

Hunger Commission – January 1, 2015

- We are still waiting for the final numbers on Heifer. The final contributions from the Sunday School classes will be picked up on Sunday, January 4. The contributions from the table in the hall totaled \$4205 and \$432 was turned in from the Senior High group for a total of \$4,637 but that does not include some checks that were mailed directly to the church plus additional money from the children and junior and senior high groups.
- Shelley and Nicole Hubert did a great job creating enthusiasm with the Sunday school classes building on an idea from Pastor Grace that involved assigning an animal and goal to each class. The senior high pie throwing raffle was a real highlight. Many thanks also to both Pastor Grace and Pastor Sarah who mentioned Heifer several times during church services.
- Kay Van Buskirk reported that the lunch program has continued to grow with a dramatic rise since 2007. As of November we had distributed 150 lunches during 2014.
- Jim Davidson and Dave Hollander have agreed to chair the Crop Walk for one more year. This year CUMC had 18 walkers including six young people and raised \$2070. This was the 28th year of the walk. The money is divided between the Northern Illinois Food Bank & Loaves and Fishes.
- There are 92 school kits awaiting pickup in Bolingbrook to go to Chatham.
- The members of the Hunger Commission decided to retain the commission's separate identity rather than to merge with Missions but agreed we should do a better job of coordinating our efforts.
- Ruth Fawell researched places for donations and the commission voted to send \$1000 each to UMCOR Sustainable Recovery and Development and Sierra Leone for the establishment of small farms.
- The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2015 at 6 p.m.