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Pastor Chad Delaney

ANNUAL REPORT ***2010***



Pastor's Report

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! It is with celebration that I write this year's "Annual Report". Of course, it has been a year full of life--with all of its ups and downs. The great joy of worshipping and doing ministry together--baptisms down at the river, mission, bible study, Sunday School, Youth Sundays, and the wonderful Christmas Pageant. We also experience grief in the difficult times and as loved ones pass away. We are mindful of those who have passed away this year and trust that they are now at home with the Lord. We praise God for their witness and their presence in our lives. Life is such that we will always share both of these extremes together, but it has been clear (as always) that God is with us in the valleys and the mountains.

God has blessed us in so many different ways in 2010 and the review of this past year together will be full of the great joys we had serving together. However, before getting into that I want to share some brief personal remarks. I just want to say how amazed I am that it has been 2 and half years of ministry together at Mantua Center Christian Church. I feel so at home with our church family and it's hard to imagine life without y'all. Our kids love our church home and my wife, Christin, feels the same. We couldn't ask for a better "village" to raise our children in! At the end of 2010 we purchased our own home in Hiram and the first question our son C.J. (6) had--with tears in his eyes--was "Does that mean we have to leave our church?!" It warmed our hearts that he had developed that deep of connection and we could reassure him that we weren't going anywhere!

We had so many highlights from 2010--here are a few:

- Our staff at MCCC continues to offer their lives in service to Christ and Christ's church. We were excited to receive into the family our new Choir/Bell Director, Jennifer Joiner. We are also grateful that after her retirement from teaching, Lauren Welch seized the Christian Education Director position. Janet Nichols continues to offer her gifts at the organ and anywhere that she is needed musically. Peggy Painley keeps the administrative functions of the church (and the pastor!) in order and our custodial team (Roger and Linda Hurd, Pat Magyarics) remains diligent in caring for the physical plant of our church. We are also so grateful for the wonderful work that Lori Collins does working in the nursery with the children!
- Worship was once again aided by the creativity of our worship team and our chair, Rick Painley. After a worship retreat in August of 2010 we elected to alter our worship order slightly which has been received warmly. We also became more intentional about planning ahead and including more people in the worship experience. Lay leadership is still going extremely strong with different Worship Leaders monthly and the Elders presiding at the Table. Choir, Bells, CenterPeace, special music, and Congregational singing all add to our experience of worship.
- The worship highlight of the year for me was the privilege of having Maman Nzeba of the Congo come and preach. Rev. Amy Gopp (Exec. Director of the Week of Compassion and member of our church) met Maman Nzeba on her trip to the Congo

and so when Maman came to the United States to speak to D.O.C. churches, Amy arranged for her to have a weekend retreat at MCCC. Hearing her preach in French (with Rev. Gopp translating) was an extraordinary experience. It challenged us deeply and was tremendously moving. I believe the congregation is still digesting that amazing morning. I look forward to the ways in which we respond and connect to Maman Nzeba and her ministry to the women and children of the Congo. Stay tuned....

- One of the great joys of the last year was that two of our members responded to God's call into ministry. In the fall, Laurie Metzko began seminary at Lexington Theological Seminary and is pursuing ordination. She is currently the Ministry Intern at MCCC and participates in a large variety of ways in the life of the church and worship. We cannot wait to see all that God is going to do through her! We also are celebrating Len Malotte's response to God's call to pursue Licensed/Commissioned Ministry with the Christian Church in Ohio. Len will be licensed with a ministry description at MCCC and will be continuing his ministry of preaching, teaching, and spiritual direction. We are excited for all the many ways Len uses his gifts at MCCC! What a joy it is to be along for the ride as both of them step out in faith upon hearing and responding to God's call in their life!
- We continued our Tuesday Night Bible studies this year. The first half of the year we often studied in our members' homes. Gary Ramsey, Roy Mayfield, and Leone Krohn all welcomed us into their homes. Each welcomed us with open and loving arms. The second half of the year we began a series of studies called Life Studies. Each were lead by those passionate about those particular issues or topics. We have looked at Women and Children, The Bible 101, The Transforming Power of Thanks, and Grief during the Holidays. I am so grateful to all who led and participated in these studies.
- We once again went to New Orleans for mission this last year. It was a joy as always to serve with the leaders of Westside Mission and to work on the homes we were assigned. Another wonderful part of the trip--believe it or not--is the ride down and back. I cherish the time spent and the building of relationship with those on the way down and back, as well as the time spent in the mission together. With Westside closing, we will continue to listen to how God might call us into servant mission.
- It also would be important to mention here my gratefulness for the church creating a Pastoral Relations Committee to help care for my family and I in the hopes of sustaining a long and healthy ministry together. The time together with the PRC has been a wonderful gift.
- The most "ministry-impacting" event of the year was my participation in a conference in Columbus, OH called LifeServe 2010. I was blessed greatly by the content presented and the time of worship together. The conference focused around Ephesians 4:11-13, "**11** The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, **12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry**, for building up the body of Christ." I was so greatly inspired by the conference that I have brought this vision of ministry back to MCCC. The vision is now shared by many in the church and we are now working together (particularly under the

leadership of Peggy Painley) to implement a 3-5 year plan of spiritual-gifts-led ministry at MCCC. I am so excited about all that God is going to do with us over the next few years.

