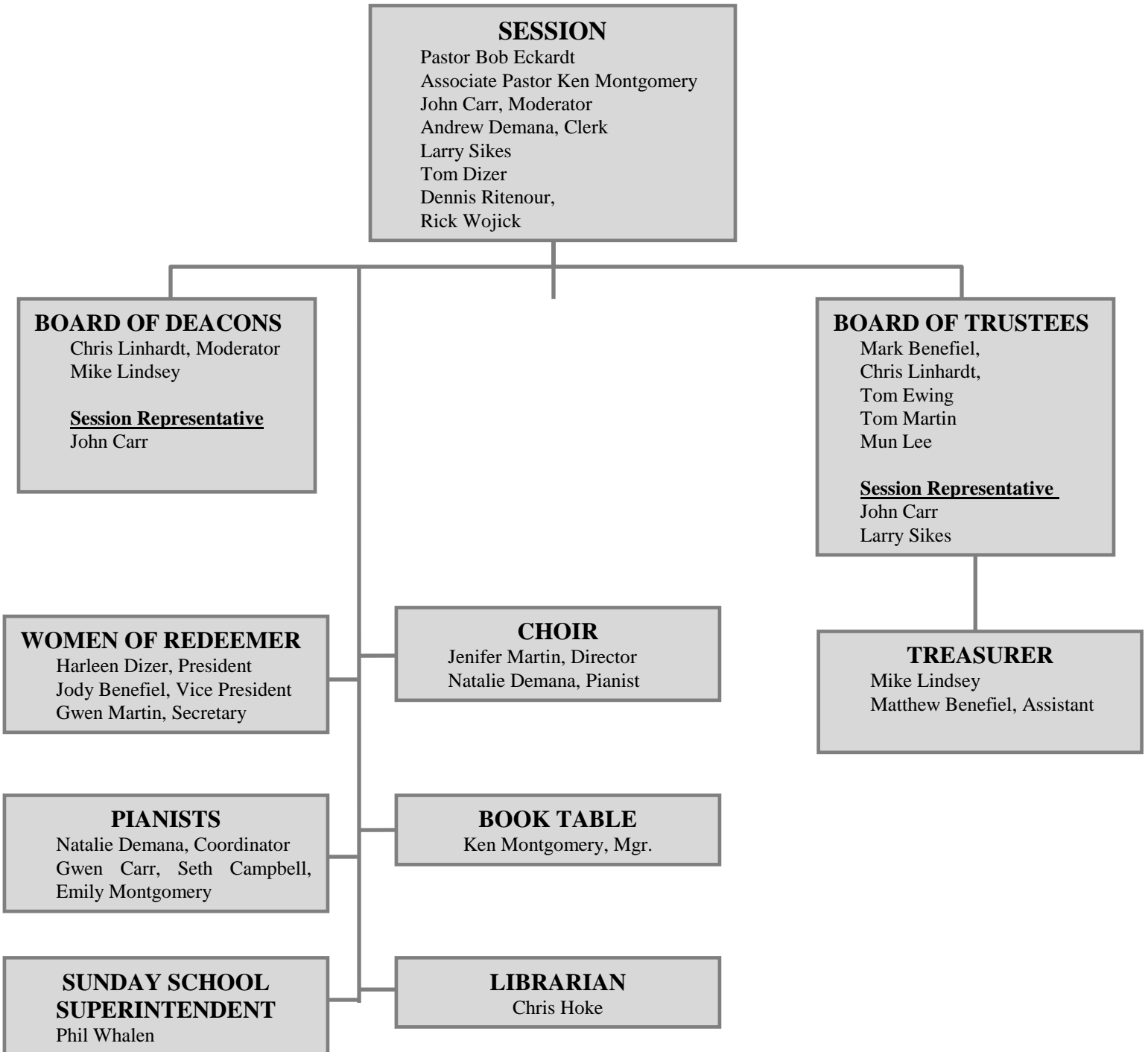


REDEEMER ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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PASTOR'S REPORT

By Bob Eckardt

Redeemer OPC, Beavercreek, Ohio

Philippians 1:6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It continues to be a privilege to serve the Lord and his people here at Redeemer OPC. The Lord has answered prayers of his people and has moved us on in unexpected and yet marvelous ways. The annual report is often a place where we all think back over the past year and consider the year to come; this year we have had many opportunities to do this in the midst of many changes.

