

St. John's, Bem  
United Church  
Of Christ

# The Scoop!

September, 2009

"...no matter who you  
are or where you are  
on life's journey, you  
are welcome here in  
the United Church  
of Christ..."

## *From the Pastor's Keyboard...*

*"Living Servant Lives"*

*"...with so many churches out there 'preaching Jesus' more than they preach what Jesus preached, I love the way United Church of Christ congregations seek to truly live the example of Jesus' life, reaching out to those in need ...rather than just preaching a message ...at those in need..." This sentence was written by a Pastor colleague of mine in her monthly column in her church's newsletter. As I read that statement, it caused me to think just a bit about what it means to be the church in the world.*

*This introspection comes partly because of the focus of our worship this month. The book of James is our lectionary selection for August 30 and the four Sundays of September. James is only five chapters long; just 3½ short pages in my Bible. In those five short chapters, James challenges us to action. James tells us to get up and get moving and let God's inspiration in your soul motivate your schedule, priorities, and desires. James tells us to let the actions of our lives be reflections of God's presence in our hearts.*

*This challenge by James is especially relevant in our church life today; where so many commitments turn our priorities away from living lives that are expressions of our faith. We are busy people, and that busy-ness is often reflected in worship attendance. Maybe James has something to tell us about how to reflect in our lives the priorities that are in our heart.*

*But despite low worship attendance at times, we are a community of faith that knows to whom we belong; we are God's children, and we do our best to live lives that are reflections of that identity. May God's light within you inspire you all to worship; to action; to live lives that express your faith. May the challenge of James be taken up into your lives as well.*

*(Challenge- pick up your Bible and read the book of James; it is very short.  
It should not take you more than ten minutes or so. What is it saying to you?)*

*-Pastor Rick*

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## **CROP WALK- SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH!**

Hungry people in developing countries typically walk as much as six miles a day to get food, water, and fuel and to take their goods to market. We walk to be in solidarity with their struggle for existence! ***“We Walk Because They Walk”*** is the slogan of the CROP Walk campaign, which Bem Church will be participating in once again. ***The CROP Walk will be our September “Mission of the Month.”*** Our annual CROP walk will be on October 4<sup>th</sup> this year.

These walks were begun by folks just like us; farmers just after World War II, who saw the plight of the war-torn European countries, and wanted to aid in their relief. Though decades have passed, the mission remains the same. Church World Services, which benefits from the CROP walks, is now spending much of its resources aiding refugees all around the world. As is our nature, we are called to respond. It should be noted, though that refugees are but one of many of those who benefit from our walks; in fact, ***25% of the funds raised stay in the Owensville community to help those in need here at home!***

Last year, Bem Church raised \$4830 for our CROP contribution through walkers and donors; we were just short of our goal of \$5000. In the past, we have raised as much as \$5000+. This year, our Mission Committee has determined that ***we can do it again; we are passionate about justice, and we can raise \$5000 again!***

CROP walk will be the theme of the five Sundays in September, and October 4<sup>th</sup> as well. Betty Fletcher and Laura Shore will begin signing up walkers on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Start looking forward to this great campaign, begin talking about it with your friends, and let’s see another Bem Church rally; “We Walk Because They Walk!”

***\*\*Technological opportunity-***

***You can now send emails to friends all across the world asking them to donate to your CROP walk fundraising campaign!***

***If you are tech-savvy, go to [www.cropwalkonline.org](http://www.cropwalkonline.org), click on the state of Missouri, then on the line for the “Owensville CROP Walk.”***

***From there, follow the directions to join the “Bem Church Team.”***

***This is a great way to get contributions from friends world wide!***

***Questions? Ask Pastor Rick.***

## **PRAYER LIST**

For a copy of the St. John’s, Bem prayer list email Pastor Rick or call the church office! Email Pastor Rick at: [rick@bemchurch.com](mailto:rick@bemchurch.com) or call 573.437.3698!

## **SAVE YOUR ENVELOPES**

When you receive your offering envelopes in the mail each month, there is a white envelope included that is addressed to Bem Church. Don’t throw this envelope away! If you are just throwing it away each month, bring it to church and leave it on Carole’s desk, or in the pew pocket in front of you. If you use it to send your offering in, then please continue to do so.

## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR 2009**

Vicky Huebner, President; Doug Shockley, Vice President; Jackie Mitchell, Treasurer;  
Dee Ruegge, Secretary; Curtis Aytes and Keith Glaser, Trustees;  
and Diana Halmick, Pastor Parish Relations Committee Representative.

## **SCRIPTURES FOR SEPTEMBER**

These are the scripture readings and topics we will be exploring in worship during the month of September. Read ahead! It is always beneficial if you read these before Sunday morning; you will get much more out of worship that way!

### **September 6<sup>th</sup>- Communion Sunday “Guided by Faith”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 125  
Epistle Lesson: James 2:1-17  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 7:24-30

### **September 13<sup>th</sup>- Rally Day “The Perils of Teaching”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 19  
Epistle Lesson: James 3:1-12  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 8:27-38

### **September 20<sup>th</sup>- Camp Mo-Val Day “Wisdom in the Woods”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 1  
Epistle Lesson: James 3:13-4:3  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:30-37

### **September 27<sup>th</sup> – Baptism of Jordyn Mittelhauser**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 124  
Hebrew Scripture: James 5:13-20  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:38-50

## **VISIT THE MISSION & SOCIAL CONCERNS SHARING TABLE**

In an effort to try to meet the needs of our community, the Mission and Social Concerns Committee has set up a *Sharing Table* in the Sofa Room. Helping and sharing with each other in the good times and the difficult times makes us even more the body of Christ. At this table you will find the cart for collecting Best Choice & Campbell’s Soup labels; Box Tops for Education coupons; eyeglasses; empty prescription bottles; and cancelled stamps. The Coupon Corner is here, the Pairs & Spares Penny Jar for the Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance is on the table, and you can leave your pull tabs there as well.

## **SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AWARDS TWO SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2009**

The Bem Church Scholarship Committee has awarded two scholarships in 2009: to Zachary Morris, who is attending the University of Missouri in Columbia; and to Kolby Baker, who is attending Benedictine College in Atchison, Kansas.

Despite the economic uncertainties that have shaken our country the past year, the Scholarship Fund has done remarkably well, with most of its funds invested in relatively secure vehicles. This has enabled the Scholarship fund to weather the storm that has shaken up our economy, and has enabled us to continue our ministry of enabling educational excellence.

The Scholarship Committee will be continuing its work this fall, finalizing an Investment Policy and looking at our application guidelines to be more intentional in our mission and ministry with our scholars. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to a committee member: Jan Yamnitz, Paula Shockley, or Tammy Baxter, Chair.

## **SAVE YOUR INKJET CARTRIDGES!**

What are you doing with your inkjet cartridges when they are empty? Are you just throwing them away? If so, please put them in a plastic bag and bring them to church! We are able to get discounts on our office supply purchases based on inkjet cartridges returned for recycling; a win-win situation! We help the environment with less plastic in landfills, and we help our church budget as well. There is a box in the sofa room at church for collecting these cartridges. Thank you for your support!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13- WITH YOU!**

At Bem Church, we have been using a rotation model program for our preschool thru fifth grade classes for two years now. In this program, the students hear the same Biblical story four weeks in a row; and each week they experience that story through a different learning style. Workshops include theatre, cooking, science experiments, art, recreation and investigation. The Biblical stories are reinforced through repetition and varied hands-on learning styles, so that by the end of the unit the knowledge is integrated into their lives, not just heard and dismissed.

**Our kids need YOU!** The unique aspect of this program is that when you shepherd a class or lead a workshop, you only commit to a four week rotation. Every four weeks, a new slate of teachers takes over. The challenge is that every four weeks we need to find new teachers! ***In July, the Christian Education Committee sent out a schedule for the coming year, requesting teacher assistance for certain dates.*** We had a very favorable response to this schedule, and are finalizing our volunteer positions for the year. If you are interested in helping and did not receive a schedule request in the mail, contact us in the church office to join in the fun!

**Classes start 9/13-** with a great unit focusing on “Moses”. The fun starts at 8:45 in the church Sanctuary. Don’t miss out! ***Don’t forget the Adult Class, meeting in the church office each Sunday morning.*** All kinds of fun opportunities are waiting for you this year in Christian Education; come check it out!

