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Pastor's Annual Report

This was another busy and fruitful year for the Readington Reformed Church. We called a wonderful musician to serve as our organist and keyboardist; we focused on how to bear the fruits of the Spirit, we talked about how to find our greatest opportunities in the face of our greatest fears through studying two books by church planter Mark Batterson, *In a Pit with a Lion in a Snowy Day*, and *Wild Goose Chase*. This fall we embarked on a process designed to help members of the congregation, and the congregation as a whole, deepen our relationship with our Lord and Savior, by participating in the *Unbinding Your Soul/Unbinding Your Church* process. Many of the folks in the congregation participated, both members and non-members. The congregation as a whole has become more comfortable considering God's love for us as individuals and as a Body of Christ. We are pondering ways to deepen our relationships with our Lord and Savior and with one another. This went from being a pastor-driven process to something that many people in the congregation have embraced.

Our Christian Education program is crucial to our efforts to make disciples for Jesus, to help our members and adherents deepen their relationship with God, and to reach out into the community, through Christian education of both children and adults. We have begun to experiment with a rotation model, using curriculum from Group. For the 2008-09 Sunday School year we focused on the theme of Fruits of the Spirit; for 2009-10 the theme is The Lord is My Shepherd; follow Him. The sermons are centered around the same scriptures that are used in the Sunday School children, which helps to solidify the message both with children and adults. Our volunteers, coordinated and lead by two very capable lay people continue to do an amazing job; they are clearly empowered by the Holy Spirit, and so are our Sunday School teachers.

Our FunRaising efforts have continued apace; this committee meets with both the Fellowship and the Outreach committees to achieve synergy between the three groups. The "felt joy" within the congregation is quite high; people are enjoying themselves both within the worship service and in the activities outside of worship. The congregation has achieved a nice balance between care of the members and an increased consciousness of welcoming newcomers, and of inviting others in.

Our annual consistorial retreats continue to be a time of reflection, commitment and teambuilding as we move into the Final Phase of our sanctuary renovation, and making the building accessible to all of God's people. The congregation has undertaken major renovation of the property since 2001; after decades of making do, the building has undergone an amazing transformation, while also remaining true to the design of the building, and the heritage of the congregation as a whole.

We completed the audit of our financial records, and have significantly revised our record keeping and processes to make the records more transparent, and to facilitate generating those records in a timely manner. In part this has meant hiring a bookkeeping firm to do the data input for our offerings and for our expenses, and in part it has meant making a concerted effort to post the monthly records as part of our consistorial reports to the congregation, and publishing the meeting times and place of the finance committee, to give all interested members the chance to participate.

The final installation of the Memorial Garden (for the installation of cremains) and the scatter garden was delayed by weather, but virtually all of the construction has been completed in this year through the dedicated efforts of a core group of committed people. The landscaping needs to be completed; we hope to dedicate it and begin interments by the summer of 2010.

The consistory, in some cases through the standing committees, and in some cases more directly, has laid out some plans we will be implementing in 2010. Among them are:

Implementing the *Unbinding Our Souls* process with the folks who have gone through the *Unbinding Your Heart* process and reaching out to the community and members of the congregation who have not yet had the opportunity to participate in *Unbinding Your Heart*.

Finishing the handicap accessibility project, and the other projects that are waiting: removal of the oil tanks, replacement of the steeple (which has leaked for years) and perhaps replacing the furnace (which is 75 years old).

Interviewing members of the community involved in helping professions (the police, social services, the vice principals of the schools and other appropriate people) to determine how we may be used to address those needs. This was a goal that was not achieved in 2009.

Developing more effective, consistent ways to reach out to the congregation by having the elder/deacon teams work to intentionally deepen our fellowship with one another.

Deepening our relationship with Jesus, and taking that Good News out into the community; we need to make disciples by going out into the world and inviting people in.

Finances may be tight, because of the economy. We anticipate operating at a deficit for 2010; however, we are stepping out in faith, and prayerfully considering all our options, which will be continually reviewed by the finance committee and then the consistory.

God IS good – ALL the time! May we continue to follow Him faithfully, working together to do that which is pleasing in His sight!

