



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DEEP RUN

August 2009 Deep Runner



“Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.” Hebrews 12:1-2

Some thoughts.....

Two inter-related events from Saturday and today have struck me. Saturday I took two cousins, one of whom had never seen Pittsburgh, to see the city. And today I got the electronic editorial from Alban Institute.

Saturday we went to Mt. Washington from which you can look out over the entire city of Pittsburgh. It is an amazing view of the city. My cousins noticed a church with a rummage sale sign and wanted to investigate, thinking there would be a few tables of “stuff” and they might find a bargain. We discovered a perpetual rummage sale, with tables after tables and shelf after shelf of “stuff.” The building is in need of major work and the energy of the 25 worshippers is given to selling “stuff” for a dime or a dollar. We sensed a little group incredibly proud of their 150 year history, but with no sense of mission or purpose today other than selling “stuff.”

Today I got the Alban article entitled “A Place that Offers Life” which begins, “Finances are tight, and our numbers are dwindling. The congregation is looking to me to turn things around...” says a pastor, voicing a belief of many congregations...and pastors that when a congregation is declining, it is the pastor’s job to fix it. Here’s the hard truth. If you’re a layperson in a congregation that’s experiencing decline, whether the congregation thrives is ultimately up to you and the other members. Your pastor can teach, guide, lead, support, inspire, and even cajole. But in the end, congregational health is a function of how people in the congregation relate to one another, to God, and to their community.”

The article goes on to say that when we are a church in the true sense we bring people into a personal relationship with God that transforms our lives. “People find hope. They experience belonging; they extend and receive forgiveness. They discover a sense of purpose and direction. They learn to live with appreciation and joy...Declining congregations have lost connection with the Christian church’s basic mission of helping people experience God and live the gospel message of life and hope.”

That’s always the key to the future. It’s not about great programs, great sermons, great music, great anything. Yes, those things are important. But even more important is whether or not anyone is having any fun or are we bored? Is there joy in the air? Is there purpose and direction in the air or are we doing what we’ve always done because that’s what we’ve always done?

Joy, fun, gratitude, excitement, and purpose are spiritual issues. Great programs, great sermons, great music, great anything without joy, fun, gratitude, excitement, and purpose lack the spiritual connection with God that gives life.

When people know this is a church where they can experience God and learn the gospel message of life and hope, they will come as they did in Field of Dreams. When they experience the excitement of the spirit they will come. But when we simply sell “stuff,” no matter how it is packaged or priced, we lose our hope and no one will come. “Stuff” can be found in all sorts of places. Life can only be found in God.

Shalom,
Byron

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Pastor Nominating Committee to be Formed

Session is in the process of organizing categories and characteristics for the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). That process will be completed very shortly. Then we will create a PNC.

There will be two orientation meetings for anyone who has any interest in being a member of the PNC. These meetings will be at 7:00 PM in Room 223 on Monday, July 27th and Wednesday, August 5th. At least one of these meetings is mandatory. No need to RSVP - just show up. But if you are interested and totally unable to be at either of these meetings, you must call the office so we know of your interest and can arrange an additional meeting.

Curious and want to know more? Attend with no obligation, just education!

You Name The Key

On Sunday, August 30th, everyone who is in worship will have the opportunity to name the key characteristic they think is most important in the next pastor.

Everyone will receive a "post-it" with their bulletin and at the end of the service each person will place their "post-it" on a generic cutout silhouette of the next pastor. After the service these characteristics will be compiled into a list which will be provided to the Pastor Nominating Committee to use during their pastor search process.



So come and name your key characteristic.

Report from Session:

Session is spending time during regular meetings practicing ways to open up communication and talk freely about awkward topics. Elders have engaged in lively debate, heated discussions, and loving conversation. These are good decision-making times that are driving your Elders to lead the congregation with love and compassion to determine what God's desire is for Deep Run and to consistently do what is right as leaders of God's church here at Deep Run.

Elders met with nominee Jack Roberts to examine him and ask questions about Jack's intent to serve as Elder. Jack was nominated and elected as Elder at a Congregational meeting in May and was Ordained and Installed as Elder in June. Session received and accepted a resignation letter from Elder John Trapp.

Elders met with and examined the Confirmation Class and recommended them to be received as members. They publicly joined the church in May.

