

St. John's, Bem  
United Church  
Of Christ

# The Scoop!

October, 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...*

*October is Stewardship Month, and all throughout the month we will be talking about how we can be better stewards of the resources God has given us. Many folks hear the word "Stewardship" and think solely about "Money". The reality is that money is just one tool at our disposal; just one of our resources; just one element of Stewardship. (Keep an eye out inside this newsletter for other "Good Stewardship" practices!)*

*We will begin our Stewardship Focus on October 4<sup>th</sup>, talking about what Stewardship is. The following three Sundays we will focus on three themes of Stewardship: Time, Talent and Treasure. Each of these aspects are challenging in today's pluralistic culture, and we will spend time together dealing with how we live into these aspects of Stewardship in our lives.*

*During these four Sundays of October, we will also have special bulletin inserts about Stewardship. As we discuss our role as stewards in worship, be sure to read the wisdom conveyed on these inserts. The theme for this Stewardship focus is from John 1:16 "From Jesus' fullness we all have received, grace upon grace." The wisdom shared with us through this Biblical lens is very valuable indeed.*

*On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saint's Day, our Stewardship focus will come to an end and we will ask you to offer your financial faith promises to God. As we have done the past two years, this faith promise card is a three-part card. The financial faith promises posted on these cards will be used by the Bem Church Council to formulate the budget for 2010.*

*Join us all month (It is very important that you are here every Sunday!) as we focus on Stewardship. It is so much more than money; it is who we are, how we live, and how we order our lives. Stewardship is about responsible care for God's Kingdom; let's explore this opportunity together.*

*-Pastor Rick*

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### **LYDIA'S HOUSE- OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH!**

The October Mission of the Month is Lydia's House; a mission that is dear to many in the Missouri Mid-South Conference. Lydia's House opened its doors in 1996, a faith project of four United Church of Christ women who saw the need for this ministry. What began with a two family flat in South St. Louis has grown into a multi building complex able to serve up to 35 families at a time. We will be hearing more about Lydia's House all month long.

Lydia's House works in faith to end domestic violence, by being a place of healing and a voice of hope for abused women and their children. Lydia's House fulfills this mission by:

- Providing safe, affordable transitional housing in a confidential location for a maximum of two years
- Assisting women and their children to create and implement long term individual life-goal plans which include education, training, employment, and safe housing
- Facilitating access to information and referrals to community resources
- Creating awareness about domestic violence through a speakers' bureau and an outreach educational ministry.

Mark your calendars for October 11; we will have a special guest in worship that day, Ellen Reed, who will be discussing the ministry at Lydia's House; we will also have Lydia's House Pins available for purchase all month long. (These make great Christmas Presents!)

Another way we can help Lydia's House is by collecting items on their wish list. These items include: ***Bath Towel sets; Shower curtains; Baby Cribs (new); pack & play cribs (new); High Chairs (new); Diapers & Pull-ups sizes 3, 4, 5; Booster Chairs (new); Sippy Cups with seals; Laundry Detergent; CFL Light bulbs (60, 75, 100 watts); Telephones; Pine Sol; Waterproof mattress covers (new); Home Depot gift cards; Universal Remotes; Mops; Brooms; Dish Drainers; Pot Holders; AAA Batteries; 9Volt Batteries.*** There will be an area in the sofa room to collect these items. Questions? Talk to Pastor Rick or Nancy Kohrmann.

### **ATTENTION ALL WOMEN**

Are you interested in getting together once a month for fun, fellowship and faith exploration? Would you like to spend more quality time building friendships with some of the women of Bem Church? Let's get together and talk about what we would like in a women's group here at Bem Church! We will be meeting Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00pm in the sofa room here at church. Y'all come! For more information talk to Kim Oberle or Judene Huellinghoff!

### **GRAPE COUNTRY CLUSTER- CHURCHES IN MISSION TOGETHER**

The October meeting of the Grape Country Cluster meeting will be on ***Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm right here at St. John's, Bem!*** Plan now to attend! Since we are the host church, we are hoping for a decent Bem Church turnout. The Grape Country Cluster is a great networking tool, and a fun chance to gather with fellow UCCers from all over our area. Plan now to attend!