This past year has been an opportunity for all of us to examine our goals regarding Redeemer, as we reexamined almost every aspect of ministry. Here are some that particularly involve your pastor:

***Sermons:** Some of you may remember my "Philosophy of Sermons," in the "Redeeming Thoughts" newsletter that comes by e-mail. If you did not get this, please let me know and I will send you a file of all of the segments. Also, I keep a rolling list of sermon possibilities that I have been sharing with the session. The most recent list from which may draw for 2010 includes: I and II Thessalonians (now underway), James, Ephesians, Rest of Matthew (Other than Sermon on the Mt.), Life of Abraham, Colossians, I Peter, Ezra, Leviticus. This list does change so let me know if you would like me to consider other options. This past year I have done I, II, III John, Romans 12, Worship (topical), Where We Stand, and Zechariah. Most of these are our church's website, so you can catch up on what you may have missed.

***Calling:** Some of you may also remember a paper on the various types of calling that both Ken and I do. I composed it as we were considering the need for an Associate Pastor. Calling includes counseling, hospital visits, follow-up of visitors, elderly, discipleship, evangelistic, elder and deacon lunches, annual elder visits of members, delinquencies, community relations, other pastors, and hospitality. I am thankful that having two pastors enables us to do more calling and also specialize on that for which we may each be best suited. We coordinate our efforts weekly in this area.

***Counseling:** One of the areas where I have much experience over the years is counseling, and having two pastors frees me up to do more of it, and Ken is doing some also. It can be an important ministry in these difficult times when more and more people are finding the stress of life and relationships requires special attention from a pastor. Continue to pray for this important ministry. I will continue to do what I can as needs arise in God's providence.

***Inquirer's Class:** Since our move here in 2005, I have generally been able to hold an Inquirer's Class for new families and any members who want to attend. For about 2 years I had one continuously, but as the church grew we did not have the room for one. Since the new building, I have been able to resume and have had 2 so far. As visitors continue to come, I plan to have even more. Invite your friends, come if you would like to, and pray for this important ministry.

***Worship:** Our order of worship emphasizes the dialogue between God and his people, as God initiates the relationship between himself and us through Christ, and calls us to worship. Our worship series explained much of this, and those sermons are on line. That is why each line is preceded by the words: God's . . . or Our . . .

So to summarize, some important activities of note in 2009 have included:

1. **New Facility as of June**
2. **New Associate Pastor as of November**
3. **Summer Family Nites:** Again we enjoyed a change of pace in the outdoors on Wednesdays
4. **Ministry to the Elderly:** Expanded and made more regular.
5. **Catechism Class for Children:** Held again in the fall.
6. **Home Fellowship Groups:** Continuing this past year with great success and blessing
7. **Outreach and evangelism:** Featuring door-to-door calling in the neighborhoods. To continue in the spring.
8. **Men's Discipleship** with Ken Montgomery on Thursday mornings and Calvin studies on Saturdays
9. **and many more! (see reports below)**

I am very thankful for all those who helped in the ministry this year. The Lord has clearly prepared us for such momentous changes, and he is using us each one with the gifts he has given us. The Thanksgiving and Ordination Service was indeed a timely occasion for us to reflect on God's blessings.

I am thankful for serious commitment of the families of the church, attending to the Word, loving hospitality shown continuously by many, cordial greeting of visitors at every service, trustees and deacons and elders laboring together enabling the ministry to flourish, Sunday School teachers and superintendents, helpers on Wednesday evening, teachers of adults, ministry of women to each other and to the church, youth who are showing interest in professing their faith, all manner of help in the new building through the Transition Board, maintainers of the new facility, new visibility that enables people to find us more easily, special music and talents used for the glory of God, amazing giving to enable us to do so much more than we expected including a wonderful Thank Offering, ministries through Dayton Gospel Mission, Nursing Home, and Door-to-Door help, new members, many visitors, potential new officers, faithful nursery workers, administrative assistants, help with the bulletin, interest in missions, support for daughter churches and plans to do more, and more people volunteering to help all the time. In other words, I am overwhelmed with the Lord blessing his church through the gospel of Christ our savior. Praise his name!

*See the **Session report below** for more reflections on 2009.*

Even more new opportunities are available in Evangelism, New Families and in Ministry to members and friends. (See **goals below**)

May the Lord add his blessing to these plans, and thwart the efforts of the evil one against all this blessing, for his glory at Redeemer in 2010 and beyond.

In Christ's service,

Pastor Bob Eckardt

ASSOCIATE PASTOR'S REPORT

By Ken Montgomery

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge – even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

It is with great thanksgiving that I write my first report as your associate pastor. Your eagerness to receive the word of God with joy, together with the love you continue to show to my family, is a great encouragement and blessing to me. I owe Pastor Eckardt a special note of appreciation for what he has taught me by word and example in the past year and a half, and I look forward to continuing to learn from him. Also, I would like to thank the session for their continued graciousness to me, and wisdom in supporting the ministry of the Word; I pray that their continued diligence in overseeing the flock will be blessed by the Lord. From my vantage point, the transition from the position of intern to that of associate pastor has gone smoothly, and I would ask for your continued prayers for us as we work together to promote the peace, purity, and unity that Christ desires for us.

