

# ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## **2009 Annual Congregational Meeting Sunday, January 24, 2010**

### **Agenda**

Call to Order, Bob Krawczyk, President  
Opening Prayer, Rev. David Lyon, Pastor  
Approval of Minutes  
Election  
(Report of Nominating Committee - Inside front cover)  
Old Business  
New Business  
Adjournment  
Reports included in this booklet  
Audit Committee Report  
Pastor's Report  
Church Council President's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Living Memorial Funds Report  
Christian Education Report  
Music Director's Report  
Music and Personnel Report  
Safe Church Policy Report  
Buildings and Grounds Report  
Bereavement Committee Report  
Scholarship Committee Report  
Busy Fingers Report  
Outreach Committee Report

## **St. Luke's Church Council 2009**

### Elders

Bob Fry (2010)  
Patti McGuire (2010)  
Rockele Hommes (2011)  
Aaron Kiesling (2011)  
Nancy Meyer (2012)  
Paul Rochowiak (2012)  
Treasurer: Mel Sehart

### Deacons

Bob Krawczyk (2010)  
Tonya O'Boyle (2010)  
Dan O'Neill (2011)  
Linda Drown (2011)  
Karen Zuiderhof (2012)  
Ron Wendle (2012)  
Memorial Fund Advisor: Marita Ray

## **St. Luke's Board of Christian Education 2009**

Julie Bernard (2010)  
Kyle Hommes (2010)  
Mikelette Paul (2011)  
Courtney Brown (2012)  
Ryan O'Boyle (2012)

Leah Jennings (2010)  
Rachelle Kiesling (2011)  
Chris Parrino (2011)  
Chrissy Arnold (2012)

## **Living Memorial Committee 2009**

Helen Koch (2010)  
Bonnie Borgman (2011)

Harold Gertz (2010)  
Harry Hommes (2011)

## **Nominating Committee**

Patti McGuire  
Jeff Ray  
Paul Rochowiak

Freda Dobler  
Crystal Todd  
David Lyon

The Nominating Committee submits the following  
nominees for positions open January 2010:

### **Church Council (Three Year Terms):**

Gerry Brunner (Elder)  
Jodie Puhr (Elder)

Erin Reese (Deacon)  
Kent Bredehoeft (Deacon)

### **Board of Christian Education (Three Year Terms):**

Leah Jennings

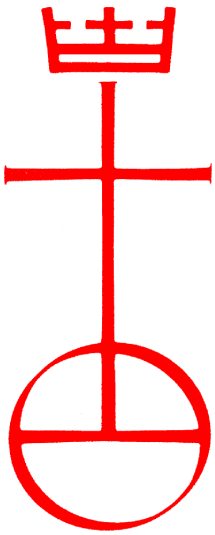
Barb Parrino

Maggie Wisemore

### **Living Memorial Committee (Two Year Terms):**

Dorothy Van Hoy

Earl Bowman



# St. Luke's United Church of Christ

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DAVID T. LYON, PASTOR

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January 2010,

Dear St. Luke's Members and Friends,

*It is surely true that things in the life of any church go in cycles. Things flow smoothly and then things come undone. It is difficult to predict such turns of events. For many reasons 2009 saw a remarkable upsurge in our Sunday School participation, attendance, and energy. For the first time in many years we were able to assemble a Pre-School class which each Sunday learns about faith and Jesus. That energy, I believe, spills over onto not only the rest of the Sunday School program but also the entire congregation.*

*Our Youth Group is in the midst of their latest Mission Trip planning and preparation. In the summer of 2010 the young people and their leaders will travel to Deer Lodge, Tennessee where they will work on one of our United Church of Christ outreach projects supporting low-income Appalachian residents. Whenever our group undertakes one of these special projects they are much aware that they are proudly representing their church family. It is, and always will be, a remarkable and transformative spiritual experience.*

*The music ministries at St. Luke's continue to provide spectacular opportunities for members and friends to worship God in creative and thoughtful ways which transcend mere words. Music lifts and enriches the soul. We are blessed to have such dedicated and talented musicians in our congregation.*