### **PRAYER LIST**

For a copy of the St. John's, Bem prayer list email Pastor Rick or call the church office!

***The Bem Church Choir will be practicing the first Monday of each month at 6:00pm! First practice: October 4<sup>th</sup>! YOU are invited!***

## **SCRIPTURES FOR OCTOBER**

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

### **October 4<sup>th</sup>- What is Stewardship? “Enter the Kingdom”**

Hebrew Scripture: Job 1:1; 2:1-10  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 26  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:2-16

### **October 11<sup>th</sup>- Stewardship: Time “Multi-tasking God’s Kingdom”**

Psalter Lesson: Psalm 22:1-15  
Epistle Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:17-31

### **October 18<sup>th</sup>- Stewardship: Talents “Clothed with Honor”**

Hebrew Scripture: Job 38:1-7  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 104:1-9  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:35-45

### **October 25<sup>th</sup> – Stewardship: Treasure “Hearing is Believing”**

Hebrew Scripture: Job 42:1-6, 10-17  
Psalter Lesson: Psalm 34:1-8  
Gospel Lesson: Mark 10:46-52

## **EXCITING 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 have put together some great fall plans and have begun a whole new direction for our Middle and Senior High Sunday School classes- and The 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 now led by Sara Whelan, Erin West, and Tina Wnuk- and they have exciting plans that you have to check out. They are using a curriculum centered on a coffee shop theme; and they have all kinds of surprises in store for you! They are meeting upstairs at 8:45 each Sunday; get there on time and check out what they have “cooking”...

**MIDDLE HIGH SUNDAY SCHOOL-** Hester Tayloe, Keith Glaser, and Andrea Goodman are leading our Middle High class; and the students are having a great time downstairs! They are 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 going on with the Bem Church Middle and Senior High Youth in our Youth Fellowship Group! Sara Whelan, Erin West, Tina Wnuk, Keith Glaser and Andrea Goodman have joined 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!

### **UPCOMING YOUTH FELLOWSHIP PLANS-**

**October 3-** The Bem Church Youth will have a booth at the Owensville Pumpkin Festival. Darin and Jodi are coordinating this; they will be sending out details!

**October 11-** Our Second Sunday Youth Gathering up at church from 5:00-7:00pm. Come be a part of the excitement!

**October 16-17-** Trip to Festival of Sharing in Sedalia. Info was sent out snail and email...

### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP- THE SHARING TABLE**

In an effort to try to meet the needs of our community, the Mission and Social Concerns Committee has set up *The 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.

### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP- 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. We are currently getting \$3 for every ink jet cartridge returned! If we get enough cartridges donated, we could cover the cost of our paper, ink and offices supplies this way! But we need your help. There is a box in the sofa room at church for collecting these cartridges. Thank you for your support! *(We just bought two cases of copy paper- 24 reams- and thanks to this program these two cases were FREE! \$77.98 savings!)*

### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP- THE BEM CHURCH ELECTRIC BILL**

Stewardship is about more than just money; it is about using responsibly the resources God has provided. Stewardship is about conserving energy, recycling, not wasting potential, and generally caring for all of God's Creation. Stewardship is about living life responsibly.

The Bem Church Council has taken their Stewardship charge seriously these past few years, and has taken steps to ensure that our resources are used; but used wisely. To that end, the Bem Church Council has been intentionally changing out our tungsten filament light bulbs with energy-efficient, low wattage CFLs (or as some folks call them, those curly light bulbs!); we have replaced analog thermostats with digital, 7-day programmable ones; and we have turned over our exterior lighting management to Crawford Electric Cooperative.

All of these Stewardship instances are good ideas in themselves; but though saving money is not the sole purpose, we are reaping financial reward. Our electric bills for this summer have reflected our good stewardship practices!