- I am sure there are many more highlights that I am forgetting--thanks be to God for those too!

Isaiah 1:31 says, "The strong shall become like tinder, and their work like a spark; they and their work shall burn together, with no one to quench them." May God continue to bind MCCC together with the Holy Spirit that we might continue the work that we've been called to. May our worship continue to give glory, not to ourselves, but to the One in whom we live and breathe and have our being. May we continue to live and work together in the Spirit of Christ bearing the fruits of compassion, forgiveness, joy, mercy, and most of all love.

Thanks be to God for a wonderful year together and I look forward to many more!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Chad B. Delaney

Worship and Christian Education

The Worship Team continues to be a small group of very dedicated people providing a high level of quality and variety of services every Sunday. The team consists of Janet Nichols, Len Malotte, Jennifer Joiner, and Rick Painley.

Reviewing last year's report, it was noted that finding Worship Leaders for the services was difficult. I found it much easier this year. I appreciate the help of the following people who led worship during 2010: Carol Buzbee, Laurie Metzko, Linda Idoine, Jon Secaur, Lisa Roubic, Julia Roubic, Outreach Ministry Team (Ellie Monroe, Joy Wyatt, and Katie Baird), Steve Hurd, Sue Hurd, Pastor Chad, and Leanne Painley. (I would fill in from time to time.) At Mantua Center Christian Church a number of people preach the word of God. This year the following people presented the sermon: Amy Gopp, Len Malotte, Lisa Roubic, We began the year by worshipping with the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Amy Gopp preached and shared her experiences from the Congo. We even learned a little Lingala! To kick off the Lenten study for 2010, Pastor Chad and I presented "Fat Ash Tuesday". We began the evening with a Mardi Gras celebration and ended with a more reflective Ash Wednesday service. We continued the Lenten study the succeeding Tuesdays. This year we used The Upper Room devotional guide (2008). The theme was "The City of God". A prayer vigil was offered on Good Friday from 6am to 6pm. Once again we shared Easter Sunrise service with Hilltop. A pancake breakfast was served by the Chi Rho. Great job, Carol Magyatics!! An Easter service followed.

In April, as a part of the Children's Moment, Pastor Chad began a program called "4th for the 4Cs". During this time, the very youngest of our congregation collect for the 4Cs. On May 30th we celebrated music in our service. In celebration of Janet Nichols, many congregants wore slippers or brightly colored socks. The Vocal Choir, the Hand Bell Choir, Centerpeace, and the Happy Hands Signers all shared their gifts.

On June 6th, we had the rare chance to meet Maman Nzeba from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She preached in French and Amy Gopp translated. During April and May, Pastor Chad held classes for those wishing to be baptized. On July, baptism was in the Cuyahoga River in Buchert Park in Mantua. Ellie Schabel, Julia Roubic, and Don Baird were baptized. A pot luck and fellowship followed.

Once again Janet Nichols organized the music for the summer. We are blessed to have such talented people like Breanna Johnson and Cassidy Mesaros, Beth and Ellie Schabel, Jon Secaur, Steve Hurd, Peggy Painley, Len Malotte, Sammi Vaughn, Allison Hurd, Pam Auble, Philip Hurd, and Alyssa Schabel.

In August the Worship Team had a meeting and decided to try a few changes in the order of worship. The ideas were brought forth by Pastor Chad and tweaked by Laurie Metzko, Janet Nichols, and Rick Painley.

The service has been organized into 3 major sections:

- 1) Gathering of a Praised-Filled People
- 2) Lifting Our Prayers to God
- 3) Listening for the Word of God. (Plaudits to Peggy Painley for her work organizing the bulletin in this way.) We have had mostly positive comments concerning the changes. Some

people are having a difficult time with the 'Passing of the Peace' near the beginning of the service. A few people have difficulty with the prayer song during the sharing of concerns.

In October we added a prayer during the Children's Moment led by Marilyn Alger. October was dedicated to children. October 3rd was a joint service with Hilltop, Hiram, and Mantua Center at Hiram Christian Church to celebrate World Communion Sunday. Chad Delaney, Jeff Jackson, and Roger McKinney presided. Glenn Carson, President of the Disciples Historical Society, delivered the sermon.

On October 24th, we installed Laurie Metzko as our ministry intern, and, in so doing, became a teaching congregation.

On November 7th, Laurie Metzko organized "Higher Education Sunday". The entire service was conducted by the current college students: Leanne Painley, Kelly Blon, Daniel Hurd, Carl and Becky Bennet, Caitlin Goggin, and Toby and Jared Gerez.

