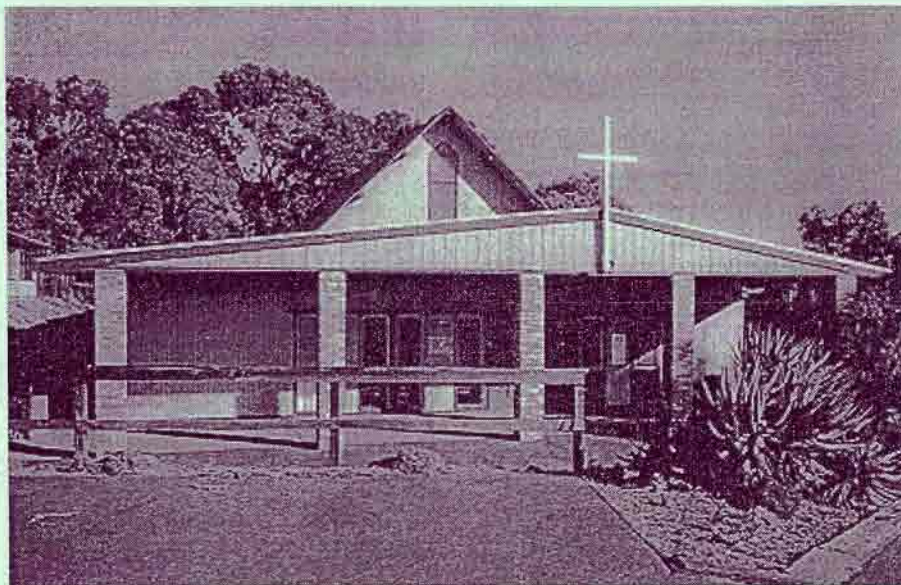


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Jett Thomas

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LEADERSHIP TEAM FOR THE NEXT YEAR 2006-2007

(pending results of Annual Meeting)

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Pastor's Report

S. Kay Wellington

Community-Congregational Church
Interim Pastor Report
2006

In another week or so I will have been with you in the interim process for one year. For some it may feel like much longer and others it may seem as though I just got here.

A number of accomplishments have been made. Believe it or not, getting the financial matters more organized and getting the insurance issues taken care of are all part of the interim process. It is "getting the house in order" for the next chapter of your history. The covenants with those who use our facilities were also reviewed. And then there are those little things that sometimes fall apart unexpectedly; like a leaky roof and a new furnace.

I've also worked at getting committee meetings systematized so those who like to plan ahead can plan around scheduled meetings. I have also introduced you to a different way to celebrate Maundy Tuesday and we all had great fun celebrating Shrove Tuesday.

My time has been spent in many meetings, some regular committee meetings and some ad hoc meetings to handle special or unique items. I have also tracked those who were hospitalized and/or confined to home or unable to come to church. I've also seen several folk in my office who were looking for support or a sounding board.

The monthly meetings with the congregation I had planned on, for after church, was not as successful as I had hoped. I am still available for personal visits either in your home or at the church. Please let me know if you want such.

The official profile of our church has just been completed. A couple of more reviews and then . . . it is off to the conference office. In another few weeks the profiles of potential candidates will begin to arrive and the Search Committee will be doing what they have prepared to do from the beginning . . . review each profile looking for the match that will serve as your next pastor. While it may seem to be a lot of paper work and majoring in minors, the spirit really is at work in the process. Now more than ever the Search Committee needs to be under girded in prayer. That is the task we need to be about in the next few months.

S. Kay Wellington, Interim

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Minister of Music

Barbara Hamm

*This column will appear in *Call to Worship* 40.2, joint publication of the UCC/PCUSA, and is printed here with permission. As I celebrate ten years of music ministry at CCC, it offers my joyful understanding of and reflection upon all my years of music ministry.

This column is about joy and delight. About need and fulfillment. And of course about ministry and service. All wrapped up in one big emphatic *yes!* When Jesus was baptized, signaling the beginning of his ministry, he heard the voice from heaven saying, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). Echoing that text, Brian Wren's hymn, "The Thundering Voice that Split the Skies," written for an ordination, says that before Jesus began to serve, he was informed by God, "You are my delight! / My child beloved, my joy, my own!" (ll. 7-8).¹

In stanza four of Wren's hymn, we, like Jesus, are told, "You are my delight: / my son, my daughter, my beloved!" (ll. 15-16) In theological terms, before we are sent, we are called. Before we are called, we are loved. And out of that love, we give back. In my case I give back music because that is what I have to give. I am immensely privileged and highly honored to be a church musician. Making music in the church is a spring of living water to me, by which I am continually refreshed and renewed. I love directing the sanctuary choir, playing the organ and the piano, working with soloists, children, the women and girls' chorus, the Christmas orchestra, the jazz combo. Accompanying congregational singing is my greatest joy. Another joy is playing jazz arrangements of familiar carols with our jazz combo. Yet another is accompanying the regular first-Sunday Taizé service with our Taizé group of sixteen years' standing. I am most fully alive, most fully myself in these moments. I am doing what truly feeds my spirit—playing, singing, directing, improvising, creating. I don't know that I was "born" to do these things. But by virtue of my childhood exposure to music, my religious experience, and the opportunities that are legion in small churches across America, I am living out what I have become. In psychological terms the process I experience is described as that of self-actualization, ranked at the top of Maslow's hierarchy of needs: fulfilling one's potential, realizing, i.e., making actual, the potential which lies within, doing what—back on theological ground—one has been "called" to do. Called by whom? And how does one know?

Jesus was called, "ordained," if you will, presumably upon the highest authority. How did he know to go to the Jordan? By being taken to synagogue from childhood? By reading and reciting the words of the Torah? By inner imperatives that would not allow him to remain silent as he observed the injustices of his day? Did he really know what he was "supposed" to do? Or did he discover it, led by the demands of his own nature, nurtured by his environment and culture? I rather doubt that his twelve-year-old brain contemplated a future as the Messiah, role models being scarce. I find myself wondering, rather, if Jesus, like many of us, lived into his calling as he lived out his character and convictions, responding to human need and suffering, faithful to the promptings that

emerged from the core of his being. Heresy? Who can say assuredly that God cannot or does not lead in this way?

My twelve-year-old brain was inundated with fire-and-brimstone preaching in a fundamentalist Baptist church in the Midwest, where, as my saving grace, it also heard gospel music. Along with the classical music my mother played on the big old upright in our home, that music shaped and formed my brain and led to my playing for church on Sunday night in the sixth grade, and then other churches in other states and, decades later, at the Disciples of Christ Church in Antioch, California, for many years, and now at Community Congregational Church in Benicia, California, for ten years and running. My brain teems with triads and inversions and patterns of development and resolution, sounds that may emerge in the offertory on Sunday morning, or in improvisations on a hymn tune, or in a hymn I am writing in my latest endeavor in the world of church music. Church music. My World. A world in which I am passionately and profoundly engaged. A world to which I have been “called” and continue to be “called” by the God who knew my name before I was born, who knew my need before it could be named, who knows the human genome and the particular genes in me that have been expressed. By the God who sometimes whispers, sometimes shouts—depending upon the music—that God delights in me, that I am a beloved daughter of God.

