

Rainbow committee
Monday, August 10, 2009 6:30 PM

Attended: Jill, Becky, Dave, Linda, Don, Pastor Karen, Susan

Absent: Judy, Gloria

Reviewed Excel Rainbow giving chart.

Up-coming Rainbow Selections:

September giving:

- Winter Warmth – winter coats for local people in need.
- Women At The Well: Women's Prison Congregation – Mitchellville (Indigo, #305). Pastor Kären has been in contact with Rev Arnette and has found out that donations would be used towards the purchase of a movie screen for projecting words, hymns, and images on.

The United Methodist Church is a continuing presence at the Iowa Correctional Institute for Women, Mitchellville, Iowa. As members of this congregation, inmates form their own worship and faith community, worship weekly, and develop leaders for their congregation. We are called to partner with them for renewal, reconciliation, and the revitalization of the church inside and outside the prison wall. Rev. Arnette Pint, pastor: P.O. Box 62, Mitchellville, IA 50169, phone 515-967-3388, pastorarnette@msn.com

- Missionaries, 3rd Mile giving. Larry and Jane Kies are assigned to Africa University, located just outside Mutare, the fourth-largest city in Zimbabwe. Larry serves as a technical advisor at the university, assisting in the development of the university's farm and working to train a new generation of agriculturalists from countries across the continent. Jane teaches English to students coming from countries where it is not spoken. They write, "As the economic problems become worse, we often struggle with what our roles should be. We know that in the long term our work with the university and its students can contribute to developing leaders of tomorrow. But if change is not affected soon, the future leaders will inherit a skeleton of what the country has today. And we want to balance our efforts between helping people who are desperate now with enabling society to better survive in the long run." Larry and Jane have four children. To support Larry Kies, use Advance #09572Z. Jane's number s Advance #10739Z. Write them at Africa University, Box 1320, Mutare, Zimbabwe, Africa or lkies@africau.ac.zw

October giving:

- Habitat for Humanity, Benton County (Orange, #488-Benton County) Using donated money and materials, Habitat for Humanity builds simple, sturdy houses in partnership with families in need. Habitat is not a give-away program. Volunteers work side by side with Habitat homeowners, who put hundreds of hours of their own labor (sweat equity) into building their houses. The houses are then sold to partner families at no profit, financed with affordable, no-interest loans. Mortgage payments go into a fund used to build more houses.

Need to work: Orange, Green (includes Ingathering kits), Indigo. 3rd Mile missionary giving.

Special Selections (Purple): has been fulfilled for the year. Do we want to continue to select? Decided to not support additional ones this fall, as we need to concentrate on other Rainbow giving.

BULLFROG:

- Time and date of battery distribution will be Sunday, October 25th at 2 PM.
- Will put a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary to hopefully get more of the congregation involved.

- Will put a notice in September's church bulletins asking the congregation for 9-volt battery donations.
- Should we need to purchase 70 9-volt batteries, it would cost ~\$130 (plus tax) at Sam's Club.

Pet Shelter donation. Bags of dog food counted. Will add \$80 into the giving for that.

New business? None

Next meetings:

Monday, September 14th --- cancelled, several will be absent that evening

Monday, October 12th

Distribution of batteries: Sunday, October 25th 2 PM

Monday, November 9th

Monday, December 14th