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THOM'S THOUGHTS

Several people at church have asked me to write my thoughts about mission(s). I'm not exactly sure how to approach the topic, so I'm going to take a shot gun approach and hopefully hit on some area of interest for the congregation.

First, there is this statement from the 2008 *Book of Discipline*:

"The ministry of all Christians consists of service for the mission of God in the world. The mission of God is best expressed in the prayer that Jesus taught his first disciples: *Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.* All Christians, therefore, are to live in active expectancy: faithful in service to God and their neighbor; faithful in waiting for the fulfillment of God's universal love, justice, and peace on earth as in heaven."

The words that leap out for me when I read that statement are the words service to God and neighbor and active expectancy of God's universal love, justice, and peace on earth. It reminds me that my life as a disciple is about more than just having the right beliefs, but is also about putting God's love for me and the world into action in my daily deeds and activities. Anything and everything we do in service to God and to our neighbor that is an expression of love, justice, and peace is the fulfillment of our mission and that service happens both within the walls of our church and outside the walls of our church.

Second, we have a very active missions committee here at the church. Frank Cooper is currently the chairman of the committee. At a recent meeting, the committee adopted the following as its "mission" statement:

The mission of the missions committee at Bend 1st

John Wesley captured the global sense of missions when he made the statement that the world was his parish.

United Methodist is to equip the congregation for service in the world beyond the walls of the church in the name of Jesus Christ through education, through awareness of needs and opportunities for mission service, and through active participation in mission projects both locally and throughout the world.

The committee has chosen four projects to support with the funds that are budgeted: Bethlehem Inn, Family Kitchen, Habitat for Humanity and projects and needs of the United Methodist Church in Guatemala. Each project receives approximately \$1,000 which leaves a small amount of money to address emergent mission needs as we become aware of them.

However, the work of the missions committee represents only one small part of how the mission of our church is being fulfilled. There is also the mission work of the United Methodist Women. Every year our UMW unit contributes thousands of dollars for mission work both globally and in our local community, and even in our local church. Every woman of the church is encouraged to participate in the work of the unit either by membership in a circle or through contributions to the unit. Then there is the mission that is carried out through your gifts to the discretionary fund. Every year, members of the church contribute thousands of dollars to our local church that are used to bring comfort, support and assistance to people who need the most basic things like shelter, medicine, and food. And then, there are the missions that are carried out individually by members of the church. Some members contribute regularly to the United Methodist Committee on Relief that provides

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assistance to people who have experienced a natural disaster like an earthquake or a hurricane. Some people volunteer hours of work to groups like Habitat for Humanity and Shepherd's House.

As I said earlier, mission(s) is everything and anything that is done in service to God and neighbor that promotes God's vision for the world of love, justice and peace. And we know that our neighbors include those who live right next to us and are very much like us, and those who live far away and are very much different. John Wesley captured the global sense of missions when he made the statement

that the world was his parish. I am very glad that I can say we are a church that is very active in mission, both globally and locally. My prayer is that every member of the congregation is actively engaged in mission work. I really believe that we are, not just through financial contributions, but also through "hands on" participation that includes pounding nails, and serving sandwiches, and sewing bags, and traveling together to distant communities of Christians. And I celebrate the incredible work we accomplish together as we serve God and work to make God's world a kinder and better place.



Protecting God's Green Earth

Here are a few more tips to help the planet that are fairly simple to get behind. We challenge every member of our church family to implement at least one of these green tips each month so that we may all become responsible stewards of God's creation.

- Before doing your back to school shopping, see what you can re-use from last year's supplies (binders, pencil cases, etc.) and try to purchase items made with recycled paper and less plastic.
- Consider a lunch box or re-usable canvas bag instead of paper bags for packing lunches.
- Look for carpooling options for taking kids to and from school, sports events, etc.
- Encourage your older children to walk or bike to school with a buddy when weather allows.
- Put a basket next to your printer for papers that can be re-used. If you are printing something for your own use that doesn't need to be fancy, who cares if there is print on the back?

If you are interested in helping us "Green Up" our church home, please call Melissa Monahan at 390-9689 or email saturngirl@bendbroadband.com and join us for our next "Green Team" meeting on Thursday, Sept. 17th at 6pm.

Remember to let the office know when you have a change in your phone, email or home address. Thank you.