November is a busy month making the final plans for the Advent Season. The Worship Team organized the following activities for Advent:

- ✠ Hanging of the Greens
- ✠ Mitten Tree (Janet Nichols, leader)
- ✠ The 4 Advent Sundays: Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. (Centerpeace and the Hand Bells played the first two Sundays. CYF presented the Sunday of Joy. All of the youth collaborated to deliver the message on the Sunday of Love. The drama was organized by Lauren Welch. Katie Baird, Beth Schabel, Carol and Paul Magyarics rallied their troops.)
- ✠ Christmas Eve Service

Personal notes:

The number of talented and dedicated individuals in this small church continues to amaze me. There is a wonderful ownership of worship because so many people lend their abilities to the service.

I still value my planning time with Pastor Chad, although, Chad and I did not meet as often this year. We communicate more via email. I believe Chad is more comfortable with his position in the church and he is beginning to make this 'his' congregation.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Painley
Chair,
Worship and Christian Education Ministry Team

Clerk Report

Confession of Faith

- Tracy Strong (January)
- Jake Strong (January)
- Missy Firenze (October)

Transfer of Membership

- Rev. Amy Gopp (January)

Request to Withdraw or Transfer Membership

- Ken & Evonne Fox (January)
- Lynne Rae Derthick
- Nicole Derthick

Baby Dedication

- Katherine Renee Mink (April)

Losses by death

- Virgil Derthick (February)
- Leone Krohn (November)

Elders Report

Greetings to all in the Lord's precious name! As I reflect on the year passed, I am reminded how blessed we are to have the devoted and selfless servants of Christ we have at MCCC. As Elders, our charge is to "shepherd, oversee, lead, and care for our church". Four verbs...but it would take much more than an eight and a half by eleven sheet of paper to summarize the humble work done. We are grateful to God for the privilege to serve Him in all that we do for our church family and community.

January 2010 brought us an opportunity to participate in an Elder Workshop along with folks from Hilltop and Hiram churches. This was held at MCCC and the topics included Pastoral Care Visitation, Conflict Resolution, Communion and Meditation-these led by Pastor Chad, Pastor Jeff Jackson, and Pastor Roger McKinney. This proved to be a very helpful workshop and all involved would like to see another one organized.

We met nine times throughout the year; along with Pastor Chad, attendance was very good. Consistent with every meeting is prayer and concern shared for many in our church family and beyond that need a guiding or healing touch by God. Other important activities during the year included refining the description of the Role of Elder, re-organizing the Shepherding program, lots of discussion on how to improve congregational care and hospitality, annual evaluation and review of the Pastor and his salary and benefits, Secret Parent Ministry, pulpit fill for the few Sundays Pastor Chad was not able to be in church, topics to enrich the spiritual growth of the Elders, visiting and serving Communion to home members, and the weekly responsibility of presiding at the Communion Table.

Our great JOY this year was to participate closely with two of our own that listened to the call to more formal service to God, Laurie Metzko and Len Malotte. At this writing, they both have received their licenses for commissioned ministry, a process that included taking classes, seeking recommendations, being evaluated, writing job descriptions, and purposefully being more involved in the leadership of our church. How happy we are for our Brother and Sister that their spiritual journey has brought them to this point and we had a part in being the springboard for them to share the Good News! Laurie will be continuing her studies in order to obtain her M. Div.; as per the guidelines from LTS as a teaching congregation, we have formed a support committee for Laurie consisting of four members.

They will be her soundboard and support for whatever she needs. Another important step we accomplished this year was the creation of our Pastoral Relations Committee. We have known for some time that communication and support in this area were lacking somewhat. With the help of a document written for this purpose, "Guidelines for the Pastoral Relations Committee" published by the Disciples Home Missions, gentle nudging, and prayer, we have a committee of five devoted people to aid our Pastor. They will, "...provide support for the Pastor and provide a regular channel of communication between the Pastor and the congregation. The PRC functions to augment and enhance the variety of informal and formal means of support and communication in the congregation".

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Alger, Elder Chair

Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE: **\$ 31,646.19**

Income:

Pledges	\$ 68,158.00
Offering	32,690.00
Miscellaneous	225.00
Interest, Checking	59.29
Memorial Funds	1,305.00
Reimbursed Income	<u>1,049.09</u>
TOTAL	\$103,486.38

Disbursements:

Shepherding Ministry Team

Retreats and Conferences	\$1,012.28
Elders	200.00
Pastor Employment and expenses	53,270.00

Worship/Education Team

Sunday School Materials.....	1,779.11
Camp Scholarships.....	1,390.00
Miscellaneous	267.00
Worship & Service	9,685.92

Center Support Team

Office	11,001.59
Church Building and Utilities	13,726.63
Parsonage Maintenance and Taxes	4,840.99

