

November 2010 Financial report

Paul, in 2 Corinthians 9:7, states that "each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." **First Free Methodist Church has a lot of cheerful givers!** Thanks to your contributions during November, our receipts covered all of our expenditures for the month. This leaves us with an operating deficit of \$59,000 at the end of November, which is by far the lowest November deficit since 2006 (the November 2006 deficit was \$57,000).

As you may recall, contributions in December have historically been the highest of any month during the year. For December 2010, we will need approximately \$150,000 to end the year in the black. This is a task which we have historically met. We know that there are many other non-profits and charities that are asking for your funds at this time. However, God is at work in our church as we transition to our new pastor. It is an exciting time as we anticipate Blake Wood's new ministry in the coming year. We ask for your continued generous support during December.

Another area of concern is our Mission Fund, which currently has a deficit of approximately \$15,000. The Christmas Eve service offerings go toward our missions fund and this will help. However, we ask that you prayerfully consider "something extra" to ensure we fulfill our pledged support to our missionaries.

Next year's budget is nearly completed. We have been very judicious in our budgeting for 2011. We are proposing a decrease in our operating fund for the second straight year, and this time by approximately \$40,000 because of the tough economic times. We ask that you continue to pray for our church and the direction that we should go in the future.

Did you know that during the past seven year, First Free Methodist Church has received the largest total dollar amount from estate gifts than any other church in the denomination? This is just one of the reasons that we have our great facilities and financial health. A sincere thank-you to the saints who have gone on before us. We are a giving congregation!!

As stated in last month's report, if you desire to include First Free Methodist Church in your estate plan or you would like more information on estate planning, contact Arnie Brann @ 206-579-1974.

If you have any other questions on the church's finances, please do not hesitate to give Mel McDonald a call @ 206-605-6005. Thank you again for your support of FFMC.