Here are some of my activities from 2009:

- Teaching the High School Sunday School on *Galatians*
- Teaching the Adult Sunday School on “Christ and Culture”
- Assisting with Elder Visitation
- Helping with various administrative tasks

In 2010, here are some of my plans:

Continuing

- to preach from the Gospel of Mark on Sunday evenings
- to help with Men’s Discipleship and Leadership Training
- to organize the topics and teachers for Wednesday night prayer meeting
- to lead the monthly Nursing Home Ministry

Starting

- instruction of covenant youth in “Junior Communicant Membership Class.”
- two correspondence courses through the Ministerial Training Institute of the OPC, and attend the lecture sessions on May 4-6 at Bethel OPC in Chicago:
 - The OPC Form of Government (Alan Strange)
 - Reformed Worship (Larry Wilson)
- contribution to the work of the Presbytery of Ohio’s Youth Committee (of which I am now a member)

I pray that the Lord would continue to show his abundant mercy to Redeemer in the next year!

Respectfully submitted,

Associate Pastor Ken Montgomery

SESSION REPORT

By Elder Andrew Demana

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

1 Thessalonians 2:13

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3: 14-21

We have closed out this first decade of the 21st century with some momentous changes in the life of our local church. We endeavored to continue equipping the saints for the work of the ministry and your response to that word has been evident. As the word was preached and taught, you responded in faith and put that faith into practice.

God blessed the work in Indianapolis and this year they completed plans to become a particular church in the OPC – Covenant Presbyterian Church (Orthodox Presbyterian). The Session made visits to the congregation, interviewed and certified men for office and reviewed their situation. The requisite meetings of their congregation and the congregation of the mother church were held. The Presbytery of Ohio received that congregation as a particular church of the OPC at the end of February, 2009. This was the goal to which so many have labored and it was a display of the grace of God. Continue to pray for that work as they have had some trials in their pilgrimage. They were forced to move out of the church building they had been renting due to increases in rent and more restrictions on its use. As a result they have struggled finding a place in which they can settle. They currently share a building with another congregation and meet on Sunday afternoons at 2:30.

Here at Redeemer, after purchasing a new facility in 2008, God worked through many to move the church into the new facility. You expended many hours in planning, and manual labor to bring about the transition. We again offer many thanks to God for those involved in the Transition oversight Board, the various committees and all who gave of their lives to make the move happen. It was truly a work of God through His people: on June 7, 2009, we had our first full day of worship in the new facility.

After moving into the new building we saw almost immediately the Sunday School ministry burgeon into a full-fledged program, because we were able to expand into the new rooms that were available. Many hands have made this possible. Those who are gifted in teaching and leading young ones to a fuller knowledge of Christ under the watchful eye of our Sunday School Superintendent, Phil Whalen, have contributed greatly to the kingdom of God through their efforts.

In addition to expanding our Sunday School ministry, we are very grateful that God has worked through you to call one more into the gospel ministry here at Redeemer Church – Associate Pastor Ken Montgomery. His teaching and other gifts of ministry were appreciated by many in the church. With that recognition of gifts and the need and desire for the addition to complement the service of Pastor Eckardt, we were able to issue a call to Ken. The culmination of that call to Ken was on Friday, November 13 when we hosted the Presbytery of Ohio

for an ordination and installation service, as well as a time of Thanksgiving for God's abundant blessings upon Redeemer Church. We enjoyed the ministry of one of Ken's professors from Westminster Theological Seminary, Dr. David Van Drunen. (In addition to his preaching at the ordination service Dr. Van Drunen was willing to give a short seminar the next day on Bioethics, the subject of his most recent book.) It will be exciting to see what God has in store for our new, expanded ministry and for Ken in future work that God will do through him.

Although it is not what we would desire, sometimes those who have served the church determine that it is time they step away from an official role as officers. Such is the case this year for two men who have served faithfully for decades: Tom Montgomery and Mel Hoke. Each served the church with his unique gifts and abilities over the years in the office of Deacon, helping to care for the physical needs of the people and the church. Then each for his own reasons determined it was necessary to step down. Their service as officers will be missed but we pray that their service to the body of Christ will continue and God's blessing will be upon them.

