

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
ELGIN, ILLINOIS CONGREGATION
(Chicago Mission Center, U.S.A.)

Historian's Annual Report, 2012



The **Elgin Community of Christ** is a friendly congregation of people from all walks of life. A spirit led atmosphere is prominent among those who worship together.

Goals of the congregation are to...

- Increase Spiritual Development by providing opportunities that will improve our spiritual awareness, guide our spiritual journey, and cultivate the disciplines of spiritual life.
- Participate in activities that will provide resources and support the community both locally and internationally.
- Provide opportunities for diverse groups and individuals to expand their understanding of church functions and goals.
- Provide communication, personal contact and pastoral care to all members and friends of the church community.
- Create more loving and solid homes by becoming an extended family, develop community among the youth of the church, affirm the worth of the elderly in our community, and provide an atmosphere of fellowship in the adult community.

Worship Service Time

	Sunday at 9:00 a.m. September thru May
Traditional Worship Service	Sunday at 10:30 a.m. June thru August
	Sunday at 11:15 a.m. September thru May
Contemporary Worship Service	Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in members' homes June thru August (dinner following)
Prayer Service	Last Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. January thru May

Classes

Children's Classes

Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
September thru May

Adult Class

Sunday at 10:15 a.m.
September thru May

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ELGIN LEADERSHIP

PASTORS

Jean Hedrich
Jayne Ackley

Associate Pastors of Worship: Contemporary Service:

Worship Leader
Audio/Visual Leaders

Lisa Ackley
Unfilled

Traditional Service:

Worship Leaders

Audio/Visual Leaders

Shannon and Rosemary Everett /Sylvia
Elrod
Robyn Meyer, Tyler Betancourt and
Jessica Moody

Associate Pastor of Fellowship:

Greeter Team
Women's Fellowship
Adult Fellowship
Welcoming Ministry
Special Fellowship Activities

Kate Kent/Unfilled
Ralph Wineman
Nancy Naber
Arlene Wineman
Rosemary Everett
Ralph and Arlene Wineman

Associate Pastor of Discipleship:

Bill Howard

Associate Pastor of Service:

Church Directory
Community Care
Community Service Outreach
Crisis Center Support
Military
Outreach International
Pastoral Care

Linda Meyer
Jean Hedrich
Linda Meyer
Linda Meyer
Linda Meyer
Robyn Meyer
Jim and Barb Wertz
Milford Burgess and Arlene Wineman

Associate Pastor of Outreach:	Unfilled/Kate Kent
Associate Pastors of Youth:	Mark and Nancy McClellan
Associate Pastor of Support:	John Kent
CFO (appointed position)	John Kent
Auditors	Rita Faunce and Sheryl Sawyers
Librarian	Lisa Jauch
Secretary	Lisa Jauch
Newsletter	Jean Hedrich
Web Design	Bill Howard
Sustain (appointments made by World church or Mission Center)	
Historian	Janet Bollow
Recorder	Jessica Moody

ELGIN COMMUNITY OF CHRIST 2012 STATISTICS

Beginning Membership – information unavailable

Ending Membership – information unavailable

Withdrawals-

Transfers Out-

- Rosemary Everett, Shannon Everett, Christy Everett, Shane Everett, Chad Everett, Erin Everett and Jake Everett

New Attendees-

- Tonya Jamerson

Baptisms –

- 1/29- Trey Faunce
- 6/10- Grace Kent

Confirmations-

- 1/29 Trey Faunce
- 6/10- Grace Kent

Weddings-

Ordinations-

- 6/3- John Kent

Births-

- 2/25- Charlie Rose Koessl

Blessings-

- 5/20- Charlie Rose Koessl
- 9/2 – Aurora and Carson Linton

ELGIN PRIESTHOOD

Evangelist

Bill Howard

Seventy

Derek Sanders

High Priests

Glenn Kreuzscher
Harold Smith

Elders

Milford Burgess
Sylvia Elrod
Rosemary Everett
Shannon Everett
Rita Faunce
Bill Hedrich
Jean Hedrich
Mark McClellan
Nancy McClellan
Ginger Sanders
Sheryl Sawyers
Linda Smith