*We, like many sister congregations, continue to face serious financial challenges. But as the economy of the world seems to be brightening a little we are hopeful that this reality will bring us to a brighter day. We deeply appreciate the presence, prayers, and financial support of so many faithful folks. As we enter 2010 and a new decade we invite you to journey with us as we seek to serve and give faithful witness to our Savior, Jesus Christ. God Bless,*

*David*

**"Never place a period where God has place a comma" (Gracie Allen)**

**God is still speaking,**

**ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**JANUARY 25, 2009**

Council President, Bob Krawczyk, called the meeting to order. Pastor Lyon opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the January 20, 2008 meeting were reviewed by the congregation. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

Bob thanked the Nominating Committee for submitting this year's slate of officers and board members. The nominating committee consisted of Paul Rochowiak, Freda Dobler, Crystal Todd, Jeff Ray, Patti McGuire and Pastor Lyon.

Those names nominated for three year Council positions were Elders – Nancy Meyer and Paul Rochowiak, and Deacons – Karen King and Ron Wendle. Courtney Brown, Chrissy Arnold and Ryan O'Boyle were nominated for three year terms on the Board of Christian Education. Nominated for two year terms on the Living Memorial Committee were Bonnie Borgman and Harry Hommes.

Bob asked for further nominations from the floor but there were none. It was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted by acclamation. The motion passed and the new members were thanked for their offer of service.

The Audit Committee reported that the financial books of the Church were audited and found in good order. There was no discussion of committee reports and those were accepted as written.

With no further business from the floor, the President adjourned the meeting and the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patti McGuire  
Secretary

## **ST. LUKE'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING, JUNE 14, 2009**

Prior to the meeting, copies of the attached Budget were distributed to all members in attendance for their review.

The meeting was called to order at approximately 11:40 a.m. by Church Council President, Bob Krawczyk.

Reverend Lyon gave an invocation prior to the deliberations.

Bob recognized and thanked the members of the Budget Committee, and explained to the congregation that the Budget they were about to consider was developed by that committee, reviewed and approved by the Council for submittal to the Congregation for their required ratification.

Referencing the numbers in the report, Bob advised the Congregation that St. Luke's would end the current fiscal year with total expenses of approximately \$188,000 (around \$4,000 below budget). He also alerted that revenues would total an estimated \$169,000...leaving a deficit of approximately \$19,000. Bob stated that the shortfall in revenues would be offset by withdrawals from the interest and principal of the Twiehaus Fund.

Linda Sehrt expressed concern over the need to dip into the Twiehaus money to meet current operating expenses. Bob pointed out that while it was not a practice the Council relished, nor preferred, it was unfortunately necessary to meet the shortage of funds. He reminded the Congregation of its approval of this action a few years ago.

Bob then reviewed the projected expenses for fiscal year 2010...pointing out that the total projected was equal to the anticipated corresponding amount of those incurred in 2009...and, actually less than the 2009 Budget. He provided explanations of many of the itemized amounts that showed considerable variance from the current year. He called the congregation's attention to the fact that all salaries would be frozen in 2010 (with the exception of an increase in Reverend Lyon's total compensation package due to an anticipated \$1,600 increase in his health/dental insurance coverage).

Anticipated revenues for 2010 were then reviewed, and Bob alerted those in attendance of an expected shortage of revenues in 2010 of approximately \$21,000...based upon current trends in Sunday Offerings volume. To that point, he requested a motion from the floor to authorize the Council to access the Twiehaus Fund for up to \$25,000 in interest and principal in the event a deficit was again experienced. A motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by those in attendance.

A motion was then requested from the floor for approval of the 2010 Budget. A motion was made and seconded it be approved as submitted.

Prior to the vote, Linda Sehrt expressed her appreciation for the manner in which the Budget was presented. She further thanked the Budget Committee and Council for their efforts in these difficult economic times. Winnie Baker concurred. A vote was then taken...the motion passed unanimously.

Jeff Ray then addressed the Congregation...explaining the diligence taken in directing the investments of the various Memorial Funds.

A motion to adjourn was then made and seconded. The motion was approved unanimously @ approximately 12:05 p.m.

## CHURCH COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Just as it did during its first 130 years, St. Luke's demonstrated again this year the strength, perseverance and faith that have contributed so richly to its proud heritage. Certainly, there are many important factors that enable a congregation to endure and thrive in today's society. To me, the three most critical are an active membership, a vibrant youth program, and, of course, the inevitable issue of finances. I strongly feel St. Luke's is addressing, and progressing, in all three.

