

**THE 2010 YEARBOOK
OF
ANNUAL REPORTS
FOR
THE YEAR
2009**



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Agenda for Annual Congregational Meeting

Grace

Catered Dinner

Singing

Transfer of Gavel (in absentia)

Recognitions

Thanks to Outgoing Board Members

Thanks to Outgoing Officers

Welcome to Rev. Denise C. Long

Business

Review of Minutes of Congregational Meetings in 2009

Adoption of 2010 Budget

Report from the Capital Campaign Committee

Other New Business

Adjournment

Benediction

Minutes of Congregational Meetings

Meeting on January 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Beth Schmidt, 2008 moderator of the church council, who handed the meeting over to Emmett Floyd, the 2009 moderator.

Dan Kuhn presented certificates to the past members of the Church council and the Boards, thanking them for their service. A certificate was presented to Beth Schmidt, Moderator and Sherri Reynolds, Treasurer. Certificates were also presented to the following:

Christian Education: Glenda Crawford, Wes Reynolds, Jr., Shelley Sheldon
 Deacons: Larry Crawford, Katherine Floyd, George Troxler, Suzanne Lucier,
 Evangelism: Jean Toms, Linda Brown, Tom Powell
 Missions: Emmett Floyd, Lou Harper, Marianne Smith
 Trustees: Bill Blanchard, Phoebe Harrison, Leo Lambert

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2008 congregational meeting was made by Dolores Truitt and seconded by Steve Stiegel. **The motion carried.**

Action on 2008 Budget Surplus

The Trustees voted to use \$15,000 for the organ cleaning. They also voted to repay Marianne Smith for advancing \$1200 towards the purchase of the car for the refugee family. The council had previously approved the money for the organ repair. The remaining excess would be put into a Facilities Reserve fund. **A motion to accept these recommendations was made** by Mike Mayes and seconded by Louis Wilkins. **The motion carried.**

Dan Kuhn reported that in 2008, 13.8% of the total income of ECC was given for outreach programs, including Our Church's Wider Mission; local missions Loaves and Fishes and Allied Churches, the Good Samaritan Fund, and the Refugee fund. He also reported that Jo Grimley has come in and spent a lot of time helping get the financial books in order for the end of the year.

Dolores Truitt acknowledged Dan Kuhn for his leadership.
 Attendance: 74

Bob Knowles closed the meeting with prayer.

Meeting on June 8, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Emmett Floyd, Moderator

Bill Blanchard came forward and informed the congregation that at the March council meeting, it was decided that a 65% majority vote, instead of a simple majority, should be received for continued progress of the program. **A motion to receive a 65% positive vote for continuation of the program was made** by Bill Blanchard and seconded by John Truitt. **The motion carried.**

Emmett Floyd made a second statement to thank the members of several committees for

the past few years' of effort. He stated that the congregation owed them a great vote of gratitude for devotion and hard work.

Prior to the congregational meeting, Dan Kuhn and Emmett Floyd received a letter from Leo Lambert, President of Elon University, regarding the potential joint venture. The Council felt that the letter should be read to the congregation. The letter reads as follows:

“Dear Dan and Emmett,

As I hope you understand, the Elon Community Church Visioning Committee, Chaplain McBride, many church leaders and I approached the concept of an Elon Community Church-Elon University partnership to construct a new multi-faith spiritual life center and replacement of the parish house with good intention. It has become clear, however, that we are far from consensus as a congregation that this is the right direction for the church, even if a majority was to approve moving forward. The recent announcement by the co-chair of the building committee that he is no longer in support of the project also raises serious questions about the prospect of a successful partnership.

As I explained to you on the telephone, even if the congregation votes to extend an invitation to Elon University to join with them on this project, it would now be difficult for me to honestly convey to my Board of Trustees that this partnership as originally envisioned appears workable. Given the above, and as a member of the congregation, my own personal view is that conducting a congregational vote could be counterproductive in the long run in that it will serve to formalize the division among us. Instead I would recommend that the University proceed with its own planning for a multi-faith center, and that the congregation plan for its future as it best determines, with hopes that a spirit of Christian goodwill and collaboration will continue between the church and university.

The decision to conduct a vote or not rests entirely upon the wisdom of the Church Council and the congregation.

Yours very sincerely,
Leo M. Lambert
President”

Following the reading, Emmett requested questions from the congregation. No questions were asked, and voting commenced. All members and associate members present were given a ballot. Earl Danieleley, Zo Tanczo, Bob Knowles, and Betsy Stevens counted the votes.

The votes were recorded as follows:

Votes for 69

Votes against 64
Abstain 1

Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Sheri James, Council Secretary

Meeting on July 12, 2009

The congregation of Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ, met for a called meeting on Sunday, July 12 at 11:30.

Emmett Floyd, Moderator, called the meeting to Order and introduced George Troxler, who was spokesperson for the New Building Planning Committee.

Members were given a booklet with schematic plans for a possible addition to the existing building as drawn by Bill Moser, architect.

George Troxler gave an overview of the work of the committee: the needs of the church now and in the future. Bill Moser, architect, was asked to do drawings that included classrooms and a multipurpose room to replace the existing Parish House.

A power point presentation of the plans was presented by Bill Moser with an opportunity for additional information and questions from the members attending.

Motions presented from the Planning Committee were as follows:

1. Approve architect's drawings as a basis for a Capital Campaign.
2. Approve the Church Council's plans to conduct a Capital Campaign as soon as possible and report the results to the Congregation no later than November 2009.

Both motions were passed with majority vote.

Minutes by Dolores Truitt, acting secretary
(in the absence of Sheri James, Secretary for the Elon Community Church).

Membership Statistics

Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ

Members listed as of December 31, 2008:	243
Associate members as of December 31, 2008:	17
Members received during 2009:	16
Associate members received during 2009:	5
Members transferred to other churches:	9
Members deceased in 2009:	7
*Confirmed membership as of December 31, 2009:	224
*Associate Membership as of December 31, 2009:	16

*Elon Community Church's membership list was reviewed and adjusted to create a more accurate record of membership.