Family Kitchen

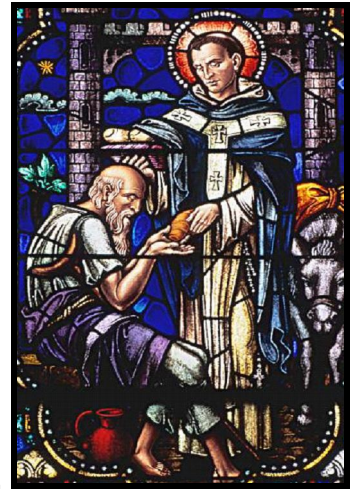
It is our turn to help with Family Kitchen this month. Our day is Tuesday **September 29th**. I need three people for the cooking/set up shift from 2:30 to 4:30 and I need ten for the serving/clean up shift from 4:30-7:00. If this is one of your favorite ministries give me a call and I'll schedule you for your regular shift. If you haven't had an opportunity to participate I encourage you to try it, just give me a call and I'll sign you up! Lisa Radford 322-0100.

DISCRETIONARY FUND

~ by Lisa Radford

This month I heard a news commentator announce that the recession had hit bottom and the economy is on its way up; it still won't be easy though they added. No truer words I have heard spoken this year. This month I noticed more people coming to us for help that are new to looking outside of themselves for help.

A woman came in this month with a \$500 water bill! To be honest I can't tell you all of the details of her situation because I couldn't understand what she was saying through her tears. I didn't really need to hear all the details to see her pain and her pain said it all. I did hear that she & her husband had jobs and were working. The reason she came to us for assistance with her water bill was because it was shut off when she owed \$200 the month before. When she talked with the City to get her water turned back on they insisted that she had to pay all of the \$200 since she didn't have the \$200 she wrote a bad check. The City did turn her water back on but when the check bounced they turned it back off. I feel that she was in such shock at not being able to pay their bills that she had been paralyzed and was definitely not thinking clearly. We had \$75 to give her towards her \$500 bill and the only other thing we could do was give her a list of other churches and ideas of where else could go to help her get the other \$425 so she could have water again. I wish she had come to us when she only owed the \$200 then our \$75 would have meant more to her.



Her story along with many others this month helped me realize that it wasn't only the recession that had hit bottom. Many of the people in need at this moment haven't done anything wrong; many of them thought they had enough emergency savings to get them through anything. How many of us thought a year ago that things would still be this bad a year later? More than ever as a church we should feel blessed that we are still able to have a discretionary fund and people need us more now than they did a year ago. Thank you for your support of this important ministry.

**FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD**

Debi Shimek (389-2579)

In a rut? Need a change? Here's your answer!

The cookbooks have arrived. Close to 400 new meal ideas from your friends, the best cooks! Books are available between services for the next few weeks. You can also purchase them at the church office or at Pam & Steve Smith's shop, Takara Treasures

(2754 NW Crossing Dr.) **\$10.00 a book is quite a bargain & they make great gifts!**

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Check out our website for important information.

Pastor Thom has been delivering sermons this summer based on the Beatitudes – I am going to take his words to heart and take some time away to renew myself. In looking at *The Message* by Eugene Peterson, he has an interpretation of several of the Beatitudes that I like: *“You are blessed when you care. At the moment of being ‘care-full,’ you find yourselves cared for.*

You’re blessed when you get your inside world – your mind and heart – put right. Then you can see God in the outside world.” Matthew 5:7-8 . I am going to be away most of the month of September; I will be visiting family and friends in North Carolina; I need to get my “inside world” just right again. If you have need for Parish Nurse services, Beth will have a list of nurses in the office who can assist you, or you may phone our Health Ministry Chair, Phyllis Stuewig, at 306-3041 or reach her by cell phone @ (541)588-0337. Phyllis can also be contacted by email at stuewig@verizon.net.

SEPTEMBER HEALTH MINISTRY MEETING:

The committee decided on a new meeting time this coming year. The Committee will be meeting on the 1st Monday of each month at noon in the Health Ministry Office. THE BIG EXCEPTION WILL BE THE SEPTEMBER MEETING – BECAUSE LABOR DAY IS ON THE 7TH, THE COMMITTEE WILL MEET ON SEPTEMBER 14th AT NOON. Please note this on your calendars!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS:

Blood Pressure Clinics will remain on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Our fall schedule will have begun and clinics will be from 9:30 until 11:00 am and again after second service at noon. Thanks to everyone for supporting the clinic during our abbreviated summer hours – we pumped up a lot of cuffs in just 30 minutes time! Thanks to all our faithful helpers, as well.