Elders continue to open every meeting with prayer and Bible Study, Dwelling in the Word, Luke 10:1-12. All churches in the Partnership for Missional Church for the calendar year of 2009 are studying this passage. Elders receive regular reports from all committees of the church. Monthly financial reports and year-to-date financial reports are reviewed. Worship and Sunday School attendance numbers are shared. Attendance graphs for the 2009-year have been created and are evaluated. Requests for baptisms and weddings are received and approved regularly. Funerals and memorial services are reported as needed. Requests for facility use are received, reviewed and approved when recommended.

Session is continuing to change their leadership responsibilities with most committees now selecting their own chairperson and recording secretary, which has allowed Elders to assume the position of liaison to committees.

Session heard the final report from the History Committee and the Community Survey Committee and will soon hear from the Congregational Survey Committee. Session approved a Vision Statement for Deep Run. That Vision Statement is located on the following page. These reports, along with Session's creative writing, will form the church's Mission Study that will be submitted to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry this summer.

Session hosted Conversation with the Congregation "Change, what is it worth to you?" The congregation was invited to hear the report of the History Committee. Copies of the History report were distributed during several worship services. The report of the Community Committee and the Congregation Committee will be shared with the Congregation soon.

Partnership for Missional Church held a gathering of the dozen churches in the Presbytery in April. Reverend Leasure, Pastor Sharyl, Deb Walters, Margie Mosher and Kit Dickey attended the 2-day sessions.

Presbytery Business Manager, Larry Davis, attended a joint Session and Stewardship Committee meeting to present information on best practices within the church. Pastor Sharyl attended Presbytery's training "Have you protected your Church" for Trustees on issues of fiscal control, church law, employment practices, property leases, insurance, etc. Reverend Leasure, Pastor Sharyl and Cathy Feindt attended Presbytery's training on "Pastoring the Difficult Church Member." Reverend Leasure, Carol Ramsey and Valerie Smith attended Presbytery's regular meeting in May. Clerk, Deb Walters, presented the "Record of Minutes" book and the "Church Roll of Members" book for audit by the

Presbytery. They were reviewed and approved without exception.

Session took the following actions:

1. Session approved requests from Nursery School for extended summer session and a Preschool summer camp, currently underway.
2. A rental lease was signed with our new neighbors who are now living in the manse.
3. Session approved a proposal from Stewardship for an improved procedure for financial expenses and reimbursements of the church.
4. Session approved the financial policies to now require two signatures for purchases over \$2,000.00.
5. Session voted Cindy Lear as Assistant Treasurer.
6. Stewardship presented a request that was received and approved that all investments of the Deep Run Presbyterian Church be made in funds that are at least 95% socially responsible holdings as defined by the PCUSA General Assembly.
7. Technology committee presented a proposal for upgrading the computers and network systems in the church.
8. Pastor's Discretionary Fund was approved by Session and contributions will be accepted at any time. The Pastors will receive requests for financial assistance at any time. To date, \$1,000.00 has been contributed to this fund.

Deep Run's Vision Statement

The Presbyterian Church of Deep Run is a church in which God's love is nurtured by its parishioners and passed along to each other. We are at our best when we carry each other's burdens. The mutual concern and tender mercies foster the cohesiveness of the congregation. There is a distinct sense of community which we feel sets us apart and should remain vibrant in the future even as we grow. It is vital that we continue to carry on mission work and service to others within our congregation, in our community and in the world.

The leadership of the church has been empowered over the last year to become the cornerstone for its members and we are positioned to build upon that for the future. We have studied our history and our culture and have discovered that we are ready to transition from a pastoral church to a programmatic church where we share leadership to create a true sense of teamwork and collaboration with each other and the pastor. We are working to better organize the systems and administration of our church and improve communication at all level and seek strong pastoral leadership to assist us to meet those goals.

As we move forward in faith to discover what God has in store for us, we already know that we need leadership that will develop more adult participation in educational opportunities. Expanding our spiritual growth, including our Bible study program, needs to be encouraged by our new pastor and supported by the whole congregation. We continue to need to encourage young adults and teens to become an integral part of our church life on all levels. New members and lay people not currently involved in the leadership need encouragement to become active in the life of the church.