Church Office Hours in 2009

8:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday

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The Church Staff

Denise C. Long, Interim Minister
 Sharon Hammill, Minister of Spiritual Growth and Christian Education
 Bob Knowles, Director of Pastoral Visitation
 Monica F. Nicholson, Administrative Assistant
 Lori Watson, Finance Director
 Darla J. Bray, Choral Director
 Mark Rumley, Organist
 Betty Dillashaw, Bell Choirs Director
 Kenneth Sheldon, 8:30 Service/Media Coordinator
 Elizabeth Lewis, Nursery Care Director
 Biak Kam and Far Tin Sung, Custodians

Nominating Committee Report

Moderator:	John Truitt	Secretary:	Sheri James
Moderator Elect:	Glenda Crawford	Building Fund/History Room:	Melva Foster & Susanne Doolittle
Treasurer:	Bill Blanchard	Memorials Secretary:	Melva Foster & Sara Dodson
		Historian & Parliamentarian:	Earl Danieleley

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Board of Deacons

Jeffrey Coker	Linda Brown	Jerry Dillashaw
Marie Eyes	Marianne Smith	Fabian Lujan
Ray Pollard	Dick Rinker	Colleen Gutierrez

Board of Trustees

Vivian Bengel	Biff Brafford	Jim Starr
Bill Brown	Betsy Stevens	Mike Mayse
Millard Gold	Helmut Vogg	Billy Griffin

Board of

Barbara Eyes	Evangelism	Sherry Scott
Zo Tanczo	Heather Bateman	Dean Richardson
Dave Turnage	Kathy Sanford	Dolores Truitt
	Stephen Stiegel	

Board of Missions

James O. Brown	Robin Straka	Virginia Griffin
Doris Peery	Tom Powell	Gayle Pollard
Louis Wilkins	Linda Vogg	Ken Harper

Board of Christian

Education		
Beth Coker	Tanya Gold	Shelley Sheldon
Owen Schumacher	Marc Gutierrez	Amy Harrison
Betty Reynolds	Manda Stiegel	Holly Wroblewski

Pastoral Relations:

Ray Pollard	<i>(elected by the congregation)</i>	
Jane Moncure	Jean Blevins	(The Search Committee)
	Larry Crawford	

Nominating

Bob Kittinger	Committee:	<i>(elected by the congreg.)</i>
Louis Wilkins	Beth Wilkins	
Ethel Oakley	Bob Knowles	
	Lou Harper	

Endowment

Mike Mayse	Committee	
	Ray Covington	John Truitt (Moderator)
	Tom Powell	Emmett Floyd (Past Mod.)
	(Minister)	Bill Blanchard (Treasurer)

Budget and Finance

Paul Cheek	Committee	
Laurie Lambert	<i>(named by Trustees)</i>	(Treas. ex-officio)

Personnel

Chattie Byrd	Committee	
Marianne Smith	Jane Alexander	Katherine Floyd
	George Troxler	Ellie Ketcham

Stewardship

Suzanne Doolittle	Committee	
Katherine Floyd	Bob Kittinger	
Ray Pollard	Beth Schmidt	
	Wally Snyder	

Boy Scout

George Troxler	Committee	
	Fabian Lujan	Jim Brown

Fellowship Chair: Kay Elder

Flower Chair: Janet Mayse **Bereavement Chair:** Linda Vogg

Delegates to ENCA:

Delegates to Southern Conference:

Nurture Chair: Bob Knowles

REPORT OF THE MINISTER OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I have been truly blessed this year working in various programs with the children, youth, and adults. Some of the highlights and accomplishments of the year:

- January: 9 youth and 3 adults (myself included) ventured to the Annual Southern Region Ski Retreat at Blowing Rock Conference Center. We had a great weekend where we were engaged by Rev. "Da" to look at being "Peacemakers, and Overcoming Poverty."
- February: We kicked off KICK groups and met to make Valentines for the homebound members of the congregation. The Youth along with parents provided the annual Valentine Dinner Fundraiser. In February, I attended a Workshop on Children's Ministries at United Church of Chapel Hill.
- March: Led Family Night in Storytelling workshop and attended a class on Prepare/Enrich for training in pre-marital counseling in Hickory.
- April: Help to organize the Easter Egg Hunt and party after church on Palm Sunday. Organized the Youth Sunday and preached at Twin Lakes.
- May: Attended The Southern Conference Annual Gathering and helped to organize the Pentecost Sunday service and preached that Sunday.
- June: Attended services in Raleigh with Young Ringers performing and then went to Young Ringers Concert.
- July: I attended Carolina Cross Connection with five of your youth where we did mission work for the people in the communities around Wilkesboro, NC. It was a week not only of mission, but of fellowship, worship, and growing spiritually for all who attended.
- August: Participated in the ECC Music Camp by helping with Children's Choir and teaching drama. Also helped the Youth with organizing a Youth Sunday where they shared their CCC experience. Christian Ed sponsored a lunch after worship on August 30th.
- September: Participated in the Elon University Worship Fair, help organize the first Family night which was Game Night.
- October: The highlight of the month, along with Dan's retirement reception and roast, was our Halloween Party Family night where close to 70 folks attended.
- November: Took over some preaching and worship duties, participated in the Community Thanksgiving Service, planned Advent Workshop activities.
- December: Participated in Moravian Lovefeast, Nine Lessons and Carols, Preached two Sundays, planned and participated in the Christmas Eve Service.
- During School Year: Planned KICK group activities, and joined youth group activities.

Submitted by Sharon Hammill, Minister of Spiritual Growth and Christian Education

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2009

The word “eventful” seems inadequate to describe the year 2009 for our church. The retirement of our Senior Minister, Dr. Daniel Kuhn, who had served so faithfully and effectively for six and a half years caught many members by surprise. We continue and wish him and his family God’s richest blessings during his retirement years. With the devoted service of Sharon Hammill and the retired ministers in our congregation, the pulpit and pastoral care has continued in a fine manner. Also, our outstanding support staff, consisting of Monica Nicholson and Lori Watson, continue to serve us well. We now look forward to a fruitful year under our Interim Minister, Rev. Denise Long.