Last month’s column was devoted to Alzheimer’s Disease – Christine Jones asked me to publish the following letter this month. I am happy to do so, knowing this is a subject that cannot get too much attention, especially a piece written by a person who lives with AD.

*Article by, Parrish Nurse
Lorraine Zachary*



(please see letter continued on the next page)

my dear friends,

I have asked Lorraine if I might have a short amount of space on her page of Health Happenings in the next issue of the Chimes, to share a few thoughts with my church family.

Lorraine could not have written more beautifully or accurately in her last column dedicated to Alzheimer's Disease. She spoke so well of the diagnostic and medical interaction challenges that those of us who walk the journey of A.D. experience – and her insights on how those who walk with us and/or care for us can make the connection better. If you didn't get a chance to read her thoughts, I strongly encourage you to do so.

She also mentioned that each person living with the diagnosis lives it from the framework of who he/she was before the brain began to betray them. And so each person's experience is different and unique, no more so than with those who are diagnosed early (before age 65).

I want to recommend a book which was discovered by a special friend of mine who wanted to know "what Chris is experiencing". My friend could not believe that I had shared the same feelings and thoughts expressed in the book with her over the past few years. And so I read *Still Alice*, too. It is a novel by Lisa Genova who holds a PhD in neuroscience from Harvard University and has become involved with the National Alzheimer's Association. This is the book that I

would have written had I not lost that gift of sharing the written word. My thoughts, my experiences, my words – I was overwhelmed by the author's insights.

Lorraine has a copy of the book; I also, will share my copy, and it is available at B&N as well as Target for about \$12. At the end of the book, Alice (who is a fifty-year old Harvard professor) writes: "I used to be someone who knew a lot....I miss that....I used to be curious and independent and confident. I miss being sure of things. I miss doing everything easily. I miss being a part of what's happening....I miss myself. I never planned to get like this."

Thank you, Lorraine for helping to open communication, with and about those who walk the journey of Alzheimer's. It can be short or long; it is always unique to the individual in a way few other diseases are; and unfortunately those of us who walk it cannot always communicate effectively. But without exception, we all remain *Still Alice*, *Still Lewis*, *Still Ann*, and *Still Christine*.

Blessings to all who walk with us. Christine H. Jones, BSN, MSN, CCRN R.N. practitioner and educator .

(This is written exactly as Christine submitted it to me – well done!)

Blessings to all for a lovely Indian summer!

I Pray You Enough

I pray you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.

I pray you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more. I pray you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

I pray you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

I pray you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

I pray you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

I pray you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

They say, it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire life to forget them.

I PRAY YOU ENOUGH



Grandkids are the greatest things:
My grandkids believe I'm the oldest thing in the world. And after two or three hours with them, I believe it, too.

Birthdays:

- 9/1 Nancy Carter
- 9/2 Katharine Bennett;
Ben Heatherman
- 9/2 Frank Zachary
- 9/3 Jakub Godard
- 9/4 Jean Burleigh
- 9/5 Susie Browne; Anne Kirk
- 9/6 Lynn McDonald
- 9/7 Elizabeth Korn;
Ingimar Thorgeirsson Jr.
- 9/7 Wade Tucker
- 9/8 Adam Krull;
Margaret Tucker
- 9/10 Julie Kealey
- 9/11 Ruth Jacobs,
Garrett McMahon
- 9/12 Carol Evans;
Trilli Nyquist
- 9/14 Alicia Stevenson-Mehlis
- 9/15 Margaret Jean Gwyther
- 9/17 Ian Ferguson; Claire Henson
- 9/18 Cathren Carter; Sean McDermott
- 9/20 David Ames; Megan Buzzas;
Troy McMullin
- 9/21 Marcus Van Handel
- 9/22 Gretchen White
- 9/23 Judy Parsons
- 9/24 Larry Calkins
- 9/25 Liz Hitt; Nick Holmboe
- 9/26 Glenn Wise
- 9/28 Keith Clinton;
Allen Evans;
Bruce Reynolds
- 9/29 Desyray McManus; Steven Smith
- 9/30 Jean Clinton
- 9/30 Ian Neubauer; Bill Rich



