

Annual Report For The Year 2009

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Requirements for Voting at the Annual Parish Meeting

Pursuant to the Canons of the Diocese of Olympia

"Adult Communicants in Good Standing in the Parish shall alone be eligible to serve on the Vestry." Canon 9, sec. 2

"A Communicant is a baptized person who is faithful in corporate worship and has received the Sacrament of Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding 12 months (unless good cause prevented). (It is expected that all adult members of this Church, after appropriate instruction, will have made a mature public affirmation of their faith and commitment to the responsibilities of their baptism and will have been confirmed or received by a Bishop of this Church or by a Bishop of a Church in communion with this Church.) (See: National Canons, Title I, Canon 17, Section 1 (c))."
Canon 20, Section 1

"Communicants 16 years of age and older are to be considered adult Communicants. A Communicant in Good Standing is a Communicant who is a recorded contributor to the support of the Church with money or with personal service, as determined by the rector or vicar of the congregation." Canon 20, Section 1 and 2

[National Canons, Title 1, Canon 17, Section 3: "All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing."]

"Except in the Cathedral Parish, and to the extent allowed by its Constitution as approved by Convention, adult Communicants in Good Standing in the parish alone shall choose by ballot the Vestry members to serve for three years and until the election of their successors. At any meeting to elect Vestry members of convention delegates or alternates, the right to nominate candidates from the meeting floor shall not be abridged or denied." Canon 9, sec. 2b

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, Jan. 25, 2009

Marjorie Jodoin, Vestry Clerk

Call to Order: Following opening prayer, Fr. Garratt declared the Annual Meeting to be in session at 11:45 a.m. He read and reviewed the "Requirements for Voting at the Annual Meeting" with meeting participants. He then asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was moved and seconded; it passed unanimously.

Rector's Report: Fr. Garratt encouraged parishioners to read his report in the meeting handout. He drew attention to the search process for a young adult minister, the discernment process regarding the University District Ecumenical Parish, and consideration of a capital campaign effort which will be the major areas of work in the coming year.

Rector's Warden: Margaretta Lantz expressed her appreciation to the vestry for their hard work and cooperation throughout 2008. See her report in the handout listing all the accomplishments of the year.

Recognition of Retiring Vestry: Recognition was given to retiring vestry members Margaretta Lantz, Joan Burton, and Ben Burkhalter. It was also noted that Rick Bonk has resigned; appreciation was expressed for his contribution to the work of the vestry. They were extended our deepest felt thanks and a gift.

Vestry Elections: Nominations were opened for the elections to vestry. Alan Christensen, Kathy Bowie, Jeff Simmons, and Hadley Johnson were introduced as nominees for three year terms, plus a remaining 2-year term. An opportunity was given for nominations from the floor. Since no further nominations were offered, a motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot for all four candidates. The motion passed by acclamation.

Stewardship Report: Doug Adams presented the stewardship report, a printed copy of which was in the handout. He paid tribute to fellow committee members and to the parish who delivered over 99% of the 2008 record pledge amount despite a rough financial year.

Treasurer's Report: Frank Pollard walked the group through his written report in the handout.

2009 Budget: The 2009 budget was reviewed. The significant aspects included the loss of Jubilee's rental income (\$16,800/year) and the subsequent decision to hold salaries at 2008 levels with the intention of making them up in the future as the economy improves. The vestry pledged to make up a final \$3,400 budget deficit by finding an alternative source of income. A motion was made to adopt the budget as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Planned Giving: Eric Dodsley announced the 3d Annual Legacy Society Dinner on May 3, 2009.

UDECC Discernment Process: It was announced that a committee has been formed to facilitate parish discernment on the University District Ecumenical Campus Coalition co-location concept. Frank Prohaska introduced the committee and plans for upcoming parish meetings. The vestry appointed team is Steve Garratt, Owen Ewald, Margaretta Lantz, Marilynn McGlashan, Judy Ostrow and Frank Prohaska aided by TACS facilitator, Barbara Larson and our intern, Catharine Reid.

Special Recognition was given to the kitchen crew for the refreshments provided. They were given a round of applause.

Wardens: It was announced that George Dillon would be Rector's Warden for the year. People's Warden will be chosen at the Vestry Retreat. The new vestry was asked to stay behind for a brief meeting and to help put chairs away.

Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded; it passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Marjorie Jodoin
Vestry Clerk & Parish Administrative Secretary

2010 Elections

Vestry Candidates



Jay Zeman

A lifetime Episcopalian and near- lifetime choir member, Jay has been an active member of two Cathedrals and nine parish churches, the last 2 ½ years at Christ Church. Over the years, Jay has served as worship committee member, search committee member, assistant choir director and, at Christ Church, stewardship committee member. He hopes to bring fresh ideas from other parishes, such as the Ministry Fair, which he organized last year; and new insights into fiscal management during his term on the Vestry.

After 19 years as an electronics materials and semiconductor sales, marketing and business manager, Jay has been a private investor in stocks and options for the last 12 years with an increasingly serious interest in poker as a (profitable) hobby. His wife, Leslie, is active in Christ Church and they have two adult children, Lee and Joe.



Ellen Ewald

I am a life long Episcopalian, I grew up in Columbia, Missouri where we went to Calvary Episcopal Church. I remained active there until I moved out to Seattle and began to come to Christ Church. At Christ Church I've been involved in a wide range of groups and ministries, including the Canterbury college group, a coffee hour team, and am now a Sunday school teacher. I met my husband, Owen, at church and have two lovely girls, Ruthie and Chrissy. We are all active at church and see our church as a central part of our lives.

Victoria Byrum

As long as I can remember I have been a member of the Episcopal church (my father is an episcopal minister, so I probably knew the Nicene Creed before the ABCs). I grew up in the Diocese of Long Island, which has a rich youth community - it was this community and the relationships that I have built both with God and my peers that continues to draw me to the Episcopal faith. I have attended Christ Church for about a year and a half now, and am an active member of the Young Adults fellowship group. Just as I discovered and cemented friendships through my faith on Long Island, I am able to do so in Seattle through our Monday night meetings. I am eager to further develop my relationships at Christ Church, both with God and the community, through serving on the vestry.

Convention Delegates and Alternates: Christ Church is entitled to four delegates at convention, and two alternates. Canon law requires that they be equally divided among men and women. Our current delegates are Frank Prohaska and Eric Dodsley, Jan McNair and Liz Osborne. Our alternates were Leslie Bourgoïn and Don Swisher. Don has stepped down and Paul Osborne has been nominated to replace him.

Jan McNair has been selected as the coordinator for the Be-Attitudes region, and will be scheduling the pre-convention meetings for our regional churches. The next Diocesan Convention is scheduled for Oct. 29 & 30, 2010.

Rector's Report

The Rev. Stephen Garratt

"To all God's beloved in Christ Church, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 1:7 with one adaptation)

Dear Friends in Christ,

We gather today to do the business of our parish in the 106th year of our parish's existence. We have much to give thanks for as we look back upon our heritage as a congregation, but we have much to look forward to as well. Our Christian faith directs our attention not only to all that has gone before us, but also what lies ahead. In this past year, we embarked upon a brainstorming session as a first step in our UDECC discernment by responding to the invitation, "Imagine Staying (at Christ Church.)" The ideas that emerged from that meeting set the stage for a much more in-depth discernment or visioning process led by Marc Reike of the Enrichment Group. You will hear a presentation today on the results of that process and the work that was done by the congregation in response to the raw data. Your vestry will take this information on their retreat coming up next weekend. I envision that we will set goals and come back to you, the congregation, to present what we have decided to do and to get your feedback. Clearly there is a desire on the part of many members of our parish to see a concise, measurable plan that will chart the direction of our parish in the next few years.

Over the last several years, we engaged in a long range planning process that was skillfully led by Anne Swetonic and Amanda Swain. The results of that process led to the refurbishment of the upstairs lounge and the hiring of Mary MacKenzie as our Young Adult Missioner. The lounge is now used by the Youth Forum on Sundays, the Young Adult group on Monday evenings, and other groups within our parish from time to time. Mary has taken on the leadership of the Young Adult group with energy and vision, and that group is thriving under her leadership. The message that I want to convey to the congregation is the serious intent by clergy and lay leadership to implement the results of these discernment processes.

