

DIACONATE 6/30/2009 QUARTERLY REPORT

Diaconate finished up Lenten services with a soup supper and drama reading on April 1 and a spaghetti supper and drama reading on Maundy Thursday, April 9 with the final drama on Easter morning. A mission check for \$133 was presented to the Madrid Schools to be used for art supplies.

A light lunch for approximately 55 people was served by the Diaconate committee after the special worship service acknowledging the 35th Anniversary of St. Paul's United Church of Christ on Sunday, April 26th.

Aaron James returned at pulpit supply on April 19th when Ken and Ann were on vacation.

Upon request of a few special church members and residents of the Madrid Home, a flower garden and tree was planted near the entry to the Garden Apartments. Ron and Jackie Eppert helped Clark and Carolyn Douglas and Julie Mathes with the planning and planting of the flower gardens. Ida Day donated her bird bath to be used in the new flower gardens. It was a beautiful and much appreciated addition to the entrance of the Garden Apartments.

The Diaconate committee asked the church board to add road signs to the memorial list to have signs for St. Paul's United Church of Christ put up along side the roads as you enter Madrid from all four directions. Discussion continues as to where these signs will be located and design ideas for the signs.

Communion was served as scheduled the first Sunday of each month, at the Maundy Thursday service and Easter Sunday. Monthly Wednesday night potlucks and fellowship were held on April 29, May 27 and June 24. Coffee time and fellowship after church worship service continue on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays when there weren't other special occasions being celebrated.

Plans are in the works for Ken's last service on July 19 and a picnic at Big Creek on July 26. The Diaconate committee are also planning to serve coffee time, lunch and share devotions on July 25.