



## ‘Funding Central’ 2009 RECAP

### Stewardship Opportunities that support the Ministries at Central

#### Scrip

2009 was a great year, thanks to the 85 families actively using Scrip gift cards for groceries, shopping and dining. Now more than ever we need to find ways to creatively support the church budget. The church buys gift cards at a discount, and resells them at face value, earning ~ 5%. Shopping with Scrip helps you stick to your budget, while helping the church.

**Need a Scrip mentor?** Phyllis and Helen use Scrip for long-distance calling, monthly prescriptions, supplies for notes to church members, dining, gas, and gifts. They planned ahead for their trip to Florida buying Scrip cards for gas, restaurants for the trip down, hotel Scrip for their overnights, and even bought a GPS device using Scrip, earning \$50 in one order!

#### Help Haiti with Scrip

Assemble Haiti Health Kits with supplies purchased with Scrip for CVS, Kmart, Rite Aid, or Walgreen’s. Use your ‘Central Cares’ reusable bag at Target and grocery stores and receive a \$.05 rebate per bag. Donate your rebate at the Scrip table to buy a hot lunch for a child in Haiti.

#### Thank You!

All of our Scrip shipping fees were covered in December thanks to Helen Fitzgerald, Cathy Hazen, Phyllis Liming, and Bob Stephenson. Barb Burns, Sue Shipley, and Bob Stephenson covered fees in January. In 2009 you generously donated shipping fees for 34 of 52 weeks!

#### Five Years of Scrip:

- 2009 Scrip, Kroger, and Coffee earnings: **\$8,818.13**
- 2008 Scrip, Kroger, and Coffee earnings: **\$9,046.30**
- 2007 Scrip + Kroger earnings: **\$7,613.55**
- 2006 Scrip + Kroger earnings: **\$8,413.70**
- 2005 Scrip + Kroger earnings: **\$6,944.81**

**Earnings since the program began: \$40,836.49!**

#### EXTRA Earning Opportunities:

- \* **Mobil Gas earns an extra 1% (2.5% total) through April 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- \* **Motherhood Maternity announces it’s twins! Double rebates (12%) thru 4/2**
- \* **Shell gas earns an extra 1% (2.5% total) permanently!**

**New Retailers:** \* Neiman Marcus (12%) - \$50 \* Omni Hotels (8%) - \$100

#### Credit Cards now accepted at the Scrip Table

Earn your points and shop securely. We have a credit card swipe machine that can process credit transactions through Vanco Services, which processes your weekly EFT and credit card giving. Please note that cash and check are still the preferred way to purchase, as we are charged a fee of 3% of your purchase. An upload charge of 3% added to your purchase is appreciated to offset these fees.

#### Kroger

Kroger gives up to 5% of your grocery bill to our church. Help by linking your Kroger Plus card to Central. Go to [KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://KrogerCommunityRewards.com) and link our group 83035, or take our group barcode to the service desk. Barcodes available at the Scrip table or in the office.



**HOT SCRIP TIP!** Use a Visa Rewards card (2%) or American Express gift card (1.25%) to pay for your groceries (use Amex at Costco!). If you spend \$100 a week, you would give Central an extra \$104 a year. This is above the amount we earn through Kroger rewards. Imagine if 10...or 100 families did this weekly. Better yet, don't imagine, but commit to picking up Scrip every week! **Earnings in 2009: \$1,650.14**



### **V.G.'s Community Shares:**

Save your V.G.'s receipts! Central earns 1% of your purchase total. Thank you Diana Carter for totaling up receipt points, then redeeming them. **Earnings in 2009: \$572.56**

### **Meijer Earnings:**

Meijer credit card purchases earn 1%; cash or debit card and a Meijer 1 courtesy card earn .5%. If you shop at Meijer, and don't have a Meijer 1 courtesy card, please stop by the Scrip table for your application. **Earnings in 2009: \$184.02**

### **Fair Trade Coffee and Chocolate**

Fair Trade coffee purchases benefit small-scale coffee farmers, UMCOR, and earn profits for Central. We earn ~\$1 per bag. **Coffee, tea and chocolate sales totaled over \$2,200 in 2009!** Profits are included with the Scrip earnings.

#### **♥ Dark Chocolate Mini's are back for Valentine's Day! ♥**

Love your sweetie, your church, and your global family by buying fair trade chocolate. The cocoa is not harvested using child labor, and cocoa and sugar cane farmers are paid a living wage for their produce. Sounds like a whole lotta love for \$5 a bag!

### **Shiela B's Gourmet Caramel Corn**

Shiela Strang sells her gourmet caramel corn to us at a wholesale price, so profits benefit the church. We order from Shiela, just like we do from Equal Exchange for our coffee, thus supporting a local Michigan small business! **Earnings since October: \$58.25**

### **Paper Recycling**

Recycle your newspapers, magazines, catalogs, mail, office and school papers in the green bin in the parking lot. We are paid by the pound for the paper. **Earnings in 2009: \$682.16**

### **New! Royal Oak Recycling!**

Now you have expanded opportunities to recycle and earn 'green' for Central. Take your phonebooks, plastics #1-7, tin cans, scrap metal, cardboard, paperboard, old electronics and hard cover books to Royal Oak Recycling, and they pay us monthly. Please sort by group, and tell them your donation is for our church. Two drop-off locations: 10332 Highland Rd in White Lake or 414 E. Hudson in Royal Oak. See flyer for more information. We will continue to have a paper recycling bin available in our parking lot for paper drop-offs.



### **GoodSearch.com and GoodShop.com**

Use GoodSearch.com to search the Internet, and we earn ~1.3 cents per search. Select "Central United Methodist Church – Waterford" as the group you wish to support. Begin your online shopping at **GoodSearch.com**, and earn Central a rebate from your purchase. Pay for your order at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Land's End with Scrip. **Earnings in 2009: \$28.56**