Anniversaries:

- 9/1 Gary & Sherry Oelker
- 9/4 Richard & Doris Dedlow
- 9/4 Anders & Melissa Ramberg
- 9/4 Verle & Chris Mitchell
- 9/6 Jim & Annis Henson
- 9/11 Ward & Glend Lantis
- 9/11 Phil & Anne Kirk
- 9/12 Randy & Cristi Steiert
- 9/12 Emmett & Linda Shortreed
- 9/14 Tom & Julie Kealey
- 9/20 Chuck & Janie Richter
- 9/26 Troy & Julie McMullin

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY



JUST A REMINDER! ALWAYS CHECK WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR UPCOMING EVENTS.

There are so many groups using the church at this time, events will not all be posted on this calendar. However all are posted on the web site calendar so everyone will know what is happening and where to come for all events. [www.bendumc.org]


<p>6</p> <p>ONE SERVICE—10:00 am</p> <p>5:00 pm AA Study Group (CR) 6:30 pm GS 221 (Gym) 6:30 pm GS 771 (401)</p>	<p>7</p> <p>LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED</p> <p>12:00-1:00 pm Jazzercise (MU) 12:00-1:00 pm OA (CR) 5:00-7:00 pm AA (CR) 5:30 pm Jazzercise (MU)</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30am Jazzercise - MU/Gym 9:30am Staff Meeting - #102 11:00am Balance Class (MU) 12pm Family Resource Center (N) 12:30pm Koinonia at Mary Hickman's 12:15pm Jazzercise WT (MU) 5:00pm Men's Group (Rm 102) 5:30pm AA - (CR) 5:30pm Jazzercise - (MU) 7-8pm SA - (CR) 7 pm MISSION COMMITTEE MTG (102) 7-9pm GS Service Unit Mtg (FH)</p>
<p>LABOR DAY WEEKEND</p>		
<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am Praise/Worship (S) 9:15 am Jubilee Sunday School 9:30 am SS Book Club (CR) 10:00am Fellowship (MU) 10:30am Traditional Worship (S) 3:30 Beth Tikvah 5:00 pm AA Study Group (CR) 6 pm HS YOUTH (103)</p>	<p>14</p> <p>12-1pm Jazzercise (MU) 12-1pm OA (CR) 5:00-7:00pm AA (CR) 5:30pm Jazzercise 6:00-8:30p BS (FH-102)</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30-9:30am Jazzercise - (MU) 9:30-11am Staff Meeting (102) 11:00am Balance Class (MU) 12-4:30pm Family Resource (N) 12:15-1:15pm Jazzercise (MU) 1-2pm Erbele Circle - Homes 5-6pm Men's Group (102) 5:30pm AA - (CR) / Jazzercise (MU) 5 pm GS 779 - (F/H) 7-8pm SA - (CR)</p>
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WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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BUILDING LOCATIONS:
Level 1
(K) Kitchen;
(FH) Fellowship Hall
Level 2
Church Office
(CR) Community Room;
(N) Nursery
Level 3
(MU) Multi Use (GYM)
(S) Sanctuary;
(NX) Narthex;
(UP) Upper Parking Lot
Level 4
(W) Wesley Room;
(#'s) Classrooms

Book Discussion Group - Sundays

The Sunday School Book Club will begin on September 13th with When Faith Meets Reason: Religion Scholars Reflect on their Spiritual Journeys. Edited by Charles Hedrick. We meet in the **Community Room** during the Sunday school hour (9:45 – 10:45). We have lively discussion and welcome new people. If you would like to have a book ordered ahead (Amazon cost is approx \$13.60) let Karen Wykes know. You may contact Karen with any questions at 382-6651 or wykes@bendcable.com.

Coffee and Conversation- Sundays

This year Coffee & Conversation will begin with "Food of the Bible" with Mick Sears. This is a four-week course exploring the foods of the bible. After the first of the year we hope to have Jean Clinton return once a month with "Healthy Foods/Healthy Spirituality. No need to sign up for any of these, just drop in to the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School Hour.