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DIRECTORY
2010

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The Consistory

Elders

Deacons

Ken Iselin	2010	369-4227	Lisa Stettner	2010	782-0038
Vice President			Deacon Chair		
Building & Grounds/Cemetery Chair			Ken Ciccotelli	2010	963-3353
Wilma Matysek	2010	725-3209	Cemetery		
Memorial & Student Loans Liaison			Building & Grounds		
Endowment			Imre Vitez	2011	534-1753
Wendi Kalley	2011	526-8358	Clerk of Consistory		
Finance Chair & Treasurer			Toni Rathborne	2011	369-4070
Bob Lefever	2011	725-3708	Fun-raising & Outreach Chair		
IT Liaison			Carol Gauer	2012	369-4814
Brenda Gerlipp	2012	369-4192	Spiritual Care		
Spiritual Care Liaison			Herb Wood	2012	534-6290

Staff

Pastor	Cathy Gumpert	534-2077 (office) 534-1510 (parsonage)
Church Secretary	Terry Digan	534-2077
Clerk of Consistory	Imre Vitez	534-1753
Director of Choirs	Beverly Gorovoy	725-9295
Sunday School Superintendents	Donna Freeman	281-1003
	Sandy Vitez	534-1753
Church Treasurer	Wendi Kalley	526-8358
Assistant Church Treasurer		
Church Financial Secretary		
Women's Ministries	Patricia Ciccotelli	526-8572
Memorials/Student Loans Chair	Patrice Chadwick	782-9922
Prayer Chain Coordinator	Reba Jermyn	722-1180
Church Flower Coordinator	Chris Harvey	806-4556
Nursery	Toni Rathborne	369-4070
Librarian	Shirley Koller	685-0373
Harvest Home Chairs	Burnett Lewis	534-4139
	Patricia Ciccotelli	526-8572
Quilting Group Leader	Shirley Spildooren	534-2276
Cemetery Superintendent	Ken Iselin	369-4227
	Dick Weger	534-9464
Interfaith Hospitality Chair	Susan Lelah	534-4623
Classis Delegate	Ken Iselin	369-4227
Alternate Classis Delegate	Bob Cole	534-5912

RRC Congregation

Great Consistory

Spiritual Care:
Karen Weber &
Sandy Vitez, Chairs
Brenda Gerlipp,
Liaison

**Christian
Education:**
Karen Weber &
Sandy Vitez, Chairs
Carol Gauer
See Spiritual Care

**Memorial &
Student Loans:**
Pat Chadwick, Chair
Wilma Matysek,
Liaison

Endowment:
Wilma Matysek,
Liaison

Worship:
See Spiritual Care

Music:
See Spiritual Care

IHN:
Sue Lelah, Chair

Finance:
Wendi Kalley, Chair
Ken Iselin

**Youth & Family
Ministry:**
See Spiritual Care

Outreach:
Toni Rathborne,
Chair
Lisa Stettner

**Building &
Grounds:**
Ken Iselin, Chair
Ken Ciccotelli
Bob Lefever
Imre Vitez

Cemetery:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Imre Vitez, liaison
Ken Ciccotelli

IT:
Bob Lefever, Liaison

Fun-raising:
Toni Rathborne,
Chair
Lisa Stettner

Pastoral Care:
Ken Iselin, Chair

Consistory Clerk:
Imre Vitez

Fellowship:
Shirley Koller, Chair

Elders:
Ken Iselin, Chair
Brenda Gerlipp
Wendi Kalley
Bob Lefever
Wilma Matysek

Deacons:
Ken Ciccotelli
Carol Gauer
Toni Rathborne
Lisa Stettner, Chair
Imre Vitez
Herb Wood

Missions:
See Deacons

**Women's
Ministries:**
Pat Ciccotelli, Chair

Treasurer:
Wendi Kalley

Consistory

Choir Director:
Beverly Gorovoy

Vice-President of Consistory: Ken Iselin

Custodians:
Stanly and Anna Gomez

Organist:
Hilary Orlando

Pastor: Cathy Gumpert

Secretary:
Terry Digan

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Families*	56	58	62	60	62		78
Members							
Active	79	88	103	97	99	105	113
Inactive	118	101	90	83	152	142	131
Baptized (but not confirmed)	<u>44</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>71</u>
Total	241	234	244	236	302	306	315
Adherents**	26	20	22	23	23	15	17
Average Sunday Attendance	85	87	99	106	105	99	84

*Households with at least one active or inactive member.

**People who regularly participate but are not members.

Baptisms

Logan Thomas Kaye, son of Richard & Shannon
Alexandra Rayanne Merz, Daughter of Matt & Amy



New Members Received

Brianna Cascio	Confession of Faith
Sarah Cole	Confession of Faith
Diane Grum	Reaffirmation of Faith
Matthew Hoe	Confession of Faith
Shannon Kaye	Reaffirmation of Faith
Samantha Lelah	Confession of Faith
Christina Nashed	Confession of Faith
Zachary Vitez	Confession of Faith

Transfer of Membership

None

Church Member Deaths



Stephen Hneyda	February 4, 2009
Mathilde Bird	July 29, 2009
Helen Richards	December 16, 2009

Weddings

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee's responsibility is about the proper accounting for and handling of your monetary gifts to God and His Church. The Church graciously accepts your gifts with thanks to further God's work here on Earth, through Jesus Christ, his Son. The Finance Committee prepares budgets, pays and tracks expenses and acts as good stewards of these gifts, your Readington Reformed Church funds.

