

**Irvine United Congregational Church**  
**SPRING MEETING**  
**Agenda - Sunday, May 17, 2009**

Meeting Call to Order	Keith Boyum, Moderator
Opening Prayer	Dr. Paul Tellström, Pastor
Introduction of Parliamentarian	Rachel Dill
Establishment of a Quorum (73 members)	Michael Spindle, Administrator
Motion to Approve Agenda	Keith Boyum, Moderator
Minutes of Winter Congregational Meeting Minutes of Special Meeting of 3-15-09	Cheryle Arguile, Administrative Board Clerk
Treasurer's Mid-Year Report 2009	David Carruthers, Treasurer
Presentation of Suggested Bylaw Changes	David Schofield, Bylaws Task Force Chair
Motion to Approve Bylaw Changes	Keith Boyum, Moderator
Report from Ministries Board	Don Bjorklund, Ministries Board Chair
Report from Administrative Board	Lyle Norton, Administrative Board Chair
Update on Search for Associate Pastor	David Schofield, Search Committee Chair
Presentation of Slate of Leaders Motion to Approve Slate	Keith Boyum, Moderator
State of the Church	Dr. Paul Tellström, Pastor
Motion to Adjourn	
Closing Prayer	Dr. Paul Tellström, Pastor

# WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2009

The Winter Congregational Meeting was called to order at 11:50 AM by Moderator David Schofield.

Reverend Dr. Paul Tellström opened the meeting with prayer. Moderator – Elect Keith Boyum verified a quorum was present.

The Minutes of the spring 2008 meeting will stand as presented.

## **Financials – Treasurer David Carruthers**

Before discussing the 2008 budget, David explained the accounting procedures used by IUCC.

2008 Financials - The overall achievement was \$402,801 against a budget of \$411,600. However, the year ended in the black because expenses were under by \$7866.

The total assets of \$1,491,819 is virtually the same as the previous year.

Single largest liability is the long term debt of \$209,274 (Cornerstone Fund). This debt has been reduced by \$19,000 during the year.

The church also recorded other liabilities of \$54,585

Contributions to IUCC designated for special purposes was \$55,115

## Early Childhood Education Center

The Center exceeded their budget of \$391,338 by \$3138. However it is still in good shape financially with a net income of \$16,775 due to lower than budgeted expenses.

## 2009 Budget

At the time the 2009 budget was established by the Budget Committee, the pledges stood at \$312,000 (a 9% increase over 2008). However, since then, the pledge dollars have increased to \$320,000. The published budget is based on the \$312K figure. Due to the uncertain economic times we're now experiencing, the Treasurer is recommending the budget be considered/approved at the \$312K figure.

The expenses for 2009 include a 3% pay increase for all IUCC and ECC permanent staff members. Additionally, there is an add on item of \$25,000 to be used for expenses and compensation to be incurred with recruiting an associate pastor. This add on item will throw the budget into the negative, but with the additional pledged amount as a cushion, our finances shouldn't be impacted.

## 2009 Early Childhood Education Budget

Tuition and registrations for 2009 are down from 2008, but expenses have been pared back accordingly. The ECC should end up with a net income of \$1100 for the year.

David asked for questions from the congregation: there were several and he answered all of them. He then thanked the Budget Committee for their help in putting together the 2009 Budget. A member of the congregation called for David to be thanked for his hard work on behalf of IUCC.

Don Bjorklund moved we accept the 2009 Budget. Cindy O'Dell seconded the motion. The Moderator called for the vote and the motion carried.

**Moderator David Schofield made the following announcements:**

Lesley Wheland is the new Worship Chairperson  
Wayne Banwell is the new Congregational Rep to the Admin Board  
Suellen Rowe the Historian.

**Keith Boyum has been put forward as our new Moderator.** Carl Whidden moved we accept Keith Boyum as the Moderator. Ernie Fowler seconded the motion. The Moderator called for the vote and the motion carried.

**Report from the Moderator – David Schofield**

David thanked everyone at IUCC for their love and support.

**Report from the Ministries Board – Don Bjorklund**

Don thanked the current Ministries Board for their service and voiced his appreciation for all their hard work.

**State of the Church – Rev. Dr. Paul Tellström**

Paul started his report by commenting that IUCC was a progressive church in a conservative area and that we had very capable leaders. He then went on to explain that this past year, the Church leadership had studied Alice Mann's 'Churches in Transition – Growth' work and had come to the conclusion that IUCC is at the point where if they want to continue to grow, they must take a bold step, namely, to call an Associate Pastor. However, as this is a step that involves the entire church, two forums have been planned to address the questions and concerns the congregation might have.

The forums are scheduled for 2/8/09 and 2/22/09.

Paul then took and answered questions from the congregation.

**New Business**

Process of Calling an Associate Pastor – Keith Boyum

Keith explained the specifics of the process the congregation would need to adopt to call an associate pastor. Keith also mentioned that he will be proposing David Schofield chair the Search Committee.

The moderator called for any additional new business. There was none.

Doug Haynes moved we adjourn and Felicity Figueroa seconded the motion.

The moderator called for the vote and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Arguile/Clerk of the Admin Board

# SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Irvine United Congregational Church held a Special Congregational Meeting on March 15, 2009 in the sanctuary, for the purpose of determining how IUCC should proceed in forming a Search Committee for an associate pastor.

Church Administrator Michael Spindle confirmed a quorum was present.

Pastor Paul Tellström opened the meeting with prayer.

Moderator Keith Boyum called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. Don Bjorklund moved to accept the written agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The Moderator explained the purpose of a Committee of the Whole. Parliamentarian Rachel Dill moved "to consider informally the two optional resolutions presented in writing to elect a search committee". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously, which began the Committee of the Whole part of the meeting.

After discussion concluded, Rachel Dill moved "to Rise and Report". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Moderator Keith Boyum noted the consensus of the Committee of the Whole was to proceed with resolution option B. Walter Camwright moved "to adopt resolution option B as presented in writing". Cindy O'Dell seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

The Moderator introduced the seven people elected to serve on the Search Committee for an Associate Pastor:

Mr. David Schofield as Chair of the Search Committee; Ms. Cristina Arce-Jones, Mr. Richard Arguile, Ms. Anne Rosse, Ms. Kathy Saylor, Dr. Susan Sim and Ms. Marie Trout as regular members of the Search Committee; Rev. Ernest Fowler as Senior Adviser to the Search Committee.

Constance Cassidy volunteered to serve as an alternate for the committee, if needed.

Hearing no further discussion, the moderator asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Felicity Figueroa moved for adjournment and David Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 12:36 PM.

Pastor Paul Tellström gave the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Arguile, Secretary,  
Clerk of the Admin Board

# TREASURERS REPORT

FOR THE FOUR MONTHS THROUGH April 30, 2009

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Actual	Budget	Variance Pos. (Neg.)
<b>Net Income:</b>			
<b>General Fund</b>	<b>\$(11,500)</b>	<b>\$ (2,100)</b>	<b>\$ (9,400)</b>
<b>Early Childhood Center</b>	<b><u>(3,100)</u></b>	<b><u>400</u></b>	<b><u>(3,500)</u></b>
<b>Combined Net Income</b>	<b><u>\$(14,600)</u></b>	<b><u>(1,700)</u></b>	<b><u>(12,900)</u></b>

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

For the 4 months year to date our combined operations are running at a net loss of just under \$15,000 compared to a budgeted loss of \$5,200 for the year. At the end of March, we were only moderately worse than budget, with the loss arising mostly in April.

The Church's Income is only \$5,300 under budget year to date from Contributions and other sources but expenses are running ahead of budget by \$4,100 which results in a year to date net loss of \$9,400.