This year our membership grew by 7 communicants and 7 covenant, baptized children. In January, we began the year welcoming into the fellowship the **Martins – Chris, Jennifer, Eliana, Evangeline, and Anastasia. Evelyn Meyer**, covenant daughter of Paul and Vashti was also baptized into the fold in January. Two of our covenant children, **Anna Linhardt** and **Nathaniel Demana**, professed their faith in February. In March, we released the **Fergusons** to membership in a church they were able to join after being sent to California. The **Hammetts** were similarly released in June having joined another church in the area. July brought us the baptism of **Elizabeth Cohee** and the reception of **Tim and Vicki Earls**. The **Drown family – Daron, Amy, Emily, Sarah-Kate, Anna, Ashlyn and Grace** - joined with us in August. We released **James Whalen** to membership in another area church in September, and in the same month received **Carol Clingman** and the **Normans – Keith, Ellen, Grace and Sam**. Since **Ken Montgomery** was ordained in November, his membership transferred to the Presbytery of Ohio. Then finally in November we rejoiced with Matt and Betsy Benefiel to bring into the covenant community **Malachi Benefiel** by baptism.

The membership roll is presented below, divided into resident and non-resident members. Remember these rolls are a 'snapshot' of the membership list on January 1 of the current and the preceding year.

As we go into the new year, we echo the prayer of the Apostle Paul that God's blessing would be on you *that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. As He does this work in you, may He gain all the glory from now to eternity, Amen.*

In the service of Christ,
T. Andrew Demana,
Clerk of Session

RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP OF REDEEMER ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

T=transferred out; D=removed by discipline; R=received; B= baptized; Dec=deceased

COMMUNICANT								RESIDENT MEMBERS AS OF JANUARY 1:						
								2009		2010				
BAPTIZED								T	DATE	COMM	BAPT	COMM	BAPT	
								D						
								R						
								B						
Baum	Elise										1		1	
Benefiel	Matthew	&	Elizabeth	Elaine	Caleb	Malchi (Bapt. 11/22)		B	11/22/2009		2	2	2	3
Benefiel	Mark	&	Jodean	Noah							2	1	2	1
Benefiel	Joseph										1		1	
Brumma	William	&	Carol								2		2	
Camp	Howard										1		1	
Carr	John	&	Gwen								2		2	
Chase	Lee	&	Theresa	Elyse	Harrison	Everett	Julia				2	4	2	4
Clingman	Bruce	&	Carol					R	9/20/2009		1		2	
Cohee	Cord	&	Tina	Judah	Micaiah	Katherine	Elizabeth (Bapt. (to resident)	B	7/26/2009				2	4
Counts	Aaron	&	Kathleen	Colin	Aidan						2	2	2	2
Current	Mark	&	Linda	Sam	Maxwell	Sally					2	3	2	3
Demana	Andrew	&	Natalie	Nathaniel							2	1	2	
Demana	Benjamin			(To non-resident)							1			
Demana	Nathaniel							R	2/15/2009				1	
Dizer	Tom	&	Harleen								2		2	
Downey	Kathy										1		1	
Downey	Ben										1		1	
Drown	Daron	&	Amy	Emily	Sarah	Anna	Ashlyn	Grace	R	8/9/2009			2	5
Earls	Tim	&	Vicki						R	7/26/2009			2	
Eckardt	Ethan										1		1	
Eckardt	Karen										1		1	
Epple	Edith										1		1	
Ewing	Tom	&	Doris	Jackson	Mathias						2	2	2	2
Ewing	Dane										1		1	
Ewing	Jocelyn										1		1	
Ewing	Paul										1		1	
Ewing	Louisa										1		1	
Ewing	William										1		1	
Frangipane	Sue										1		1	
Gregga	Jason	&	Sarah	Isabelle	Sophia						2	2	2	2
Hammett	Aaron	&	Lindsey					T	6/25/2009		2			
Hesselgesser	Mark										1		1	
Hoke	Ben										1		1	
Hoke	Mel	&	Chris								2		2	
Knisley	Thomas	&	Karen								2		2	
Lee	Mun	&	Julia	Andrew	Elizabeth	Michael	Isaiah	Timothy			2	5	2	5
Lindsey	Mike	&	Dena						R	4/16/2009			2	
Linhardt	Anna								R	2/15/2009			1	
Linhardt	Chris	&	Jan	Anna							2	1	2	
Linhardt	Sarah										1		1	
Martin	Chris	&	Jenifer	Eliana	Evangeline	Anastasia			R	1/1/2009			2	3
Martin	Thomas	&	Gwendolyn								2		2	
Meyer	Paul	&	Vashti	Evelyn					B	1/11/2009	2		2	1
Montgomery	Ken	&	Emily	Claire					T	11/13/2009	2	1	1	1
Montgomery	Thomas	&	Jessica								2		2	
Montgomery	Joanna										1		1	
Noble	Gerry	&	Ashley	Ava	Lydia						2	2	2	2
Norman	Keith	&	Ellen	Grace	Sam				R	9/27/2009			2	2
Pardee	Brian	&	Alison	Ian	Kyle						2	2	2	2
Poe	Karen										1		1	
Powers	Stephen										1		1	
Ritenour	Dennis	&	Lavonne								2		2	
Ritenour	Kay										1		1	
Ritenour	Philip										1		1	
Roscow	Marian										1		1	
Sikes	Larry	&	Judy								2		2	
Sodergren	Jeffrey	&	Rebecca	Andrew	Elizabeth						2	2	2	2
Turri	Bill	&	Alyson	John							2	1	2	1
Whalen	James								T	9/16/2009	1			
Whalen	Kristine			(To non-resident; married to John Holdeman)							1			
Whalen	Phil	&	Barby								2		2	
Whittle	Maria			Tommy	Eric						1	2	1	2
Wojick	Adam										1		1	
Wojick	Luke										1		1	
Wojick	Richard	&	Sherri	Hannah							2	1	2	1
RESIDENT MEMBER TOTAL:										86	34	95	48	