Priests

Jayne Ackley
Lisa Ackley
John Kent
Linda Meyer
Kelly Montana
Jessica Moody
Nancy Naber
Richard Schulz

Teachers

Lisa Jauch
Kate Kent

Deacons

Jake Everett
Troy Faunce
Debby Nelson
Ralph Wineman

WORSHIP MINISTRY**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

- The Traditional service begins at 9:00 a.m. with traditional hymns by an organist, pianist or recordings, inspiring sermons from the pulpit, ministry of music, prayers and scripture lessons.
- Church school classes begin at 10:15 a.m. for ages Nursery through Adult. Classes help the members grow in their relationship with Christ and one another through study and fellowship.
- The Contemporary service begins at 11:15 a.m. with AV praise music followed by dramas, videos, prayer, teaching, preaching and fellowship using less formal approaches in worship.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

- Music plays an important part of worship in the Elgin Branch. We have truly talented musicians who use their talents to provide praise and worship music to help bring us closer to God. Our organist or pianist may support the worship by playing while we gather in the sanctuary and for meditation. When available, they also accompany the hymns as we joyfully praise the Lord in song. We often have instrumental music as well as volunteer soloists, both young and young at heart. The Contemporary service uses more recorded music from CD's or DVD's to praise, worship, or show commitment to God. Our audio/visual teams add to our services with recorded songs and video presentations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM

- Our Sunday school program begins in September and runs through the school year. In preparation for the start of a new year, we all gathered at 10:10 a.m. on September 9th in the gymnasium. Class promotion certificates were awarded by Ralph Wineman for those students changing classes. They were:
 - Gracie Kent – promoted to the Jr. Class
 - Niya Ransom – promoted to the Jr. High Class
 - Katherine Ackley, Chase Jauch, & Samantha Stanfa – promoted to the Sr. High Class
- A class picture was taken and a prayer of blessing was given.

- Primary Class (Kindergarten thru 2nd grade) Teacher- Kate McClellan
- Junior Class (3rd-5th grade) Teacher- Linda Meyer
- Junior Class (6th- 8th grade) Teacher- Mark McClellan
- High School (9th -12th grade) Teacher – Nancy McClellan
- Adult Class Teacher- Bill Howard

KIDS KAMP

- During the summer, Kids Kamp was offered twice a month during the 10:30 a.m. worship service. The theme was: “Water Miracles of Jesus.” Linda Meyer organized this worship for children ages 5-15. A fun-filled Kids Kamp Culmination Festival was held on Saturday, August 18th. See information about this in Youth Ministry.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- There are many exciting things to report about the Contemporary worship ministries. We continue to focus on scriptural literacy, prayer, and intimacy with God and others in our church family. Speakers are challenged to bring the point of their message around to what it means for us here today.
- Technology and media is often used in the services with an experienced and active a/v team.
- People of all ages are involved in leading praise, praying, reading scriptures, drama, ministry of music, planning and presiding over worship and even preaching!
- We have seen miraculous growth among the members who participate in Contemporary worship at the Elgin church. Before our eyes each week, lives are changed for the better through the grace of our Heavenly Father.

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

- The Worship Team has again done an excellent job bringing in guest speakers to provide a diversity of ideas in worship and fellowship with the congregation. Priesthood, members, and friends have freely accepted and served in the church services, providing exceptional spirit filled services.
- The Traditional service uses the Bible, Book of Mormon, and Doctrine & Covenants, as authorized by The Community of Christ Church, along with testimonies of how Jesus Christ, our Savior, has influenced our lives.
- The traditional service encourages each of us to reach out to the community where we live, work, and play to share our testimonies and our love for each other. With a willingness to serve our Heavenly Father, each member and friend(s) attending has felt the Holy Spirit encouraging them to study and witness with everyone they come in contact.

PRAYER MINISTRY

- A dedicated group of members join together on the last Wednesday evening from January thru May to communicate with God in prayer. These prayer warriors unite in real and fervent prayer with God.

