

# The Sampler October 2009

From the  
Pastor



## Heifer Is Coming!

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' **Matthew 25:40**

On September 24, 1996, Romney Presbyterian Church received a framed picture and plaque from Heifer Project International for having donated **The Ark** to help hungry people around the world to feed themselves and care for the earth.

On October 18, 2009, following 11 a.m. worship, the congregation will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a meal and presentation as the challenge extended by the Presbyterian Women is taken up to collect funds for another **Ark**. Reverend Homer Cornish, Chair of Shenandoah Presbytery's World Wide Mission Committee, will be the guest presenter.

Heifer International envisions...A world of communities living together in peace and equitably sharing the resources of a healthy planet.

Heifer's mission is...To work with communities to end hunger and poverty and to care for the earth.

Heifer's strategy is...To "pass on the gift." As people share their animals' offspring with others – along with their knowledge, resources, and skills – an expanding network of hope, dignity, and self-reliance is created that reaches around the globe.

This simple idea of giving families a source of food rather than short-term relief caught on and has continued for over 60 years. Today, millions of families in 128 countries have been given the gifts of self-reliance and hope. In Fiscal Year 2008, Heifer had 869 active projects in 53 countries/provinces and 27 U.S. states. Heifer projects around the world help families achieve self-reliance through the gift of livestock and training. Gifts are passed from recipient to recipient until entire communities are transformed.

### **Gift Ark** - Changing the World Two By Two

The Heifer Gift Ark offers hope worldwide to families who are poor and hungry. It helps families start on a journey to fulfill a seemingly impossible dream - to secure food and a source of dependable income. Each family who receives livestock will pass on one or more of the animal's offspring to other families who are in need in their community. Every gift will multiply for years to come. Imagine how the gift could change the world. Two cows bring milk and income to a Russian village. Two sheep help families in Arizona produce wool. Two camels help families in Tanzania earn income by transporting agricultural and industrial materials. Two oxen pull plows and carts in Uganda. Two water buffalo help Cambodian families increase rice production through animal draft power. And that's just the first five sets of animals ... the ark provides 15 pairs of animals to change lives. What a wonderful way to bring joy to the world!

This special project will start on October 18, 2009, and continue until the \$5000 goal is achieved. This project is in addition to the Special Offerings which have already been approved by the Session. So far this year the Souper Bowl, One Great Hour of Sharing, Pentecost, Father's/Mother's Day and Blanket Sunday offerings have been received. The Peacemaking Offering will be received on October 4, World Communion Sunday. Then in November the Thanksgiving offering for Davis-Stuart and in December the Joy Offering.

This is a generous and caring congregation. By 'floating' the **Gift Ark**, everyone will be joining together once again for a mission project that reaches out beyond our particular church.

Thanks be to God for all we have received. Thanks be to God for opportunities to share with those less blessed here in our community and around the world!

*Pastor Barb*

P.S. Save Saturday, November 14, for a congregational event at Living Waters Theatre in Strasburg, PA. *Voices of Christmas* and a meal will help to establish the holiday spirit. More information inside!

## NEWS FROM THE SESSION

The session held its monthly meeting on Monday September 14, 2009. The session did not meet in August 2009. At the September meeting, the following items occurred:

- The study of the Shorter Catechism from the Book of Confessions continued with the reading and discussion of questions 11-20.
- Section W-1.4000 of the Book of Order (Responsibility and Accountability for Worship) was read and discussed.
- A spinet piano belonging to Lindy and Janet McCauley would be given to the church.
- During worship on Sunday October 18, 2009, the Sunday School teachers and substitutes for the coming year will be recognized and a presentation for the Heifer Project will be made. A covered dish luncheon will follow worship.
- The Christian Education committee reported the following items concerning the youth and children:
  - Scott and Laura Staley will plan and coordinate the youth sponsored ice cream social on Sunday September 20, 2009.
  - Mike and Sheri Coleman will plan and coordinate the Fall Fling on Sunday October 25, 2009.
  - Kathy Kuykendall will be in charge of the Advent Workshop on Sunday November 29, 2009.
  - Scott and Laura Staley will plan and direct the Sunday School Christmas Play on Sunday December 13, 2009.
  - Pastor Barb will assist the youth in planning the Christmas Eve candlelight service.
  - Enrollment cards containing important information in case of emergencies will be prepared for the children and young people enrolled at the church and chapels.
  - A list of qualifications, expectations, and responsibilities for the Summer Sensations intern was being prepared for use in future years.
- Jeannie Hampton reported on the 142<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Presbytery of Shenandoah which she attended as commissioner. The meeting was held at Winchester First Church in Winchester, VA on Tuesday May 12, 2009.
- Sally Lowndes reported on the 143<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Presbytery of Shenandoah which she attended as commissioner. The meeting was held at Warrenton Presbyterian Church in Warrenton, VA on Saturday August 22, 2009.
- A team of one pastor and one elder from the presbytery's Committee on Ministry will be attending the October 12, 2009 stated meeting for the committee's triennial visit.