In 2009, Mission & Special Fund giving was \$5328. Sanctuary Redesign Loan payments to the Cemetery took place in the amount of \$4200. A number of repairs and improvements to the property were done in 2009: the barn roof, the Parsonage with labor graciously donated by local firefighters, repairs to the sound board and new doors in the Church. Financial services from Administrative Solutions and Systematic Financial continued to be used in 2009 for records updating and for payroll tax forms preparation. Asset value in the Mabel Hall Trust recovered by close to 18% last year as economic recovery began.

Members of the Finance Committee have given their time and talents to insure the proper financial stewardship of church. Please thank the counters and assistant counters who have served throughout the year.

Thanks be to God for all his blessings on the finances and assets of his church.



Wendi Kalley
Treasurer & Finance Chair

Our Assets at the end of 12/31/2009 were as follows:

General Checking including 4 th Qtr tax to be paid 01/10	\$ 8,377
RCA Cash Fund RE240	\$ 3,439
Mabel Hall Trust Fund	\$ 91,357
RCA Annuity RE0236	\$ 13,873
Building Fund RE 0243	\$ 7,607
RRC – Special Music Fund	<u>\$ 2,295</u>
Total Assets	\$126,948

Expenses	2009 Actual
Salary, Gifts & Taxes	\$ 90,017.85
Pension & Insurance	\$ 24,341.68
Office Expense	\$ 9,048.77
Copy Machine Lease	\$ 5,021.19
Worship Expense	\$ 1,281.79
Pulpit Supply	\$ 425.00
Music, including Substitute Organist	\$ 5,031.40
Fellowship	\$ 494.37
Outreach	\$ 1,255.46
Pastor Expense	\$ 4,318.31
Christian Education, VBS, Youth&Family	\$ 8,504.84
Building & Grounds	\$ 36,358.59
Stewardship	\$ 737.98
IT Expense	\$ 246.43
Denominational Assessment	\$ 7,756.12
Deacons Fund including remaining 2008	
Jenna fund	\$ 763.70
Harvest Home	\$ 3,854.22
Turkey Dinner	\$ 3,638.97
Pork Loin Take Out Dinner	\$ 1,271.25
IHN Hosting	\$ 594.19
Loan Repayment – Cemetery	\$ 4,200.00
Reimbursables	\$ 1,151.87
Missions Paid Out	\$ 6,731.75
Fund Transfer Out to Memorials	\$ 500.00
Total Expenses	\$217,545.73



SPIRITUAL CARE

WORSHIP/STEWARDSHIP

In 2009 we continued to go off the lectionary in a process that was implemented in September of 2007. We had begun the Sunday School year with the theme of “Fruit of the Spirit,” based on Paul’s letter to the Galatians 5: 22-23 – ***“By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.”*** We continued to take the fruit out of order, as it were, and so the fruits we focused on were – January – peace, February – Love, March – patience, April – self-control. We continued in the Gospel of Matthew for the balance of the Sunday School year.

In the summer, as a prelude to doing the Martha Grace Reese series, Unbinding the Gospel/Unbinding Your Heart, we used Mark Batteson’s two books, In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day, and Wild Goose Chase, as sources for inspiration and biblical lessons as we wrestled with the idea of becoming witnesses for the Lord.

Our Sunday School Theme for 2009-10 was The Lord is My Shepherd – Follow Him. The texts for the fall and the Advent season both drew heavily on the imagery of the roles shepherds played in the ancient world, and in the self-understanding of the relationship of the Hebrew people and the Lord their (and our) God.

We made the decision this year that our stewardship program would focus on the giving of our hearts to Christ, through the Unbinding Your Heart book study. We distributed estimates of giving cards through the newsletter and the week before and the week of Consecration Sunday, and had a very positive response from the congregation. Approximately 40 adults participated in the study; over the six week period of the study this meant that out of the average worship attendance of adults (66), about 2/3 of those attending worship participated. The worship series was framed around the themes in the book, using biblical stories in Numbers and Joshua.

Advent was full of even more shepherd stories from scripture. For the fourth Sunday of Advent the children were to present a short play, “The Shepherd’s Christmas,” but this was postponed to the first Sunday in 2010 due to inclement weather, which necessitated cancelling Sunday School for Fourth Advent. Our Family Sunday outreach effort for Advent also extended this theme, with a small “Nativity Petting Zoo” featuring several different types of lambs and sheep, as well as a goat and a donkey. Under the very able direction of Sandy Vitez and Donna Freeman, and with a lot of assistance from our wonderful Sunday School staff, choir director, Mrs. Beverly Gorovoy, and wonderful new organist Hilary Orlando, the children helped us to focus on the significance of Jesus’ birth. We also continued to hold our two Christmas Eve services; the 7 PM service is a joyous celebration that incorporates participation by all of the musical groups in the church. The 11 PM service is quiet and simple, and we celebrate the Lord’s Supper. Both Christmas Eve services are candlelight services.

