

Thank and Tell Luncheon



**Blessing
Lunch**

Pastoral Reflections

2009 Review

2010 Response

Closing Hymn

2009 Year in Review



- Mission
- Discipleship
- Strengthening the Church
- Caring Ministries
- Christian Education
- Worship, Arts and Music
- Deacons

Mission (Local)



- Cold Weather Shelter
 - ~25 guests / night, > 100 volunteers
- Rebuilding Together
 - > 20 volunteers + PW ladies provided lunch
- Johns Hopkins Christmas Party Hosted in partnership with Knox Presbyterian Church
 - More than 75 guests
 - ~ 25 FPCHC volunteers
- Provided funding to:
 - “The Hammers”
 - Christian Services (thrift shop)
 - Foreign-born Information and Referral Network (FIRN)
 - Churches Concerned for the Homeless (CCH)
 - U of MD Campus Ministry
- Established Peacemaking Committee

Mission

(National / International)



- Hurricane Katrina relief – Pearlington, MS / Houma, LA
 - Two trips in 2009 (9 Total)
 - ~15 volunteers each trip
 - Rebuilt homes in conjunction with PDA program
- The Guatemala Project: In partnership with Union Maya Quiche Boca Costa Presbytery
 - 1 week of medical clinics
 - 1 week of community-based activities
 - 12 members/friends of FPCHC participated
 - 37 scholarships provided to mid & high school students
- Mission to Africa - Exploratory work in process
 - Hosted Shirley Hill, PC USA Missionary
- Provided funding to:
 - PC(USA) General Assembly for Mission
 - PC(USA) Theological Education Fund
 - Mahechas - Missionaries at Latin American Biblical University
 - Shirley Hill – Missionary in Cameroon Specializing in HIV/AIDS

Discipleship



- Church Life
 - Shrove Tuesday / Maundy Thursday / Easter Breakfast
 - Coffee Fellowship
 - Church Picnic
 - Frederick Keyes Baseball Night
 - Ministry Fair / Akwaaba Sunday
 - World Communion Sunday
 - Octoberfest Dinner
 - New Year's Brunch
 - Small Groups – 2 rounds (17 & 42 people)
 - Picture Directory – Coming Soon
- Welcoming
 - Welcoming Ministry Formation
 - Welcome/Information Center in Room 100
 - Five (5) New Member Orientation Classes
- Year Round Stewardship Ministry
 - Annual Response Program
 - Weekly Thought
 - Monthly Moment of Gratitude

Strengthening the Church



- Operate and Maintain Facilities with Volunteer Support
 - Spring work day / Saturdays of landscaping and yard work.
 - Beautified parking lot “island”
 - New carpet & moulding in the L.I.F.E. area
 - Painted Buck Hall
 - Purchased New Chairs for Buck Hall
 - Renovations in Life rooms
 - Dozens of Other Repairs and TLC
 - Painted the Narthex
- Support Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Sea Scouts
 - Eagle project constructed dry creek bed in the wooded area
- Electronic giving is now at 20 participants - start yours today!
- Pastor Parish Personnel (P3)

Caring Ministries



- Health Ministry
 - Mobile Meals are here and in use
 - Automated External Defibrillator located outside of the sanctuary
 - Blood Pressure Screening - identified people at risk
- Stephen Ministry: 5 trained ministers
- First Friends: 20-25 Lay visitors
- Intercessory Prayer Group – weekly
- Needlework Ministry: infant/baptismal items
- Bereavement Ministry in Development
- Family Support Fund: Donation Funded
- Care of Creation
 - Earth Day Forum ongoing with guest speakers and community partnerships - emphasis action groups growing
 - 40 Families composting
 - Energy Audit group is expanding
 - VBS re-usable education program
 - Church recycling program – through private contractor for fee; Howard County program halted due to budget reasons

Christian Education



- Nursery & toddler care for services & events
- ARK Sunday school ages 2 thru 1st grade
- Godly Play for church services
- LIFE Sunday school 2nd thru 5th grade
- Christmas pageant - children ages 4 thru 5th grade
- Mid & Senior high youth socialize together, then break into Mid high and Senior high Bible study
- Mid and senior high youth groups
 - Cardboard boat race - won Best Team Spirit
 - Youth retreats
 - Spaghetti dinner and dessert auction
 - Snow skiing and tubing
 - Pumpkin patch – raised \$4,744
- 16 youth confirmed
- Adult education: Bible Study, Financial Peace University, Book Club
- Jerusalem Market Place - Lent
- Morning in Bethlehem – Advent
- Vacation Bible School - 200 children, 100+ volunteers

WAM



- Special services to celebrate liturgical festivals
- Worship Music – Transition to a single music for both traditional and contemporary
 - Musicians and vocalists
 - Choir
 - Bells
- Dixie Land Band Mission
- Weekly Sanctuary Flowers
- Banners for Each Season
- Four (4) Special Concerts with receptions
- Preparation and Serving of Communion
- Ushers and Greeters
- Technical Services
- ~20 Liturgists supporting 8am/11am services

Deacons



- Guests at the Coalition for Compassion and HC food bank pantries were able to supplement their meals. ~25 bags of food and other household items are delivered monthly – **Just One Can**
- Kids from Running Brook E.S. had a good start to their new school year. Over 1200 items donated - **School Supply Drive**
- 16 families will enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner from food baskets, 2,500 in food cards provided to 25 FIRN, 16 CCH & 3 Howard County families - **Thanksgiving Basket Drive**
- Approx 100 children from FIRN and Salvation Army families will have a Merry Christmas - **Christmas Stocking Project**

Deacons



- **Compassion Fund -Yellow envelopes** assisting church members and HC community members with compassionate financial assistance e.g. food cards, \$300/mo to CAC
- Two Red Cross Blood Drives
- Thrift Shop collections
- Card Ministry
- Mitten Tree
- Provide meals to Congregation members experiencing difficult times
- Provide transportation for Congregation members to church and medical appointments
- Serve Communion to homebound Congregation Members



2010 Response

2010 Response (thru 11/15/09)



- 2010 Responses = 186
- Primary Giving units = 344 families
 - Active Member Families (322)
 - Active Visitors (22)
- Other Giving Units
 - Confirmed Youth (103)
 - Non-Resident Members (24)
- 2009 Responses for Comparison = 208
 - Total Responses Received through 1/9/09

2010 Response (thru 11/15/09)



- 2010 Response
 - Received 186 Responses
 - Giving Estimates = \$546,724
 - Average Estimate = \$2,940

- 2009 Response for Comparison
 - Received 208 Responses
 - Received \$526,592
 - Average Response \$2,532

Now Thank We All Our God



Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our Mother's arms, hath Blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today

A pair of hands, one above the other, cupping a glowing, golden-yellow orb of light. The background is dark and textured, possibly a blue fabric. The text is overlaid on the image in white, bold, sans-serif font.

**On Behalf of the Pastors,
Session and Deacons,**

**Thank You For All That You Do
and Making First Presbyterian
a Loving, Caring Community
For Christ**