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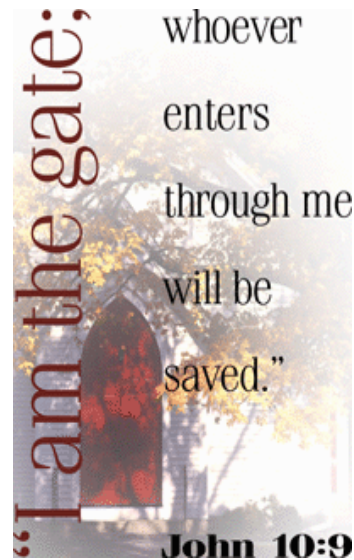
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Please share this abbreviated issue of "The Evangel" with members of your Congregation. Two articles from local congregations share how they have used the local portion of the Peacemaking Offering.

THANK YOU to all who have contributed articles and shared your ministry with other church members since the inception of "The Evangel."

This is the final issue until the future structure of committees and responsibilities are defined in the new vision for Eastminster Presbytery.

May we all continue to share in this future, and continue to share God's love and blessings with each other.



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Scholarships from Peacemaking Offering

By: Rev. Janet Lowery

It may not seem like much, but North Springfield Presbyterian Church every year uses some of its Peacemaking Offering to purchase the Advent Devotional Booklets produced by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. We make them available to members and shut-ins.

We have also provided scholarships to the Peacemaking Conferences.

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Peacemaking Offering at First Presbyterian Church in Youngstown

By: Rev. Nick Mager

At First Presbyterian Church of Youngstown the local portion of our annual Peacemaking Offering has been given to our Board of Deacons who basically oversees our "local mission" endeavors. In 2005 the deacons purchased our Peace Pole and the languages of Arabic, Hebrew, and Spanish were chosen in addition to English.

First Church, Youngstown

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In 2008 we also dedicated a Peace Tree (dogwood) for the church yard, and on World Communion used the story of the Native American practice of "burying the hatchet" under the tree. (see 2008 Peacemaking Resources)

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In addition the deacons have made donations to the Beatitude House, a program sponsored by the Ursuline Sisters for transitional housing for women and children; the Youngstown Urban League; the Mahoning Valley Ulster Project; the Youngstown area Sojourn To The Past, a program taking High School students to see significant places in the South related to our country's struggle for racial equality; and the Martin Luther King, Jr. observance in Youngstown.

The deacons have also used Peacemaking Funds to assist members in attending conferences such as the P.C.U.S.A.'s multicultural events.