We continued to experiment somewhat with musical genres in worship, including the blues, gospel and folk-type music. We also continued occasionally returning to the ancient practice of psalmody, using a cantor to sing the verses of the psalm that is the call to worship; the congregation responds with the refrain. We will continue to expose the congregation to a variety of worshipful music, and worshipful practices, in the future. We will continue to encourage members of the congregation to help lead worship, primarily through becoming trained as worship assistants and as preachers of children's sermons. Please see Pastor Cathy if you are interested. We welcome your participation!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

As part of the Spiritual Care Committee, the Christian Education branch strives to help children and adults develop a relationship with Jesus. New member classes for teens and adults, bible studies, the library, Sunday School, and Vacation Bible Camp are all components.

Scout Sunday in February, Children's Day in June and the Fourth Sunday of Advent featured the children leading worship by doing readings and participating in skits. Daily skits were a big part of our summer Vacation Bible Camp as well. The sanctuary was transformed into a forest for God's young campers at our week long SonRock Kids Camp, where over 100 children and 50 adult and youth helpers from our congregation and the community learned how their lives can be transformed by God's great love for them.

Weekly Sunday School Offerings supported the Reformed Church World Service "One Great Hour of Sharing." The children were involved with "neighboring" around the world and "neighboring" locally, as well, by also supporting Readington Area Starfish, a local non-profit organization and the South Bound Brook Reformed Church Soup Kitchen.

Mission activities included creating crafts for Meals on Wheels and collecting school supplies for Starfish. The children also set up Lemonade stands and donated the proceeds so that we could help families in need provide for their children's futures.

New for 2009.....we made a concentrated effort to reach out to children in the community by inviting them to three Christian Education Outreach Events specifically designed to bring our Vacation Bible Camp friends and Sunday School children together to discover Jesus. We went on an Easter Discovery Hunt and we brought God's light into the Halloween season during the Fall Festival and we went back in time and took A Walk in Bethlehem with the band, doorjam, during Advent.

Also new for 2009....we began the development of a Community Youth Group geared toward Middle School and High School youth. By combining forces with other area churches with the same goals, we hope to have strength in numbers, and will continue to develop this program in 2010.

The 2009/2010 Sunday School Lesson Leaders

Preschool & Kindergarten – Carol Gauer and Carol Mauger

Elementary Grades 1,2,3,4 & 5– Laura Fields and Carolyn VandeGiessen

Middle School Grades 6, 7 & 8 – Bob Lefever

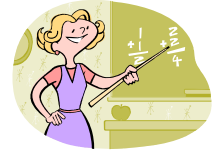
Adult Sunday School – Ken Ciccotelli

Wednesday Evening Bible Study – Laura Fields, Bob Lefever and Diane Grum

Thursday Morning Bible Study – Pastor Cathy Gumpert, Brenda Gerlipp and
Wilma Matysek

Saturday Morning Men's Group – Dave Cole and Larry Lelah

Christian Education Co-Chairs – Donna Freeman and Sandy Vitez



THANK YOU TO PARENTS

For many years we have been moving toward a rotation workshop style Sunday School. Thank you for helping to make it happen! The new FaithWeavers curriculum by Group.com allows us to **ALL** work together. It is particularly exciting since parents will be active participants in their child's Christian Education *fulfilling the commitment they made at their child's baptism* to help their child walk throughout their lives with Jesus.

Respectively submitted,
Donna Freeman

MUSIC MINISTRY

The focus of the Music Ministry is to enhance worship and to glorify God through our music, and have sung/rung in a variety of musical genres such as classical, gospel, spirituals, folk and contemporary selections. The ensembles have provided music for the weekly services of worship, as well as for the special services of the church year (Lent-Easter, Advent-Christmas).

In September rehearsals began after the Harvest Home celebration, and musical ensembles began participating in worship at the end of September. The adult ensembles, Chancel Choir and Readington Ringers have grown modestly in size and strength. We bid a fond farewell to our college-bound graduates, and welcomed new singers/ringers into our midst. At Christmas we were fortunate to have our graduates return, as well as to have several singers/ringers join us temporarily, just for the season.

Youth Choir and Cymbalum Ringers shared their music with the congregation during the "Kid Sunday" in June. This fall Youth Choir was placed on hiatus due to insufficient participation. It is hoped that this will be a temporary status. Cymbalum Ringers are a talented group of young people who enriched our worship on Christmas Eve.