Pastor Thom and Charles Rich will be leading "**The History of Christian Theology**". We are trying to pick the best time or times for class so pick when you would like to see it offered, during Coffee & Conversation, evening or daytime, and mark it on the clipboard located at the kiosk in the Narthex.

Disciple I - Weekday

Ellen Glenn will be leading this class on Tuesday evenings in her home beginning with soup at 5:30 with the class following from 6:00 to 8:30. This first step in the Disciple series is an enlightening experience that leads you to a greater understanding of the word of God. Contact Ellen at 388-2628.

Disciple II- Weekday

Must have completed Disciple I.

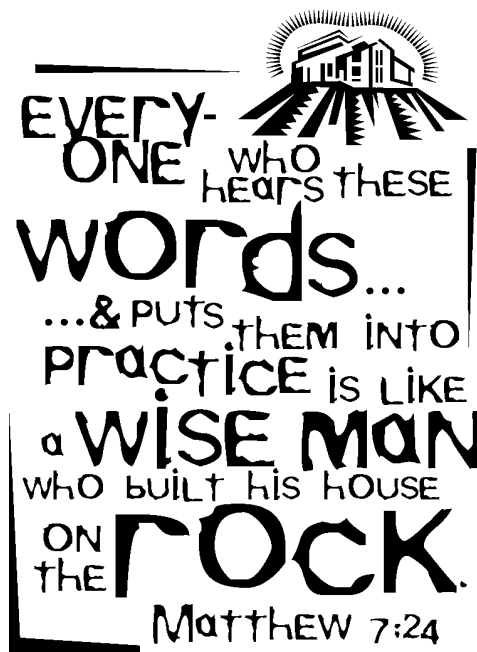
Coming Soon – watch the bulletin and the Chimes for more information:

- Living Fully, Dieing Well
- Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University
- Bad Girls of the Bible with Lisa Radford
- Advent Study begins Nov 29th
- Parenting Classes

YOUTH NEWS

After a long summer and successful mission trips, it's almost time for the youth group to start meeting again! The first Middle School youth group will be **THURSDAY, Sept. 17th** from 6:30 - 8pm. High School Youth Group will begin **SUNDAY, Sept. 20** [6 - 8pm]. We will have a planning Lock-In for the High School Youth on Saturday, October 3. More details about the Lock-In will be coming soon. Please contact Stephanie: stephanie.mcdermott@ymail.com or Derek dbeauvais@bgcco.org with any questions.

We look forward to seeing everyone again!





UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S EXECUTIVE

MEETING & -Unit Fellowship - Wed., Sept. 2, [10:00 am]

Program: "I Believe In Jesus"

Leaders: Chris Mitchell and Shirley Sisk

Lunch Hostess: Chavez Circle

A fun program of sharing is planned as we explore the topic, "I Believe In Jesus". Come and get-acquainted with our members. Plan to attend.



It is exciting to report that **75 Kits for Kids** were blessed and sent on to be distributed through the schools to homeless children. Thanks to all who participated in this local mission project!



"COLD HANDS, WARM HEARTS" HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE



OCTOBER 2nd, 2 PM - 5 PM,
OCTOBER 3rd, 9 AM - 2 PM

All are invited to participate! Bring baked items, (Cakes, Cookies, Breads, ect.), Jams or Jellies, Pickles, whatever your specialty, to be sold in the Bakery section. There will be many craft items, including the new cook-book, and the **Trellis Yarn Necklaces** that have been so popular. Sit and visit for awhile in the **Tea Room**, and don't miss the **delicious lunch** prepared by Tom Kealy which will be served from 11 AM - 1:30 PM on Saturday.

Grandma's Attic will again be a popular place to visit. Please check your closets for special items to donate. Items needed are vintage clothing, glassware, antiques, books etc., if you have questions please call Joan Wheeler at 728-1211. Oh, yes, we need those wonderful pies to be served with the lunch.

Sign up sheets will be available at your circle, or between services

Sept. 20th. Funds raised are used to support local and national missions.

Do plan to join the fun!



On September 13th we return to our regular hours 8:30 & 11:00 and Sunday School will begin again for the children and youth. This is also the day of our backpack/teacher blessing during both services. Bring your backpack or just yourself up for a blessing to start your school year off right! To cap off the day, join us at the picnic to reconnect with old friends or meet some new ones. Hope to see everyone on the 13th!

