

WHY CONTRIBUTE TO NEIGHBORS IN NEED??

Imagine: Another World IS Possible!

Neighbors in Need pools our gifts so that they can have a larger effect than just the few dollars each of us contributes. This offering goes to help in the whole range of social issues: poverty, economic development, human rights, peacemaking, violence prevention, environmental concerns, racial and economic justice, advocacy for public education, multiracial, multi-cultural implementation and public policy. The dollars CUCC contributes is multi-

plied by hundreds of other churches, so that the UCC can offer support to millions of people. NIN is about making another world possible!

Part of the Hope Shall Bloom Hurricane Recovery Initiative for the UCC is a promise to support the UCC's Neighbors in Need special mission offering and other justice initiatives that work to ensure that our government adequately serves all people, including the most vulnerable, the disabled, the poor and the elderly.

Please give generously on Oct. 2.

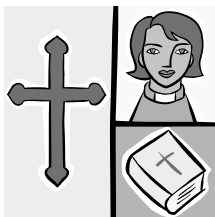
Women's Fellowship

At the September 8th meeting of the Women's Fellowship, the Rev. Ann Burger reported on the progress of the Champaign County Christian Health Center in meeting the health care needs of the uninsured people in our area. The need is so great that the members of the group voted to contribute \$100.00 from the Women's Fellowship treasury to this program. Elizabeth Easley described the impact of Hurricane Katrina on the New Orleans area as reported by her son, David. Members voted to send \$100.00 from the Women's Fellowship treasury to Church World Service; Hurricane Katrina Response. Inquiries about these actions can be directed to Jean Creswell, Becky Hanson, Elizabeth Easley or Diane Carothers.

Sympathy

Our Sympathy is extended to Ian, Victoria and David Robertson following the death of Ian's father. They are in our prayers.

Sarah Bloesch, our student in-care



I was privileged to travel to St. Louis for Pastor's Day at Eden Theological Seminary. Pastor's Day is an opportunity for those churches with in-care students to meet with those students and learn more about their life at seminary. I met Sarah at Eden's chapel service where we celebrated together the gospel service Eden holds

once a month. I then ate lunch with her at Eden's Schroer Commons.

I am excited to share with you that Sarah is enjoying her field placement. She is working with African refugees (She hopes to be a UCC missionary in Africa). She related that she was glad to see a familiar face, but she seems to be enjoying seminary life. In keeping with her chemistry background, I

believe Sarah is the only seminarian who has the periodic table in her dorm room. Sarah is also part of a silent counter-protest at an abortion clinic where she holds signs reading: "Pro-Life, Pro-Family, Pro-Choice."

I believe Sarah does us proud at Eden. As we continue to walk with her, I hope we will continue our mutual learning.

-Mike Mulberry