The members of our congregation have been remarkable in their faithful devotion to our church and the work of the Kingdom of God during this year. In addition to exceeding our budget, additional gifts made possible the new grand piano, the installation of new energy efficient windows, and the needed cleaning of our organ pipes. All of this made for an exceptional year of stewardship.

Also, our music and bells programs continued its outstanding ministry that blesses our congregation and community in ways that cannot be measured. Thanks to our talented and devoted musical staff!

The members of the Church Council have been a remarkably able and dedicated group who have led in a fine way. The boards and committees performed their functions in ways that blessed our church and community. It has been my profound privilege and pleasure to have served as moderator to this congregation.

As we move forward, I am grateful that we have not allowed the difficult vote taken in April, concerning a new parish house, to divide us in a fundamental way or mar the spirit of Christian fellowship which marks this congregation. We anticipate the report and recommendations from the feasibility study led by the Capital Campaign Committee concerning a new building. I am confident that under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, this church will move forward with vision and commitment. In the words of Tiny Tim, “May God bless us, every one!”

Submitted by Emmett Floyd, Moderator

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2009

<u>Income Received</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Pledged Income	276,666.00	285,587.00
Unpledged Income	28,000.00	30,282.00
Unpledged Plate Income	3,489.00	2,525.00
Church School Offerings	400.00	158.00
Initial Envelope Offering	55.00	31.00
Miscellaneous Income	300.00	0.00
Interest Earned	2,500.00	8,136.00
Sanctuary Fees	0.00	675.00
Facilities Usage Income	12,000.00	10,425.00
Sales Tax Refund	<u>1,200.00</u>	<u>1,474.00</u>
	<u>\$324,610.00</u>	<u>\$339,293.00</u>

2009 Income	339,293.00
2009 Expenses	<u>303,615.00</u>
	\$35,678.00

Account Balances as of December 31, 2009

General Checking	\$142,611.00
New Building Fund	\$256,601.00
Bost/Powell Endowment	\$49,960.13
Wachovia Money Market	\$2,617.89
Vanguard	\$5,646.32

Submitted by Bill Blanchard, Treasurer
and Lori Watson, Finance Director

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

Memorials have been given and acknowledged during 2009 for the following:

Josie Huey	Virginia Watterson	William J. Andes	Eleanor Fairfield
William P. Smith	Richard Orsvath	Cora Franks	Barbara Guerin
Pearl Smith	Michael Joyce	Ronald Fordham	Odessa Carter
Deanie Longest Lucas	Roland Longest	James Platt	

Honors have been received and acknowledged during 2009 for:

Mark Rumley	Darla Bray	Betty Dillashaw
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Memorials and Honors are gratefully received and acknowledged as fitting tributes to lost loved ones and friends. These gifts may be designated for special use. Otherwise, they will be placed into the Building Fund and used as deemed appropriate.

Submitted by Sara Dodson and Melva Foster,
Memorial Secretaries

BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2009 REPORT

Our members in 2009 were Biff Brafford, Vivian Bengel, Bill Brown, Kay Elder, Millard Gold, Mike Mayse, Beth Schmidt, Wally Snyder, Betsy Stevens, and building maintenance supervisor Helmut Vogg. Mike Mayse was our chair, Vivian Bengel was vice chair, and Kay Elder our secretary. All of these people worked through the year to keep our buildings and grounds in good shape, and with Bill Blanchard, church treasurer, and Lori Watson, our financial manager, to keep our finances secure.

The following items were addressed in 2009:

1. Bill Blanchard worked with ACS and Jo Grimley to close the 2008 books, which were accepted by the board.
2. Vanguard Mutual Fund and American Mutual Fund monies were moved to the checking account earmarked as "Endowments" to protect the principal and provide optimal interest rates. The Building Fund CD monies at Capital Bank were moved to VantageSouth Bank.
3. Two credit cards were established with VantageSouth Bank, for use by the Senior Pastor and congregants.
4. A second checking account was established for the New Building Fund.
5. Richard Orsvath left a most generous gift of \$100,000 to the New Building Fund.
6. A car was purchased for our Burmese family.
7. 17 steps and a door were repaired in two stairwells.
8. Current church insurance policies were reviewed.
9. Trustees were joined by the Green Committee in raising money for the replacement of all the building windows (except the tall sanctuary windows) with energy-efficient ones.
10. Five phones were replaced in the church office; a computer was purchased for Sharon Hammill's office; a new office copier was leased, with the old one to be kept as back-up.
11. Grand piano was purchased for the Sanctuary. Tile flooring was installed under it to improve acoustics. The old piano was moved to the Parish House.
12. Refrigerator in Fellowship Room repaired; dishwasher in Parish House repaired.
13. Security cameras were purchased for outside doors.
14. Air conditioning compressor for the Fellowship Room and surrounding second floor rooms was replaced.
15. A rocking chair and new toys were purchased for the Nursery.
16. An increase in use requests for the Parish House by Elon University organizations resulted in the decision to only approve fundraising events that are philanthropic in nature.
17. Sanctuary ceiling painted following repair of a leak.

The Board of Trustees would like to thank you all, our congregation, for your continued support in these uncertain times. We have been able to meet all our obligations and to end 2009 in good financial standing.

Submitted by Vivian Bengel, Vice Chair

BOARD OF DEACONS 2009 REPORT

Linda Brown, Jeffrey Coker, Marie Eyes, Loudelle King, Margaret McTaggart, Dick Rinker, Marianne Smith, John Truitt, Beth Wilkins and Ray Pollard served as active deacons this year. Ray Pollard has been our chair and Marie Eyes has been our vice-chair.

Early in this calendar year the deacons engaged in a study of deacon duties and responsibilities with our pastor assisting. We utilized material from the United Church of Christ, material prepared by our pastor, and reflections on Biblical selections pertaining to our servant role. Time was spent at numerous monthly meetings reflecting on our experiences.

In addition to planning for our roles in both 8:30 and 10:30 services we have fulfilled other duties related to worship. Beth Wilkins has recruited and offered instruction to ushers, and Margaret McTaggart enlisted volunteers to serve as liturgists each Sunday. Preparation of the elements for communion and assisting the ministers in these services has been fulfilled by our deacons.