And the church? Ecclesiastical authority? Ordination? Had I known in my youth, absent any role models, that such a route existed for church music ministry, I should dearly have liked to take it. But I breathe humbler air. Air that is yet filled with the fragrance of delight, in company with, I dare to venture, the vast majority of church musicians across the land. We form a goodly company, minstrels en route to the city of God, encouraging each other and singing on our pilgrimage the songs of Zion, incorporating global songs, Taizé chants, Bach chorales, and the new hymnody being produced by so many writers and composers today. The circle comes full round. A Ph.D. in English Literature and a lifetime of accompanying congregational song stand me in good stead as I begin to write hymns myself, both texts and tunes (one of them the tune for the hymn quoted above). Tutored by a Methodist hymnwriter of numerous published texts and tunes, I will write some of those new songs we are repeatedly enjoined in the Psalms to sing.² I will serve my congregation with love and delight. Beloved, called, fulfilled, “I will sing praises to my God all my life long” (Ps.146:2b).

¹ Brian Wren, “The Thundering Voice that Split the Skies,” in *Christ Our Hope* (Carol Stream, IL: Hope Publishing Co., 2004) 32.

² Abingdon Press is publishing a collection of my hymns, due out by the end of the year.

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Celebration Singers

Leslie M. Blackie

The year of 2005- 2006 saw regular attendance and performance of 9 children. I was assisted by Jay Smith to help keep the kids focused on the task at hand (learning music) and of course, Barbara Hamm – without whose support, musical ability and playing of the piano the choir would not happen.

Over this past year we have worked on reading music, notations and dynamics. We worked on unison singing as well as singing in rounds, and in parts. Voices are changing as the signers get older. This brought new challenges as Zander Martinez and Sam Olm began working with voices that are settling into their adult placement (by the end of the year they were developing a tenor range). We have worked on vocal placement and sound production too as we worked with a wide variety of ages, musical ability, and willingness to try new things!

Over this past year we sang 1-2 songs every month, with a lot of intense effort during Advent and Easter seasons. We actually performed 21 different songs in the year 2005-2006! The regular rehearsals twice a month really helped with the choir being able to contribute in church so often. We also started a lot of “snippet solos” where different children would sing a phrase, or part by themselves. All the celebration singers were given opportunities for “snippet solos”

We also saw more singing intergenerationally with the Celebration singers joining in with the Sanctuary Choir on several Sundays. We also really challenged the kids with a latin piece for Palm Sunday “Laudamus Te”. Everyone worked on the piece and then we had “auditions” for those who were ready for the performance. This was not meant as a punishment, but as a reward for excellence and effort in their musical ability.

The Christmas Eve early service Christmas pageant included all the music sung during the Advent season (7 songs!) and could not have happened without Jay Smith and Dale Olm’s support during extra rehearsals, use of the church costume supplies and encouragement. The Youth Sunday in January saw the Celebration singers not only performing all the music during the service vocally, but also a showcase of their instrumental skills during gathering music. Again, this could not have happened without Jay Smith’s support and encouragement.

One of the most obvious improvements visually occurred when the Celebration Singers acquired choir robes! The commitment to the children of the church was clearly demonstrated with the purchase and investment into the future of our church. I really appreciate the efforts of Dale Olm and the approval by the Church Council of the spending of the funds for the robes. The children are so proud of their robes, and are very careful about hanging up the robes after they finish singing, again demonstrating their pride in the robes.

Next year I am planning on working on more 3 part pieces to continue to develop the singer’s musical abilities. I would like to continue the Celebration Singers performances at least once a month with more songs performed during Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter Seasons. I would also like to expand the intergenerational songs performed so that every intergenerational Sunday the Celebration singers and Sanctuary Choir are also singing together. I look forward to working with Jay Smith, youth minister, more as we attempt more ambitious combined projects of music and drama presented by the youth for the Church.

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Youth Minister

Jay Smith

The CCC Youth Group experienced a reasonable year of growth in 2006. On a consistent basis, eight youth, grades six through 12, participated in our Sunday evening gatherings and in the, approximately, once a month Youth Saturdays. On a less consistent basis, three to four other youth also participated.

Among the various activities this year, we incorporated dramas as a new teaching tool and successfully facilitated our first Youth Sunday with the youth serving as the ministers. Most importantly, while my first year as Youth Minister was a year of relationship building with kids and parents, the second year was a year of solidifying those relationships and building for the future of our overall Youth Ministry.

Schedule of Responsibilities During 2006

The Youth Minister is generally responsible for devoting 15 hours each week to Youth Group-related activities including:

- Sunday School
- Sunday Evening Youth Group
- Saturday Youth Group (approximately once a month for four hours)

Organizing activities requires research, the development of written material, and communicating with parents, by phone, email and letter. Due to the incorporation of the dramas as a teaching tool, I have had to devote many hours to research and writing scripts.

Significant Changes

We started the year with both Sunday and Tuesday evening meetings for the youth. The Sunday gatherings are intended for all interested youth, grades six through 12. At my recommendation, during my interview with the hiring committee, Tuesday evenings were designated for only high school aged youth. This was intended to accommodate more mature conversations for the older youth.

During the first year, four to six youth consistently participated in Tuesday evening Youth Group during the school year. Five of the six youth were high school seniors. Only two of the participants were members of the church. Due to work and other changing priorities, the number of participants shrank to two during July and August of 2005. Once the new school year started, five of the former participants either went on to college or took on others responsibilities and were no longer participating in the Youth Group.

At my recommendation to the CE Committee, it was agreed that we should discontinue the Tuesday evening Youth Group and add an, approximately, once a month Saturday Youth Group activity. I believed, and the committee agreed, that this would serve as a better allocation of my time. The change worked well for the youth, creating opportunities to do longer, afternoon activities. However, it remains my goal and commitment to reconstitute a High School Youth Group at the appropriate time.

Coordination with the Celebration Singers

One of the exciting developments over the course of year was achieving a greater level of coordination and cooperation between myself, Leslie and Barbara. This manifested by helping each other with the various activities involving the youth and discussing ideas on how we could bring together our respective skills to support the youth through music and drama. This may result in some exciting developments during the coming months.

Service Activities

Youth Group members contributed to various church service activities during the year, including decorating for Christmas, the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner and some clean up around the church. The latter could be a stronger activity for the Youth Group and I will look to coordinate Saturday Youth Group activities more closely with the Facilities Committee in the coming year.

What's Left for the Year

We (Leslie and I) have committed to taking the youth to Marine World to thank them for all their hard work on the various performances during the year. The youth have also asked for a "lock-in" at the church, where we will close ourselves in at the church for a Friday or Saturday night sleep over. It is our hope to make those things happen this summer. The challenge is finding time when several of the youth are not away for family vacation.