Our August electric bill showed a usage of 71 KWH (Kilowatt hours) per day; this compares to 99 KWH in August of 2008! Our July KWH was 90, compared to 111 KWH in July, 2008! In June, we were up a bit, 92 in 2009 compared to 88 in 2008; but in May we were down again, 64 KWH in May 2009 compared to 70 KWH in May 2008! We are realizing a savings of \$30-\$55 per month in our electric utilities!

Our Bem Church Council will continue to focus on good stewardship practices as part of their charge, and part of their call. Thank you to all on Council who have worked intentionally to realize these savings on behalf of the congregation of Bem Church!

*What is going on in the United Church of Christ? Check it out at [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org)!*

### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP- SUNDAY SCHOOL IS GOING STRONG!**

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!

**We have had a great turnout so far this year;** the first three weeks of Sunday School we have been averaging 58 in attendance each Sunday. Let's keep up the great attendance! Make it a priority to be here **EVERY** Sunday at 8:45 and teach your children (and yourselves) the importance of Christian Education!

### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP- SUPORTING THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION**

Bem Church has recently received a certificate thanking us for our support of Theological Education in 2008 through the CUE network of Seminaries. Along with our certificate of appreciation, was the following from Ann S. Moyer, Executive Director of the CUE Network:

Thank you for your support for theological education in 2008! Enclosed is your 2008 thank you certificate, which I hope you will receive and display with pride. Your support has been vital to our UCC seminaries over the past year- and continues to be this year.

Our seminaries serve a committed and diverse student population, including an increasing number of younger students. This is good news! At the same time, the costs at our seminaries continue to increase. Your support is more critical than ever, as you can see from the information below:

#### **Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries: 2008-2009**

- Total enrollment (full time equivalent): over 635 students total, 230 UCC students
- Number of UCC Master's of Divinity Students: 153 (nearly 70% under age 35)
- Average Annual tuition: \$12,000
- Average Annual cost to the seminary per student: \$36,000
- Average portion of cost to seminary covered by tuition: 32%

Chicago, United and Eden each report a lively mix of ages and backgrounds on their campuses, providing a rich learning environment for all. Faculty and students alike are engaged in their work with a passion and a deep commitment to the church and its vital role in all our lives.

You are with them, through your support, each and every day! Thank you for your support!

**-Ann S. Moyer, Executive Director; CUE Network**

**GOOD STEWARDSHIP- THANK YOU!**

*(Some thank you notes may be edited)*

**Dear Pastor Rick and St. John's UCC Church Council,**

I want to thank Pastor Rick for the certificate and the Council and members of Bem Church for the award I received and the gift of the clock. Words of thanks cannot express my appreciation. Thank you so much! I deeply appreciate it!

**-Sincerely, Bob Landwehr**

**To My Church Family,**

Thank you for sending me to church camp. I really enjoyed it. I made a lot of new friends!

**-Sincerely, Asa Baker**

**Dear Bem Church,**

Thank you for helping me go to Camp Mo-Val! I had a great time. I can't wait to go back next year!

**Love, Abby Koepke**

**To the Congregation and Council Members of St. John's, Bem UCC**

I would like to thank all of you for the help you gave me in sending me to Camp Tambo/Mo-Val this past summer. I had a lot of fun and several memorable experiences once again.

We did something like "the Amazing Race" this year, which was quite different and fun. I spray painted a design on a t-shirt instead of tie-dying it. This was something new for me. My Family Group made a camp flag out of a shower curtain that one of the leaders tie-dyed. We all went to the high ropes course again, but as usual I did not do it, since heights and I do not get along well.

Once again, than you for such a memorable experience for Camp Tambo/Mo-Val 2009

**-Love, Tiffani Youtzy**

**To the Membership Care Committee,**

Thank you so much for the wonderful food you prepared for us. It was so good! It was thoughtful of you to think of us; we really appreciate it! Thank you so much for your kindness!

**-Love Chad, Jessica & Jordyn Mittelhauser**

**Dear St. John's United Church of Christ,**

On behalf of the children and families served by Neighborhood Houses, I wish to thank you for your generous gift of \$506.31, which represents an offering taken up by the VBS.

