

Shepherd's Journal

C H U R C H O F T H E G O O D S H E P H E R D

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

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PASTOR'S NOTES

Thanks

Thank you to all who served in various ways during the past year. Your willingness to give your time and energy to God's work is a priceless gift.

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Thank you to all those who gave generously to the work of the church. For the third year in a row, we paid our Fair Share at 100%! We also shared record amounts in local ministry through Family Ministry and the Pastor's Fund. We are truly blessed.

Thank you to all those who served faithfully behind the scenes - shoveling a sidewalk, taking soup to a neighbor, calling someone who was grieving, praying for all God's people.

We are Christ's body on this earth. called and equipped to share the Good News of hope and forgiveness. May 2010 be a year of grace.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 1
Walter Breedlove

January 3
Kambrie Bolyard

January 5
Kelly Brown

January 6
Charles Moats II

January 10
Nancy Ludwick
M. Lee Thompson

January 11
John Shay
Tiffany Jenkins

January 12
Chuck Proudfoot

January 14
Sarah Reneau

January 17
Susan Shelton

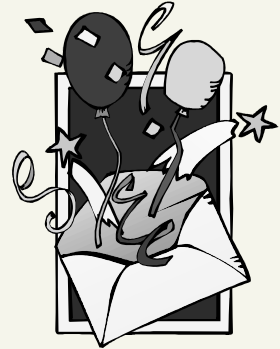
January 19
Kathy Paige

January 25
Frank Toth
Emily Smith

January 28
Jim Brown II

January 29
Ed Bolyard

January 31
Kelsey Thompson



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES



January 02 **January 23**
JoAnna & Mike Pratt Susan & Craig Shelton

January 09 **January 25**
Richard & Wilma Dan & Jeannine
Bowman Mankins

JANUARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 17 - District Training for Church Leaders--Valley Chapel (2:30)
January 18 - Little Shepherds Board Meeting at 6:30
January 19 - Finance Committee Meeting at 6:30



SPOTLIGHT ON THE FLOCK - CONVERSATIONS WITH CARLA

This month I talked to Abby Reynolds, who grew up in Hagerstown, Maryland. She has four children: Paul is in Salt Lake City, Utah; Jon in Oslo, Norway; Aaron in Pittsburg, Kansas and Katy in Cherokee, Kansas.

She came to West Virginia after she retired from UPMC as a Care Manager following her heart attack and moved home to be close to her Mother. I asked her about her health after her heart attack and she said, "To live is Christ, to die is gain."

Abby met Carol and Earl Rowe in 1989, during her first pastorate. They immediately welcomed her into their lives and she and Carol have been best friends ever since then.

Her education includes a BA in Humanities, M.Div., MA in Counseling, PhD in Religion. The most memorable thing that has ever happened to her was her ordination.

I asked her how she decided to become a pastor. She said in the spring of 1984 she felt as if God had beckoned her to come and follow Him. It was in an all-night prayer meeting that she sensed God's call and she was never able to leave that call. Abby started Seminary in the fall of 1985. She said the most difficult thing about being a pastor is watching parishioners fail to live up to their potential in Christ and being unable to do anything about it. The most rewarding thing is being alongside someone as they come into new life with Christ and begin to grow spiritually.

One thing that surprised me is that she used to be rather shy and had a hard time speaking in front of audiences larger than a few people.

Abby has some very in-

teresting hobbies, one of which is having a pilot's license. She also enjoys researching history, has a General Class Ham Radio License, plays golf, and loves to write. She also likes to act.

She likes to read all kinds of books. She mostly reads spiritual or historical, both fiction and non-fiction. She also likes murder mysteries and spy novels. Ian Fleming was one of the earliest writers she loved to read, along with Ellery Queen. She also likes Robert Ludlum, James Patterson, C.S. Lewis, Andrew Greeley, and others. She enjoys the classics and re-reads them often. Abby just finished the trilogy: "Wicked", "Son of a Witch" and "A Lion Among Men" by Gregory Maguire. She reads the complete "Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S. Lewis every year around December.

Her favorite food is roast pork and sauerkraut.

She is very interested in the Civil War. Her father would take her to the Antietam Battlefield and they would walk the fields for hours, looking for relics. At Civil War reenactments she portrays a War Correspondent for the New York World. There were actually over one hundred female reporters during the Civil War.

Abby has written a novel, The Reporter Wore Petticoats. It has taken about a year to research, write and revise. Set amid the social and political constraints of the mid-nineteenth century, newspaper reporter Elizabeth Grace Fitzgerald shares her adventures throughout the eastern United States and Great Britain. She hopes this story will fuel the reader's desire to know more about the events of the Abolitionist and Suffrage movements, the



Underground Railroad, and the Civil War. The book will include a Teacher/Student guide, which can be adapted for use in English, History, and Creative Writing classes.