Youth Budget

A balance remains in the Youth Group budget due to the financial participation of the parents on all activities. I also subsidize the budget for each activity as part of my personal commitment to the Youth Group.

I am very interested in upgrading the sound system at the church to enhance the dramas and our overall ability to speak to the congregation. The existing sound system does not have a sufficient number of lapel mics or the flexibility to adjust to accommodate moving parts. "Drop down" mics, or some form of less intrusive, portable mics would be ideal. It would also accommodate other, less informal presentations from the stage. I think these could be added at a reasonable expense.

As part of my commitment to the church, I reduced my salary by \$200 per month to help close the budget deficit and better enable the possibility of hiring a full-time minister. At the time I presented my proposal to the CE Committee, it was agreed that we would revisit my salary considerations at a later date, possibly when we reconstitute the Tuesday night activity.

Goals

Having worked through two dramas with the youth, we agreed they would take the lead on the next one. I will work with them to identify the theme and some of the specifics but, overall, it is my goal to have them write and produce the drama. The dramas have been an excellent tool for teaching Bible stories and helping the youth better understand what might have occurred with the characters in those events.

Another confirmation class is scheduled for this year. Several youth have expressed interest in participating in the class. As part of the confirmation process, we will visit another church and do a service activity for at CCC Benicia.

I am very interested in exploring a community service activity in the Benicia/Vallejo area for the youth this next year.

Personal Goal

I continue to strive to develop my own knowledge of the Bible, my relationship with God and to improve my skills to communicate with the youth. My most fundamental desire as the Youth Minister is to encourage them to pursue their understanding of these matters and to want to build a personal relationship with God.

I am also interested in developing relationships with other UCC Youth Ministers. This would lend itself to strengthening my ability to minister to the youth. I am interested in pursuing the inquiry sent to me by Dale Olm about such a gathering at Camp Cazadero in August. I will look at my calendar to determine whether this is something I can attend.

Thank You

I want to thank the council for its support of the Youth Program. I would also like to thank Cora, Leslie, Barbara, Kay, Lynn and Dale for their help and counsel.

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Moderator

Dale Olm

Many thanks to all Council Officers and chairpersons and committee leaders for the time and energy you brought to the Church this year. Thank you committee members for giving hours of time to attending monthly Council meetings and many committee meetings, running church events and doing the church's work. Thank you to the staff, our Music Director, our Youth Minister, our Secretary, and our baby sitters for their time and dedication. Thank you to our interim minister for bringing us through this interim period and exposing us to different styles of worship and hospitality.

This past year we formed a pastoral search committee which has begun its mission of creating our church profile. In the upcoming year they will be involved in searching for our new called minister.

We faced stiff financial challenges last year and we even created the challenge of a deficit budget for the upcoming year. We met that challenge and this year, we are in the black because of the generosity of the congregation and due to tight financial management by our budget and finances team. The congregation has been overwhelming in its support of much needed capital improvements and major repairs. Thank you to all who have been so generous with your both time and money. As you will see in other reports, our stewardship drive this spring has allowed us the option of seeking a full time minister as well as expanding funding in other ministry areas.

Finally, it will continue to be a year of interim, an "in-between time" while we rediscover who we are, and where we want to go. We have embarked on a revision of how to govern ourselves. This year, we will further the search for a new pastor to call to service in our wonderful church community. With your help and with the strength of the Holy Spirit that is within us all, we can accomplish our goals.

Sincerely,
Dale Olm, Moderator

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Subject: Proposal to Use a Trial Form of Church Government in 2006-2007

Discussion: In our ReVision document and plans, we noted the need to evaluate our structure and redesign the governmental structure of the church.

In the Spring of 2004, Rev. Roger Straw wrote the following evaluation of our Council structure: "People are busy in their lives at home, work and school. Unlike long ago, among working age people, both partners usually work. Families with children and youth find that they and their children are involved with a great variety of demanding school and extra-curricular events and responsibilities. People have less time for church than they used to. These and possibly other factors make it very hard to find people willing to commit to a monthly Council meeting. ... I think we are attempting to run the church on an old design that presumes too many helping hands and too many hours from each hand. I think we need to redesign the program and structure of the church to operate more smoothly and efficiently."

Our current structure has been increasingly difficult to implement due to vacant Council seats and the difficulty at times to obtain a quorum at Council meetings.

To that end, the Council in June was presented with a proposal to bring before the Congregation at it's scheduled business meeting on June 25, 2006 a trial form of government to be used during the 2006-2007 year instead of the traditional form of government that we are currently using.

Comments: During the period of time that this model is used for church governance, the advantages and pitfalls experienced during this trial period will be evaluated periodically and incorporated into the model.

Yearly, congregational approval would be needed to continue the model until such time as it is possible for the anticipated, newly called pastor to have time to comment on and advise us on the merits of the new structure as it has developed. Eventually, modify the constitution or bylaws by congregational vote

Subject: Proposal for Interim Government at Community Congregational Church, UCC

Date: June 1, 2006

Elected Officers/Trustees:

- Moderator
- Clerk
- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer
- Building & Grounds Steward
- Member at large

Ministry Teams (not elected, no specific term, team leaders might be recruited by Council):

- Hospitality (not the food committee, not the coffee hour committee)
- Worship / Education
- Outreach & Missions
- Operations (officers, interested parties)

Notes:

- Teams would appoint chairpersons, rotate chairs or arrange otherwise.
- Parishioners could be members of multiple teams. The "Council" of officers and a representative (not necessarily the chairperson) of each team would only meet quarterly for major decisions and discuss ministry goals and accomplishments and vision.
- The Congregation would meet twice a year for budget reviews, team reports and elections, or more often for Special Meetings.
- The operations committee would have authority to make business decisions needed in the day-to-day running of the church. Fundamental issues would be voted on at quarterly Council meetings or Congregational Meetings.
- Consolidate the June and July Meetings into one June/July meeting. July 1st would continue to be the Beginning of the Fiscal Year.
- Special interest groups would continue to exist as interest and needs arose (i.e., search committee, WITT, Holiday House, coffee hour).
- Details are deliberately left out on what the Ministry Teams would be responsible for so that ideas and creativity of our congregation can flourish.

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Clerk

Shelby Riddle

Membership July 1, 2006..... + 152

New Members..... + 1

Larry Schaffer - 5-7-2006

Deceased Members - 2

Emma Byerumm - 2-2006

Alice Francis - 3-15-2006

Member Memorial Services

Emma Byerumm - Rev. Wellington - CCC

Alice Francis - Rev. Wellington - CCC

Members Transferred In

Members Transferred Out - 2

Mel Hurst - 2-17-2006

Nancy Hurst - 2-17-2006

Withdrew Membership..... - 2

Aaron Nowling - 2006

Dorothea Nowling - 2006

Inactive Membership..... - 43

(See List)

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP AT END OF CHURCH YEAR..... 92

Baptisms 0

Weddings..... 1

Barrington (Non-members)

2005-2006 Council Votes and Consensus Opinions

July 12

The New Covenant Congregational Church requested to use our facility until 6 pm on Sunday at no additional charge, and this was voted in favor of this proposition pending future negotiations.