As for Expenses, compensation paid under Music and Office services are \$4,500 over budget year to date, as are Christian Ed and Music Committee expenses by \$1,100 and \$1,900 respectively. These overages are offset by savings in a number of other expense line items, netting down to a \$4,100 overage. Extra costs for guest musicians, special music and music substitutes during the Easter period, plus extra work in the office related to Easter services and the upcoming annual congregational meeting are all reflected in April's results.

Our long term debt with the UCC Cornerstone Fund of \$205,700 is \$33,700 lower than at this time last year. This substantial reduction comes from regularly scheduled monthly payments of about \$2,300, plus private individual contributions from some generous members of our church family. Of note too, the Administrative Board negotiated a cost sharing agreement with the neighboring Woodbridge Community Center last year and to date we have received \$7,800. These payments plus interest are being segregated on our Balance Sheet in a Capital Improvement Fund.

As approved by the Congregation at our January 2009 meeting, our Budget for 2009 includes a provision of \$23,300 for an Associate Pastor. To the end of April, \$7,800 of this amount has been provided for in the recorded expenses, but not paid out.

The Congregation continues to show its generous support of causes not part of our budget. To date this year, congregants have donated \$9,200 for such other causes. Members have also donated food, clothing and time.

Operating results year to date for the Early Childhood Center appear to reflect the tightened economic conditions being felt by young families in our community: Tuition fees and registrations to date are down \$10,700 from budget. However, the Center has tightened up on control of its expenses and they are running under budget by \$7,200 to date, reducing the loss to budget to just \$3,400. The Center bears all its own direct expenses. In addition, it reimburses IUCC for shared personnel and janitorial costs and, year to date, \$12,400 in lieu of rent and indirect overhead expenses.

The combined cash reserves of the Church and the ECC total \$238,400, of which \$111,800 are unrestricted.

Looking ahead, it should be noted that we now have pledges of financial support from congregants for 2009, totaling \$328,500. This substantially exceeds the \$312,000 approved in the budget presented in January. Expenses tend to spike each year in the Spring and can reasonably be expected to level off as the year unfolds. Even though the economy remains rocky, we have substantial cash reserves and additional pledges of support from our growing membership as we move ahead with our plans for 2009 and beyond.

The financial statements have been compiled without audit. IUCC follows a modified cash basis of accounting that we deem practical for a non-profit entity of our size. It does not conform to "Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" in certain respects, primarily the absence of recording depreciation of physical assets, and full accrual accounting. As well, debt service payments of both principal and interest are treated as expenses in the Statement of Income.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Carruthers, Treasurer

# PASTOR'S REPORT

“Thank You” to the very gifted people who stepped up and took leadership, and are now ending their term of service. Glenda Rynn, Tom Silk, Laura Kemp, Steve Goetz, and Cristina Arce-Jones—your time and talent are much appreciated. And, a special welcome to our new members today. Thank you for seeing in our church a place to live out your own unique Christian witness.

This continues to be an exciting time for me as the pastor of IUCC, and I hope it is for you as well. We are ready to chart some new waters together, and I confess that some of this is as new for me as it is for you, so I need your help. I want us to be a hands-on church where the pastor(s) and congregation continue to give good care to our members on a personal level. As we grow, this can be challenging.

Last year, our leadership retreat took on the study of “size transitions” in churches. Specifically, we looked at the difference between a “pastoral size church” (a church with 70-150 in attendance) and a “program size church” (a church with 200-350 in attendance). We also looked at the most difficult area to bridge—the “plateau size” of 150-200 in attendance. Bridging this gap means thinking differently.

Last year, we crossed over (barely) into being a “program size church.” This year, we find ourselves more squarely within the definition, as we continually maintain higher attendance.

So where do we go from here? How do we get to know each other and regain the sense of community that IUCC had when everyone knew each other's names? Are people coming to IUCC for the same reasons people came twenty years ago?

The answer to the latter question is, “yes,” and, “no.” Being a primary outlet in Orange County in which to live out a Progressive Christian message in an inclusive environment where questions are as welcome as diversity, is why people continue to be drawn to IUCC. Yet, the expectations newer members have of their church are different. In a larger environment, they will want to find a “niche” within an active group in the church in order to find a foothold and a community. This is where the word, “Program” joins who we now are—a “program church.”

At this year's leadership retreat on July 17-18, we will study how we can redefine how we operate in order to build programs and learn how to help our newer members assimilate with greater ease into the life of the church. Using materials from the Alban Institute with some ideas of our own, we will emerge with a new blueprint for incorporating and assimilating our members into the life of IUCC. Here is a snapshot of what you might expect to see:

- A full-time associate pastor, called to assist me and lead up programs for young adults and families, and supervise a youth director.
- A shift in Robinmarie's position to adult-education, special event/speaker programming, and workshops and retreats.
- Ministry teams: Each ministry of the church needs to have a committee of dedicated volunteers that meet on a regular basis.
- More lay leadership with staff support for programs in three areas: Education, Spiritual & Faith Development and Mission & Service. This will be reflected in an ability to find groups that are meeting on various nights of the week, with multiple groups available on Sundays.

- A regular “Forum” after lunch on Sundays or on a designated evening with special speakers on a variety of topics.
- Additional music at first service.
- The establishment of a program of planned giving, in order to ensure financial stability to a growing institution that represents what we believe is the most compassionate way being disciples of Jesus, while looking to IUCC’s future needs as we outgrow at least one of our buildings.

Summer is almost upon us! Let’s schedule some time for “Pastor Potlucks” after work in the playground and continue to get to know each other better!

Faithfully Yours,

Paul

# MODERATOR'S REPORT

I am not nearly alone in having – and enjoying – the sense that IUCC is *on a roll*.

Looking back, our opposition to Proposition 8 – something we found natural, a direct extension of our progressive Christian theology – amounted to a marker, a stake in the ground. Our position gave immediate meaning both to our open and affirming and to our justice-seeking identities, and has become a part of our calling card to communities beyond our campus. New friends often tell us that it has been a key reason why they have given IUCC a second look.

On that second look, then, IUCC has developed much that is attractive.

- New friends in the community can review our strong web site to begin figuring us out. Often, they see much to like.
- Trying out our Sunday morning experience, new friends can hear engaging messages from our pulpit, inspiring music, a smile-provoking children's time, and more. Typically, they are impressed.
- Taking just one further step of engagement, new friends can participate in our Christian education programs, advocacy and caring ministries, and our vital Fellowship program. Longer-term members are often crucial in encouraging that further step of engagement.

Our “results” tell us also that IUCC is *on a roll*. New member joinings are up. Worship attendance is up. Our choir loft routinely has few empty chairs. New opportunities to meet, greet, learn, support and work together are at hand.

Responding to a congregation *on a roll*, in March we adopted a resolution affirming our goal that IUCC's values be heard, known, and impactful in the communities of which we are a part. That directly implied that IUCC will embrace growth. And we embraced also the further implication: that in serving our current members, and in continuing to reach out, we seek an Associate Pastor.

Lay leaders, our fabulous staff, and every member of the congregation have, in consequence of this, a clear mission. It is first to catch our wave, and to enjoy the experience. It is second to help new members and brand-new visitors to gain and maintain a sense of this congregation: to help them learn, assimilate, participate, and become a part of *us*. In these ways we can actively cherish our own growth and engagement in the values that matter, and that – so importantly – we lift up at IUCC.

*Catch the wave!*

Keith Boyum, Moderator

# ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD REPORT

## Financial Matters

The 2009 Stewardship campaign, along with new members, produced pledges that exceeded our adopted budget by over \$16,000. However, our current year-to-date pledged income is below budget and expenses somewhat over budget. (See Treasurer's Report for complete details). The Admin. Board will continue to monitor our financial health as the economy slowdown unfolds.

## Agreement regarding Shared Parking with the Woodbridge Village Association (WVA)

A new agreement with the Woodbridge Village Association was signed and went into effect on 7/1/08. This mutually beneficial agreement permits IUCC and WVA to share our parking facilities and defined other related items, such as parking lot maintenance. The Admin Board voted to hold the payments from WVA in a special fund for Capital Improvements.