Difficult economic times persisted in 2009. Like all churches we were faced with the challenge of operating within the constraints of a tight budget while dealing with the revenue uncertainties that inevitably accompany a weakened job market. However, unlike many congregations, St. Luke's thankfully fared well. As a result of good fortune and a watchful eye on operating expenses, we continued to operate well within the confines of our budget. While income was again below that necessary to avoid a deficit, revenues were improved over those of previous years due to the faithful generosity of our membership. Our finances will continue to be a high priority in the years ahead and it is critical we be up to the challenge.

Attendance remained steady, and, at times, even inched ahead of recent years. However, it is no secret we need to continue our efforts to attract new members. To maintain a vibrant and active religious presence in eastern Jackson County, will require us to continually add to the collective talents, abilities and resources we currently enjoy. When presented with the opportunity, let's all vow to encourage individuals and families alike to join our Christian fellowship.

Our new Christian Education Program continues to be a rousing success. To observe the youth of St. Luke's excited about their participation and the recognition so deservedly received, is inspiring and oh so encouraging when one ponders just how bright our future can possibly be. We must continue to encourage their efforts, support their programs, and acknowledge their successes. After all, they are indeed our future.

As 2009 draws to a close and we welcome a new year together, I pray St. Luke's continues to be blessed with members who are active in its service, generous in supporting its financial needs, and catering to the needs of its youth.

In closing, I want to thank Reverend Lyon for his unending leadership. Thanks, also, to the members of the Church Council. Their dedication and commitment have known no bounds. To our wonderful staff, Sunday School teachers, and all who serve on committees... thank you so much.

To all members... thank you for your support. A church is not a building, nor a set of by-laws. It is the collective spirit, faith and personalities of the faithful who make up its membership. Consider those qualities and you know St. Luke's is a very special place to be...and, I am so proud to be a part of it.

Sincerely,

*Bob Krawczyk*

## **TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2009**

The Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2009 can be found elsewhere in this document.

The 2009 fiscal year was completed with an approximate current expense deficit of \$17,000. Funds to cover this deficit have been borrowed from the Twiehaus Endowment (as Operating Reserve) as authorized by the Congregation at the budget meetings. For the 2009 fiscal year a total of \$17,000 of Operating Reserve was used.

The Twiehaus Endowment principal continues to decrease as we spend it to meet current expenses. Since 2004 a total of \$122,534.12 has been utilized as operating reserve.

For the 2010 fiscal year, an additional \$20,000 of funds from the Twiehaus Endowment was still available as previously authorized Operating Reserve. Since July, the start of the 2010 fiscal year, revenue received has not met our current expense needs even though expenses have been below budget. Through November 2009, however, we have not had to withdraw any Operating Reserve to meet current expenses. Now that we are in winter, utilities have increased significantly and it is estimated that additional Operating Reserve will be needed in December and/or January.

As directed by the congregation, remaining funds in the Twiehaus Endowment account have been invested and the earnings (estimated \$14,000/year) will offset a portion of our continuing current expense deficit. A summary of the Endowment investments is contained within this document.

Our Memorial Fund Investments continue to draw the highest interest we can find and still follow the church's investment policy. Please refer to the Memorial Fund Report for investment details.

Please do not hesitate to ask questions regarding any of these items.

Mel Sehart, Treasurer

## **ANNUAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING 2009**

Ron Ritter and I met with Mel Sehart to audit the fiscal year 2009 (July 2008 - June 2009) financial statements. The monthly reports are accurate and consistent with bank records. The expenses are well documented with receipts and bills. All bank statements and investment statements are organized and available.

The fiscal year 2009 audit passes. Mel has done a great job as Treasurer. Thanks Mel for all your hard work and time in keeping the financial side of St. Luke's in order.

Chris Bernard

# **ST. LUKE'S LIVING MEMORIAL FUNDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

Bonnie Borgman, Harold Gertz, Harry Hommes, Helen Koch, and Marita Ray served on the Memorial Committee in 2009. Our memorial funds were used in many ways at St. Luke's this year.