We feel that if we learn from our rich past, hold on to what is best, and move forward in faith and hope, always listening to the whispers of the Holy Spirit, we will thrive and accomplish what God has in store for us.

Pastor's Discretionary Fund

In the present economic crisis, the Session is aware there are those in the congregation and the community who are directly impacted. In response, the Session wants to expand the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. As it exists this is a Fund of \$2,300 that is available for the pastor to use to meet emergency needs of people in either the church or community. To date, an additional \$1,000.00 has been received for this fund. The Session would like to expand this Fund to at least \$20,000 so we could be of significant help to anyone who is threatened with bankruptcy. Decisions to help anyone with a gift of more than \$500 will be approved by session. All contributions to this fund will be gladly accepted. Please make necessary notation on check or other gift.

Music, Music, and More Music!!

Music is ours for the taking if it is ours for the making. We have an amazing pool of talent to draw from at Deep Run as we begin preparation for the upcoming church year. We have instrumentalists, young and old; bell ringers, young and old; and singers from generations.

This year we look towards the concept of differences and changes and compromises in our music program, so more people than ever before are needed to step up into the music program.

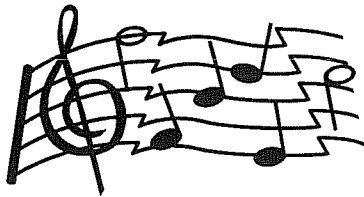
Here are just a few options open to various age groups:

- Children's Choir(s) beginning from kindergarten through sixth grade - Wednesday
- Children's Bell Group for third - fifth grade - Wednesday

- Youth Bell Group for middle school (6th) and high school students - day and time to be determined
- Adult Vocal Choir for adults of all ages and senior high students - Wednesday
- Adult Bells for adults - Wednesday
- Various instrumental groups for all ages based on dragging your instrument out of the attic and joining with youngsters who are eager to play and learn even more. Day and time to be determined.

Now is the time to check your calendars and make note of the afternoon or evening you can dedicate to God with joy and thanksgiving.

For more information contact Jo Ann Beistline.



Calling All Youth Group Leaders and Sunday School Teachers!

August 3rd at 7 PM in Hoopes Hall, Pastor Sharyl will host a training and strategy time for anyone involved in teaching our children. All are invited and encouraged to come to learn about engaging our youth about their faith and ways we can equip them for their journeys as young Christians. Hope you'll be able come and be a part of the conversation.

Children's Ministries

Starting Something New in the Fall

Beginning at Kick-Off Sunday there will be a new procedure for students in grades kindergarten through high school. These students will begin with their families in the sanctuary. Following the time for children, the students will be dismissed to their classes with their teachers. Students in the three year old and four year old classes will report directly to their classroom each Sunday.

Students grade 5 through high school will remain in church the first Sunday of each month to partake in communion. This program will be reviewed after several months to see if it needs be adjusted.

REMINDER: ALL STUDENTS, INCLUDING THREE AND FOUR YEAR OLD STUDENTS, REPORT TO THE SANCTUARY ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 13 AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SERVICE FOR A DEDICATION OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. Following the dedication, the children will be dismissed with their teachers to their classrooms.

Still Looking

Have you been thinking about teaching Sunday School, but aren't quite sure it's for you? Give Pam Rossiter or Sandy Wilson a call, no prior teaching experience required. Search your heart to see if your next ministry is spending time shaping the future of PCDR!

VBS

We'll be spending a fun-filled week in the bayou at Crocodile Dock! Come join the fun August 3rd-7th, 9 AM-12 Noon. It's not too late to sign up; VBS Registration Forms & VBS Volunteer Sign-Up sheets are hanging on the bulletin boards outside of Hoopes Hall. Snack donations for VBS can be left on the island in the kitchen; please mark your donation "VBS." Questions? Contact Sherri Schmell. See you on the Dock!

Fourth - Sixth Grade Youth Group Update

Parents of the youth entering fourth through sixth grade met the end of June to plan activities for this fall. Our meeting time will be on the first and third Sundays of the month, normally from 4 PM - 6 PM. Among the planned activities are having a bonfire and tractor ride, working in a local soup kitchen and Christmas caroling.