## Future Growth

The Administrative Board has approved the request to begin a search for an Associate Pastor to help meet the needs of our growing congregation. Assuming a successful search, our financial condition will be reassessed prior to asking the congregation for approval to call the selected candidate.

## General

IUCC has been blessed with a very capable group of individuals that constitute the Admin. Board. I want to thank them all for their valued participation this past year.

The Administrative Board meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in Plumer Hall, and the meetings are open to all. If you have any items that you would like to have the Board discuss, please contact me to have them added to the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Lyle Norton  
Chair, Administrative Board

Paul Tellström (Pastor)  
David Schofield (Moderator through 1/09)  
12/08  
Keith Boyum (Moderator from 2/09)  
David Carruthers (Treasurer)  
12/08)  
Cheryl Arguile (Administrative Clerk)

Cindy O'Dell (Congregational Rep.)  
Sandy Hamilton (Congregational Rep. through  
Tom Silk (Congregational Rep.)  
Wayne Banwell (Congregational Rep. from

# MINISTRIES BOARD REPORT

As each Ministry and Committee makes its own report there isn't much left over for the Board Chair to report. Most of the actual work of the Ministries is done by the Chairs and committee members of each Ministry. About all that leaves for the Chair of the Board is to try to run the monthly Board meetings somewhat efficiently and end them by 9:00 p.m. I don't always succeed, but I try.

Since there is so little else to report on, my report will consist mostly of thanking the Ministry and Committee Chairs and members for the great work they do throughout the year. They are a tireless and accomplished bunch and a real pleasure for me to work with on the Ministries Board. Thanks are due to the members of the Ministries Board that are leaving the Board at the end of this term. They are Glenda Rynn, Clerk; Steve Goetz, Mission and Service; and Laura Kemp, Hospitality. Thanks also to the Board members that have been at their posts for the past year, and have agreed to stand for reelection. They are Shirley Lorenz, Laity (which will be renamed Congregational Care if the bylaws revisions are passed); Felicity Figueroa, Outreach; Brian Percy, Fellowship; Randy Romine, Congregational Participation; Lesley Wheland, Worship; Suellen Rowe, Historian; Connie Jones, Music Committee Chair, Jennifer Bullington, Christian Education Committee Chair and Cristina Arce-Jones, Youth Representative. If the revised bylaws presented at the spring meeting are passed, we will have one new Ministry, Advocates for Peace and Justice. The Ministry of Community Fine Arts, which has not been active for a while, will be discontinued.

The kind folks that have agreed to be nominated for Ministries Board positions are Kathi Smith, Clerk; Karl Schiller, Mission and Service; Teri Olson, Hospitality; David Smith, Advocates for Peace and Justice; and Zach Haynes, Youth Representative. I look forward to working with all of them and have great confidence that the Board will not lose a beat for the next year.

This is an exciting time for IUCC, not only for the growth that we have had the past year, but also for the ambitious plans we have for the future, including the establishment of a Pastoral Search Committee to locate an associate Pastor. As a relatively new member of IUCC, I have been fortunate to have met and worked with so many active and committed members of the congregation, and all of its instrumentalities; the Administrative Board, the Coordinating Council, the Nominating Committee, the Budget Committee and the ad hoc bylaws revision committee (or task force, depending on how you look at it) chaired by Dave Schofield.

Thanks to the congregation for giving me the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Ministries Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Bjorklund, Ministries Board Chair

# BUILDING & GROUNDS

The presentation of the IUCC campus greatly improved over the course of the year. The interior of the sanctuary received new paint which created a welcoming atmosphere for worship. The addition of new wall hangings and the altar cloth reinforced the new interior colors. The exterior of the Child Care Center was painted as well as the interior of Plumer Hall. The painters replaced light bulbs as needed. The patio covering was only painted, and it is in a poor state of repair, but is stable. The pavers outside of Plumer Hall are continuing to be in good repair and with the Peace Pole garden and seating area, that area is quite welcoming as well.

Doors in the Child Care Center and Plumer Hall were replaced due to being in poor repair. Two chair and table organizers keep the walls of Plumer Hall safe from damage.

Cedar trees planted outside of the Sanctuary window on Alton Parkway failed to thrive, and were removed. I am going to put in an arborist consultation in next year's budget and get something replanted there.

**We continue to have problems with two areas of the front lawn. We need either a big work day to get that area re-cultivated and soiled, or we need to pay for it to be done. There really is no money in the budget, and I'd like to schedule a June work day for that big push, any hands up? We also need to put up a new cover for the back yard of the Child Care center, with anchors so the cover will not blow away in the Santa Ana winds.**

The air conditioning systems continue to need maintenance and repair. Plumer Hall is receiving a new condenser, and other repairs. The outside units of the sanctuary were found to have mice/rat infestation causing damage to the air conductors. Pest control was requested to control the problem. We hope it works!

We have had many members of the congregation participating in the work days, and I'd hate to miss someone's name, so those of you who help, I THANK YOU BIG TIME!

Official committee: Lindy Garber, Paul Feick, Karl Schiller, Lyle Norton, Tom Mason, David Karsten, Randy Garber

Lindy Garber  
Buildings and Grounds Chair

# CHILD CARE COMMITTEE

Dear Friends,

Our preschool continues its 3rd decade of service to the greater Irvine community by caring for its children. In addition to the children of working parents, we also nurture children of families whose parents are ex-patriots and are working in Orange County on assignment. Our preschool is a vital outreach program for IUCC.

Our Preschool provides each child with a learning environment where social skills, academics, and language development are taught in a fun and loving manner. We continue to offer both a dance and sports program as extra-curricular activities for the children. In December, the Holiday Musical Program featured both vocal and dance performances.

**Irma Estrada Rosales** has served for 3 years as Director of the Irvine United Church Early Childhood Center. We are blessed to have Irma and the other teachers nurture the children.

Building improvements in 2008 included exterior painting. The Preschool also financed the interior painting of Plumer Hall. The kitchen stove and a freezer were replaced.

**On the financial side of things, the \$22,000 loan from the church for the playground equipment and backyard improvements in 2003 was paid off in full in October 2008!** However, our enrollment has been low in 2009 due to the economic downturn. We continue to monitor our budget.

A task force will be formed this summer to investigate the feasibility of constructing a new preschool/church office/meeting room complex. Please contact me if you are interested in this project.

We welcome everyone who is interested in serving the Church and the Community by addressing the preschool needs of families with young children to join the Child Care Committee.

**Please recommend our Preschool to your family and friends!**

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Smith  
Care, Child Care Committee

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

As I reflect on this past year I am reminded of the scripture from Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them". Our educational programs whether small or big confirm that for me, the spirit is here among us.

We have hosted some *incredible* Adult Educational events over this past year! We have had some *incredible* guests who have come to teach us, lead us and inspire us. These include:

- The Rev. Dr. Mel White and the film "For the Bible Tells Me So" – June 08
- The Rev. Dr. Jim Burklo and the one day seminar "Birdlike & Barnless" – September 08
- Mike Farrell for our Thanksgiving Service – November 08
- The Rev. Dr. Art Cribbs and the Play "Awaiting Judgment" – February 09
- "Jesus Seminar on the Road" with Dr. Jonathan Reed & Dr. Milton Moreland – March 09

**And** on May 31, we will host Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Dead Man Walking" and "Death of Innocents" who will be speaking about the death penalty.

Our weekly Bible Study and Adult Sunday school continues to be an important part of many of our member's continuing education. We are now beginning to expand this with a quarterly series of three to four sessions on a particular theme and we began this month with "Revelations" with Rev. Ken Wyant.

We also have shared several events with University Synagogue that continue to bind us together in a valued relationship of progressive thinking and spiritual support to one another.