Outreach Ministry Team

Ohio World Budget (outreach)	7,000.00
Local Outreach.....	120.00

Community Ministry Team

Misc. Expenses	119.40
Reimbursed Expenses (not budgeted)	<u>1,050.00</u>
TOTAL	\$105,462.92

ENDING BALANCE: **\$ 29,669.65**

Special Offerings:

Week of Compassion:	\$3779.00
Thanksgiving:.....	325.00
Christmas:	145.00

Investments:

Board of Church Extension:.....	\$38,017.46	Note
P. Converse Scholarship:	71,896.94	CD
L. Converse Scholarship:	6,000.00	CD
E. Cann Scholarship:	5,000.00	CD
Memorial Funds:	10,964.82	CD
General Fund	65,509.36	CDs

Details on any item in this report are always available to any member, upon request.

Respectfully submitted:
Peggy Painley
Roger Hurd

Library Report

The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, was added to the library this year to celebrate the baby dedication of Kathryn Rena Mink, daughter of Kara and Josh Mink. Other new books added this year include the following.

Pre-School and Elementary

Beatrice's Goat by Page McBrier, illustrated by Lori Longstoeter with after word by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Give a Goat by Jan West Schrock, daughter of Dan West, founder of Heifers for Relieve and illustrated by Aileen Darragh.

Listen to the Wind a picture story book by Gregg Mortenson, illustrated by Susan Roth.

President's Day by Anne Rockwell

Punxsutawney Phyllis by Susanna Leonard Hill

Groundhog Day by Gail Gibbons

Happy Valentine's Day by Laura Numeroff

Snow by Cynthia Rylant

Penguin Pete by Marcus Pfister, illustrated by Anthea Bell

The Mitten Tree by Candace Christiansen, illustrated by Elaine Greenstein

The Last Polar Bear by Jean Craighead George (Laura Geringer Books)

The Snow Speaks by Nancy White Carlstrom, illustrated by Jane Dyer

Long Night Moon by Cynthia Rylant

The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh

The Bears on Hemlock Mountain by Alice Dalgliesh

The Thanksgiving Story by Alice Dalgliesh

The Legend of Ohio by Dandi Daley Mackall, illustrated by Greg LaFever, the story of the Ohio Iroquois .

Two classics were donated, new, **Charlotte's Web** by E.B. White and **The Wind in the Willows** by Kenneth Grahame.

Middle School books

The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton and **The Pigman** by Paul Zindel are both middle school books dealing with being different, personal feelings and making judgments about others.

By an Ohio author, Shelley Pearsall who writes for middle school students we added **Trouble Don't Last, Crooked River, All Shook Up** and **All of the Above**.

Adult books

God Never Blinks, 50 lessons for Life's Little Detours by Regina Rett.

Note to Self by Andrea Buchanan.

Stones into Schools, Promoting Peace with Books, not Bombs by Gregg Mortenson a follow up to the book **Three Cups of Tea**

The Lord is My Shepherd, Healing Wisdom of the Twenty Third Psalm by Harold S. Kushner.

Reflections on My Call to Preach, Connecting the Dots by Fred Benning Craddock.

Where Does God Live? Fifty eight More "Something for the Kids" Children's Sermons for Worship by Ted Lazicki.

Drops like Stars: A Few Thoughts on Creativity and Suffering by Rob Bell.

Reading the Bible Again for the First Time; Taking the Bible Seriously but not Literally by Marcus Borg.

Emphasis has been on enlarging our book collection for the many new young people we have in our congregation and there is evidence it is being used, by individuals and in our busy Sunday School and Junior Church.

I would welcome suggestions from anyone for building up the library for our middle school and high school. This is a weak area for me so help would be appreciated. I am always interested in any book that a class is using that is not in the library and would be a welcome addition.

Goals for next year will be to try placing our library on the web site for searching. As always, there are books out that have not been returned for a very long time. Would they enjoy a return trip to the library?

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Magyarics, Librarian

History Report

The loss of Leone Krohn and Virgil Derthick in 2010 was a sad occasion for everyone who knew and loved them. And it was also the passing of an era for Mantua Center Christian Church

Virgil and Leone were the last of our church's greatest generation. Along with their spouses (Ella and Ted), and the Mantches, Algers, Klimeks, Hurds, Corbetts, Hirschmans, Converses - all formed a core of families starting that were stalwarts of the church for many years. They even had their own Sunday School class for many years, called the "Come Double" class.

Just as our church experienced in the 1830's - due to the "Mormon Defection" and having numerous members leave to start other local Disciple congregations - there was a real question in the 1930's if MCCC could survive the Great Depression. However, through their faith, leadership, and commitment, these families grew MCCC in the 1940's and 1950's into a vibrant and active congregation.

Both Virgil and Leone attended MCCC their entire lives - he was baptized in 1922, she in 1929 - and were very active in all aspects of the church. There is nothing about MCCC today that the two of them didn't touch in some way.

