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*“Together Building Christ’s
Church –
with Love, Faith and Sacrifice”*

ANNUAL
Stewardship
CAMPAIGN

October 2011

STATE OF THE CHURCH

September 2011

2011		Receipts Report			
Congregational Portion	Needed Yearly	Needed Weekly	Needed Year to date	Received to date	Plus/Minus to date
Budget Category					
Original Pledges	\$262,654.00				
discount '2011 (4%)	\$10,506.00				
Pledges	\$252,148.00	\$4,849.00	\$189,111.00	\$181,090.05	-\$8,020.95
Non-pledge amount	\$39,000.00	\$750.00	\$29,250.00	\$30,195.78	\$945.78
Loose Offering	\$5,500.00	\$105.77	\$4,125.00	\$3,458.51	-\$666.49
Sunday School	\$2,000.00	\$38.46	\$1,500.00	\$1,603.54	\$103.54
Misc. Offerings	\$3,000.00	\$57.69	\$2,250.00	\$3,156.00	\$906.00
TOTALS	\$301,648.00	\$5,800.92	\$226,236.00	\$219,503.88	(\$6,732.12)

**Thank you for sharing your
Time, Talent and Treasures with First UPC.**

A new *Time & Talent Questionnaire* will be included in your Stewardship Letter. Please take a moment and have family members complete this form.

***Sharing of Your Time and Talents are very much appreciated!!
Thank You!***

NOTES OF THANKS

I wanted to thank the entire congregation for all their prayers, thoughts, cards, gifts, and support...and especially for the We Care Poster and the Eader girls who delivered it to him. The 1st UPC is truly a blessing in our life and each individual makes it so. Taylor's main concern while in the hospital was getting back to church and trying to get to VBS. He really wanted to see Brooke sing during worship. Unfortunately, he was not able to get to VBS this year nor see Brooke sing. We were lucky as Rachel was a true blessing as she taped Brooke for us and he is so happy to be back to his friends and family @ 1st UPC for Sunday School and Worship. And the welcome for his return was more than anyone could possibly ask. Thanks to everyone in our church family. We are truly, truly blessed.

Frank Turner and Family

Once again I am reminded about what a supportive membership we have here at 1st UPC! From the We Care posters to cards, calls, and help to Bev and my family I could feel the support in prayers as I spent two weeks at Green Hills for therapy after my recent fall. God does move in mysterious ways as I met my roommate Herbert Plank and discovered he was Sue Dearwester's brother. I found out what a good place Green Hills is with Pam Ark working with activities. Good food and exceptional nursing care also assisted my recovery. The people in the rehab and therapy department made my arm & shoulder hurt, but they were doing what was necessary to help restore better function. Several times I was reminded of the curse when I fell (I wish I hadn't done that)! In that two weeks I found out why God gave me two arms: if the right one doesn't work, use the left one! I definitely decided that at my age I should be careful and not fall down. I still cannot shake hands with my right hand, but it is good to be able to be in church. God Bless You All...**Jim Collins**

To all my very good friends at First UP Church, thank you so much for the We Care poster given to me. You are all kind and wonderful people! I am truly happy to be back in this church and I thank you for being so good to me and my family. Thank you also for delivering the delicious meals to me and my son Fred (who stays with me occasionally). I love you all. Sincerely, **Ramona Harris**

Dear Friends, we wish to **THANK YOU** for your continued financial support of Our Daily Bread. Your \$200.00 donation will help to feed those less fortunate. Bless You.

Glenna M. Theis, Manager/Director Our Daily Bread

(This \$200.00 monthly donation is made possible through your generous support of 2-cents A Meal)

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for our "We Care" poster in honor of our 40th wedding anniversary. We appreciate the warm messages and your thoughtfulness. **Joan and Dick Smith**

Church News

The Love and Best Wishes of the 1st UPC Family of Faith are shared with

- **Emily Thompson and Brandon Hoffman** who were married September 10th. Emily, who is the daughter of Jim and Elaine Thompson, grew up within our church family. Emily, Brandon and son, Hayden, were our "Holy Family" on Christmas Eve, 2008!
- **Denny Lane and Mary Jane Sulcebarger** who were married September 17th.
- **Lori McIntyre and Troy Wilson** who were married on September 24th.