NON-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP OF REDEEMER ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS AS OF JANUARY 1:							2008		2009			
COMMUNICANT	BAPTIZED						T D R B	DATE	COMM	BAPT	COMM	BAPT
Baum	Nathan								1		1	
Benefiel	James								1		1	
Cohee	Cord	& Tina	Judah	Micaiah	Katherine	(to resident)			2	3		
Demana	Benjamin		(To non-resident)								1	
Ferguson	Iain	& Annie	Abigail	William	Mollie	EmmaLee	T	3/5/2009	2	4		
Flick	Diane								1		1	
Holdeman	Kristine		(To non-resident; formerly Kristine Whalen)								1	
Pardue	Sarah								1		1	
Wojick	Ryan								1		1	
NON-RESIDENT MEMBERS:									9	7	7	0
TOTAL MEMBERS:									95	41	102	48

NOTICES OF SPECIAL THANKS

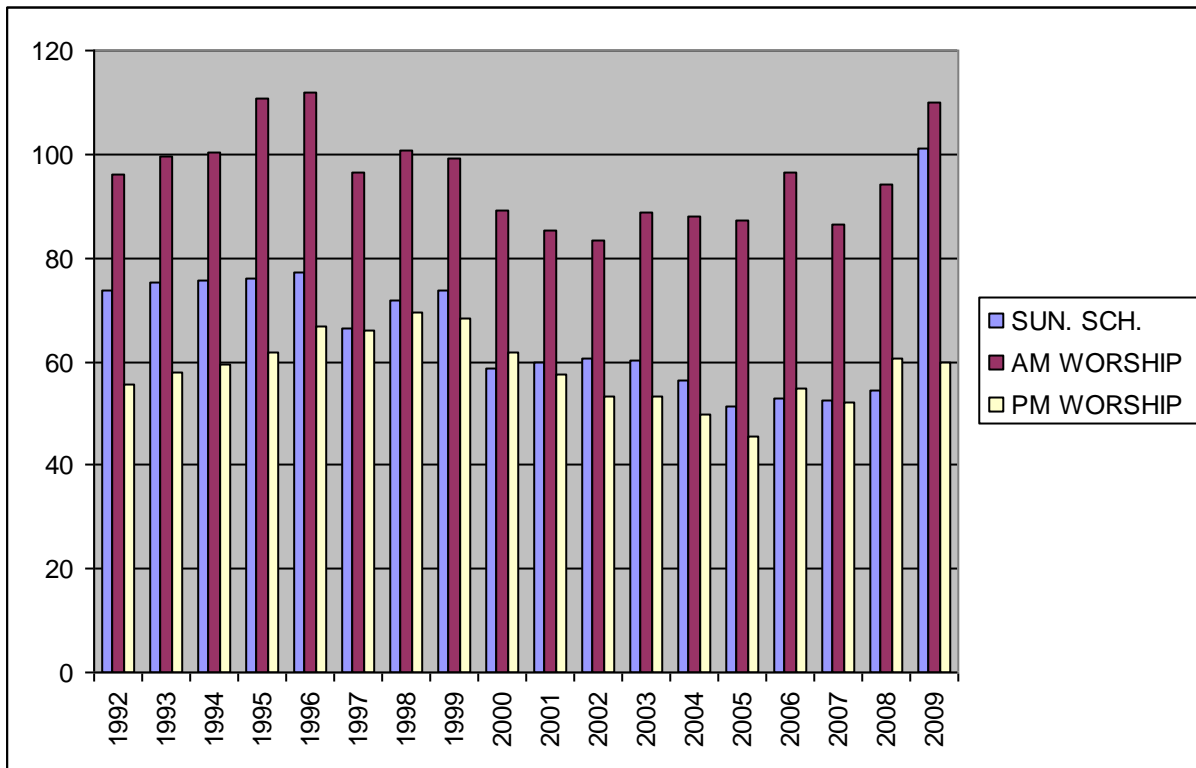
Making every effort to forget no one, yet sure that some will inadvertently be omitted, we nevertheless feel compelled to offer special thanks to God for those who have served Him so faithfully in the ministry of Redeemer Church in 2009. To those faithful servants whose names do not appear, please forgive our unintended oversight. Your labors are greatly appreciated.