Your gift is so important because it impacts the quality of life for hundreds of children and families of St. Louis City every day. Living in neighborhoods plagued with the devastating effects of poverty, these families face an uphill battle in meeting the developmental and educational needs of their children. Inside their own schools and neighborhoods, your gift is at work, providing healthy food, academic reinforcements, and creative opportunities that allow them to show us all they can be.

Thank you again for your thoughtful gift to Neighborhood Houses!

**-Sincerely, Darlene Y. Sowell, President & CEO, Neighborhood Houses**

**St. John's UCC**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Helping Hands, I wish to thank you for your August donations of \$104 and 13 bags of food. The need continues to mount. In August we served 307 households (887 individuals) plus emergency situations. We are grateful for your kindness!

**-Sincerely, Andrew J. Michel, President; Helping Hands Outreach Center**

### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP- THANK YOU!**

*(Some thank you notes may be edited)*

**Dear Friends at St. John's, Bem United Church of Christ,**

Greetings from Eden Seminary! Thank you for your recent gifts totaling \$106 to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund in July and August. Your gifts are critical to the ongoing operations of preparing women and men for leadership in church and society. The annual fund provides for the day to day operations of the seminary including faculty support and maintenance of our beautiful campus. These Stewardship practices ensure that our students can continue to answer God's call and journey with us before serving in local congregations, chaplaincies, schools and the mission field. Thank you for your support of this important educational ministry!

**-Doni Driemeier-Showers, Director of Development; Eden Seminary**

### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP- THE BEM CHURCH COPIER FUND!**

Introducing a new opportunity to participate in the ministry of Bem Church– through donations to a newly established copier fund!

We are getting to the point where, in the next 12-18 months, we will be replacing the copier that is currently in our church offices. When we do so, the most cost-effective, good stewardship option would be to purchase a new copier rather than paying interest on a finance agreement. A new copier would cost around \$7000; but with 12-18 months to raise this amount, we should be able to meet our goal.

Donations to this fund can be in memory or in honor of a loved one; the result of a tithe on “found” money like a sale, an inheritance or another bequest; or just as a gift over and above your usual faithful financial stewardship. Just write “copier fund” on a white pew envelope or your regular weekly envelope and signify the amount. If you have any questions, ask Carole or a Church Council member!

### **GOOD STEWARDSHIP- RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY NEEDS**

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!

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS**

**Congratulations to Layne Kreter** who's profile was featured in the in the University of Central Missouri Fighting Mules Football athletic guide. Layne's praise included the following commentaries: "...an excellent pass rusher, he is one of the strongest Mules pound for pound...he has great change of direction and an outstanding senior year is expected. As a Junior, he started all 11 games at defensive end and logged 29 tackles...ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> on the team with four quarterback hurries...earned MIAA Academic Honor Roll for his work in the classroom..."

***Congratulations on this honor, Layne!***

### **PAIRS AND SPARES MEETING OCTOBER 4**

The Pairs and Spares Fellowship Group at Bem Church will meet for lunch on October 4<sup>th</sup>. After a short meeting, they will then go to the CROP walk in Owensville. Thank you again for your support of the bake and craft sale at the church picnic; profits were \$653.80!

**OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE** *Flowers: Crystal Blankenship*

<b>Nursery Workers:</b> <b>10/4:</b> Kim Oberle & Jodi Layman	<b>Greeters:</b> James Koepke Family	<b>Lay Reader:</b> Jennifer Hall	<b>Acolytes:</b> Andrew Carey & Kelsey Baxter
<b>10/11:</b> Nancy Kohrmann & Tammi Branson	Kerri Carey & Dez Sullinger Families	Nancy Kohrmann	Andrew Carey & Tanner Goodman
<b>10/18:</b> Brooke Johnson & Leann Smith	Charles Shore & Teresa Ringeisen Families	Nancy Jenkins	Sable Huebner & Kelsey Baxter
<b>10/25:</b> Judene Huellinghoff & Erin West	Ken Glaser Family	Peggy Schafer	Sable Huebner & Tanner Goodman

