

Faith Formation Committee Annual Report 2009

The Faith Formation Committee, also known as the Christian Education Committee, has had a productive and rewarding year.

Highlights of 2009 include:

Teaching staff completely filled with reduced number of classes; now two youth classes operating weekly.

Epiphany service organized by Faith Formation each year.

Lenten project: removal of Gazebo and the creation of the Contemplative Garden. An all church project coordinated along with Earth Keepers and Building Committee.

Easter Sunrise Service led by Youth at City of Kirkland Marina Park

Spring barbeque

Summer Sunday Adventure; “Summer’s Earth Child ~ Living Lightly on Planet Earth” (in the tent)

Annual Children’s Sabbath; 40 Days of Prayer for Children; Prayer Booklet; distribution of 40 candle

Family Pumpkin Carving Party/Potluck

Annual Christmas Pageant; “A Gift of Love” involved every member of the congregation in costumes

Monthly mission projects functioning productively:

January--Winter Outerwear for Tent City 4 (**56** items - variety of gloves, hats, jackets)

February ~ “Souper” Bowl Sunday (**231** cans of soup)

March ~ Birthday Corner for HopeLink (**56+** items - variety of birthday party supplies)

April ~ Lenten Prayer Jars (**\$360** donated to Tent City 4 to buy new tents)

Lenten Project ~ (see above)

Easter Baskets for Tent City 4 (created and filled by children)

May ~ Baby Shower for Emergency Feeding (**30** jars of baby food)

June ~ Books for KIN Summer Reading Program (2 large boxes of new and gently used books)

August ~ KIN Back to School Supplies (variety of school supplies)

September ~ Seattle Humane Society (**\$260** plus pet food, towels, blankets, etc.)

October ~ Healthy Start for Kids (toothbrushes and toothpaste - (**427** sets this year)

November ~ KIN Thanksgiving Baskets (**200** + boxes and bags of stuffing mix)

December ~ Tree of Angels supporting KITH Adopt a Family program

(2 families of 15 people plus food baskets)



Adult classes taught by clergy and laymen:

“Intentional Faith” ~ a Lenten Study Journey led by Ben vonUllrich

“Abundant Life” ~ an Earth Keepers Study led by Fred Lanphear and Tod Gobledale

Women’s Fellowship Programs: ~ facilitated by Ana Gobledale

UCC Mission in Africa & Australia

Christmas Workshop

Celebrating Life: Preparing for Death

Women in the New Testament

Hospice: Caring for those we love

Church World Service

Memory Loss & Dementia

A Mystery Guest

A Trek to Nepal

A Faith Journey: Pat Roche

Social Justice Through Service

What did Paul Really Think About Women?

Scripture Crunching ~ facilitated by Tod Gobledale

Consolidated Faith Formation office and storage space, creating Christian Education Resource Room and Office for Director of Christian Education.

First Sunday Youth Group activities re-started:

Service Projects ~ Human Society, Neighborhood Clean-up Walk,
21 Acres Farm, Crop Walk,
ALS Walk, Contemplative Garden,
Shopping for Tree of Angels,
Bowling with Ana & Tod Metro Bus trip to Seattle Public Library,

First Friday Film Festival gatherings;

acquisition of 50" big screen TV for Helliwell Room;
now serving pizza prior to showing films, along with beverages and other movie snacks.

Supported Director of Christian Education while on 12 week sabbatical during summer.

Plans for 2010:

Confirmation class
New member classes
Expanded First Sunday Youth Group activities including Pacific Northwest Conference activities
New Adult Education courses
Live within Christian Education reduced budget (reduced by \$1000)

Faith Formation Board members:

Eloise Boyle
Van Kichline
Gale Peterson
Supported by Revs Ana and Tod Gobledale

Additional Faith Formation staff and helpers:

Ken Anderson	Fred Lanphear	Bob Hover
Lynne Gaskill	Ben vonUllrich	Ele Nash
Marjie Kichline	Ana Gobledale	Michael Gaskill
Nancy Lanphear	Tod Gobledale	

Submitted by Van Kichline, chair





Contemplative Garden ~
Lenten Project 2009



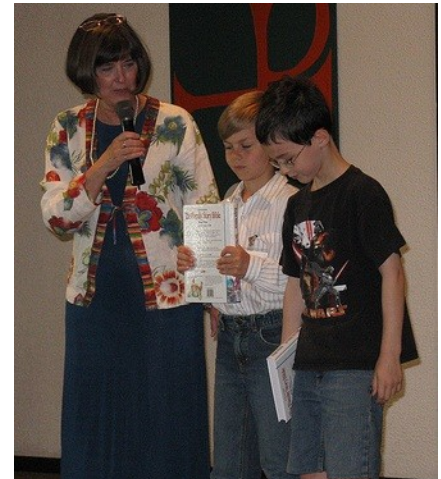
Candles for 40 Days of Prayer
Collection of Toothpaste and Toothbrushes



Women's Fellowship Program



Tree of Angels



Bibles presented to
Second graders



Christmas Pageant involves all
members of the congregation



Youth visit Humane Society with donations