One issue that was identified by a number of parishioners in the visioning process as divisive is our role in the University District Ecumenical Campus Coalition (UDECC). This proposal, as we all well know, seeks the establishment of an ecumenical campus that will house multiple congregations. The intent is to foster deeper ecumenical ties between the congregations of this neighborhood by 'living together.' Currently, the UDECC board has been given permission by University Congregational Church to do a feasibility study on the parking lot at 45th and 15th as a potential site. There are two lots next to the parking lot that are being considered as part of the site. The results of this study will be available later this year. Where is Christ Church in all this? I am aware that there are many people in our parish who are opposed to our participation in the UDECC proposal, and there are more than a few who would like us to back out of any further consideration of UDECC. My response to these concerns are the following:

- I think it is important for us to engage in this discernment process not only to determine our future, if any, in the UDECC community, but also to understand what this proposed endeavor offers. If the UDECC model goes forward and becomes a reality, we will have a relationship with it no matter what. From my point of view, it behooves us to know as much as possible what this proposal entails.
- I should also add that for Christ Church to go forward on this, we would need an overwhelming percentage of parishioners voting in favor of UDECC. A simple majority voting in favor of it will not be sufficient. Based upon a by-law dating back to the 1930's, we would need a 75%

approval among the voting membership to sell property (which an affirmative vote for UDECC would need to go forward).

- But there is another reason for our parish to stay in the discernment process. I believe that we, as a congregation, need to learn how to do discernment on a large scale. This is, in my opinion, bigger than the UDECC issue. Every congregation must learn to hear God's voice. The UDECC issue gives us an opportunity to do our homework, to prayerfully consider the pros and cons, and to make a decision based upon that process. Learning to listen is an important characteristic of a Christian community.

This past year saw us welcome our Bishop, Greg Rickel, for his first formal visitation. Bishop Rickel celebrated, preached, and confirmed while he was here. He also met with the vestry following a festive reception that was given in honor of both the confirmands and the Bishop.

Late last year, we bid farewell to our deacon, Jeanne Ensor, who decided it was time for her to move on to new work and ministry.

For the last couple of years, I have been urged by lay leadership to take a long overdue sabbatical. For various reasons, I put my sabbatical on the back burner. However, I have decided that this is the year to do it. My plans are not completely settled but I am intending to be away beginning in August and returning at the beginning of December. Mary MacKenzie will be working in my stead, and I have organized a vestry committee that will begin meeting with Mary and me to plan out the coverage in my absence. I am looking forward to this time away and my hope is to attend St. George's College in Jerusalem for one of their study programs. This program involves an in-depth study of the Holy Land and its role in the biblical record. There is quite a bit of traveling involved as students get bussed from one site to another. I have been wanting to do this program ever since I traveled to the Holy Land in the early 1980's. I am also thinking that I may take the time to do the research and to design an extended course that I would teach upon my return on Anglican Church history. I would envision a course that would include a number of sessions and would trace the introduction of Christianity to the British Isles, and the events and trends that followed in the succeeding centuries. The course would explore the genesis of "Anglicanism" that came into being during the Reformation up to our present day. My hope is to include a rather lengthy description of the history of the Episcopal Church. The course would weave material involving history, theology, liturgy, and spirituality.

There are other events that happened this past year that are too numerous to mention in the body of this report. I will simply say that we lost a dear parishioner in Rae Olson, who was in every respect, the matriarch of our parish. We honored Sue Wardle and Jan McNair with the Parish Cross for their considerable contributions to the life of our parish. I also want to acknowledge my ordained colleagues in ministry: Stennis Watson and Mary MacKenzie whose gifts and passion for ministry enrich the life of our parish in countless ways. Likewise, I offer daily thanks for Marge Jodoin, our secretary, and Nancy Kern, our music director and organist for their invaluable work. I also give thanks for the presence of Bishop Cochrane in our midst whose wisdom and experience I have counted upon more times than I can remember. I should also add that we continue to be a congregation that raises up people, such as Edie Burkhalter, to explore the possibility of ordination, and we are a place for interns such as Nan Waldie, Catharine Reid and Mark Blindheim to explore their vocations.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention and thank my wife, Margaret, for her support, good humor, and sage advice that I have come to depend upon, and my sons Niles, Andrew and Daniel, on whom I have relied for assistance in liturgy and in life.

Blessings on us as we enter our 107th year as a congregation with a renewed vision of who we are as God's people.

Rector's Warden Report

George Dillon

The vestry constituted at last year's annual meeting began its work at a somewhat problematic time in the life of the parish. The first exigency was the financial distress now known as the Great Recession. Responding to this, we passed an unbalanced budget with a deficit to be covered by Vestry fund-raising and we deferred raises for clergy and staff that had been mandated by the Diocese. We did this with Diocesan permission and with the promise to make the unpaid increment good as soon as possible, and I am happy to say that because of your generous giving, we are able to begin restoring it. We were also very fortunate that the First Fruits Gala event spear-headed by Melinda and Jay Schiering produced much of the missing money, and your response to our call for a 13th month of pledging was very strong and, to quote the Rector, "heartening." As a result, we have been able to present a budget that does not show these signs of desperation.

The second exigency was the question about the future of the parish raised by the University District Eccumenical Church Council (UDECC)'s proposal to move toward and into a single facility owned and occupied by several of the University District's Protestant churches. We had entered into a process of discernment and you may recall the all-church meeting last winter when we considered our first option, which was to stay where we are. Two other meetings were planned to respond to the specific plan from UDECC, but the real estate plans ran into difficulties and there is yet to be a new option from that quarter. The vestry has declined to contribute funds for a new feasibility study, and it is not clear when in the foreseeable future there will be another such option for sharing a single church facility.

Three other initiatives already in motion last year were carried to completion: the appointment of a Young Adult Minister, namely Mary MacKenzie, the replacement of the boilers, and the appointment of The Enrichment Group as a consultant to lead the congregation in a process of discerning its vision for the future. This work has been completed and the report and congregation's response will inform the new Vestry's planning for the next year.

One of the things that is very clear to me as Rector's warden is how many people contribute to the many, many activities that make up our congregational life-how skilled, how energetic, how completely reliable you all are at what you volunteer to do. That said, I want to call out three people for special mention: Frank Pollard, who has completed his era as treasurer by finding and training his replacement, namely Kathy Chamberlain. Frank has cared for our finances, for our financial wellbeing, for three years, and during that time, we have had the luxury of feeling that we are in good hands. Second, the sharp and watchful eye and good counsel of Marilyn McGlashan have been a great support as People's Warden for two years. She always had my back. And last, the energy and shrewdness of Doug Adams have made many things happen and turn out well. He and Debra as I understand are planning to go nomadic for a while when she retires this Spring, but I certainly, certainly want them back.

People's Warden's Report

Marilynn McGlashan

I'm completing my three-year vestry term this year as well as my second year as People's Warden. I have been overwhelmed by the openness with which you, our parishioners, have shared concerns with me. I am extremely grateful to everyone who voiced their views on various important issues. You empower the vestry to serve Christ Church, but the success of our mission depends on parishioners who provide commentary and support for our ministry. Please continue to voice your thoughts to the next People's Warden as well as to next year's vestry representatives.

Christ Episcopal Church – Seattle, WA
Visioning Workshop – Sunday, January 17, 2010 – 11:45 AM – 2:00 PM
Workshop Summary

On Sunday, January 17, 2010, approximately 55 members of Christ Church gathered to consider the responses received from interviews and surveys conducted in the fall of 2009, and to offer further input into the future vision of the parish.

The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Rev. Steve Garratt. Introductions followed from George Dillon on behalf of the Vestry, and Anne Swetonic on behalf of the Visioning Planning Committee. Marc Rieke, the consultant from The Enrichment Group who had led the Visioning interviews and surveys and was facilitating the workshop, offered introductions, an overview of the Visioning process, and a review of the data highlights from the process to date.

Members in attendance at the workshop then engaged in these activities:

- 1) Participants reviewed the most common responses given in the fall interviews and written surveys. For each of six ministry areas (Worship and Music; Christian Formation; Children and Youth; Young Adults; Outreach, Service and Community Connection; Welcome, Accessibility, Fellowship and Parish Life), the compiled responses that were considered came from the questions:
 - What is going well in this ministry area?
 - What would help enhance or improve this ministry area?
 - What would you be willing to contribute to the success of this ministry area?

- 2) Participants discussed the response highlights in two different table groupings focusing on the following questions:
 - What surprises or affirmations do you find in the responses?
 - In your group's view, what, if anything, is missing or needs to be included?
 - What significance do you see from this information for the future of this ministry area at Christ Episcopal Church?

