

Until the Whole World Hears



Faith United Church
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Until the Whole World Hears 2012 Annual Report

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Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

Sunday – January 27, 2013

Blessing	Pastor Jim Oswald
Covered Dish Luncheon	Sponsored by Women's Fellowship
Annual Meeting to follow the Luncheon	
Call to Order	Ronnie McCauley
Invocation	Carole McClellan
Welcome to New Members	Joed Hill
Moments of Remembrance	Linda Trapp
Annual Reports	
Clerk	Michelle Nolan
Treasurer	Dianne Pulley
Stewardship Report	Jill Brant
Old Business	
2013 Budget Approval	Trudy Lewis
New Building Project	Corey Vulgamott
New Business	
Floor Open for Discussion	
President's Remarks	Reggie West
Pastor's Remarks	Pastor Jim Oswald
Closing Benediction	Pastor Jim Oswald
Closing Hymn	We Are One in the Bond of Love (below)

*We are one in the bond of love
We are one in the bond of love.
We have joined our spirits with the spirit of God;
We are on in the bond of love.*

*Let us sing now everyone;
Let us feel His love begun.
Let us join our hands that the world will know
We are one in the bond of love.*

Faith United Church Annual Congregational Meeting

January 22, 2012

The fifty Annual Meeting of Faith United Church was held on Sunday, January 22, 2012, following a covered-dish luncheon by the Dinner Committee of Women's Fellowship.

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-President, Reggie West, called meeting to order at 12:01 pm.

INVOCATION: Pastor Jim lead congregation in invocation.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Jill Brant welcomed each new member that joined Faith Church in 2011, and individually named each of the 16 members that were welcome into membership.

MOMENT OF REMEBERANCE: Debbie Demuth read the names of the five members of congregation who passed away in 2011. A moment of silence in honor of their memory was followed by a scripture reading.

CLERK'S ANNUAL REPORT: Michelle Nolan, Clerk, presented the 2011 Clerk's Report. Membership at the beginning of 2011 started with 187 members. Sixteen new members joined, by the affirmation. Five members were lost by death and ten members were lost by inactivity, with membership ending 2012 of 188 members.

TREASUERER'S ANNUAL REPORT: Dianne Pulley, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for 2011. She reported that \$3,374.24 was given to Mission.

STEWARDSHIP: Jill Brant reported on Stewardship Committee's Drive this year, "Until the Whole World Hears". Pledges received to date represent 78.5% of 2012 budget.

OLD BUSINESS:

2012 Budget: Ron McCauley made a motion to accept the 2012 Budget as presented. George Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

By-Laws: Ron McCauley made a motion to table new By-laws. George Fischer seconded. Motion opposed. Tony Demuth made a motion that By-laws be voted on at a Special Congregational Meeting. Mike Prussman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Building Report: Tony Demuth reported committee to be reactivated to identify congregation needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

President's Remarks: Tony Demuth reported vacancies on several Commissions. Tony thanked Pastor Jim and Congregation on the continued growth at Faith United Church.

Pastor's Remarks: Pastor Jim spoke about 2011, "Come and See" and look at all that we've done. In 2012 "Until the Whole World Hears" is our theme; it will be very exciting to see what happens at Faith this year. God is always opening doors and Pastor Jim is always available. Remember, this is God's house.

Pastor Jim closed in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Nolan, Clerk

Pastor Jim Oswald

I concluded last year's report with the verse from Mark 16:15 which says, "*Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere.*" Our theme for 2012 was, "*Until the Whole World Hears.*" As a church it is our responsibility to help bring God's Good News to the world. The world is defined as the area beginning immediately around you into the farthest corners of the earth. Missions have become, and will continue to be, an increasing focus for our church. This past year we began with baby steps.

In April, we once again opened our church doors to the community to come participate in our Easter egg hunt. The message of Easter is presented along with an opportunity for our church members to get to know new families from our community.

In May, we watched as six children completed Confirmation class. The opportunity I had, as their pastor, to help them grow in their faith was awesome! Over Father's Day weekend, we had two of those children, Courtney Butcher and Matthew Sharp, follow Christ in baptism at Tony Demuth's pool, along with Otis Uehlin, Katherine Sharp, and Joshua Oswald. This was truly a great day in the life of our church. Our church continues to grow in faith, and that faith is not restricted to just the old, or just the young, **but to all**. The age difference between Otis and Joshua was just one more way of showing how our church is growing together as one body of faith. Also on Father's Day Sunday, we invited the New Generation Singers to come and lead our worship service. More than 278 people were counted in attendance that morning as they heard of how God is working through these young people's lives. The "New G" singers took up a love offering used to help them take a trip across the country in order to share God's love with churches all over through song. This was yet another way we were able to help spread God's love to those who needed to hear it.

In early June, we opened our church doors to the community to participate in our Vacation Bible School. Children were taught the stories of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. There were games, crafts and songs offered to help teach children the Good News in a variety of ways. Each child was cared for, loved and told of God's amazing love.

At the end of June, our students took part in Student Life/Mission Camp for the first time. We traveled to Cleveland, TN where we attended Student Life Camp, and made it our starting point each morning. We worked at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home in Chattanooga, TN each day. Although it may not sound like "ministry", our students painted, power washed, weeded flower beds, mulched trees, used weed eaters around trees and removed tons of logs, dirt and debris. Our students helped keep up the maintenance on a place that takes in children who are from abusive homes and in need of being taken care of in a safe, loving environment. Each day our students returned to camp knowing that they had made a difference in those children's lives. Sometimes the difference you make is not always spiritual. Sometimes you show God's love to children who just need to know that they are loved and valued and we showed them God's love in very practical ways. The speaker for camp spoke each night on how to be "Audacious" in your faith. His style spoke to our students and they knew that every word that came out of his mouth was genuine. The love and care that he felt for each student there was real! We concluded that trip with floating on the Ocoee River. Overall the trip was a great success.

In July, we held the second ever children's camp up at Miracle Hills Camp in Bethany, Missouri. We extended the camp an extra day this year and it was a great success! More than 50 children, students and adults came together for three days of worship,

quiet times, athletic activities, skits, food and bonfires...yet another chance for us to get the message of Jesus into the hearts of our children. After camp, many of the children were already asking me about next year and of what they could hope to expect. I told them that the only way they could find out was to sign up. And so we have children eagerly waiting for the end of July to come around so that they can attend camp. If you have not signed up your child for camp, please prayerfully consider doing so. Something about going to camp creates memories that last a life time. These are also crucial times when seeds are planted into our children's hearts that help lay a foundation of faith for the future.

In August, we had more than 20 people participate in Willow Creek's Leadership Conference. This year we stayed in town and watched via satellite from Word of Life Church. There is no real way to sum up all that you see, hear and learn over the course of that two day period. Again, lives are changed and you come back a little different. The main thing we took from this year's conference was the idea of "6x6" cards. This is a way for our church to focus on six specific ideas for six weeks. The hope is that we can make amazing differences in the life of our community in a variety of ways in short bursts of time. We have already worked through our first six ideas and will continue to build on those ideas here in the spring as we lay out our next "6x6" and on into the rest of 2013.