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

- The Community of Christ welcomes those interested in learning about our church to become members through pre-baptism classes. Elder Mark McClellan taught a pre-baptism class for Grace Kent. Part of the process of becoming a member of our church is becoming familiar with the vision, mission, message, sacraments, and basic beliefs of the church. During the class, Mark focused on God's love for us, His plan to have a relationship with us and the gift that Jesus the Christ is to us. Salvation through Jesus Christ, the Great Commandment, the Great Commission, continuing revelation, the importance of being confirmed and the importance of being part of a church family were also part of this class. Grace Kent was baptized by Elder Mark McClellan and confirmed by Elder Ginger Sanders, assisted by Elder Mark McClellan on June 10th.

LEADING CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

- Our congregation was invited by our Mission Center President to participate in this three year pilot program sponsored by the World Church. This program is designed to help any size congregation discern, experiment, and engage in missional ministries oriented around the unique giftedness of its people. We met several times throughout the year to learn about this ministry.

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

ELGIN WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

- The purpose of this group is to discover and magnify the divine purpose of each woman through study, fellowship and service. Membership is made up of all the women in the Elgin Branch. The Women's Leader is Nancy Naber. Linda Meyer is Secretary and the Treasurer is Barb Wertz. The Women's Auxiliary meets in a member's home on the second Thursday of each month from March through December at 7:15p.m. The meetings consist of devotion, prayer, study, church business, refreshments and fellowship. The women share by teaching the lesson month to month.
- The book, *The Helper*, by Catherine Marshal, was studied this year. The book offers forty inspirational "helps" or readings, containing scripture, a prayer, and insight into the provocative third person of the Godhead.
- The group sold RADA Cutlery products this fall to the congregation and friends to earn money to install lighting along the church driveway. The year-end profit from this RADA Cutlery fundraiser was \$594.30.

- The Women's Auxiliary invited all women to attend a baby shower for Nikki Koessl on Sunday, February 5th. The shower, celebrating God's gift, was held at the home of Linda Meyer where party games, food and fellowship were abundant.

WELCOMING MINISTRY

- Elgin Branch is blessed when first-time visitors come to worship with us. Jean Hedrich and Jayne Ackley send notes to our visitors to thank them and to let them know that their presence was truly appreciated and encourage them to worship with us again.

GREETER TEAM

- The Elgin Branch has developed a ministry of welcome for all who enter into our house of worship. Warm genuine Christian hospitality is offered by Greeters to all who join us for fellowship, whether a new visitor or a long-time member. The Greeter stationed at the church door welcomes visitors and regular attendees with a smile, answers questions and offers kind words. Ralph Wineman is instrumental in the success of this ministry.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP

- The adult fellowship is a vibrant and active ministry. This well planned and attended ministry consisted of social activities that teach about God and glorify His name through fellowship with friends and others.
- Each month a meal and activity were planned for the group by Ralph and Arlene Wineman. Usually a meal at a favorite restaurant was followed by a play or Christian presentation. Some of the activities were:
 - 2/4 – Concert, *White Ghost Shivers* at Elgin Community College then dinner
 - 3/3 – Play, *The Secret of the Alabaster Box* at Itasca Baptist Church then dinner
 - 3/25 – Spirit of Life Concert, *Faith of our Fathers* at St. John's Lutheran Church
 - 5/26 – Social gathering at The Brunch Café
 - 7/21- Play, *The Music Man* at Itasca Baptist Church then dinner
 - 8/25- Social gathering at Pilot Pete's Restaurant
 - 9/23 – Dinner Concert, Men's A Capella Chorus and Quartets, The Arlingtonges, in *Those Were the Days* with our own John Kent
 - 10/8 – Play, *Father of the Bride* at Living Hope Church then dinner

PRIESTHOOD MEETINGS

- Priesthood meetings, usually held on a Saturday morning, are held for the purpose of study, worship and fellowship. We begin with breakfast in the Fellowship Hall followed by our priesthood meeting in the sanctuary or adult classroom. Listed below are the subjects covered in those meetings:

- 4/21- The Do's and Don'ts of Hospital Visiting with Chaplain Diaz from Sherman Hospital