- 3) Table groups reported their responses to the question "What trends or themes have emerged that your group feels are significant for ministry at Christ Episcopal Church?". Responses included:
 - **Funding, scheduling, lighting, visibility, communication, transparency across the board, and intergenerational interaction.**

 - **[Our] assets are: Liturgy, integration of ages/generations, and youth/young adult programs.**

 - **Many good things are going on! We need transparency and communication, coherence of vision, and every person valued. Plan this into everything we do.**

- **A lot of good things are going on here. Greater communication within, more publicity outside the church, and name tags for those on committees to wear in the community.**
 - **Highly contributing. We do a lot of things. Give concrete examples of how people in the church can participate or help.**
 - **Funding for staff, outreach, accessibility (lighting, sound, ramps), communication about what we have going on, worship and formation, better scheduling. We have more going on here than we may realize.**
- 4) Finally, participants in table groups were asked to consider the question “What do you want Christ Episcopal Church to be known for?”. After a period of individual reflection and then discussion with others at the table, the following responses were reported:
- **Christ Church will be known as a community where you can be nourished and fed for many years.**
 - **Christ Church will be known for being a welcoming, worshipping community where each individual is supported and valued, and can grow spiritually—as the place where I come to worship. We will also be known for outreach to the University District.**
 - **Christ Church will be known as a hodge-podge of people where all can connect with the mystery of Christ, out of which we can serve the University District.**
 - **Christ Church will be known as a community of “doers,” because we are spiritually fed.**
 - **Christ Church will be known for outreach that we already do through improved publicity and communication. We will also be known for that which makes us distinctly Episcopalian.**
 - **Christ Church will be known as the place that originates, germinates and disseminates ministries.**
 - **Christ Church will be known as a place of welcome with open arms to the community. We will include all people through outreach and accessibility (physical), and draw an even more diverse population to us. We will be known for fellowship and being together as a Christian community. We will live always considering the question: “What would Jesus do?”. We will be known for the good things we do.**
 - **Christ Church will be known for love.**
 - **Christ Church will be known as the place where each person has a meaningful worship experience every Sunday.**

The workshop concluded with prayer.

Musical Notes

Nancy Kern, Music Director

It is hard to believe that it is time once again for our annual meeting - a time when we look back at the past year, take stock of where we are and how we are doing, and then make decisions going forward. It's the movement of our church through time that concerns us. We read reports from Father Steve, from the Warden, and from the all different ministries here at Christ Church. We look at what we have been doing, and we plan for the future. Movement - through time and also through space.

When the Greeks wrote about music, they said that astronomy and music were two sides of the same discipline. Karl Paulnack, music director of the Boston Conservatory, put it beautifully in his opening address to parents of new students in September of 2004. "Astronomy was seen as the study of relationships between observable, permanent, external objects, and music was seen as the study of relationships between invisible, internal, hidden objects." And the Greeks were right. Music can actually shift the relationships of those invisible, internal, hidden objects. Which is why it is such an essential part of our worship.

A few weeks ago the choir sang Gustav Holst's arrangement of "Let all mortal flesh keep silence." Not only is that hymn one of my all-time favorites, but his arrangement is one of my favorite choral anthems. The choir and our resident soloists did a wonderful job. And there were many positive comments after the service. Listen to the kinds of things people had to say. "It was so beautiful, I cried." "Just when I thought it couldn't possibly get any more intense, it got more intense." "It kept ratcheting up and up, and when I thought we were done, it was like an explosion." "It was so beautiful, I couldn't believe it." "I couldn't keep from crying." "It was like a huge prayer welling up inside of me."

Music moves us so deeply that we are sometimes stunned by the experience. And we are always helped, often in ways we don't even recognize. But it can move us closer to God. It can make us more open to his word. It can change things inside of us, transform us, work as a powerful force to help us become more like what God intends for us. We need it in our worship, just as we need all the other parts of our service.

Last year the choir really worked on their skills. "O clap your hands," by John Rutter, was an outburst of joy for Ascension. And the amazing piece "The throne of Jehovah," by Donald Johnston, on Trinity Sunday, was their final song before the choir took a summer break. That was also the day of the choir luncheon, held in honor of all the members' faithful service and hard work during the past year. In the fall, we had our wonderful brass quartet for the Church Anniversary service on Sunday morning, and we also worshipped at the Occasion for Remembrance in the evening.

Christmas brought us two joyful pieces from Bach's Christmas Oratorio, as well as our excellent string quartet. The choir will continue to support our worship, offering Handel's "But thanks be to God," from the Messiah, on Easter Sunday. They will also be bringing back "The Throne of Jehovah" at a Christ Church fundraiser concert scheduled for May 21st. They will be offering many other wonderful pieces to support our worship from now through Trinity Sunday.

Many thanks go out to all of you who support the music here at Christ Church. A special thank you to Emma Chrisman and the other young people that provided Christmas music for the first Sunday in Christmas. Thanks to Janet Anderson for her music on that same day, and thanks to Janet and Hadley Johnson for their lovely playing during numerous services. Thanks to Hunter Close and Al Johnson, who have so generously shared their wonderful trombone playing. Thanks to

Anita Gross for her lovely solo piece last fall. Thanks to Tim Swetonic for his terrific drumming. Thanks to Chris Ferris for his wonderful improvisations on the piano. Your contributions enrich our worship, and we are grateful.

And our dear Christ Church Choir, how could I possibly ever thank you enough for all that you do? You are so faithful, so generous, so steadfast and strong. You bring so much to our worship here. Thank you Janet Anderson, Kathy Chamberlain, Teresa DiBiase, Linda Donaldson, Ruth Ferris, Hadley Johnson, Don Ostrow, Frank Pollard, Jonathon Rudd, Frank Shirbroun, Tom Wolfgang, Jay Zeman, Leslie Zeman, Wes Ono, Daniel Burkhalter, Mary Lou Hatcher, and Mary Bruce. It is an honor to share the journey with all of you.

This year the choir was joined by Janet Anderson, Wes Ono, Mary Lou Hatcher, and a new choir friend from Olympia, Mary Bruce, who will be in Seattle for a few months. If you would like to join us, please talk to me or to a choir member. We would love to have you!

Remember astronomy being the study of large heavenly bodies? Perhaps those internal, invisible bodies that can be moved inside of us are also, in part, heavenly bodies, binding us ever more closely to God, and to the teachings of his Son, Jesus Christ. ~ Nancy

Young Adult Ministry

Rev. Mary MacKenzie

First I want to thank you, the people of Christ Church, for the fabulous support and affirmation I have received in my ministry here. It is an uplifting experience to work here.

I started out with three goals:

1. Get to know the Young Adults who are here
2. Increase the visibility of the Young Adults already here both to the parish and to the community
3. Network with others doing Young Adult ministry and learn about outside resources

In July, the Young Adults of the parish and I were commissioned for this ministry during a regular Sunday service. Gifts were exchanged representing the three purposes identified by the Monday Night Group. Since then, it's been a busy and productive eight months.

Goal One - Get to know Young Adults who are here.

So, who are the Young Adults? They're students and professionals, parents and people just starting out in life, first jobs, first homes, first kids. Young Adults are already participating in parish life. They contribute their time, talent, and money for the good of the parish. Here's a sampling of ministries in which our Young Adults are active participants: Altar Guild, Choir, Special Music, Layreader, Lector, Welcoming Committee, Coffee Hour Team, Women's Revival Potlucks, Nursery, Sunday School, Vestry, Convention Delegates. There is a group of Young Adults that is ready to launch an environmental stewardship ministry here at Christ Church. Financially, Young Adult households comprise approximately 10% of our pledging households and have given about 6% of our pledge income. Young Adults are here on Sunday morning, at fellowship events, and fundraising events.

The Monday Night Group, is of course the most visible. There is a core of about 9 people who gather every Monday evening for dinner and conversation. Average attendance has grown to about 12. The group has identified 3 purposes: fellowship, study, and service. **Fellowship** is easy - dinner and informal check-in each week, as well as bad movie nights and occasional fun outings in the Seattle area. **Study** has covered a wide range of topics from Bible study to Episcopal Church polity to theological reflection and current issues such as environmental stewardship. We have **served**

the parish and the community by providing child care so young parents in the parish could have some adult time; by preparing and serving dinner to homeless youth at the U District YMCA; and holding a Toy Drive for Swedish Hospital.

Young Adult Parents I have begun to get to know these folks. We held a brunch after church one Sunday and I hope to do this more often.

Goal Two - Increase visibility - in the parish, in the diocese, and in the neighborhood
In the parish. The Young Adults have hosted all-parish events such as the Mariners Game (nearly 50 people attended) and a play at the Seattle Rep (16 people attended), invited parishioners to present program at their Monday Night group, and included articles about Young Adult Ministry activities in the Good News Letter and the Brief.

In the diocese. The Young Adults have participated in Young Adult events such as the barbecue with Diocesan Council last summer and the Theology Pub workshop at convention in the fall. We've invited folks from other churches to present programs on Monday nights and invited other Young Adult groups to participate in our events. In March, we will host a dinner for Young Adults in the diocese to share dinner and conversation with Bishop Greg Rickel.