Our Children and Youth programs are also beginning to grow. We have hired two Nursery/Childcare staff members who share a part time schedule and we also hired a part-time Youth Coordinator who works with our Jr. & Sr. high youth during Sunday school and Youth Group activities. These additions have really helped our programs grow and each staff member is an important reason why.

I want to thank Jennifer Bullington for stepping to the plate and becoming the Chair of Christian Education. With her invaluable help we have had several people volunteering to help in our Sunday school program for grades K-6<sup>th</sup> and Jennifer continues to recruit new people to broaden that base each month. Many thanks to all those who take the time volunteering to teach, lead and interact with our children on Sunday mornings.

I also want to thank Laurie McComb, who oversees our Acolyte Program and does a great job to ensure that this important ministry for our children and our worship services runs smoothly.

We had seven youth confirm their faith and become members of IUCG after a fourteen month journey with Paul and I in June of last year and we have just begun a new Confirmation class with four new candidates. We had nine youth involved in Youth Sunday in October of last year and their theme of "Are You Out There" proved to be very moving for all who attended. They also took part of several different mission projects and you can read more on the Youth Program in the Youth Coordinator's report.

Our children also participated in the Christmas Eve Early service and re-enacted the play of the Nativity story. In September of last year we distributed new student Bibles to nine children in 3 – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. The children also participated in the “Bible Memory Challenge” which required them to learn several different scriptures that they then repeated back to Pastor Paul and I and a couple of them recited their scripture pieces to the congregation.

We have begun using “Gather Round” a new curriculum through the UCC for our preschool – 6<sup>th</sup> grades and it has been well received by our children and our volunteers who find it very user friendly. This curriculum replaced “Bible Quest” which is now out of print.

We were able to send Cristina Arce, our Youth Representative to the UCC National Youth Event in Knoxville, Tenn. in July of last year through scholarship funds and the generosity of Walter Carnwright who bought her plane ticket. He also donated 25 new Bibles to our education program ~ many grateful thanks go to him.

I attended the SCN-UCC Conference gathering last June and will attend the next one coming up in a couple of weeks. I will also be attending the UCC General Synod in Grand Rapids, Michigan with Paul in late June. I feel attending these Conferences are an important time for me to continue my learning, resourcing and networking for the church and am grateful to be able to attend them.

As I begin to plan events for the coming fall and new year, it is hard to see how we can top the past year ~ but it is inspiring to see how we continue to raise the bar for our members in furthering their journeys and in reaching out to our wider community and I truly feel like the possibilities are endless.

Thank you for the continued opportunity to serve; it is a blessing to be with you all in this blessed space called IUCC.

Respectfully submitted,

Robinmarie McClement

# CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION

This has been a busy year for the CP Ministry as we continue to revamp programs to meet the needs of a growing church.

With input from Pastor Paul and Renae Boyum leading the charge, we have restructured our New Member Inquiry Classes and now have Visitor Information Gatherings and New Member Classes. The gathering is intended to provide a more casual format for our newcomers to get some basic information about our pastor, the church and the UCC. The classes are intent on providing a more focused and responsive guide to the opportunities and responsibilities of church membership. To this end, we have updated our "IUCC Welcomes You" information sheet and include a whole back page checklist of involvement opportunities, which immediately goes to the Ministry Board and chairs for follow up. Special thanks to Keith Boyum for formatting and updating the new sheets. We have also begun to schedule our gatherings and classes at least 6 months out and to offer them between the first and second service. This meets the needs of a growing first service and is also attracting some second service people.

We will be having a Ministry Faire on June 7<sup>th</sup> and will be using our new "IUCC Welcomes You" sheet and checklist to update information on the church active list and track members current church activities and interest in further involve. Our goal is to get a sheet from all active IUCC members who cannot be there the day of the Faire, and to pass it on to the office and the ministry chairs. The office is particularly looking for missing or incorrect address, phone, e-mail and birth date information for mailings and demographics. Please look for the large box at the entrance, check your information on the active list and correct it as needed. Then, complete the checklist on the backside with a single X on your current activities and a XX on the activities you would like to add or consider adding with more information. If you are there the day of the faire, the activity information will be available at the different ministry tables.

I would like to welcome a new visitor host team member, Stephanie Karg, who is taking over for Dave Schofield the second Sunday of the month. Thanks for your service Dave! Walter Carnwright continues as first Sunday, Renae Boyum as third and I as fourth. I would also like to say how wonderful it has been working with Laura Kemp and to welcome our new Hospitality chair, Teri Olson. Also, many thanks to Renae who is amazing to work with!

As always, it is an honor to be a part of the IUCC family and leadership and I look forward to seeing you in our church and community.

Randy Romine.. CP Chair

# FUND DEVELOPMENT

Dear Friends at IUCC:

Yet again, the Funding Development Committee has had a very successful year. The committee continues to grow in number and in commitment and is truly a wonderfully dedicated group of people. My thanks to Cheryl Arguile, Pam Blaine, Susie Lang, Jim Saylor, Tom Silk, Dave Schofield, Keith Boyum, and our pastor, Paul Tellstrom. Thanks also to David Carruthers, Heidi Wilcox, and Michael Spindle for their ongoing support and advice.

Our main task is the planning and implementation of the stewardship campaign. We began our discussions in August with mounting concern about the uncertainty of the economy and its impact on giving. Our goal for the 2009 budget was an ambitious \$325,000. After a slow start and with an influx of new members, we have indeed met that goal. What a wonderful example of a community stepping forward in faith! By meeting our goal we can continue to offer programs that make IUCC a beacon of progressive Christianity in Orange County and beyond!

Thank you for the generous way all of you share your time, talents, and treasures. 2009 promises to be an exciting year for our church and I look forward to joining with you in celebrating this special place we call our spiritual "home" – Irvine United Congregational Church!

With warm regards,

Renae Boyum  
Chair, Funding Development Committee

# LAITY

The purpose of the Laity Ministry is to lend a helping hand to the pastor in meeting various congregational needs. Working closely with Pastor Paul, these members have frontline responsibility for memorial service and funeral receptions, taking food to those who cannot get out, visiting members who are in the hospital or homebound due to illness, surgery, or personal trauma, sending cards, making phone calls and, in general, helping in any way necessary. Laity may also provide some financial assistance in very special circumstances.

The Committee also has stepped in this year to assist other ministries in presenting special events outside the jurisdiction of Laity or which seem to slip between the cracks of established ministries.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry falls under the umbrella of Laity and those members continue to faithfully create prayer shawls for church members to add to a celebration or to extend condolences in times of sadness. Barbara Moss and Nancy Dreckman have been outstanding in leading this very special project at IUCC. The shawls are blessed by the congregation and presented on the second Sunday of each month.

The Christmas Project this past year involved delivering large poinsettia plants and homemade cookies to members who were unable to join in the holiday services for whatever reason.

Two new projects have been started this year: 1) sending (or delivering) tapes of the church service to those who cannot attend, and 2) the new "transportation" program which just began. The latter, just implemented, will fall under Laity and involves volunteer drivers who will pick up and deliver members who cannot drive or who do not have access to public transportation.

Heartfelt thanks to the following Laity members and routine volunteers who have made all this possible this past year: Janet Emery, Elizabeth and Karl Schiller, Laura Kemp, Suzie Feick, Susie Lang, Tom Silk, Robinmarie and Ian McClement, Suellen Rowe, Bonnie Shaffstall, Carolyn Weir, and Jennifer and Steve Bullington. Others too numerous to mention have lent a helping hand when an urgent "SOS" has been sent. All have been invaluable in contributing to the life and needs of this church family.