As we reflect on the year just passed, let us remember and honor the legacy of these two faithful members.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Hurd, Historian

Outreach Ministry Team Report

God put us here to serve one another, including those outside our own walls. The Outreach Team is here to encourage and support Mantua Center Christian Church in reaching out to the broader community, in keeping with the core values of the congregation and the Disciples of Christ.

Groups and endeavors included in MCCC Outreach are: Over the Hill Dinners, Loaves and Fishes, Furniture Ministry, Ohio Womens Ministries, Story Time, Quilts for Causes, Prayer Shawls, and Mission Trips.

Other endeavors regularly supported by MCCC, but not under congregational control, include the 4C's, SMILE, Books for Troops, The Hiram Farm, and the National Benevolent Association of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

OVER THE HILL GANG dinners have continued on the second Wednesday of each month from March through November, attended by seniors from the community at large as well as members of our congregation. Attendance has been down considerably from previous years, though meals continue to be a pleasant social time for those present. Ruth Anne Ruehr has done the organizing for several years, and many members faithfully donate food. Ruth Anne is requesting to be relieved of this responsibility.

THE FURNITURE MINISTRY, started last year by Tim Bennett, has continued and grown. Used furniture in good condition is collected and delivered to persons in need. Several local families have been helped, and a connection has been made where items, not needed locally, can be taken to Akron for distribution.

OUTREACH TO YOUNG FAMILIES. On most Thursday mornings during the Crestwood school year MCCC's preschool story hour is attended by about 16 to 20 children and their parents, most of whom are not MCCC members. Christin Delaney leads STORY TIME, with help from Roger and Linda Hurd, Jamie Brown and several Hiram College students. During 2010 Tammie Habbyslaw initiated MOVIE NIGHTS for pre-school and elementary age children and their parents. While not on a regular schedule, these have been well received and attended by MCCC families as well as some not otherwise involved.

PRAYER SHAWLS are handmade items meant to comfort members and friends of the congregation who are ill. This project is spearheaded by Janet Nichols and crocheted, knitted, and quilted items have been contributed by many members of the congregation. Many who have received these items are very appreciative of the tangible reminder of the care of the church family.

LOAVES AND FISHES is a free meal open to all in the community, usually held on the last Thursday evening of the month. A large group of volunteers, headed by Chris Gerez, serve restaurant style meals to 50 to 60 people each month. Church members usually contribute desserts, while the main meal is purchased and prepared by the committee. Sufficient cash donations have been received to make this a self-sustaining ministry. A re-organization is taking place, as Chris has taken on other responsibilities and cannot continue to carry the primary responsibility for Loaves and Fishes.

OHIO WOMEN'S MINISTRIES (OWM) uses funds raised from Over the Hill Gang dinners, donations from funeral dinners, and other fundraisers to support our outreach efforts. The money raised in 2010 has not yet been disbursed.

FUNDRAISING QUILTS. Quilts made by Ellie Monroe and Nora Brant have been raffled to raise money for many causes. Nora's annual "Meghan's Quilt," in memory of her daughter, made a record \$3,292 in 2010, which was matched by Outracing Ovarian Cancer and provided certification scholarships for three oncology nurses and over \$5,000 to University Hospitals Ovarian Cancer Research Fund. Ellie's fourth annual 4C's raffle quilt garnered \$1,800 - her best yet. She also made quilts for SMILE, Crestwood Band, and Mantua Revitalization Committee. Checks from customers in exchange for Ellie's long-arm quilting services were made out to MCCC's mission fund, The Hiram Farm, Books for Troops, and St. Jude's Hospital, for a total of nearly \$2,700 donated to all causes.

2010 NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIPS. During three weeks in February and March, 54 adult members of local congregations went to New Orleans to help with Katrina recovery, thru the West Side Mission Center. MCCC was joined by members of Hilltop, A Brighter Day, Hiram, and Stow Disciples churches, and Parkman Congregational Church. Most folks went for just one week, but Phil and Marie Derthick came from Florida and stayed for two. We worked together on rehabbing both interior and exterior of one home and an apartment building, painted and floored the interior of another apartment, and continued fixing up the interior of a church we worked on last year. It was hard work, but we felt amply rewarded by the gratitude of the community.

BEYOND THE USA. In response to the great need caused by the earthquake in Haiti in January, MCCC followed the Church World Service guidelines to gather items for over 100 hygiene or baby care kits, which were assembled one Sunday during the Sunday School Hour and sent to CWS for distribution. One Sunday in early June we had the rare privilege to have MAMAN NZEBA of the Republic of Congo in our pulpit to tell us of her ministry to Congolese women there whose circumstances are almost unimaginable. We sent an offering with her and are seeking other ways to help. MCCC member Amy Gopp, Executive Director of the Week of Compassion, brought her to us.