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The August meeting was agreed to be moved to Thursday Aug. 11th so that Kay, our interim minister, could attend.

Aug. 11

Kay Wellington requested that Monday be spent at her home, rather than in the office, so that she can work on her sermon for the following week. There was a consensus to change her “in-the-building” schedule for one month to see how it goes.

Kristin Read would like to use our church for a teen clothes closet and her mother will help. We voted to allow this.

Sept. 13

The minutes for last meeting were accepted with the correction that Rev. Pau Pau “offered” to remove the yucca trees, but did not “agree” to remove them.

Social Outreach would like to have a Voena concert on Sat. Dec. 17th and we voted ‘yes’ on this

Oct. 10

Housing and Salary Allocations (see attached) – Dale:
We voted on it and it was passed for Kay.

Tim Mautz invited us to the National Storyteller’s Tellebration for adult stories ages 12 and up. We approved by consensus the support of our church.

There has been a **usage request for a piano recital (Ariana Martinez’ piano teacher)** on Sat. December 3rd. There was a vote passed to allow the recital if covered by insurance.

Nov. 8

Greg would like to allocate \$850 to trim the pine tree, from the Capital Improvement Fund. We voted “yes”.

We voted to allow Greg to allocate underutilized storage space to Happy Hearts in the CE Building

We have a consensus to try to get a lower worker’s comp carrier.

We voted to give Leslie the authorization to buy choir robes, providing the money is available from the memorial funds.

Dec. 13

The minutes were accepted with the addition that there was a **consensus at the last council meeting to not decrease the Samoan contribution by \$50/mo since they have increased their sanctuary time by 2 hours.**

It was agreed that the first two pews could be removed to allow for greater space by the piano and on the other side as well.

Jan. 17, 2006

The minutes were accepted as written with two corrections. **The first was that the CE Committee did not vote on Jay Smith's salary via e-mail. The second was that the Congregational Meeting will be on Jan. 29th** and was discussed and a consensus obtained via e-mail.

Confidentiality Motion (see attached) – Dale presented this motion regarding pledge information and it was passed unanimously

Jay requested a reduction of his salary by \$200/month. It is the intention of the Council that this issue be addressed in the upcoming stewardship campaign and budget and review. It was voted on as presented, and passed.

Council Meeting Date Change – It was voted to move the council meeting from the first Tuesday to the third Tuesday of the month.

Congregational Meeting Jan . 29

The budget was passed by vote as presented

Feb. 21

There was a consensus for cutting down the pine tree branches over the CE Building

March 21

The Building Use Policy Agreement has been accepted by vote with changes.

We unanimously voted in a search committee after discussion. The members chosen are Laurie Read, Sarah Thompson, Jan Wong, Larry Schaeffer (contingent upon joining the church), Sheryl Sindt, Lynn Martinez, Carl Mason, Debbie Conway, and Gail Mason. All can vote and they must inform the Council if they fall below seven in number.

Spiritual Nourishment (see attached). . **There was a consensus to allow the meetings.** . Sherrie emphasized that it is not group therapy.

Weekend in the Trees deposit – there was a consensus to pay \$728 as deposit for the Weekend in the Trees for this September.

June 20

Carl presented the proposed budget for 2006 – 2007. Dale reduced the insurance by \$7000. For the size of church we have we are in the top 25% of givers to OCWM. We have increased the staff pay by 1.8%

(COLA). We voted to accept the budget with the discussed changes to present to the congregation this Sunday at the Congregational Meeting

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Greg is asking for \$2050 to spend on the new tables and chairs and that any additional amount of money coming in would be used to go back into the Memorial Fund. We voted "yes" on this.

We voted to extend the Council for a maximum of 3 months pending the vote by the Congregation to try an interim government.

Interim Student – Kay explained that she would have alternative funding sources. The Council voted to allow her to come as an intern.

Congregational Meeting- June 26

Dale presented a motion to delay new Church officer elections until July and to have a temporary change in our Council structure for a year, to be voted on next year. The motion was read out loud as written. We voted to delay the Council elections and to vote on a new Council Structure in the July Annual Meeting, next month.

Shelby Riddle
Church Clerk

MEMBER JOINING DATE

Name	Date Joined
Osborn, Jean	1937
Stoner, Arloine	1941
Stoner, Donald	1942
Nelson, Helen	4-06-50
McGuirk, Cecilia	3-22-51
Casey, Mary	4-10-52
Yokum, Kay	4-02-53
Mortensen, Eleanor	11-21-54
Estey, Frances and Vernon	3-25-56
Updyke, Karen	3-25-58
Stone, Peg	10-25-59
Stephens, Carol	11-04-64
Stewart, Marcia	5-27-73
Hammond, Sam and Maryo	9-15-74
Atkins, Stephen and Nancy	3-28-76
Fuller, Howard	1978
Martin, Pam	10-22-78
Osada, Carolyn	6-08-80
Wingert, Hope	2-08-81
Stofan, Susan	1974
Scrutchins, Marilyn	6-07-81
Lane, Priscilla	12-05-82

Cox, Kathy and Bob	6-05-83
Hutchins, Patricia	10-16-83
Forcier, Gerry	1-10-84
Read, Keith and Laurie	2-17-85
Wong, Jan	11-10-85
Cox, Betty	3-23-86
Sayles, Jackie	4-05-87
Burgess, David	3-24-91
Oraboni, Larry	10-10-93
Huebner, John and Vereni	3-13-94
Hull, Chuck	3-03-94
Nowling, Nate	5-07-95
Mills-Krutilek, Sarah	5-07-95
Koehn (Wong), Becky	5-07-95
Childs, Inga and Henry	6-25-95
Straw, Roger and Gast, Mary Susan	8-1997
Kravetz, Rob and Kathleen	4-12-98
Read, Robyn	5-31-98
Cox, Nolan	5-31-98
Olm, Dale	9-27-98
Francis, Chris and Beeson, Rick	2-14-99
Martinez, Lynn	4-25-99
Conway, Debbie	4-25-99
Mason, Gail and Carl	11-14-99
Murrell, Janet and Taylor, Penny	11-14-99
Thomas, Jett and Milly	1-16-00
Bunch, Rufus and Marcia	1-16-00
Blackie, Jonathan and Leslie	7-30-00
Tyree, Louise	11-05-00
Betz, Stephan and Katherine	11-05-00
McGraw, Chole and Cox, Greg	2-25-01
Burns, Karen	1-9-01
Cox, Danny	5-12-02
Sindt, Cassidy	5-12-02
Cox, Regina	5-12-02
Read, Kristen	5-12-02
Smith, Jay	6-30-02
Hamm, Barbara	6-30-02
Gilman, Nancy	7-20-03
Watson, Jim	7-20-03
Benton, Graham and Thompson, Sarah	1-25-04
Hicks, Rhonda	3-28-04
Terry, Paul	12-12-04
Gilman, Dean	12-12-04
Olm, Sam	5-15-05
Blackie, Lindsay	5-15-05
Terry, Samuel	5-15-05
Terry, Porter	5-15-05
Mautz, "Big Tim"	6-26-05
Sindt, Sheryl and Curt	6-26-05
Schaffer, Larry	5-07-06