Deacons maintain a "Deacons in Care" ministry that seeks to include all families of the church in our concern. Throughout the year deacons have visited, sent cards, and ministered to homebound members on their lists.

Last year the deacons recommended that funds be allocated in this year's budget for cleaning and renovating the organ by the Casavant service center in Charlotte and we watched with interest as that work was completed under the watchful eye of Mark Rumley. We have also been pleased with the addition of the new grand piano that has been purchased and placed in the sanctuary.

With the retirement of our pastor, Daniel Kuhn, the deacons were assigned the responsibility of seeking a candidate to serve as Interim Minister to be approved by Church Council. A sub-committee of five deacons, Linda Brown, Jeffrey Coker, Ray Pollard, John Truitt and Beth Wilkins sought out, reviewed and interviewed potential candidates, ultimately selecting Rev. Denise C. Long to serve us with her interim pastoral leadership.

Submitted by Ray Pollard, Chair

BOARD OF EVANGELISM 2009 REPORT

- **A New Supply of Welcome Packets** was ordered, in **red**, instead of dark green, to make them more visible among the hymnals and other materials in the pews. The packets are now placed at the **ends of each pew**, instead of in the hymnal rack, to avoid crushing and dog-earring the packets.
- **Two New Banners** were purchased during 2009. One accommodates **spring events**, just as the fall-to-winter banner advertises holiday services and events in November and December. A new **general information** banner was designed and purchased, with up-to-date information about service and Sunday school times. The new banner is larger, large enough to fill the entire banner frame. The old banner filled only half the frame, and the corner grommets had broken and torn away.
- **An Inquirers' Brunch** was hosted by the Board of Evangelism in March. Dan Kuhn made a general presentation about the history of the UCC and ECC, and members added information and anecdotes to help to answer questions. Five of the people attending the brunch are now ECC members.

- **Exam Bags** are a spring finals week project of the Board. In May, small bags for Elon students, containing snacks and drinks (and a small, shiny stone this year with a note, "Moving mountains begins with removing small pebbles") were distributed. This year, we gave 25 bags during winter exams, too.
- **A Vitaliteam** was formed to promote vitality in ECC. The members of the team were ECC members who attended a regional UCC vitality workshop in Chapel Hill. The team encouraged all ECC members to be more proactive in welcoming visitors and getting involved in ECC activities. The most successful project was a slogan contest for all ages. First, second and third prizes were awarded with ECC hats.
- **New ECC Hats** were purchased by the Board of Evangelism after the last of the old supply were given as prizes to the winners of Vitaliteam's slogan contest. The new hats are given as gifts to graduating seniors who attend ECC services. Hats are also put in gift bags given to new members when they join ECC. Hats were made available to everyone for a donation of \$10.
- **A Banner Year** was sponsored by the Board. A small group of ECC members made banners by hand. Their banners, celebrating Easter, hung outside at the front of the church during the season
- **Roving Reporters** were recruited from among the youth. They interviewed ECC members and recorded what each liked about ECC. The quotes will be published in a small booklet in 2010.
- **The Homeless Shelter Meal** was prepared and served by Board members in August.
- **The University's New Worship Fair** was a project of the Board. We prepared visual aids, bags of goodies with information and pens, pencils magnets and invitations to ECC, and we took turns greeting and talking with the students who came by the ECC booth during the noon-hour event.
- **Who keeps up with the pencils and welcome packets?** Members of the Board took turns sharpening and replacing pencils and welcome packets as they do every year.
- **A Series of Outreach Programs** sponsored by the Board because in November with a free **Financial Planning Workshop** for young people and couples. A light supper was included, and child care was provided. Programs on other topics, all open to the community, are scheduled for 2010.
- **Hide it under a bushel?** The Board publicized church events and the activities and projects of other boards, committees and fellowships. We have as a priority publicized ECC's work in the world, formally and informally, through newspaper ads, yard signs, fliers and even walking sandwich boards.

Submitted by Zo Tanczo, Chair

BOARD OF MISSIONS 2009 REPORT

In 2009 we met our budget for contributions to local, national, and global ministries. We gave special attention to shelter and food for the homeless through Allied Churches, Loaves and Fishes, Meals on Wheels, and Caring Kitchen. We cooked and served the shelter meal once. Some of our members helped pick up leftover food at Food Lion and took it to soup kitchens. We asked church members for weekly donations of foods for Loaves and Fishes instead of monthly. We solicited monetary donations, emphasizing how far \$100 could go to feed people. We conducted the Crop Walk to raise money to feed the hungry.

Some of us gathered information on gleaning farm vegetables locally after the best crops had been harvested. Hopefully this will emerge next year as something the Mission Board can participate in.

We also gave strong financial support to Our Church's Wider Mission and Eastern NC Association of the UCC. Viewing some video episodes about OCWM helped us to understand where our money goes and who it helps. We raised money for a Habitat for Humanity house build through a ziti lunch and a bake sale. We also arranged for ECC volunteers to work on the build.

Missions Board introduced and took up four special UCC sponsored offerings during the year: One Great Hour of Sharing, Strengthen the Church, Neighbors in Need, Christmas Fund.

Linda Vogg continued as liaison to Special Fridays. She kept us updated on this successful service that pairs college students with special needs kids so that their parents can have some time off.

Mission Board continued to sponsor the Burmese family, assisting them in buying a car and sending the boys to summer camp and to scouts. The mother and father have jobs through the university and through ECC. We explored their moving to Elon, but they decided against this.

We conducted a pie sale and a square dance to help the Green Committee and the Trustees fund replacing church windows with new energy efficient ones.

The topic of the Sunday altar flowers was discussed. It was decided to inform church members of the options available that would enable redirecting funds to support feeding the hungry. This was featured in a *Torch* article.

The Missions Board resumed sponsorship of Christmas Cheer to provide Christmas gifts to families in need. Linda Vogg coordinated gathering and packaging of cookies for homebound church members and to raise money for the Good Samaritan Fund.

We put an article in the *Torch* in December encouraging people to give donations to charities rather than to give or receive unneeded Christmas gifts.