SPECIAL FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITIES

- The Elgin Saints have a rich tradition of fellowship activities. One of the ways to honor this tradition is by enjoying a meal with worship services or other celebrations. Arlene Wineman was instrumental in organizing these dinners.
- A "Setting Apart" service was held for Jayne Ackley, our new Co-Pastor during the Contemporary Service on January 22nd. A potluck dinner was held following the service.
- February 19th services were followed by a Soup Supper. Members brought soup, bread, side dishes and desserts to continue our fellowship with one another.
- A moving Ash Wednesday service was held on Feb. 22, with Lisa Ackley presiding and many worshipers reading, praying and singing and sharing. The worship ended with the Lenten Blessing by Evangelist Bill Howard.
- Holy Week Services included two performances of the last hours of Jesus' life on Good Friday. On Easter Sunday we began with a Sunrise Service followed by a delicious Easter Breakfast. Following breakfast, the youth enjoyed the traditional Easter Egg hunt. A beautiful Easter Worship Service was held at 10:30 for the whole congregation and visitors.
- A very special "Sending Forth" was held for Shannon and Rosemary Everett on May 19th at the home of Nancy and Lowell Naber. Since they were moving to Texas, a country and western theme was used with several wearing western attire. They were recognized for many years of service in our branch and were thanked for their leadership, fellowship and service. Special guests attending were Ted and Mary Ann Adkins from Lee's Summit, Mo, Judy and Dick Maneval from Grayslake, IL and Donna and Mitch Maneval from Long Grove, IL. A special sending off prayer of blessing was given by Bill Hedrich.
- A special service of blessing was held on May 20 for Charlie Rose Koessl. Ed Ford offered special music and a charge to her parents was given by Shannon Everett. Shannon and Rosemary Everett then did the blessing of Charlie Rose Koessl.
- The Summer Kick-off Fundraiser was held on Sunday, June 3rd following the worship service to raise money to update the AV worship equipment. A silent and live auction was held with Ginger Sanders as Auctioneer. We also enjoyed live entertainment by the Arlingtones with our very own John Kent singing. A delicious bar-b-que lunch was held with Chef Derek Sanders at the grill and delectable salads and desserts provided by the Church Ladies! A total of \$630.50 was raised for these much needed AV updates.
- "Signal Communities...Live Christ's Mission" was the theme of the 2012 Family Camp/Reunion/Gathering held July 14-20 at Camp Quarryledge. Several of our families attended this opportunity to learn more about discipleship and our mission as followers of Christ. The daily themes were:
 - Reflect Christ's Love

- Embrace Continuing Revelation
- Make Responsible Choices
- Pursue Peace
- Honor the Sacredness of Creation
- Speak and Live Christ's Mission.
- On July 29th, the Young Peacemakers Orientation and Youth Workers Registration were held with a pizza lunch enjoyed afterward.
- The August Contemporary Worship Service met at the home of Mark and Nancy McClellan which included a sending forth service for our high school graduates as well as a light meal afterward. Tyler Betancourt will attend DePaul University; Audrey Lai will attend Graceland University; and Andrew Sawyers will attend Northern Michigan University.
- A potluck lunch was held after the September 16 worship services while the Youth Workers registration applications and interviews were completed.
- A very special combined Thanksgiving worship service was held on 11/25 with Sheryl Sawyers presiding and Sylvia Elrod speaking about the theme "Choose Gratitude".
- This year's annual Christmas Pageant, held on December 15, featured the singing of Christmas carols by the congregation and a seasonally themed play performed by our youth. The carols were led by guitarist and guest pastor Roger Hintzsche from the DeKalb Community of Christ church. Our own Ginger Sanders wrote the youth play which reminded us all of how easily we can lose sight of the true reason we celebrate the Christmas season. Following the evening's music and play, we all enjoyed the fellowship of being together with appetizers and Christmas cookies.

CHICAGO MISSION CONFERENCE

- The Elgin Branch hosted the Chicago Mission Center Conference on November 17th. Delegates for the World and USA Conferences were elected. The Women's Auxiliary, with the help from the congregation, provided the lunch for the gathering.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

SCRIP GIFT CARD PROGRAM

- For the past five years, Elgin Branch has continued to participate in the Scrip program which supports the branch Operating Fund. Gift cards are available for purchase from restaurants, grocery stores, department stores, and much more! The first Sunday of each month, members of the congregation place their gift card orders with Lisa Jauch. Each card has its own percent of return. This year the profit earned from this program totaled \$900.90.