## **EXCITING NEW FALL ACTIVITIES FOR BEM CHURCH YOUTH**

Bem Church Middle School and Senior High Youth- there is a buzz of excitement building at Bem Church and it is all about you! We are putting together some great fall plans and charting a whole new direction for our Middle and Senior High Sunday School classes- and our Youth Group as well! Come check things out and be a part of the buzz!

**SENIOR HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL-** Our Senior High Sunday School class is going to be led by Sara Whelan, Erin West, and Tina Wnuk- and they have exciting plans that you have to check out. They will be using a curriculum centered on a coffee shop theme; and they have all kinds of surprises in store for you! They will be meeting upstairs at 8:45 each Sunday; you will want to get there on time to check out what they have “cooking”...

**MIDDLE HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL-** Hester Tayloe, Keith Glaser, and Andrea Goodman will be leading our Middle High class; and they are excited, too! They will be working together to make your Sunday School class an adventure to remember. Be here at 8:45 Sunday Mornings; you won’t want to miss the fun!

**BEM YOUTH FELLOWSHIP-** Even more exciting opportunities are awaiting the Bem Church Middle and Senior High Youth in our Youth Fellowship Group! Sara Whelan, Erin West, Tina Wnuk, Keith Glaser and Andrea Goodman are all going to be joining Darin and Jodi Layman as youth advisors; giving us the opportunity to make exciting plans and participate in great ministry together! Mark your calendars for the Second Sunday of each month; we will be gathering up at Bem Church from 5:00-7:00pm each Second Sunday for fun, games, food, worship and service as we celebrate the bonds of friendship and community that join us all together as Christians! ***Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00-7:00pm*** will be the Big Kick-off Youth Rally; come be a part of it! More info to come! Watch for details!

### **CAMP MO-VAL SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Camp Mo-Val is more than just collection of buildings and fun activities; it is an extension of our work, our mission and our ministry in the local church. It is Holy Ground where people have the opportunity and support to experience God in new ways, to grow in their faith, and to strengthen their commitment to sharing God's love and bounty with others. It is a springboard for future clergy; it is a place for faith development and nurture. It is also a ministry that needs our financial support to continue to thrive.

Camp Mo-Val is currently funded greatly by contributions to Our Church's Wider Mission. With decreasing support for Our Church's Wider Mission and increasing bills, Camp Mo-Val is suffering a great financial crisis. The good news, however is that we have the opportunity to help continue the ministry that is so vital to our community of faith.

On Sunday, September 20th, we are invited to lift up this vital ministry and celebrate Camp Mo-Val Sunday. Congregations all across the Missouri Mid-South Conference are asked to receive a special offering on that day to support *the general operating fund at Camp Mo-Val*. Churches have been asked to set a goal of **\$3 per member** for our collection that day; for us that would amount to **\$750**. We raised this amount for Shannondale earlier this year; surely we can do the same for Mo-Val. We will be discussing this in church on September 13<sup>th</sup> and collecting this special offering on September 20<sup>th</sup>; but if you want to contribute at another time, that is okay, too. Special envelopes will be available in September; but you can contribute by writing "*Camp Mo-Val Operating Fund*" on any envelope and dropping it in the plate; or sending it in to the church office. Let's work together to help this mission thrive!

### **BOOK STUDY ON "THE SHACK"**

Have you read the book "The Shack"? For those of you who have not, it is a very spiritual investigation into the presence of God in our lives, the nature of the Trinity, and the power of the Holy Spirit moving through us. It questions how our experiences bind us and blind us to nurture and development; and it causes one to reexamine their very relationship with God. It is a very challenging book that many members of our congregation have read; and we will be discussing it in September.

Mark your calendars for three Wednesdays; September 16, 23 and 30 at 7:00pm. We will gather and discuss the insight and angst this book has offered us. Some folks have enjoyed this read; others have been a bit put off by it; but we will all gather and discuss how it has affected our faith in many different ways.

If you do not own a copy of "The Shack" there *are some available in the church office for \$15 each*. See Carole or Pastor Rick to get a copy; or pick one up when you are at church. If you have your own copy, feel free to use that! We will meet you at "The Shack"

### **RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY**

The Mission and Social Concerns Committee of Bem Church is working to respond to the needs of our community through Helping Hands Food Pantry! We are currently collecting toothpaste for distribution at Helping Hands. Our goal is to collect 300 tubes of toothpaste over the next few months, to meet the needs of the 300 clients they serve monthly. Pick up an extra tube of toothpaste next time you are at the store; and bring it to church next Sunday!

