

1. **World Communion Sunday.** This Sunday (October 5) is World Communion Sunday. Here are the Elders scheduled to serve communion :

1	Chuck Blackley	5	Jerry Fry	9	Earl Flower
2	Andy Easley	6	Danny Fields	10	Mary McNamara
3	Frank Brown Eve Thomas	7	Mary Rainey	11	Stewart Sherwood
4	William Jack	8	James Mader	12	Kay Moyer

P: J. Mader/D. Fields

2. **2008 Stewardship Campaign.** *Second reminder:*

a. **Minutes for Mission.** The schedule for Minutes for Mission during worship is as follows:

- ▶ October 5. Stewardship and Finance
- ▶ October 12. Mission
- ▶ October 19. Membership and Outreach
- ▶ October 26. Christian Education
- ▶ November. Worship and Music
- ▶ November. Property

b. **2009 Budget Requests.** Please have all budget request worksheets turned into the Church Office by Sunday, October 19, 2008. These are being distributed at the meeting. *[These forms are also available on the Church web site, on the Session page.]*

3. **Bible Study.** Bible Study has had an average attendance of 25, counting both the morning and evening sessions.
4. **Form of Government Task Force.** The FOG TF, on which I serve, has completed its revision of the proposed new 'F' (Foundations) and 'G' (Government) sections of the *Book of Order*. These will soon be available for study by sessions and presbyteries. Study guides have also been developed, one to introduce individuals to the new documents, and the second to guide a group discussion and response gathering.

Since the study period lasts at least until March 31, 2009, I probably will not schedule a group event for us until after the New Year. However, I will soon be seeking interested individuals who would like to take part in this study, so they can start preparing for the group part of the process, and have plenty of time to do so. If any Elders are interested in this, please let me know.

Last Wednesday - Friday, I was in Snowbird, Utah (east of Salt Lake City, in the Wasatch Mountains), to introduce the new revisions to an annual gathering of presbytery and synod stated clerks and executives. The presentation was fairly well received, except that people were concerned about the short time frame for the study. (Governing body leaders consider six months to be short.)

I have one more trip that I have to make, on Monday, October 13 - Wednesday, October 15, to Newport Beach, California (Los Angeles area). I will be presenting the new revisions at the annual gathering of the Presbyterian Coalition, a conservative-evangelical advocacy group. I am the most natural 'fit' on the Task Force to speak to this group, which has been highly critical of this work in the past. Even though I agree with many of the positions that this group holds, this will not be an easy meeting. Please remember me in your prayers as i do this.

After this trip, I should not have to be away again for this purpose for the rest of this year, unless a presbytery nearby requests someone from the Task Force to speak to them. So far, none have. The next scheduled meeting of the Task Force is after the study window closes. Currently this meeting is scheduled for April 30 - May 2, 2009, but it may be delayed until June or July.

5. **Highland Augusta Mission Community.** Given the above responsibility, I am working on giving up the convener position of the Mission Community. I have served in this capacity for the past five years. This would remove responsibility for eight meeting a year, four mission community gatherings, and four meeting of Presbytery Council.