September 13th - The Rally Day



at Shevlin Park
after the 11:00 service!

Immediately following the second service, to be held at Shevlin Park. (Approximately 1 mile west of the Shevlin Park and Mt. Washington roundabout.) Please bring a side dish to share. Fun will be had by



all and games will be played, so join us!! If you have any questions contact
Melissa Clemo,
(541) 306-3852.



Free Money for Children & Youth Programs!

-Lesli Magee, Director, Children & Family Ministries

eScrip is a program that donates a percentage of your shopping dollars to non-profit programs for children and youth. Once you have registered all you need to do is shop at selected merchants like Safeway and hundreds of on-line merchants like Nordstrom, Dell computers and Staples and you will automatically raise money for our church. The first six months of the year we have "raised" \$135 with just a few people registered. Think what we could do with more of you would register.

All you need to do is go to www.eScrip.com and register your Safeway card and/or your debit and credit cards. Our group name is First United Methodist Church and our group ID number is 500005806. There are a lot of merchants involved and the web site has an entire listing. If you don't want to register on-line I do have registration forms in the office and on the bulletin board between classrooms 401 and 403 upstairs.

Get registered and make a difference today!



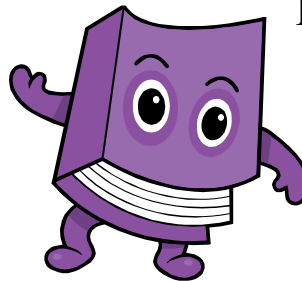
TAKARA HOME and GARDEN

Pamela and Steven Smith, along with their daughter Tina Ficher would like to invite you to the blessing of their store, Takara Home & Garden on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 3PM.

The store is located at: 2754 NW Crossing Dr. near Summit High School. Pastor Thom will be giving the blessing. Refreshments will be served. We hope you can attend.

The **Sunday School Book Club** will start the following book on **September 13th**

When Faith Meets Reason: Religion Scholars Reflect on their Spiritual Journeys. Edited by Charles Hedrick. We meet in the Community Room between services (Sunday School time). We have lively discussion and welcome new people. If you have ?'s call or e-mail Karen Wykes at 382-6651 or wykes@bendcable.com.



If you would like to have a book ordered ahead, please call Karen. (Amazon cost is approx \$13.60)

Financial News - August 2009:

Thank you all very much for your continued support of our Church's finances and budget goals. We have fallen short of our budget goals, in July. Many people take vacations in July and August, so we're asking everyone to help by bringing your pledges current. Your gifts and pledges make the Church Programs possible. We are still strongly encouraging your use of our "Auto-Draft" program, as this helps our Church's cash flow. We can make your monthly pledge much easier by having it automatically taken from your checking account. About 35 people are doing it right now and it's working perfectly! Our goal is to have 100 by the end of the year. We can set up an automatic payment, every 5th or 20th of the month. Please, call the Church office or myself, Bob Browne, at (541) 548-6889 to arrange for this to be initiated. Again, thank each of you for your continued support!

Sincerely,

Your Finance Committee

To the right are the results for the first seven months of this year (ending 7/31/2009):

	Actual thru 07-09	Budget 7 mos.	Difference
Income			
Pledged General Budget	158,432	183,416	(24,984)
General Budget	32,045	38,413	(6,368)
Loose Offering	3,718	4,171	(453)
Subtotal	194,195	226,000	(31,805)
Building Use	11,987	14,700	(2,713)
Other Income	1,200	904	296
Total Income	207,382	241,604	(34,222)
Expense			
Music	14,743	14,660	83
Staff Expense	109,270	114,482	(5,212)
Office Expense	4,727	5,863	(1,136)
Payroll Taxes	7,085	8,342	(1,257)
Apportionments	39,505	42,890	(3,385)
Church Programs	14,917	14,875	42
Building Maintenance	26,588	29,692	(3,104)
Building Fund Payment	-	17,465	(17,465)
Total Expense	216,835	248,269	(31,434)
Net Income	(9,453)	(6,665)	(2,788)

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Sunday, September 6th
Labor Day Sunday
**ONE SERVICE at
10:00am**



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