Thus it has been an active year, giving good support to many worthwhile ways of helping people in need. We take seriously Jesus' admonition to do this.

Submitted by David Andes, Chair

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 2009 REPORT

Board members for 2009: Beth Coker, Olga Griswold (Secretary), Colleen Gutierrez (Chair), Tanya Gold, Sharon Hammill (Minister of Spiritual Growth and Christian Education), Robert Knowles (Vice Chair), Sue Kuhn, Owen Schumacher, and Manda Stiegel

The Christian Education Board members met monthly (except for July) and stayed very

busy planning, organizing and providing food for youth fundraisers, ECC Music Camp, Sunday School Kick-off, and Family Nights. I would like to personally thank all the members of the CE board for their unselfish service and hard work. We have been blessed to have Sharon Hammill at ECC. She has provided guidance, organized Family Nights and KICK group activities, and has chaperoned youth and children at the Youth Ski Retreat, the Carolina Cross Connection mission project, and the Richmond Ringers Festival. This year we also honored Louis Wilkins who retired from teaching children's Sunday school after many faithful years of service. I wish to thank all the many church members and staff that are not on the Christian Education Board that have given of their time and talents this year to support our mission, but I especially want to thank Betty Dillashaw and Ken Sheldon for their untiring dedication to teaching the children and youth music, chimes, and handbells as a way to glorify God's name.

Activities/Supported ECC Christian Education Events by Month:

January	Youth Ski Retreat "Overcoming Poverty"
February	Souper Bowl of Caring Dinner for Allied Churches Valentine's fundraiser dinner with ECC youth as servers/entertainers
March	Family Night—March 4 Chili Cook-off—March 22
April	Easter Egg Hunt and activities—April 5
May	Pentecost Sunday church picnic at Beth Schmitt Park—May 31
June	Vacation Bible School—Cancelled
July	Carolina Cross Connections, attended by 5 youth—July 12-18
August	Music Camp refreshments/meals—August 10-14 Kick-off Sunday school celebration—August 30
September	Family Night (Game Night)—September 27
October	Family Night costume party/stone soup supper (80 Attendees)—October 25
November	Richmond Bellringer Festival for children and youth—November 13-14 Advent Sunday Workshop/Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser—November 22
December	Fellowship breakfast for young ringer families—December 6

Submitted by Colleen Gutierrez, Chair

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE 2009 REPORT

I appreciate all the work of the committee members as we planned for church dinners, a bake sales, and other activities.

January	Annual Congregational Dinner
May 1	Shelter Meal
November 19	We joined with the Green Committee for a Hymn Sing and Social. We provided ice cream and there was a bake sale.
October 18	We had a reception for Dan and Sue Kuhn as Dan was retiring from our Church. Lots of people helped with this reception. It was catered by Aramark.
October 23	A Roast was held for Dan with a great crowd attending. We celebrated the time he spent with us as our Pastor and wished him well as he entered retirement.

Submitted by Kay Elder, Chair

GREEN CHURCH COMMITTEE 2009 REPORT

The Green Church Committee continued to meet almost monthly, every meeting being open to anyone interested in attending. Our most basic function is to put into practice the stewardship of God's creation. We are one with all of life, and we seek to promote care of all life.

Education

We began, as usual, by informing ourselves. We shared our readings and our knowledge. We watched episodes from the *Renewal* video, describing how people from diverse religious traditions are responding to environmental crises. We watched and discussed the video *Earth the Sequel*, about how entrepreneurs are bringing innovations to combat global warming. We watched *Fighting Goliath*, about resisting the spread of coal-fired power plants. We went on to show this video and discuss it at a Family night program. We also promoted to the congregation the PBS Ken Burns documentary on the establishment of the National Parks.

We continued to display earth care information on the Green Church bulletin board in the church. We also continued the Green Church Suggestions in the weekly church bulletin.

Resources

One of our most important ongoing projects is gathering and publicizing creation care resources. We created a list of facilities that will recycle electronics. We placed this list on our new "Green Resources" page on the ECC website. We also collected used electronics and used alkaline batteries that we took to recycling centers. We publicized the Scrap Exchange in Durham and other recycling resources.

Church Action

We supported and promoted the ECC Farmers' Market. We also advertised the emerging Company Shops Food Coop.

We raised money for the purchase of energy efficient windows for the church by holding a square dance, a community sing/bake sale/ice cream social, and a pie sale. We also promoted funding the new windows in the bulletin and in the *Torch*.

We continued using the two composters at ECC, as well helping people learn what is appropriate to put into them. We published instructions for "greening" Meet & Greet, and we demonstrated how this could be done. We provided a recycling can for the social room.

Political Action

We wrote letters and emails and made phone calls to 1) support the establishment of firm rules to protect the Jordan Lake water supply; 2) protest the building of the Cliffside coal-fired power plant; 3) support effective federal climate control legislation.

We will continue to meet and seek God's guidance in loving creation by our actions.

Submitted by David Andes, Chair

WOMEN MINISTRIES 2009 REPORT

Women Ministries celebrated the activities that our women engage in all year round. Below is a brief summary of this year's activities.

Deepening our Faith Walk

This is a small support group for women 50 and over. A great bonding experience for all. The group meets each week.

Conversations of the Heart

This group is open to all women of the church; especially women who are working and/or have young children. Sue Kuhn was the previous leader, and Heather Bateman will coordinate this upcoming year. The group meets Sunday afternoons. *Becoming a Woman God Can Use-The Story of Esther* was studied.

Gifts of the Heart

School and health kits were sent to Church World Service. The kits are greatly appreciated all over the world. This group is led by Marianne Smith and Beth Wilkins.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Shawl Ministry delivers shawls and lap robes to Church members and friends who are in need of special prayers and comfort. Prayer blankets are also given to new babies in our church family. Betty Kircher is the coordinator.

Cindy Benson's Specials

Easter baskets were decorated and filled with homemade goodies to distribute to our homebound members. Christmas gifts were wrapped in a Gibsonville store while the money collected was given to Loaves & Fishes. Christmas baskets were also made for the shut-ins and distributed as various church groups went caroling.