With the start of school this fall came the restart of another program for our church called, "Kids for Christ" or simply "KFC." This program is a foundational program that introduces children to music, bible study and recreation. In this way, our children will grow spiritually, physically, and emotionally. As we continue on into 2013 we hope to strive to find new and better ways to reach our children and help them to come to know the LORD.

In September, we added nine new members to Faith United through our new member's class. It was great to see how God continues to add to our numbers daily. Each new member has already begun to step in and contribute to our church body. Please continue to be in prayer for God to continue to use our church in a way that can be a place of refuge for those looking to come to know Christ and be a part of His church family.

We closed 2012 with yet another beautiful Christmas Eve service. It has always been one of my most favorite services of the year. Looking out over our church body I see everyone lifting up their "light" in a way that symbolizes that they are going to let their light shine for Him! And so that is what we must do. Our theme for 2013 is "Being Jesus." The theme verse is found in 1 John 4:17b that simply says, "***because we are like Christ here in this world.***" Our students will be traveling to the Ozarks this year to participate in yet another Student Life/Mission Camp. Our adults continue to minister each month to those who come to the Food Kitchen looking for a little food and compassion. We are looking to continue to participate in the "Crop Walk," "Relay for Life," "Heifer Project," and "Samaritan's Purse." We are also going to look for new ways so that we continue to be "Christ in this world." If you know of ways that our church can potentially serve, please let me know! Please allow God to speak through you this year in a way that you can be His hands and feet in "***this world.***"!

Thanks for allowing me to be your pastor! It is truly an honor to serve you, and to serve with you!

Be God's in All Things!
Pastor Jim Oswald

President's Annual Report 2012

This is my first annual report as President, and I must start by saying how proud I am of our congregation, and how humbled I am to serve as your President. It wasn't until I starting attending Faith United that I truly understood that the church is the people, not the building. Faith United building is just that, a building. Faith United Church is the people who gather together in that building to worship and serve God. I am continually impressed at how we individually and collectively have come together, supported each other and contributed to do the work of God.

Being President of a Church is not a difficult job if you have involved committed people around you. Our Cabinet and the groups they represent have been exemplary in their involvement and commitment to Faith United Church. I am honored to work with a Cabinet that is as dedicated, thoughtful, wise, and committed as ours, and I am grateful to each and every Cabinet member for their gifts of time, energy, and wisdom. I also extend my gratitude to everyone who has stepped forward to serve as a committee chair or on a new committee, as well as all who have stepped in to help with Sunday Worship, the many special activities, and all the behind-the-scenes activities it takes to operate a successful church like Faith United.

Report of the Cabinet

The year of 2012 has come to a close and our church has been busy throughout the year. I have only been Vice President/Chair of Cabinet for 3 months, but would like to thank those who are on the Cabinet for all their hard work this year. I would like to thank those who served on the various committees and the Board for their hard work and the time they have taken to fulfill their duties.

As I begin 2013 as my first full year as Vice President, I look forward to working with our church body and in keeping Faith Church

I want to give special thanks to Ronnie McCauley for stepping up to the plate and filling the vacant Vice President position, and to Michelle Nolan our Clerk, and Dianne Pulley our Treasurer, for all their hard work and dedication. Financially, it was a good year with the operational fund ending the year with a balanced budget. I am particularly thankful for everyone's financial gifts which without we would not be able to serve God in the many ways that we do.

I also want to give thanks to Pastor Jim Oswald. Through his dedication, hard work, and leadership Faith United Church has continued to grow and prosper so that we are able to nourish and grow in our own faith as well as spreading the good news to others.

Whether it's serving on a committee, attending a Bible study, volunteering to be a Sunday school teacher, or singing in the choir, there are ample opportunities to get involved. You will get more satisfaction and Faith United Church will become even stronger.

The Committee reports within this Annual Report will highlight some of the accomplishments that have been achieved during 2012. It has indeed been a rich, full and busy year in the life of Faith United Church.

Thank you for being such a loving body of Christ and faithful servants of His kingdom.

Respectfully submitted,
Reggie West

a loving, caring and growing church. It has been 30 years since I was Vice President and I know that the next years will be exciting for us all. I cherish the chance to serve God and our church in the next years.

As we move into 2013, I would like to ask all of you to give your time and talents and continue to help our church grow. I asked the Lord for his guidance in the upcoming year and thank him for the past one.

May God Bless You and All

Ronnie McCauley

Nominating Committee Report

President-----Reggie West
Vice-President-----Ronnie McCauley
Clerk-----Michelle Nolan
Treasurer-----Dianne Pulley

Board of Stewards

Trudy Lewis	2013
Dale Arn	2013 (unexpired-Reggie West)
Corey Vulgamott	2013
Mike Prussman	2014
Paul Bridenstine	2014
Denny Cobb	2014
Mina McCall	2015
Travis Rumpf	2015
Teresa Kidwell	2015

Lay Life and Work

Tom Taylor	2013 (unexpired Teresa Kidwell)
Scotty Sharp	2013
Joed Hill	2013
Benny Wheeler	2014
Sharon Rumpf	2014
Jill Cobb	2014
Merry Sharp	2015
George Fischer	2015
Jenni Butcher	2015

Church and Ministry

Jill Brant	2013
Ann Slaybaugh	2013
Carole McClellan	2013
Steve Pulley	2014
Eilean McCauley	2014
Loretta Prussman	2014
Beverly Miller	2015
Carolyn Sagaser	2015
Sally Berten	2015

Christian Education

Brent Hill	2013
Missy West	2013
Sharon Catron	2013
Kara Tolbert	2014
Karen McClellan	2014
Susan Wheeler	2014
Ashley West	2015
Jody King	2015
Sharon Bannon	2015
Linda Trapp, S.S. Supt.	

Chairman: George Fischer

Committee: Jenni Butcher, Sharon Rumpf, Eilean McCauley, Mina McCall

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

CASH BASIS

12 Months Ended December 31, 2012

	1-Current	2-Memorial	3-Missions	4-McClellan	5-Warrington	5-Contingency	7-Iffert	8-Rumpf	Total
Operating Expenses									
Church & Ministry Commission	696.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	696.68
Custodian wages	2,417.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,417.10
Secretary wages	8,935.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,935.60
Nursery Attendant wages	2,072.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,072.07
Payroll taxes	1,670.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,670.96
Office expense	33.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	33.01
Office supplies	2,768.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.98	0.00	2,803.55
Postage	1,081.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,081.00
Equipment repair	207.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	207.00
Building repairs/maintenance	4,275.56	800.00	0.00	0.00	5,640.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,716.16
Building supplies	2,312.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,312.94
Pest control	900.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Electric	9,100.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,100.06
Gas	3,134.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,134.93
Water	364.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	364.30
Trash	546.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	546.00
Telephone	1,984.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,984.77
Grounds expense	56.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.93
Grounds maintenance	6,031.84	5,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,831.84
Property insurance	7,033.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,033.00
Vehicle gas	851.98	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	851.98
Vehicle repairs	205.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	205.26
Advertising	124.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	124.30
Flowers	479.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	479.44
Dues and subscriptions	249.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	249.00
Miscellaneous expense	1,851.08	670.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,589.86	218.02	0.00	7,329.72
Accounting	5,385.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,385.00
Total Expenses	64,768.38	7,270.76	0.00	0.00	5,640.60	4,589.86	253.00	0.00	82,522.60
Missions									
Missions	48.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.52
Food Kitchen	461.91	0.00	115.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	577.63
Discretionary	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
InterServ	0.00	0.00	195.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
Second Harvest Back Pack	0.00	0.00	123.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	123.00
Church Women United	0.00	0.00	175.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
Red Cross / Toy Room	0.00	0.00	181.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	181.46
Christmas Shoe Boxes	0.00	0.00	113.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	113.00
Heifer Project	0.00	0.00	430.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	430.04
Total Missions	1,010.43	0.00	1,333.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,343.65
Total Cash Disbursements	135,906.61	7,270.76	1,333.22	0.00	5,640.60	4,589.56	30,681.53	0.00	185,422.28
Transfers	-1,464.99	342.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,122.99
Change in Net Assets	-628.96	-5,537.41	604.98	37,338.48	-1,081.56	-4,443.83	3,961.83	2,488.37	32,701.90
Beginning Net Assets	628.96	113,562.40	20,066.24	265,385.49	20,329.48	46,780.91	16,072.55	25,905.38	508,731.41
Ending Net Assets	0.00	108,024.99	20,671.22	302,723.97	19,247.92	42,337.08	20,034.38	28,393.75	541,433.31