The five funds into which our memorial monies are divided are as follows:

1. **Scholarship Fund for Church Related Vocations** - for graduate studies in the field of Christian ministry.
2. **Local Congregation Scholarship Fund** - for members of our local congregation attending college or vocational school.
3. **Church Program Fund** - for Christian Education, library and media, youth, music and the performing arts, and van rental.
4. **Church Improvement Fund** - for equipment and emergency building needs.
5. **Church Mission Fund** - for community and world mission projects.

The principal amount in each of these funds is invested. As our by-laws stipulate, only earnings accrued by these funds may be spent. Thus, the memorial funds provide an ongoing source of revenue to help our church each year.

**During this calendar year \$31,987.83 was spent from memorial fund earnings.** The following programs and projects were made possible by the Living Memorial Funds this year:

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The Board of Christian Education has had a very busy year. We tried to address the needs of all of the various groups at St. Luke's. The Board members for 2009 were Julie Bernard, President; Leah Jennings, Kyle Hommes, Rachelle Kiesling, Mikelette Paul, Chris Parrino, Courtney Brown, Chrissy Arnold, and Ryan O'Boyle.

The Youth Group, was once again very active in 2009. They have already begun to plan for their 2010 trip to Deer Lodge, TN. They kicked off fundraising for the trip in September with a dinner and program and have had several other fundraisers since. In Tennessee they will be working in the Appalachian Mountains in one of the most economically depressed areas in our nation. The youth will be working with the Morgan-Scott Project, a UCC sponsored service organization. They will be repairing homes, working in community gardens, helping in a soup kitchen, working in a clothing closet, and finding some time for fun in Nashville. They leave on June 20, 2010 and will be accompanied by their wonderful leaders, Jodie Puhr, Ryan & Tonya O'Boyle, and Zach Paul. Former youth members that are currently in college have been asked to accompany the group as assistants.

The Children's Sunday School continued growth, development, and changes that began in September of 2008. We wrapped up "Hog Wild for Sunday School in May with a dinner and party. We had a money machine that the kids were able to get in to win prizes and money. We also had pig races. Those in attendance had a hog wild time. In September 2009 we introduced our new "Getting Ducky with Sunday School" program. Every Sunday the kids get to pick a duck and put it on their lanyard. During Children's Moment, Pastor David draws one of the ducks from a basket. If they are wearing that duck they get to pick a prize from the lollipop tree. There are money prizes but it seems the most coveted prize of all is to get to pick from the treasure chest. Every 4th Sunday that the kids attend Pastor David awards them a certificate and they can automatically pick from the lollipop tree.

The most exciting change for this year's Sunday School is the creation of a Preschool Class. Many Sundays we have 6 preschoolers learning Bible stories, coloring, singing, and praying. It is inspirational to see these little ones sitting around their table with their hands folded and their heads bowed while they say prayers. They are a precious gift from God.

Vacation Bible School was another huge success as we again joined with 4 other churches (First Christian, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist and Trinity Presbyterian) and used a curriculum from Group Publishing Company called "Crocodile Dock". We held the VBS at Westminster Hall and First Christian Church. We had more St. Luke's kids attend and hope that in the future even more kids can enjoy this wonderful experience. Our church was responsible for one meal and one craft. Thank you to all those that volunteered. In December, Karen Puhr directed "The Not So Silent Night". It was done a little differently with the younger kids acting out the parts and the youth reading the lines from behind the stage curtain. It was held in the Fellowship Hall and all those in attendance had a wonderful experience.

Some other activities that the CE Board helped sponsor this past year were: Graduate Recognition Sunday, Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Sunday, the end of the year Sunday School Party and money machine, Halloween Crafts, and a very special visit with Santa.

The CE Board would like to thank all of those who have helped make the year a success. When looking back over the calendar and seeing all that happened in the past year, it is almost overwhelming. These things are not possible without those that volunteer to organize the event as well as those that participate. Don't hesitate to talk to any member of the Board if you have any suggestions or questions. Thank you for your wonderful support of all that we do.

God Bless, Nanette Moore, Coordinator of Christian Learning

## **MUSIC DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

The year ended in a dramatic series of snow storms that will long be remembered. The snow started coming down on Christmas Eve and piled up with more storms that cancelled church the next Sunday and then music rehearsals a week later. The Christmas Eve service caused a number of our singers and bell ringers to be absent from church that evening. We had a unique service with much improvising and 'fill in' bell ringers from the congregation. Through it all, we again remembered the birth of our Savior and reason for the season.