CCC FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SUMMARY
MONTHLY and Y-T-D DEPOSITS
B of A CHECKING ACCOUNT

FISCAL YEAR 2005 - 2006

Weeks in month - Total % of year:	July (5) - 9.6%	August (4) - 17.3%	Sept. (4) - 25%	October (5) - 34.6%	November (4) - 42.3%	December (4) - 50%	January (5) - 59.6%	February (4) - 67.3%	March (4) - 75%	April (5) - 84.6%	May (4) - 92.3%	June (4) - 100%	Y-T-D TOTALS
Loose Offerings	349.00	178.00	751.50	523.54	794.75	490.00	486.65	452.56	281.13	774.50	688.00	1,038.00	\$6,807.63
Pledges: 2005-2006	12,629.67	5,007.61	3,738.00	6,323.42	5,032.86	5,606.76	4,747.07	7,244.77	4,463.00	6,059.00	5,015.35	5,197.65	\$71,065.16
Auction/Fundraiser				1,980.00			40.00						\$2,020.00
Cornerstone Fund-Interest Rebate/Misc								160.34		7.52			\$167.86
Pledges for Next Year: 2006-2007										3,650.00		250.00	\$3,900.00
B&G - Building Use	4,040.00	1,585.00	265.00	2,270.00	2,915.00	3,710.00	695.00	1,915.00	2,035.00	2,410.00	2,565.00	1,945.00	\$26,350.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Various/Miscellaneous			250.00	77.00	276.00	332.00	25.00		213.87	359.95	20.00	30.00	\$1,583.82
PAYROLL SYSTEM	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	\$600.00
UCC Insurance Refund									4,501.80				\$4,501.80

RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

Mission: "POOL" Pledges	1,135.00	267.00	92.00	235.00	214.00	250.00	357.00	962.00	172.00	134.00	162.00	216.00	\$4,196.00
Mission: Monthly Groups	559.00	93.00	1,614.00	375.00	313.00	1,228.00	105.00	274.00	280.00	80.00	50.00	77.00	\$5,048.00
"Music Series"				402.00		325.00			662.75				\$1,389.75
Capital Improvement Fund		1,000.00	14,589.41	1,020.00	50.00	950.00	750.00	100.00	150.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	\$18,759.41
WITT: Weekend In The Trees		1,665.00	784.50	460.00				705.00	800.00		150.00		\$2,909.50
Choir Robes								100.00	200.00				\$1,655.00
Youth													\$300.00
Asilomar												167.50	\$167.50
Memorials								530.00	150.00	150.00	35.00		\$865.00
T.B.D. ("To Be Determined")	450.00		500.00				160.00						\$1,110.00
MONTHLY TOTALS	\$19,212.67	\$9,845.61	\$22,634.41	\$13,715.96	\$9,645.61	\$12,941.76	\$7,415.72	\$12,493.67	\$13,959.55	\$13,724.97	\$8,785.35	\$9,021.15	\$153,396.43

CCC MISSION GIVING

Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2005-2006

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

ITEM	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	TOTALS	TARGET BUDGET
Monthly Recipients:														
JUL - Death Penalty Ministry	79.00												\$79.00	\$500.00
AUG - Planned Parenthood		93.00											\$93.00	\$500.00
SEP - ASPIRA			89.00										\$89.00	\$500.00
OCT - NIN: Neighbors In Need				255.00									\$255.00	\$850.00
NOV - Helper Project			504.00		313.00								\$817.00	\$1,000.00
DEC - CAC Christmas Giving						420.00							\$420.00	\$1,000.00
Christmas Fund/Veterans of the Cross						763.00							\$763.00	\$1,000.00
JAN - COCO/Solano Food Bank	480.00					45.00	105.00	274.00					\$630.00	\$600.00
FEB - Puente De La Costa Sur									280.00				\$274.00	\$500.00
MAR - OGHS: One Great Hour of Sharing										80.00			\$280.00	\$1,300.00
APR - National Resources Defense Council											50.00		\$80.00	\$600.00
MAY - AHA: Affordable Housing Affiliation												77.00	\$50.00	\$500.00
JUN - Strengthen the Church													\$77.00	\$800.00
All Others/Misc.:														
Hurricane Katrina			1,025.00	120.00									\$1,145.00	\$0.00
MISSION "POOL" - PLEDGED: \$7,046	1,135.00	267.00	92.00	235.00	214.00	250.00	357.00	962.00	172.00	134.00	162.00	216.00	\$4,196.00	
TOTALS	\$1,694.00	\$360.00	\$1,710.00	\$610.00	\$527.00	\$1,478.00	\$462.00	\$1,236.00	\$452.00	\$214.00	\$212.00	\$293.00	\$9,248.00	

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Cash Position
YTD 2005

	<u>July</u>	<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>April</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>June</u>
Cash												
B of A Balance	\$13,070.94	\$17,991.44	\$32,404.94	\$18,748.94	\$21,598.03	\$20,202.32	\$12,292.80	\$7,330.43	\$11,985.68	\$15,940.36	\$18,541.68	\$18,093.43
Franklin Fund (Closed 1/2006)	\$3,668.74	\$3,668.74	\$3,677.75	\$3,686.51	\$3,696.36	\$3,706.51	\$0.00	\$7.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vanguard Account	\$3,585.11	\$3,593.82	\$5,700.02	\$5,699.86	\$5,699.86	\$5,699.86	\$9,471.21	\$9,471.21	\$9,471.21	\$9,563.00	\$9,563.00	\$9,644.95
	\$20,324.79	\$25,254.00	\$41,782.71	\$28,135.31	\$30,994.25	\$29,608.69	\$21,764.01	\$16,809.12	\$21,456.89	\$25,503.36	\$28,104.68	\$27,738.38
Restricted Funds												
CE Memorial	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00	\$405.00
Memorial Garden	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Mission Pool	\$1,135.00	\$1,402.00	\$1,494.00	\$1,729.00	\$1,943.00	\$2,193.00	\$2,550.00	\$1,793.00	\$1,965.00	\$2,099.00	\$2,261.00	\$2,477.00
Mission Death Row Ministry	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00	\$79.00
Mission Food Bank	\$480.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mission Aspira												
Mission Heifer Project												
Mission Katrina												
Mission Planned Parenthood												
Mission Neighbors in Need		\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00	\$93.00
Mission Xmas Fund Vets of Cross												
Mission CAC Xmas Families												
Mission COCO/Solano Food Bank												
Mission Puente de la Costa Sur												
Mission O.G.H.S.												
Mission N.R.D.C												
Mission A.H.A												
Mission S.T.C												
The Bridge												
Worship Poinsettias												
Music Series	\$1,363.27	\$963.27	\$563.27	\$965.27	\$965.27	\$965.27	\$183.46	\$183.46	\$183.46	\$183.46	\$183.46	\$183.46
To Be Determined	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,110.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00
Christian Education												
Youth Group	\$1,648.10	\$1,648.10	\$1,648.10	\$1,648.10	\$1,648.10	\$1,648.10	\$1,648.10	\$1,748.10	\$2,022.09	\$2,022.09	\$2,022.09	\$2,022.09
Capital Improvement	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$15,589.41	\$5,109.41	\$5,159.41	(\$890.59)	(\$140.59)	(\$40.59)	\$109.41	\$159.41	\$209.41	\$259.41
Council Discretion Memorial Funds												
Pledges 2006-2007	\$7,929.50	\$7,929.50	\$7,929.50	\$7,929.50	\$7,929.50	\$7,929.50	\$6,559.31	\$6,520.77	\$7,470.77	\$7,620.77	\$7,655.77	\$7,655.77
Weekend in the Trees												
Total Restricted	\$4,012.27	\$15,734.87	\$33,164.78	\$24,156.78	\$24,889.78	\$20,074.78	\$17,652.10	\$13,854.56	\$15,680.55	\$19,016.05	\$19,463.05	\$20,056.05
Cash Available	\$16,312.52	\$9,519.13	\$8,617.93	\$3,978.53	\$6,104.47	\$9,533.91	\$4,111.91	\$2,954.56	\$5,776.34	\$6,487.31	\$8,641.63	\$7,682.33

