



2009 Annual Report

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Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

~ Vision Statement ~

We, the congregation of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church, are called to utilize each of our unique gifts to enhance and nurture the spiritual lives of each other and those who seek Christ and His Church. We see ourselves as a connected congregation, centering ourselves with a powerful, spirit-filled worship experience. Through the Spirit of God, we are energized to share Christ with all people, focusing on children, youth, and senior adults.

~ Mission Statement ~

We believe God has called us to be a living, growing reflection of Jesus Christ on earth. Therefore we will worship God, teach the Good News of God's love in Jesus Christ, build each other up in fellowship, and live in service to the world through the Spirit of the living God.

“State of the Church”

January – 2010

What a remarkable year we have been through. Two thousand nine saw us demolish buildings, construct new space, move to St. Brendan’s, and then back again into the new structures. This past year we completed our second capital campaign in four years. To say it has been an active year is a great understatement.

The economy of our country and the world has seen a downturn that rivals the Great Depression. Everyone has been affected, including faith communities. For us to have been able to build and have another capital campaign in the midst of it all says a lot about our resolve and perseverance. We have done things together over these past few years that are truly remarkable. For a church our size to build and conduct capital campaigns in the present economic climate is nothing short of amazing. With God’s direction and help, we have accomplished great things. I thank you for staying focused through all of these years of tremendous effort. Of course our budget is challenged and we will have to make some adjustments, yet we will make it through this. I believe God has many plans for Emmanuel Presbyterian in 2010 and beyond.

I believe God intends for us to continue reaching out in mission in our local communities. We make a difference in so many lives, when we help people with food, clothing, shelter, and other things that make their lives better.

I believe God intends for us to reach out to others with the good news of God’s love in many ways. People need purpose and meaning in their lives, along with hope. God has given us this purpose and hope, and we naturally want for others the hope we have found. In word and in deed, I believe God will show us new avenues in which to share this good news.

I believe the Spirit of God will help us renew our worship life this year and beyond by inspiring us to give ourselves to God in new ways. So much of our Christian life flows out of worship. In worship we listen to what God is saying to us. God inspires us in worship to reach out and be men and women for others. In worship God leads us to study, prayer, and other practices of the Christian spiritual life that helps to renew us for service.

God has been good to us here at Emmanuel Presbyterian. May we be good to each other and the world around us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Steve Knowles

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MISSION & OUTREACH COMMITTEE

The Missions and Outreach Committee of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church is called upon by God to make important decisions on the distribution of available funds to those in need, and to do it in a loving, just and prayerful way. God calls on all of us in the church body to use our collective time and talents for supplying other needs which may be Spiritual and supportive in nature. Mission Vision Statement – 2004

Budget Allocation and Giving - The Mission and Outreach Committee received \$2,300 for their 2009 Budget, plus a special reserve amount of \$1,251.53. We appreciate the generous giving by the congregation, and the Stewardship Committee's work in making this amount possible. Also, we are grateful for the additional monies that came in periodically from special congregational donations to add to our service for helping the needy. Mission Members would like to extend a "hand of thanks" to the congregation for their generous support of giving so that Missions, in turn, can give to others.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday - A total of \$313.47 was collected by the youth of our Church on Sunday, February 3, for Souper Bowl Sunday's collection.

One Great Hour of Sharing (PC-USA) – Received on Easter Sunday, March 23, this offering funds the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Self-Development of People. In 2009, through your generous giving, a total of \$618.50 was received.

Bothell/Woodinville/Kenmore Crop Walk - Emmanuel participated, with other churches, on May 4 in this Crop Walk which was sponsored by Church World Services, with proceeds going to programs to alleviate hunger and poverty worldwide. There were a number of 'walkers' from Emmanuel Church, sponsored by members of the congregation who donated monies for this very worthwhile cause.

Pentecost Offering (PC-USA) – Emmanuel's congregation generously gave \$648.99 on May 11 for this cause. Forty percent of the funds received stay with our local congregation to support work on behalf of children at risk (our Youth Group makes this determination), and 60% is invested by General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in faith-focused ministries with youth/young adults, and in programs that benefit children at risk in this country and around the world.