In the neighborhood. We hosted an ice cream social to welcome new students at the UW. We advertise regularly in the UW Daily and were featured in an article in the *Herald* newspapers. We have a presence on the Web, including our parish website, which is also linked from the National Church's Young Adult Ministry website and on Facebook. I participate in the Ecumenical Parish Religious Leaders group, communicating our activities to other churches in the District.

Goal 3 Network with others and learn about local resources

- Deacon Mary Shehane, Canterbury Chaplain
- Tim Mathis, Diocesan "Community Catalyst" for Commission for Emerging Mission
- Karen Ward, Abbess of Church of the Apostles, Fremont
- Jason Sierra, Associate Officer for the Young Adult, Youth, and Campus Ministry for the National Church
- Rebecca Kirkpatrick, Curate at St. Andrew's and active at the Diocesan level with Young Adult Ministry
- Commission for Emerging Mission - attend meetings when I can; provide input; Dinner with the Bishop will be listed on their calendar
- Amanda Swain - to help us find funding sources
- Mission and Ministry in the Great Emergence - attended this national conference in Chicago, networking with many other people doing similar ministry

What's coming in 2010? I hope to continue what we've been doing. Additional goals include:

- Begin a monthly adult formation program on Sunday mornings for young adults and families
- Become a more visible presence among young adults in our neighborhood
- Expand our service work in the U District.
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I'm looking forward to a great year!

Planned Giving

Eric Dodsley

The Planned Giving Committee was established in 2006 to create awareness among parishioners about the importance of planning for the future. In 2007, Christ Church established a Legacy Society to recognize and honor those who have made a future gift to the church through a will or through another vehicle. Fr. Steve has named Easter 4 (Good Shepherd Sunday) "Legacy Sunday at Christ Church." 2009 featured our third annual Legacy Society Banquet to honor those Parishioners who have made a planned gift to Christ Church. It was a great success and a lot of fun. Legacy Sunday 2010 is quickly approaching (April 25) and will feature the fourth annual Legacy Society Banquet. If you are already eligible for the Legacy Society, please let us know so we may thank you and invite you to the Legacy Society Banquet. If you have any questions or would like additional information or resources, please contact any of the members of the Planned Giving Committee. Carl Knirk of the Diocese of Olympia is also available and has many resources available. Please feel free to contact him at 206-325-4200 x2016 or cknirk@ecww.org.

Eric Dodsley has stepped down as chair. New members of the committee are being sought. Please contact Fr. Steve if you would be interested in serving on this committee.

Stewardship

Doug Adams

In 2009 the Stewardship Committee focused on supporting the parish's efforts to work through a difficult budget year. In conjunction with the Vestry and the Finance Committee, the committee developed a plan to help the parish balance its finances in 2010. Thanks to your incredible generosity, the parish ended 2009 in the black, with a good chance that it will be able to stay that way in 2010. In particular, the committee would like to thank the parish for its willingness and faithfulness in supporting the November First Fruits Gala and the 13th-month/53rd-week request, exceeding the pledge budget with pledge donations for 2009, and committing to the 2010 stewardship campaign with an increase of over the 10% requested.

For 2009 pledge donations, as of January 12th, \$261,141 was received. This is over 100% of both the pledge budget of \$260,000 and the pledge amount of \$246,960. This level of commitment is rarely seen outside Christ Church, but has become the tradition for the members of this parish. The committee does not take this tradition for granted, but thanks God for the commitment to stewardship that Christ Church parishioners display year after year.

As of January 24th, 83 pledges for 2010 have been received, totaling \$246,842. Although this is 90% of the pledge goal set by the committee and the vestry, the average pledge of those who pledged is \$2974, nearly 20% more than last year's average of \$2520! If those who pledged for 2009, but have yet to do so for 2010, also pledge, Christ Church will come close to the budgeted pledge amount of \$266,000, allowing the parish to avoid end of the year appeals in 2010.

Time and Talent forms were sporadically returned this year. Those that were returned will be used to continue to help Christ Church ministries/activities remain strong with new participants. The Clergy, Vestry, Staff and Stewardship Committee are sincerely and deeply grateful for the incredibly generous spirit of the Christ Church parishioners, which is continually manifested through financial promises and active participation in worship and outreach ministries. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Stewardship Committee in

2009 for their generosity of spirit, time, and effort: Don Ostrow, Anne Swetonic, Mary Lou Hatcher, and Jay Zeman, with Dix Gedney again supporting the committee as Pledge Secretary. The parish (and committee chairman) was once again blessed with members who lead with wisdom, strength and faith to ensure that Christ Church continues to adhere to its mission of knowing Christ and making Christ known through prayer, liturgy, outreach and Christian community.

Building and Grounds

Liz Osborne

The major Building Stewardship project in 2009 was replacement of the boiler heating system. Thanks to a grant from Puget Sound Energy, memorials and other gifts, the 60% efficient system was replaced with a high quality 95% energy efficient system. This will go a long ways toward reducing heating costs and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

With the completion of this project, we have replaced both roofs, the electrical system, the heating system, and parts of the plumbing system, as well as remodeling the undercroft and upgrading various other systems, and have no debt to pay off, thanks to the generous contributions of the congregation and excellent management of our financial resources.

When funds become available, we will concentrate our efforts on improving accessibility: mobility access, as well as improving the lighting and sound system in the church. Other projects include upgrading the Sunday School and second floor bathroom fixtures.

There will always be something on the list, but we currently have a safe, secure, and welcoming facility for our worship, fellowship, and outreach activities.

Based on our building stewardship activities over the last ten years, I have published two books, *Our House of Worship: Identifying Major and Minor Maintenance Needs* and *Our House of Worship: Managing Major Maintenance and Remodel Projects*. These are intended to help the Building Steward with little or no construction experience. The response to the books has been very positive, and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to our Building Fund.

As always, thank you for your support, Liz Osborne

Treasurer's Report - 2009

Frank Pollard

The details of the operating revenue and expenses are in the proposed budget. The balance sheet is shown on the next page. Here are some highlights:

Neither outreach income nor expense was budgeted; rather it is mostly funded by special offerings on Easter, Pentecost, St. Francis' Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas and the youth group's Heifer Project drive. The total raised was \$10,122, of which \$10,022 was distributed. The other \$100 will be distributed in 2010. These income and expense items have been deleted from the detailed table. Also removed from the operating budget are the new boilers, the Young Adult missioner, and the visioning project discussed below.

Last year pledge payments were budgeted at \$260,000, of which \$246,960 [95%] was actually pledged and \$261,141 was paid, a pretty remarkable result. A significant portion was paid in the last two months, reflecting the positive response to the vestry's plea for additional gifts. Thanks to all for making it happen. The Loose offering and Other categories also exceeded expectations substantially, the latter largely from the quite successful Wine tasting gala. The largest shortfall was in the Endowment draw which was curtailed when we used emergency funds for the boiler. In sum, our income exceeded our hopes by over \$10,000 or 3.5%.

On the expense side, most categories were quite close to budget, the exceptions being Office expenses and Minor Maintenance [the music program excess is funded by special gifts in the income area]; however, the net position was only \$1,000 over budget. This performance resulted in a year-end surplus of \$9,556, which more than makes up for last year's deficit of \$6,795.

Non-operating items

During 2009, we completed another major capital project: the replacement of the boilers [which were only about 60% efficient] and related control system and pumps [which were on the verge of failure]. This imminent failure was deemed an emergency by the vestry and so all remaining excess funds plus substantial emergency funds in the Endowment as well as designated gifts, some bequests, and all remaining budgeted major maintenance funds from the operating budget were used to replace them. This project was made more feasible by a grant from PSE of \$10,136. The new boilers are 90% efficient and we have already seen an impact in our fall and winter gas bills. The details are:

Source of funds

Rector's Aid	\$7,000
Tea committee	500
Building & grounds [excess funds]	8,002
Major maintenance [budget]	4,303
Bequests	3,414
PSE grant	10,136
Emergency funds	<u>30,992</u>
Total	\$64,347

Christ Church of Seattle - Balance Sheet

	<u>1/1/2009</u>	<u>12/31/2009</u>
Where the money resides		
Checking B of A	\$ 16,543	\$ 37,587
BA "No Penalty" CD	<u>52,081</u>	<u>35,000</u>
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	68,844	72,587
Diocesan Investment Fund	282,480	278,190
Key Bank CD	1,149	1,000
TreasuryDirect	<u>50,128</u>	<u>45,057</u>
TOTAL Other Assets	<u>333,756</u>	<u>324,247</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 402,380	\$ 394,384
 How the money is allocated		
Outreach Fund	\$ 240	\$ 284
Designated Funds	64,369	50,652
Capital Fund	787	787
Centennial Celebration	-	300
Wedding Deposits	-	-
Memorial Fund	1,337	5,157
Bush Altar Flower Memorial	1,149	1,000
Building Maintenance Fund	-	-
Endowment - Bldg & Grounds	160,994	147,365
Emergency Fund (Face + acc. int.)	50,127	45,057
Endowment - General Purpose	15,806	18,702
Endowment - Education	5,377	6,363
Seminarian Fund	5,616	4,129
Withdrawal in transit	(2,000)	-
Bateman Endowment	82,152	95,344
Bequests	12,536	6,287
Withholding	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL Allocations	398,490	381,427
Unallocated [accum. operating surplus]	<u>3,890</u>	<u>13,407</u>
TOTAL Allocations and surplus	\$ 402,380	\$ 394,834

The vestry contracted with the Enrichment Group to guide us through a visioning process to crystallize our priorities and desires for where we want to go as a parish. The total contract was for \$9,000 of which \$6,000 has been paid. This was meant to come from the Bequest fund, but along the way, we received a \$5,000 donation for it, so only \$4,000 of the bequest funds are needed. The final payment will be in early 2010.