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Actual to Budget FY2005/2006

June 30, 2006

Summary

	2005/06 Budget	2005/06 Actual	Difference
SOURCES OF FUNDING			
Pledges	\$70,976	\$68,703	\$2,273
Loose Offerings	\$6,687	\$6,808	\$121
Use of Building	\$25,475	\$26,270	\$795
Fundraisers	\$3,480	\$2,020	\$1,460
Interest (Money Market)	\$175	\$25	\$150
Other	\$627	\$806	\$179
Total Funding Sources	\$107,420	\$104,632	-\$2,788
EXPENSES			
Building & Grounds	\$21,462	\$13,414	\$8,048
Christian Education / Youth	\$200	\$191	\$9
UCC Support	\$3,800	\$3,000	\$800
Worship	\$886	\$975	\$89
Music & Youth Choir	\$1,218	\$1,213	\$5
Office / Computer / Copy Machine	\$5,038	\$4,774	\$264
Staff	\$70,666	\$71,454	\$788
Other Expenses	\$4,830	\$5,560	\$730
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$108,100	\$100,581	\$7,519
Excess (Deficit)	-\$679	\$4,051	\$4,730

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Benicia, CA			
Actual to Budget FY 2005/2006 Ended June 30, 2006			
Detail			
	2005/06 Budget	Actual 2005/2006	Difference
SOURCES OF FUNDING			
Pledges	\$70,976	\$68,703	(\$2,273)
Loose Offering	\$6,687	\$6,808	\$121
Use of Building Happy Hearts	\$18,900	\$18,900	\$0
Use of Building (Other)	\$6,575	\$7,370	\$795
Fundraisers	\$3,480	\$2,020	(\$1,460)
Interest (Vanguard)	\$175	\$25	(\$150)
Other	\$627	\$806	\$179
Total Funding Sources	\$107,420	\$104,632	-\$2,788
EXPENSES			
Building & Grounds			
Cornerstone Loan Payoff	\$2,304	\$2,144	(\$160)
Maint.	\$1,408	\$2,208	\$800
Utilities	\$5,859	\$6,351	\$492
Insurance	11,890	\$2,710	(\$9,180)
B&G Total	\$21,462	\$13,414	-\$8,048
Christian Education / Youth			
Christian Education		\$14	\$14
Youth Group	\$200	\$177	(\$23)
Confirmations		\$0	\$0
C.E. Total	\$200	\$191 *	-\$9
UCC Support			
UCC Share (Formerly OCWM)	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$500
UCC Dues UCC Share	\$1,300	\$0	(\$1,300)
S.O. Total	\$3,800	\$3,000	-\$800
Worship			
Pulpit Supply	\$200	\$0	(\$200)
Substitute Minister	\$100	\$100	\$0
Other Expenses	\$586	\$875	\$289
Worship Total	\$886	\$975	\$89
Music & Youth Choir			
Music Copyright License	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sheet Music	\$398	\$393	(\$5)
Guest Musicians	\$350	\$650	\$300
Seminar / Staff Training	\$170	\$170	\$0
Youth Choir / Festival	\$300	\$0	(\$300)

Community Congregational United Church of Christ			
Benicia, CA			
Actual to Budget FY 2005/2006 Ended June 30, 2006			
<u>Detail</u>			
	2005/06 Budget	Actual 2005/2006	Difference
Music Total	\$1,218	\$1,213	(\$5)
Office / Computer / Copy Machine			
Copier (Lease, copies & maintenance)	\$2,678	\$2,678	\$0
Office supplies, computer, copy machine supplies	\$2,150	\$2,096	(\$54)
Computer / Internet Fees	\$210	\$0	(\$210)
Office Total	\$5,038	\$4,774	(\$264)
Staff			
Pastor Salary & Housing	\$33,544	\$33,542	(\$2)
Pastor Benefits	\$6,684	\$5,036	(\$1,648)
Pastor Expenses	\$140	\$105	(\$36)
Minister of Music (52 wks)	\$10,596	\$11,250	\$654
Secretary	\$6,860	\$7,723	\$863
Custodian	\$3,600	\$3,300	(\$300)
Worker's Comp		\$1,257	\$1,257
Youth Minister	\$9,242	\$9,241	(\$1)
Youth Minister Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$0
Staff Total	\$70,666	\$71,454	\$788
Diakonate	\$50	\$0	(\$50)
Fellowship	\$167	\$0	(\$167)
Social Outreach		0	\$0
Stewardship	\$50	\$13	(\$37)
Welcome Ministry (Church Growth)	\$212	\$20	(\$192)
Council Discretionary Fund	-	\$0	\$0
Asilomar Delegates (UCC Ann. Mtg.)	-	\$505	\$505
Solano County Property Tax	\$1,964	\$1,965	\$0
Bank Fees	\$846	\$654	(\$191)
Child Care	\$1,491	\$1,654	\$163
Camp Scholarships	-	\$0	\$0
Weekend In the Trees	\$0	\$0	\$0
Minister's Discretionary	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Expenses	\$50	\$749	\$699
	\$4,830	\$5,560	\$730
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$108,100	\$100,581	(\$7,519)
Excess (Deficit)	(\$679)	\$4,051	\$4,730

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Building & Grounds

Greg Cox

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve another year as the building and grounds steward. This past year has been an active one. I want to again thank Donald and Arloine Stoner for their continued diligence keeping the day to day operations going. Weeding and policing the grounds, changing burned out light bulbs, making sure the windows and doors are shut, maintaining supplies, general repairs and responding to emergencies are only a few of the many contributions.

What's been happening?

- The Capital improvement fund was an extreme success. Do to the kindness and generosity of our members we were able to replace the C. E. building roof (\$11,500) and have enough reserve to replace the furnace (\$7,000.00) after it went out in December. This leaves us with only a few hundred dollars in reserves for future improvements.
- A member donation allowed us to have the drywall in the church office repaired. Several volunteers then painted the office. This was damaged from the roof leak more than 1 year ago.
- The stone in front of the C.E. building pine was trimmed pine was trimmed by Wallace Tree's of Vallejo. They did an excellent job and also supplied us with 5 huge piles of mulch for the hillside.
- Church work days have been scheduled for the 4th Saturday of each month. We have accomplished so much! I want to personally thank everyone that has participated so far in these fun days of fellowship. We do need everyone's help in some way to get everything done. If you can't work a special donation could be made toward hiring labor or renting equipment needed.
- Please see the list in fellow ship hall for the many accomplishments so far this year.
- The initial phase of the native Garden was started by clearing the front area, cutting down the tree, and planting Roger's apple tree.
- New building use contracts and policies were revised to minimize liability and set a donation recommendation level for building usage.
- Energy usage review was conducted by PG&E. Conservation recommendations have been implemented.

Building use – We continue to support the following groups by extending the use of our facilities.

- Happy Hearts – New owners Jackie Terri are now into their 2nd year of business.
- Samoan church – Continued meetings are being held quarterly for joint usage issues.
- AA/NA – Weekly meetings are posted on the church calendar in the bridge.

What's planned for the upcoming year?

Capital improvement plans are dependent upon individual donations to the capital improvement fund. The current budget provides for maintenance requirements only. Please consider donating towards one of the projects below.

- Sidewalks, irrigation and lighting for the garden in the front.
- Rebuild the retaining wall in front of the sanctuary; add a new one to the C.E. building front.
- New side exit door in sanctuary.
- New carpeting for the choir room and sanctuary.
- New flooring and wall covering for fellowship hall.
- New chairs and tables for fellowship hall and sanctuary.

Please see me for additional details. - GREG

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Christian Education
Dale Olm

The Christian Education Committee operated without an elected Council Chairperson this year. Thank you to Leslie Blackie, Tim Mautz, Dale Olm, Cassidy Sindt, Jay Smith, Susan Stofan, and Pastor Kay Wellington for their participation in the committee this year and in all the work they have done for the youth of this congregation in this committee, the youth group, the children's choir and the worship service.

The CE Committee organized the children's Sunday School program this year. The curriculum was Seasons of the Spirit, which is lectionary based. We offered classes for lower elementary (Cassidy Sindt), upper elementary (Dale Olm) and middle/high school (Jay Smith). Susan Stofan organized and lead music for the opening worship. Plans were made to develop a non-lectionary based Sunday School curriculum for the 2006 – 2007 school year.

We awarded Bibles (the NIV Adventure Bible) to one third grader and one young lady who recently has become involved in our church and youth group.

We continue to be pleased to have an active youth program available to our middle and high school youth. (See the Youth Minister's Report for Details). The CE committee continues to provide oversight to the Youth Minister and the Youth Group Program.

In concert with the Worship Committee, Adult Education was re-initiated. A survey of interest was completed, and an after-the-worship service group led by Pastor Kay Wellington began to meet during the Spring. Initial meetings were of an informal nature, but plans were developed to begin a study of Marcus Borg later this Summer.

-Dale Olm

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Diakona
Janet Murrell & Penny Taylor

In the past 12 months the Diakona Committee has tried to meet some of the needs of our Church Community. Penny Taylor and I, Janet Murrell are the full time members of the committee. We were able to draw on many different people as needs arose. Hope Wingert, Pam Martin, Eleanor Mortensen, Louise Tyree are just a few of the people who provided food made visits or provided transportation when asked. Another person who was always available for any need was Nancy Gilman. She was such a help. Not enough can be said about the help given by Chuck Hall. He gives rides, visits, provides food, whatever is needed. He often alerted us to needs in the community and was always willing to help. Dean Gilman is also someone who gives a great deal. His audio tapes enable out shut ins to feel part of the church they cannot physically attend.

In the past 12 months there have been 2 funerals. We provided food for after the service, food for the families, and whatever other help was needed such as making a photo collage, having a certain food or theme.

Rides to the hospital or church were provided for David Burgess, Marcia Stewart, Henry Childs and others. Food was provided for the Francis family, the Burgess family, Debbie Conway to name a few. Hospital or home visits were made to Alice Francis, Kay Yokum, David Burgess, Inga Childs, Debbie Conway and more.

At Christmas we had a card writing campaign so that every shut in or distant member received some mail from the church for Christmas. This is something we have done for a few years and always have very positive reactions from the congregation.

There are a few ongoing projects as well. Our committee sends birthday cards to all the adult members of the Church. We also send cards to our shut ins or anyone who is going through tough times, such as after a surgery or a loss.

We deliver tapes of the services to Kay Yokum . She is always so happy to get these tapes. Dean Gilman records the church service with emphasis on the music. For some time we also took these tapes to Alice Francis.

Another project is the library. We continue to receive a large type magazine which is shared with the congregation. We continue to encourage donations of large type books and books on tape. Carl and Gayle Mason and Cecelia McGuirk gave many of the books and tapes in the fellowship hall. There are also some religious themed books available.

This past year was a challenging one. We are grateful for the time we spent and feel privileged to have met and learned to know so many of our fellow church members. We will not be able to be chairs of the Diakona committee this year but are willing to be called on for help whenever it is needed.

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Fellowship

Gail Mason

Many thanks to the 2005-2006 Fellowship Committee members and helpers, who, time and again, showed themselves to be tireless examples of energy and creativity.

Debbie Conway
Nancy Gilman
Kathleen Kravets
Priscilla Lane
Tim Mautz
Janet Murrell
Shelby Riddle
Cassidy Sindt
Susan Stofan
Penny Taylor
Milly Thomas

Through the year, the fellowship committee balanced fellowship programming and budget against requests from other committees for time, service, and financial support for their work. Fellowship sponsored activities during 2005-2006 included:

- July 4th parking lot social
- Ice cream social
- WITT Base Camp barbecue
- Service Auction salad bar
- "Everything Orange" potluck / Halloween party
- "Everything Red" potluck / love stories
- "Eggsistential" potluck

Committee members also provided support for Music Committee concerts and a Buildings & Grounds work party.

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Social Outreach
Jett Thomas**

THANK YOU for your gifts of money for this year's thirteen chosen charities, for the outpouring of money for KATRINA relief, for your time, money, and work in filling the Christmas boxes, and for your year-round gifts of non-perishable food placed in the food barrel, now food basket, in the Fellowship Hall.

Each month we ask for your financial support for a specific charity by an article in the BRIDGE, a Mission Moment (call for offering) on the first Sunday of the month, and a Mission Moment (description of the following month's charity) on the last Sunday of the month.

