

# *2010 Annual Report of Grace Presbyterian Church*

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# Mission & Vision

## **MISSION STATEMENT (2007)**

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, with open minds and hearts,  
we celebrate and share the love of Jesus Christ,  
and are instruments of God's grace, justice, and peace.*

## **VISION STATEMENT (2007)**

### **TOGETHER WE:**

- Deepen our faith in Jesus Christ through worship, study, fellowship, and mission.
- Exemplify and offer the good news of Jesus to our neighbors.
- Offer hospitality, nurture, and empowerment.
- Provide a comprehensive ministry with/by seniors, which respects and addresses the various stages and issues of growing older in Christ.
- Welcome younger adults, teenagers, and children in a ministry that enlivens their Christian Discipleship.
- Are in close collaboration with other faith and secular organizations to address social needs within our local community and throughout the world.
- Pursue excellence in all that we do as we glorify God through faithful stewardship seen in sharing our time, talents, and treasures.

## **CORE VALUES (2008)**

1. Growing and Sharing the Faith
2. Outreach to the Community and Beyond
3. Developing an Extended Family

## **OUR ASPIRATION (2008)**

Grace Church makes a significant positive impact on the lives of its members and friends, and on the life of its community.

Grace Church is a thriving congregation, showing a growing membership, increasing community recognition, and financial stability.

# Goals & Strategies

## 2010-11 GOALS — *(FRUITFUL PRACTICES)*

To effectively share the love of Jesus Christ and invite others into deepening discipleship and active participation in the life of our community of faith, together we will demonstrate that Grace Church:

**INSPIRES** members and friends to deepen their faith in Jesus Christ through worship and study. *Worship & Education (Passionate Worship/Intentional Faith Development)*

**ENCOURAGES** members and friends to contribute time, talent, and treasure and recognizes their efforts. *Discipleship (Extravagant Generosity)*

**SEEKS**, welcomes, and integrates visitors and members, and enhances their lives through a variety of group experiences. *Congregational Life (Radical Hospitality)*

**MANAGES** its finances and property with integrity to attract and benefit members, friends, donors, and community partners. *Business (Extravagant Generosity)*

**RESPONDS** to social justice issues locally, nationally and globally with compassion and support. *Witness & Ministry (Risk-taking Mission & Service)*

**MINISTERS** to its membership and to all those in need, to the sick, and to any who may be in distress. *Deacons (Deliberate Congregational Care)*

**COMMUNICATES** with the congregation and the community to encourage dialogue and enhancement of our ministry. *Session (Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations)*

## TOP TEN STRATEGIES FOR RENEWAL

- Create a vision of ministry and mission which is intentionally interpreted to the members and friends of Grace Church.
- Enhance worship experiences and opportunities to attract, inspire, and further the spiritual growth of people.
- Offer and advertise a variety of adult education opportunities which will nourish our membership and be attractive to non-members.
- Upgrade the facilities (particularly the Sanctuary) to improve our profile; and develop a Capital Improvement Plan.
- Implement a marketing plan to attract visitors and maintain membership.
- Provide small groups and larger celebrations to communicate and advance our values and ministry.
- Practice faithful stewardship with property and finances and provide innovative stewardship appeals with an integrated calendar to support our annual budget, mission support, and facility upgrades.
- Encourage hands-on mission experiences to increase involvement and inspiration, as well as create greater community partnerships.
- Enhance recognition of members to acknowledge faithful volunteerism and invite other contributions.
- Continue caring ministry to support and encourage our members and friends.

Over this past summer the Elders and Deacons defined their goals and strategies for the upcoming year. The final approval of the goals occurred at the September Session meeting. The complete action plans for each Department and the Board of Deacons may be found at the back of the Sanctuary.

# Pastor's Report

The overall goal of our ministry, established by our Session, is **“to effectively share the love of Jesus Christ and invite others into deepening discipleship and active participation in the life of our community of faith.”** Each Department, and the Board of Deacons, has specific goals and strategies to fulfill this overall goal. In this annual report you will discover how we are doing and how you may help fulfill our mission.

In the stated goal above there are three specific challenges which we strive to meet.

1. Effectively Sharing the Love of Jesus Christ.
2. Inviting others into deepening discipleship
3. inviting them into active participation in the life our community of faith.

All three of these go hand in hand and each supports the others. The converse is also true; if one is missing then the others are weakened. We are not effectively sharing the love of Jesus Christ if we are not also inviting greater discipleship or participation.

