

Stewardship Report

December, 2009

Current Pledge Totals as of Monday, December 7, 2009

82 General Fund pledges for \$229, 916

For 2009, 139 pledges received for \$339,000.

For 2008, 127 pledges received for \$325,000.

At this time, compared to last year, we are down 57 pledges and \$109,000. In percentage terms, the number of pledges has dropped by 41%, and the amount of pledges is down 32%.

Letters have been sent out this week to everyone in the congregation, different letters to those whose pledges have been received and to those members who have not pledged.

While no one knows the exact reasons behind the significant drop in pledges this year, we can assume it is a combination of the poor economy, poor employment numbers, the loss of members resulting from the recent vote regarding gay clergy, and the stewardship program. The only piece of this we control is the stewardship program itself.

Jim and Randy would like to receive any feedback regarding how the stewardship program was perceived this year, with suggestions for improvements.