YOUNG PEACEMAKERS CLUB

- The Young Peacemakers Club was started as an outreach ministry in the Elgin Community of Christ. YPC is a way to get people out of the church, and into the community. It is also a way to bring the community into the church. YPC is under the direction of our Associate Pastor of Outreach, Kate Kent, who is helped by three volunteers, Katie McClellan, Pastor Jean Hedrich, and the CFO, John Kent. We have had 13 different adult volunteers, and have had 17 different kids coming in 2012. YPC is sponsored by Community of Christ but it is non-denominational, and non-specific to any of the world's major religions, drawing instead, from all the world's religions, with the goal of being inclusive and promoting world peace. Through the Young Peacemakers Club, children will be offered a chance to:
- IMAGINE making a peaceful difference in the world as they learn how to help turn conflicts into opportunities and embrace the power to PASS the PEACE, EXPLORE the differences and similarities of the human family while discovering the rights of the World's Children and DISCOVER the joy and power of feelings, and the many peaceful choices for expressing those feelings while making Squishies or playing Feeling Pictionary.

ELGIN LOVE DAY

- Elgin Community of Christ joined together with over 30 other churches throughout Elgin to help bring about an event called Love Elgin Day. This was a first of its kind event held in downtown Elgin on Saturday, April 28th from 9am to 2pm. Hundreds of volunteers joined forces to bless the needy in Jesus' name. Community families were invited and over 1700 came to receive food, clothing, personal prayer, professional services, medical and dental attention, legal counsel, biblical materials and the Gospel message. It was an all-out-effort, an all-hands-on-deck affair to give help and hope to those who most need it. This event was the first of hopefully many such outreaches.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY- A BRUSH WITH KINDNESS

- The summer of 2012 Elgin Community of Christ joined forces with Habitat for Humanity-Fox Valley to aid them with their annual event "A Brush With Kindness".
- Through this program Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley partners with families who currently own their own home but through whatever circumstances, have struggled to maintain the exterior. The program offers exterior home maintenance at no cost to the homeowner. On Saturday, June 30, dozens of volunteers came out to work on several A Brush With Kindness projects. These projects consisted of six mobile homes and two homes in the Elgin and Carpentersville area. Volunteers spent the day scraping, painting, removing and replacing siding and some minor landscaping. This is a great program that allows groups of volunteers and homeowners to see a real improvement in a property, start to finish in a day.

ELGIN COMMUNITY GARDEN NETWORK

- The spring of 2012 through the late summer, Elgin Community of Christ was asked to help maintain a community garden along with Elgin Community Garden Network. ECG is a nonprofit organization composed of volunteers dedicated to feeding the hungry and teaching sustainable skills. 100% of the harvest from the over 20 garden sites in Elgin go to the local food pantries. Volunteers from the Kent family helped out with our chosen site of Lords Park Zoo. There were eight 4' x 4' raised plant beds and a 25' x 50' field to sow. This year we planted various types of lettuce, squash, carrots and beans. Due to the severe heat and drought, our garden did not fare as well as it could have done, however we still managed to have a nice size crop which was then donated to local food pantries in Elgin to help in offering locally grown, organic produce to feed the hungry.