## Recap of activities for past year:

1	Ordination Reception
4	Memorial Receptions
102	Personal cards (including cards with tapes)
51	Prayer Shawls
9	Christmas deliveries (poinsettias and cookies)
	Numerous special food deliveries
	Multiple phone calls and visits to church members
14	tapes delivered or sent

As IUCC continues to grow, so do the needs of the membership. The Laity Ministry can always use extra hands in its service and extends a special invitation to anyone who would like to make a contribution to the life of our church in this way. It is a rewarding endeavor and we welcome your participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Lorenz

# MISSION AND SERVICE

Dear IUCC Members:

Thanks to the generous giving spirit and activism of the membership of this congregation, the Mission and Service Committee has had a banner year. The membership of this committee has been incredibly generous with their time and ideas. Our overriding mission has been to meet human needs in the community, state, nation, and world in cooperation with other church and secular groups, and inform church members of opportunities to promote the values of love, justice, and peace through action and service. We are blessed and have an obligation to share our blessings.

The following is a bullet list of projects and corresponding donations that Mission and Service worked on this past year:

✓ One Great Hour of Sharing (Our donations in 2007 were 10 <sup>th</sup> per capita out of over 5000 participating congregations)	\$14,986.00
✓ AIDS Walk Orange County	\$10,230.00
✓ Neighbors in Need	\$ 6,282.00
✓ Heifer Project	\$ 3,360.00
✓ CROP Walk for Hunger (Our donations were the largest of the participating congregations in Orange County, total not per capita)	\$ 2,313.00
✓ Lights On Project for released female prisoners	\$ 500.00
✓ Orange Coast Fund for Impoverished Students	\$ 300.00
✓ Mercy Corps Fund to help Georgian Civilians	\$ 300.00
✓ American Friends Service Committee for Peace	\$ 300.00
✓ Share Our Selves medical/dental services for homeless	\$ 300.00
✓ AIDS Services Food Pantry Donations	Food Donations
✓ Families Forward	Food and School Supply Donations
✓ Working Wardrobes	Clothing Donations for jobless
✓ Big Sunday	Food Collection
✓ Project Love	Christmas Present Donations
✓ Cash donations in which Mission and Service was not Directly involved, such as Relief for Midwest Flooding Victims and South Orange County Outreach	\$ 8,191.00
✓ Total Dollar Donations less food, gifts, and clothing:	<b><u>\$41,080.00</u></b>

Our committee membership have given their time generously and have planned more hands-on experiences in the near future such as packaging food for the homeless and participating in a homeless count to name but a few. We also plan to assist a group called International Sanctuary whose sale of jewelry will help take young women out of brothels. We welcome everyone's suggestions and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Goetz  
Chair, Mission and Service Committee

# MUSIC COMMITTEE

The Chancel Choir of IUCC continues to serve our church and reach out to the community through its music service and ministry. Because of the leadership of our director, Dr. Rob Istad, the choir has grown tremendously this year in musicianship and performance excellence. Rob teaches, inspires and has brought us to a standard that would have been impossible without him. This enables us to contribute even better music to the weekly services, special events and two annual concerts each year. One of the highlights of the year were the Easter Services. Everything came together as we experienced the best of Pastor Paul and the best of the Chancel Choir in an incredible day of worship and celebration. The year has sped by and included such events as:

- Our annual Fall Kick-Off Potluck – a time where we reconnect after the summer, learn about the music planned for the upcoming year, meet new choir members and those thinking of joining the choir.
- Our annual shared Thanksgiving Service with University Synagogue successfully worshiped on a Tuesday for the first time.
- Our special Winter's Solstice Concert featuring Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols was accompanied by harp and oboe. Our harpist joined us also for the Christmas Eve service.
- Our annual crazy Christmas party – we love our Secret Santa game!
- Participation in the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday Services.
- Our "best brass ensemble yet" accompanied the choir at both services Easter Sunday for an incredible morning of worship and energy. We can't thank the Laity Committee and all others who contributed to the fabulous brunch between these services. Thank you!
- Extra three full day choir retreats with intense rehearsal time.
- Larry Gates treated us to a spectacular concert to celebrate his birthday and raise money for our Tour de France.
- 18 choir members and 18 "roadies" travel to France on June 22<sup>nd</sup> for 10 days as ambassadors from IUCC. We will perform in cathedrals in Aix-en-Provence, Lyon, Dijon and Paris. Monies collected at the concerts will go to local charities.
- Tour de France Concert – don't miss this program the evening of Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Hear the repertoire we will sing in France. This will be our final fund raising event.

## ***Our Leaders***

**Dr. Rob Istad: With our dedicated director of music, our choir has continued to grow in quality and numbers. Rob is a very special person and friend to the congregation, we are so thankful to have a leader with such talent.**

Jill Brenner: Our accompanist is so versatile and "right on" every time she plays. Her dedication and talent benefit us every Thursday at rehearsal, every Sunday at both services and at special programs. She is always there to support us.

Brandon Elliott: This year, our music ministry reached out to the community offering for the first time an intern program for future church musicians. Brandon Elliott, a music major at Cal State University Fullerton, was selected to be Rob's assistant and student and to learn from the best what it means to be a church musician. In addition to having the opportunity to conduct our choir, Brandon has shared his beautiful tenor voice with many solos throughout the year.

Our Chancel Choir membership grew by 14% this year adding voices to all sections. A new bookcase was donated to the choir to help house our ever-growing music library. This inspired a major cleaning project to make room for the gift. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped.

We're looking forward to another great year in 2009-2010, and we encourage anyone who's interested in joining us in our musical journeys to contact Rob.

Music Committee Chair, Connie Jones, would like to thank our Committee members Suzie Feick, Larry Gates, Jim Hamilton, Janice Johnson, Jane Shepherd, Pat Dabic, and Pam Blaine for their wonderful support and friendship through music. Please contact Rob or Connie if you are interested in serving on the Music Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Jones, Music Committee Chair

# OUTREACH

Dear IUCC members and friends:

The job of the Outreach Ministry is to inform the public about what we do and who we are as a faith community. Over the past year, we have been very busy spreading the news of IUCC through our presence at various festivals and community-wide events, our participation in walks and vigils, the publishing of advertisements and press releases in local newspapers and on-line websites and calendars, the distribution of flyers, announcements and email blasts and the promotion of our very public stance in support of marriage equality.

Here is a list of our major endeavors in Outreach this year:

## Tabling at Community Events

World Religions tent at the Irvine Global Village  
Great American Write-In

Walk for Hope  
AIDS Walk

## Media

Irvine World News  
New University  
WHS Football Program  
Cable Muse Network  
Yellow Pages

OC Register (traditional & on-line edition)  
LA Times  
Golden Arrow (Woodbridge High student newspaper)  
KPFK Calendar

## Paid Advertisements

7 Straight Nights  
Jim Burklo  
Erwin Chemerinsky  
Winter and Spring Concerts  
Advent Workshop  
Christmas  
Jesus Seminar  
Easter  
Freedom to Marry

## Vigils & Protests

7 Straight Nights  
NO on Prop 8 (rallies & phone-banking)  
Marching in the Light  
Eve of Justice  
6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Iraq War

IUCC has a wonderful message of love, peace and extravagant welcome to share with the citizens of Orange County and the world. We, the members of the Outreach Ministry, are proud to help disseminate it.

In peace,

Felicity Figueroa  
Outreach Ministry Chair

# WORSHIP

The Worship Ministry had an exciting year, and though I didn't serve as Chair for the full term, I was pleased to be able to be a part of it!

I have to start out by saying a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered for the Worship Ministry this year, starting with the folks who work hard throughout the year signing up and coordinating all of our many volunteers! And there are MANY volunteers; every Sunday we appreciate the efforts of the sound booth guys, the folks who decorate the altar and banners, the set up and clean up crews, the worship leaders, the ushers, the acolytes...and then there are all the people who help out at the special services! So many people "go the extra mile" to help make all of our services wonderful, and they are very much appreciated.

The Worship Ministry strives to present meaningful and enjoyable special services throughout the year, and we're thrilled that attendance at "special" services steadily increases. We helped plan and coordinate such services as Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, and Easter. As well, for Maundy Thursday, we stirred things up a bit this year by revamping the entire service, with "theater in the round" seating, dulcimer music by Scott Williams, a new scripture presentation, and a sermon by new member Bil Aulerbach.