In June, Mo. Mary MacKenzie started as our Young Adult Missioner. Her salary and benefits [and the program expenses] were funded by prior gifts which were designated for that purpose. The expenses were:

Salary	\$15,121
Medical allowance	3,192
Pension	2,722
L&I	127
Continuing education [from Bateman Fund]	<u>1,774</u>
Total	\$22,935

During the year we received additional gifts designated for this purpose so the amount at the beginning of 2010 was \$38,970. This should cover the Young Adult ministry for all of 2010. Even so, we have moved this program into the budget for 2010. You will see the income in the TR from Designated Funds category.

Except for the emergency fund of \$45,000 [invested in US Treasury notes for liquidity] most of our long term assets are invested in the Diocesan Investment Fund [DIF]. The first quarter continued the drop of 2008, but thereafter it has recovered nicely, ending the year up 18.3%.

The Endowment fund was established by the vestry in May of 2004 to replace the old Irrevocable Trust that had expired some years before. The initial corpus was \$210,000 \$200,000 from the old Trust and \$10,000 from other sources [and an additional \$10,000 at the end of that year plus \$100 more in 2009]. The resolution may be amended only by a 2/3 vote of the vestry and 3/4 vote of the adult communicants in good standing. Withdrawals should not reduce the value below the initial amount adjusted for inflation. However, the policy adopted is that any excess monies be used as the investments generate them. We assume the average return on investments will be 6% with inflation at 3%, leaving 3% of the value to be used each year. Last year we intended to draw \$7,800 in two halves based on a value of \$266,990. By the time the second half came around the boiler project had reduced the fund well below the target, so no further withdrawals were made. The beginning value for 2010 is \$219,100. [These values are based on a three year averages: the actual beginning and ending market values for 2009 were \$231,256 and \$364,851 respectively.] The target value for year end is \$259,783, so we are behind by \$40,700; consequently there is no budgeted draw for 2010.

There are three sub-funds in the endowment: general, building and grounds, and education, with B&G being by far the largest. The vestry policy for the Endowment defines the "value" to be a trailing 12 quarter average of unit values times units for the DIF portion [for the treasury bonds, we use face amount plus accrued interest, even though if we had to cash them out in an emergency we would get more or less than face

depending on the shift in interest rates between purchase and sale]. The year-end market values of the three sub-funds are noted in the balance sheet [the total B&G fund includes the Emergency Fund: \$147,365 + \$45,057 or \$192,422].

There is also a DIF account that holds all unrestricted bequests with a year-end value of \$4,287 plus \$2,000 held in the checking account pending deposit to the DIF. The drop from the beginning value is mostly due to the use of these funds to help fund the boilers and the visioning project, and to some extent to the fact that a substantial portion of the recovery in DIF values occurred after the withdrawals.

The second largest fund is the Robert Bateman Memorial Fund, the sole purpose of which is to support continuing education for the clergy, primarily sabbaticals of the rector. The terms of the gift make all dividends and any excess capital appreciation over the initial amounts adjusted for inflation available. At all times of its existence, there has never been such an excess appreciation. The accumulated dividends at the end of 2009 are \$25,254, after a withdrawal of \$1,774 to fund continuing education expense for Mo. Mary. We expect to use some of these funds for Fr. Steve's sabbatical during 2010.

The final DIF account is for seminarian support, and amounts to \$4,129. There was no withdrawal during 2009.

Designated funds are given for specific purposes. The vestry has set a policy that small balances are to be transferred to the operating budget, and any balance more than one year old may likewise be transferred. As of year end these funds are [including the separate bell fund]:

Young adult ministry	\$38,970
High school youth	1,086
Capital campaign	5,000
Visioning	3,000
Piano	231
Contemplative community	171
SHARE Xmas	100
Choir robes	1,145
St. Faith's	950
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	\$50,652
Bells	787

Acknowledgements

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to the several committees that facilitate the financial workings of the parish. First and foremost is the Quicken committee, which maintains the parish books, recording contributions and writing checks for disbursements, and filing all the required governmental documents. Thanks to chair Dix Gedney and Pat Miller, who along with myself take on this job for four months at a time during the year.

Dix Gedney also maintains our stewardship records and sends out periodic statements, a tremendous job.

The counters take turns counting the weekly offerings and making the deposits to the bank; the members are Janet Anderson, Linda Donaldson, Lael Gedney, Bea Jackson, Judy Pollard, John and Sheila Valentine, Sue Wardle, Lyn Jensen, and myself as leader.

The check signers are Kathy Chamberlain, Al Johnson, Edie Burkhalter, and the rector [who may not sign checks to himself, so the others are crucial for payroll].

The finance committee reviews the financial position each month before the vestry meeting and makes recommendations to the vestry when pertinent. It also helps the treasurer prepare the annual parochial report to the national church and the net disposable income report to the diocese and is quite involved in the budget preparation. Current members are the rector, rector's warden, and treasurer [ex officio] and Doug Adams, Dix Gedney, Pat Miller, Rick Bonk, and Sue Wardle.

The Audit Committee performed the audit of the parish books for 2008. It consisted of Kathryn Chamberlain, Kari Pederson, and Jay Zeman.

Finally, the endowment committee recommends investment policies relative to the Endowment to the vestry and monitors the fund's performance. The members are the treasurer and rector's warden (or representative) [ex officio] and Kathy Chamberlain [chair], Don Swisher, and Gail Stygall.

Last, but certainly not least, thanks to our assistant treasurer, Kathy Chamberlain, who has filled in for me when not available and handled all our banking. I am pleased to announce that she will be your new treasurer starting at adjournment.

Proposed Budget for 2010

The budget for 2010 proposed for your consideration is detailed below. This is the result of vestry deliberations after considerable input from the finance committee. The item of greatest impact is the move of our Young Adult Missioner into the budget. In addition, the staff salary increases that were deferred last year have been included for 2010 as well as one third of the 2009 increase that was deferred.

In the area of programs, given the importance of the Young Adults, that program has been separately budgeted along with Music. However, the total was not changed.

Given our lack of funds for any major projects, we have not budgeted any funds for Major Maintenance. However, in light of the substantial over-run in minor maintenance last year, that budget has been raised \$1,000.

On the income side, we have budgeted pledge income at the amount we can reasonably expect at this time, \$266,000, a modest increase over last year's budget, but a larger increase over last year's actual pledges.

As with last year's budget, the balancing item is the Other Income - Other category, which for 2010 is \$8,248. This is quite ambitious, but the vestry feels that with our accumulated surplus replenished, we might afford to run a small deficit. The upshot is that our expenses continue to outreach our income, a rather bleak outlook for 2011 since our Young Adult designated funds will have been exhausted.