SERVICE MINISTRY

COMMUNITY SERVICE OUTREACH

- Compassion International consists as a Christian child advocacy ministry. The Elgin Branch sponsors Peter, a seventeen year old boy from the coastal community of Urbanizacion El Bosque, Peru. Compassion International has helped us develop a meaningful relationship of encouragement to help Peter develop physically, spiritually, socially and economically. Money is collected once a month during the worship services and sent to Compassion International. This collection is spent on essentials to help Peter become a responsible fulfilled Christian adult. The congregation, also, supports Peter by writing letters to him often and sending him postcards, bookmarks and other items so he may learn about us and our love for God. Peter writes to us often to express his appreciation for our support.
- The Elgin Branch is committed to supporting the local crisis center's mission to advocate for a healthy non-violent environment for all people and the support, if necessary, to help individuals through crisis develop and pursue their own goals. Linda Meyer organizes the donations for the crisis center and food pantry. In the spring, we filled and donated Easter Baskets for children that visit the Crisis Center. Supplies were donated by members of our congregation and were assembled by our Sunday School Classes as a service project. During the summer months, a collection of school supplies was taken for needy children and donated to the Elgin Crisis Center. In March and November there were food and supplies collections organized and generously supported by our members. The food and supplies were donated to the Elgin Interfaith Food Pantry to support people who need emergency assistance in our community.
- The month of March is set aside to recognize and support the members of our branch who are in active military service. Our branch donated a total of \$204 for our members currently serving. Chad Everett was sent a gift card. Shane Everett

and Christy Everett were sent various food and supplies. A donation was sent to the Wounded Warriors Fund.

PASTORAL CARE

- Our Pastoral Care team of Milford Burgess and Arlene Wineman remain very busy throughout the year providing support during all aspects of life. Electronic Birthday cards are sent to members as well as cards to help celebrate wedding anniversaries. When our members are ill and hospitalized, they are visited by our priesthood and a get-well card and flowers are brought to them to brighten their day and to remind them that our healing prayers are being offered for them. Limited home visiting is part of this ministry also.

LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

- Each year an Elgin Branch Church Directory is updated and made available to all members and those who attend our branch regularly. Jean Hedrich is the person who takes on this responsibility.

OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL

- Our branch contributes to Outreach International to support sustainable goods to children and their families living in poverty. Our branch sent \$852.07 to the Campaign for Caribbean Kids Fund, raising money for schools in Haiti.
- Katie McClellan, a Graceland student from our branch, took part in a Bike-a-Thon for Outreach International last spring. Members from our branch sponsored her in Graceland's Leadership Program and helped them raise over \$2000 for this cause.

CAMP QUARRYLEDGE SUPPORT

- A special collection to support Camp Quarryledge is taken each month that has a 5th Sunday in it. Our CFO reported that \$855 was collected in January, April, July, September and December and in personal envelopes throughout the year.

MACY RESERVATION COLLECTION

- In October of 2012, school supplies as well as toiletries, winter wear and small toys were collected for the Macy Reservation in South Dakota. The entire Elgin congregation collected and donated supplies. Ginger Sanders filled 25 shoeboxes and delivered them to Hart Ministries located in Kansas City, MO. (Hart is a Community of Christ Homeless Ministry) Hart volunteers went to Macy the first week in December and delivered over one thousand boxes to the school.

YOUTH MINISTRY

KIDS KAMP

- This ministry for children was offered during the 10:30 a.m. worship service beginning on June 17th. Classes were held twice a month during the summer months. Linda Meyer accepted the leadership for the ministry. The theme "Water Miracles of Jesus", included lessons about the draught of fish when Jesus first called his disciples, Jesus turning water into wine, Jesus walking on water, Jesus calming the storm, and Jesus and the miraculous catch of fish. The children practiced a puppet show of the miraculous catch of fish.
- On August 18th, we held a Kids Kamp Kulmination festival at the church. We began the day with a child-centered worship service, a puppet show and singing. After our traditional pizza lunch we enjoyed many games and activities outside on the church lawn. We had a Moonwalk, a Cakewalk, a Toilet Paper Toss and the Lollipop Tree. The children also went to booths for Face Painting, Puppet Making, the Bean Bag Toss game as well as the Frisbee Toss game. A popular booth on the hot summer day was the Water Balloon Toss game! The children enjoyed the Ring Toss game, the Duck Pond and trying to Catch a Fish in that booth. They decorated bags for their prizes and even took turns hitting the Piñata to spill the candy. Many adults helped with organization, building and assembly of the booths and assisting in these fun activities. We were blessed with 36 attendees with fun being had by all!
- **DISCOVERING NEW FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND FAITH-** Our youth are the future leaders of not only our church but of the world. Our mission is to equip children and youth for the journey. Youth Leaders, Mark and Nancy McClellan planned activities as we pursue how to serve God and others, and how to reach out to connect with God's love. Various activities were planned in the Elgin Branch and with the Chicago Mission Center for our youth and their friends:
 - 1/14 - Youth Lock-In, Movie night and sleepover
 - 1/15 - Youth Pancake Breakfast fundraiser
 - 2/17 – Junior High Retreat at Camp Quarryledge
 - 3/9 – Senior High Retreat at Camp Quarryledge
 - 5/18 - Junior Retreat at Camp Quarryledge
 - 6/10 – Senior High Summer Camp at Camp Quarryledge
 - 6/24 – Junior Summer Camp at Camp Quarryledge
 - 8/5 – Junior High Summer Camp at Camp Quarryledge
 - 9/28 – Senior High Retreat at Camp Quarryledge
 - 10/12 - Junior Retreat at Camp Quarryledge
 - 10/21 – Pizza and Laser Tag for our youth and friends
 - 11/2 – Junior High Retreat at Camp Quarryledge
 - 12/29 – Senior High Yuletide Retreat at Camp Quarryledge

MINISTRY OF SUPPORT

OFFICERS

- The CFO for Elgin congregation is an appointed position within the Chicago Mission Center. Once appointed, the CFO then receives a sustaining vote by the congregation. John Kent serves in this position for our congregation. His responsibilities include contribution processing, oblation requests, creating financial reports, and reporting to auditors. Additional duties may include managing the branch finances/checkbook/paying bills, creating budgets, negotiating and signing contracts, hiring people, building committee, and fund raising projects. He works closely with both the pastor and the Mission Center CFO to achieve the financial goals of the congregation. In 2012 the role of the CFO expanded to include outreach into the business community of Streamwood and Elgin, IL. Using the Young Peacemakers Club, we joined the Streamwood Park District and Chamber of Commerce, attending several of their events, including Streamwood Summerfest July 29, Park District Halloween Party on Oct. 25th and the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Party on December 13th.
- Rita Faunce and Sheryl Sawyers are the branch Auditors. The general purpose of the audit is to validate the correctness of the Chief Financial Officer. They validate the contributions reported on the tax forms to the deposit made to the bank. In addition, they look at all large dollar expenses to check for back-up indicating the proper amount was paid for product or for work performed for the church. They also check several smaller payables to confirm they were recorded against the proper line item in the budget. Once they have been satisfied the profit and loss statement and the bank statements are correct, then they issue a brief report to World Church indicating the work they performed and our statement that the Elgin Congregation's books are in order.
- Serving as both Librarian and Secretary was Lisa Jauch. The position of Secretary requires Lisa to take accurate minutes at each branch business meeting. These minutes are read and approved at the following meeting. As Librarian, she takes the time to periodically organize the books if they are misfiled. She also purchases new books that would be beneficial to the congregation.
- Bill Howard has designed our Elgin church web page and updates it as needed. It is found at www.bymyspirit.us/elgin

BRANCH IMPROVEMENTS

- Since our branch operating budget did not meet expectations, it was decided that a special White Envelope offering would be taken to pay the insurance bill and the upcoming ADT invoice. We were blessed with a generous outpouring of support with donations of over \$3050.
- In keeping with our tradition of a loving and supportive congregation, money was collected during December for families in our branch who were struggling

financially at Christmas. The \$470 received blessed three of our families and one family from the On Edge congregation.

- We are working on Guidelines for General Building Use and will be creating a Fee Schedule.
- Our elevator was repaired at a cost of \$2000.
- Jacob McClellan built and donated an outdoor picnic table with attached benches for our activities.
- In August we received documentation from Legal Services at the World Church stating that our mortgage has been paid off!
- A new overhead projector was purchased for about \$900 for use in our worship services.

A SERVANT'S HEART

- Milford Burgess provides valuable service and significant ministry in caring for the church. His talents and dedicated service help keep our church property in good repair. In the winter he clears the sidewalks of ice and snow for our safety. Milford comes to church very early before services begin to turn the furnace or air conditioning on so the church will be comfortable for all who enter to worship and fellowship. He not only makes repairs when needed but also takes on the responsibility of cleaning the building. In addition, he makes sure the fire extinguishers have their annual inspection, he replaces light bulbs, keeps the outside church sign current and he cleans and waxes the lower level floors. He is truly a blessing to our congregation.