Here are some of the ways that I have been engaged in these three, interdependent, foci of our stated goal:

1. Effectively sharing the love of Jesus Christ is my desire in preaching and leading worship on Sundays. It also means welcoming visitors into our community and trying to make them feel at home; visiting with those who are homebound, sick, or grieving; supporting interfaith dialogue and hosting special worship services; traveling to Israel and Palestine and speaking about this ministry of reconciliation not only at Grace but in other venues in our community; and inviting others into deepening discipleship...
2. Inviting others into deepening discipleship happenings in a multitude of ways: presenting our January worship and study theme “Rooted in Christ”; offering prayer renewal workshops; leading the Lenten study; making pastoral visits and extending personal invitations; and inviting others to active participation... Inviting others into active participation not only nurtures the individual but ensures the future of our ministry.
3. I support the Elders and Deacons in their leadership roles, including the recruitment and nurture of other volunteers. I help individuals to recognize and share their gifts, to value worship attendance as active participation, and to pray for our overall ministry. I seek to honor our many members and friends who support our ministry and I celebrate the difference every contribution of makes.

Beyond Grace Church I have been called to active participation with the Presbytery of San Francisco. In 2010 I have been the Vice-moderator and in 2011 I will be the Moderator. This has been an enriching experience and has helped me deepen my discipleship and experience the love the Jesus. I learn by working with other leaders of our Presbytery and I attended the General Assembly and a leadership conference in 2010. I appreciate the support of the elders who have blessed this additional commitment I have been called to make.

May you experience the love of Jesus Christ, deepen your discipleship, and further your participation in the life of the community of faith.

Submitted by Roger Reaber

# Pastor's Report

I continue to be driven by the following concerns:

- pastoral care,
- our spiritual formation as individuals and a congregation,
- mission and outreach

It is my privilege to share with Roger and Bob home Communion, general, and hospital visitation, and to staff the Board of Deacons, our *caring* arm. I appreciate the privilege of working with families around issues of community resources for various levels of housing and caregiving, and of planning memorial services.

Part of the work of the Deacons this year has been to take a fresh look at emergency preparedness issues. Deacon Linda Lester and our preschool Teacher's Assistant Meg Fiset and I attended a day-long county workshop. Deacon Margaret Sandelmann and Trustee-elect Bethallyn Black, Linda and I are currently involved with a Red Cross Drill effort for Tice Valley.

We began using a new curricular resource this year, our own PC(USA)) *The Thoughtful Christian*, which was the basis for the Lenten studies and the Advent Retreat. I also led a brief book discussion based upon Anne LaMott's *Grace (Eventually)*. Kid's Club has continued with a small group of children. I also worked with Covenant Families, Family Camp, Vacation Church School and Holiday Faire. I share staffing Worship & Ed and still serve on the Planning Team for the *Western Christian Educators' Conference* at Zephyr Pt., Lake Tahoe.

As staff to Witness & Ministry I have been involved with Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (Executive Board, Outreach Committee, Second Project Advisory Committee) and the Rossmoor Interfaith Council, and with supporting our efforts to raise additional funds for mission. We have not been able to mount our own mission trip (hope springs eternal), but I have been gathering data through participating in a trip to Spirit Lake Reservation in N. Dakota last July and will be with the same group in Nicaragua this April. We also look forward to hosting Warm Winter Nights rotating shelter this April.

I have worked with publicity and "marketing" issues as we try to increase our visibility both inside and outside Rossmoor, have supported "side-door" efforts like Bunco and Supper & Games, and have an acquaintance with Boomers Forever – all hopeful regarding growing our participation base, if not membership.

I remain confident that God's mission in and for Tice Valley has a special place for Grace and will reveal it to us if we will focus significant attention on where we see the transforming power of Christ at work in our communities and how we can join God in Christ in those places of healing, forgiveness and restoration.

I count it a privilege to share with you as part of this part of Christ's Body!