1. Our Officers: Elders John Carr, Andy Demana, Tom Dizer, Larry Sikes, and Rick Wojick; Deacons Chris Linhardt and Mike Lindsey; and unordained Trustees Mark Benefiel, Tom Ewing, Tom Martin, Mun Lee and Tom Knisley. We wish to especially recognize our brother Bill Brumma who retired from the Trustees in 2009.
2. In 2009 the Trustees identified the need for a Maintenance Coordinator. A job description was prepared and applicants were solicited. Several applied and Bill Brumma was selected to be our Maintenance Coordinator. He was joined by Tom Dizer as assistant. These men are busily executing a lengthy checklist of repairs compiled by the Trustees and those they observe on their own. We want to thank God for diligent and dedicated service.
3. The Women of Redeemer, for their well organized and full-orbed ladies ministries, including discipleship and retreats, plus their ministry in behalf of OPC missions, church decos, hospitality and welcoming needs, and for their labors in preparing for and organizing the special events enjoyed this past year.
4. Pianists/Organists, Natalie Demana and Gwen Carr, whose labors contribute so much to our worship and Emily Montgomery who has helped.
5. Treasurer, Mike Lindsey and Assistant, Matthew Benefiel.
6. Weekly Bulletin publication, Elise Baum; and Church Directory publication, Chris Hoke & Bill Brumma.
7. Volunteer Nursery Attendants, and Coordinator, Katie Clingman-Counts, and the host of helpers.
8. Sermon Recording & Radio Broadcast support, Tom Martin and Adam Wojick.
9. Web Master/Servant, Tom Martin
10. Book Rack Manager, Ken Montgomery, and Church Librarian, Chris Hoke.
11. Volunteer Administrative Assistants Sarah Gregga and Emily Montgomery.
12. Special note of thanks to Tom Montgomery and Mel Hoke for their years of faithful diaconal service, as they stepped down from office.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

	SUN. SCH.	AM WORSHIP	PM WORSHIP
1992	73.63	96.21	55.40
1993	75.27	99.42	57.79
1994	75.51	100.46	59.42
1995	75.83	110.91	61.92
1996	77.10	112.04	66.70
1997	66.29	96.58	65.88
1998	71.65	100.90	69.31
1999	73.70	99.34	68.16
2000	58.68	89.13	61.73
2001	59.94	85.37	57.62
2002	60.63	83.26	53.37
2003	60.28	88.62	53.26
2004	56.35	87.85	49.88
2005	51.15	87.31	45.55
2006	52.68	96.53	54.79
2007	52.31	86.53	51.94
2008	54.22	94.10	60.6
2009	100.65	110.32	59.7

Note: 2009 Sunday School totals are for New Building only (June through December)



STATEMENT OF GOALS

The primary goals of Redeemer Orthodox Presbyterian Church shall be:

Worship

- We seek to worship God in the manner He has commanded in the Scriptures. Therefore, both the manner and content of the worship service shall always be governed by the direct commands of the Word; we seek to do nothing in worship that God has not commanded in His Word. (Deuteronomy 12:31-32)
- The session shall take care that the preaching of the Word is dignified and its content faithful to the Scriptures as interpreted in the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms.

Ministry

- Our aim and purpose in ministry is to equip the saints to serve the Lord in every area of life, progressively bringing every thought, word and deed into conformity with the Word of God until we reach unity in faith and attain “to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:13b) This equipping will include teaching the Word as well as practical applications across all demographics.
- We shall promote a sense of obligation to the welfare of our fellow men, first to the members of God’s household, and as we are able to others God may in His providence bring to our ministry. The deacons shall lead the congregation in carrying out this responsibility, and we shall regularly provide opportunity for members to give of their substance and their talents for this ministry.
- We shall promote a Presbyterian view of ministry, staying abreast of OPC Foreign and Home Missionaries’ activities and opportunities, as well as the Ohio Presbytery and the Ohio Regional Home Missionary, so that we are better equipped to pray and share in their ministries.