<u>Category Description</u>	2008 <u>Actual</u>	2009 <u>Actual</u>	2009 <u>Budget</u>	2009 <u>Ratio</u>	2010 <u>Proposed</u>
INCOME					
A-Offerings:					
15-110 Pledges	254,176	261,141	260,000	1.004	266,000
15-120 Special Gifts	4,230	4,408	4,590	0.960	4,590
15-130 Loose Offering	17,342	28,777	21,000	1.370	21,000
TOTAL A-Offerings	275,748	294,326	285,590	1.031	291,590
B-Endowment Draw	4,500	4,543	7,800	0.582	0
C-Other Income:					
15-510 Interest	981	894	1,000	0.894	200
15-530 Rents	16,099	1,506	2,500	0.602	1,500
15-540 Weddings & Funerals	475	0	300	0.000	300
15-610 TRF Designated Funds	9,566	24,488	4,700	5.210	41,120
15-900 Other	503	12,272	4,402	2.788	8,248
TOTAL C-Other Income	27,624	39,161	12,902	3.035	51,368
TOTAL INCOME	307,872	338,030	306,292	1.104	342,958

<u>Category Description</u>	2008 <u>Actual</u>	2009 <u>Actual</u>	2009 <u>Budget</u>	2009 <u>Ratio</u>	2010 <u>Proposed</u>
EXPENSES					
E-Assessment	49,468	49,294	49,294	1.000	51,040
F-Salaries:					
16-1510 Rector - regular	68,734	68,734	68,734	1.000	71,346
1/3 2009 make up					871
16-1520 Associate		15,121			25,921
16-1530 Supply Clergy	829	590	1,100	0.536	750
16-1540 Secretary - regular	35,945	35,945	35,945	1.000	37,311
1/3 2009 make up					455
16-1550 Organist - regular	20,004	20,004	20,004	1.000	20,764
1/3 2009 make up					253
TOTAL F-Salaries	125,512	140,394	125,783	1.116	157,672
G-Benefits:					
16-2010 SS & Med	4,280	4,280	4,280	1.000	4,497
16-2020 L & I	1,050	1,212	1,125	1.437	1,446
16-2030 Pension - Rector	12,372	12,372	12,372	1.000	12,999
16-2032 Pension - Associate		2,722			4,666
16-2034 Pension - Secretary	1,797	1,797	1,797	1.000	1,888
16-2036 Pension - Organist	1,000	1,000	1,000	1.000	1,051
16-2040 Medical Insurance	27,210	31,080	27,888	1.114	34,605
16-2060 Transport, Rector	840	511	800	0.639	800
TOTAL G-Benefits	48,550	54,975	49,262	1.116	61,952
H-Discretionary	600	600	600	1.000	600
I-Programs:					
16-4410 Music	4,369	4,348	3,000	1.449	3,000
16-4550 Young Adult Fellowship	[86]	[1,430]			1,500
All other programs	4,139	6,336	6,000	1.056	4,500
TOTAL I-Programs	8,508	10,684	9,000	1.187	9,000
I-Programs - Stewardship					
16-5450 Stewardship Campaign*	156	460	450	1.023	450
16-5460 Planned Giving	980	393	1,000	0.393	900
TOTAL I-Programs - Stewardship	1,136	853	1,450	0.589	1,350

<u>Category Description</u>	<u>2008 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Actual</u>	<u>2009 Budget</u>	<u>2009 Ratio</u>	<u>2010 Proposed</u>
16-5510 Office Supplies	1,826	2,909	1,854	1.569	2,000
16-5515 Internet Connection	456	465	473	0.983	500
16-5517 Electronic Fund Transfer	114	159	150	1.063	420
16-5520 Telephone	2,354	2,207	2,193	1.006	2,220
16-5530 Postage	914	1,149	898	1.280	1,150
16-5540 Printing	0	0	153	0.000	0
16-5550 Publicity	1,501	1,048	1,632	0.642	1,200
16-5570 Licenses and Fees	873	961	816	1.178	1,000
16-5580 Copier Rental\Service	5,570	6,127	5,450	1.124	5,750
16-5590 Bank Charges	0	0	20	0.000	0
TOTAL J-Office	13,609	15,025	13,639	1.102	14,240
K-Maintenance:					
16-6010 Contract Cleaning	13,200	13,200	13,800	0.957	14,400
16-6030 Minor Repairs\Maint	13,514	8,356	6,000	1.393	7,000
16-6040 Custodial Supplies	2,609	2,007	2,100	0.956	2,500
16-6050 Special Event Cleaning	180	285			
16-6060 Yard Maintenance	1,470	0	1,200	0.000	500
16-6100 Major Bldg Maint.	8,919	6,000	6,000	1.000	0
TOTAL K-Maintenance	39,892	29,848	29,100	1.026	24,400
L-Utilities:					
16-6510 Electricity	2,689	2,213	2,800	0.791	2,800
16-6520 Natural Gas	11,884	12,959	14,000	0.926	8,000
16-6530 Trash and Recycling	1,925	2,621	2,100	1.248	2,800
16-6540 Water and Sewer	2,072	2,796	2,100	1.331	2,800
TOTAL L-Utilities	18,570	20,589	21,000	0.980	16,400
M-Insurance:					
16-6110 Security Service	504	670	900	0.745	750
16-7010 Building Insurance	5,264	4,798	5,264	0.911	4,804
TOTAL M-Insurance	5,768	5,468	6,164	0.887	5,554
N-Outreach:					
16-7310 Outreach	2,969	743	1,000	0.743	750
TOTAL EXPENSES	314,581	328,474	306,292	1.072	342,958
NET CHURCH POSITION	-6,710	9,556	0		0

Ministry Reports

Altar Guild

Shelly Reiss, Heidi Massuco, Judy Ostrow

The Altar Guild has an exceptional group of volunteers. Bea Jackson continues to take care of all aspects of the chapel service 52 weeks a year, as well as to order flowers and maintain the flower fund for the entire church. We welcomed Benjamin Gould into our ranks this year, but could use more new people. If any of you would be interested in helping us keep the linens, candles, hymnals and flowers looking beautiful for each of the services that take place at Christ Church every week, please contact Shelly Reiss.

Coffee Hour Teams

Jane Johnson

It's been said that Christ Church has the best Coffee Hour in the diocese. We think that's true! To reach that achievement there have to be some talented and energetic people that make it happen. It's time to recognize and say THANKS to all those teams that create the gracious and inviting opportunity to gather.

- Janice Christensen, Heidi Massuco and Melinda Schiering
- Carolyn Carlstrom, Neil Chrisman, Edie and John Burkhalter, and Judy and Don Ostrow
- Pat Miller, Cheryl Jenrow, Mark Reynolds, Nancy and Vic Turner
- Joan Burton, Sheila Valentine, Jan McNair, Melissa MacBeth and Cora Lawrence
- Judy and Frank Pollard, Marylou Hatcher, John Anderson, Kathryn Anderson, Kathleen Ward, Amanda Swain and Sue Pilarski
- Terry and Robert Cochrane, Leslie Jordan, Gail and Don Willis and Lorry Garratt
- Daphne Davis, Kathy Bowie, Eric Vegors, Victoria Vegors, Paul Vegors Gus Webster and Paula Wesley
- Leslie Bourgoin, Linda Donaldson, Jean Weir, Doug Adams, Debra Lewis, Leslie Zeman
- Ellen and Owen Ewald, Kari Pedersen, Loren Deger, and Jane and Al Johnson

Want to be part of this elite group? Contact Jane Johnson at 206-365-8607 or jjohnson1101@gmail.com

Contemplative Prayer

Christ Church currently offers several opportunities to practice the ancient discipline of Christian contemplative prayer. This form of prayer is wordless and, in the words of the early Christian writer, Evagrius, is the "laying aside of thoughts." We have a contemplative Evening Prayer on Tuesday evenings at 6 o'clock in the chapel. Our new Contemplative Community group meets the first Sunday of the month in Wilson Hall for a simple lunch, prayer and discussion. In addition, Fr. Steve is trained as a facilitator in the Centering Prayer method and has taught introductory workshops on that method of prayer at Christ Church.

Daughters of the King, Martha and Mary Chapter

Jan McNair

We are still "Small" in number; however, we are "Big" in Spirit and Love!

During this past year (2009), we presented a booklet of Prayers, Pictures, and Verses that we had written, to each member of the Vestry, thanking them for all they do for Christ Church, and letting them know that we are praying daily for each one of them. We also sponsored our Annual Quiet Day on December 5 (based, this year, on the way Mary said "YES" without hesitation throughout her life and the life of our Lord) with each of our members presenting at least one Meditation throughout the day. The turnout was not as good as we had hoped (bad weather was once again a possibility), however, those who were in attendance were very receptive of the Meditations. We are hoping to do another Quiet Day next year, and, possibly, one in the Spring, as well. Please stay tuned for that information!

We welcomed Kathleen Nyhuis (who is the Diocesan At-Large Chairman) once again to our group for our Anniversary Luncheon, and we hope she will join us again when she returns to the Northwest in July.

We pray daily for our Parish, Clergy, and for each other, as well as any additional requests that are turned in. ALL Prayer Requests turned in to us are kept strictly confidential between just the members of our Chapter. We ask for your prayers for us, as well!

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month (usually) at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Any/all women interested in finding out about becoming a Daughter of the King are invited to any meeting, or contact Edie Burkhalter, Nancy Monelli, Heidi Massuco, or Jan McNair for details.

Library

Gail Shurgot

The Library at Christ Church grew slowly in 2009. The Women of Christ Church and individuals in the parish donated books and funds to purchase materials which helped to offset the decrease in the Library's regular budget.