As your Director of Music, I am continually grateful for the fine musicians of the congregation and the talent they share with all of us. Our singers and bell ringers contribute much to our worship service. Your comments of thanks and appreciation to them are an important component in their praise to God. We work for the Lord, but enjoy knowing that you are listening, too! Your applause after some of the music is performed brings knowing smiles of satisfaction. We thank you for caring.

Carol Lyon is appreciated for her continual support of the choir in their warm up rehearsals, and playing the piano in church for hymns and special music. Julie Bernard and Nanette Moore work with the children's music, and we thank them for that.

Our Polka Service in July, the eighth ever, had an Austrian theme. It was, as usual, well attended, and continues to attract folks from outside of the congregation.

We celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bells this year. They first performed at the Christmas Eve service in 1984. To commemorate the Silver Anniversary of the hand bells, three members still ringing from the original group played, "Silver Bells." We thank Marita Ray, Crystal Todd, and Ron Ritter for their many years of faithful service! We have 14 ringers this year, a record number.

Our choir is also well served with many having been in the choir for decades. Our particular thanks to Lola Borchers for at least 60 years of singing in the choir at St. Luke's.

God has put music in all of our lives. We live our lives in praise to Him. I thank all of you for your support and participation in the music at St. Luke's!

Boyd Ahrens, Director of Music

# MUSIC AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT 2008

### Personnel

The year 2009 has passed quickly it seems. In so many ways things have changed, and yet luckily for us, many remain the same at our beloved St. Luke's. Fortunately our staff remains the same and yet evolves.

Pastor David, our Director of Christian Education and Administrative Assistant, Nanette, the Music Director, Boyd Ahrens, and our church custodians, the Curtis family remain as the "paid" staff at St. Luke's. David is not just our Pastor and guide, he also serves our denomination in many very important leadership roles. Nanette is a compassionate presence for all members, not just our young people. Boyd continues to be a joy to all in the choirs and adds so much to the worship services and the musical heritage of St. Luke's. John and Bev continue to care for the church interior.

Our many volunteers, Marita Ray, Mel Sehart, Bob Fry, Aaron and Rachelle Kiesling, Ron Wendle, Karen Puhr, Julie Bernard, the Church Council members and all the others who are too many in number to name, also serve selflessly; Christian service at its finest.

I would like to mention in particular the newly formed Safe Church Committee. Nanette Moore, Rachelle Kiesling, Ron Wendle and David will take up the challenge to keep the children of our church family safe. St. Luke's is determined to be a leader in our denomination to set policies in place to make certain that our children do not face the type of harm that we read and hear about so often in the media. As the Safe Church Policy evolves and is put into action, the congregation will be advised of the steps being taken on our young people's behalf.

There is one somewhat sad note to my report this year. Bob Fry, who along with others over the years has taken care of our church building and grounds will be "retiring" from service. Bob has handled the day to day repairs and work around St. Luke's for over 50 years. He monitored major projects, contractors, and the expansive remodeling effort of recent years. He believes it is time to pass this responsibility on to others who have stepped up to help. Bob looks forward to

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making his priority spending time with his grandchildren as well as his beloved Monetta. We will miss him dearly, but he is passing on all the knowledge that he has of the systems of the building and the requirements of day to day repairs and servicing. And if all else fails.....we do know where he lives!!

Thank you to all of the staff as well as the many volunteers who work hard to keep St. Luke's United Church of Christ as strong beacon for Christianity in our community.

## **Music**

Music continues to be a firm foundation on which the worship services at St. Luke's are built. The congregation is appreciative of the efforts and service of all chancel and bell choir members.

Although it's a tall order, Boyd Ahrens has again exceeded last year's music ministry. He devotes so much to the choirs and in turn, to the congregation. I don't believe we have yet seen the full extent of his talent. He's always coming up with new and different ways to praise God with music. The Easter Sunday, Christmas Eve and the Annual Polka Service are always highlights of our music calendar.