Our youngest group the Cherubs (PreK-2) has begun to take a more active role in worship, providing the Children's Sermon through their songs. The children are energetic and enthusiastic and we can look forward to hearing them throughout the coming year.



Joyful Noise (G 3-5) were heard for the first time during the Sunday School Advent program as they rang carols on the new set of "KidBells" purchased for their use. These bells are a junior version of handbells, and are especially created to fit the hands and

needs of younger groups. All of the children enjoy ringing, and will be participating in worship during the coming year.

The Music Ministry concluded 2009 on Christmas Eve with all ensembles enhancing our worship, and ringing in 2010.

To all who have participated in this vital program, a sincere "Thank You". I look forward to serving God through our shared ministry of music in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Gorovoy
Choir Director

DEACON'S REPORT

The focus of the deacons is to provide care and support to members of the congregation and the local community. Each month, one of the six deacons is designated to be the deacon for that particular month who is then responsible for coordinating meals, rides, and general assistance to members of the congregation and local community folks who may need help.

One of the primary focuses of the deacons in 2009 was the Starfish program. We organized gift giving through the Giving Tree, and collected mittens, hats and gloves for the St. Joseph's Children's Indian School in South Dakota. We also collected money and food for holiday food baskets through our special missions: Four for the 4th and the February Soup-er Bowl.

We have also purchased a series of books this year called "Journeying Through Grief". We will be sharing a set of four short books that are written to help comfort, strengthen and sustain those who are grieving the loss of their loved one. They are a good way to reach out to those grieving during that first year of their loss.



The deacons have made a donation to a young boy in Branchburg who has been dealing with an extremely difficult illness this year. That donation was generously matched by one of our own deacons.

The entire congregation has supported the deacons' efforts tremendously with these missions; hopefully together we have helped make the lives of those in need a bit easier.

The deacons are involved in an ongoing basis with the following:

- Annual Consistory meetings
- Monthly Consistory meetings
- Monthly deacon meetings
- Serving communion
- Assist counters each week
- Elder/Deacon workshop

- Provide congregation with Mission of the month information through the mission minute in worship, provide information for the bulletin and church newsletter
- Actively involved in one other consistory committee
- Set the roster of missions of the month for the year

Thank you to all of the deacons for answering their call to serve. Many heartfelt thanks to our outgoing deacons Jim Kennedy and Kim Cole for their wonderful work in serving our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Stettner, 2009 Deacon Chair

MISSIONS

<u>Month</u>	<u>Mission</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Amount received</u>
January	Bessie Green community Center	Urban	\$326.00
February	Reformed Church Home	Local	\$301.00
March	Hunterdon County Med Assist. Program	Local	\$391.00
April	SAFE HC Women's Crisis Ctr.	Local	\$436.00
May	Habitat for Humanity	Local	\$471.75
June	Camp Warwick	Urban	\$302.00
July	Good News Home for Women	Local	\$421.00
August	Rutgers Protestant Campus Ministries	World	\$236.00
September	IHN/Starfish	Local	\$401.00
October	Windmills Project	World	\$757.00
November	South Bound Brook Soup Kitchen	Local	\$406.00
December	Reformed Church World Services	World	\$346.00

IT TEAM



For 2009 the continued focus of the IT Committee was to maintain the church office computers and church web site, www.readingtonreformed.org. Maintenance of the computers involved routine backups, system patches and virus protection updates. Maintenance of the web site is an ongoing effort. Much thanks and appreciation goes to Imre Vitez for his ongoing support posting church events and monthly newsletters. The committee also assisted the church office to perfect a new method of producing mailing labels and is in the final stage of preparing the new Church Directory. For 2010 we welcome any new comers interested in expanding the use of IT in the church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Kennedy, IT Chair

READINGTON QUILTERS



A gift of \$786.00 was given by the Quilters to the Readington Reformed Church at Harvest Home. This money was earned throughout the year by the sale of quilts, the finishing and quilting of quilt tops, wall hangings, table runners, vests and pot holders. These items are sold at the Turkey Dinner, Harvest Home and RRCWM Fall Craft Show.

We have five active and devoted members who meet every Tuesday, year round, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All of the Readington Quilters are members of the Hunterdon County Quilting Guild. Through this group we have individually made and donated quilts to seriously ill children, for unwed mothers through “New Moms, New Expectations”, with Catholic Charities of Somerville, “Friendship Center for New Beginnings” in Flemington, for preemies at the Robert Wood Neo-Natal Hospital in New Brunswick, for ill children through the Shannon Daley Foundation of Whitehouse Station, and worked on 21 Quilts of Valor for wounded veterans. We also made and donated 200 placemats for Meals on Wheels of Hunterdon County.

We gladly welcome any one to join us any Tuesday. Bring a sandwich and join us! We provide the coffee and tea and many surprise delicious desserts. It’s a learning experience with great fellowship!