Submitted by Charie Reid

# Clerk of Session

<b><u>Total Membership as of 1/1/2010</u></b>	<b><u>245</u></b>
Losses	
Deaths	13
Other	5
<b>Total Losses</b>	<b>18</b>
Gains	
New	9
Other	0
<b>Total Gains</b>	<b>9</b>
<b><u>Total Membership as of 12/15/2010</u></b>	<b><u>236</u></b>
<b>Marriages Performed</b>	<b>2</b>

**We are very pleased to welcome our new members**

William Brain, Loree Bunten, Flo Ann Dalby,  
Helene Hall, , Lois King, Tom Martin , Leslee Prah, l,  
Roger Schultz, Dorothy Wanamaker

**We remember with gratitude and celebration of their lives  
those members of Grace who died**

July 18, 2009	Elva Rigby Helmer
November, 2009	Laura Cutting
January 28, 2010	John Owens
February 17, 2010	Dorothy Stacey
April 20, 2010	Margaretta Jeffery
April 30, 2010	Frances Foster
May 31, 2010	Charles Chapman
July 6, 2010	Dorothy Gans
July 25, 2010	Clyde Kirlin
September 26, 2010	Jim Dowrie
October 10, 2010	Norma Ingersoll
November 13, 2010	Shirley Groeper
November 25, 2010	Barbara Ballard

Special remembrance of Rev. William Llewelyn who died on June 2, 2010  
and Dorothy Llewelyn who died on August 31, 2010

Submitted by Marjorie Bradley

# Treasurer's Report

## STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL FUND FOR 2010

Grace Church budgeted 404,730 for its General Fund in 2010. Total income for the budget program came to \$403,856 and total expenses for the year were \$404,680 leading to a \$17,518 increase in the bank balance.

Bank balance on 1/1/10	\$ 53,469.11
Church program receipts	\$ 403,855.57
Church program expenses	<u>\$ 404,680.43</u>
Bank balance on 12/31/10	\$ 52,644.25

In addition, Grace Church handled \$310,368 in receipts and \$328,695 in expenses for special accounts and activities during the year, and held \$123,809 in the bank accounts for these items at the end of 2010 (including \$37,092 in funds pledged for the year 2010.)

<u>Church program receipts</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Pledges	\$256,912	64%
Other revenue	<u>\$146,944</u>	<u>36%</u>
Total	\$403,856	100%
<u>Church program expenses</u>		
Local Mission	\$335,751	83%
General Mission	<u>\$ 68,929</u>	<u>17%</u>
Total	\$404,680	100%

*This was a significant year for Grace Church's investment holdings.* At the start of the year, the Church's holding included four mutual funds valued at \$395,000 and 459,000 in cash. During the year, another bequest of \$50,000 was added, and the value of the funds increased by \$40,000.

Upon recommendation by EBIC (Endowments, Bequests, and Investment Committee), it was decided to sell the mutual funds and transmit the cash proceeds plus \$280,000, total \$715,000, to the Select One Asset Management Program. Of the remaining money, \$125,000 has been used to pay for the expenses of the Sanctuary renewal, the new organ, and other projects.

At the end of the year \$104,000 still remains for completing the Sanctuary renewal and for other purposes.

There is no outstanding indebtedness.

Submitted by Richard Carll

*Note: Detailed copies of financial reports are available in the church office.*

# Congregational Life

## GOAL

The two-fold goal of Congregational Life is: (1) to enhance the spiritual and community life of visitors and new and existing members, through providing a variety of small group experiences and (2) intentionally seek to increase membership by continuing a system of welcoming, integrating and enhancing the visitor's experience at Grace. (Radical Hospitality)

## RESULTS

Welcoming visitors and continuing members, advertising to our congregational and Tice Valley community, and providing small group experiences for all interested persons have been our primary endeavors.

Our loyal greeters welcomed visitors and members to Sunday worship. Sponsors were assigned to new members to aid in their active integration into the life of the congregation. A tea was held to welcome and encourage new members. Visitors who left their address were sent a letter of welcome and a "Your First Impression" letter soliciting feedback. Although responses are few, they were consistently positive reflections on the warm welcome and friendliness of the congregation.

We are grateful to Margaret Sandelmann for coordination of the Fellowship Hour and to all those who have taken an active part in this endeavor. It provided a significant aspect of our outreach efforts to visitors, as well as fellowship for all.

A variety of small group activities have been supported. Seasonal worship and social activities were advertised in *The Rossmoor News*. Small group activities and educational opportunities were publicized in "Religious Happenings" of the *Contra Costa Times* as well. A new video profile of Grace Church has begun filming, to be used in new member orientation and other marketing opportunities.

## THANKS TO

Congregational Life Department is grateful for the dedication and support of

- All who assist with greeting/welcoming all to worship
- Carol Bergesen and Dorothy-Miller Nelson (welcoming from the Office)
- Dinners for Eight hosts
- Lorna Barber – Bridge
- Jenna Camenson – assisting mom Lori with Bunco
- Carol, Dorothy, Dottie, Ethel – Supper & Games
- Rita Chorné – Great Courses
- El Nungesser – Exercise with El
- Men's Group – Bob and Marsha Stark
- Judy Williams – creative graphics and layout for our ads

Finally, we thank Pastors Charie Reid and Roger Reaber, and Judy Williams, for their leadership and staff support.

