

The Christmas Fund ~~



CHRISTMAS FUND

Remembering those who serve our church, this fund provides financial aid to retired and active ministers and their surviving spouses and children who face overwhelming financial demands. Carried out by the Pension Boards. Received annually on the Sunday before Christmas, the generous gifts of UCC congregations and individuals to the Christmas Fund enabled the Pension Boards' Ministerial Assistance program to provide the following gifts:

*Some form of Ministerial Assistance will be provided to approximately 1,600 persons during 2009.

*Christmas Gift checks will be sent to approximately 900 persons in 2009. Of those who will receive checks, 20 are over 100 years of age. The oldest person is 107. One person has received Christmas checks continuously since 1976. The 900 gifts total \$270,000.

*Monthly pension supplementation is provided to 449 persons. These gifts total \$101,344 per month. A significant part of annual total of \$1,216,128 comes from the Christmas Fund.

*Quarterly health premium supplementation is provided to 294 families, totaling \$164,736 per quarter. All of the funding for health premium supplementation is derived from the Christmas Fund.

*Emergency Grants have been provided to 57 individuals and families during the first ten months of 2009, which totaled \$85,807.

*These statistics reflect annualized projections as of October 31, 2009. The numbers of persons receiving assistance and the totals of assistance payments fluctuate on a monthly basis.