GIFT OF LOVE. A new fund has been started to provide help to MCCC members in need. Donations are being accepted for Gift of Love, which will be available for confidential dispersal at the discretion of the pastor. Peggy Painley has done two fundraisers with her "It's Just Jewelry" business, one netting \$200 for Gift of Love, and the other providing \$300 for Week of Compassion.

JODI BLANKENSHIP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND. In September a fundraiser was held at Mike and Pat Hoskin's "New Barn," to benefit the Jodi Blankenship Memorial Scholarship Fund. With the help of family and friends, \$2,300 was raised for the fund.

OTHER OUTREACH. Many members of MCCC worked at the DERTHICK'S CORN MAZE in exchange for Derthick's donation of 10% of proceeds to SMILE, which provides help and scholarships to single moms. Several participated in the CROP walk. Cal Brant collects used clothing to deliver to St. Herman's shelter for homeless men in Cleveland. Tom Monroe continues to buy paperback books and mail them to deployed troops; MCCC provides postage for mailings to one service member. Three members helped with a local Habitat for Humanity house, and several have helped at the Hiram Farm. Volunteers have helped two church

families with needed home repairs and built a handicap ramp for a family in Auburn. Special offerings fund national efforts like Week of Compassion. Our youths' mission trips and outreach should be described in their own report.

Respectfully submitted,
Ellie Monroe, Co-Chair

Ohio Women's Ministries (OWM) Report

Beginning Balance - January 1, 2009		\$2,115.32
	Income	Expenses
Camp Christian		\$250.00
Safer Futures		\$100.00
4-C's		\$400.00
Cleveland Christian Home		\$250.00
New Orleans Mission		\$612.00
Bags	\$275.00	
Funerals	\$698.85	
Food/supplies		\$293.07
Over the Hill Gang Meals	\$1,560.63	
Supplies/food for Other The Hillg		\$70.93
Rummage Sales	\$165.26	
Streakless - fundraiser	\$110.00	
Ordered Streakless		\$68.58
	<u>\$2,809.74</u>	<u>\$2,044.58</u>
December 30, 2009 ending total	\$2,880.48	

Youth Report

Chi Rho (Junior High)

We've been having lots 'o fun with Chi Rho United. We meet every two weeks and rotate between MCCC, Hilltop & Hiram (or outside activity). So far, we've had 2 lock-ins. Attendance ranges between 5-15 kids at each get together. We have a heritage trip tentatively planned for April 9-10th to Cane Ridge, KY. I believe Roger McKinney will be heading this up. Pastors Chad, Jeff, & Roger have been very helpful in promoting Chi Rho United and "playing" with us. Many of the kids will bring a friend, so it's been great to see new faces...some actually come back! It's mostly about "playing", but our representatives from each church, Grandin Rushlander-Hilltop, Kelly Blon-MCCC, and Amy Morton-Hiram, prepare 5-10 minute devotionals. The kids keep in touch with each other through email or thru our Facebook page. Our schedule is located on the MCCC website under the Youth/Chi Rho menu link. *"Chi Rho United brings middle schoolers in our community together for fellowship with others who share the same values and want to have fun in a safe environment."*

Date	Time	Where	What
September 26	5:30-7:00pm	MCCC	Kickoff - Ice Breaker, Cereal Mania, register for CROP Walk
October 3	12:00pm	Hiram	CROP Walk Meet at Hiram Christian Church for a light lunch and then walk at noon.
October 10	5:00-8:00pm	Hilltop / Derthick's	Meet at Corn Maze If raining, we'll go to Hilltop \$8 maze/ \$5 food/drinks
October 24	5:30-7:00pm	Hilltop	Surprise!
November 5-6	11/5-6:00pm 11/6-12pm	MCCC	Leaf Rake / Lock In 6pm lock-in leaf rake @9:30-12:00pm, boys - snack, girls - drinks everyone \$2 for pizza, rock band on big screen, movies, gargoyles
November 21	5:30-7:00pm	Hiram/Hiram College	Click, Grab & Get Hunt Scavenger Hunt Bring digital camera if you have one
December 5	5:30-7:30pm	Hilltop / SkyLane Bowling Alley	Bowling - SkyLane Bowling in Garrettsville \$10/person - 2 games +extra food \$
December 19	5:00-7:00pm	Hilltop	White Elephant Gift Exchange Bring an unwanted item from around the house for a gift exchange.
Wed. 12/29- Thurs. 12/30	11/29 6pm - 11/30 10am	MCCC	Lock In boys - snack, girls - drinks everyone \$2 for pizza, rock band on big screen, movies, gargoyles

In July, Danny Magyarics and Justin Vaughan attended Chi Rho camp Portahoga. A first-time and memorable experience for them both.

CYF (High School)

We kicked off the year in the high school class with our annual trip to Arabica Coffee House to warm up and enjoy some fellowship, sugar and caffeine.