With the exception of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, subscriptions were discontinued. Subscriptions to *Sojourners* and *Family Fun* were donated by parishioners to keep these magazines on the shelves and up to date.

Bishop Cochrane disbanded his private collection in 2009; many of those books will be added to the library. A sale of the books that were not immediately useful for the Library netted about \$130.00 to be used for other materials. Excellent materials that could not be used in the Christ Church Library were sent to SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge) for use by churches and individuals.

A reorganization of books within the Library has helped to make the collection more accessible. Many older books and most videotapes have been moved to shelves on the mezzanine. Although used infrequently, these materials are still useful. They remain easily available, and the check out procedure is the same as for the items in the library.

Thank You to the people of Christ Church who have helped to keep the library healthy and functioning in these lean economic times.

Mysticism Reading Group

Edie Burkhalter

This group of 6 or so people have been meeting irregularly to discuss books, decided on by members of the group, on mysticism from the Middle Ages up to Modern times. We like to choose small volumes and we spend many meetings discussing and taking our time to review the book. We generally meet the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:45 AM in the Library. Feel free to pick up a cup of coffee and a bite at Coffee hour and come join us.

Nursery Program

Melinda Schiering

Christ Church continues to enjoy a growing number of babies! Nursery duties are rotated among the parents and other volunteers. Great efforts are made to keep the Nursery a clean, safe and welcoming environment. New volunteers are welcome (a background check is done.) Contact Melinda Schiering for more information.

ORION Dinner Team

Judy Ostrow

The Orion Center provides a day program for street youth of classes, social activities, excursions, and meals. Christ Church cooks and serves dinner on the third Thursday of each month. Cooking is done in the church kitchen and the meal is taken to the Center. Members of the Christ Church team are: John and Sheila Valentine, Frank and Judy Pollard, Lyn Jensen, Don and Judy Ostrow. Shopping help: Sue Wardle and Nancy Gantz. The standard menu of baked garlic chicken, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls, Brownies, milk and juice was originally created by Mary Shehane and the Canterbury Club. The present cooks often supplement with fruit, salad, other desserts, or substitute a main dish for the chicken. A special meal was prepared for their "Prom Night". The facilities of the Orion Center include a spacious kitchen with dishwashing machines, and a helpful, friendly staff. Our meal is always gratefully received with thanks by the young people whom we serve.

Outreach

Outreach at Christ Church has comprised both the activities of the Outreach Committee and other worthy causes that come up throughout the year.

The Outreach committee needs a committee chairperson. The committee is responsible for designating the recipients of four offerings per year, subject to Vestry approval. All of the recipients of the outreach special offerings have some connection to the parish membership.

Other Outreach: Christ Church generously supports many ministries through a variety of our groups, or by suggestion of the diocese in special offerings. The details do not always show up on our financial reports because they are cash flow-throughs.

OUTREACH OFFERINGS

Easter 2009

Bailey Boushay House (AIDS) \$66.67
Mashambanzou Hospice, Zimbabwe \$66.66
Multifaith Works: AIDS Care Teams \$1061.66

Pentecost

Mission to Seafarers \$91.00
We will Stand by You: Katrina fund \$101.00
ERD: Nets for Life \$308.00

St. Francis Day \$590

Treehouse

SHARE

Orion Dinner Team

Christmas 2009

Richard Younge Curacy Program
for Persons of Color \$911.80
Sanctuary Art Center \$911.81
University Churches Emergency Fund \$911.80

OTHER OFFERINGS

Church Periodical Sunday \$111.00

Good Friday - Diocese of Jerusalem \$354.00

University District Food Bank \$75.00
plus weekly food donations

SHARE \$254.00
plus Christmas gifts and use of facilities

Episcopal Charities Appeal \$540.00

United Thank Offering \$70.00

Photography

Marilyn McGlashan

Photography came of age at Christ Church during 2009 - more so than at any other time since I've been here - in part because of two major changes. We entered the digital age and began emailing photos to the parish office. Because of this, I've been able to cut my budget allocation down by 60% - \$280 down to \$100! But the most notable change was this: Photography ceased to be a "committee of one" and now encompasses almost everyone who sports a digital camera! Towards this end, I am no longer the only photographer at Christ Church! While I still oversee many special events, I will quickly defer to fathers with video cameras, visiting family members in their excitement at baptisms, and the tea ladies who are wrapped up in their events twice a year. We'll still have great photos in our archives, but now we're making plenty of room for everyone to take a turn. In 2010, I'm going to be soliciting many of these great photos and keep our archives bursting with proof of the great talents we have right here in our midst.

Prayer Shawl Group

Jan McNair

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is continuing, although most of our members are working at home (which is just fine). We still have several Prayer Shawls in Marge's office, which can be picked up (they should be blessed by Fr. Steve or Mo. Mary before they leave the Church). This past year, our leader, Darlene Sutton, had to resign, and we miss her each week. We have given out approximately 10 Shawls during 2009. We normally meet from 12:00 Noon - 1:00 PM on Thursday's in Wilson Hall. Any person (man or woman) who is interested in the ministry is more than welcome to bring your lunch and join us for Knitting/Crocheting and fellowship. If anyone has any questions, please see Marge (in the office) or Jan McNair.

Eucharistic Visitor Teams

The Eucharistic Visitor or Pastoral Care teams were re-organized this year under Fr. Steve Garratt, Nancy Monelli and Mark Blindheim. Eucharistic Visitors are licensed by the diocese to take communion to the home bound.

Rector's Aid

Vinny Thorsen

We appreciate the continuing support from Christ Church members. The new items we have added over the last 2 years have given us a well rounded supply of baby, household and hostess gifts, and this year we added ethnic Ann & Andy's. Terri Hansen, a friend of Jean Weir's joined us, she puts the hair on the dolls and gives us great recipe ideas. Another friend of Jean's has joined us to work on prayer shawls. Memorials were given in memory of Eleanor Manning and Rae Olson. Rae joined us the minute she retired; she brought orders to us from her many friends and her devotion to her church was an inspiration to all of us. Remember Rector's Aid prices are the very best.

St. Faith's Guild

Judy Pollard

St. Faith's Guild is a faithful, fun-loving group of men and women who do wedding and funeral receptions at Christ Church. We successfully provide joyful celebrations in a lovely setting for weddings. We offer care and comfort to grieving families following funerals and memorial services. St. Faith's Guild strives to spread the love of God through service and hospitality. We welcome anyone wants to join us - for one event only, now and then or all the time. We need people with all kinds of gifts; some bring baked goodies or finger foods, some share their creative gifts by setting lovely tables and decorating the room, some offer the gift of service during the receptions, and some wonderful souls stay and clean up when it's all over. We love anyone and everyone who helps in any capacity. Thanks to all of you who have served in the past and those who continue to serve.

Sunday School

Becky Haver

In the past year the Sunday School has up to six children in the younger class and four children in the older class. In June, we held a Children's Sunday where the children took on many of the roles of the service. Over the summer, there were many different volunteers who taught Sunday School, giving the teachers a much-needed break. We kicked off the school year with the Church Picnic. During Advent, the children worked on the SHARE Giving Tree. The Epiphany Pageant was recently held, with parts played by both the children and some returning 6th graders. Of notable mention was the Host of Angels played by the congregation. We are continuing to use the Godly Play curriculum with the younger children (Preschool-2nd grade) and a combination of Godly Play and Bible Exploration for the 3rd-5th graders. There are four Sunday School teachers (Ellen Ewald, Carlotta Han, Becky Haver and Richard Wesley). We have a wonderful group of doorkeepers/helpers who help with the younger class about once a month: Marylou Anderson, Carolyn Carlstrom, Neil Chrisman, Jane Johnson, and Brian and Elizabeth Servey.

The Tea Committee

Jane Johnson, Treasurer

About 40 friends gathered in May for the Spring Tea held in the undercroft. The Christmas Tea celebrated the holiday where over 100 people shared fellowship and a lovely meal. As most expenses are borne by the committee, accumulated funds were dispersed in the following manner:

Beg Balance	\$918.13
Net Income	\$1,561.00

Disbursements

SHARE	\$200.00	
Chairs for the Undercroft	\$69.65	
CEC boiler	\$500.00	
Tea and Cleaning expenses	\$170.00	
Total Disburse		<u>\$939.65</u>

End Balance	\$1,539.48
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Disbursements of the remaining funds will be decided at our Feb. wrap-up/planning meeting

University District Ecumenical Campus Coalition (UDECC)

Frank Shirbroun, CEC Representative

The Board of UDECC continues to work on the study to determine whether or not it is feasible for several churches in the University District to pool their resources and co-locate into a new site to be built in the University District. There have been several additions to the members of UDECC, most notably University Congregational Church (UCUCC) and the Metropolitan Community Church Seattle, which currently meets on Capital Hill. UDECC has also continued to revise the program and ownership and governance plans which will determine the use of the new facility.