Christmas Cookies

Many cookies were made by church members to help fill the shut-in baskets. Cookies were also baked by church members to sell by the tray before Christmas with the donations going towards the Good Samaritan Fund. Linda Vogg is the Coordinator.

Family Abuse Services

Donated supplies were received throughout the year; they are appreciated so much.

Soaring High Book Club

The book club meets every month, except July and August, on the 4th Monday in the Church Library. This year we selected the following: September—*Water For Elephants* by Sara Gruen, October—*The Shack* by William Young, November—*Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert, December—*Christmas Memory* by Truman Capote, January—*Three Cups Of Tea* by Greg Mortenson, February—*Song Yet Sung* by James McBride, March—*Tender At The Bone* by Ruth Reichl, April—*The Last Song* by Nicholas Sparks, May—*The Last Girls* by Lee Smith. Join us for the lively discussions. Katherine Floyd and Jean Blevins are co-chairs.

Ladies #1 Lunch Bunch

This is an informal noon lunch group that meets once a month. It's a fun opportunity to enjoy and bond with each other.

Submitted by Linda Brown, Coordinator

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2009 REPORT

The Women's Fellowship met monthly this year with two circles composed of thirty-three members. Morning Circle meets at 10:30 am in the church library and Evening Circle meets at 7:00 pm in the homes of members. The meetings are usually on the first Monday of the month. Anyone interested is invited to join either of the two circles. Our program emphasis for 2009-2010 is Luke's Gospel for the Poor.

At the General Meeting on March 2, 2009, Katherine Floyd gave an interesting timeline of the history and development of our Foreign Ministries. A DVD was then played by Ray Pollard, that showed Partners in Service, where Mary and Bill Ruth serve, and Lilies Among Thorns, which is our mission in Turkey, where Louis and Beth Wilkins served.

At the June 1, 2009 General Meeting the program was entitled "Nuggets of my Life" by Lucile Stone, which made her who she is today.

On September 14, 2009 at the General Meeting of the circles, Jane Moncure shared with us her spiritual life journey, which was very inspirational. Afterwards, Emmett Floyd gave us an overview of Luke's Gospel for the Poor, which we will continue to study this year.

We also participated in the celebrations of World Community Day, World Day of Prayer and May Friendship Day in cooperation with other churches in the area. In September, Marianne Smith received the Human Rights Award from Church Women United for her work with our refugee family.

The Women's Fellowship adopted a budget of \$2,297 which supports Educational Projects, OCWM, Service Projects, Good Samaritan Fund, Christmas Cheer, World Hunger, and Operating Expenses.

We prepared a meal for the homeless shelter, sent cards each month to homebound members, supported the work of Women's Ministries and supported other projects of our church. Cindy Benson and her volunteers wrapped gifts at Sherry's on Main in Gibsonville during the Christmas season and raised approximately \$300 to donate to Loaves and Fishes from the Women's Fellowship. Honor Awards were presented to Helmut and Linda Vogg, Bill Blanchard, and Louis Wilkins for their many hours of dedicated service to the church. Jean Toms, Linda Brown, Beth Wilkins and Katherine Floyd attended the Church Women of the Southern Conference retreat in June at Franklinton Center in Bricks, North Carolina.

Our officers are: Co-Presidents, Jean Toms and Kay Elder; Vice-President, Katherine Floyd; and Treasurer, Olga Griswold. Margaret McTaggart is chair of the morning circle and Beth Wilkins is chair of the Evening Circle.

Submitted by Jean Toms, Co-President

CUB SCOUT PACK 51 2009 REPORT

Fifty-nine boys: eight Tiger Cubs (first graders), twenty-five Cubs (second and third graders) and twenty-six Webelos (fourth and fifth graders) are members of the church's cub pack. Sixteen adults have provided leadership for the five dens that meet on Monday nights. Please express our appreciation to our den leaders when you meet them: Gwen and Nathaniel Terry, Tabithe and Don Fischer, Wylie Southern, Michael O'Brien, Theresa Small, Chris and Samantha Brokes, Scott Bennett, Joe Masdon, Libby Halacheff, and assistant cubmasters Smokey Bare, Joe Davis, and David McDonald.

This past April five graduating Webelos received the Arrow of Light, the highest

award in Cub Scouting. Four of these are now active in Troop 51 or another scout troop. We exceeded the national standards for rank advancement and for the percent of our scouts who participated in the summertime programs. Pack 51 received the National Summertime Pack Award and the Honor Unit Award for 2009.

Eleven Webelos Scouts and eight adult leaders and parents attended Webelos Resident Camp at Woodfield Scout Preservation near Asheboro and nine of our scouts participated in the Alamance District Twilight Camp. During the summer we visited the Lazy Five Ranch, a privately owned exotic animal park near Mooresville and attended Burlington Indians and Greensboro Grasshoppers baseball games. Other summer activities included a tour of Guilford Battleground National Military Park and a pool and pizza party at the Racquet Club.

Highlights of our year included our Genius Kit contest last January. Each scout built something from their "Genius Kit" (identical bags of the same stuff). Their creations were judged for artistic design, creativity and usefulness at our January pack meeting. Our annual Blue and Gold Banquet was in February; and our bike rodeo and safety inspection in May. We had a large attendance at our Spring Family camping trip at Woodfield in April, and our pack attended the October Alamance District Cub-O-Ree weekend at Woodfield. Most of our scouts participated in the Town of Elon's "Clean Sweep" (trash pick-up) on October 31 and helped light luminaries for the town's Christmas Festival at Beth Schmidt Park on December 3. Each den has had a service project during the year. Our pack sold Boy Scout Popcorn for the first time this year. It was a successful fundraising project thanks to David McDonald who chaired the Popcorn sale. Thirty-three of our scouts (and several sisters and younger brothers) rode on our float in the Gibsonville Christmas parade on December 12. At our December pack meeting each boy received a Raingutter Regatta Kit. They will build boats that they will race at our January pack meeting. During the year our dens have enjoyed many creative field trips and "Go See Its" including trips to the Elon Fire Department, the Town Council, the Burlington Airport, McMichael Science Center, the Elon TV Station and the student newspaper office.