Elders Responsible: Marlene Hall (Chair), Lori Camenson, Hazel Tawney

Submitted by Marlene Hall

# Worship & Education

## GOAL

To effectively share the Love of Jesus Christ and invite others into faithful church membership. Together we will demonstrate that Grace Church:

*...INSPIRES members and friends to deepen their faith in God (Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit) through worship and study. (Passionate Worship/Intentional Faith Development.)*

## RESULTS

The minister created sermon series that developed spiritual growth with concern for those seeking a church home. Special services were created to relate to community events, tying inspiration to the worshippers' world.

Worship, litanies and prayers in the Sunday bulletin were related to today's concerns and beliefs, encouraging visitors to feel at home.

A variety of musical experiences were introduced through presentations by the Music Director on various instruments, the choirs, visiting singers and musicians, and Grace Notes.

A plan for enhancing the worship environment was developed and approved by Session to improve lighting, seating, carpeting in conjunction with a new organ. \$100,000 was approved for the renovation program, which was completed by the end of January, 2011.

In order to maximize outreach to other populations, Session approved the establishment of a second, alternative service with \$25,000 approved to provide funds for a song leader and musicians.

A variety of opportunities for education and nurture have been offered for all ages:

- Sunday mornings: comparative religions with Rita Chorné; Lenten study with Pastor Reid.
- Sunday School for children: Lavenia Black, Bethallyn Black; sub, Lori Camenson
- Wednesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Reaber
- Presbyterian Women *Horizons* Bible Study, with leader Lavenia Black resourcing other leaders
- Lenten study (luncheons/suppers): Pastor Reaber
- *Grace (Eventually)* book study and Advent Retreat: Pastor Reid
- Covenant Families: Pastors Reaber and Reid
- Special "Bread" Gathering with Young Families: Bethallyn Black
- Kids' Club: Pastors Reid, Reaber and Kay Hatch
- Vacation Bible School: a host of angels who volunteered!!!

We thank all of the above as well as Carol Parker and Florence Stone for liturgical art and Rita and Juan Chorné for other Christmas and Easter decorations all of which enhance our worship environment.

Elders Responsible: Aline Wilson (Co-Chair), Stan Dorst (Co-Chair), Fran Whipple, Steve Cram, Roger Reaber, Charie Reid

Submitted by Stan Dorst

# Witness & Ministry

## GOAL

Respond to Social Justice issues locally, nationally and globally with compassion and support.

## STRATEGIES

Highlight the church-wide mission programs supported by the Mission Budget and seek to widen the reach of Grace giving in the local community and worldwide. We accepted the additional challenge of again raising at least \$10,000.00 to supplement budgeted mission giving = *Risk Taking Ministry and Service*.

## RESULTS

- Created a Mission Budget reflecting support of local mission work in Contra Costa County as well as national and international concerns. The latter included reconciliation work in Israel and Palestine.
- Collaborated monetarily with the Deacons in support of local mission programs of Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition and Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. Members adopted a family for Christmas through the CCIC.
- Created and/or supported fund raising events for the purpose of meeting our \$10,000 challenge. “Souper” Bowl collection, dinners and musical concerts were supported by members and guests, creating a sense of community as an extra plus for our fund raising endeavors. Special donations were received for Haitian and Pakistani relief.
- Answered community needs with special donations to the Contra Costa Juvenile Hall Auxiliary and the Reverend Charles Tinsley, the Giving Tree food card collection for CCIC, the Garden Apartments, Monument Crisis Center in December, and supplemented designated giving by using \$10,000 challenge monies for additional donations to local agencies. (See total Mission giving on next page.) Collected school supplies in support of the Garden Apts., and a new Antioch CCIF connection.
- Furnished five food boxes every month for the Antioch Child Protective Services with the help of your “in kind” and monetary donations. (Each food box is valued at \$60.00.)
- Picked up and delivered donations of furniture and furnishings for CCIC. Interpreted traditional special offerings with mailings to the Grace community supplemented with Minute for Mission deliveries to highlight significance of the offering to Presbyterian mission work - One Great Hour of Sharing, Peace Offering and Christmas Joy Offering. Supplemented this information with bulletin announcements and postings, articles in Grace in the World and display materials.