Sunday services this year have included baptisms, special music, wonderful guest speakers, new altar cloths and banners, and the introduction of many new members (several of whom have already joined in Worship Ministry activities!). I look forward to all the new things this upcoming year will bring.

Thank you to the choir and Dr. Rob Istad for committing their time and talents to our Sundays and special services; you are a wonderful part of our worship experience!

Lastly, a special thanks to Suellen Rowe for "unofficially" taking charge of the Ministry at the beginning of the year, when we were Chair-less! And thank you also for cleaning out the Worship closet with me...yikes!!

It is rewarding (and a lot of fun!) to work with the Rev. Paul Tellstrom. We have already started discussing some wonderful ideas for services; I can't wait to get started, and I hope you all are as excited as we are for the upcoming year!

Respectfully submitted,

Lesley Wheland  
Chair, Worship Ministry

# YOUTH COORDINATOR REPORT

Over the past year our Jr. and Sr. High youth have been involved in several different kinds of activities that ranged from climbing rocks, bowling, miniature golf, beach picnics as well as classic board games and experiences that are meant to be fun and a good way of them getting to know each other and to become friends. And with that they have also served the church and our wider community by participating in many different mission projects including:

- AIDS WALK – raising \$275 as a group and nine members participating.
- CROP Walk – raising \$75 and one youth participating in the walk.
- ‘Souper’ Bowl of Caring – raising \$679 for South County Outreach by putting together and selling ‘15 bean soup bags’ after services for \$5 and collecting 23 bags of food for the SCO pantry.
- Raising \$100 selling Lemonade to make up ‘Survivor Sock Bags’ with supplies in them for the homeless at the Isaiah House in Santa Ana
- Raising \$131 for UNICEF – Clean Water Project by selling Rootbeer Floats and Lemonade after services.

The youth also did a great job with Youth Sunday in October and their theme, “Are You Out There?” based on John Legend’s song was both thoughtful and inspiring to all who attended. Matt Ruiz and Cristina Arce both gave moving speeches on the theme and nine youth participated in the service and also put together a great slide show of pictures using the song as the background.

Many thanks to Suzie and Paul Feick for donating the beautiful leather couch that is now in the Youth Room and to Bill Brown for the wall sculpture. They have a great space to call their own although it is becoming a bit cramped as they are growing! There are nine to eleven attending weekly comparative to five to seven before Alex came on board.

Our Youth Program has also changed over the past seven months with the addition of our Youth Coordinator, Alex McClement in November of 2008. Alex leads the youth during Sunday school and their activities and mission projects.

In their Sunday school class he has lead them in thoughtful discussions on:

- World Religions
- Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King Jr. and their life’s work
- Harvey Milk
- The Beatitudes

They are currently working on two picture slide shows, one on the Beatitudes and one for the Search Committee on “IUCC – through their eyes”.

Our Youth are a wonderful reflection of what IUCC is all about and the words we try to live by, “And what does the Lord require of you”.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex McClement

## Historian's Report

For the Period August 1, 2008 – April 30, 2009

Presented at the Spring Congregational Meeting Held May 17, 2009

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This report consists of three sections: an Introduction, a Chronicle of IUCC's events and activities, along with other known events that took place on the IUCC Campus, and a Summary of the Historian's Activities for the reporting period.

### I. INTRODUCTION

I was asked to serve as the Historian in early August 2008, to fill out the 11 months remaining of the prior co-Historians' term. The Ministry Board approved my appointment at their meeting on August 12, 2008. Therefore, this report and all of my work began effective August 1, 2008.

This report covers only nine of 11 months ... the period of August 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009 ... in order for it to be ready to present to the congregation at the Spring Meeting on May 17, 2009, although scheduled events for May and June 2009 have been included in the Chronicle following. I will be preparing a Supplement to this report in late June/early July to cover the actual events in the months of May and June 2009 and will include it in the church's records. I will be happy to share the Supplement with anyone upon request.

Please note that if anyone within the congregation would enjoy taking photos and working on the electronic scrapbook in the upcoming term, I would love the assistance and would be more than happy to offer whatever training and guidance is desired. You, too, can make your mark on history!

### II. CHRONICLE

In addition to the weekly worship services held at 8:45 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. on Sundays in the church sanctuary, the following program was maintained during the reporting period:

#### Weekly:

- Adult Sunday School – Every Sunday from 10:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous – Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 6:30 a.m. in Plumer Hall
- Bible Study – Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Practice – Every Thursday at 7:30 p.m.
- Classical Players – Every Friday at 4:45 p.m. in Plumer Hall or the Sanctuary
- Men's Fellowship Breakfast – Every Monday at 8:00 a.m. at Carrow's Restaurant in Mission Viejo
- Mosque Services – Every Friday at noon in Plumer Hall
- Women's Fellowship Breakfast – Every Thursday at 7:30 a.m. at Carrow's Restaurant in Mission Viejo
- Yoga - Every Wednesday in 2008 at 7:00 p.m.; the program was terminated in 2009

## Monthly:

- Administrative Board Meetings – Third Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Advocates for Peace – First Sunday of the month at noon
- Amnesty International – Last Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Book Club – Third Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
- Communion – First Sunday of the month
- Epilepsy Alliance – Fourth Friday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Plumer Hall
- Fellowship Ministry Meetings – First Sunday of the month at noon
- Knitting Club – Second Saturday of the month at 2 p.m.
- Ministries Board Meetings – Second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- Mission & Service Ministry Meetings – Fourth Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m.
- OC Epilepsy Alliance – Fourth Friday of the month at 6 p.m.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry – Second Sunday of the month at 10:00 a.m.
- Seekers – Third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

A chronicle of other major events and activities during the reporting period is as follows:

### August 2008

- 8/3 Families Forward Food & Supplies Drive  
8/3 New Members Class  
8/10 Guest Speaker: Mark Pettis, IUCC's seminarian in-care  
8/16 Auction Dinner for 8 Held at the Home of Steve King & Bob McClean  
8/17 Youth Group Pool Party at the McClement home  
8/21 Marriage Equality Coalition Meeting at 2:30 p.m. (Organizational Meeting)  
8/24 5 New Members Joined IUCC: Stephanie Karg, Patty McCarthy, Jim & Kathy Saylor, Jean Stewart  
8/24 Special Congregational Meeting: Vote on Resolution, "Opposition to 'Limit on Marriage' Proposed State Constitutional Amendment," re: "No on Prop 8"  
8/24 Visitor Information Gathering

Also in August, we repainted the Sanctuary & Plumer Hall.

### September 2008

- 9/4 Chancel Choir Annual Fall Kick-off Potluck at the Boyum home  
9/7 Christian Education Sunday  
9/7 Guest Speaker: Robinmarie McClement, Director of Christian Education  
9/7 Youth Bowling Event  
9/7 Ordination Service for Loletta Barrett at 3:00 p.m.  
9/10 "No on Prop 8" Phone Bank Training Session from 4-6 p.m. at OC Unitarian Universalist Church  
9/14 Leadership Sunday – Dedication of Church Leadership at Second Service  
9/14 Church Picnic at noon in Mason Park  
9/20 Seven Straight Nights, a solidarity walk and vigil, at 6:00 p.m. from IUCC to the corner of Alton & Culver  
9/20 General Meeting – Just Say NO! – at 2:00 p.m. at the Irvine Ranch Water District

- 9/21 Dedication of New Chancel Furniture, in loving memory of Patrick Shinoda Thornton
- 9/21 New Members Class
- 9/21 Youth Group Potluck Lunch
- 9/22 “No on Prop 8” Phone Bank from 6-9:00 p.m., with training at 5:30 p.m., in Plumer Hall
- 9/26 Conscientious Projector OC: “Fast Food Nation” at 6:30 p.m.
- 9/27 Marriage of Dean Whitten & Dennis Webster at 3:00 p.m. at Harbor Christian Church
- 9/27 “Birdlike & Barnless,” a workshop with Rev. Jim Burklo presented by Christian Education, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- 9/28 Guest Speaker: Rev. Jim Burklo
- 9/28 6 New Members Joined IUCC: Eddie Alba, Dale Cole, Elise Johnson, Renee Laramie, Dean McCleskey, Paul Shirey
- 9/28 New Members Potluck at noon
- 9/28 Youth Group “Rockreation” from 12:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Costa Mesa
- 9/29 “No on Prop 8” Phone Bank from 6-9:00 p.m., with training at 5:30 p.m. by the Spectrum

Also in September, we started a fund raiser to buy more hymnals for the growing congregation, which concluded in October.