We have had a great year! We appreciate the continued support of our pack committee: Jim Brown, Dan Kuhn, Henry Buckner, Mack Scott and Alton Trott. In addition to their work as leaders Chris Brokes has done a wonderful job editing our pack newsletter and Samantha Brokes has spent many hours maintaining our awards and advancement records.

Submitted by George Troxler, Cubmaster

MUSIC DEPARTMENT 2009 REPORT

Chancel Choir (directed by Darla Bray and accompanied by Mark Rumley)

- Average membership of 18 singers this year
- New members: Betty Griffin, Sandy Griffin, and Mary Ruth, when she is on furlough from Partners in Service
- Choral music for all Sundays except for June and July when choir members provided special music
- Choral music for the following special services/events: Lenten Service hosted at ECC, Moravian Love Feast
- Lessons and Carols on December 13 with music featuring ECC music groups assisted by guest musicians
- Employed five new Elon University undergraduate section leaders/soloists in Fall, 2009
- Enjoyed return of 2008 Elon University graduates as they came to visit and sing at ECC as guests

- Continued updating of the choral library system, purging old, outdated music as appropriate, replenishing worn / missing copies and purchasing several new anthems (have used all budgeted funds)
- Hosted a fund-raising recital for Elon University senior and Chancel Choir member, Gretchen Bruesehoff

Organist (Mark Rumley)

- Provided service music every Sunday and special services except for a few times during the year
- Continued to oversee maintenance of sanctuary organ and ECC pianos
- Worked in consultation with Southeastern Pipe Organ Services to perform thorough cleaning and minors repairs to the sanctuary organ during the summer months of 2009.
- Continues to recommend that a long-term organ maintenance fund be established for future routine maintenance and unexpected repairs to the organ console, pipe work, and other mechanically-related parts/operations
- Utilized the services of Jessica Van Ord and university students to serve as soloists and section leaders during the academic year.

Handbell/Chime Choirs (Betty Dillashaw)

- Four groups rehearsed weekly except for the months of June and July:
 1. Chime Choir - 13 children in grades K - 2
 2. Beginning Bells - 8 children in grades 3 - 6
 3. Young Ringers- 14 middle school and high school youth
 4. Chancel Ringers - 10 adults
- Music Camp for Grades K - 12 (40 children and youth attending; 47 adults assisting) held August 10-14
- Young Ringers provided music for two services outside of ECC: Vespers at Twin Lakes in March and worship service music for a Methodist church in Raleigh in June.
- Both Young Ringers and Beginning Bells traveled to Richmond in November to participate in the AGEHR Area III DiscoverRING Handbell Festival.

Mrs. Maggie Byerly, a professionally trained vocal musician, began directing the Children's Choir in October, and she will continue to direct this group of children in Grades K – 5/6 in 2010. Betty Dillashaw will assist her.

Ken Sheldon has served regularly as substitute organist when Mark Rumley has been away on personal vacations and business travel. Ken has also regularly provided music for the 8:30 a.m. Sunday service this year. In October, Ken's job responsibilities were modified to include media coordinator for the church and music director for the 8:30 AM worship service.

Due to ringers' health concerns and family obligations, the Bell Trio/Quartet disbanded this year, and Tom Turanchik is no longer a part of the music staff. He did, however, donate his services as an instructor during Music Camp.

The new Music Office is still in the process of becoming fully functional. A mirror is still to be installed, but a laptop computer is in place as is a printer donated by Dr. Larry Crawford. A mobile ladder and extra labels for choral anthem music boxes have been ordered and Marie Eyes continues to work to catalog all choral music.

All members of the music staff are grateful for the beautiful new Yamaha grand piano to use for worship in the sanctuary. The piano was purchased with funds donated by members of the congregation.

The ECC Music Team continues to work to coordinate with worship planning for music so that music enhances worship each week.

Submitted by the ECC Music Team — Darla Bray, Betty Dillashaw, and Mark Rumley

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP 2009 REPORT

The Men's Fellowship met every month during 2009 on the second Tuesday except for August, bringing together some 16 or so men for lunch, good fellowship, and the sharing of mutual interest and concerns. Different members presented reviews of a variety of books, including: *The First Christmas*, *The Shack*, *Come Home America*, *Under the Overpass*, and others. Pastor Dan Kuhn was our honored guest in October as he shared his recollections of his years of ministry at Elon Community Church and his optimistic outlook for the future of our congregation.

Several members of our group participated in the quarterly meetings of the Burlington Area UCC Men's Fellowship as well as sharing in the production and distribution of the world-famous Brunswick Stew, an annual project of the BAUCCMF, which provides scholarship assistance to graduating seniors from the various churches. Patrick Sheldon was a grateful recipient from our church. We also contributed to the Feeding Program of the Allied Church Ministries and to the Loaves and Fishes ministry.

Current officers of the group are Bob Knowles, President; Louis Wilkins, Vice President; and Emmett Floyd, Treasurer. All men of our congregation are cordially invited to join us on the second Tuesday of each month for fellowship and inspiration.

Submitted by Bob Knowles, President

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE 2009 REPORT

The Personnel Committee members were Jane Alexander, Chattie Byrd, Katherine Floyd, Marianne Smith, George Troxler and Dave Turnage. Katherine Floyd served as chair and George Troxler acted as scribe.

The Personnel Committee met four times during the year as a full committee. Various members assisted in the interviewing of candidates for the position of Finance Director and in evaluations of our staff, along with our pastor, Dan Kuhn, who was Supervisor of all staff members. Ken Sheldon was given new responsibilities of being Media Coordinator along with continuing as 8:30 Sunday Worship Coordinator.

Sherri Reynolds resigned as Treasurer due to a prolonged illness and we expressed appreciation for her assistance. Four candidates were interviewed for the position of Finance Director and Lori Watson was enthusiastically recommended, was approved by the Church Council and began her duties in March, 2009. She has been a very valuable addition to our staff.

Our Pastor, Dan Kuhn, retired as of October 23, 2009. Sharon Hammill, our Minister of Spiritual Growth and Christian Education, has very capably assumed many pastoral duties with help of the retired ministers in our congregation until an Interim Pastor could be secured. Monica Nicholson, Administrative Assistant, has assumed many extra office duties during this time and deserves our thanks for her cooperative spirit and efficiency.