Evangelism

- The authoritative preaching of the Word of God is the chief means Christ has given for the gathering of His elect into the church, and their subsequent growth in grace. The Pastor shall solemnly and publicly preach the gospel to the congregation, by interpreting the Word of God, and applying the same by exhortation and reproof unto them. “We preach Christ crucified...to those who are called, both Jew and Greek, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” (I Corinthians 1:23-24)
- Christ has also given all Christians the privilege of sharing the truth of God with those into whose presence the providence of God may bring them. The session shall take care to ensure that the preaching, teaching and catechizing of the congregation prepares each member for this *friend-to-friend* evangelism. We pledge to maintain an attractive and comfortable facility into which the membership may invite those they are discipling in Christ.
- Additionally, organized efforts will be made to reach out into the community with the Word of God to further Kingdom growth.

Fellowship

- The saints, gathered into the visible, organized body of Christ are the New Testament Israel, the covenant community of God. Therefore, our aim is to cultivate a sense of community, whose members are committed to the entire body and to each other individually, “Considering one another in order to stir up love and good works.” (Hebrews 10:24)

- To this end our goal shall be to encourage one another to faithfulness in worship and the enjoyment of each other's company in fellowship. We shall pursue peace with all men and to learn, by God's grace, to live together in harmony - "as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." (Romans 12:18)

We have set the following near-term goals:

- Build on Redeemer's strong covenant community to sharpen our outreach with a cross-generational, family appeal; such as reaching students, singles, military families, and retirees.
- Particularly hone our members' passion for reaching the unsaved, building on the Sunday School series on practical evangelism and application opportunities through welcoming and fellowshiping with newcomers, neighborhood outreach, and community service:
 - Mothers' Morning Out
 - Door-to-door evangelism
 - English as a Second Language (ESL) Outreach Program
 - Dayton Gospel Mission
 - Miami Valley Women's Center
 - Radio Broadcast
- Help further cultivate the sense of community among Redeemer's growing membership through regular church activities, such as focused in-home fellowship groups.
- Increase ministry opportunities through expanded Sunday School, Ladies Bible Studies, Wednesday evening prayer/Bible study/catechism instruction, and a Nursing Home ministry.
- Transition into the new facility; preparing it for occupancy, moving in, and beginning to worship and minister.
- Explore new ministry opportunities for our new, larger facility, such as additional Sunday School classes and prayer time before worship; plus integrate additional members into meeting congregational needs in the more spacious building.
- Actively pursue the sale of the 3020 Indian Ripple Road property in order to provide additional funds for expanded ministry opportunities.
- Look for ways to assist mission works across the Ohio Presbytery, including financial support for men providing pulpit supply. Additionally, allow Pastors Eckardt and Montgomery latitude to assist with preaching as the Lord may provide opportunities.

We have also set the following long-term goals:

- As God enables, to increase the membership of Redeemer OPC to approximately 250 people. We seek growth not for its own sake, but to provide additional resources for ministry.
- In parallel with growth, begin planning for starting another daughter church.
- Actively pursue strengthening the Body of Christ at Redeemer OPC, encouraging members to use their various gifts to the edifying and building up of the Body (Rom12:6).
- As the Lord blesses with additional members, we will continue to explore new and expanded ministry opportunities.

DIACONAL REPORT by Chris Linhardt, Clerk

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-2 6:1-7

As deacons we believe a major part of the race we are to run includes a vital and faithful diaconal ministry. We are thankful the congregation shares our commitment to this race as well.

The congregation’s continued to generously support the diaconal ministry by donating over \$4000 for the year. These funds enable the Deacons Board to assist the Dayton Gospel Mission, members with financial needs locally and others in our local community.

This year has marked continued diaconal support to a number of valued ministries in local area. In particular the church has expanded its involvement in the Dayton Gospel Mission both in terms of its financial commitment and a renewed commitment to volunteer service. Under the coordination of Bill Turri the church has committed to serving the second Saturday of each month at the mission. The church has an objective to provide four volunteers each month. Please thank Bill for his efforts in leading the Redeemer volunteers in this area of service. We also commend those faithful volunteers in this biblically based ministry to the homeless and needy in Dayton’s inner city.

This year also marked the resumption of the nursing home ministry under the leadership of Pastor Ken Montgomery.

With the workload related to the new facility the Board has had little available time to devote to the further development of the Redeemer diaconal ministry. In the coming year we hope to develop a more fully integrated and comprehensive diaconal ministry. Further we’d like to expand the opportunities for service to a greater number of the congregation. Please pray for your deacons as we attempt to faithfully carry out the duties entrusted to us.