On Sunday, September 20th from 4 PM - 6 PM, we will be "mixing it up a bit." We will have activities and ice cream sundaes as we get to know each other a little better. Bring a spoon and a nut-free ice cream topping (optional). Also, feel free to bring a friend. We look forward to seeing you!

Go on - read it and then come back and tell me what it is saying to you and to the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run. E-mail me at csramsey01@yahoo.com.

Adult Education Plans Fall 2009

Please consider joining any of these groups for study, fellowship and discussion. There are Sunday morning options and weekday opportunities (both mornings and evenings).

Sunday 9 AM - group meets in Hoopes Hall

**9/13- 11/1/09

Stretching Our Wings - 7 week introductory orientation to the Bible

Your Bible: the Study Begins (Kerygma)

We'd like to include Senior High class to join adults.

**11/8-1/17/10

Christ the Fulfillment - 12 weeks, PCUSA, The Present Word curriculum

The Promised Birth Fulfilled; Evidences of Jesus as Messiah, Testimonies to Jesus as Messiah

Sunday 10:30 AM - led by Mike Musser

**ongoing discussion meets in #225

Freewheeling discussions connecting current issues with Christian beliefs and the Bible.

Evening groups for study, discussion and learning:

***John Calvin: His Life and Legacy*, a DVD (part of PCUSA's celebration of Calvin's birth 500 years ago)

5 weeks: 9/16-10/14

Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 in the library

A 5 part DVD/discussion format led by Sharyl Marshall and Carol Ramsey

***Life of the Beloved*, Henry Nouwen

6 weeks: 10/15, 10/22, 10/29; 11/5&19; 12/3

Thursdays 6:45-8 PM

A book discussion format led by Byron Leasure

WOW

Wednesday mornings 10:15-11:30

9/16-5/26/10 in the library

WOW will begin with a 14-week study called "Shalom: A Study of the Biblical Concept of Peace." Shalom shines Biblical light on the issues and unsettled mood of our times. We will see how the Old Testament unravels the multiple Biblical threads in this masterful exploration of the Hebrew concept "shalom" and the Greek "eirene." All women of the church are welcome to come along at any point in the study.

Men's Bible Study led by Glenn Argue

6:30-7:30 AM at Dublin Dinner Monday mornings



Starting this September, look for our new and improved Youth Group just for you!!! Keep your spoon handy for some fun, friends and Jesus!! Enjoy the rest of your summer.....see you soon!!!!

Adult Education

Are you talking to me?

I've probably read it 30 times in the last six months. You have probably read it, too, because every group in the church has been asked to start meetings with it. What is it? It is Luke 10: 1-16. This Bible story is the focus of Bible study for each church in missional church cluster B for a year. A year! All the church groups in the churches in cluster A studied it for a year, too. What is in here to keep everyone focused and interested for an entire year?

Go on - read it and then come back and tell me what it is saying to you and to the Presbyterian Church of Deep Run. E-mail me at csramsey01@yahoo.com.

I saw it again today in Matthew 10. It is not exactly the same, but many elements are the same. And wait a minute; there it was again in the Sunday service in the Mark 6 reading. When I come across a Bible story over and over again I start to think-What is God saying to me? You can imagine after 30 readings that perhaps I have wrung it dry. Each time we study the passage we match up and talk about it with a different partner. Then we discuss what we each saw this time through. And amazingly something new jumps up. A new thought, a word. A new angle. A new question. Is it such a meaty passage? Are so many insights possible? Can I learn something new?

Is it about mission or trust? Is it about evangelism or the Kingdom of God? Is it about not working alone (see sermon 7/4/09)? Is it comforting or scary? Is it the warm and fuzzy Jesus or does he have a voice you have not heard previously? What does it say to you and what does it mean today for our church?

Old Testament book of Job

Women's Monday night Bible Study

Monday night 7-8:30 PM in the library

Start date: 9/14

Topic: Daniel (John MacArthur)

Wacky Wednesday Parents with Margie Mosher

5:15-6:15 PM in the library

Start date: 9/16

Topic: Nooma series

Questions? - Contact Carol Ramsey

Men's Ministry

The men's breakfast group met July 11th in Hoopes Hall at 7:30 AM. We had a light turnout, which is typical for the summer months. Our lesson was a video of the debate about the relationship between our faith, the Bible and the First Amendment to our Constitution. There was some great discussion afterwards. We will finish this lesson at our August meeting. In September, we will start the three part series on "America's Foundation." This deals with the relationship our faith had with the founding fathers of our country. This is a great one; I know everyone in our group will definitely like this one.