The most important advance in the Feasibility Study occurred this past fall, when University Congregational Church gave permission to use their parking lot and adjacent property at the northeast corner of NE 45th Street and 15th Avenue NE as the potential site to be developed for the UDECC facility. UDECC is negotiating with other landowners nearby for additional space. The consulting architects are now ready to begin work on a conceptual plan of what might be built on this site. When their work is completed in the late spring, presentations will be made to the participating member organizations. This will usher in a period of prayerful consideration of the opportunity to continue to partner with UDECC with a view to coming to a final decision on possible co-location in the fall of this year.

Your representatives to UDECC are Frank Shirbroun, who is also Vice-President, and Joan Burton, who is your alternative representative. Please feel free to ask questions of either Joan or Frank. More information about UDECC, including important documents developed to date, can be found at www.ecumenicalcampus.org.

Ushers

Pat Miller

The following are the dedicated ushers that served during 2009: Rick Bonk, Leslie Bourgoïn, Dix Gedney, Marilynn McGlashan, Jan McNair, Vic Turner, Kathleen Ward, and Jean Weir. Thanks to all for their effort in 2009.

Wednesday Evening Eucharist and Bible Study

Frank Shirbroun

The Wednesday Evening Eucharist and Bible Study has been meeting now for nearly four years and has met the desires of a small faithful core of people. By mutual agreement and sensing that it might be time, we have decided to take a temporary break in order to consider prayerfully our future together. On February 10, 2010 we will reconvene to make some decisions about our future. If you are interested in joining this discussion, please come to Wilson Hall at 6:30, Wednesday, Feb. 10.

Women's Revival Potlucks

We meet the second Friday of odd numbered months. All women of Christ Church are invited. The original idea was to give mothers a "revival" break from the demands of family life, but it now encompasses all age groups, single or married, and the women truly enjoy the relaxed and open atmosphere. The potluck meals are wonderful. A volunteer home is recruited before we break up, if possible. Parties have been as small as 4 people and as large as 20.

Welcoming Committee

Don Ostrow

Members: Don Ostrow (Chair), Fr. Steve Garratt (Rector), James & Lindsey Jennings, Marilynn McGlashan (Vestry Liaison), Jan McNair, Kathleen Ward, Paula Wesley.

Accomplishments in 2009:

1. Photo Montages of Vestry, Clergy, Staff & Treasurer were hung in the narthex, undercroft, and 47th Street entrance hall.
2. The guest name badges/information cards were revised and improved.
3. We improved the invitation process and formats of Newcomer's brunches/receptions, resulting in increased attendance.
4. We considered but rejected a formal "Shepherd a Newcomer" program (insufficient manpower), and an online parish directory (privacy concerns).

Plans for 2010:

1. Formal recognition of newcomers in Good News Brief and during announcements at services on All Saints Day and Pentecost.
2. Photos of new members to be hung in the undercroft for 6 months after they join.
3. Post an additional sign, listing our web site, under the exterior sign bearing the name of the parish facing the parking lot to the south.
4. Survey newcomers who signed our guest book in 2009 but didn't come back or join the

parish. Aim: To determine why they decided not to join the parish, guiding future recruiting policy.

5. Develop additional approaches to attracting and retaining newcomers.
6. Update the parish directory.
7. Recruit new committee members, especially among 30 to 50 year old groups of parishioners.

In Memoriam: We mourned the passing of Nancy Rubinstein, a beloved and long-standing member of the Committee, who was the prime mover in designing the guest name tags/information cards.

Women of Christ Church

Sue Wardle

- **Social Event** - A group of ten parishioners attended the senior matinee of Gee's Bend at Taproot Theater on February 4th. Women of Christ Church were able to get discounted tickets. This outstanding play is about African American families in Alabama who make and sell quilts. It is fictional but based on interviews by the playwright with actual Gee's Bend families and covers the period 1939 to 2000.
- **February** - Anglican Women and the Millenium Goals presentation contributed to a discussion of Greg Mortenson's book "Three Cups of Tea". This true story is about a Northwest man who failed to climb K2 and now has been building girls schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan for over 10 years. The "Three Cups of Tea" in the title refer to the way relationships begin in that part of the world so that the schools can be built with donated land. Labor and supplies are local. Money comes from the Central Asia Institute, a Bozeman based charity that Greg Mortenson runs.
- **March** - Troy Carter was our speaker. Troy is the Executive Director of Sanctuary Art Center. He brought wonderful samples of artwork done by homeless youth and we replenished our note card supply. Annual budget adopted with the new addition of a donation to the Central Asia Institute and two copies of the book "Three Cups of Tea" to the parish library. All women of the parish are encouraged to read the book.
- **April** - United Thank Offering is now a part of our outreach work. The ingathering was done in the spring of 2009. We received a total amount of \$267.91 as of April 15th. It was decided to postpone the next collection until Fall of 2010 as the women feel it more appropriate than spring. UTO collections are done in either the spring or the fall. Visit to Theo's Chocolates in Fremont on April 8.
- **June** - Gifts were given to high school and college graduates.
- **September** - Due to a large number of member illnesses and injuries, our program was cancelled this month.
- **October** - Christ Church's new Young Adult minister, Mother Mary MacKenzie was our featured speaker. She spoke about attending two very interesting conferences as well as her work with the Young Adults group.
- **November** - Sue Wardle resigned as Christmas Bazaar chair. Nancy Turner graciously accepted the position and did a wonderful job with the help of many volunteers including Jean Weir, Vic Turner, Bea Jackson, Jan McNair and Linda Donaldson. Christmas cards from the Community of St. Clare in England were very well received and all but one package were sold.
- **December** - Thank you for supporting the Christmas Bazaar. The Women of Christ Church earned \$502.50 this year.

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Balance	January 1, 2009		3455.93
Receipts			
Membership		\$653.00	
Memorial Gifts		\$200.00	
Note cards		\$124.00	
Christmas bazaar		\$502.50	
Christmas cards		\$465.00	
Rector's Aid		\$400.00	
			\$2,344.50
			5800.43
Expenses			
International Outreach			
Community of St. Clare (cards)		\$275.00	
Central Asia Institute		\$65.00	
National Outreach			
Washington National Cathedral		\$35.00	
Episcopal Relief & Development		\$100.00	
Diocesan Outreach			
Crossroads (Canterbury)		\$150.00	
Community Outreach			
Sanctuary Art Center		\$200.00	
University Churches Emergency		\$200.00	
Friend to Friend		\$100.00	
Parish Outreach			
Rector's Discretionary Fund		\$100.00	
Altar Guild		\$100.00	
Library		\$75.00	
Gifts to graduates & confirmands		\$215.86	
Christmas Gift (secretary)		\$75.00	
Flowers for Quentin Jackson memorial		\$50.00	
Other Expense			
UTO Supplies		\$9.50	
			\$1,750.36
Balance	December 31, 2009		\$4,050.07

Parochial Events in 2009

Baptisms(5)

Alexander Theodore Jordan Prohaska
Tristan Liam Reynolds
Myrna Sofia Burkhalter
Robert Patrick Dodsley
Ana Quin Swisher

Confirmations (4)

Emilie Hyang-Gi Han
Emily Marie Haver
Stephen Robert Swetonic
Colin Jones

Received (1)

Nancy A. Hansen Stifel

Deaths (10)

Quentin King Jackson
Charles Arthur Anderson
James Taylor Gehrig
Frank Nicholas Kis, OSF
Nancy Rubinstein
Frank C. Engdahl
Patrick Richard Duff
Eleanor Manning
Rae Olson
Lee Sargent McGonagle

Serving Christ Church

Vestry 2009

2010: Shelly Reiss, Jane Johnson, Marilyn McGlashan (People's Warden)

2011: Doug Adams, Alan Christensen, George Dillon (Rector's Warden)

2012: Hadley Johnson, Kathy Bowie, Jeff Simmons

Delegates for 2009: Frank Prohaska, Jan McNair, Eric Dodsley, Liz Osborne

Alternates for 2009: Don Swisher, Leslie Bourgoin

Ministers:

The Entire Congregation

Rector:

The Rev, Stephen Garratt

Young Adult Missioner:

The Rev. Mary MacKenzie

Priest Associate:

The Rev. G. Stennis Watson

Intern:

Mark Blinheim

Organist/Choirmaster:

Nancy Kern

Secretary:

Marjorie J. Jodoin

Our Mission Collect

Almighty and gracious God, help us to be faithful to our mission as a parish; to know Christ and to make Christ known through prayer, liturgy, outreach and Christian community. Grant us grace to fulfill this vision. In the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen