

January 24, 2010

Grace and Peace to you Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

2009 was quite a year for our congregation. We began with the good news of the Threefold Grant, which gave us the resources to expand some programs and begin others. We were able to begin expanding our library, and hosted a worship consultant to help us envision how to improve our worship space.

We hosted our first ever Prayer breakfast with special preacher Rev. Gerrie Lubbe from South Africa. His moving speech about how to hold onto faith in a chaotic world reached not only our members, but several local pastors and lay people.

We also came to The Feast. This amazing two day worship event exceeded all expectations. We enjoyed a wonderful guest preacher, gospel choir, delicious food and amazing worship. It was a blessing to share the event with 130 people from more than six churches. It was an even greater blessing to see our church come together and do something so glory-giving.

Our Food Pantry saw a huge increase in need, which we were partly able to meet thanks to a generous grant from the DuPage Community Foundation. In November we served more than 1,000 people. In December we dispersed toys to more than 50 families. God continues to provide, and we continue to act as His hands in the world.

2010 looks to be another exciting and blessed year for our congregation. I have no doubt that 2010 will see us worshiping the Lord, serving the hungry, and seeking God's guidance for our church and our personal lives. I give thanks for each one of you, and the ministry we do together for the glory of the Lord. May this year be filled with blessings for you and yours.

God bless, Rev. Kerry Waller