Our next meeting will take place on August 8th in Hoopes Hall at 7:30 AM. Come join us if you can. We start at 7:30, the meeting usually runs an hour and a half. People with other commitments are welcome to leave early. Even if you cannot attend in August, definitely plan to come for the September through November meetings. It will be worth your time, I guarantee it. Great people, great conversation, good food and the coffee's not bad. For more information contact me.

The Men's Bible Study Group that usually meets at the Dublin Diner, around 6:30 AM each Monday morning is off until September. For information about this event, please contact Glenn Argue.

- Frank Blow, Deacon for Men's Ministry

P. S. A big thank you to all the people who helped with the setup and cleanup at our picnic on July 18th. It was a big success.



Membership

So what is your gift?

Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:4-8 (NIV)

Congregational Picnic a Huge Success

A mild, sunny day greeted the 60+ people who attended the Summer Family Church Picnic; and no one left hungry or disappointed! The burgers were juicy and delicious. The hot dogs were meaty and grilled to perfection. The sides and extras provided by the attendees were fantastic! The sundae bar left everyone smiling, full, and wishing they had just a little more room in their tummies or that one extra loop in their belts.

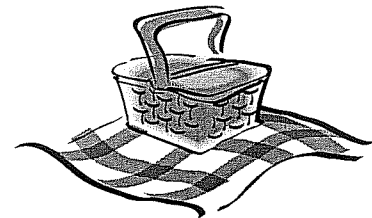
The children played water balloon toss, bean bag challenge, a wild bubble free-for-all, and were able to get some awesome face painting in the grove. Best of all this though; was the fellowship, conversations, and a chance to marvel in God's work in our lives.

This was a truly wonderful afternoon in the life of our Church family.

Please stop by the Church website to check out the photos and a few videos from the event (<http://www.presbyterianchurchofdeepun.org/2009/07/18/video-church-picnic-july-18-2009/>)

We hope to see you all at the next one!"

- Eric Larson



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

To all Deacons and Elders involved in the Homebound Communion Program:

My heartfelt thanks to all the teams that have delivered communion to our homebound friends for the months of June and July. We sent out six teams in June and five teams in July. Our members who are unable to come to church have made comments such as, "I feel remembered and a part of the church family again," and, "We feel as if we went to church today." They not only appreciated receiving the sacrament but loved the visitations. Thank you again for sharing your compassion and church family love to these folks.

- Pat Schuck, Shepherding Deacon

Flowers

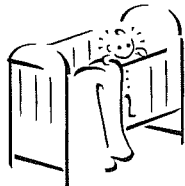
The Worship Committee has evaluated floral bouquets from several florists and has elected to make a change. Effective August 2nd, the flowers decorating our sanctuaries will be provided by Whitehorse Flowers.

The charge will be \$25 per bouquet. The cost for two bouquets will be \$50. If you would like to sponsor flowers, please see the Flower Chart on the bulletin board downstairs or contact Kathy Best.

The committee feels certain that members will be pleased with the beauty of the arrangements by Whitehorse.

Nursery Help Needed

We continue to seek additional helpers for the nursery on Sunday mornings. Please consider sharing your time with the youngest members of our church family approximately once every 6 weeks. We are also in need of nursery helpers during our Vacation Bible School from August 3rd - 7th. If you are interested in helping with either of these nursery needs, please contact the nursery scheduling coordinator, Laura Mill. Thank you!



It's a Pool Party! Friday, August 7th

We have Menlo Pool, Perkasio to ourselves on Friday, August 7th from 8-11 PM. Admission is \$3.00/per person and will be collected at the door the night of the Pool Party. A sign-up sheet is hanging outside of Hoopes Hall. Questions? Contact Sherri Schmill.



3rd Annual All-Church Autumn Kick Off Picnic - Sunday, September 13th

Right after 2nd service, we will again have our BBQ and picnic for the whole church. There will be fun for the kids, music, burgers and hot dogs and lemonade for everyone. Sign up to bring a side or dessert.