Christmas Joy Offering (PC-USA) – This special offering was observed on Sunday, December 21, and you gave a total of \$304.51. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a Presbyterian tradition for almost seventy years and is one of the four special offerings designated by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to provide congregations direct ways of supporting specific causes that help those in need. The receipts from the Offering are distributed equally to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs and to Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries of the General Assembly Council to support Presbyterian racial ethnic education.

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Christmas Eve Offering – This offering is designated for Emmanuel’s Emergency Fund, distributed at Pastor Steve’s discretion to assist members of our own church family and the local community. Your generous contributions on Christmas Eve 2009 totaled **\$799.05**.

A Special Mission project this year: Hearing aids for children in Guatemala – The Mission and Outreach Committee decided to become involved in a major way in fund-raising for this special mission undertaken by Lori Mercer, a member of our congregation. Here is her report: “I will be traveling to three areas in Guatemala in late February with the Healing The Children medical mission audiology team (<http://www.northgatehearing.com/healingthechildren.html>). Area audiologists will test children's hearing and fit them with hearing aids, when applicable. Funding is almost entirely private; \$250 purchases one hearing aid. The congregation of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church has been incredibly gracious with both your finances and time. Two activities raised funds for this cause:

1. The youth group hosted a car wash in September, raising \$621 with an additional \$129 matched by the EPC mission committee to total \$750, or three hearing aids
2. The congregation hosted a mission concert in early November with 100% of donations going toward hearing aid purchases. The event brought in \$2,914.45, or eleven hearing aids. (This concert was given in loving memory of Doris Fredrick, long time chair of Mission and Outreach, who died during the year).

I can't begin to express my gratitude to you all, in particular to Anne Schwarz and the mission committee for taking this mission to a new level, to Liz Meyers for all the time invested in the mission concert, the EPC choir, the youth group and everyone else behind the scenes that always jumps in with your shirt sleeves rolled up. These children WILL live better lives due to your caring hearts; you will see lots of photos upon our return!”

Youth Missions – This year the youth of Emmanuel became involved in the work of Missions with projects and participation in the Mission Committee meetings. Youth on the committee are: Aleksandra Astakhova, Emily Simmons and Hank Melse, replaced by Alida Melse. Their projects:

Brown Bags Lunches through Hopelink - for children during the summer who normally receive free school lunches during the school year. \$347.20 was raised. This was matched by the Mission Committee funds.

Backpacks for Kids – resulting in the delivery of 11 backpacks to Hopelink for distribution to community children who cannot afford their own.

Car wash for Hearing Aids for Guatemala – the children and youth met at The Dairy Queen at Thrasher’s Corner to wash cars to earn money for a hearing aid, \$250. Their goal was one and they raised money for 3!

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Warm clothes for Tent City 4 – The children and youth held a drive to collect warm hats, mittens or gloves, scarves, socks and blankets to help the people of Tent City 4 keep warm this winter. They then went with Joe and Kay Dechenne and a parent, Steve Meyers, to deliver the large collection and share hot chocolate and cookies with the residents.

YWCA Working Wardrobe for Women & Everett Gospel Mission for Men Working Women's Wardrobe is the program of the YWCA that provides women of the area with clothing for success in job interviews and dressing for success once they have the job. During 2008, 1,100 women were outfitted with more than 3,300 outfits. Also, the Everett Gospel Mission collects clothing for men that outfits them for job interviews and provides a beginning wardrobe to help insure their success.

It is estimated that Emmanuel Presbyterian has made donations of clothing in excess of \$2,400 to these two organizations alone. We appreciate receiving the clothing items for both men and women from our congregation, as well as those outside the congregation who have heard of our efforts and made large donations also.

***Hopelink** – Food that is donated by the congregation and delivered to Hopelink on a regular basis by Larry DeKay, a member of the Missions Committee, is an ongoing project at Emmanuel. An additional donation of \$500 was given to Hopelink by Missions to assist residents of a Condemned Apartment Building in Bothell in the early part of 2009, and \$320 was given by Missions in December for Christmas support to the needy.

Calculators for Ninth Graders – Bob Matthews and Carolyn Boucher (members of Mission and Outreach) chair this project. Here is Bob's report: Six years ago two members of the Emmanuel Mission Committee were shocked to learn that every student in the Northshore School District entering the ninth grade was required to have a Texas Instrument graphing calculator which cost almost \$100 at the time. The fact that a number of families would not be able to purchase the calculator was recognized and lending libraries were established.