The book is in the publishing stages and should be available in March, 2010 from Amazon and other retailers.

Abby's favorite Bible passage is Romans 8:28-39. She feels that these verses are a reminder that we are held so dear to God that nothing anyone, or anything, can do to us, will be able to change God's love for us or separate that love from us.

At Good Shepherd she loves Pastor Bert and Suzanne. She also loves the atmosphere that surrounds her and Carol each time they enter the building with the friendships they are making throughout the congregation.

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AS WE ROTATE MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES
(MOST SERVE 3 YEARS), WE ARE DEEPLY
GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO HAVE COMPLETED A
TERM OF SERVICE AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE
ASSUMING NEW RESPONSIBILITY. OUR ELECTED
OFFICERS FOR 2010 ARE:

Administrative Council Chair	Kathy Green
Lay Leader	Dan Pauley
Treasurer	Meredith Stach
Financial Secretary	John Smihal
Membership Secretary	Ginny Wolfe
Nurture Chair	Carla Powell
Parish Representatives	Connie Elsey & Rosie Bartlett & Suzy Mitchell
District Conference Rep.	Carla Powell
Annual Conference Rep.	Abby Reynolds

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2010</u>
Parsonage	Rob Mayle Olena Hawranick Angela Hanshaw	Wesley Wolfe Monica Wolfe John Moon	Joedy Lambert Alan Smith Chris Bowman
Church Trustees	Shakey Paugh Ann Woodyard Arnold Kuhl	Michelle Moon Mark Kunce Wesley Wolfe	Bob Leonard Chad Proudfoot Mabel Lee Thompson
Pastor/Parish/Staff	Gary Foster Ginny Wolfe Butch O'Hagen	Kathy Green Evan Bays Allison Iapalucci	Ed Bolyard Linda McBee Mick Elsey
Finance Committee	Gary Gelhausen Susan Foster Mike Hawranick	Arnold Kuhl Ann Woodyard Laurie Smith	Nancy Work Mark Kunce Joan Hawkins
Nominating Committee	Joan Hawkins Katereni Coffman	Adrienne Kunce Monica Wolfe	Michelle Moon June Upton
Permanent Fund	John Coffman Sean Maier	Christine Schulz Ann Woodyard	Chad Proudfoot Don Harman
Little Shepherds Preschool	Cindy Steenstra Cathy McDaniel	Jacci Maier June Upton	Shelby Bolyard Bill Whitescarver

THE YEAR IN REVIEW - THE NURTURE COMMITTEE

2009 was a busy year for the Nurture Committee. With your help we were able to create prayer blankets for twelve people. Leah Powell organized and mailed military support packages to several members of the military. Two of these people have returned home. Three children were baptized and presented with quilts. Crystal Bays and Becky Finch planned three

diaper showers for four babies, since we were blessed with twins. Connie Elsey planned dinners for the Crisis Committee when we had deaths in the congregation. Cheryl Whitescarver mailed cards to members of the church monthly. Crystal organized and mailed packages to the college students at mid-term. We had a good time at the church picnic, the ice cream

social, and the pie social. Several times this year, members of the Outer Flock were visited and given a small gift or baked item. We raised money for Fair Share with the proceeds from the muffin sale, and the bread and soup sale. We were also able to help someone in the congregation with the proceeds from the cookie sale.

An Open Invitation

Many of you are already aware that I have a blog through which I regularly share my thoughts, ideas, ponderings, and general musings. Some of you follow my blog through Facebook and Twitter, while others directly access my writings at the blog. I do encourage and appreciate feedback and comments from readers, so I hope that as you read you feel free to leave your thoughts, whether you agree or disagree with me.

FOR 2010, I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS PROCESS TO THE NEXT LEVEL, AND
I NEED YOUR HELP!!

I would like to know what is on your mind. What causes you distress? What excites you? Where do your passions lie? What burning question do you hold in your heart that you wish someone would try to answer?

You can email me your thoughts at dr.aereynolds@gmail.com. Or you can write them on a piece of paper and give them to Pastor Bert or directly to me at church. You can also add them to the “comments section” on the blog.

The second part of the “*Open Invitation*” is for **GUEST BLOGGERS**.

Perhaps you have something you would like to share from time to time. Perhaps you would like to see your writing displayed in a public format but never quite knew how to make that happen. Perhaps what you have to say is more important than you know and would really help someone else.

Now is your chance to put yourself, your words, and ideas before others and share what is important to you. Now is your chance to share your wisdom and experience with others.

Simply send your written thoughts to me at my email address: dr.aereynolds@gmail.com

OR

Give your hand written notes to me or Pastor Bert, and I will be glad to put them into the computer and the proper format for you. Either way, we all want to hear what you have to say.