For information call Shirley Spildooren (534-2276) or Ruth Connor (534-9672).

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Our women's group has gotten smaller in number (9) due to health issues, continuing education and cold weather, which can also be a problem for some. It would be really great if some more women in our church would consider getting involved. We could use some fresh ideas. If you don't drive at night, perhaps one of us could pick you up if you are not too far from the church.

In February we had a chocolate fun-due party to celebrate Valentine's Day. Our Lenten Breakfast is well attended by our women as well as women from other churches. It starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 11:30 a.m. so you will have the afternoon to spend with your family. This event is always on a Saturday.

June brings us into our annual Women's Picnic which was held this year at Brenda Gerlipp's house. A wonderful time was had by all. We sang, we ate, we laughed, and enjoyed each other's company. We always take July and August off to enjoy the summer months with family and friends.

September welcomes us back with our Night of Renewal. It is held in the church sanctuary. It is a quiet time to reflect on what God would have us do with our lives – both in and out of church. There are prepared readings for us, done by our spiritual leader, Brenda, and personal prayer time to listen and ask God for guidance in our lives. We then go quietly to Fellowship Hall for our fall business meeting.

October is our time to prepare for our annual Craft Show. There are many areas that must be worked on before the event. If you've never attended please consider this event. We offer an inexpensive lunch, a bake sale, wonderful fellowship and fun, not to mention very talented crafters who come and rent a table or two expecting to sell some of their items. You will be pleasantly surprised how tastefully done these items are. Consider doing some shopping for gifts for the upcoming holidays. We'd love to see the Sunday School parents come with their children too. All monies raised on this day goes to our mission projects as well as a donation to repair the roof and replace the church steeple. We need a well-attended event. Our crafters need to see people who express some interest in their crafts or they will not come back.

December is our annual Christmas Party which is always well attended. We have punch, hors d'ouerves and desserts of all kinds. A fun gift game is played which seems to be the hit of the evening.

The Women's Ministry in the past has donated money for curtains, a new floor in Fellowship Hall, a new ceiling in Fellowship Hall, provided paint for projects in the education wing, etc.

We want to welcome you so please consider joining us. We meet the second Monday night of the month in Fellowship Hall from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. If you can't stay for the whole time, leave when you need to. We pray that God will bless the work done in His name and for His glory.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Ciccotelli, President



READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
TREASURER'S REPORT 2009

Balance on hand as of January 1, 2009 \$ 2,882.91

Receipts

Offering	\$ 30.00	
October Craft Show	2,203.70	
Contributions/Flowers	1,997.00	
Donations	<u>482.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$4,712.70	<u>4,712.70</u>
		\$ 7,595.61

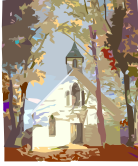
Disbursements

Reformed Church Home	200.00	
The Navigators	200.00	
Camp Warwick	500.00	
New Brunswick Theological Seminary	200.00	
Lenten Breakfast	265.95	
Luncheon	75.56	
Kitchen Supplies	61.44	
Flowers-Christmas & Easter	950.00	
Craft Show	335.84	
Christmas Decorations	150.48	
Christmas Party	53.00	
Flowers for Altar	71.31	
Gifts	<u>50.00</u>	
Total Disbursements	\$3,113.58	<u>-3,113.58</u>

Balance on hand as of December 31, 2009 \$ 4,482.03

Respectfully submitted,
Rosemarie Manzo, Treasurer

BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE



This past year 85% of the work days were spent on the Memorial Garden and Cemetery. In addition ongoing maintenance work was accomplished in the Church and Christian Education Building including:

1. The new door for the Christian Education wing with the appropriate hardware was installed. The operation of the door is excellent. Thanks to the Stettners.
2. The three other outside doors in the Christian Education wing have had all the locks changed. The locks are all keyed the same.
3. A motion light was installed over the new Christian Education door. This is to illuminate the combination lock at night.
4. Safety hand rails were installed in the men's and ladies rooms.
5. The quilt room ceiling, walls and floors were scrubbed to remove the mold caused by the dampness that permeates through the rear foundation. The ceiling and walls were also painted. New lights were installed and rewired.
6. The stage ceiling and floor were painted and all the walls were washed.
7. The new church sign is waiting for necessary township permits before installation.
8. A display case was installed in the Narthex to display church artifacts. A donation by John Rathborne.
9. The furnaces and hot water heater were serviced.
10. The committee did some preventive work in the bell tower. The southwest corner of the bell tower was reinforced where there was dry rot in the supporting beams. A floor was also built over the open area in the southwest corner of the floor.
11. The committee is continually monitoring church roof and bell tower. Minor repairs were done by High Climbers, a roofing contractor.
12. The upstairs bathroom at the parsonage was completely gutted and rebuilt. New shower/tub combination, toilet, vanity, mirror/medicine cabinet, exhaust fan, new wiring, new soil pipes to the basement and a tile floor were installed. Thanks to the Readington Fire Company for their volunteer labor.
13. New patio installed at the back of the parsonage. Thanks to Stanley Gomez.
14. Further parsonage improvement will continue in 2010 and beyond with the help of the Readington Volunteer Fire company. We are also looking into closing the parsonage pool and expanding the church parking lot.
15. The application for a 20 year/\$300,000 line of credit to the RCA for repair of the tower, roof and handicap access has been completed by the Finance Committee. At approximately 6% interest, this calculates to be approximately \$1800/month. The RCA requires 3 months for processing/approval of the application. Recommendation would be to submit the application, establish this line of credit and if granted used the funds as required to finance the projects. The RRC has 1 year from approval of credit line to use the funds. The green Building Fund envelopes generated over \$8000 in 2009. Feasibly this mechanism could be used to finance the monthly credit line payment in the future.