**SEPTEMBER SERVICE SCHEDULE**

*Flowers: Jane Peanick*

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|--|--|-------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Nursery Workers:</b><br>9/6: Allison Baker<br>& Vicky Huebner | <b>Greeters:</b><br>Jackie Mitchell<br>& Robert Neuls Families | <b>Lay Reader:</b><br>Esther Tayloe | <b>Acolytes:</b><br>Andrew Carey<br>& Kelsey Baxter |
| 9/13: Crystal Blankenship<br>& Dana Chapman                      | Betty Fletcher<br>& Sadie Kohrman Families                     | Betty Fletcher                      | Andrew Carey<br>& Tanner Goodman                    |
| 9/20: Nancy Jenkins<br>& Suzan Wilson                            | Frances Graham Family  | Jamie Schultz                       | Sable Huebner<br>& Kelsey Baxter                    |
| 9/27: Brenda Sieckmann<br>& Sharon Bacon                         | Gary Peanick Family  | Nancy Carl                          | Sable Huebner<br>& Tanner Goodman                   |
|  |  |                                     |   |

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH- SEPTEMBER 2009**

9/2- Roger Altemeyer; 9/3- Kim Oberle; 9/5- Sarah Scantlin, Michael Yamnitz, Kristie Zaccagnino;  
 9/6- Sharon Adkison; 9/7- Zach Peters; 9/9- Robert Idel, Drew West;  
 9/10- Lois Altemeyer, Kelsey Baxter, Garret West; 9/11- Fran Graham; 9/12- Kelly Oldfather;  
 9/14- Jackie Kohrman; 9/15- Tina Wnuk, Amelia Ley; 9/16- Annette Burton; 9/17- Janice Spurgeon;  
 9/18- Gladys Koepke, Shelby Oberle, Carlee Ann Mehrhoff; 9/19- Westin Kramme;  
 9/21- Curtis Aytes; 9/22- Danny Baxter; 9/24 Katie Havelka, Jessica Mittelhauser;  
 9/25-Wayne Buschmeyer, Drew Chapman; 9/29-Travis Kramme; 9/30- Michelle Hinson

...Happy Birthday!

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH- SEPTEMBER 2009**

9/1- Nancy & Richard Carl; 9/7- Judene & Steve Hullinghoff; 9/8- Jane & Gary Peanick;  
 9/13- Tammy & Danny Baxter; 9/17- Trisha & Patrick Mistler; 9/18- Kerri & Brad Carey;  
 9/20- Jessica & Chad Mittelhauser, Liz & Matt Fletcher; 9/22- Janice & Gary Spurgeon;  
 9/23- Julie & Brad Czechin; 9/30- JoAnn & Ken Glaser

...Happy Anniversary!

**ATTENDANCE**

| Date:           | Worship:   | Date:             | Worship:   |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| Sunday, July 5  | 100        | Sunday, August 2  | 104        |
| Sunday, July 12 | 111        | Sunday, August 9  | 78         |
| Sunday, July 19 | 91         | Sunday, August 16 | 63         |
| Sunday, July 26 | 118        | Sunday, August 23 | 165        |
|                 |            | Sunday, August 30 | 130        |
| <b>Total:</b>   | <b>420</b> | <b>Total:</b>     | <b>540</b> |
| Average:        | 105        | Average:          | 108        |

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN- A HOME FOR LOOSE CHANGE**

The Penny Jar is back! Pairs and Spares has revived the Penny Jar and is putting it to good use in ministry in our community. The Penny Jar will be in the narthex of the sanctuary, awaiting your contributions of loose change. The funds raised in the penny jar will be forwarded to the Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance, for much needed services in our community.

**THANK YOU!**

*(Some thank you notes may be edited due to space limitations)*

**Dear Pastor Oberle,**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Helping Hands Outreach Center I wish to thank the church members of St. John's, Bem for their continued very generous support of our food pantry operation. The 11 bags of food items donated on July 29, and \$102 donated on July 15<sup>th</sup> have helped us meet some of the food needs of the residents of our area. The need is great; in June and July we served 299 households each month. We are grateful for your members' recognition of the needs that people have, and their willingness to help us meet those needs.