Our music staff, Mark Rumley, organist, Darla Bray, choral director, Betty Dillashaw, bell choir director, and Ken Sheldon, 8:30 worship coordinator, continue to lead and inspire the congregation in worship experiences through their musical selections.

Bob Knowles, our Director of Pastoral Visitation, has provided strong leadership to a Nurture Group who regularly visits members who are ill or unable to attend services. Elizabeth Lewis, our nursery care director, has given faithful and loving care to our young children during Sunday worship services. Biak Kam and Far Tin Sung have done an excellent job of keeping up the physical appearances of our buildings. We thank them all for their service to our church.

Submitted by Katherine Floyd, Chair

HISTORIAN'S 2009 REPORT

At the annual meeting of the congregation on January 18, 2009, the Elon Community Church expressed appreciation to outgoing moderator Beth Schmidt and installed Dr. Emmett Floyd as moderator for 2009.

Dr. Daniel Kuhn retired as senior pastor at the end of October. A reception honoring his service as pastor was held on October 18. The Chat and Chow group held a roast for him on October 23.

The Rev. Sharon Hammill, and ministers from the church and the university community were invited as preachers during the period until the end of the calendar year. The Church Council invited the Rev. Denise Long to service as Interim Pastor beginning January 3, 2010. A search committee will be named to conduct a search for a senior pastor early in 2010.

The New Building Committee completed its work and reported to the congregation, following an affirmative vote (69 aye, 64 no) from the congregation to proceed jointly with the University with the building project it was agreed that the university and the church would proceed to plan to work toward a new building separately.

The pipe organ was cleaned and repaired (\$15,000). A grand piano was purchased for use in the sanctuary. All the windows in the church, except for the tall sanctuary windows, were replaced with more energy efficient windows.

Special offerings were received for One Great Hour of Sharing, The Christmas Fund, and Strengthen the Church, and support was given to Allied Churches and Loaves and Fishes. A group from the church participated in the CROP Walk. Several members participated in the construction of a Habitat for Humanity house. A bequest of \$100,000 was received from the estate of the late Richard Orsvath.

The Men's Fellowship met monthly during the year with a variety of programs presented, for the most part, by men in the fellowship.

Women's Ministries were very active throughout the year with two circles, the Shawl Ministry, the Soaring High Book Club, Conversations of the Heart, Deepening Your Faith Walk, Under the Parasol, and the participated in Church Women United.

A music camp was held in August with more than 40 children participating. The bell ringers program continued with several different groups. A group of the ringers performed at Avent Ferry UMC, attended a Raleigh Ringers concert, and participated in a handbell festival in Richmond, Virginia. Arrangements were made for stipends for some university students to participate in the choir and to perform during regular worship services.

A group of five youth and Rev. Sharon Hammill participated in Carolina Cross Connections.

A new building planning committee was named. After working with the architect, they reported details of a proposed building at a meeting of the congregation.

A committee was named to consider the possibility of raising funds for a new building. Prior to formulating plans for a possible campaign it was decided to employ the Winslow Group from Winston-Salem to conduct a feasibility study. Results of that study will be considered before plans are made for a financial campaign.

Submitted by Earl Danieleley, Historian

CHURCH RECORDS

Deaths – 7

William J. Andes
Barbara Guerin
Pearl Smith

Eleanor Fairfield
Richard Orsvath

Cora Franks
William Smith

Transferred - 9

Shirley Beyer
Eugene Grimley
Cheryl Linde

William Beyer
Jo Grimley

Callie Brown
Rollin Heinzerling

David Brown
Marcey Katterman

Weddings – 4

Matthew Clark Woody and Jennifer Lanier Rhodes, 5/16/2009
James Nolan Myrick and Tamala Janai Ratliff, 6/27/2009
Juan Antonio Gonzalez and Bethany Kathleen Wilson, 10/3/2009
James Dean Richardson and Amy Elizabeth Harrison, 11/21/2009

New Members – 21

Josie Forrest Rinker
Billy Griffin
Rebecca Hall*
Amy Harrison
Sherry Scott
Holly Wroblewski

Connie Gorthey*
Meredith Griffin
Ron Ingalls
Dean Richardson
Zo Tanczo

Larry Gorthey*
Sandy Griffin
Truby McBane*
Kathy Sanford
Ted Wheeler

Betty Griffin
Virginia Griffin
Jackie McHenry*
Don Scott
Brad Wroblewski

*Associate Members

Elon University Office of Institutional Advancement Annual Report of Endowments

Endowment/Scholarship Name: Elon Community Church Scholarship

Closing Balance as of May 31, 2009: \$26,924.58

**Church Attendance Record 2009
(For the 10:30 / 8:30 Service)**

Month	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Monthly Average
January	114/9	142/13	110/4	134/11		125/9
February	143/13	194/12	133/10	126/11		149/12
March	102/11	129/14	113/17	120/13	164/11	124/13
April	192/12+	233/11++	119/13	111/12		164/12
May	136/18	115/16	135/14	116/13	178/8	136/14
June	99/13	114/13	99/9	114/11		107/12
July	70/7	101/9	95/7	96/13		91/9
August	100/17	182/18*	175/28	121/18	128/11	141/18
September	130/13	135/14	118/15	322/12**		176/14
October	130/14	126/19	160/9	125/14***		135/14
November	143/10	107/8	114/9	123/11	115/10	120/10
December	152/7	174/8	91/6	113/7		133/7
					Total Average	133/12

Year	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Highest Attendance	288/37	361/12	277/40	249/27	292/35	322/28
Lowest Attendance	43/9	42/4	86/2	92/0	74/6	70/4
Average Sunday Worship	130/18.1	135.2/11.7	136.8/9.7	135/11	136/12	133/12

- * Elon University Football Sunday
- ** Elon University Family Weekend
- *** Elon University Homecoming Weekend
- + Palm Sunday
- ++ Easter Sunday

Ash Wednesday: 141

Christmas Eve: 159

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