

A Focus on Finance

- Barbara Broderick, Chair

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Following is a brief recap of our 2009 and 2010 Budgets

Total Budget for 2009	Total Amount Disbursed	Total Amount Received
\$158,967.00	\$153,630.45	\$144,095.09

That means that we spent \$9,535.36 more than we brought in during 2009. That also means that there were commitments in our 2009 budget that were not met, including some mission payments that have not yet been paid.

As with our personal budgets, it would be irresponsible to continue to spend more than we receive, and your Finance Committee will be carefully reviewing Steffin Hill's finances to assure that we are responsible stewards of the gifts that are received.

Going forward into 2010, we have done our best to keep our 2010 balance as close to our 2009 budget as possible.

In order to meet our 2010 Budget of \$160,948.46, weekly offerings will need to average \$3,095.17, or \$13,412.38 per month.

Comparing this to our 2009 Disbursements, weekly offerings for 2009 needed to average \$2,954.44 per week, or \$12,802.54 per month.

NOTE: When you review Total Receipts and Total Disbursements in the Bulletin, keep in mind that the Total Disbursement amount includes those disbursements actually made. It does not include the obligations that are in but have not yet been paid.

PER CAPITA

As has been previously communicated, the Per Capita Apportionment has gone up from \$25 per communicant member to \$27 per member for 2010.

Steffin Hill has made the payment to PCUSA in full, whether we have received this amount from our members or not.

We encourage every member to pay their per capita payment, either in whole or in partial payments. You can use the 'blue' envelope that was included with your regular envelopes, or you can just include a check with your regular offering. Just make sure to write "per capita" in the memo section on your check.

WEEKLY PLEDGES

If you normally pay your bills using your bank's bill pay system, consider adding Steffin Hill Presbyterian Church to your regular payment and eliminate trying to keep track of your offerings if you miss a week at worship service.

If this appeals to you, simply enter Steffin Hill Presbyterian Church to your bill pay system, Attention: Church Treasurer, 2000 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

Please use your envelope number as your account number so that it can be accurately tracked.

IN CONCLUSION

Rest assured that your Finance Committee is committed to being responsible to its members in the administration of its duties. We will give you financial updates during the year so that you can be secure in the knowledge that Steffin Hill is being good stewards of its gifts from you. If you have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Evangelism News

Wintry greetings from the Evangelism Committee!! I don't know about you but I think I've had enough winter. As usual, the Evangelism Committee has been busy. On Christmas Eve, we gave each visitor an ornament that is made from a picture of our church. It can be used as an ornament or as a magnet. We are selling them for \$5.00. Ask any committee member about them. We are continuing to send postcards to people moving into the area. Usually, we send out about 60-70 cards a month. A former member of the congregation, who now lives in Florida, found our new website and sent us an email about how much she liked it. If you haven't checked it out, go to www.steffinhill.org and make sure the sound is on! We're hoping to get Patti Maurer, our website designer, to join us in worship and show the congregation all the pages of the website. This way, those of you who do not have computers can see what we've been working on. We're going to try to get an MP3 player so that we can put Judy's sermons, the bell choir and cantatas, etc. on the website. Our visitors are going to be receiving "Angel Cards" that have a verse of scripture and our address on it. We have some plans in the works for the coming spring (soon, please!!!) so stay tuned. Sharyn Shaffer, Chair