**Sincerely,**

**Andrew J. Michel, President, Helping Hands Outreach Center**

**Dear Church Family and Pairs and Spares,**

Thanks for helping me go to church camp this year. I went to Senior High camp at Tambo and had an awesome time. We hung out and I met more new people and saw the old friends from NYE, CYE, and camp Mo-Val.

**Thanks and God Bless! -Jacob Kohrmann**

**To My Church Family,**

Thank you to my church family for helping send me to church camp this summer. I loved it even though it rained! I can't wait to go again next year.

**-Love, Raegan West**

**TIME PASSAGES**

***Births...***

Olivia Rhiann Spurgeon was born on July 19, 2009 to parents Ashley and Matthew Spurgeon! Olivia weighed 7lbs 8ozs and was 19.5 inches long. Grandparents are Gary and Janice Spurgeon! Matt is the Missouri Conservation Agent in Montgomery County, where they live. Congratulations!

Alana Nevin Wilson was born on July 19, 2009 to parents Suzan Wilson and Darren Wilson. Alana weighed 6lbs 1oz. Congratulations!

***Baptisms...***

Wyatt Evan Shaw was baptized into the Christian Faith on August 2, 2009 in the Sanctuary of St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ with Rev. Rick Oberle officiating. Parents are Renee (Jenkins) Shaw and Brandon Shaw; Sponsors are Jennifer Jenkins and Tina Medlock.

Myla Nicoal Lauth was baptized into the Christian Faith on August 23, 2009 in the Sanctuary of St. John's, Bem UCC with Rev. Rick Oberle officiating. Parents are Brandi (Ringeisen) Lauth and Christopher Lauth; Sponsors are Clay Chapman, Roxie Meyer, and Jennifer Lindemann.

***Funerals...***

God's promises of New Life and Resurrection were fulfilled in the life of Beulah Rutz, who died on August 1, 2009 at the age of 86 years. Beulah was a long time member of St. John's Bem; and a community leader in the Owensville Community. Funeral services for Beulah were held at Owensville Christian Church on August 5, 2009 with Pastors Hal Brown and Rick Oberle officiating.

***New Members...***

Welcome to two new members who were received this summer; **Andrea Hinson**, who was received into membership on June 21, 2009; and **Renee Shaw**, who was received into membership on August 2, 2009. Both Renee and Andrea grew up at Bem Church and, after moving away for a while, have returned and rejoined this community of faith. **Welcome Andrea and Renee!**

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS

**Congratulations to Tucker Huebner** who won Grand Champion at the Missouri State Fair in Sedalia! This honor puts him in the top ten in competition in the entire state of Missouri! *Congratulations, Tucker! Congratulations also to all who won awards in fairs this summer!*

### PAIRS AND SPARES THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

The Pairs and Spares Fellowship Group at Bem Church thanks you for all your donations of breads, jellies, jams, and other saleable items for their country store at the Bem Church Picnic. They had a great time selling their wares; and raised a good amount of money for ministry at Bem Church. *Most of what they raise goes right back to the church to help our ministry in so many ways.* There will be no Pairs and Spares meeting in September; they will next meet October 4<sup>th</sup> with a carry in meal.

### GRAPE COUNTRY CLUSTER- CHURCHES IN MISSION TOGETHER

The next meeting of the Grape Country Cluster will be on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Gerald at 7:00pm. The October meeting will be on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm right here at St. John's, Bem! Plan now to attend these great gatherings and mingle with fellow UCC members in our community. These are a great time together and a great chance to find out what is happening in the wider church. Come check them out!

### EASTERN ASSOCIATION FALL MEETING

The Fall meeting of the Eastern Association of the United Church of Christ will be at Good Shepherd United Church of Christ in St. Peters, MO. The business meeting begins at 2:00pm and supper is served at 5:30pm. This is the annual business meeting of the Association. Bem Church is allowed to bring, in addition to Pastor Rick, four adults and two youth as voting delegates; but any visitors are allowed to attend. We are planning on recognizing Laura Shore as our Honored Laywoman from the Eastern Association to this past General Synod; and Pastor Rick is nominated to be voted in as Eastern Association Council President. Come see what your fellow UCC churches are up to; and be a part of the work and fellowship of the Eastern Association!