## THANKS TO

So many who quietly stepped forward to help with projects during the year – Grace people are very special.

Elders Responsible: Sharon Lyons (Chair), Barbara Ballard, Barbara Odell . Guidance from Pastors Reaber and Reid

Submitted by Sharon Lyons

## 2010 BUDGETED GIVING @ 12%:

*Local Mission*

Bay Area Crisis Nursery

\$ 200

# Mission Giving

Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition - CCIC	250
Contra Costa Interfaith Housing – CCIH	3,750
Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County	3,500
Contra Costa County Crisis Center	200
Rossmoor Interfaith Council	50
Westminster Woods (Camperships)	300
S.F. Network Ministry (Glenda Hope)	1,000
S.F. Network Ministry Safe House	400
	<b>\$9,650</b>
<i>Board of Deacons Local Mission</i>	
Caring Hands	\$ 250
Contra Costa Food Bank	1,800
Emergency Needs (from Grace Office)	600
Loaves and Fishes	500
Meals on Wheels	500
Pittsburg Pantry	500
S.F. Presbytery Deacons Fund	300
Shelter, Inc.	500
	<b>\$ 4,950</b>
<i>Additional Mission Support Challenge</i>	
(Haiti Relief, Diablo Respite Center, Children's Home Society, Garden Park Apts., Juvenile Hall Chaplain, Pakistan Relief, Local Food Distribution)	<b>\$10,997</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL MISSION</b>	<b>\$25,577</b>
<i>Special Missions (Designated)</i>	
Pastoral Salary Supplement Fund (to Presbytery)	\$ 300
Special Offerings (OGHS, Peace, Joy)	18,944
Theological Education Fund	1,000
Pilgrims of Ibillin	500
	<b>\$20,744</b>
<i>General Missions (Undesignated)</i>	
S.F. Presbytery Mission Programs	\$12,880
Synod of the Pacific Mission Programs	920
General Assembly Mission	4,600
	<b>\$18,400</b>
<b>TOTAL MISSION GIVING</b>	<b>\$64,741</b> (Increase over last year \$14,623)
<i>Other Mission Support</i>	
EBIC funds used for Mission Giving	\$ 1,588
Monthly \$100 4 <sup>th</sup> Week Food donation, Deacons	1,200
Food Boxes (5/month @ \$60.00 each)	3,600
Facility use	priceless
	<b>\$6,388 Additional Giving</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL 2010 MISSION GIVING</b>	<b>\$71,129</b> (17.5% of budget)

# Discipleship

## GOAL

Encourages members and friends to contribute time, talent and treasure, and recognizes their efforts. (Extravagant Generosity)

## RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESULTS

**Stewardship:** Conducted three appeals. The “Can We Talk?” Facilities Campaign met its goal in a few weeks in June assisted by the electronics recycling event. Proceeds were used for communication projects including voice mail, a new sound system for the Oak Room, upgraded office computers, the Constant Contact e-mail system, a renewed website, and some improvements to signage. An August emphasis on endowment giving brought new commitments. The November “More Than Enough” pledge campaign, enlivened by the “Magic Penny” project, prompted early responses and increases in some pledges. Membership decline continues to negatively impact total giving. Published The Generosity Journal quarterly with one “extra” edition to inform donors of the church’s financial status.

**Evangelism and Outreach:** Emphasized marketing to Rossmoor including attending Baby Boomer functions and establishing a Friends of Grace group to meet in Rossmoor. Collaborated on planning the 2011 Special Worship Services promoting community involvement.

**Volunteerism:** Focused on recognition. Established monthly recognition of volunteers in Grace in the World and at Sunday worship services. Studied volunteer office support, enhanced recruitment and training. Provided photo tribute to volunteers and donors for November Recognition Dinner.

**Recordkeeping and Analysis:** Enhanced member record keeping and contribution reporting through coordination with Barbara Pennington. Analysis helped formulate budget and campaign plans.

**Fellowship:** Expanded responsibility for Fellowship Hour, Margaret Sandelmann, Coordinator. Regularly refreshed Oak Room photo display, expanded photos to Narthex and Fellowship Hall, El Nungesser, Coordinator. Maintained e-scrip program, Melinda Boxold, Coordinator.

## THANKS TO

Witness and Ministry for mission interpretation and fund raising, Congregational Life for Fellowship Hour partnership, Business for co-sponsoring electronic recycling, and both pastors. Special appreciation to Judy Williams for design support on printed materials, displays and other efforts.