May you share a lifetime of happiness and blessing together!

THE SYMPATHY AND LOVE OF THE 1ST UPC FAMILY OF FAITH is shared with

- **Brandon Standley and Family** following the death of his uncle Leonard Standley in London, Ohio after an extended illness.
- **Audrey Lambert and Family** following the death of her sister Bernice in New Hampshire, Ohio.
- **Kathy & Ralph Morrison and family** following the death of her brother Donald Callander in Pennsylvania.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!

ATTENTION: COLLEGE STUDENTS & PARENTS

We Need College Addresses!! As soon as possible, please call (592-6611) or email us (1stupc@bellefontainepres.com) your college address. You don't want to miss out on those College Care Packages and our Entertaining and Informative Newsletters!!

Don't forget.....send us your addresses **TODAY!!**

ATTENTION MEMBERS WITH EMAIL

ADDRESS:

If you have a new email address send the church office a note, call or email. Thanks!
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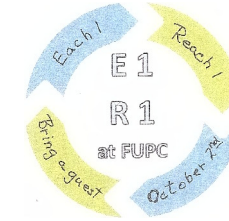
ATTENTION: NOODLERS AND NOODLE MAKING SUPPLIERS: We are making noodles!!! So come and join the party!!

The dates are: **Mondays, October 3, 10 and October 31.** Starting time to be at 5:30, but come anytime and ending time will be when we are too tired to roll anymore! **Big thanks in advance.**

***** We do need Oil, Eggs, All-purpose Flour and Workers. *****

We want enough for cooking at the Election Day luncheon and to have LOTS to sell at our Craft Bazaar.

The Presby Book Club will meet on **Oct 17th at 7:00** in the home of Judy Wical. We will be discussing the book "The Kitchen House" by Kathleen Grissom. Call Judy Wical or Marty Marine if you have any questions. Everyone is welcome to join the group.



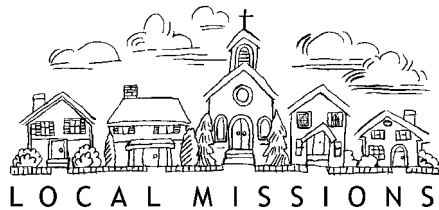
E1R1! On 10/2! What does this mean? **Each One Reach One!** Each one invite a friend to attend worship service with us. The more the merrier! There will be a coffee hour after service to honor new members and our visitors on Oct. 2nd. **E1R1!!! Who are you going to invite?**

CHOIR NEWS

The Chancel Choir will begin working on our Christmas Cantata in mid-October. Many people would like to participate in choir but aren't able to sing every Sunday. If you are interested in singing for the cantata, we would love to have you. The cantata will be performed during the morning worship service on December 18th. The Chancel Choir practices every Thursday evening at 7:30. Hope to see you there!

Cindy & Bob

November 2011 Newsletter Deadline: Monday, Oct. 24



LAST TUESDAY COMMUNITY DINNER. Our church serves an evening meal on the Last Tuesday of each month. This is a great opportunity to serve others in need. Please see Ranae Lentz to volunteer.




An ongoing project of our Board of Deacons, our **2-cents-A-Meal Offering** is an attempt to help meet hunger needs locally, within our own community. The basic idea is this: Bring 2 cents for every meal you have eaten in the previous month and place it in the **2c-A-Meal** boxes at each of the entrances to the sanctuary. Our Board of Deacons will see that these funds go to help feed the hungry locally through Our Daily Bread and the Lutheran Food Pantry. Remember the parable of Jesus feeding of the 5,000! Five loaves and two fishes fed a multitude! It only takes a little on your part – but it sure helps a lot when it comes to helping to feed hungry people!

