustees

### Old Business

- Parsonage walk thru is to be arranged by Kunc based on availability of Kapaun and Brown.
- Stained Glass Windows. Tour made of Grundy Center windows. Representative from Fairfield firm will be here on 2/15/10 at 1PM.
- New vacuum has been purchased.
- Backflow Valve. Tuttle Plumbing to review.
- Water Meters. There are 2 meters that must remain.
- Bench for Quilt Room. Kunc built, Prusha staining.
- Woodman Controls. Yearly contract proposed, determined not to do this at this time.

### New Business

- Youth Room Ceiling. Another portion of the ceiling collapsed. Townsend checked and found small leak, but needs to further assess when snow is gone.
- Iowa Conference Loans are now available.
- Historic Preservation Grants. Schrader to research.
- Pew Hearing Aids. To be removed since they are no longer part of sound system.
- Insurance Risk Evaluation. A sizeable list of recommendations resulted from the review. Insurance company recommends safety committee to review items.