We know that persons using the lending libraries would suffer socially and, because loaned materials are generally not treated well and operation instructions easily lost, those using the library would be disadvantaged.

A valuable mission project had opened for us - let us provide calculators for needy, responsible students. Let's give them pride of ownership! That last notion has worked out well, siblings have also benefited!

When Canyon Park JHS receives our gift the math teachers select from among those students using the lending library calculators. The effort is to find those who, besides need, have a serious math future. The names of those chosen are engraved on the instrument and they are presented as a gift.

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In the beginning we were able to provide seven or eight calculators at the beginning of the school year, but in the past few years, as price has increased we have been only able to deliver six. We can say, however, that we have made at least 36 young folks feel free and probably given them a better future.

We always receive letters from the students expressing their gratitude. In 2009 we have also received letters of appreciation and thanks from two math teachers and the counselor who originally organized the disposition of our gifts.

Tent City 4 – **Report from Kay and Joe Dechenne follows:** Tent City #4 is home for 100+ homeless adults in transition. Residents do not have the resources needed to pay for apartments or other living arrangements. Some have employment, but many do not have the skills or job opportunities available in this depressed economy.

Tent City #4 has to change locations every 90 days. When we first took over this mission outreach, it was located at the Mercer Island United Methodist Church. Since then, it has been at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Woodinville, the Holy Spirit Lutheran Church in Kirkland, and presently at the First United Methodist Church in Bellevue.

The mission outreach since April 2009 from the congregation of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church has been beyond expectations. Donations were collected each 3rd Sunday and delivered on site the following week. Here is a summary of the donations this past year:

- Clothing items – men/women's, including underwear & socks as well as outerwear
The Youth delivered scarves, hats/caps, gloves/mittens in November
- Hygiene products, razors, shaving cream, tissue
- Sleeping bags, blankets, pillows, towels/washcloths, tarps
- Many food items – bread, bagels, milk (one time delivered 34 gallons), muffins, cookies, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and noodles.
- Board games, cards, crossword & seek and find games, books, videos
- Money donations (\$100 from Lynnwood Emblem Club; \$225 from Mission Committee; \$100 from Youth Group Mission fund)

[Note: Money donations were used to purchase food items for sack lunches (for those who work), microwave food, sanitation and hygiene items, cleaning and maintenance supplies, and to pay miscellaneous expenses related to security and upkeep.]

The generous support of the congregation of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church has made this mission uplifting and truly inspirational.

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Campbell's Soup Labels – Menaul School in New Mexico has a long history with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) and is now an independent day school contributing to racial-ethnic equality and justice through quality education. Today students from all religious and ethnic backgrounds are included in an enrollment of more than 60% minority including Hispanic, Native American, African American and Asian American youth.

Emmanuel supports the school in continuing its mission of providing education in the reformed Christian tradition by providing Campbell Soup Labels (UPC bar codes) and General Mill Box Tops for Education. The School uses the labels we send them for items like: school supplies, athletic supplies and other equipment.

Thanksgiving Food Certificates – For 2009, Missions gave two (2) food certificates of \$50 each to two church families who were in need.

Christmas gift certificates - For 2009, Missions gave two (2) food certificates of \$100 each to two church families who were in need.

Building friendships – NEAH BAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – Kay Dechenne, member of Mission and Outreach, chronicled the event. Here is her report:

During the weekend of July 18-19, thirteen members of our congregation traveled to Neah Bay, home of the Makah Nation, at the tip of the Olympic Peninsula.

This year, it was decided that, in addition to the Annual Christmas Celebration, we include an additional mission visit to Neah Bay. And, *hallelujah*, with the organization skills of our Missions Committee leader, Anne Schwarz, and the teamwork of participating members, this outreach was made. The group made a mini-retreat out of the Saturday evening spent at Hobuck Resort at Neah Bay.

Thankfully, a large collection of children's clothing, shoes, a stroller and toys were donated by our church members and were delivered to the Neah Bay Church. Following the service on Sunday, during which we put a check for \$130 in their offering, we were guests of honor at a wonderful potluck prepared by the members of their congregation. Smoked salmon, flatbread and cornbread were the highlights. During the potluck, Mariyah was our ambassador to the children as they played together with some of the donated toys.