Habitat for Humanity

“Building a Strong Community takes a Community”

Building a strong community takes a community. Habitat for Humanity in Logan County can use our help. Keeping Habitat in our prayers, sharing of our treasures and of our time. If you are interested in serving others through Habitat, please contact the church office or Kathleen Bow 539.0275.



It is the easiest, quickest, and fastest way for our organization to raise money!


Simply shop at any of the participating Community Cash supermarkets, save your cash register receipts and 1% cash back will be donated to us for qualifying purchases (tobacco, alcohol, purchased services and sales tax not included). Simply shop, save and support our organization!

Remember, save your cash register receipts and return them to our organization!

You'll get great prices, service and value by shopping locally, and our organization will receive much needed charitable funds.

Thanks for your Support!

Our Organization: First United Presbyterian
 Our Community Cash Stores: Fulmers & Community Mrkts.
 Our Organization Contact: Joyce Core



Remember Community Cash on your next shopping trip!

All proceeds benefit our 'In Church Sharing Fund'

Serving in October:

Deacons "On Call": Tammy Fowler & Julie Stephens

- Oct. 2:** Greeters: East Entrance: Nate & Becky Weber
 West Entrance: the Vigansky Family
 Back Door:
 Ushers: Margaret Appel, Frank Turner, Audrey Hurley, Toby & Jennifer Oelker, Betty Lloyd, Jeanne Zupp, Steve Cox, Adam Wunderle, Betty Kindell
 Sound Tech: Eric Caughenbaugh
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Betty Lloyd
 Preschool: Kelly Kite & Devin Fowler
 West: Elder Frank Turner
- Oct. 9:** Greeters: East Entrance: Tara Wagner
 West Entrance: the Standley Family
 Ushers: Margaret Appel, Bud Eichholtz, Jim Hilliker, Bridget Hawkins, David Ritter, Mark & Landyn Butler, Janice Bowsher and Rose Shoemaker
 Sound Tech: Rodney Willis
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Mark Butler
 Preschool: Bess & Evan Standley
 West: Elder Joyce Core
- Oct. 16:** Greeters: East Entrance: Warren & Celynn Taylor
 West Entrance: Andy & Robyn Wunderle
 Back Door:
 Ushers: Steve Mast, Michael Brady, Jon Hines, Betty Hunt, Ryan Lane, Cathy Draper, Vance Holloway, Allen Huffman
 Sound Tech: Paul Deardurff
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Anne Brienza
 Preschool: Carrie & Colin Yoder & Layne Mentzer
 West: Elder Bridgett Hawkins
- Oct. 23:** Greeters: East Entrance: Martha Lang
 West Entrance: the Lane Family
 Back Door:
 Ushers: Michael Chervenak, Brandon Standley, Peggy Hatcher, Eric Caughenbaugh, Vicky Petty, Pam McBrien, Bev & Jim Collins
 Sound Tech: Colin Yoder
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Larry McCarthy
 Preschool: JoAnn & Camryn Clark
 West: Elder Rob Storm
- Oct. 30:** Greeters: East Entrance: Marilyn & Rebecca Crisler
 West Entrance: the Kite Family
 Back Door:
 Ushers: Michael & Courtney Chervenak, Brandon Standley, Peggy Hatcher, Eric Caughenbaugh, Vicky Petty, Pam McBrien, Bev & Jim Collins
 Sound Tech: Bill Wical
 Acolytes:
 Nursery: The Amey's
 Elder Greeters: East: Elder Bill Wical
 Preschool: Jill Butler & Caroline Eader
 West: Elder Eric Adelsberger

* THIS MONTH'S *
birthdays

- October 1: Lois Ashworth
- October 3: Todd Heydinger & Dalton Mosbarger
- October 4: Lori Turner & Nick Heydinger
- October 6: Jack Ritter & Isaiah Brady
- October 7: Marla McCormick
- October 8: Jim Collins & Betty Kindell
- October 9: Melanie Lehman & Abby Kite
- October 10: Avery Caughenbaugh
- October 13: Ed Peters & Ty Rader
- October 14: Steve Cox
- October 15: Geoff Wisse
- October 16: Rebecca Crisler & Mark Butler
- October 17: Mark Amidon
- October 19: Bill Wical, Janice Bowsher & Caden Yoder
- October 22: Judy Wical
- October 24: Ben Stahler
- October 25: Liz Core
- October 26: Tracy Huffman
- October 28: Stephanie Rader & Eric Adelsberger
- October 30: Bev Deardurff

Happy Birthday to You

Happy Birthday to You

And many more.....!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

If we have missed a birthday, please call the office at 592-6611. We don't want to leave anyone out!!



