

2009 PROGRAM REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

During 2009, the Christian Education Committee provided the necessary supplies and materials for our Sunday School programs. We continued to take applications for the Woodside Scholarship Fund which provided financial assistance to Jonathan Williams and Michael Nuckols.

The C. E. Committee also worked on the followed events:

- Held a reception in May to honor and present a gift to our 2009 high school graduate, Michael Nuchols
- Provided financial assistance of \$300 for Chandler and Jaidon Snyder to attend youth camp at Massanetta in June.
- On Sept. 13 co-sponsored a rally day with Worship and Music Committee honoring choir members and Sunday School teachers. During worship service that day, Bibles were presented to Scott Dice, Emily Johnson, and Maddie Moyer.
- A Bible was presented to Henry Tyree on November 15.
- Held a pizza party on October 11 to plan youth activities for the year.
- On November 7 held a fifties dance party featuring clothing and music of the fifties in Fellowship Hall.
- December 21 Christmas caroling was cancelled due to bad weather

The following events were scheduled for 2010:

- January 17 - ice skating in Charlottesville
- February 6 - game night and refreshments in Fellowship Hall
- March 13 - bowling
- April 17 - Spring hike
- May - fishing (date to be announced)

A special thank you to Jo and Danny Fields for the hayride and supper for youth and their families at their on Oct.24.

The C.E. Committee would like to thank all of our Sunday School teachers for their continued dedication to our educational programs. We thank everyone for their participation in our activities and events of the past year.

Committee Members: Kay Mader, Christian Education Consultant, Betty Clemmer, Linda Fry, Beth Ramsey, Maxine Robertson, Caroline Woebke and Mary Rainey, Chairperson.

– Mary Rainey, Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Members of the Membership and Outreach Committee bring friendship and fellowship to our church family and our community.

- We joined with the Presbyterian Women in serving the Palm Sunday Luncheon.
- Advertising in the News Leader was dropped as it was expensive and not producing the desired results. Signs and brochures were placed in local Bed and Breakfasts inviting people to attend our church.
- We held a Fellowship Party between Sunday School and Morning Worship on June 14. Light refreshments and drinks were provided for the Fellowship Party.
- The annual church picnic was held on August 12 at the American Legion Hall. Our committee provided BBQ, chicken, hot dogs, condiments, and beverages for the picnic to approximately 80 members and friends. Musical entertainment was provided by the High On the Mountain Boys.
- A program of conversation Spanish lessons which is geared to the Baja Mission trip but open to the public was conducted in May and June.
- Christmas cards were sent to our shut-in members and some members who have been regularly attending church services.
- Continuing activities included the "Get Well Soon" dish gardens sent to members in the hospital, meals following funerals, the Elder Care List program, and the Visitor card program.

William Jack, Eve Thomas and I thank the other members of our committee, Betty and Trenton Casiday, Lelia Lightner, James Mader and Debbie Sedr whose ideas and helping hands have made our programs a success.

– Frank Brown, Chairperson

MISSION COMMITTEE

Second Presbyterian Church's participation in and support of mission causes is one of the strengths of the congregation. The Mission Committee is very selective in its choice of causes to support. In addition, your Mission Committee makes every effort to keep the congregation informed by sponsoring informational programs throughout the year. Second Church can be justifiably proud of its accomplishments in the area of mission support.

The committee sponsored four programs during 2009, including a report by the BAJA Mission Team's work building houses in Mexico, the World Food Day Soup and Sandwich Luncheon and hunger offering, a program highlighting the work of Valley Mission, presented by Helen Burke, and the Christmas Joy Gift Program. In October the committee recommended to Session that the Church shift its missionary support to Larry and Barbara Moir, who are presently serving as missionaries in Ethiopia. The Whearty's will not be returning to the mission field due to Bruce's health. Session approved the recommendation to support the Moir's as our missionaries (2010 - 2011). Six committee members attended the Global Mission Banquet, celebrating the 20th anniversary of Shenandoah Presbytery's Partnership with Ethiopian Illubabor Bethel Synod.

The mission causes receiving support through the Church Budget include: financial and prayer support of the BAJA Mission Team and Pam Snyder's attendance at the 53rd Commission on the Status of Women (from line item #7103 - Missionary Support), Presbyterian Hunger Program, Discretionary Fund for local needs, Valley Mission, Heifer Project, Staunton - Beverley Manor Weekday Religious Education, Augusta Regional Free Medical Clinic, Comfort Care Women's Center, Medical Benevolence Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Blue Ridge Area Food Bank, Meals on Wheels, SACRA, Ethiopian Partnership, and Water for Life.

Special offerings beyond the Mission budget include:

World Food Day.....	\$ 316.00
Christmas Joy Offering.....	808.00
One Great Hour of Sharing.....	781.00
Pentecost Offering.....	446.00

The World Food Day Offering was designated for Valley Mission. The Church retained 40% of the Pentecost Offering (\$178.40) and donated it to New Directions. The One Great Hour of Sharing offering was designated for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance efforts following the damage resulting from hurricanes in the United States in 2009.

The monthly Hunger Offering (4 cents/meal) supports five Hunger Ministries. During 2009, \$5,631.69 was received and the first \$3,750.00 was divided among five causes, according to a standing policy of the Session:

Presbyterian Hunger Program, Shenandoah Presbytery.....	\$ 1,500.00
SACRA (also received staple foods donations).....	750.00
Water for Life.....	500.00
Heifer International.....	500.00
Blue Ridge Area Food Bank.....	500.00

The committee will recommend a designation for the balance of the Hunger Funds, \$1,881.69 to Session at the January 27, 2010 meeting.

Your Mission committee thanks YOU, the members of Second Presbyterian Church for your continuing prayers, support ,and generous contributions. YOU have made it possible for the mission Committee to accomplish so much for those in need in our community and around the world.