Elders Responsible: Reta Wilcox (Chair), Joan Larsen, Linda Neyer

Submitted by Reta Wilcox

## **GOAL**

Manage the finances and property of Grace Church with integrity in order to attract and benefit members, friends, donors and the community. (*Extravagant Generosity*)

## **STRATEGIES**

Continue to upgrade the campus by managing the maintenance of buildings and grounds. Enhance electronic capabilities of communications with members and public.

## **RESULTS**

- Replacement of front sidewalk
- Improvement of lighting conditions inside and outside buildings.
- Replacement of Fellowship Hall refrigerator and kitchen floor.
- Replacement and upgrade of office machines and equipment.
- Painting of office and conference room.
- Hiring of financial advisor to manage EBIC funds and a financial secretary.
- Revision of insurance contracts resulting in monetary savings.
- Replacement of Oak Room kitchen back door.
- Replacement and upgrade of toilets in Fellowship Hall and Narthex.
- Sanctuary renewal with organ replacement and lighting upgrade.
- Replacement of Oak Room sound system.
- Purchased new tables for Fellowship Hall.
- Two successful workdays with high participation.

## **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

- John Larsen for financial analysis and recommendations including management of sanctuary renewal project and new Oak Room sound system – both projects were brought in under budget and ahead of schedule;
- Rita Chorné and husband, Juan, for landscape management and work, painting the office, refinishing the street sign and lighting, and serving on the committee to select materials for sanctuary renewal;
- Dick Carll, church treasurer, for financial guidance and information for all projects;
- Barbara Pennington, Financial Secretary and outgoing EBIC Chair.
- Dave Fellner and Rita Chorné for painting projects;
- Bob Ingersoll for perseverance in negotiating new and improved insurance coverage;
- Steve Cram for guidance in lighting improvements for choir areas, leadership in organ selection and the rebuilding and electrical upgrades for choir seating area;
- Many members who gave time and input on selection of colors, styles, patterns and fabrics for sanctuary improvements;
- Donors who contributed funds to various projects;
- Pastors Reaber and Reid for spiritual guidance and many times keeping us on point.

Elders Responsible: Don Lyons (Chair), Rita Chorné, John Larsen

Submitted by Don Lyons

# Deacons

## GOAL

Deacons shall minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress. They shall be responsible for other duties as may be assigned to them by Session.

## STRATEGIES:

- Continue caring ministry to support and encourage our membership.
- Fulfill other responsibilities; oversee Deacons funds and mission-giving.

## RESULTS

- The Caring Caller program has been revitalized: eighteen callers have made 374 visits and 93 phone calls this year.
- Communion elements are prepared, candles are filled, and elders and deacons accompany the pastors on home Communion visitation.
- Memorial receptions are provided when Circles are not in charge.
- Memorial gifts have been acknowledged.
- Note cards are sent to shut-ins, those hospitalized or in need.
- The needs of the Food Bank are kept before the congregation as well as opportunities to bring cans for the Food Barrel and to sort food at the FB.
- \$100 in food cards is made available monthly to Contra Costa Interfaith Coalition for the Fourth Week Food Program
- While the Business Department has renewed with the Red Cross a Statement of Understanding re our providing a feeding station in time of emergency, the other parts of our Emergency Prepared Plan are yet to be redeveloped.
- with Richard Carll's assistance, we disbursed funds per policies and Mission Budget.

## DEACONS RESPONSIBLE

Co-Moderators: Linda Lester and Margaret Sandelmann

June Allen – memorial gifts, note ministry

Margaret Sandelmann – Secretary

Linda Lester - food ministry, for the rest of the year, after Inga resigned

Phyllis Carman – Caring Callers

Inga Blume—food ministry, Communion clean-up

Sonja Luscher – memorial receptions, note ministry

June Perry – assist with Communion clean up, home Communion

Amy Price – Communion preparation

Avis Eukell – Fourth Week Food Program

Al Groeper, Norma Swan– note ministry (taking over for Cathy Lackey)

Ralpa Storbeck - filling candles along with her husband, Denzil Storbeck

We are also indebted to Marcia Stover who continues to do the calling to arrange for elders and deacons to accompany the pastors on home Communion visitation.

Submitted by Margaret Sandelmann

## **GOAL**

Communicates with the congregation and the community to encourage dialogue and enhancement of our ministry.