The CYF United again presented a drama for Maundy Thursday titled "Take My Cup". The youth portrayed teens dealing with troubles in their lives. They take these cups of suffering to Jesus who tells them: *"I cannot take it from you, nor can our Holy Father. We take our burdens to our Lord, not to have them taken away, but to share our burdens with him. The suffering you experience in life is not in punishment for your sins. It strengthens you and it is a part of what it means to be human. But it is in those most difficult times, in those broken places, that we can learn the most, we can grow the most and we can come closest to God - if we allow him to fill our cup with his peace, love and grace."*

The 2010 mission trip was to Campbell County in the Appalachian region of Tennessee. This was in conjunction with Appalachian Service Project (ASP). The CYF United spent much of the winter and spring planning, raising funds and raising awareness for the trip. Some of the fundraising activities included:

- Bake sales for the Weekend College students at Hiram College
- Helping with the Kiwanis Spaghetti Dinner
- St. Patrick's Day dinner
- Dinner at Gerry's Down Under in Hiram
- Car wash

Some activities we did to prepare:

- Building skills obstacle course - proper tool use, safety, and practice measuring, cutting, nailing etc.
- An activity where we were given copies of actual applications to ASP and had to decide who would, and would not be helped. A powerful exercise in realizing the great needs in society.
- An activity to simulate how people who are economically disadvantaged have to make decisions on how to spend their limited money. We had to decide where money would be spent - medical care, medicines, food, shelter, home repairs, vehicles etc. A frustrating but realistic look into difficult decisions some people have to make to survive.

The trip took place June 12th to 19th. There were 18 youth, 6 adults and 4 college students who participated. Participants from Mantua Center were: Sammi Vaughan, Sam Roubic, Alex Hurd, Phil Hurd, Allison Hurd, Conner Schabel, Alyssa Schabel, college student Leanne Painley and leaders Brian Hurd and Rick Painley. Aside from work projects, we interacted with the community, played together and enjoyed a fulfilling and moving experience in service to others.

In June, Allison Hurd, Phil Hurd and Lauren Painley attended CYF conference, a highly spiritual time for all.

Several youth attended the CYF Mid-winter retreat at Westlake Christian Church.

Service projects included 4-Cs food collection, work at the Hiram Autism Farm, and community leaf-raking. We also heard from Erin McKinney who spent 2 years as a Disciples missionary in the Dominican Republic.

Fun activities included a bonfire, a photo scavenger hunt and a formal Christmas dinner/dance, and lock-ins.

Our Higher Education Sunday gave our College youth a chance to speak about what they are doing and to thank the congregation for the Cann/Converse scholarships they have received.

Respectfully submitted
Brian Hurd and Rick Painley
Co-Leaders

Community Ministry Team Report

After a very productive start to the newly re-formed Community Ministry Team in 2009 - introducing our website, putting together our pictorial directory, and developing our new slogan, to name a few accomplishments - the CMT focused on programs and activities to engage the congregation in 2010.

- We started the year in January with a potluck meal and visit from our old friends, James and Lucretia Garfield, portrayed by Ed Haney and Debbie Weinkamer. They presented a program (in character and period costumes) about their formative years in the Hiram area, recalling their experiences at MCCC where James preached and Lucretia's parents were founding members. They also enjoyed reminiscing about the "good old days" with Pat Magyarics.
- In March, the CMT hosted a line dance at the Civic Center before a CYF Fundraiser dinner, where we learned some high energy Camp Christian and 4-H Camp dances. We all enjoyed "bustin' a move" on the dance floor - and luckily, no one busted a hip.
- Our annual canoe trip down the Cuyahoga River was another success in July - over 30 people leisurely paddled down the river on a beautiful Sunday afternoon. There was only casualty - somehow, we forgot to tell Leanne Painley that is unwise to stand up in a moving canoe when there are low-hanging tree branches.
- The Fall Classic - our annual Baseball with the Babes softball game - was another event that was well attended, as the church team extended their win streak in a hard fought game over the Babes, due to the hitting and fielding of those Hoffman Girls - who are obviously using this event to tune-up their skills for the US Olympic Softball Team tryouts.
- Brian and Dottie Summerlin again played gracious host to us for the annual Christmas party in December - complete with the "ooh's and ahh's" that come with the gift exchange and sharing of some great food.
- We wrapped up the year with Christmas Caroling - "freezin' for a reason" by trudging through the snow to bring holiday cheer to some of our shut-ins. We hope to grow this event in future years, since it can be a most gratifying and meaningful event of the Christmas season, bringing a smile to our friends who are unable to worship with us during the Advent Season.

In addition to these events, the CMT continued to update and add content and features to our website (www.mantuacentercc.org), thanks to the efforts and talents of Carol Magyarics.

We were also fortunate enough to recruit two new members to the CMT - Robyne Friede and Patsi Gast - and we look forward to their participation as we plan an active and fun-filled 2011 of building a true sense of community at MCCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Hamlin, Carol Magyarics, Katie Baird, Patsi Gast, Robyne Friede, Diane Johnson, and Steve Hurd

Trustee Report

The major work for 2010 involved repairs, upgrades and maintenance to the parsonage and sanctuary building and grounds.