Let's celebrate a new year of fellowship and being the church together! Keep watching your *Deep Runner* and bulletins for details.

Fellowship Opportunity

Do you have an interest in taking a motor coach ride out to Lancaster to see the 1:00 PM performance of Sight and Sound's *Miracle of Christmas*? Perkiomen Tours can offer us the transportation on either Saturday, November 7th or Saturday, November 28th. The estimated cost for the transportation, show and meal at Good N Plenty is \$96 for adults, \$75 for teens (13-18) and \$56 for children (3-12). If you'd like to go please give Donna Drexler a call or see her at church and tell her your date preference by August 15th. It sounds like a long time away to be thinking about attending a Christmas program but the 1:00 PM show is already sold out on the 14th and 21st. Reservations can be made if we have at least 30 people interested in going on the same date. I'll be waiting to hear from you!

As your newly installed fellowship deacon I would also like to hear from you with suggestions for other activities. It was someone in our congregation that suggested the Christmas show at Sight and Sound. Please continue to pass along your suggestions. If you would be interested in joining me on the fellowship committee, please let me know. Thank you!
- Donna Drexler, Fellowship Deacon

The Dummy and the Deacon

A couple of months ago, I had the pleasure to work with a local women's club to help present a fashion show at the Indian Valley Country Club to benefit a scholarship fund for local young people.

Off the top, that sounds pretty easy. Yes? Well, this was where the dummy part started - when the road I used to get to the CC was closed and, of course, I knew no other way. I am new 'round here! My car was loaded with gift baskets, 12 flower arrangements and a bag filled with clothing accessories I would need since I was also asked to model. (They were desperate.) I also had several other ladies taking the rest of the arrangements (30 total) to the CC and needed to be there early to set everything up. I was looking for Bergey Road; for those of us who don't know

where we are going, I managed to find five Bergey Roads, none of which lead to IVCC. I did manage to find Hatfield, Lansdale and several un-named settlements. I had no idea where I was, but knew I was lost, late and in a panic.

I was following an SUV when it turned into a little secluded, wooded park. So being extremely dumb, I followed it, got out of my car, in tears, knocked on the window if the SUV and told the man inside I was lost, Dummy again! The gentleman told me to follow him, which I did. How dumb can that be? The whole time I was praying and asking the Lord to help take care of me. Well, the SUV man took me to the front door of the CC, wished me well, and off he went. My friends told me how dumb I was, and they were right!

Well, about two weeks later, I am sitting in a PCDR Deacon's meeting, when who walks in but my SUV hero, Frank Blow, and a fellow deacon. I had not had the pleasure of meeting him before that night. As we introduced ourselves around the table, I asked him, "Did you guide me to the CC?" His answer, "Yup." Now I really felt dumb!

My husband always felt that everyone has their own guardian angel watching over them but he also felt that I had my own battalion of angels watching over me because of the dumb things I did.

This incident has proved again how much God loves me and is always watching, listening and taking care of me. Even when I do dumb things. I feel so blessed! And I am more than thankful for the extra angels. Thanks again, Frank.

- Pat Schuck, "Dummy" Shepherding Deacon

Monthly Income Statement

We want to thank all of you for your contributions this year and your willingness to help support the ministry of Jesus Christ at Presbyterian Church of Deep Run. The June monthly income report is printed here as well as the year-to-date financial income report. As you look at the year-to-date report, be aware that six members have paid their pledges in full for the 2009 fiscal year.

Now that we are in the middle of summer, if you are traveling or just not able to attend church, we suggest that you consider sending your contribution to church. In order to keep our budget current we need to receive our pledges in a timely manner. This will ensure us that we have sufficient funds for our operating budget.

Custom Summary Report June 2009

Income	
40000 · Offering	
40010 · Pledge cash/checks	18,210.50
40020 · Non-Pledge cash/checks	1,227.00
40030 · Plate cash/checks	611.25
40040 · Sunday School	123.47
Total 40000 · Offering	20,172.22
42000 · Rental Income	
42010 · Weddings	350.00
42020 · Hall Rental	150.00
Total 42000 · Rental Income	500.00
43000 · Mission Offerings	
43010 · Youth Mission Trip	700.00
43030 · Mission Endowment	300.00
43103 · Mission Scholarship	561.00
43106 · Heifer	2,168.75
49013 · FISH	316.40
Total 43000 · Mission Offerings	4,046.15
47000 · Memorial Donation Income	
47010 · Brubaker Memorial	50.00
47013 · Kappel Memorial	420.00
Total 47000 · Memorial Donation Income	470.00
49000 · Miscellaneous Income	
49001 · Altar Flower Income	125.00
49003 · Church Store	19.00
49005 · Reimbursements/Refund	35.25
49008 · Vacation Bible School	198.00
49022 · Funeral	100.00
49024 · Refund	15.98
49023 · Printing Bulletin	30.00
Total 49000 · Miscellaneous Income	523.23
Total Income	25,711.60
Expense	0.00
Net Income	25,711.60

January through June 2009				
Income	Jan - May 09	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
40000 - Offering				
40010 - Pledge cash/checks	177,155.50	169,636.50	7,519.00	104.4%
40020 - Non-Pledge cash/checks	15,047.00	10,000.02	5,046.98	150.5%
40030 - Plate cash/checks	6,953.85	12,499.98	-5,546.13	55.6%
40040 - Sunday School	1,373.85	750.00	623.85	183.2%
40050 - Initial Offering	622.00			
Total 40000 - Offering	201,152.20	192,886.50	8,265.70	104.3%

Mission

Inter-Faith Hospitality Network

The Inter-Faith Hospitality Network provides a safe, private place for families or single women to sleep, home-cooked meals, and warm hospitality for a period of 90 days. During the day, people in the program use an apartment equipped with kitchen, bathroom, telephone, toys, books, access to a computer and internet, etc. In the evening, they stay at a church or synagogue for dinner and sleeping. Each month a different religious congregation hosts participant households in their building, turning classrooms into bedrooms and creating dining and living areas. Volunteers provide dinner, supplies for breakfast and lunch, overnight security, transportation to and from the daytime facility and child care during evening meetings where needed, and companionship. Regular meetings with a counselor, social worker, and budget counselor are required.

Persons eligible to apply for this program are:

- Homeless or about to become homeless for the first time, such as doubled-up with family or friends, leaving an abusive relationship, in a 30-day shelter, facing eviction, or in some other housing crisis.
- Parent(s) with children or single women. Couples without children are considered on a case-by-case basis. No single men.
- At least 18 years of age and not in high school.
- Not actively abusing drugs or alcohol or have untreated serious mental illness. If in recovery from drug or alcohol addiction, at least one year clean and sober.
- Willing to work towards self-sufficiency.
- Willing to comply with program's policies and procedures.

Important notes:

- The Hospitality Network is not an emergency shelter. Normally it takes 3-5 days from the initial telephone interview to acceptance in the program.
- Capacity is 3 households.

Acceptance into the program begins with a telephone call to 215-723-8750.

The Inter-Faith Hospitality Network is not just about having a place to sleep and food to eat, as important as that is! It also gives the participants opportunities to:

- Learn new things about themselves and their family.
- Talk about things that are worrying them or that are keeping them from moving ahead

- Learn ways of managing their money
- Work with trained professional staff on behalf of themselves and their family.

Inter-Faith will provide the participants with a great deal of support while they are in the program. They are also expected to work hard toward the goal of self-sufficiency. Adults are expected to get a job if they do not have one. Children are expected to be in school or day care. While in the program participants must apply for subsidized housing as well as other housing options.

As part of the program, participants are also required to attend certain meetings. These include weekly meetings with a case manager, financial education and counselor.

The Case Manager assists families with:

- Locating "next step" affordable housing
- Job searches
- Locating day care
- Transportation issues
- Medical needs
- Legal issues
- Obtaining public assistance and other benefit entitlements.

The Financial Educator assists with budgeting, credit reduction, banking and money management. While in the program, participants are expected to save money and begin to pay off any debts they may have. They must account for all their money while in the program. This includes providing things like pay stubs, bank statements, receipts and bills.

The Counselor is provided by Carson Valley Children's Aid. She meets with the adults in the family on a weekly basis. The Inter-Faith program is short and many issues require a longer period of time to work through. Therefore, counseling is intended to help participants deal with any current stress, not life-long problems.

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