FALL RETREAT A "BEE-HIVE" OF ACTIVITY AND FUN

Forty-one women of all ages gathered at Camp Wesley for our Third Annual Presbyterian Women's Fall Retreat. We discovered the "Secret Life of the Bee-Attitudes" as we sang, laughed, discussed, crafted, peeled apples, stirred apple butter and, of course, ate together. As our time together drew to a close we shared some of the blessings we had received from one another. And finally we celebrated communion, renewed and uplifted, before returning to our busy lives.

COFFEE HOUR "CORNER"

Stop by our display at the next after worship coffee hour to learn more about Presbyterian Women and discover the events or activities that most appeal to you as a woman of our church family who wants to grow in faith, service and fellowship at First UPC.

WE'RE CRAFTING AGAIN!

Please join us on Tuesday, October 11 @ 6 p.m. for a "Craft Night". We plan to decorate our jars of apple butter (over 160 jars), and fashion more of the beautiful angels we made at the Retreat. A Bazaar is planned again this year in conjunction with the annual Election Day Luncheon, and we will offer these items for sale. Of course we welcome your unique craft or baked item. Last year's Bazaar netted over \$1,000.00 for mission projects. We hope to meet or exceed that amount this year.

Of course, you may have a totally unique idea, and your items are certainly welcome! Just let us know using the form below:

Name _____ Phone _____

Item I plan to create _____ How many? _____

This recipe was made for the Women's Retreat and requested by the ladies.

Blessing Bars by Becky Mast

- 1 stick of butter
- 1 cup brown sugar

Bring this to a boil and then add:

- 1 pkg. almond chips
- 1/2 cup coconut
- 2 1/2 cups crushed rice Chex

Place 1/2 of mixture in a 9" square pan. Then spread

Softened Vanilla Ice Cream (about 2" thick) (approximately 1 quart)

Over top of Chex mixture.

Top with remaining Chex mixture. Freeze until ready to serve.

This serves approximately 9 people.

Thank you very much for your support!



ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON

The Women's Association is currently planning and organizing the annual Election Day Luncheon. **Everyone** in our church family is invited to participate in this traditional, worthwhile event. We need lots of help on Election Day, but there are other important ways you can help. Just let us know what you'd like to do, using the check list below. You may drop it in the offering plate on Sunday or at the church office. We will contact you with details.

I Can Help with the Election Day Luncheon.....

I Will....

___ **Donate money to purchase meat**

___ **Bake Pies** (*please MARK THE TYPE & NUMBER of pies you will be bringing*)

- #___ **FRUIT PIE** #___ **PECAN PIE** #___ **CRÈME PIE**
- #___ **PUMPKIN PIE**

___ **Make salads** (*please (CIRCLE) which salad you are bringing*)

- TOSSED** **BROCCOLI** **PASTA**
- MACARONI** **JELLO**

___ **Work on Tuesday**, Nov 8th, serving, cutting pies & salads, working in dining hall, cleaning up, etc.

___ **Deliver food** on Tuesday

___ **Help fill orders** on Tuesday

Name _____ Phone _____

ALL the proceeds will benefit various Mission Projects.