## October 2008

- 10/4 Irvine Global Village Festival
- 10/4 “Marriage Equality: A Moral Imperative,” with Rev. Dr. Marvin Ellison & Rev. Art Cribbs, starting with registration at 4:00 p.m., sponsored by Progressive Christians Uniting & IUCC
- 10/5 World Communion Sunday
- 10/5 Neighbors in Need – special offering
- 10/5 Visitor Information Gathering
- 10/7 “No on Prop 8” Phone Bank from 6-9:00 p.m., with training at 5:30 p.m. by the Spectrum
- 10/10-12 Fall Family Camp, “With My Own Two Hands,” at Pilgrim Pines
- 10/12 Dr. Erwin Chemerinsky’s Talk on Same Sec Marriage at 12:30 p.m.
- 10/14 “No on Prop 8” Phone Bank from 6-9:00 p.m., with training at 5:30 p.m. by the Spectrum
- 10/15 Interfaith Council Luncheon, “Ask the Clergy,” at OC Unitarian Universalist Church in Costa Mesa
- 10/19 Youth Sunday
- 10/19 Prayer Shawl Blessing during both services
- 10/19 Baptism of Dylan Ryan Dobbert during second service
- 10/19 First Sunday of the Stewardship Campaign, “The World of the Generous Gets Larger and Larger,” with a goal of securing \$325,000 in pledges
- 10/19 Ballot Review at 12:15 p.m.
- 10/21 “No on Prop 8” Phone Bank from 6-9:00 p.m., with training at 5:30 p.m. by the Spectrum
- 10/26 Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jane Fisler Hoffman
- 10/26 CROP Walk, starting at 1:00 p.m. in Newport Beach

- 10/26 Marriage of David Karsten & Michael Spindle
- 10/26 Project Love started
- 10/28 “No on Prop 8” Phone Bank from 6-9:00 p.m., with training at 5:30 p.m. by the Spectrum
- 10/30 Travelers, Rev. Paul Tellström & Carl Whidden, Dale Vaughan, Irene & Rob Thornton, Ricardo Ramirez-Torres & Stephen Cocker, Jim Raver & Michael Gordon, Jean Stewart & Patty McCarthy, Carol Ballesty & Carol Neustein, depart for 10 days to China on a trip organized by the Interfaith Council

Also in October, the hymnal fund raiser continued.

## November 2008

- 11/1 Apple Pie Day at Pilgrim Pines from 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- 11/2 Guest Speaker: Rev. Ken Wyant
- 11/2 Project Love continued
- 11/3 “No on Prop 8” Phone Bank from 6-9:00 p.m., with training at 5:30 p.m. by the Spectrum
- 11/4 Building & Grounds Work Day, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 11/9 Project Love concluded
- 11/15 All Church Game Night at 6:00 p.m.
- 11/16 Prayer Shawl Blessing during both services
- 11/16 Visitor Information Gathering
- 11/16 Youth Bowling Event
- 11/23 Mission & Service collection of travel-size toiletries for the OC Women’s prison Christmas bag program
- 11/25 Thanksgiving Service with University Synagogue (20<sup>th</sup> year) at 7:30 p.m., with guest speaker Mike Farrell
- 11/30 Debut of new Advent Banners, donated in memory of Perry Loren Stalcup
- 11/30 New Members Class
- 11/30 Contributions accepted for the Southern California Fire Victim Relief Fund
- 11/30 Mission & Service collection of travel-size toiletries continued
- 11/30 “Marching in the Light,” an interfaith gathering and candlelight vigil at 5:00 p.m.

Also during November, the Woodbridge Village Association made improvements to the landscaping and sealed the back parking lot, per our agreement with them, and we paved the front parking lot, adding Visitor Parking in the front for our first-time guests.

## December 2008

- 12/6 Bon Vivant Dinners
- 12/7 1 New Member Joined IUCC: Carol Ballesty
- 12/7 Contributions accepted for the Southern California Fire Victim Relief Fund
- 12/7 Mission & Service collection of travel-size toiletries concluded
- 12/7 Mission & Service sponsored the Heifer International donation table
- 12/7 Advent Workshop, with Chili Cook-off and potluck dinner, from 4-7:00 p.m.
- 12/7 “A Winter’s Solstice” Concert at 7:00 p.m.

- 12/10 Stephen Abraham shared adult education event at University Synagogue at 7:30 p.m.
- 12/14 Mission & Service sponsored the Heifer International donation table
- 12/14 Youth Group caroling & delivering of Christmas cookies
- 12/21 Prayer Shawl Blessing during both services
- 12/21 Mission & Service sponsored the Heifer International donation table
- 12/21 Youth Group Christmas Party
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service at 5:30 p.m., with the children's Christmas pageant
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service at 9:00 p.m., with the chancel choir and candlelight
- 12/24 The Christmas Fund – special offering
- 12/28 Mission & Service sponsored the Heifer International donation table, resulting in \$3,360.00 in donations, which was about \$400 more than in 2007.

### January 2009

- 1/4 Guest Speaker: Rev. Ken Wyant
- 1/18 Soulforce meeting in Plumer Hall at 8:30 a.m.
- 1/18 Prayer Shawl Blessing during both services
- 1/25 Winter Meeting after second service (no first service) – to approve the annual budget
- 1/25 Recognition of David Schofield's service as Moderator from June 2004 through January 2009
- 1/31 Annual Winter Party, "Stayin' Alive," starting the year-long celebration of IUCC's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### February 2009

- 2/1 Recognition of Rev. Ernie Fowler's one-year anniversary as Consulting Pastor
- 2/1 Souper Bowl of Caring, sponsored by the Youth Group
- 2/1 Visitor Information Gathering
- 2/8 Congregational Forum to discuss hiring an Associate Minister at 10:00 a.m.
- 2/8 New Members Class
- 2/8 "Awaiting Judgment," a play sponsored by Christian Education
- 2/15 Guest Speaker: Rev. Fred Plumer
- 2/15 Prayer Shawl Blessing during both services
- 2/15 Youth Bowling Event
- 2/22 12 New Members Joined IUCC: Cathleen & Jeff Brannon, Kathy & Tony Brown, Bruce & Nancy Collins, Bruce Ertmann, Teri Olson, Susan Sim, Ed Syer, Judy Van Sise, Maggi Wiita
- 2/22 2 People Reinstated Their Membership: Frank & Phyllis Larkin
- 2/22 Congregational Forum to discuss hiring an Associate Minister at noonish
- 2/22 Debut of new flags over portico
- 2/25 Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.
- 2/25 Debut of new Lenten Paraments
- 2/28 Memorial Service for William McClement at 1:00 p.m.
- 2/28 "The Times of Harvey Milk," a film screening and discussion at 7:00 p.m.

Also in February and March, collections of old eye glasses were taken for the Flying Samaritans, a volunteer organization that operates free clinics in Mexico.