Boyd has welcomed new bell ringers this year, and two of our chancel choir members have found it possible to return to sing whenever their schedules allow. It is so good to see young people come to share in our music. Carol Lyon, Linda Drown and Julie Bernard have added so much to the music heritage at St. Luke's over the years. We are so lucky to have them working with the Adult and Children's choirs.

As always, we need others in the congregation to consider sharing in the music of the church. The music may not always be on point, but the congregation is very forgiving. The fellowship is so very rewarding and Boyd's jokes alone make it worth coming to practices.

Respectfully,

Patti McGuire

## **SAFE CHURCH POLICY ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

During the summer of 2009 Rachelle Kiesling and Nanette Moore began writing a Safe Church Policy. The completed policy was distributed to the Church Council at their September meeting. After recommended changes were made the Council adopted the policy on October 8, 2009. Also, at this meeting a Safe Church Committee was formed. Ron Wendle, Rachelle Kiesling, Nanette Moore, and David Lyon as ex-officio, were asked to serve on this committee and oversee the implementation of the policy. It is our hope that the policy will be fully implemented by the spring of 2010.

A quote from the policy reads: As a community of Christian faith, St. Luke's United Church of Christ is committed to creating and maintaining programs, facilities and a community in which members, friends, staff and volunteers can worship, learn and work together in an atmosphere free from all forms of discrimination, harassment, exploitation or intimidation. All persons associated with St. Luke's United Church of Christ should be aware that the church is strongly opposed to Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Harassment, and any form of abuse to an adult or child and further, such behavior is prohibited by church policy. It is the intention of the church to take action in an attempt to prevent and correct behavior that is contrary to this policy and, if necessary, to discipline those persons who violate this policy.

Copies of the full policy are available in the Narthex. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this policy please talk to one of the committee members.

## **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

The church building and grounds require a lot of attention each week: light bulbs, cleaning, landscaping, and lawn care as well as other areas require special attention. Those would be snow removal, plumbing, electrical, heating, air conditioning, cabinets, carpet, and door repairs, as needed. It is wonderful to have a large group of volunteers stepping in to do some of these items. This year we installed programmable thermostats in all areas to help lower the energy use while certain rooms are vacant during the week. This does require some attention if these rooms are to be used other than the regular weekly program. The buildings have some age on them now that requires someone to be very attentive as the requirements come up. The building currently is in very good condition.

Submitted by Bob Fry

## **BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

We served two lunches this year and again we thank all of those who helped and made different foods for us to serve. We couldn't do it without these people. Thanks for being so willing when we call you.

Submitted by Virginia Knoche

## **SCHOLARSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

### **LOCAL CONGREGATION**

In the fall 2009 semester, St. Luke's provided \$3,300 in scholarships to five undergraduate students and one graduate student. Currently, undergraduates receive \$600 for the semester; graduate students receive \$300. For the spring 2010 semester, scholarships are projected to be \$2,700. Scholarships will be received by four undergraduate students and one graduate. Congratulations to Maggie Wisemore & Josh Habermehl on their graduations!

### **CHURCH RELATED VOCATIONS**

No Church Related Vocational Scholarship were given.

Thank you, Tonya O'Boyle, Scholarship Committee

## **BUSY FINGERS ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

The quilters quilted 6 quilts and gave \$390 worth of clothing, food, diapers and paper supplies to Community Services League. We gave \$300 to I-Share, \$200 to Hope House, \$200 to Steppingstone, and \$200 to Habitat for Humanity.

We celebrated one 90th birthday and lost one quilter to death.

We bought an "over the stove" microwave with a memorial gift from Agnes Nieweg's family in her memory.

The animal designers made 303 animals for Children's Mercy Hospital

Submitted by Virginia Knoche.

## **OUTREACH COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009**

The outreach committee sends cards on behalf of the congregation to members who are hospitalized, recovering from illness or surgery or undergoing continuous treatment. We also send sympathy cards to those whose family members have passed away. In celebration of a birth in the family, the committee sends congratulatory cards to the parents. At Christmas, we send cards to homebound members and those living in nursing homes.

Submitted by Karen Zuiderhof

*In Memory Of Our Loved Ones*



*George Wildschuetz February 2, 2009*

*Shirley Becker April 11, 2009*

*Dorothy Wildschuetz September 29, 2009*

*Marlene Obermeyer October 20, 2009*

*Howard King December 30, 2009*