## **RESULTS**

The Elders and Deacons have created Actions Plans for the third year now and have used them to interpret the mission and ministry to the congregation. The latest version of the Strategic Plan (2010-11) was published in the Grace in the World in November and the action plans of each Department and the Board of Deacons were made available in the church office and in the Sanctuary.

The Elders continue to meet monthly; their work is also coordinated by the Session Executive Meeting which meets the week prior to Session. After-worship Conversation with the whole membership has been used to help interpret major decisions and to seek input from the membership. This was particularly used in making plans for the renovation of the Sanctuary. Special editions of the Generosity Journal were also produced to help interpret this significant action.

Communications was also the theme of our facility campaign this summer. A new tool for communications which has recently been added is “Constant Contact.” This email delivery system will enable the elders and ministers to keep the congregation better informed about what is happening at Grace Church.

In the coming year it is the plan to have more after-worship Conversations to help educate the members and friends about what is taking place at Grace Church and to build enthusiasm as we share the ministry of Christ in this valley and beyond.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Being good stewards of a \$400,000 unrestricted bequest from the Gene and Maxine Brewen Estate was the challenge presented to the elders in January. After much deliberation it was decided that half of the money would be invested to create income for future years. The rest would be available for facilities improvements and program development to enhance our outreach to others. Hazardous sidewalks were replaced, \$25,000 has been set aside for an alternative worship service to be established in 2011, \$20,000 has been earmarked for mission work, and the remainder has been used for sanctuary enhancements, including a new organ. Through the advisement of our Endowment Bequest Investment Committee (EBIC) it was decided to hire an Investment Advisor to manage our investments except those already managed by the Presbyterian Foundation. This should give the church a better return on its investments and enable EBIC to better interpret the impact these gifts have in the life of our community and invite others to share in this giving opportunity.

## **THANKS TO**

All of our incredible Elders (listed with their Departments), Charie Reid for her faithful leadership, Marjorie Bradley for her supportive role as Clerk of Session, and Judy Williams for her generous support of all of our ministries.

Submitted by Roger Reaber.

# Women of Grace

The Presbyterian Women of Grace have had a busy and successful year. We are currently 60 members, and hoping to add to our ranks. That is one of our many goals, including the hope of growing deeper in our commitment to our Lord, and serving Grace Church with enthusiasm.

We have continued with monthly luncheon on the 3rd Monday of each month, except July and August, when we don't meet. This past year we have presented entertainment by musical groups, Sonia Cristopher (sing-a-long), Golden Notes with Dee Wood and at the Advent Tea, the mixed choir from Athenian High School. We have had speakers including Bob Williams, "Was Abraham Lincoln a Christian?" Roger Reaber spoke about Olive Tree planting during his trip to Palestine, Diana Barkley on her trip to the Israel and Palestine, and Norma Sherman on her time in South Dakota on the Indian Reservation. For fun we had our own version of the Antiques Road Show, Thank you Renate Owen, and "Mystery Travelers of Grace."

The four Circles of Grace are Esther, moderated by Janyce Gerber; Lydia, Moderated by Dottie McGhee; Rebekah/Ruth, moderated by Ruth Adams and Susanna, moderated by Lorna Barber. Each moderator serves on the coordinating team consisting of Moderator, Lorna Barber; Vice Moderator, Ruth Adams; Secretary, Dottie McGhee; Treasurer, Margaret Sandelmann; Mission Moderator, Betsy Williams; Study Moderator, Lavenia Black; Peace and Justice Moderator, Diana Barkley and Fellowship Moderator, Janyce Gerber. We are pleased to have added members-at-large Mae Rectenwald, Lydia: Maxine Olney, Rebekah/Ruth; Joan Larsen, Susanna.

The Circles and the Coordinating team each host two luncheons a year as well as take their turn providing refreshments at the Sunday Fellowship hour.

At Circle meetings we have finished our bible study of Joshua and are currently studying the book of Revelation. Each Circle contributes to the CROP offering, and the Least Coin offering, and has an outside Charity, such as Juvenile Hall, Friends Outside etc. Also each May and November are the "Second Mile" gifts, the Birthday and the Thank Offerings.

The years Advent Tea was a great success with the Theme "Nutcrackers," and overflow audience enjoyed the Athenian School Choir and wonderful refreshments. We were pleased to have Diana Barkley awarded this years Honorary Membership. 68 ladies have been so honored starting with Betsy Williams in 1958. What a great stream of women through the years leading us forward into 2011.