- As a result of heavy snow and ice accumulation, the rear gutter and some siding was torn off the parsonage. A heavy ice block also damaged the air conditioning condenser. Some temporary repairs were made and bids for the repair were solicited. The siding, soffit and fascia were repaired. Seamless gutters were installed front and rear, and the downspouts were rerouted to direct rainwater away from the house. The air conditioning unit was also repaired. The net affect was a general upgrading of the system to handle snow and rain at the parsonage.
- The outside oil tank at the parsonage was found to have a slow leak. This gradually became more severe. This leak was from the inside, abetted by water condensing in the tank. A new tank was purchased from the oil supplier and installed by Davis and Sons. The new tank is now firmly mounted, vented and connected to the furnace. It should be viable for many years.
- A new stoop and stairs was constructed and installed at the back of the parsonage leading from the garage to the yard by Mike Hoskin.
- Several of the door latches and handles in the hall at the front of the fellowship area were repaired or replaced.
- Allen Korner and Don Baird installed a digital lock on the church office door. This can be reprogrammed so that we need not worry about missing or unaccounted for keys.
- The railing from the sanctuary to the fellowship hall came loose and was repaired by Mike Hoskin.
- Brian Summerlin repaired the front stairs to the fellowship hall.
- Several classrooms and halls were repainted.
- The small light in the hall leading to the kitchen suffered problems and was replaced.
- The furnace for the downstairs of the addition failed and was repaired.
- Subsequently, routine maintenance was performed on all the church furnaces and yearly maintenance was scheduled. There is an inherent problem with the exhaust system for the furnaces in the classroom addition. We have estimates for replacement and it is an expensive fix. The board will need to consider what action to take.
- The storage shed at the rear of the church was cleaned and reorganized by Mike Hoskin and Don Baird.
- With much volunteer labor the meditation garden was begun and is now in good shape.
- A trellis for the meditation garden was constructed and installed by Mike Hoskin.
- A new fee schedule for the use of church facilities was created and published with the assistance of Peggy Painley.

Trustees: Don Baird, Mike Hoskin, Randy Alger and Brian Summerlin
Adjunct: Allen Korner

Respectfully submitted,
Don Baird

Church Leadership 2010

Pastor: Chad B. Delaney

Board Chair: Len Malotte

Board Vice Chair: Don Baird

Church and Board Secretary: Peggy Painley

Music Director and Handbells Director: Jennifer Joiner

Ministry Intern: Laurie Metzko

Commissioned Minister: Len Malotte

Organist: Janet Nichols

Nursery Attendant: Lori Collins

Treasurers: Roger Hurd, Peggy Painley, and Jay Schabel

Custodians: Linda Hurd, Roger Hurd, and Pat Magyarics

Trustees: Don Baird, Mike Hoskin, Brian Summerlin, Randy Alger, Allen Korner

Elders: Kathy Alger, Katie Baird, Tim Bennett, Brian Hurd, Roger Hurd, Sue Hurd, Len Malotte, Kathleen Miller, Ellie Monroe, Lauren Welch, Sue Wright, and Joy Wyatt

Sunday School Teachers: Chris Gerez, Brian Hurd, Carol Magyarics, Paul Magyarics, Len Malotte, Lauren Metzko, Rick Painley, Beth Schabel, and Carol Srajer

Deaconates Preparing: Lisa Bennett, Carol Buzbee, Karla Collins, Patsi Gast, Dick Hobson, Linda Hobson, Pat Hoskin, Linda Hurd, Lori Hurd, Eileen Kinter, Carol Magyarics, Laurie Metzko, Norma Meyer, Wayne Meyer, Kathleen Miller, Joan Siman, Tracy Strong, Nancy Tafel, Claire Tayler, and Robin Vaughan

Deaconates Serving: Randy Alger, Lisa Bennett, Alex Hurd, Dan Hurd, Lori Hurd, Carol Magyarics, Paul Magyarics, Vic Magyarics, Roy Mayfield, John Metzko, Laurie Metzko, Wayne Meyer, Rick Painley, Morris Pengilly, Jay Schabel, George Srajer, Tracy Strong, Kevin Vaughan, and Robin Vaughan

Worship and Christian Education Ministry Team: Rick Painley, Chair

Center Support Ministry Team: Don Baird, Chair

Community Ministry Team: Katie Baird and Steve Hurd, Co-Chairs

Elders and Shepherding Ministry Team: Kathy Alger, Chair

Outreach Ministry Team: Pat Hoskin and Ellie Monroe, Co-Chairs

Pastoral Relations Committee: Tim Bennett, Brian Hurd, Ellie Monroe, Jay Schabel, and Carol Srajer

Ministry Intern Committee: Nora Brant, Rick Painley, Sue Wright, and Joy Wyatt