NO TOPIC IS OFF LIMITS.

I do however reserve the right to edit as necessary to keep it “Family and Community” friendly.

I look forward to hearing from you in 2010! Let’s have fun together.

Abby’s Blog can be read at www.drabbyreynolds.com

2009

SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - DECEMBER 31, 2009

To The Congregation of Good Shepherd

We began 2009 with a cash balance of \$ 1,415.45 in the Fund.

The Sunday collections for the year to date are \$ 191,835.21 for a total of \$ 193,250.66.

\$	1,415.45
\$	<u>191,835.21</u>
\$	193,250.66

Expenses for the year to date are:

Wages & Benefits	\$ 117,910.46
Church Expenses	\$ 11,034.64
Fair Share, Utilities & Other	\$ 63,111.42
	<u>\$ 192,056.52</u>

The General Fund ending balance December 31, 2009 was \$ 1,194.14

Included in the Paid Fair Share, Utilities & other Expenses above are;

WV Conference Fair Share	100%	\$ 38,254.00
Mon-Valley District Fair Share	100%	\$ 462.00
		<u>\$ 38,716.00</u>

Your Chairperson of Finance



Arnold Kuhl

2009 ACTUAL VS BUDGET

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST

ITEM	Budget Amount	December Amount Spent	Y-T-D Dec. Amount Spent	Balance Amount Remaining
Membership & Nurture				
Fellowship	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 103.58 x	\$ 396.42
Crisis Care	\$ 500.00	\$ -	\$ 156.32 x	\$ 343.68
Membership Remembrances	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 61.00 x	\$ 239.00
Congregational Care	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 197.87 x	\$ 202.13
Outreach				
Discipleship & Evangelism	\$ 500.00	\$ 47.47	\$ 636.74 x	\$ (136.74)
Education				
Sunday School	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,370.31 x	\$ (170.31)
Little Shepherd School	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Resources	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Special Bible Studies	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ 46.80 x	\$ 103.20
Gifts for Graduates	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Youth Work Area				
V. B. S.	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.00
Youth Ministries	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.00
Worship				
Worship & Altar Supplies	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 305.00 x	\$ 445.00
Chancel & Young Adult Choir	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 99.95 x	\$ 900.05
Children Choir	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 89.95 x	\$ 160.05
Dance Team	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Copywriter License	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 354.00 x	\$ 46.00
Guest Musician	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Office				
Office & Computer Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 169.57	\$ 2,578.11 x	\$ 421.89
Equipment Repair & Service Con	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 256.96	\$ 3,073.75 x	\$ (73.75)
Postage	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 142.25	\$ 1,649.29 x	\$ 350.71
Trustees				
Church Maintenance	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.00
Church Utilities	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 1,341.41	\$ 13,297.69 x	\$ 2,702.31
Custodial Supplies/Light	\$ 750.00	\$ 155.50	\$ 304.39 x	\$ 445.61
Organ/Piano Contracts	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ 225.00 x	\$ 375.00
Lawn Maintenance	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 105.00 x	\$ 195.00
Insurance	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,924.97 x	\$ 2,075.03
Parsonage				
Parsonage Maintenance	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1.00
Parsonage Utilities	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 585.11	\$ 4,720.10 x	\$ 279.90
Insurance	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00 x	\$ -
Finance				
Offering Envelopes	\$ 500.00	\$ 213.33	\$ 213.33 x	\$ 286.67
Stewardship Supplies	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00
TOTAL	\$ 44,904.00	\$ 2,911.60	\$ 34,713.15	\$ 10,190.85