Respectfully submitted Dick Weger and Ken Iselin, Co Chairs

READINGTON REFORMED CHURCH CEMETERY

Thank you to all of the helping hands that worked on the cemetery yard and on the Memorial Garden project this past year. Our main goal in 2009 was to have as many work days as possible in order to make significant progress on the Memorial Garden. I am proud to say we did just that, and the project is now 85% complete. Keith Fields, our general contractor, was a key component in making this happen, and we are looking forward to working with him until the project is complete. The Memorial Garden, upon its completion, will meet the needs of many members and others who wish to reflect on the memory of loved ones who have gone on to be with our Lord and Savior.

Income

Burials	\$ 3,500.00
Grave Sales	\$ 9,400.00
Interest-Checking	\$ 41.26
Note Receivable	\$ 4,200.00
Church Loan	
Interest RCA	\$ 687.50

TOTAL \$17,828.76

Expenses

Grave Openings	\$ 2,800.00
Mowing	\$ 7,468.70
Memorial Garden	\$19,116.32
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,841.65
Snow Removal	\$ 225.00

TOTAL \$31,451.67

BALANCES

Checking	\$ 8,562.59
RCA Program with interest	\$ 28,962.55
Notes Payable-Church approx.	\$ 67,800.00

TOTAL \$105,325.14



Respectfully submitted,
Ken Iselin & Dick Weger, CoChairs

FFO COMMITTEE

2009 was a busy year for the combined Fellowship, Fun Raising and Outreach (FFO) Committee. We hosted and assisted with many of the activities held at our church this year. A list of our activities follows:

- Holy Land presentation, March 1
- doorjam Oratorio, March 22
- Italian Night, April 4
- Seder Dinner, April 9
- Turkey Dinner, May 16
- Girl Scout Blood Drive/RRC Clothing Drive, May 30
- Pentecost – Teen/New Members Join RRC, May 31
- Spring Pie Coffee Hour in conjunction with Preservation 2009 meeting, June 7
- RRC Church Picnic after Children’s Day, June 14
- White water rafting trip, July 18
- Summer Coffee Hour/Harvest Home Apple Cake Bakeoff, July 19



Progressive BBQ, August 22
 Harvest Home, September 26
 Anything Apple Coffee Hour, October 4
 Progressive Dinner, October 10
 Consecration Sunday and Halloween Family Outreach Donut/Cider breakfast, October 18
 Somerset County CROP Walk, Somerville. October 25.
 Flu clinic, October 25
 Pork Loin Take out Dinner, November 14
 Anything Pumpkin Coffee Hour, November 15
 Congregational Meeting/Soup Bread Lunch, November 22
 Light dinner for Night in Bethlehem, December 5
 Handel's Messiah Christmas concert, December 6



Each of the activities provided its own opportunity for fellowship, fun or outreach, whether it was at Italian night, floating down the Lehigh River on rafts or enjoying tasty treats during the themed coffee hours. There will be more opportunities in 2010 so stay tuned to the bulletins each Sunday, the monthly newsletter, email blasts and the webpage.

Some thoughts as we enter 2010; please continue to support these activities and give Toni Rathborne, FFO chair for 2010, your support. I'd would like invite anyone who is interested in helping with FFO activities consider joining, or stepping up to consider being a co-Chair so that in 2011, Toni can rotate off as Chair and someone else can have the opportunity to lead this effort. If anyone has specific Fellowship, Fun Raising or Outreach ideas, please drop a line to Toni, or anyone on FFO, and we'll be glad to see how we can work your idea into an event.

Lastly, a photo album has been placed in the narthex so anyone who has photos from any events this past year is welcome add a page or two of photographs so that in years to come we can see what interesting events we hosted and how our church family has grown up.