## March 2009

- 3/1 Start of Children's "Memory Challenge" for Lent, covering the Lord's Prayer, Twenty-third Psalm, Twelve Disciples and the Beatitudes
- 3/1 Guest for Mission Moment: Rev. Susan Sanders, Minister & Team Leader of the UCC's "Global Sharing of Resources" through Wider Church Ministries, thanking IUCC for our contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing
- 3/3 Prop 8 and ONA Summit, sponsored by the Southern California Nevada Conference, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Plumer Hall
- 3/4 "Darfur... There is Hope," a shared adult education event at University Synagogue at 7:30 p.m.
- ¾ "Eve of Justice: Lighting the Way to the Supreme Court," service at Fairview Community Church at 5:30 p.m.
- 3/6-7 Jesus Seminar on the Road: Archaeology & the Origins of Christianity with Milton Moreland and Jonathan Reed
- 3/8 Visitor Information Gathering
- 3/8 Debut of the two teak benches in the Peace Pole garden area
- 3/15 Prayer Shawl Blessing during both services
- 3/15 Special Congregational Meeting after second service – to elect a search committee to search for an associate minister
- 3/21 Chapman University Founders Day Celebration
- 3/22 One Great Hour of Sharing – special offering
- 3/22 Hospitality Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 3/22 New Members Class
- 3/22 Rose DeLiema, Holocaust Survivor, spoke at 2:30 p.m.
- 3/22 Peace Vigil from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the northeast corner of Alton & Culver, honoring American and Iraqi victims of six years of US occupation and standing together for peace
- 3/29 Baptism of Rowan Ya Ken Elliott
- 3/29 Hospitality Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.
- 3/29 Youth Group Outing to Boomer's
- 3/29 Confirmation Class from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Also in March, the collection of eye glasses for the Flying Samaritans concluded.

## April 2009

- 4/3 The Olive Tree Initiative at University Synagogue, starting with Shabbat services at 7:00 p.m.
- 4/4 Building & Grounds Work Day, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 4/4 Great American Write-in at Lakeview Senior Center in Irvine from 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 4/4 Larry Gates' 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday Concert, a fund raiser for the choir's trip to France in 6/09
- 4/5 4 New Members Joined IUCC: Anne & Bil Aulenbach, Carolyn & Steve Stanton
- 4/5 Red Cross Blood Drive from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 4/5 Youth Group Project: assembling homeless survival sacks to be delivered to the Isaiah House in Santa Ana

- 4/9 Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.
- 4/11 Walk the Labyrinth from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- 4/12 Easter Sunday Service with a brass ensemble accompanying the choir at both services
- 4/12 Youth Group sold frozen lemonade
- 4/16 “Ghosts of Rwanda,” sponsored by Amnesty International, Irvine and Orange County
- 4/19 Baptism of Kameron Rashad Townsend
- 4/19 Visitor Information Gathering
- 4/19 Confirmation Class Field Trip to Museum of Tolerance in L.A. from 12:15-5:30 p.m.
- 4/24 Memorial Service for Christopher Malloy at 1:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 4/25 Choir Retreat from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 4/25 Bon Vivant Dinners
- 4/16 Guest Speaker: Rev. Ken Wyant
- 4/26 Youth Group fund raiser for making survival kits for the homeless served by Isaiah House: “Frozen Lemonade Blowout!”

### May 2009 – Scheduled Events

- 5/2-3 Women’s Retreat at Pilgrim Pines: “The Soul Tells a Story”
- 5/2-3 “Big Sunday” volunteer work days, sponsored by Mission & Service and supporting University Synagogue, which is spearheading the effort for this event (formerly called Mitzvah Day) in Orange County
- 5/3 Ballot Review at 10:00 a.m. in Woodbridge Village Association’s Oak conference room
- 5/3 New Members Classes at 10:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.
- 5/3 Bylaws Review Forum at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 5/7 Adult Education: The Book of Revelations, “Churches” led by Rev. Ken Wyant at 6:30 p.m.
- 5/10 Guest Speakers for Mothers Day: Yvette Hill, Laura Long & Susan Sim
- 5/10 Bylaws Review Forum at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- 5/14 Adult Education: The Book of Revelations, “Monsters” led by Rev. Ken Wyant at 6:30 p.m.
- 5/16 OC Aids Walk at Angel Stadium: “IUCC continues 20 years of support,” sponsored by Mission & Service
- 5/16 IUCC Game Night in Plumer Hall at 6:00 p.m., sponsored by Fellowship
- 5/17 Reception of New Members
- 5/17 Spring Congregational Meeting after second service (no first service) – to elect officers and ministry/committee chairs
- 5/21 Adult Education: The Book of Revelations, “Beauty” led by Rev. Ken Wyant
- 5/31 “Telling our Stories,” featuring Sister Helen Prejean at 2:00 p.m., with a luncheon at 12:30 p.m.

### June 2009 – Scheduled Events

- 6/9 “Thank God for Evolution: How the Marriage of Science and Religion Will Transform Your Life and Our World,” with Rev. Michael Dowd at 6:30 p.m.
- 6/13 Wedding of Laura Long & David Smith

6/14	Visitor Information Gathering
6/14	“Bon Voyage” concert at 7:00 p.m.
6/22	A subset of the Chancel Choir and their “roadies” depart for France
6/27	Bon Vivant Dinners
6/28	New Members Class

### III. SUMMARY OF HISTORIAN’S ACTIVITIES

My activities as Historian are summarized as follows:

- Creation of a scrapbook for the church, which is currently at 107 pages and which also includes the bulletins, newsletters and congregational meeting packets
- Assisting in the outreach of IUCC by:
  - Sharing completed scrapbook pages electronically with guests and members of the church
  - Providing scrapbook pages and photos for the IUCC website
  - Providing photos to individuals upon request
- Increasing the awareness/appreciation for IUCC’s history and educating newcomers of IUCC’s history by writing the Historian’s Corner for the monthly newsletter
- Refurbishment of scrapbooks from earlier years, including enlisting the help of John Carson and Worth Giller in providing names for previously unidentified people ... many thanks John and Worth!
- Creation of a comprehensive IUCC Chronicle in one Excel spreadsheet, detailing: Organizational Matters (e.g., IUCC was incorporated on 5/23/80); Statistics (e.g., we had 53 corporate charter members and 6 non-corporate charter members); Key Events (e.g., grand opening of Early Childhood Center on 11/1/86, vote to become a “Just Peace” church on 5/16/04); a Record of the Records (i.e., some documents are in old scrapbooks while others are in the filing cabinets so this spreadsheet details where they can be found); Staff & Lay Leaders (e.g., John Hoover was our interim minister in 1984 prior to Fred Plumer’s arrival, Bob McClean served as the Secretary of the Council in 1992) and Membership Listing as of year-end (e.g., Rev. Ernie Fowler joined IUCC on 10/31/99). Note that this comprehensive IUCC Chronicle is still a work-in-progress.
- Attending and preparing monthly reports for the Ministries Board meetings

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- Felicity Figueroa - Great American Write-in (4/09) & The Knitters/Prayer Shawl (4/09)
- Steve Goetz - CROP Walk (10/08)

- Lois Johnson – Women’s Retreat (5/09)
- Laura Kemp - Prayer Shawl Ministry (7/08) and 7 Straight Nights (9/08)
- Ken Louie - Bon Vivant (4/09)
- Alex McClement - Rowan Ka Yen Elliott's Baptism (3/09)
- Alan Nishball (University Synagogue) - Thanksgiving Service (11/08)
- Brian Percy - Fall Family Camp (10/08)
- Elizabeth Rodriguez - Family Picnic (9/08)
- Michael Spindle - Repainting the Sanctuary (8/08)

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- David Karsten - No on Prop 8 (8/08)
- Michael Spindle - Bulletins (8/08 - 4/09)

I would also like to thank the Ministries Board and the congregation for allowing me to serve as your Historian. It has given me the opportunity to get to know more of our wonderful church family better. And, lastly, I would like to thank all of our members and friends of IUCC who willingly smiled at my camera and made this job more joyful. Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Suellen Rowe

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