One of the Neah Bay Church members asked, "Did you really come just to worship with us and share our potluck?" When we replied in the affirmative, she was incredulous. "People who come always come to DO something for us, not just to be our friends in Christ." Since this was the intent of the trip, we all judged it to be a success. We have been invited back next summer for the same purpose, "Just to be our friends."

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After festivities, several of us were given a tour of the Ceramic Studio developed by members of the Church, basically to help children create gifts for their family members. Thanks to the donation of a kiln, green ware and supplies this dream became reality. An old condemned military building on the reservation was renovated by church members so this resource could be available for community use.

Thank God for all his blessings and especially for “traveling mercies.” This was a weekend where there were events in many of the cities and towns on the route so many hours were devoted to travel due to extreme traffic congestion.

Christmas for Neah Bay – Chris DeKay (member of Missions) chairs this event which draws so much interest and enthusiasm during the Holiday Season. Here is her report:

Saturday, December 12, 2009 was the annual Christmas Party for the Makah children and families in Neah Bay. Twenty members and friends of Emmanuel went on this Christmas Mission trip to Neah Bay. This year the Neah Bay session suggested that instead of gifts for all the children that we bring Wal-Mart gift cards, which we did. Thanks to Emmanuel, Mt. Vernon and Mukilteo we had about 150 gift cards. The Christmas party was supported in many ways by several congregations in our presbytery: Mt. Vernon Presbyterian supplied financial support (\$500); several members and Youth from Mukilteo Presbyterian brought many gifts cards and food for dinner, the Youth Leader and youth from Mukilteo lead the singing of Christmas songs; Emmanuel provided finances (about \$1,300) for the party, many gifts cards, cookies and spaghetti sauce for the meal, several crafts including the Gingerbread Houses which the children at Neah Bay look forward to each year. Emmanuel also had our very special “story teller” to tell the Christmas story and our own “Santa” again this year. Our youth helped out with shopping for candies and oranges for the small gifts bags each child received when they visited with Santa, the EPC Preschool supported the party by providing gift cards, diapers and gently used children’s clothing. There were about 100 gift cards handed out at the party and the rest of the cards were to go to families in Neah Bay who were in the greatest need in the village. Any cards left after Christmas will be used to purchase items needed for the Neah Bay Presbyterian Church.

The party was very nice, everything went smoothly. Another thing that we usually do is bring good used clothing with us, this year we had lots of children’s clothing in the “clothing corner” but not very many items for teens and adults.

Throughout the year 2009, the congregation of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church has remained committed in sharing with those who are suffering and in need. Your generosity has helped us spread our message of “Hope, Refuge and Service” in many ways.

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During 2009, as we do every year, Missions reached out to bring hope to those who had none. Together we will continue to reach out and share the joy and love we know through our faith in God, our Great Creator, and together we will continue to be a “living, growing reflection of Jesus Christ on earth.” Emmanuel’s generous financial support, along with gifts of time, individual talents, hugs, smiles, and prayers are truly priceless for all.

“God, we give thanks to you for the gifts you have given to your church. Thank you because in Jesus Christ you have taught us the meaning of giving ourselves to others in service and dedication. Help us to serve you day by day by surrendering our gifts to the service of the church and the society, to aspire every day toward unity, to strengthen the service of believers, and to create community in the spirit. In Jesus name we pray.” Amen
~Mission Yearbook~

Mission/Outreach Committee Members:

Charisse Ayers
Olga Bologova
Carolyn Boucher
Dan & Judy Chadrow
Joe & Kay Dechenne
Larry & Chris DeKay
Nancy Eby
Pastor Steve Knowles, ex officio
Bob Matthews
Anne Schwarz
Anne Shelhorn
Rose Smith
Gerry Stuart
Doris Frederick, Chair Replaced by Anne Schwarz after her death

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Christian Education

Emmanuel's Christian Education Department made history in 2009 -- by conducting Sunday School classes in a supply closet during our tenure at St. Brendan's, and by presenting two Christmas pageants in the same year. (A snow delay caused the 2008 pageant, "The Fumbly, Bumbly Angels," to be presented in mid-January 2009.)