TRUSTEES REPORT by Chris Linhardt, Clerk

Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

II Corinthians 8:1-7

Brothers and sisters, we are thankful to our God for the abundance that He has provided and for the liberality of the congregation supporting the financial needs of Redeemer. At a time when offerings are falling in many congregations, Redeemer has increased its offerings by over ten percent in the last year! Even more we're also thankful to everyone for their time and labor as we moved into the new facility. So much was accomplished in such a short time!

At the beginning of the year the Trustees formed the Transition Oversight Board to expedite the preparations to move into the new facility and oversee the work of the committees. By forming committees to oversee the specific areas for the transition we hoped to mobilize a greater percentage of the congregation and delegate the work so that some would not become overburdened. We believe these committees were largely very successful. Thank you to those who served as committee chairpersons or other key positions on the committees.

After moving into the new facility the transition board was decommissioned. What we quickly learned was that we needed to meet at least monthly to conduct all the business associated with maintaining both facilities. We are thankful we have Mr. Bill Brumma and Mr. Tom Dizer serving as building maintainers. Please take the time to thank them for their faithful and expert service.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank those people on the lawn mowing crews. They were very faithful serving in this capacity to keep the appearance of both properties attractive and a witness to our neighbors and the community.

We'd also like to thank those who maintain our financial books and write the checks. These are labors requiring persistence and diligence. Deacon Lindsey volunteered to serve as the church book keeper and Elder Carr has been assisting him with this. Matt Benefiel continued as our check writer. All should be commended for maintaining an excellent witness to the community in a very tangible way.

Finally, please pray for your board of trustees as we put the plans in place for a capital improvements plan. There are a myriad of tasks associated with that effort and we can't hope to be successful without your continued support in the coming year. Please prayerfully consider serving or participating in other ways in maintaining our facilities. We're always looking for fellow servants!

WOMEN OF REDEEMER REPORT

By Gwen Martin; Secretary

“With good will render service as to the Lord and not to men.” Ephesians 6:7

Membership in Women of Redeemer is open to all women who are members or friends of Redeemer OPC. There are many opportunities for fun, fellowship and service. The Women of Redeemer met in January, April, July and October. Current officers are: President, Harleen Dizer; Vice President, Jody Benefiel; Secretary, Gwen Martin.

The goals of the organization are:

- To provide opportunities for the women of the church to serve the Lord together
- To have fellowship and to encourage one another to love and good works
- To assist in the work of the Church
- To support the Orthodox Presbyterian Church denomination worldwide missions
- To assist in establishing a congregational awareness of Orthodox Presbyterian Church missions.

Our goals were accomplished in many ways this year. Our categories of activities were Services, Outreach and Spiritual Growth. The move to our new church building last spring expanded the service of the Decorations, Nursery and Kitchen Committees. Many women transformed the new space into an attractive, comfortable and very functional place. The Nursery Committee organized care for both babies and toddlers with the increased space. The Moms Morning Out Committee was able to accommodate more children and activities each month. The Kitchen Committee expanded their services beyond Fellowship Meals, Communion set-up and hot beverages between Worship and Sunday School. For the last four months of 2009, meals were provided before the Wednesday evening prayer meeting as well. Snacks were added to the coffee fellowship after the Worship Service. The Social Committee has been busier than ever. There have been at least two special fun fellowship events each month as well as spring and fall Home Fellowship Meals and Girls Night Out gatherings. Last year, we provided two wedding showers and two baby showers in the Upper Fellowship Hall. The Share-A-Meal Committee provided meals for families with new babies, in transition and after injuries or surgeries. The Sunshine Committee sent cards and gifts to members who were recovering from illness, surgeries or losses of loved ones. New babies were honored with a silver vase and rose on the greeters table on the Sunday after the birth. Members who were not able to participate in worship or fellowship activities were sent notes or visited each month.

The Outreach Committees reported on missionary activities and needs to both adults and children. Women of Redeemer collected money from our offerings at quarterly meetings and from the missions offerings during Sunday School once a month. The money collected was used for gifts for our designated missionary family, to support mission work around the world and for a special missionary project. We supported and encouraged our members who are away from home due to military service or college studies with cards and gifts. College and Career luncheons were provided for young members or friends who were close enough to attend. Welcome information and gifts were provided for visitors and each week a family volunteered to be ready to invite visitors and new people to their home for a meal on Sunday.

The Spiritual Growth Committees organized and hosted the third annual Presbytery of Ohio Women’s Retreat last October which was a blessing to all who participated. Plans to host the Fourth Retreat next fall are already underway. The Girls Nights In fellowships last spring were a wonderful combination of Bible study, fellowship and prayer. Last fall, two evening groups and one morning group studied how to apply Biblical principles to our relationships. It has been an amazing year, and we are grateful and humbled to remember all that the Lord has provided this last year.