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Cash Basis									
12 Months Ended December 31, 2012									
	1-Current	2-Memorial	3-Missions	4-McClellan	5-Warrington	5-Contingency	7-Iffert	8-Rumpf	Total
Cash Receipts									
Offering	125,874.31	40.00	663.49	35,035.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	161,612.80
Loose offerings	4,263.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,263.89
Interest income	0.59	1,351.35	11.15	2,303.48	65.24	145.73	0.00	78.37	3,955.91
Trust income	185.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,493.80	0.00	21,925.93	0.00	26,604.98
Iffert income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,602.93	0.00	10,602.93
Miscellaneous income	6,418.60	0.00	1,263.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,114.50	2,410.00	12,206.66
Total Cash Receipts	136,742.64	1,391.35	1,938.20	37,338.48	4,559.04	145.73	34,643.36	2,488.37	219,247.17
Cash Disbursements									
Leadership & Service									
Pastor salary	20,730.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,730.00
Pastor's housing allowance	27,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,000.00
Pastor's health insurance	7,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,200.00
Pastor's annuity	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,400.00
Pastor's car allowance	1,517.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,517.53
Pastor's payroll taxes	1,585.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,585.81
Guest speakers	300.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Conference travel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Youth	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	15,740.54	0.00	15,740.54
Sunday school supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,345.50	0.00	2,345.50
FUN night	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	284.24	0.00	284.24
Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
Vacation bible school	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,266.25	0.00	2,266.25
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,792.00	0.00	1,792.00
Lay life & work commission	412.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	412.12
Pianist/organist	8,417.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,417.04
Piano tuning	195.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	195.00
Music supplies	370.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	370.00
Total Leadership & Service	70,127.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30,428.53	0.00	100,556.03

Report of the Church Clerk December 31, 2012

MEMBERSHIP ON RECORD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2012..... **188**

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:

By Confirmation..... 5
 By Affirmation..... 9

TOTAL RECEIVED..... **+ 14**

MEMBERS RE-ACTIVATED..... **+ 0**

MEMBERS LOST:

By Death..... 3
 By Transfer..... 0
 By Inactivity..... 23
 By Request..... 0

TOTAL LOST..... **- 26**

TOTAL MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2012..... **176**

MEMBERS RECEIVED : 9

Sharon Campbell
 Eddie Bollmeyer
 Chris Mollett
 Samuel Sweat
 Phyllis Cole
 Larry Cole
 Richard Sharp
 Nancy Sharp
 Traci Trapp

DEATHS : 3

Olga Speer
 Doris Fischer
 Leonard Smith

BAPTISMS: 5

Courtney Butcher
 Matthew Sharp
 Katherine Sharp
 Otis Uehlin
 Josh Oswald

WEDDINGS: 0

MEMBERS RE-ACTIVATED: 0

CONFIRMANDS : 5

Courney Butcher
 Johnathan Hoecker
 Jacob Berton
 Jordan Hill
 Matthew Sharp
 Aaron King (had already been added to membership)

DROPPED BY INACTIVITY: 23

Bahrke, Eric & Linda
 Berthiaume, David, Kelly & Taylor
 Bullock, Jairon
 Chapman, Amber
 Daly, Amanda
 Haynes, Buddy
 Hedge, Chonte
 Hedge, Matthew
 Herring, Cameron
 Hicks, Paulette
 Jackson, Cassie
 Lawrence, Chelsi
 Rathmann, Donald Dr.
 Rathmann, Donald
 Rathmann, Anita (Thomas)
 Rathmann, Roxanne
 Rathmann, Stephanie
 Turner, Henry E. Jr
 Woody, Daniel
 Woody, Mary

Respectfully submitted

In Memory 2012

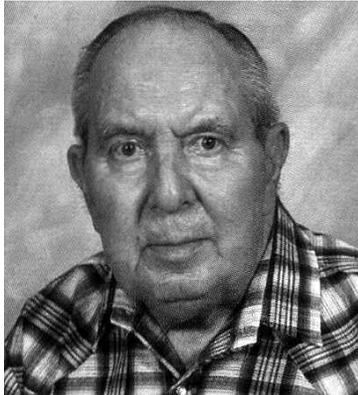
**John 3: 16 - For God so loved the world,
that He gave His only begotton Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.**



**Doris Fischer
January 27**



**Olga Speer
February 5**



**Leonard Smith
April 30**



**Roy Ritter
November 6
(Husband of member, Jackie Ritter)**

Members Received in 2012



Received into the congregation on September 30th, 2012 were:
Sharon Campbell, Chris Mollett, Traci Trapp, Samuel Sweat,
Nancy Sharp, Richard Sharp, Larry Cole, Phyllis Cole,
and Eddie Bollmeyer.

Active Members on December 31, 2012

Abersold, Grace
Arn, Dale
Arn, Janis
Bannon, Sharon
Beemer, Kara
Berton, Jacob
Berton, Kayley
Berton, Kourtney
Berton, Sally
Berton, Scott
Bollmeyer, Eddie
Bollmeyer, Stacy
Book, Mary June
Brant, Bart
Brant, Jill
Brant, Stetson
Bridenstine, Paul
Brumbach, Edwin
Brumbach, Marjorie
Bryson, Larry
Bryson, Paula
Bryson, Steven
Bryson, Amy
Butcher, Courtney
Butcher, Jeffrey
Butcher, Jennifer
Butcher, Kennedy
Campbell, Sharon
Carolus, Robin
Catron, Audrey
Catron, Locky
Catron, Sharon
Catron, Wilk
Cobb, Denny
Cobb, Jennifer
Cobb, Jill
Cole, Larry
Cole, Phyllis
Demuth, Debbie
Demuth, Tony
Dye, George
Dye, Madonna (Donna)
Fisch, Cassie
Fisch, Juli
Fischer, Dr. George
Franey, Michelle
Freeman, James
Freeman, Ila
Gilmore, Willis
Goforth, Susan (Alden)
Gottswiller, Eral
Haenni, Brayden
Hill, Brent
Hill, Courtney
Hill, Joed
Hill, Jordan
Hixson, Connie
Hoecker, Jacob
Hoecker, Johnathan
Hoecker, Shawn
Hoecker, Tammy
Holt, Carolyn