2009 ACTUAL VS BUDGET

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST

ITEM	Budget Amount	December Amount Spent	Y-T-D Dec. Amount Spent	Balance Amount Remaining
Pastor's Salary Package				
Salary	\$ 34,032.00	\$ 2,836.00	\$ 34,032.00 x	\$ -
Acct. Reimbursement	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,138.35	\$ 2,400.00 x	\$ -
Pension	\$ 9,248.40	\$ 770.70	\$ 9,248.40 x	\$ -
Salary Reduction Pension	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00 x	\$ -
Hospitalization	\$ 13,380.00	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 13,380.00 x	\$ -
Staff Salaries				
Office Manager	\$ 11,208.00	\$ 934.00	\$ 11,208.00 x	\$ -
Custodian/Groundskeeper	\$ 13,752.00	\$ 1,146.00	\$ 13,752.00 x	\$ -
Music Director	\$ 9,480.00	\$ 790.00	\$ 9,480.00 x	\$ -
Acct. Reimbursement	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Children's Ministries, Music & Dance	\$ 5,184.00	\$ 432.00	\$ 5,184.00 x	\$ -
Youth's Ministries	\$ 2,352.00	\$ 196.00	\$ 2,352.00 x	\$ -
Staff Continuing Education	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Payroll Taxes	\$ 3,688.60	\$ 267.60	\$ 4,078.16 x	\$ (389.56)
Payroll Taxes - Little Shepherd	\$ 600.00	\$ 99.45	\$ 886.64 x	\$ (286.64)
Acct. Reimbursement	\$ 125.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00
Fair Share				
Conference	\$ 38,254.00	\$ 13,254.00	\$ 38,254.00 x	\$ -
Promotional Fund	\$ 246.40	\$ -	\$ 246.40 x	\$ -
District Office Fund	\$ 77.00	\$ -	\$ 77.00 x	\$ -
District Parsonage Fund	\$ 61.60	\$ -	\$ 61.60 x	\$ -
New Congregation Development	\$ 77.00	\$ -	\$ 77.00 x	\$ -
District Ministerial Education Fund	\$ -	\$ 321.00	\$ 321.00 x	\$ (321.00)
Parish	\$ 30.00	\$ -	\$ 30.00 x	\$ -
Delegate to Annual Conference	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00
TOTAL	<u>\$ 146,096.00</u>	<u>\$ 23,400.10</u>	<u>\$ 146,268.20</u>	<u>\$ (172.20)</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 191,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 26,311.70</u>	<u>\$ 180,981.35</u>	<u>\$ 10,018.65</u>
Little Shepherds		Payroll	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 10,675.00 x
			<u>\$ 27,611.70</u>	<u>\$ 191,656.35</u>

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD UNITED METHODIST
SUMMARY OF GENERAL FUND TRANSACTIONS FOR 2009

MONTH	BEGINNING BALANCE	OPERATING RECEIPTS	WAGES & BENEFITS	DISBURSEMENTS CHURCH EXPENSES	FAIR SHARE UTILITIES & OTHER	ENDING BALANCE
JAN 2009	\$1,415.45	\$14,928.20	\$8,772.31	\$648.10	\$3,920.09	\$3,003.15
FEB 2009	\$3,003.15	\$13,988.20	\$9,685.06	\$1,345.02	\$4,644.09	\$1,317.16
MAR 2009	\$1,317.16	\$16,877.25	\$10,320.09	\$1,116.69	\$4,226.23	\$2,531.40
APR 2009	\$2,531.40	\$14,797.50	\$9,739.77	\$844.24	\$3,960.49	\$2,784.40
MAY 2009	\$2,784.40	\$18,977.43	\$9,948.36	\$971.21	\$6,997.62	\$3,844.44
JUNE 2009	\$3,844.44	\$12,626.86	\$9,679.81	\$409.30	\$5,566.25	\$925.94
JULY 2009	\$925.94	\$12,327.38	\$8,587.23	\$1,189.29	\$2,343.40	\$1,133.40
AUG 2009	\$1,133.40	\$16,422.12	\$9,597.32	\$940.29	\$5,177.84	\$2,950.07
SEPT 2009	\$2,950.07	\$13,242.61	\$9,692.49	\$999.31	\$3,763.91	\$1,736.97
OCT 2009	\$1,736.97	\$13,923.62	\$10,903.05	\$328.53	\$2,709.21	\$1,725.80
NOV 2009	\$1,725.80	\$16,964.19	\$10,151.07	\$1,513.06	\$4,155.07	\$2,870.77
DEC 2009	\$2,870.77	\$26,753.85	\$11,943.88	\$829.56	\$15,657.02	\$1,194.14

YEAR-TO-DATE TOTALS	COLLECTION	2009 ANNUAL CASH FLOW	ENDING BALANCE
	\$191,836.21	117,910.46	(221.31)
		SPENT 192,056.52	
		63,111.42	
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ACTUAL GIVING	ACTUAL WAGES & BENEFITS	ACTUAL TOTAL EXPENSES	TOTAL FAIR SHARE WV CONFERENCE PAYMENTS
115	115	115	\$38,254.00
52	52	52	115
\$32.08	\$19.72	\$32.12	52
			\$6.40

**Out of the mouths
of God's kids**

The Sunday school teacher pointed to a picture of "The Last Supper" and asked the class: "What do you think Jesus was saying at the Last Supper?" Little Jimmy raised his hand and answered: "If you want to be in the picture, come around to this side of the table." —Rev. Harry Mahoney
Dedham, MA

Kids' views of angels in Sunday school:
"Everybody's got it all wrong. Angels don't wear halos anymore. I forget why, but scientists are working on it."
—Sara, 10

"Angels live in cloud houses made by God and His Son, who's a very good carpenter."
—Sammy, 7
—via Lowell Yoder
Holland, OH

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



**"Oh, boy! Does this mean we don't
have to be good anymore?"**

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