YOUR HELP IN ANY MANNER WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Women's Association



Kudos to Beth Powers for planning a wonderful program for Kick-off Sunday! Kudos also to the 99 that turned out for breakfast and to be a part of program! It was a fun morning and I don't think anybody went away hungry. We are ever so grateful to those that are giving of their time to teach on Sunday mornings and at other times. Here is a list of these folks, during your TAG time, will say an extra prayer for them? Jo Ann Clark, Julie Sailors, Jayne McAdams, Katie Amidon, Jennifer Elliott, Phyllis Lyons, Amy McIntyre, Vicky Petty, Bob Core, Frank Turner, Mark Butler, Michael Brady, Pam McBrien, Kelly Kite, Becky & Steve Mast, Celynn Taylor, Rachel Lang, Amy & Rodney Willis, Krista & Eric Adelsberger, Laura & Brad Flora, Bridgett Hawkins, Nancy Benedetti, Rob Fulton and Deb & Kent Amey. Also a word of thanks to Karen Brady, Janet Fulton, Julie Caughenbaugh, Tammy Fowler and Larry McCarthy who are taking a sabbatical from teaching right now.

Speaking of Sunday school...our Kindergarten and 1st grade class are learning about Naomi and Ruth on the 2nd of October, as are the 2/3 and 4/5 grade classes. The K/1 class will be holding a canned food collection on October 9th as part of their learning process. This is a one Sunday event; we will deliver the collected items on Monday October 10th to Our Daily Bread to help feed those in need in Bellefontaine and Logan country. Look for the collection boxes in the back of the Sanctuary and in the gym.

Several months ago I mentioned a new program that we would be starting up this Fall for our 4th and 5th graders, First Fridays. On the first Friday of each month starting October 7th, all the 4th and 5th graders are invited to join us (Bridgett Hawkins and myself) in the gym for an evening dedicated just to them. They are encouraged to bring a friend. One night we might play games, then another night we might be making cards for our college students, or designing a new tee shirt. Drop off is at 6:30 and pick up is at 8:00, we hope to have a full house on our first First Fridays!

As mentioned in Worship, WN@P begins October 5th. Come join the Church family as we fellowship around the table, then spend some time learning. The children will be working on learning the music for their Christmas program, "*Miracle on Main Street*"; our youth will be discussing "Hot Topics" with Krista Adelsberger and Bess Standley; and the adults will have the chance to investigate the NOOMA series by Pastor Rob Bell with Ann Brienza leading the conversation. Please plan on coming to join us each and every Wednesday.

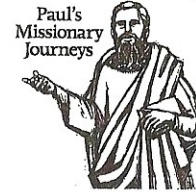
Youth fellowship has also begun, and there are some empty spots on the calendar for meals. If you are willing to prepare a meal on a Sunday, please let me know. The youth, their advisers and I would appreciate it.

Ms JoAnne

Journey in the Footsteps of Paul

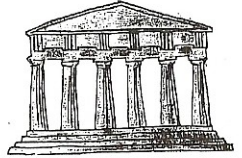
Pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece

With an Optional 4-Night Greek Island Cruise



Study Tour Led by Pastor Rob

March, 2012



Plans are currently underway for a 8 day/7 night **Journey to Turkey and Greece** to explore the travels and ministry of the Apostle Paul, the # 1 "Ambassador for Christ" in the early days of the Christian faith! No other individual is more important to the rapid spread of early Christianity throughout the Mediterranean world than Paul. Our journey will focus mainly on Paul's 2nd and 3rd Missionary journeys, with primary emphasis on Paul's efforts to carry the Gospel into the European world (Acts 16:6-10). Stops will include cities Paul no doubt encountered as he spread the Gospel and founded churches along the way!

Our journey will begin in **Istanbul in Turkey**, and then, as Paul did, we will "travel over into **Macedonia (Greece)**" where we will visit **Philippi, Thessaloniki, Corinth and Athens**, all cities where Paul visited, preached, lived and worked in his effort to make Jesus Christ known among the Gentiles!

We will also visit sites of significance in ancient Greek world as well, including **Delphi** and **Meteora**, the **Acropolis** and **Parthenon**.