Thank you for your support to our church home.

Imre Vitez
2009 FFO Chair

2008 HARVEST HOME



2009 was another great year for Harvest Home and it again proved to be a wonderful and successful event in the life of our church. During the four seatings of the dinner, there were 313 in-house and 217 take-out dinners served for a total of 530 dinners. The various shops were also busy with activity throughout the day.

As a result of all of that activity by members and friends of our church . . . and all of the pre-work before and the clean-up afterwards. . . our church gained a net income of \$6,200!

On behalf of the Harvest Home Committee, we would like to thank each of you for your help and participation! You really made an impact on the success of the event.

Pat Ciccotelli and Bernie Lewis
Harvest Home Committee

INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK

Our primary hands-on mission project is IHN (Interfaith Hospitality Network), with Maria Cermenaro, Steve Freeman, Wendi Kalley, and Susan Lelah serving as coordinators. We are blessed to have a very dedicated group of volunteers who help with arrivals, departures, shopping, laundry, meals, weekend shifts, and overnights. We are fortunate to receive assistance from Three Bridges Reformed, First Unitarian Universalist, and North Branch Reformed churches as well. Together we hosted six weeklong stays during 2009. We thank God for the individuals who make this mission possible, and pray that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of homeless people in our community.

Maria Cermenaro, Steve Freeman, Wendi Kalley & Susan Lelah

MEMORIAL & STUDENT LOAN COMMITTEE

The Readington Reformed Church Memorial and Student Loan Fund Committee exists to make policies regarding memorial giving and student loans. The Committee will endeavor to identify suitable memorials from funds contributed to the church and to make student loans.

The Committee met four times in 2009.

During the renovation of the sanctuary, we discussed purchasing a display case for the Memorials Books as well as the many church artifacts that had collected in Pastor Cathy's office over the years. We revisited the discussion this year, brought the matter to Consistory, and John Rathborne's brother generously donated a display case which was placed in the narthex. Dick Weger "fine-tuned" the case, replaced a glass shelf, and added a lock to safeguard these precious items reflecting the history of our church; Shirley Spildooren donated a new bottom liner. We are in the process of identifying and labeling the items currently on display.

The Committee wrote a set of procedures for handling incoming memorials so that they are accounted for properly as well as acknowledged and recorded in the Memorial Book.

We hosted a special coffee hour in October during which Don Moore spoke about estate planning. Don's presentation was both informative and entertaining.

The Committee received a request to consider using funds from the Ditzel memorial to landscape the outside entrance to the Education Wing. Wilma Matysek, with the assistance of Ken Ciccotelli, will launch this initiative in spring 2010.

There were no student loan applications submitted.

The Committee will continue to identify and purchase appropriate memorials from monetary gifts given to the church in memory of loved ones in the coming year.

2009 Committee Members:

Pat Chadwick, Chair and Secretary
Wilma Cole

Sue Lelah, Treasurer
Wilma Matysek, Consistory Liaison

MEMORIAL AND STUDENT LOAN FUND
TREASURER'S REPORT

STARTING BALANCE 1/1/09 \$17,993.46

BREAKOUT OF INCOME 1/1/09 – 12/31/09

RRC SCHOLARSHIP FUND	7,945.51
ACCRUED INTEREST	399.89
URSULA ERICKSON ESTATE	2,808.06
HORACE R. BROKAW MEM.	760.00
ROGER THARP MEM.	465.00
EMILE SPILDOOREN MEM.	1,385.00
ELSIE DITZEL MEM.	100.00
WALTER DITZEL MEM.	520.00
JOHANNAH VOGHT MEM.	100.00
BARBARA IELLIMO MEM.	25.00
BESSIE VAN BLARCOM MEM.	280.00
RHETA THARP MEM.	105.00
MILDRED SANFORD MEM.	150.00
HOPE CICCOTELLI MEM.	25.00
FLORENCE H. FREEMAN MEM.	200.00
MARGARET CAIRD MEM.	200.00
REV. LEWIS M. KUESTER MEM.	500.00
ROBERT LEHMAN MEM.	300.00
NANCY LEFEVER MEM.	1,675.00
PAUL NEWMAN MEM.	50.00

ADDITIONAL MEMORIALS:

HOPE CICCOTELLI MEMORIAL	500.00
NANCY LEFEVER MEMORIAL	300.00
BOB LEHMAN MEMORIAL	50.00
SHERIN R. DEBRAY MEMORIAL	30.00

TOTAL ADDITIONAL MEMORIALS:	<u>880.00</u>
INTEREST INCOME 1/1 – 12/31/09	40.72
EXPENSE: DISPLAY CASE REFURBISHMENT	<u>(80.65)</u>
ENDING BALANCE AS OF 12/31/09	<u>\$18,833.53</u>