2009 Committee Members: Bob Ridle, Mary McNamara, Earl Flower, Jean Flower, Betty Landes, Patsy Easley, Dan Williams, and Nancy Swisher.

– Nancy Swisher, Chair

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The property committee is responsible for the oversight, maintenance, and security of the physical facilities of the church, rental property, parking lot, sidewalks, play area and lawn.

With many projects undertaken in 2008, 2009 was relatively quiet for the property committee. During this time, we completed the following tasks:

- Under Bob Lightner’s direction, we evaluated our existing Property Insurance and with his recommendation we renewed it.
- Bob also refurbished the fence at the base of our sign at the corner of Lewis and Frederick Streets.
- Paul Wolfe replaced the floor of the Mens' Bathroom adjacent to the Fellowship Hall, cleaned the fire chamber interior of two of our main boilers and repaired the Lewis Street Entrance Doors.
- We contracted with Buck’s Painting to paint the Lewis Street side of the Sanctuary, including the part of the steeple not painted last year. We plan to paint the front of the Sanctuary next year. Painting the rear of the Sanctuary will follow the year after the front is painted.
- We contracted with Messer Landscaping for snow removal during the winter of 2008 / 2009 and again for winter 2009 / 2010.

Thanks go to our committee members: Paul Wolfe, Andy Easley and Bob Lightner for their work during this past year. Thanks go to Carolyn Brown for her beautiful flower garden. And, thanks go to you, the congregation for your support throughout the year.

– Chuck Blackley, Chairperson

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Stewardship and Finance Committee is responsible for administering the financial affairs of the church, including development of the annual budget, overseeing the General Fund, conducting stewardship promotion, and managing the church investments.

The committee conducted a Stewardship Campaign to secure estimates of giving for 2010. This campaign produced the following results:

Estimate of Giving Cards Returned	55
Total Estimated Giving for 2010	\$91,990.00

The capital campaign for roof replacement was discontinued in 2009, but the Interest checking account at Community Bank remains open. Throughout the year memorial funds were deposited to the account when designated for “roof fund”. Funds were also transferred from this account to the operating account at Stellar One Bank as needed to fund operating shortfall. The Year-End 12/31/09 Balance in this account was \$9,876.24.

The church maintained three Certificates of Deposit at local banks funded by proceeds of sale of the rental property in 2008. At year-end 2009 the balances on these certificates were as follows:

Bank of America	\$52,832.31
Stellar One Bank	53,232.88
*Community Bank	<u>60,501.64</u>
.....	\$166,566.83

*Funds were also transferred from this C/D to the operating account as needed to fund operating shortfalls.

These Certificates of Deposit were established rather than putting the sale proceeds into the Combined Investment Fund at Shenandoah Presbytery due to the uncertainties and volatility experienced in the stock and bond markets since September 2008.

The church received a new source of income in 2009 as we were named beneficiary of an annuity owned by Thomas Patterson. We will receive proceeds of \$1,437.41/mo. for a period of ten years beginning July 16, 2009, with a guaranteed final payment on January 16, 2019. While we understandably regret this windfall had to come about as the result of the demise of one of our members, it is greatly needed and appreciated, and we will always try to use it wisely.

The 2009 Budget anticipated an operating shortfall of \$62,750.00 to be funded by transfers from investments. We are happy to report our actual transfers only totaled \$15,000.00. This resulted from the following causes:

1. Several committees voluntarily cut some budgeted expenditures

2. Natural Gas expenses were much less than budgeted because of a decrease in the cost of gas (this will increase in 2010)
3. Property maintenance expenses did not include a \$7,000 contract on outside building painting because inclement weather stopped the project in November. This amount has been re-budgeted for 2010.
4. Decrease in salary expenses because of Kay Mader's illness.

The 2009 Committee consisted of Jerry Fry (Chair and Treasurer), Danny Fields (Vice Chair and Assistant Treasurer), Richard Beard, and Earl Flower and James Wright (Assistant Treasurers).

– Jerry Fry, Chairperson

WORSHIP AND MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Worship and Music Committee is a Session Committee whose responsibilities are to help enrich the worship services of Second Presbyterian Church. To carry out these responsibilities, the committee met 9 times in 2009, usually before the regular monthly Session Meetings.

In order to achieve the goals of the committee, we schedule greeters, ushers, and lay readers for worship services. Also, we secure guest ministers and organists when needed. The planning for communion services and other special services falls in the duties of this committee.

Working with the Pastor, Organist and Choir Director, the committee helps plan and implement the music program. Allen Archer remains as Interim Organist while Pam Snyder directs the Adult Choir, Children's Choir and Hand Bell Choir.

During the year, the committee sponsored an Ash Wednesday Church night, Maundy Thursday Communion Service, Good Friday Service, Thanksgiving Service, Hanging of the Greens and Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion. They also honored mothers on Mother's Day and fathers on Father's Day. Along with the Christian Education Committee, the Worship and Music Committee honored the members of the Choirs and the Sunday School Teachers.

The Worship and Music Committee would like to thank all individuals who participated in any facet of worship and music at Second Church. A special "thank you" to Dr. Dan Williams, who not only leads the worship services but helps the music program by being an active member of the adult choir: to Pam Snyder who so beautifully directs the choirs, and for being so giving with her time and talents; and to Allen Archer for his expertise on the organ.

Many thanks to members who are willing to usher and lay read as that is such an important service you can give. Thank you to all of the committee members who worked very hard to reach the goals we had set.

Kay Moyer, Elder
Stewart Sherwood, Elder
Darlene Mason, Elder
Jo Fields and Mac Moyer, members from the congregation

– Submitted by Kay Moyer