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH- OCTOBER 2009**

10/1- Gracie Schultz, Lyla Lenauer, Lois Ruffner, Eric Buschmeyer;  
 10/4- Matt Amsden, Rick Goodman; 10/5-Allan Kohrmann; 10/7-Richard Carl, Lana Altemeyer;  
 10/8- Terry Havelka, Russ Bacon; 10/9- Ginny Amsden; 10/10- Nancy Carpenter; 10/11- Iris Peters;  
 10/12- Dale Adkison, Tucker Huebner, Liz Fletcher; 10/14- Lori Adams, Brenda Sieckmann;  
 10/15- Pam Keeney, Jeff Smith, Alicia Kreter; 10/16- Dawson Clark, Jonathan Hullinghoff;  
 10/17- Kyrsten McBrayer; 10/19- Charlie Whelan; 10/21- Tammy Baxter, Chris Blankenship;  
 10/22- John Tayloe; 10/23- Doug Shockley;  
 10/24- Anita Oldfather, Sable Huebner, Tanner Goodman, Macen Blankenship, Jacob Hall;  
 10/26- Jackson Lenauer, Nancy Kohrmann, Dorothy Ringeisen; 10/29- Connie Licklider

...Happy Birthday!

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES THIS MONTH- OCTOBER 2009**

10/1- Sandy & Carl Landwehr, Leann & Jim Smith; 10/2- Jessica & Seth Parker;  
 10/3- Faye & Willis Howard; 10/6- Crystal & Chris Blankenship; 10/7- Cheryl & Dave Ruffner;  
 10/9- Casey & Keith Heying; 10/21- Jackie & Ken Adkison;  
 10/23- Stephanie & Travis Kramme; 10/29- Fran & Dan Graham

...Happy Anniversary!

**ATTENDANCE**

Date:	Worship:	Date:	Worship:	Sunday School:
Sunday, August 2	104	Sunday, September 6	61	
Sunday, August 9	78	Sunday, September 13	126	61
Sunday, August 16	63	Sunday, September 20	127	61
Sunday, August 23	165	Sunday, September 27	117	51
Sunday, August 30	130			
<b>Total:</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>Total:</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>173</b>
Average:	108	Average:	108	58

**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.

## **BEM CHURCH FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT**

<b>General Fund</b>		<b>Etta Licklider VBS Fund Savings</b>	
<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$1916.</b>	<b>Balance as of 9-15-09:</b>	<b>\$804</b>
Income:		<b>Etta Licklier VBS Fund CD</b>	
Offering	\$9075	<b>Balance as of 9-15-09:</b>	<b>\$10,591</b>
Interest	\$54	<b>Pastor's Housing Equity Fund</b>	
Tower	\$550	<b>Balance as of 9-15-09:</b>	<b>\$2206</b>
Reimbursements, transfers	\$246	<b>Quilters</b>	
Picnic Income	\$7229	<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$2602</b>
Donation from Quilters	<u>\$2000</u>	Income: memorial	\$102
Total Income	\$19,154	Quilt Auction:	<u>\$2185</u>
Expense: Budgeted Items	(\$19,422)	Total Income:	\$2518
<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$1648</b>	Expense: Supplies	(\$518)
<b>Building Fund</b>		Donation to Church	(\$2000)
<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$1643.</b>	<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$2389</b>
Expense: maintenance	(\$130)	<b>Pairs and Spares</b>	
<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$1543.</b>	<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$1602</b>
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>		Income: Picnic	\$784
<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$1994</b>	Expenses: Picnic	(\$130)
Income:		Shannondale	(\$20)
Envelopes	\$76	<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$2236</b>
Apple Butter	\$60	<b>Mission &amp; Social Concerns</b>	
Memorial	\$35	<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$806</b>
Interest	<u>\$99.</u>	Income: Picnic	\$563
Total Income	\$270	Expense: Picnic	(\$120)
Expense: Apple Butter	(\$1104)	<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$1249</b>
Mowing	<u>(\$445.)</u>	<b>Youth Fellowship Account</b>	
<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$715</b>	<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$243.</b>
<b>Special Offering Fund</b>		<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$243.</b>
<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$695.</b>	<b>Hospitality Committee</b>	
Income:		<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$821</b>
Mission Fund	\$505.	Income:	\$250
Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$50	Expenses:	(\$177)
Festival of Sharing	\$22	<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$894</b>
Mo-Val Special Offering	<u>\$20</u>	<b>Hospitality Committee Savings</b>	
Total Income	\$597	<b>Balance as of 9-15-09:</b>	<b>\$584</b>
Disbursements:	(\$581)		
<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$711.</b>		
<b>Memorial/Gift Fund</b>			
<b>Balance as of 8-15-09</b>	<b>\$8516</b>		
Income:	\$50		
<b>Balance as of 9-15-09</b>	<b>\$8566</b>		