CHICAGO MISSION CENTER

The Chicago Mission Center

- Twelve Community of Christ congregations in the greater Chicago area make up the Chicago Mission Center. Their mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of Joy, Hope, Love, and Peace. The mission center provides youth ministry and opportunities for fellowship, spiritual growth, and ministerial training for all the congregations as well as Camp Quarryledge. Numerous opportunities for fellowship with Christ and our brothers and sisters were provided through various activities.

CATEGORY	2010	2011 proposed	2011 Audited	2012 proposed
INCOME				
-- From Congregation	90587.92		\$ 81,449.77	
-- Interest	5.93		\$ 3.24	
-- From Oblation	1400		\$ 750.00	
From Willow Tae Kwon Do	1200			
Dedicated Donations			\$ 14,562.00	
From Gift Card Sales	1076.55		\$ 1,428.39	
Other Inc			\$ 1,190.82	
Outside Rental Events			\$ 400.00	
Income Total	94270.4		\$ 99,784.22	
Contributions to Other Funds				
Camp Quarryledge	559.5		\$ 1,515.01	
Chicago Mission Ctr Outreach Endowment	875			
World Church	16481.62		\$ 18,580.71	
TOTALS:	17916.12			
INCOME TO ELGIN BUDGET:	76354.28	60,060	\$ 79,688.50	
MISSION CENTER SUPPORT	3220	3,220	\$ 3,220.00	\$ 3,220.00
SUPPORT / ADMINISTRATIVE				
ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP:		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
COMMUNICATION				
** Heard in Every Home Program	742.56	750	\$ 751.40	\$ 750.00
STEWARDSHIP				
LIBRARY		100	\$ 38.27	\$ 100.00
TOTALS:	3962.56	4170	\$ 4,009.67	\$ 4,170.00
MINISTRIES				
WORSHIP	\$ 1,818.75	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,321.95	\$ 2,500.00
FELLOWSHIP	213.83	300	\$ 280.30	\$ 500.00
DISCIPLESHIP		650	\$ 434.75	\$ 700.00
OUTREACH	\$ 200.00		\$ 131.25	\$ 500.00
SERVICE	\$ 528.00	\$ 640.00	\$ 585.10	\$ 600.00
YOUTH	\$ 1,611.50	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,031.76	\$ 2,000.00
OBLATION			\$ 750.00	
TOTALS:	4372.08	4590	\$ 5,535.11	\$ 6,800.00
Building Fund Expense-Steeple	10558.86			
FACILITY/MAINTENANCE				
LOAN PAYMENT	25984.2	26000	\$ 25,984.20	\$ 11,000.00
SNOW PLOWING	\$ 1,430.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,298.00	\$ 1,500.00
SUPPLIES	\$ 267.12	\$ 500.00	\$ 781.94	\$ 500.00
CLEANING/REFUGE	\$ 663.66	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,255.54	\$ 700.00
EQMT/REPAIRS	\$ 4,982.72	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 22,659.18	\$ 7,000.00
INSURANCE	\$ 6,641.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,775.00	\$ 8,000.00
UTILITIES	\$ 10,575.66	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 12,116.76	\$ 11,000.00
Outside Rental Expense			\$ 189.23	
2010 parking lot, 2011 new windows	\$ 5,626.35			
TOTALS:	\$ 56,170.71	\$ 51,300.00	\$ 72,059.85	\$ 39,700.00
RESERVES/SPEC MINISTRY				
MATCHING FUND GRACELAND UNIV. OBLATION	1355			\$ 1,500.00
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT				
SPECIAL RESERVES				
RESERVES - GENERAL				\$ 10,500.00
MISCELLANEOUS				
TOTALS:				
TOTAL EXPENSES	76419.21	60,060.00	\$ 81,604.63	\$ 62,670.00
INCOME LESS EXPENSE:			\$ (1,916.13)	