### APPLE BUTTER TIME- NEW! DIABETIC APPLE BUTTER AVAILABLE!

The Bem Church Apple Butter Cooking Crew will be whirling into action on *September 14, 15, & 16* this year as they cook up gallons of Apple Butter for sale in our community. This annual event is a fund raiser for the Cemetery Fund; and the batches are usually sold as quickly as they come out of the kettle! There are several ways you can help make this fund raiser a success:

- **Donating jars for Apple Butter-** We are in need of jars; quarts and pints. Right now we are in dire need of pint jars- they are always the hardest to come by!
- **Washing jars-** The jars that we have need to be washed; they will be setting out under the picnic pavilion starting this week. Come by and pick up a case or three or more and run them thru your dishwasher; just be sure to have them back here by Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> so we can see how many more we need to buy before Monday!
- **Cooking Apple Butter-** There is always a need for stirrers on Apple Butter days; come by and enjoy the fellowship of this event! (please coordinate this with Carole)
- **Buying Apple Butter-** We are taking orders for the finished product- Pints \$4.00; Quarts \$7.00. Don't wait until the day of; it may all be gone! Contact Carole today and place your order- 573.437.3698 or [carole@bemchurch.com](mailto:carole@bemchurch.com). (*Check out the new diabetic Apple Butter!*)

Don't miss out on this fun fall event! Order your Apple Butter today!

**BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

|                              |                 |  |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|
| <b>General Fund</b>          |                 | <b>Etta Licklider VBS Fund Savings</b> |                 |
| <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b> | <b>\$4023.</b>  | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09:</b>          | <b>\$804</b>    |
| Income:                      |                 | <b>Etta Licklier VBS Fund CD</b>       |                 |
| Offering                     | \$6860          | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09:</b>          | <b>\$10,591</b> |
| Interest                     | \$54            | <b>Pastor's Housing Equity Fund</b>    |                 |
| Tower                        | \$550           | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09:</b>          | <b>\$2206</b>   |
| Reimbursements, transfers    | \$1513          | <b>Quilters</b>                        |                 |
| VBS Income                   | <u>\$220</u>    | <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b>           | <b>\$2697</b>   |
| Total Income                 | \$9197          | Income: fair premiums                  | \$30            |
| Expense: Budgeted Items      | (\$11,303)      | Expense:                               | \$125           |
| <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b> | <b>\$1916</b>   | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>           | <b>\$2602</b>   |
| <b>Building Fund</b>         |                 | <b>Pairs and Spares</b>                |                 |
| <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b> | <b>\$1782.</b>  | <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b>           | <b>\$1630</b>   |
| Income:                      | \$61            | Income: Penny Jar                      | \$29            |
| Expense: parsonage bath fan  | (\$200)         | Expenses:                              | (\$57)          |
| <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b> | <b>\$1643.</b>  | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>           | <b>\$1602</b>   |
| <b>Cemetery Fund</b>         |                 | <b>Mission &amp; Social Concerns</b>   |                 |
| <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b> | <b>\$2168</b>   | <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b>           | <b>\$806</b>    |
| Income:                      |                 | Income:                                |                 |
| Envelopes                    | \$25            | Expense:                               |                 |
| Interest                     | <u>\$200.</u>   | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>           | <b>\$806</b>    |
| Total Income                 | \$225           | <b>Youth Fellowship Account</b>        |                 |
| Expense: Mowing              | <u>(\$400.)</u> | <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b>           | <b>\$259.</b>   |
| <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b> | <b>\$1994</b>   | Income:                                | \$15            |
| <b>Special Offering Fund</b> |                 | Expense:                               | (\$31)          |
| <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b> | <b>\$718.</b>   | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>           | <b>\$243.</b>   |
| Income:                      |                 | <b>Hospitality Committee</b>           |                 |
| Mission Fund                 | \$585.          | <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b>           | <b>\$866</b>    |
| Helping Hands Food Pantry    | \$74            | Income:                                |                 |
| Festival of Sharing          | \$15            | Expenses:                              | (\$45)          |
| Strengthen the Church        | <u>\$161</u>    | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>           | <b>\$821</b>    |
| Total Income                 | \$834           | <b>Hospitality Committee Savings</b>   |                 |
| Disbursements:               | (\$857)         | <b>Balance as of 8-15-09:</b>          | <b>\$584</b>    |
| <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b> | <b>\$695.</b>   |  |                 |
| <b>Memorial/Gift Fund</b>    |                 |  |                 |
| <b>Balance as of 7-15-09</b> | <b>\$9604</b>   |  |                 |
| Expense: Projector & mounts  | (\$1088)        |  |                 |
| <b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b> | <b>\$8516</b>   |  |                 |

**FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT: HOW ARE WE DOING IN 2009?**

Year to Date income as of August 23, 2009 was **\$88,199**; Year to Date goal for that period was **\$93,500**. This puts us behind in our budgeted income by **\$5301** or **6%**. Our picnic income will pull this amount from red into black, for sure; but September is a month with *very steep bills* to pay; 3 hefty insurance payments, picnic expenses *and our Campership Fees!* Your faithful stewardship as we head into the last four months of 2009 makes our ministry happen!

***Bem Church German Dinner coming up on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>; mark your calendars now!***

**ST. JOHN'S UCC, BEM- SEPTEMBER 2009 CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES- 10:00am; SUNDAY SCHOOL- 8:45am**

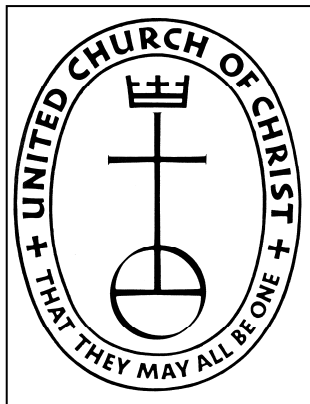
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| September 1 <sup>st</sup> -  | Pastor/Parish Relations Committee                     | 6:30pm        |
| September 2 <sup>nd</sup> -  | Confirmation  | 5:30pm        |
| September 8 <sup>th</sup> -  | Opening Convocation at Eden Seminary                  | 10:00am       |
| September 9 <sup>th</sup> -  | Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC        | 10:30am       |
|                              | Confirmation  | 5:30pm        |
| September 12 <sup>th</sup> - | Fall Festival in Owensville                           |               |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup> - | <b>Rally Day- Sunday School Begins!</b>               | <b>8:45am</b> |
|                              | Middle High/Senior High Youth Rally at Church         | 5:00-7:00pm   |
| September 14 <sup>th</sup> - | Apple Butter Cooking                                  |               |
|                              | Council Meeting                                       | 6:30pm        |
| September 15 <sup>th</sup> - | Apple Butter Cooking                                  |               |
| September 16 <sup>th</sup> - | Apple Butter Cooking                                  |               |
|                              | Confirmation  | 5:30pm        |
|                              | "The Shack" Book Study                                | 7:00pm        |
| September 17 <sup>th</sup> - | Pastor Rick at Helping Hands Food Pantry              | 11:00am       |
| September 19 <sup>th</sup> - | Country Fair at New Hope United Methodist Church      |               |
| September 21-23              | Pastor Rick at Conference Persons in Ministry Retreat |               |
| September 23 <sup>rd</sup> - | "The Shack" Book Study                                | 7:00pm        |
| September 27 <sup>th</sup> - | <b>Jordyn Mittelhauser Baptism</b>                    | 10:00am       |
|                              | Eastern Association Meeting at Good Shepherd UCC      | 2:00pm        |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup> - | Mission Committee Meeting                             | 7:00pm        |
| September 29 <sup>th</sup> - | Grape Country Cluster Meeting at St. Paul, Gerald     | 7:00pm        |
| October 1 <sup>st</sup> -    | Christian Education Committee Meeting                 | 6:30pm        |
| October 3 <sup>rd</sup> -    | Bem Church German Dinner                              | 4:00-7:00pm   |
| October 4 <sup>th</sup> -    | CROP Walk at Memorial Park                            |               |

**QUILTING EVERY TUESDAY 9:00AM-2:00PM: BRING SACK LUNCH**

**YOGA EVERY MONDAY: 6:00-7:30pm**

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