Higher and more regular attendance by children and teenagers made it possible to expand the department's curriculum to offer three weekly Sunday School classes. Children in kindergarten through grade three studied important Biblical figures, key Scripture passages and related mission projects in classes taught by Cheryl Simmons, Susan Roesler and senior instructor Linda Avery. Young people in grades four through seven continued their study of the New Testament, taught by director Sydney Craft-Rozen. Junior high students did an intensive study of the Gospel of John, taught by senior instructor Pam Johnson.

During Emmanuel's Easter service, the children presented a play, "Nobunny Knows," about the true meaning of the season. In May, they led the Mother's Day service and individually honored their moms with poems, memories and music.

Because of construction through the summer at Emmanuel's building site, there was no Vacation Bible School in 2009. The popular event will resume in 2010.

Children and teenagers played major roles in the church's joyous October celebrations, marking the completion of the new building and helping with the annual stewardship campaign. They helped with the move-in, created artwork for a silent auction, performed at a special concert, and studied stewardship in Sunday School.

Also in October, the department and Youth Group hosted the annual Pumpkin Party for the church, preschool and community. Children in costumes brought jack-o-lanterns for carving, and all won prizes in the annual Emmanuel Halloween tradition.

In November, children and teenagers met for an afternoon of "stocking-stuffer shopping," in preparation for the annual holiday trip to visit members of the Makah Nation at Neah Bay. In December, all members of the Sunday School classes helped to present the 2009 Christmas pageant, "Oh, No! Not Another Christmas Play!" The children in the cast performed too much praise for their excellent performances -- and promised to continue their own blend of Christian study, good works and special performances in the new year.

Sydney Craft-Rozen,
Director of Christian Education

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Bothell Community Preschool

Bothell Community Preschool completed its sixth year of operation under the sponsorship of Emmanuel Presbyterian Church during the 2008-9 school year. Our Kaleidoscope and Explorer classes were filled to capacity and our Discovery class was enrolled at 9 children. We served a total of 33 children providing financial assistance in the way of scholarship or partial scholarship to three families for part of the year.

Margaret Beam was Lead Teacher for the Discovery Class with Jeanne Kristian as Teaching Assistant. Margaret Beam was also Lead Teacher for the Explorer Class with Sharon Fortney as Teaching Assistant. Sharon Concha was Preschool Director, as well as, Lead Teacher for the Kaleidoscope Class with Sharon Fortney as Teaching Assistant. We completed the 2008-9 school year in the mobile units located on the church grounds while construction was completed on the new church building and classrooms.

In September of 2009, the preschool began its 7th year of operation in the new church building adding a morning Pre-K Explorer class and expanding to two classrooms. Sharon Concha served as Preschool Director and Lead Teacher of the Kaleidoscope and Discovery Classes with Sharon Forney as Assistant Teacher in both classes. Margaret Beam served as Lead Teacher in the morning and afternoon sessions of the Explorer Pre-K classes with Jeanne Kristian as Assistant Teacher in the morning Explorer class. Cindy Powers was hired as the Assistant Teacher in the afternoon Explorer class.

Major accomplishments:

- Continued our monthly contribution to EPC for utilities and the Pastor's discretionary fund.
- Participated in the Neah Bay Christmas Project.
- Sub-committee including the Lead teachers worked with the Building Committee and architect to design new classrooms.
- In June, the Committee and the Church held a Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon at Blythe Park for our staff. Preschool families were invited. This also served as the preschool graduation ceremony.
- Scholarship or partial scholarship given to 4 families.

Members of the Preschool Committee are: Deb Melse, chairperson, Sharon Concha, Sydney Craft-Rosen, Mary Anne Gibbons, Lynn Haase, Connie Weber and Warren Weber.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sharon Concha, Preschool Director

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Personnel Committee

The role of the personnel committee is to work with Church staff employment actions including but not limited to hiring, salaries, setting performance expectations, insuring annual performance reviews are conducted, and assisting staff where improvements are needed.

The personnel committee this year was comprised of Larry Gibbons (Chair), Dan Chadrow, Rose Smith, Claudia Claudio, Patty Bourne, Carl Haase, Phyllis Krueger, Lee Rozen, and Pastor Steve Knowles. Claudia, Dan, and Rose resigned in May 2009. We normally meet on the third Sunday of the month after Church service and other meeting times as required. This year we met only four times because of the Church remodel, change in staff, and need to meet.