And then, if you choose to join us, we will embark on a **Optional 4-day Cruise to the Greek Isles**, stopping at the ports of **Ephesus** in Turkey and **Patmos** where John was imprisoned for his faith and wrote the Book of Revelation, as well as the islands of **Mykonos, Rhodes, Crete** and **Santorini** before returning home to celebrate Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter with a renewed joy for our Christian faith!

Official brochures and registrations will be available soon, but if you are possibly interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact Pastor Rob ASAP so you can be included for an "early bird discount." Church Office 592-6611 or rob@bellefontainepres.com

Think about it! Pray about it! Spread the word! And then join us on this faith-enriching, eye-opening "**Journey in the Footsteps of Paul!**" It promises to be an adventure you'll treasure for a lifetime!

WN@P

Returns on

Wednesday, October 5th

Gathering Time5:15-5:30pm

Dinner 5:30-6:00 pm

Group Time6:00 – 6:45pm

Preschool & Elementary

“Miracle on Main Street”

2011 Children’s Christmas Musical

Youth

Today’s Hot Topics

Adults

The NOOMA DVD Series by Pastor Rob Bell



What is “The Presbytery of the Miami Valley?”

During the Presbytery meeting hosted by our church on September 13th, a few of our workers raised questions that I felt other people in the congregation might be interested in knowing as well.

Our church is a member of the Synod of the Covenant which is divided into 11 different Presbyterians (of which the Presbytery of the Miami Valley is but one) stretching across Ohio and Michigan (with tiny bits of Kentucky and Indiana thrown in for good measure!)

Our own Presbytery of the Miami Valley covers the entire southwest corner of Ohio with the exception of Hamilton County and Cincinnati. There are 69 churches spread across the counties of Logan, Shelby, Darke, Champaign, Miami, Clark, Montgomery, Greene, Preble, Butler, Warren and Clinton. Presbyterians can be found in Beaver Creek, Bellbrook, Belle Center, Bellefontaine, Blue Ball, Bradford, Carlisle, Cedarville, Clifton, Collinsville, Covington, Dayton (12 churches), Eaton, Fairborn, Farmersville, Greenville, Hamilton (2) Huber Heights, Huntsville, Jamestown, Lebanon, Middletown (2) Monroe, Morning Sun, New Carlisle, New Paris, Oxford, Reilly, Rushsylvania, Seven Mile, Sidney, Somerville, Springboro, South Charleston, Springfield (3), Springhills, Troy, Urbana, West Carrollton, West Liberty, Wilmington, Xenia (2) and Yellow Springs. These are the people who come to the Presbytery Meeting such as the one we hosted on 9/13.

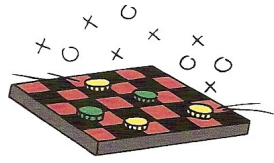
The last time 1st UPC hosted Presbytery was in 1999 when Pastor Rob Fulton was installed as Moderator of the Presbytery. Prior to that, we hosted Presbytery in 1986.

Approximately 120 Presbyters were served a DELICIOUS dinner along with a number of our own church family who did such a wonderful job coordinating and hosting our Presbytery that evening. The weather was wonderful, the church building was beautiful, our guests were warmly welcomed and everyone was most appreciative of our gracious hospitality. A special thanks to Sue Crawfis and Judy Wical who coordinate arrangements for the Presbytery meeting...and to EVERYONE who helped out in any way!

Bev Collins

Dear Rev. Fulton,

Thank you and your congregation for your graciousness at the Presbytery meeting on September 13. From the moment I arrived, I was greeted kindly and helped with my burdens. You all are very good people and a reflection of God’s love and mercy. Also, please tell those who prepared the meal that the food was great! Love that pumpkin pie!! In Christ, **John Mautler, Moderator, P.M.V.**

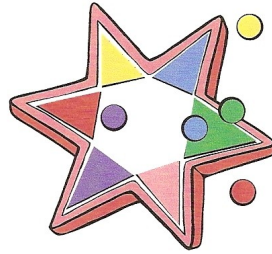


First Fridays

Something just for 4th and 5th graders...

October 7

6:30-8:00



Games, snacks, fellowship, and more....

Bring a friend! See you there!



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