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

Year to Date income as of August 23, 2009 was **\$105,231**; Year to Date goal for that period was **\$104,500**. This puts us over our income goal for the first 38 weeks of 2009! However, quarterly bills due September 30 made our expenses for this time frame **\$106,929**; which is **\$1698** over our income. As we head into the last quarter of 2009, your faithful financial stewardship...*and faithful attendance in worship*...will keep our ministries growing at Bem Church!

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

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

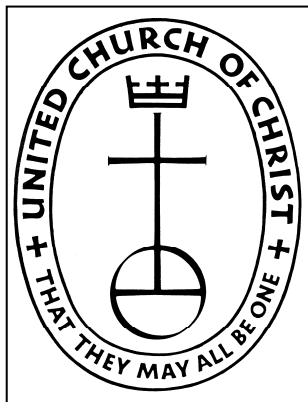
October 1 <sup>st</sup> -	Christian Education Committee	6:30pm
<b>October 3<sup>rd</sup> -</b>	<b>German Dinner</b>	<b>4:00-7:00pm</b>
October 4 <sup>th</sup> -	World Communion Sunday	10:30am
	Pairs and Spares Carry in meal/meeting	11:15am
	Gasconade County CROP Walk	1:00pm
	Gasconade County Bible Society at Bethel PCA, Bay	7:00pm
October 5 <sup>th</sup> -	Choir Practice	6:00pm
October 7 <sup>th</sup> -	Owensville/Rosebud Ministerial Alliance at FBC	10:30am
	Confirmation- 2010 Class Orientation with Parents	5:00pm
	Confirmation- 2009 Class	5:30pm
October 11 <sup>th</sup> -	Lydia's House Sunday; Special Guest Ellen Reed	10:30am
	Emmaus Homes Fall Bazaar & Quilt Auction	12:00-5:00pm
	Middle High/Senior High Youth Rally at Church	5:00-7:00pm
October 12 <sup>th</sup> -	Council Meeting	6:30pm
October 13 <sup>th</sup> -	Membership Care Committee- College Care Packs	2:00pm
October 14 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation- 2010 Class	5:00pm
	Confirmation- 2009 Class	5:30pm
October 15 <sup>th</sup> -	Pastor Rick at Helping Hands Food Pantry	11:00am
October 16-17	Youth and Adult Mission Trip to Festival of Sharing	
October 21 <sup>st</sup> -	Confirmation- 2010 Class	5:00pm
	Confirmation- 2009 Class	5:30pm
	Womens' Fellowship Group meeting	6:00pm
October 25 <sup>th</sup> -	Christian Ed Halloween Party	2:00pm
October 26 <sup>th</sup> -	Mission Committee Meeting	6:30pm
<b>October 27<sup>th</sup>-</b>	<b>Grape Country Cluster Meeting Here at Bem Church</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
<b>November 1<sup>st</sup>-</b>	<b>All Saints Day- Honoring the Saints of Bem Church</b>	<b>10:00am</b>
November 4 <sup>th</sup> -	Confirmation- 2010 Class	5:00pm
	Confirmation- 2009 Class	5:30pm
November 5 <sup>th</sup> -	Christian Education Committee	6:30pm

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

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