This year we completed the staff evaluation forms and 2008 staff performance reviews by the end of January 2009. These reviews were all very good. The reviews are kept in a locked confidential file in the Administrative Assistant's office. Steve also conducted a mid year staff performance review for the Administrative Assistant, Christian Education and Choir Director. Steve and staff found this mid year staff review very helpful. Larry notified the preschool chairperson Deb Melse, Sharon Concha and Steve Knowles in December to please conduct their respective 2009 staff performance reviews by January 31, 2010.

We now have electronic copies of all staff job descriptions and performance review. In 2010 the personnel committee plans to update the Pastor job description and performance evaluation to reflect current trends in pastoral evaluations.

We are very fortunate to have such outstanding staff at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church. Our Pianist however will be leaving us on January 10, 2010. The personnel committee has known this since July 2009 and has contacted a new person, Stephen Panther. Stephen has played several times during our Church service and during choir practice and is very good. Steve, a member from the personnel committee, the Choir Director and a member from the Worship Committee plan to interview Stephen in January 2010 for the Organist/Pianist position.

The Youth Director, Nursery position and Janitor position have not been filled since 2008. The personnel committee and Session have decided to combine the Christian Education and Youth Director positions at this time. Warren and Connie Weber have been doing some volunteer work with the Youth Group too. Church volunteers are currently filling the Nursery position. A preschool family has agreed to clean the Church from September 2009 to June 2010. The personnel committee and Session have decided to use volunteers to help clean the Church after June 2010.

The personnel committee plans to meet after Church on the third Sunday of the month as needed in 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry Gibbons, Personnel Chairman

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Wedding Committee

The wedding committee was not able to assist with any weddings during 2009 due to the construction and remodel of the church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Anne Gibbons

**Report of the Clerk of Session
January ~ 2010**

Members on the Active Roll as of December 31, 2007	95
Gain of Members	1
Loss of Members	3
Members on the Active Roll as of December 31, 2009	93
Baptisms performed as of December 31, 2009	0

<u>Session Members</u>	<u>Deacons</u>
<u>Term Ending 2009</u> Carolyn Boucher Lori Mercer Erik Sigurdson	<u>Term Ending 2009</u> Jim Cahill Susan Sprague
<u>Term Ended 2010</u> Jane Barker Larry Gibbons Paul Hendrix	<u>Term Ended 2010</u> Lynn Haase Anne Schwarz
<u>Term Ended 2011</u> Dan Carey Dan Chadrow Joe Dechenne	<u>Term Ended 2011</u> Arlene Cook Bob Jensen
<u>Term Ending 2009</u> Carolyn Boucher Lori Mercer Erik Sigurdson	<u>Term Ending 2009</u> Jim Cahill Susan Sprague

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Deacons

Emmanuel's Board of Deacons completed its eighth year of service in 2009. The Board consists of six deacons and Pastor Steve Knowles as an ex-officio member. Board members for 2009 were Jim Cahill, Susan Sprague, Anne Schwarz, Lynn Haase, Arlene Cook and Bob Jensen. Susan Sprague served as Moderator and recorder.

The Deacons' services are divided into seven different ministries. Each of these ministries is led by at least one deacon. The goals and accomplishments of each of these ministries in 2009 are described below:

- **After Worship Fellowship (Lynn Haase)** – This ministry includes arranging for coffee, cookies, and hosts after each worship service; preparing the hall, preparing coffee and tea, and cleaning up after fellowship time. During our building remodel, this also included transporting coffee pots, cups, condiments, etc. to St. Brendan's gym and Maywood Hills Elementary. The deacons would like to especially thank the many members who step in to help with this ministry by providing cookies, coffee, setup, cleanup, and transporting the equipment. During 2009, the Deacons began using Presbyterian Coffee Project coffee for fellowship to support the Mission Committee's efforts.
- **Funeral & Memorial Receptions (Lynn Haase)** - Preparing the church for funerals or memorial receptions, arranging for refreshments, and serving as a compassionate liaison with families in planning these events is the focus of this ministry. In 2009 the deacons helped with four memorial services.
- **General Fellowship (Susan Sprague)** – The deacons host or plan at least one fellowship event each month. This ministry includes planning, publicity, set-up, hosting, and clean-up for these events. Fellowship activities in 2009 included monthly potluck dinners at church members' homes, Aqua Sox Faith & Family Night (19 people attended!). The Deacons also provide lunches for prospective member orientations, cakes and cards for special occasions (such as Pastor Appreciation Day), and lend support for other activities and special events.
- **Visitors/New Members Ministry (All)** - Welcoming visitors to Emmanuel and following up with a friendly note or telephone call is the first step in this ministry. When someone has decided to join the church, these deacons serve as mentors to help the new members become involved and comfortable within the life of the church.
- **Visiting of Sick or Shut-Ins (Jim Cahill, Anne Schwarz)** – Assisting Pastor Steve with the important ministry of compassion and spiritual support to members who are ill or convalescent is the focus of this ministry. These deacons provide hospital and home visits, phone calls, and when requested, offer prayer and a listening ear. Cassette tapes of Sunday services are also delivered to those who cannot attend in person (on request).

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Deacons

- **Care of the Communion Table (Anne Schwarz, Arlene Cook, Bob Jensen)** – This ministry is responsible for coordinating the preparation of the communion elements and the cleanup, making sure there are flowers each Sunday morning for the communion table (with the help of congregational donations), as well as candles. This ministry also includes arranging for Acolytes to start worship and preparing the register books.
- **Blessing Shawl Ministry (Anne Schwarz)** – Blessing shawls are, simply put, soft, warm, knitted shawls which are given to persons as a tangible reminder of the love and caring of the people of God. Since the ministry was started in 2008, over 120 members and friends have been provided with shawls that have been prayed over and blessed by the congregation.

At year's end, Jim Cahill completed his three-year term as Deacon, and we sincerely thank Jim for his generous gifts of time and talent. I have now completed six wonderful years as Deacon and will be looking forward to participating in new ministries and continued support of the Deacons' efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Sprague

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Worship Committee

The role of the worship committee is to plan special services, such as the Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve services, oversee the Sunday morning worship service, including making recommendations to Session regarding the order of service, plan the role of various leaders in worship, and manage the technical aspects of worship such as the sound system. Worship is when we interrupt our preoccupation with ourselves and attend to the presence of God. This is what the Worship Committee strives to achieve in our worship of God at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church.

The Worship Committee this year was comprised of Dave Franzwa (Chair), Sue and Paul Hendrix, Liz Meyers, Annette Sande, Sandy Sharp, Florence Knowles, and Pastor Steve Knowles. Each member brings a commitment and dedication to our worship ministry, and brings different perspectives and creative ideas to the table every month.

The Maundy Thursday service this year was held at Kennard Mobile Estates Clubhouse (due to the remodel of the church). It included scripture readings and music related to the events of Holy Week.

The Christmas Eve service took place in our newly remodeled sanctuary and was a traditional presentation of Lessons and Carols, focusing on the hope and light of the Christ Child. It included communion and ended with the lighting of candles during the singing of "Silent Night."

We would like to thank all those who participated in the Maundy Thursday and Christmas Eve services, including the readers, the musicians and soloists, and the congregation.

The worship leader is an important part of the worship service, and the Worship Committee would like to acknowledge Sandy Sharp for her continued leadership in ensuring that we have a worship leader every Sunday.

The Worship Committee would also like to acknowledge all who participate in the ministry of our worship service, particularly during this past year as we were displaced during the remodeling of our place of worship. Special thanks to Paul and Sue Hendrix for their dedicated service in taking care of the many details in facilitating our services, including setting up and taking down the chairs, tables, banners, bringing hymnals and anything else that needed to be done as we worshipped at St. Brendan's and Maywood Elementary. We would also like to acknowledge Larry and Mary Anne Gibbons, Linda Avery, Susan Sprague and everyone else who faithfully provided assistance before and after our worship services.

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Worship is an important part of our relationship with God, and we invite any input you may have that will help make your worship experience more meaningful. In the coming year, we look forward to exploring new ways in which we can worship God through music, prayer, and focusing on His Word. May we all continue in faith and trust on our journey together with our Lord and God.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Franzwa, Chair