This 05-06 year, \$7,046 was pledged for the year's Social Outreach program by 17 donors. Payments toward these pledges, as received, were placed in a "Mission Pool". During each month, donors who did not pledge for the total program made gifts to the charity of the month by means of pew envelopes. These "plate offerings" were placed in separate named accounts for each charity.

Twice each year (normally February and August) we meet to decide how much to give to each charity, depending on the sums available to us. The reason for these specific dates is that we are informed at the semi-annual congregational meeting in January and the annual meeting in July as to the specific amounts of money in each of our accounts. At our following meetings (February and August), we have the information needed for our decisions.

Last February, we decided to forward the \$1,145 specifically given for KATRINA relief and to meet our targets in full for four charities: Neighbors In Need - UCC \$850; Heifer Project \$1,000; CAC Christmas Giving \$1,000; Veterans of the Cross - UCC \$1,000. We decided to hold off on our gifts to three charities: Death Penalty Ministry \$ 500; Planned Parenthood \$500; ASPIRA \$500. At our August meeting, we will decide the level of gifts to these three and the six charities for January - June: Food Bank \$600; Puente de la Costa Sur \$500; One Great Hour of Sharing - UCC \$1,300; National Resources Defense Council \$600; AHA \$500; Strengthen the Church - UCC \$800. At this writing (late June), our best estimate is that we will not be able to meet all nine targets (total \$5,800), but we will be able to make a respectable gift to each.

For the coming year, we have thirteen charities in place for a total target of \$9,650, the same amount as this year. We did not ask for an increase in Social Outreach pledges in recognition of the overriding need for all of us to raise our pledges to Church Operations to provide a full-time minister and continue work on our physical plant. For 06-07, Social Outreach received 15 pledges for a total of \$6,400.

Again, THANK YOU for gifts of time, money, and goods this year. And a very special thank you to five very special people: David, Rhonda, Pam, Sarah, and Chol  . I am delighted to report that this entire team will return for 06-07. AMEN!

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Stewardship

Carl Mason

This year we went a long way toward improving the financial position of the Church and improving the accounting and reporting of revenue and expenses. Early in the year we had a service auction fundraiser the brought in about \$2,000.

In March and April we conducted a stewardship campaign the included visits by members of the Stewardship committee to the top pledgers of the Church. The goal was to increase pledges by a little over \$16,000 in order to afford to hire a full time pastor, to decrease maintenance backlog and provide funds to the various ministries of the Church.

We increase pledges by over \$20,000 to \$90,509. The theme of the campaign was "let's plant trees we may never enjoy the shade." To recognize the results we had a tree planting ceremony where we planted an apple tree in front of the Church.

The accounting and reporting process was streamlined by have the data put into the Quick Books program. This has allowed more professional and timely reports to the Council and congregation.

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Welcome Ministry

Dale Olm

The Welcome ministry chair was vacant in 2005 – 2007.

Thanks to Eleanor Mortensen for assisting Pastor Kay Wellington as needed with new members and other functions of Welcome.

Thank you to Chuck Hull and Debbie Conway of the Worship Committee for assuming responsibility for ushers and greeters.

-Dale Olm

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Worship

Hope Wingert

From June 2005 through February 2006, the Worship Committee worked without a chairperson, under the direction of Dale Olm, moderator of CCC. People who served on the committee or simply helped out occasionally were Nancy Gilman, Chuck Hull, Debbie Conway, Carolyn Osada, Pam Martin, Shelby Riddle, Priscilla Lane, and others. During the season of Lent, in March of 2006, Hope Wingert agreed to become the facilitator of this committee, and relieved Dale of his duties of overseeing the group. Dale has continued to attend meetings, and give us his guidance during the transitional time and beyond.

I have been asked, as facilitator, to write the annual report, based on my experiences during my tenure. I'll begin with Lent, which started with an exciting event on Fat Tuesday, or Shrove Tuesday. Jay Smith and the Youth Group hosted a pancake supper for CCC members, an evening that included pancake races, mask making, enthusiastically enjoyed by all who attended. A quiet simple service followed in our sanctuary, with the imposition of ashes, in honor of Ash Wednesday. The first Sunday in Lent was observed by the hanging of Pastor Kay's Lenten visual art project, bare limbs, hung by a system of pulleys and nylon line, created by Greg Cox. We had a Maundy Thursday Soup Supper, followed by a powerful ritual of washing one another's hands, before service Communion, all by candlelight at dusk in Fellowship Hall. The evening concluded with all of us stripping the sanctuary of all adornments for Good Friday's Vigil. The church was open from 6am until 6pm on Good Friday, with most people visiting for 30 minute segments from midmorning until mid-afternoon. By Easter morning, the limbs had sprouted beautiful flowers (with the help of Pam Martin and Kay). Easter service was beautiful and full of wonderful music, singing, flower displays, and many people filled the church to enjoy the efforts of many, many people who'd worked (some for months!) in advance to prepare for such a remarkable day. Pentecost was a challenge for the understaffed, overcommitted group, and much to the thanks of former committee members' handiwork, we were able to create a beautiful display using Gail Mason's altar cloth, long swaths of gauzy red fabric, and a few candles---especially because we had access to Greg's and Kay's pulley system for hanging things in the high reaches of our sanctuary. Memorial Day we recognized and thanked members, friends, and loved ones who are currently, or have in the past, served in the Military. In June we were fortunate to have as our guests the Youth Choir from Cloverdale, their presence and talent made for a rich, vocal tapestry enjoyed by all who attended. We also recognized the graduates at CCC (from 5th grade, from Middle School, from High School) in a service where Pastor Kay, Jay Smith, and Dale Olm spoke about each young person's unique gifts and wished them well in the future. Sunday School teachers and Youth Group leaders were thanked for their service with our young people. Larry Schaffer was inducted as an official member of CCC during a service in the spring, and when presented with his red Comma (God is Still Speaking) pin he made the congregation break out in laughter by refusing to pin it onto his choir robe, "It is BRAND NEW!"

Many people have helped the worship hour run smoothly by doing the things that go unnoticed, that is until such times that the things don't get done and then DO get noticed: people who bring flowers for the altar, candle lighters, greeters, offering helpers, communion servers, people who replace the too-short altar candles, red-sign-in-sheet collectors, papers-left-in-the-pews-after-service recyclers, people who come early and set up the sound system, or set out name tags/large print hymnals, people who escort our members confined to wheelchairs/ walkers, making sure that they get in and out of their vehicles safely....a myriad of routines that make the worship hour run smoothly. Then there are the people that help with special events, who come to church on Saturdays in order to arrange flowers, create banners, change paraments, decorate for Christmas & Advent, Easter & Lent. People who sit in long planning sessions and work with Pastor Kay to create worship experiences that we hope enliven and enrich our experience together, our time each Sunday that's devoted to praising and thanking God, working towards the development and growth of our church on the hill, CCC. To all of you, named and unnamed, I send out sincere thanks. Without you there would be no CCC. I finish this report with enthusiasm and high expectations that much more will be accomplished in the coming church year, and thank you all for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.