Johnson, Tom
Johnson, Penny
Kidwell, Brian
Kidwell, Teresa
King, Aaron
King, Alex
King, Drew
King, Jody
Kline, Sherr
Lambing, Devera
Langemach, Darline
Langemach, Gary
Langemach, Brenda
Langemach, Ryan
Lewis, Trudy
Leichti, Anna
Lightle, Scott
Lightle, Ashley
McCall, Daniel L.
McCall, Leonard
McCall, Mina
McCauley, Ronnie
McCauley, Eilean
McCauley, Stacey
McCauley, Craig
McClellan, Carole
McClellan, Karen
Milbourne, Uva May
Miller, Beverly
Miller, Frances
Mollett, Chris
Montgomery, Gwen
Morgan, Duane
Morgan, Faye
Nolan, Austin
Nolan, Michelle
Nolan, Kaylin
Nolan, Roy
Oswald, Jim
Oswald, Julie
Oswald, Jill
Oswald, Jenna
Portell, Kevin
Portell, Carolyn
Prussman, Michael
Prussman, Loretta
Pulley, Steve
Pulley, Dianne
Queen, Mildred
Ritter, Jackie
Rockwood, Nancy
Root, Donald
Root, Mary
Rumpf, Keith
Rumpf, Sharon
Rumpf, Travis
Sagaser, Carolyn
Sagaser, Carl Gregory
Schaaf, Debbie
Schubert, Joan
Schoenlaub, Elizabeth
Schuett, LuVerne
Seuell, Rosemary
Seuell, Cynthia
Sharp, Katharine

Sharp, Matthew
Sharp, Merry
Sharp, Nancy
Sharp, Richard
Sharp, Ruth
Sharp, Scotty
Shores, Frances
Simpson, Stacy
Simpson, Tommy
Slaybaugh, Ann
Slaybaugh, Scott
Smith, Dorothy
Spitzer, Glenn
Stephens, Alma
Stroud, David
Stroud, Daniel
Sweat, Samuel
Taylor, Joan
Taylor, Tom
Tolbert, Karamaneh
Tourbier, Ada
Tourbier, Alene
Trapp, Linda
Trapp, Mason
Trapp, Michael
Trapp, Traci
VanLone, Regina
Vulgammott, Corey
Vulgammott, Colton
Vulgammott, Jean Gayle
Vulgammott, Kyle
Vulgammott, Cameron
Wellenkoetter, Carl R.
Wells, Margaret
West, Ashley,
West, Missy
West, Rachel
West, Reggie
Wheeler, Benny
Wheeler, Susan
Wickam, Anthony
Wickam, Melanie
Wickam, Miranda
Wilson, Dorothea
Wilson, Sandra
Wood, James
Wood, Donna
Wood, Darren
Wood, Katherine

TOTAL MEMBERS
DECEMBER 31, 2012
176

Church & Ministry Commission 2012

Commission Members: Jill Brant, Eilean McCauley, Bev Miller, Loretta Prussman, Steve Pulley, Penny Johnson, Ann Slaybaugh, Carole McClellan, and Mina McCall, Chairman

Thank you to all of the commission for the jobs you have done. A Commission is not one person but everyone working together and you have all done a great job. Thank you to Pastor Jim for working with us. We had a great Confirmation Class for 2012. (Courtney Butcher, Jordan Hill, Jonathan Hoecker, Jacob Berten, Aaron King, and Matthew Sharp)

There were baptisms during the summer at the home of Tony and Debbie Demuth. Being baptized were Otis Uehlin, Courtney Butcher, Katherine and Matthew Sharp, and Joshua Oswald.

We planned for Lent with an Ash Wednesday Service, Maundy Thursday Service, and Palm Sunday with palms, and Easter Sunday with communion and Easter Lilies.

We planned for the Advent Season, Lighting of the Advent Candles, Hanging of the Greens, and the Christmas Eve Service with poinsettias.

This commission is also responsible for acolytes, candles and candelabras, children's message, communion, greeters, nursery care for worship, pulpit supply, and worship assistants, visitor packets, the calling committee and the visitation committee. We also review the membership rolls in November and send letters.

We had our Summer Luncheon in August and thanks to all that attended and those that helped on the commission.

Thank you to everyone that served on a committee. We appreciate all the help. Thank you to the nominating committee we will have a full slate on our commission for 2013!

Special Offering Designations

Angel Tree - Women's Abuse Shelter
(Advent/Christmas)

Christmas Card- Inter-Serve
(Advent/Christmas)

The Giving Tree - To a local Title 1 school
(includes mittens, hats, socks, and under ware for young children)
(Advent/Christmas)

Mina McCall, Chairperson

Lay Life and Work Commission

The Commission on Lay Life consisted of Teresa Kidwell/Chairman, Bennie Wheeler/Secretary, Brian Kidwell, Merry Sharp, Travis Rumpf, Scotty Sharp, Joed Hill, Sharon Rumpf and Jill Cobb. The Budget for the year was \$750.

It is the responsibility of the Lay Life and Work Commission to coordinate the adult fellowship activities and family life events in the church and service in the

community. This year these included:

The Food Kitchen outreach - served anywhere from 43 To 135 people each month.

Feb. 5th - Souper Bowl Sunday with donations going to InterServe

March 31st - Easter Egg Hunt

April 8th - Easter breakfast

May 13th - carnations for Mother's Day
(these were purchased from the Missouri

Right to Life Pony Express Chapter to make this a mission as well as a gift to mothers)

June 17th - flashlights for Father's Day

July 15th - Summer Luncheon of hamburgers and hot dogs (free will offering was donated to our Food Kitchen program)

Sept. 23rd - Crop Walk

October 20th Hunts Orchard (6 adults, 5 children under 13 and 1 teenager)

Shoe boxes were Samaritan's Purse (20 donated)

December 1st Chili lunch for Hanging of the Greens

Thanks to all who served on this Commission.

Teresa Kidwell, Chairman

Christian Education

Brent and I would like to thank all the Christian Education Commission members! You're an awesome group that consistently gives of your time and talents to further the growth of our children, youth and adult education programs!

Kids for Chris (K.F.C.) -- (1st -6th)

K.F.C. started its winter/spring session in January closing out the session in April with a skating party at B&J Skate! The fall session (focus on The Fruit of the Spirit) started in September with a weenie roast and finished up in December with a service project! The children made baskets for the shut-ins as their service project. The Lord has Blessed Faith with wonderful caring children!

We had Easter dinner in March with music provided by the children in KFC. VBS was a hit! We had a great turn out and the children had a lot of fun visiting Babylon and learning about Daniel's courage while in captivity.

In July, we had an awesome turn out for our Miracle Hills children's camp in Bethany, MO! The children learned about several of Jesus' amazing parables like the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan! Thanks to all the parents and youth that give their time and effort to make this camp a success!

Believe in God (B.I.G.) -- (7th -12th)

In June, the youth went on a mission trip to Lee University in Tennessee. The youth did several fund raisers throughout the year (Valentine's Dinner, St Patrick's Day

scavenger hunt and Car Wash) to earn money toward their mission trip! During their stay at Lee University, they spent several days serving at the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home.

In October, the youth took a trip to Bethany, MO for an afternoon of fun playing paintball followed by a weenie roast! The youth served a wonderful lunch in December with the proceeds going to 'Relay for Life'! Special thanks to Sharon Catron for the food and desserts!

We have a very caring group of young people at Faith that have a heart for God! They continue to serve the 4th Sunday of each month as worship leaders, greeters and ushers. They are complemented often by Mary at Living Community for their service throughout the year assisting residents to church service!

College Class

Thank you Jenni Butcher for continuing to further the growth of our college students! Sunday school attendance stayed steady at 35-40!

Linda Trapp has graciously served as the S.S. Superintendent for the past several years, but will be stepping down. Thank you Linda for all you did! The Heifer Project ran through the fall session to raise money to buy seeds for Arkansas residents participating in the program. Special thanks to Karen McClellan for heading up the program!

Respectfully submitted,
Brent Hill and Missy West

Church Library Report 2012

Use of the Faith United Church Library has been very slow this past year, especially our materials located in Fellowship Hall. Besides being very difficult to get to the adult fiction section and the reference materials, the shelving has deteriorated to the point it is unsafe. Our shelves holding the reference materials actually collapsed while no one was even near it. Because of this, and because the shelves holding the adult fiction books is so unstable, we fear a child could easily pull it over on themselves, those shelves are “barricaded” and those materials are unavailable for check out at this time.

So you can see where this is leading. We need new, preferable wooden, book shelves to replace all the old metal shelving in Fellowship Hall. It would also be really nice to have at least one more additional bookcase in the Narthex where most of our newer material is shelved.

Our Library is for any member of our congregation to borrow from. Just select your book, sign and date the card, and leave it in the container marked for that purpose. There are fiction and non-fiction books for

all ages. When you return the book, please do not try to re-shelve it. The library volunteers will do that. You can return books to the marked shelf in the Narthex at the present time

We welcome more members to this committee. Contact me if you wish to work to make our library more useable.

The donated “Chicken Soup for the Soul” books, on the Narthex shelves, may be borrowed and enjoyed on the “Honor System” Just be sure to return them when you are through, so others may enjoy them.

Please acquaint yourself with what is available and use our library regularly. Two audio sets of the Bible are available for checkout upstairs on the shelves across from Pastor Jim’s office. Some of these are still missing or being used. If you know where these missing tapes are, we would appreciate you helping by letting us know. If you have them, just return them to the Narthex shelves and they will be put in the proper places. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted
Penny Johnson

Women’s Fellowship 2012

The purpose of Women’s Fellowship is to increase, develop and coordinate the activities and participation of women of the church as a means of witnessing for Jesus Christ. We meet quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of March, June, September and December. All women who are members of Faith Church are members of Women’s Fellowship and are welcome to attend our meetings.

Our fund raising event for the year is a bazaar and bake sale which is held in conjunction with the Brotherhood Ham and Bean Dinner in November. The money is used for various projects around the church and donations to charitable causes.

We had some very interesting programs again this year. In March, Mr. Larry Flinchpaugh author of “Growing Up in a Zoo” presented the program on his

memories of the Reptile Gardens in St. Joseph. In June, Teresa Kidwell’s daughter, Jamie Roe, gave a program on spinning wool. The September program was presented by Mary Smith. Her informative and humorous program was on Antique Buttons. We were able to see many different types of buttons that she had with her. Our December program was presented by Carole & Karen McClellan.

We would like to thank everyone who helped as an officer or on a committee this past year. There are many opportunities to get involved and help with the work of the church.

We welcome all ladies of the church who would like to attend our meetings and get involved in Women’s Fellowship.

Thank you,
Eilean McCauley, President 2012-2013

Women's Fellowship Financial Annual Report

December 1, 2011 to November 30, 2012

CURRENT FUND – NODAWAY VALLEY \$ 549.87
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 12/1/2011

RECEIPT

DORCAS	\$ 50.35
QUARTERLY MEETINGS	91.00
GEORGE FISCHER	250.00
SMITH DINNER	225.00
GARAGE SALE	20.00
COOKBOOK	27.00
T-SHIRT	16.00
POP MACHINE	107.00
BAZAAR	40.00
DONATION	25.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS 851.35

DISBURSEMENTS

FISHER DINNER	58.44
CHURCH WOMEN	75.00
SMITH DINNER	48.02
TERESA KIDWELL	47.10
STAMPS	36.00
CHECK CHARGE	37.20
RUTH SHARP	37.85
TERESA KIDWELL	36.98
COOKMAN'S	207.00
MARY SMITH	10.00
BAZAAR	100.00
EILEAN MCCAULEY	15.08

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 708.67

BALANCE IN CURRENT FUND AS OF 11/30/2012 692.55

SPECIAL PROJECTS FUND – COMMERCE BANK

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 12/1/2011 4199.00

RECEIPT

INTEREST	\$ 2.79
FEE REFUND	8.50
GARAGE SALE	884.35
BAZAAR	651.10

TOTAL RECEIPTS 1546.74

DISBURSEMENTS

Y.W.C.A. 250.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 250.00

BALANCE IN SPECIAL PRJECTS FUND 5495.74

CURRENT FUND 692.55

SPEC. PROJECTS FUND 5495.74

TOTAL ALL FUNDS 6188.29

Rose Mary Seuell, Treasurer

Music Committee 2012

Music is a very important part of the ministry at Faith United Church. It always has been, and we want to see that continue. The Chancel Choir and Bell Choir is active, but could use some additional members. If you love to sing, or if you have always thought Bell Choirs were beautiful and would like to try playing them (you do not have to read music to play the Bells), please talk with me or with our marvelously talented Chancel Choir/Bell Choir Director, Ann Slaybaugh. We can tell you when and where practices are held.

Ann is also our church organist and pianist and provides beautiful accompaniment to our hymns as well as providing Preludes, Offertories and Postludes for our services. We probably need to tell her more often how much her willingness to serve in this capacity is appreciated.

We are also fortunate to have Jill and Jenna Oswald who have helped Pastor Jim in leading some of our new contemporary music, and who have provided solos for the

glory of God. We thank them for using these God-given talents and sharing them with their Faith family.

It has been a joy and a treat to have our children sing for us on special occasions such as following Vacation Bible School. Their smiling faces and enthusiastic sharing is always enjoyed.

I also want to thank those members of the Chancel Choir who have been so faithful and willing to be here for practices and services to add the gift of music to our worship. Please know we appreciate each and every one of you for your dedication and talent.

Others, such as Rachel West, have shared beautiful instrumental offerings and vocal solos. Thank you all!

This is an invitation share any and all musical talents the Lord has given you with the church. If you enjoy music, please consider being a part of this ministry.

Penny Johnson, Chairman

Sunday School 2012

Attendance in Sunday School has been between 40 and 45 each Sunday.

Thank you to all our teachers who do work without our children.

Nursery – Mrs. Melissa Roberts

Pre-School – Miss Karen McClellan

Mrs. Sharon Rumpf

Kindergarten – Mrs. Joed Hill

1st & 2nd Grade – Mrs. Tammy Hoecker

Mrs. Julie Oswald

3rd & 4th Grade – Mrs. Susan Wheeler

Mr. Benny Wheeler

5th & 6th Grade – Mrs. Michelle Noland

Junior High – Mrs. Jean Vulgamott

Senior High – Mrs. Joan Taylor

College Class – Mrs. Jenni Butcher

Adult Classes – Mrs. Jill Brant

Mr. Brent Hill

Mrs. Penny Johnson

This year, due to classes being small, we merged the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades. Susan and Benny Wheeler are teaching this class.

A “Thank You” to Tammy Hoecker and Julie Oswald for teaching the 1st and 2nd grades. Thank you to those who have substituted when needed and to Christian Education Commission for all they do for our children.

At the end of this year I will be ending my position as Sunday School Superintendent. The last four years have been rewarding. I want to thank the Commission and teachers for being there for me. Thank you to God for the chance to work for Him in this position.

Sunday School is a very important part of Faith Church. Our prayers for Sunday School is it will grow. With God’s help I believe it will happen.

Sunday School hours: 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m

God bless each of you,

Ms. Linda Trapp

Sunday School Superintendent

Dorcas Circle 2012

Dorcas Circle, affiliated with the Women's Fellowship of Faith United Church, meets the second Thursday of each month 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. ALL WOMEN of the church are invited to this fellowship!

Offerings are collected for Dorcas project's, Tools of Hope/ Blankets, Pastor's Discretionary Fund and the Least Coin Offering.

Each spring the group looks forward to filling eggs for the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the church. The ladies check the sanctuary pew racks and replace pencils and envelopes as needed. We try to see what needs to be done around the church building, and do those things we are able to do. We also offer help to Lydia Circle on some of their special projects such as the annual Garage Sale, and the Women's Fellowship Yearly Bazaar.

The Prayer Shawl ministry is active and ongoing. These are "blessed" and given to members who are experiencing illness or other difficulties, be they short or long term situations, and shut-ins.

This Fall we made gift containers and delivered them to all the shut-ins of the church and took that opportunity to visit with them and let them know they are valued members of our Faith family.

Our December meeting is our annual holiday luncheon and party. This year we had our celebration and lunch at a local restaurant. We invited our husbands, our church secretary and the Pastor to be our guests. We brought toys for the Red Cross Toy Room as our mission gift.

Each meeting we bring our sack lunches and share fellowship during our meal. Occasionally we share desserts, celebrate birthdays, or eat at a local restaurant. A short devotional by a member begins the business portion of our meeting, and a "study" is shared at the end of each meeting..

Occasionally the group will take a "field trip". This year we sponsored a trip and tour of Conception Abbey and invited any church member to join us. It was a beautiful day.

After serving 13 + years, Penny Johnson and Uva Milbourne have turned the leadership over to others. Linda Trapp is now the Chairman of Dorcas, with myself serving as Secretary/Treasurer. Dorothy Smith is our Hospitality Officer and sends cards to members when they are ill, celebrating a birthday, shut-in, etc. Other members volunteer for other duties as needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Johnson, Secretary

Lydia's Circle 2012

The ladies of the Lydia Circle have continued to meet monthly either at the Church or in homes to share fellowship and faith. We have worked on a variety of items for the Women's Fellowship Bazaar, and have set up and priced items for the Bazaar. We sponsored the annual Garage Sale as our fund raising project. Proceeds from this have been donated with some going to the Women's Fellowship and some being given to a charity agreed on by the members of the

Circle. We have also continued to support the YWCA's Women's Abuse Shelter through monetary gifts as well as the tub placed in the Narthex for supplies that are taken periodically throughout the year to the shelter. These supplies include things like: blankets, deodorant, shampoo and other hygiene items, towels, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen McClellan, Chair

Financial / Scholarship Committee 2012

This committee oversees the Hilda Rumpf Scholarship fund and the Iffert trust monies. They also prepare the budget for the church each year.

The Rumpf fund permits interest free loans for students entering the ministry and also other students with priority given to those who will be teaching. The Hilda Rumpf Fund balance as of October 31st is \$28,153.65. There were no loans given this year from the fund. We would like to let it build up in case we have someone who goes into the ministry.

Faith Church was left a portion of the Herb and Peggy Iffert Estate. The guidelines of the trust dictate that at least half the funds be used for Youth Education and Scholarship

purposes. The scholarships are grants and do not have to be repaid.

We gave four grants from the Iffert Fund in the amount of \$1000 to Drew King, Ryan Langemach, Cameron Vulgamott, and Ashley West.

We prepared the 2013 goals budget, reviewed the Youth Mission Trips and have given our recommendation to the Board.

Our committee consists of Ronnie and Eilean McCauley, Bart Brant, Dianne Pulley, Carol McClellan, Regina VanLone, Mike Prussman, and Trudy Lewis.

In Christ Service,

Co-Chairs:

Trudy Lewis and Regina VanLone

The Living Memorial Fund 2012

The Living Memorial Fund is a part of the history of Faith United Church for the purpose of recording memorials given to the church. The items and names are listed in the "Memorial Book" kept in the "Memorial Cabinet" in the Narthex. This encourages all gifts to be a part of the church as a whole honoring God instead of individuals.

Anytime a donor wishes to give toward a certain item it should be discussed with the Furnishing Committee as to the need and appropriateness of the gift or to get suggestions.

Money given to the Living Memorial Fund is used for appropriate items to enhance the beauty and worshipful atmosphere of the church building. Gifts can

also be used to purchase equipment or special programming materials.

The fund is also an important financial "cushion" that may be borrowed from when necessary. These funds must be repaid as soon as possible.

The funds have been used to purchase new paraments, artwork, equipment, hymnals, choir robes, worship symbols, bell chimes, new playground equipment, etc.

All members and friends are invited and urged to use the Living Memorial Fund when you wish to give a memorial or to honor someone at an anniversary or other special time.

Penny Johnson

C. Ross McClellan Building Fund - Contribution Details

<i>Date</i>	<i>Promise Giving</i>	<i>Fund Raising Projects</i>	<i>Other Giving</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Balance</i>
12/31/2006	Beginning Fund Balance:					\$37,078.34
2007 Totals	\$78,209.10	\$1,513.00	\$9,606.18	\$1,133.08	\$1,250.10	\$126,289.60
2008 Totals	46,666.00	2,796.00	14,250.00	258.97	727.39	189,533.18
2009 Totals	29,803.75	5.00	2,473.00	5,844.28	0.00	227,659.21
2010 Totals	8,985.00	0.00	2,498.94	5,524.50	0.00	244,667.65
2011 Totals	5,610.00		12,560.00	2,547.84		265,385.49
1/30/2012	185.00		475.00			266,045.49
2/29/2012	410.00		1,330.00			267,785.49
3/31/2012	205.00		100.00			268,090.49
4/30/2012	315.00					268,405.49
5/31/2012	370.00					268,775.49
6/30/2012	160.00					268,935.49
7/31/2012	320.00					269,255.49
8/31/2012	215.00					269,470.49
9/30/2012	30,275.00					299,745.49
10/31/2012	160.00			2,079.86		301,985.35
11/30/2012	75.00		210.00			302,270.35
12/31/2012						302,270.35
Year Total	\$32,690.00		\$2,115.00	\$2,079.86		\$36,884.86

The Rev. C. Ross McClellan Memorial Building Fund

The building fund has been in existence for a few years and named in the memory of our Pastor Emeritus, the late Rev. C. Ross McClellan Memorial Building Fund. We, as a congregation have committed to a new building addition program. This dream will need all the work and commitment every member can give. We ask the Lord to continue to bless us in our work for Him. We continue to add to our building fund

with memorials and regular giving. Our giving and interest as of November 30 this year was \$34,805. Interest as of October is \$2,079.86 making our total \$302,207.35. We are in the process of preparing to put in handicap bathrooms and an elevator as soon as our funds are at a point we do not have to borrow any money.

Trudy Lewis

The Stewardship Committee 2012

This year's 2012 Stewardship theme is *"Until the Whole World Hears."* Many may recognize this as a song from the band Casting Crowns. The words from the song are really inspiring and dynamic. We must "ready ourselves" so we can be Christ's hands and feet. We must sing till the whole hears! As Christians we are called to reach out to others and shine the light of Jesus. We are called to reach out to the "unchurched" or to people who have not yet heard of Christ. I know the world sounds so massive or beyond our reach. The world is your co-worker, a friend from school, a neighbor, or the loved one you have been praying about for years. We can influence or affect the people by our connections. When we serve at the food kitchen, visit the people who are in the hospital, or when we are reaching out to the neighborhood children in Vacation Bible School, or when we ask a child to attend our Children's Ministry called KFC (Kid's For Christ); we are connecting to the world so they may know about Christ. The Bible verse that applies to our stewardship theme is Acts 1: 8 (NLT)

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

As the body of Christ we represent Christ in the community. We must be the

representation of Christ in our work, school, community, and home. We have to be the hands and feet of Christ. God calls us to use the gifts and talents that **He** blessed us with. We use our time and energy, money, and talents to give back to God.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)

"God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well that God's generosity can flow through you."

While using our gifts that God has blessed us with, we must be good stewards. As a church we have a budget so we can best plan how God can use Faith United as a vehicle to reach out to others and so we can continue to grow spiritually ourselves. God has called each of us to fill a role in his plan. When we allow God to use us we can be used to reach out to others. We can play a part in the theme "Until the Whole World Hears."

Our goals budget for 2013 was \$146,164.00. Our pledges as of this date November 25, 2012, total \$115,222.00 that is 78.8% of our budget. May we glorify God with these blessings! We are really excited about our theme for 2013 "Being Christ". I pray all of you challenge yourselves to be more *Christlike* in your everyday experiences. In the year of 2013, you will hear sermons and a lot more about pushing yourself to "be like Christ!"

In Christ, Jill Brant

Brotherhood Report

Brotherhood of Faith United Church continues to gather on the third Tuesday of each month. We are disappointed that more men do not come join us. Three activities show up on our calendar each year and they are connected with food. The summer outing, with spouses, significant others, or hanger on (everyone is welcome), has been at the Rib Crib for most recent years. Likewise, a winter outing with accomplices is at the "Hoof and Horn." The third is the annual "Ham and Bean" dinner which the men have served for the past seventeen years and occurs on the Friday following the election in November. Our funds have gone to help special needs in cases of disaster and we have been a contributing member of the \$25,000 Club of Habitat for Humanity.

Furnishings Committee

The Furnishings Committee continued to meet during 2012 and address the needs of Faith. They chose to display our Faith history by pictorial image and arranged to have framed images of the prior three church buildings hung in the small sanctuary. Tony Demuth built and attached a new top to the cabinet in the small sanctuary as well. The group conducted a few work days to clean and organize Charlie Brown's closet and other areas of the church. The committee hopes to make even more progress in 2013!

Risk Management 2012

The committee met monthly during the year. We developed and implemented drug testing and back ground checks for all people working with the youth of the church as well as all new employees.

We are working on definitions and establishing a policy for dealing with sexual harassment occurring on church property or on church sponsored outings. I want to thank Benny Wheeler, Steve Pulley, Jody King, Sharon Bannon, Mike Prussman and Pastor Jim Oswald for their faithful attendance and keen insight this past year.

Submitted by: Tom Johnson,
Chair

OWLS Report

Older Wiser Loving Souls meets monthly on the third Friday, for fellowship and lunch at one of the local restaurants at 11:30 a.m. It is for any and all singles, 55 and older. Please come and join us.

Carole McClellan

Historian Report 2012

The 2012 theme for Faith Church, "Until the Whole World Hears", challenged us to use our church programs and our people to reach out to God's world and spread the good news of Christ's Love.

At the beginning of the year we started a new Sunday School class for post-high school young adults, taught by Jenni Butcher. The class meets in the small chapel during the Sunday School hour.

In February the KFC children held a Valentines Party. They decorated cookies and made Valentine Cards to be delivered to our shut-ins. There was a tremendous response of gratitude from these treasured members of our congregation when they received the gifts. In March the KFC children entertained us at our last Wednesday FUN night as we shared a meal together. They ended their spring program with a skating party in April.

Faith church celebrated Lent with special worship services on Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday. An Easter Egg hunt was held on March 31st with 18 children participating. The congregation provided candy and small toys for the plastic eggs and the BIG Youth filled and hid them on the church grounds. A breakfast was served on Easter morning. During Lent, the 30 Pieces of Silver collection was given to the Red Cross.

The Women's Fellowship sponsored the annual All-church Garage Sale in early May and it was very successful. A Graduation Reception was held at the end of May for all of our graduates.

Katie Wood – University of Tennessee

Ryan Langemach – Northwest Missouri State University

Jaime Deffenbaugh – Hillyard Technical Center

John David Shaw – Ozark Technical College

Jill Oswald – Central High School

Locky Catron – Central High School

Miranda Wickam – Central High School

Courtney Hill – Avenue City Middle School

Jennifer Cobb – Bode Middle School

Kennedy Butcher – Truman Middle School

June was a very busy month at Faith Church. Our Confirmation class met on Sunday afternoons with Pastor Jim, and they were confirmed on Pentecost Sunday, June 3. Our new young members and their sponsors are:

Courtney Butcher - daughter of Jeff and Jenni Butcher

Sponsors: Leonard and Mina McCall

Johnathan Hoecker - son of Shawn and Tammy Hoecker

Sponsors: Roy and Michelle Nolan

Jacob Berten - son of Scott and Sally Berten

Sponsors: Reggie and Missy West

Jordan Hill - son of Brent and Joed Hill

Sponsors: Steve and Dianne Pulley

Matthew Sharp - son of Scotty and Ruth Sharp

Sponsors: Corey and Jean

Vulgamott

Aaron King - son of Jody King and Paul Bridenstine

Sponsors: Denny and Jill Cobb

We celebrated with another successful VBS program June 10 -14. This year we visited BABYLON and learned about Daniel's courage in captivity. Thank you to ALL who helped with decorating, food, donations, dramas, music, crafts, games, and tribe leadership. It takes a "village" (a CHURCH) to make our VBS program the success that IT IS!

Our BIG Youth group truly demonstrated the "mission spirit" when they traveled to Cleveland, TN to work at a children's home. In just a few days, they provided "months" of hard work clearing land, gardening, and painting. They stayed at Lee University through the Student Life program. Funding for the trip was provided

through money-making projects and the Iffert Fund. Thanks to the adult sponsors who traveled with them: Jenni Butcher, Pastor Jim, Brent Hill, and Missy West.

On Father's Day, June 17, our church was blessed with a performance by the New Generation Singers. Over 280 people watched their "Sermon in Song" performance of "Definition" with songs to help us understand how Christ develops our character and helps define who we are in Him.

On Father's Day afternoon, Pastor Jim baptized five individuals at the home of Tony and Debbie Demuth. They are: Courtney Butcher, Mathew Sharp, Katherine Sharp, Otis Uehlin, and Joshua Oswald.

On June 28, the Dorcas Circle made arrangements for a trip to Conception Abbey and invited congregation members who wanted to attend. A caravan of cars took 26 individuals for a very special outing to enjoy a tour of the Abbey, a meal, and a worship service.

On July 26-28 Faith Church sponsored a Children's Camp for grades 1-6 at Miracle Hills Camp in Bethany, MO. The theme was "Once Upon a Time". The students enjoyed studying the Parables of Jesus as well as wonderful meals, crafts, and outdoor activities.

In August a group of 18 attended the 2-day Global Leadership Conference sponsored by the Willow Creek Association. The Conference was telecast world-wide from Chicago and our group attended at World of Life Church. The theme of the conference was "Lead Where You Are". Immediately after the conference, the group met at Faith Church to process the inspirational speeches and to set some goals for our church.

1. Take a look at our Mission Statement - Who are we and what do we stand for?

The Church and Ministry Commission streamlined our Mission Statement to read:

"Faith United Church, as followers of Jesus Christ, promotes Christian unity and fellowship through service, worship, and outreach."

2. Take a look at Missions and where God can lead us in this endeavor. In the fall, Faith Church was involved with Crop Walk,

Stuff the Bus, the Heifer Project, Samaritan's Purse, The Angel Tree, the Valley Food Kitchen and have begun to look toward 2013's involvement in Relay for Life and another Mission Trip next summer.

3. Take a look at involving the youth more in the leadership of Faith Church. The Nominating Committee has enlisted students into our 2013 Commissions and the Youth are now serving one Sunday a month in the worship service as greeters, worship assistant, and ushers.

4. Take a look at Leadership Training. Attending conferences lets us learn from other churches and leaders as to how we can better serve. We will, again, attend the Leadership Summit in 2013 and look for a conference for our Sunday School teachers to attend.

5. Take a look at Time/Talent Sheets. We will be passing out assessment sheets in 2013 that will help individuals discover what their gifts are and how they can be used to help our church be "the hope of the world".

6. Take a look at disseminating information about the financial side of the church and tithing. During our fall Stewardship campaign, the congregation was given information about where our tithes and offerings go and how they are used.

Also in August there were some changes in Faith Church leadership and staff. President Tony Demuth resigned due to health reasons. Vice President, Reggie West, assumed the position of President to replace Tony. Later in the fall Ronnie McCauley filled the vacancy in the Vice-president position. Sharon Bannon, Administrative Assistant, retired at the end of August. A surprise retirement reception was held for her the last Sunday of August. Stacy Bollmeyer was hired as the Administrative Assistant beginning in September. Her creativity and technology skills have been an asset to our Church.

On September 16 a special congregational meeting was held after the worship service to consider the proposed changes to a new set of church bylaws. The congregation voted to remain with the current bylaws under which we have been operating.

Our fall Stewardship theme was "Being Jesus". Jill Brant, Trudy Lewis, and Dianne Pulley spoke to the congregation on Sunday mornings during the pledge campaign about how our contributions are handled, mission giving, and tithing.

During 2012 the following individuals went to be with our Lord in Heaven: Olga Speer, Doris Fischer, Leonard Smith, and Roy Ritter.

The Wednesday evening Bible Study Group met in the spring to study the book of Philippians and the theme of the fall Bible Study session was "The Parables of Jesus". Penny Johnson, Trudy Lewis, and Jill Brant have been faithful facilitators of this group. The fall session ended in December with a gathering at the home of Pastor Jim and Julie Oswald.

There are many opportunities to participate in the life of Faith Church. Please consider joining in the fellowship and service of one of our organizations and groups. ALL are welcome!

B.I.G. (Grades 7-12) - Sundays 7 pm

K.F.C. (Kids for Christ, Grades K-6) -
Wednesdays 6 pm (except summer)

Sunday School (Infant through Adults) -
Sundays 9 am

Blenders (Adult Social) - Last Friday of the
month 7 pm

Women's Fellowship - Quarterly: June,
September, December, & March -
First Monday 7 pm

Lydia Circle - First Monday of the month 7
pm (Except June, Sept., Dec. &
March - second Monday)

Dorcas Circle - Second Tuesday of the
month 10 am

Men's Brotherhood - Third Tuesday of the
month 7 pm

Chancel Choir - Wednesdays 7 pm (except
summer)

Hand Bell Choir - Seasonally

OWLS (50+ Singles) - Third Friday of the
month 11:30 am

VBS (Vacation Bible School) - 1 week in
June, (Evenings, Sunday - Thursday)

Food Kitchen Ministry - Second Tuesday of
the month 5 pm

Prayer Group - Every Tuesday at noon

Bible Study - Wednesdays 6 pm (Except
summer)

Leaders' Night - Third Thursday of the
month 7 pm

The Faith Church Visitation Committee meets monthly to discuss the needs of our shut-in members. During the month they make contact with and visit them, supplementing Pastor Jim's communion visits. These are precious and faithful individuals who have given so much to grow our church to what is has become present day. Within our church organizations and as individuals, we should all share in the ministry to honor and love them by letting them know that they are valued members of Faith Church with cards, phone calls and visits. Our current list of Shut-Ins:

Ermal Gottswiller - Country Squire # 220,
232-4962

Rocky Rockwood - LaVerna Village # 114
Savannah

Elizabeth Schoenlaub - Living Community #
S-205, 279-3821

Jackie Ritter - Living Community # L205,
671-8321

Ada & Alene Tourbier - 632 North 24th St.,
232-8940

Willis Gillmore - Veterans' Home #632,
Cameron (816) 632-8246

Faye & Duane Morgan - Living Community
R113, 671-8345

Gwen Montgomery - 3649 Gene Field Road
E19, 279-5966

As we end 2012 and begin 2013 with the
theme, "Being Jesus", let us reach out to
serve and spread God's love as Jesus did.

Respectfully submitted:

Sharon Bannon, Historian.



KFC children making Valentines



Easter Egg Hunt



Kitchen Helpers



Pastor Jim & Julie



VBS – BABYLON, Daniel's Courage in Captivity



VBS - In the Lion's Den



VBS - Singing and praising God!



Dorcas Circle visit to Conception Abbey



Courtney Butcher, Matthew & Katherine Sharp, Otis Uehlin, Joshua Oswald - Baptized on Fathers' Day



BIG Youth Group on Mission Trip to Cleveland, TN - June



Adult sponsors of Tennessee Mission Trip



BIG - Stuff the Bus for the United Way



Miracle Hills Children's Camp - August



Campfire at Miracle Hills



BIG Paintball Outing - October



Christian Education Wienie Roast – September



Christian Education Wienie Roast



Hunts Orchard Trip



Cooking Ham & Beans



Women's Fellowship Bazaar



Brotherhood Christmas Dinner