Submitted by Lorna Barber

# Grace Preschool

This year has been an incredible year for Grace Cooperative Preschool. Our enrollment numbers are the best we've had in some years and our membership is motivated and involved. This year we have 36 students enrolled in our two programs, and we are giving tours to prospective students all the time. We truly have a wonderful community of adults and children. Grace Cooperative Preschool continues to adhere to the primary purpose of providing quality education for preschool children and a nurturing environment for learning, for children and their families. We are celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> year in 2011 and that is possible only because of the incredibly supportive and caring relationship that we have with the community at Grace Presbyterian Church. We owe you a huge debt of gratitude and thanks for all you have done for us over the past 40 years and what you continue to do to support the preschool every day.

We held several successful fundraising events in 2010 to support the school. Our Pancake Breakfast in February raised money for our scholarships, general budget and our music program. We are so thankful for the support and encouragement the church community showed us through ticket sales, purchases, and their presence at the event. We held a garage sale in October to raise funds for renovations for the nursery and we appreciate several church members who donated items for us to sell. We also offered a screening of the fascinating new documentary film *Race To Nowhere* (about the pressures on youth) as a fundraiser and service to the community. It was a hugely successful evening and we packed the Oak Room. We thank you for all the support the church gave through advertising the event, offering up the excellent venue and attendance at the screening.

This year in the classroom, we are proud of being able to offer a science enrichment opportunity for the MWF class with the support of member parents. We also created a new sensory garden and outdoor classroom last year and we continue work on that amazing project by installing an irrigation system that will keep the garden thriving. We offer our children enriching programs learning to cook and enjoying music. Talented and enthusiastic volunteers like Joan Larsen and Margaret Sandelmann offer such patience and creativity to the children as they cook up a storm; Lavenia Black shares years of experience teaching children to love music, sing out loud and shake their instruments. Ethel Vaughan works with us several days every week to support our programs and she is an example of living life to it's fullest for all of us.

None of the work we are doing would be possible without the support of Grace Presbyterian Church. Aside from volunteers in the classroom, we have other wonderful helpers. This year our Cookies with Santa event was very busy but Dick Pierce brought joy to the children's faces as Santa, as he has year after year and didn't complain as child after child vied for his attention. Don Lyons graciously responds to our calls for help for minor and major classroom repairs and emergencies. We deeply appreciate the support of Roger Reaber and Charie Reid from every day help in the classroom to the Holiday Faire and Family Camp, one of our most treasured events. We are thankful for the support of Judy Williams dealing with parents that call in with questions, opening locked doors and assisting in promoting Grace Preschool to the larger community. Thank you again for all the little and large ways you find to support us in our goals and we are so grateful for the past 40 years and look forward to another 40 years together!

Submitted by Jennifer Davis, Board President

# *Diablo Respite Center*

## **GOAL**

To provide respite to Caregivers and memory stimulation and nurture to those with Alzheimer's disease or related disorders.

## **STRATEGIES**

Under the sponsorship of Witness & Ministry we provide hands-on mission to a vulnerable population of our society.

## **RESULTS**

The combined DRC Club (for women) and the Company (for men), weekly, enjoy field trips including visits to local museums, historical sites and nearby restaurants. Our unique programs continue to provide invaluable social interaction and memory stimulation for people in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. Our membership has dropped from an average of 9.5 to 6 participants. Our year end bank balance is \$12,681.33. In January we welcomed Bob Stark as the new Director of our program. We added a position of Business Manager which is held by Marsha Stark. In July we welcomed a new Assistant Director, Florence Stone. The program was reduced to one day a week beginning in January. We have enjoyed the continued support of the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs of Rossmoor, CHEERS, members of Grace and the community of Walnut Creek. With the help of Judy Williams we have advertised in the Rossmoor News. We held a successful Scott Kirby piano concert in April at which time we honored retiring Steering Committee member Vi Lorenzen on her twenty-eight years of faithful volunteerism. We also applied for and received a grant for \$1,500 from the Rossmoor Fund to establish scholarships for Rossmoor residents experiencing memory loss. In September an article about our Center appeared in the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook of Prayer. Our re-instituted Advisory Committee has met with the Steering Committee three times this year. We recently held the Annual Holiday Party for participants, caregivers, Steering and Advisory Committee members and staff of Grace.

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Joan Larsen (Chair), June Allen, Rev. Diana Barkley, Marty Landon, John Larsen, Vi Lorenzen, and Rev. Charie Reid.

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Submitted by Joan Larsen

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