The following actions were taken:

- Sally Hinchman, Interim General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Shenandoah would be invited to worship and serve as worship leader on Sunday November 8, 2009.
- Approval was given for a bus trip on Saturday November 14, 2009 to the Living Water Theatre in Strasburg, PA to attend the production, *Voices of Christmas*.
- Jane Wright Slocum was elected commissioner to the 144<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Presbytery of Shenandoah scheduled for Tuesday November 10, 2009 at the Tinkling Spring church in Fishersville, VA.

### Treasurer To Date Snapshot

August 2009	August 2009
Total Income - \$ 8,364.79	Account Balances
Total Expenses - \$10,929.35	Money Market - \$13,247.82
Deficit - \$ 2,564.56	Now Account - \$28,948.41

## FALL FLING

Oct. 25th from 6:00 – 8:00PM

Bring a favorite snack and enjoy the fun and fellowship!  
Costume parade, games, piñata, fun and food!

The Youth are planning this event on Oct. 4 from 7 to 8 at their regular scheduled Youth Meeting!

### Spotlight on Youth: Jonathan Allen

Have you heard our bell calling us to worship the past few Sundays? We give Jonathan Allen, son of Gayle and David Allen, a huge thank you for taking on this responsibility and many others at Romney Presbyterian Church. Jonathan, a senior at Hampshire High School, has lived his entire 17 years in Hampshire County and been a member of our church for 6 years. In the community, he belongs to the Boy Scouts of America, where he hopes to become an Eagle Scout; in high school, he is not only a member of the National Honor Society and the erstwhile Chess Club, but he also finds time to participate in Math Field Day and the Italian Exchange. With his academic skill well established (Just take a look at those SAT scores!), he hopes to further his education seeking a degree in Computer Software Engineering at Harvey Mudd University of Claremont, CA; Franklin W. Olin College of Needham, MA; or our own WVU—we wish him much success in whichever college he chooses. Jonathan's hobbies include all kinds of sports; however, he focuses on tennis and soccer. In fact, he is a member of the high school soccer team. All of these activities do not keep Jonathan from a rich religious service to the Methodist Church as a member of the Hand bell Choir and the Methodist Youth Group; and, to an even greater degree, to Romney Presbyterian Church as he leads the worship service, gives the children's sermon, participates in the Romney Presbyterian Youth Group, and last, but not least, calls us to worship each Sunday morning. Hats off to the multi-talented Jonathan Allen, our Youth in the Spotlight.

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Join the church for, **The Voices of Christmas at Sight & Sound Theatres Saturday, November 14, 2009**, an uplifting heart warming holiday showcase highlighting the many "voices" that proclaim the Savior's birth, and the powerful impact the message of Christmas has had on countless generations throughout history. The price, \$57.00/Adult; \$43.00 age 12-18; \$40.00 age 3-11; will include transportation, ticket, dinner, taxes and meal gratuities. Departure 8:00 a.m. from the church and return at 9:30 p.m.

**Call the church office for reservations and information – 304-822-5083**

**All reservations and payments must be in by October 11.**



### IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES!

Don't forget to start getting your stuff together for the Operation Christmas Shoeboxes. This is a great family project. Dedication of the shoeboxes will be Sunday, November 15th. Matthew 25:37-40.

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**Afternoon Circle** will meet in the Fellowship Hall, Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. for an afternoon of lunch (please bring a sandwich), fellowship, and Lesson 2 of “Joshua: A Journey of Faith”. Join us for an enjoyable October afternoon.

**Evening Circle** will meet at Nancy Bowman on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Anne Hill will be presenting the lesson from “Joshua: A Journey of Faith”.

Save the date! **Thank Offering** will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We will hold our offering service and study Lesson 3 in “Joshua: A Journey of Faith.”

**Sewing Missions**... We have once again started sewing missions and this year we are making layettes. If anyone would like to donate soft material for receiving blankets and gowns or baby wool to make some hats, it would be appreciated. These layettes are given as gifts when the mothers complete their parenting classes. They want to receive the layette therefore they try really hard to do what is right to get one, so their babies get the best of care. If you would rather buy the finished blanket or gown or donate money towards these items or material, we wouldn't say no. Please leave the donations in the office.

God will bless you for anything big or small you can do. Donna Baker



Hampshire County **Christmas Food Box Program** is starting to gear up. This year's distribution day will be **Saturday, December 19**. Please mark this on your calendar. We will be accepting any monetary donations starting October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please make your checks out to Romney Presbyterian but footnote the check for Christmas Food Boxes. The committee thanks all who will be participating with this worthwhile project.



Alison Brandon and Andrew Ginder were united in marriage on September 5, 2009 on Sunset Beach, NC.

Their new address is 1901 West St. Annapolis, MD 21401.

**Hospice of the Panhandle:** Christmas “Light up a Life” envelopes are coming in November—check your mail and/or the church for order forms at that time. “Light up a Life” is a special way to remember and honor loved ones during the holidays.



Church Family extends sympathy to Debbie Ganoë and Kim, Terry, Craig and Matt Crouse on the loss of their mother, Kathy Ganoë, on September 15.

## Mark Your Calendar

- October 11 -- Final payment due for Voices of Christmas on November 14  
October 18 -- Heifer is Coming! Fellowship Dinner immediately after worship  
October 25 -- Fall Fling 6-8:00 p.m.



Remember to tell the Pastor on October 11<sup>th</sup> how much you appreciate all the hard work and dedication for a job well done.

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